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Friends Play Chess !



We tournament chess players love “ competition “ ! But chess is first and foremost “ social “. It is a way for family, friends and acquaintances to enjoyably pass time together.

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My wife and I have passed many happy hours playing the “ Royal Game “, even though she is just a novice. Over the holidays, my daughter and son-in-law and I played a number of enjoyable games together before the blazing fireplace in the evening..

SCC member, and SCC executive officer-at-large, Martin Maister, presented me with a great chess story about “ friendly “ chess (recognize the phrase from our SCC motto ? - . [“FRIENDLY Chess Since 1960”](#)). Martin wrote that he has “a friend to play with. He is cute, though not as cute as the opponent in this picture (on prior page). That friend would be my 6 year old nephew who is nuts about the game. He knows virtually all the rules now. “

His “ friendly chess “ story is:

“ I once nearly laughed my head off. Kids learn by observation. I once had him a friendly game. I queened a pawn. He explained to me that turning that pawn into a queen is illegal. I said to him "really? Then you please tell me the rule for what happens when a pawn reaches the end of the board."

In all seriousness, he said to me that the pawn converts into an upside-down rook!!!! “

Another Scarborough tip on friendly chess – former SCC Club Champion, Erwin Casareno wrote:

“ There are always players that play blitz in the Tim Hortons located at Ellesmere + Neilson. It is \$2 per game. “

I believe this is a favourite haunt of the Filipino community in Scarborough..

Do you have a “ friendly chess “ story you’d like to share? Send it on to us, and we’ll pass it on to our readers !

January 1, 2011 FIDE Rating List

The former # 1 player for most of 2010, the youngest player ever to hold this position, and the one with the second highest rating ever, has returned to the top spot in 2011 - Magnus **Carlsen** (Norway), with a rating of 2814. 15th and current World Champion, Viswanathan Anand (India – 2810), drops back into second place. The third player over 2800 is Armenian Levon Aronian, at 2805. [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, 2005 FIDE World Champion, was the third; Viswanathan Anand was the fourth; Magnus Carlsen was the fifth; and Levon Aronian is the sixth.].

There are 36 players in the 2700’s.

Some of the top players are (birth date of younger players [22 yrs. & younger] in brackets, after country) :

1 : **Magnus Carlsen** (Norway - 1990), rated 2814;



2 : **Viswanathan Anand** (India), 15th and current World Champion, rated 2810;



3 : **Levon Aronian** (Armenia) – rated 2805;



4 : Vladimir **Kramnik** (Russia), 14th World Champion, rated 2784.



5: Sergey Karjakin (Russia – 1990), rated 2776 (first time in the top 5 !)



#6: Veselin **Topalov** (Bulgaria), 2005 FIDE World Champion, 2006 & 2010 World Championship Challenger, at 2775;



7 : Alexander **Grischuk** (Russia), rated 2773;
8 : Shakhriyar **Mamedyarov** (Azerbaijan), rated 2772;
9 : Vassily **Ivanchuk** (Ukraine), rated 2764;
10 : Hikaru **Nakamura** (USA), rated 2751
53 : Judit **Polgar** (Hungary), the strongest women's player in the world, with 2686 – (in 2005, she was in the top 10 with a rating of 2735! She has taken periods off to have children);

Some other past World Champions/FIDE World Champions still in the top 100, and their current ratings are :

11 : 2002 FIDE World Champion, Ruslan Ponomariov (Ukraine) at 2744 ;
55 : 2004 FIDE World Champion, Rustam Kasimdzhanov (Uzbekistan) at 2681;

Here are a number of the younger (Under 22 as of Jan. 1) players, not in the top ten, but in the top 30, who we're watching (birth date in brackets after country)[note: “juniors” = U 20 yrs. as of Jan. 1]:

15 : Ian Nepomniachtchi (Russia – 1990) – 2733 (up from # 26);
17 : Hao Wang (China – 1989) – 2731
25: Fabiano Caruana (Italy – 1992) - 2721

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

1 : GM Mark **Bluvstein** at 2590 (now 10 pts. shy of 2600 !);



2 : GM Kevin **Spraggett**, 4 times Canadian Champion (last in 1996), at 2575 – now playing out of Portugal;



3. GM Bator **Sambuev** at 2517.



4 : GM Pascal **Charbonneau**, 2002 & 2004 Canadian Champion, at 2511 – now working in USA;



(from CFC Website)

5 : GM Thomas **Roussel-Roozmon** at 2500.



..(from CFC Website)

The current 2009 Canadian Champion, IM Jean **Hebert**,



is rated 2414 (# 9).

A Canadian GM with another federation is : GM Anton **Kovalyov** (Argentina) at 2623 – the top-rated Canadian..

There is one previously inactive GM, Dimitri **Tyomkin** (after playing only 2 FIDE rated games in Europe since Jan. 1, 2006, in 2010, Dimitri played a number of games for teams in the Spanish Team Championships; he is rated 2495).

Canada has 2 inactive GM's : Alexander **Le Siege**; and Duncan **Suttles**.

The top 5 women in the world are :

1 : GM Judit **Polgar** (Hungary) – 2686 (first woman player in history to break 2700; peaked at 2735 in the July 1, 2005 rating list);



2 : GM Humpy **Koneru** (India) – 2607(second woman over 2600);



3 : WGM Yifan **Hou** (China – 1994) – 2602 (16 years old ! – third woman over 2600) – current Women's World Champion.



4 : GM Tatiana **Kosintseva** (Russia) – 2570.

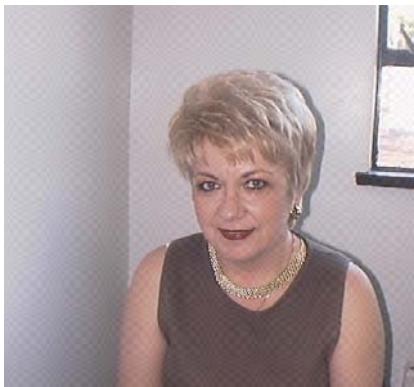
5 : GM Nadezhda **Kosintseva** (Russia) – 2552.

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

.# 1 : WIM Yuanling **Yuan** (1994 - SCC member !) at 2220 ;.



2 : WIM Nava **Starr**, 8 time Canadian Women's Champion (last in 2001), at 2175.



(from David Cohen's Canadian Chess website)

3 : WIM Natalia **Khoudgarian**, 2006 & 2007 Canadian Women's Champion, at 2137.



(from CFC Website)

4 : WFM Dina **Kagramanov**, 2009 Canadian Women's Champion, at 2099;



(from CFC Website)

5 : Iulia **Lacau-Rodean**, at 2027.



(from CFC Website)

There are 5 inactive Canadian WIM's : Vesma **Baltgailis**; Johanne **Charest**; Dinara **Khaziyeva**; Diane **Mongeau**, Smilja **Vujosevic**.

The highest FIDE-rated Canadian woman is WFM Valeriya **Gansvind**, at 2225, who plays for another federation - Estonia. Another highly rated Canadian woman in

Hong Kong is WFM Yamei **Wang**, rated 2117 (but since 2004 she's only played 2 rated games, in 2010, against players in the 1700's).

Canadian GM Mark Bluvstein Ties for First – Groningen, Netherlands

This swiss had 50 players, and took place in late December, 2010. Mark



(photo from 2009 Canadian Open)

ties for first, but Van Kampen took the title on tie-break. Here were the first place finishers.

Nr	Naam	Score	Federatie	M/V	Rating	TPR
1	GM Bojkov, Dejan	6.5	BUL	M	2542	2631
2	IM Nyzhnyk, Illya	6.5	UKR	M	2535	2671
3	GM Bluvstein, Mark	6.5	CAN	M	2587	2606
4	IM Brandenburg, Daan	6.5	NED	M	2515	2639
5	GM Ernst, Sipke	6.5	NED	M	2590	2628
6	IM Van Kampen, Robin	6.5	NED	M	2454	2627

Nyzhnyk gained his last GM norm, and he is now the youngest GM in the world.

Mark summarized his feelings about this tournament in his excellent blog (<http://markbluvshstein.wordpress.com/>).

“ After having some time to reflect and analyze my games, I noticed that my play was full of diversity. My wins were all different in the event, from a positional win in the third round to a razor sharp win in the fourth, to an endgame grind in the fifth, to good opening preparation in the eighth. I was able to show good skill in all parts of the game in this tournament. I hope I will be able to show such universality in my future tournaments as well, because it is impossible to have success in chess unless you play what the position asks for, instead of playing for a number of personal strengths. It’s also interesting to note that I did not have a worse position in any of my games after the first round! ”

Canada Ranks # 35 Among FIDE Chess Federations

In the Jan. 1, 2011 FIDE List of 159 Chess Federations, Russia is the strongest. FIDE ranks based on the average rating of its top 10 active players. Here are the top five countries:

FIDE Country rank by average rating of top 10 players

		Average	GMs	IMs	Total Titled
1	Russia	2734	202	474	1995
2	Ukraine	2694	74	193	459
3	France	2654	42	88	322
4	Armenia	2649	33	19	75
5	India	2641	23	72	196

Canada ranks # 35 –

35	Canada	2495	8	30	131
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Here is the Canadian active top 10 player list used by FIDE:

Canada (Active players)

#	Name	Title	Fed	Rating	G	B	Year
1	Bluvstein, Mark	g	CAN	2590	7	1988	
2	Spraggett, Kevin	g	CAN	2575	11	1954	
3	Sambuev, Bator	g	CAN	2517	13	1980	
4	Charbonneau, Pascal	g	CAN	2511	0	1983	
5	Roussel-Roozmon, Thomas	g	CAN	2500	0	1988	
6	Gerzhoy, Leonid	m	CAN	2497	0	1987	
7	Tyomkin, Dimitri	g	CAN	2495	0	1977	
8	Porper, Edward	m	CAN	2437	0	1963	
9	Hebert, Jean	m	CAN	2414	0	1957	
10	Noritsyn, Nikolay	m	CAN	2413	10	1991	

Top 3 FIDE Rankings : 1971-2011

(from Natalia Pogonina Blog)

Chess fans tend to remember World Champions and runner-ups much better than other top grandmasters. However, since FIDE rating lists have appeared in 1971, many people have been paying serious attention to the rating rankings of the players. So, do you know the GMs who made it to top-3 in 1971-2011?

Here is a complete list:

#1: Fischer, Karpov, Kasparov, Kramnik, Topalov, Anand, Carlsen

#2: Spassky, Korchnoi, Tal, Portisch, Timman, Ivanchuk, Shirov, Morozevich

#3: Petrosian, Polugaevsky, Mecking, Huebner, Ljubojevic, Beliavsky, Yusupov, Short, Gelfand, Salov, Aronian

Relatively few personalities for a 40-year time span, right?

Here is Natalia's list for Women's Ratings:

#1: Gaprindashvili, Chiburdanidze, Cramling, Alexandria, Polgar Susan, Polgar Judit

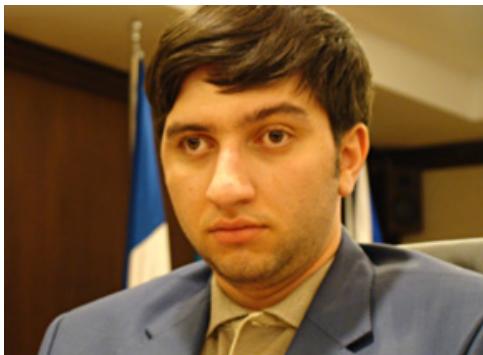
#2: Kushnir, Ioseliani, Xie, Galliamova, Stefanova, Koneru

#3: Levitina, Skripchenko, Matveeva, Kosteniuk, Hou Yifan

53rd Reggio Emilia 2010-11, Italy

This was a relatively strong 10-player round robin, played Tue 28th Dec 2010 - Thu 6th Jan 2011. The average rating was 2695.

It was won by Vugar Gashimov (Azerbaijan)



on tie-break over Francisco Vallejo Pons (Spain). He won the tie-break since he had defeated him in their individual encounter. Gashimov was down a P for the latter part of the game, but had a passed P on the 2nd rank. Vallejo had to take his K out of position to win it, and then Gashimov was able to clean up in the ending. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Vallejo Pons, Francisco (2698) – Gashimov, Vugar (2733) [B06]

53rd Masters Reggio Emilia ITA (7), 04.01.2011

1.e4= 0.16 1...g6± [1...e5= For Fritz, the only equalizing move. For all other normal replies, including the Modern, W is given a " slight " advantage. This evaluation is not generally accepted.] **2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 c6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Be2 Nf6** Pirc Defence 6.0-0 0-0 7.h3 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Qa5 9.Nd2?!= [9.Qd2 c5 10.d5 Nb6±] 9...Qc7 10.a4 [10.Be3 b5 11.a3 Bb7=] 10...e5 11.Be3 Ng4 12.Bxg4?!± [12.hxg4 exd4 13.Bxd4 Bxd4=] 12...exd4 13.Bxd4 [13.Nc4 dxe3 14.Qxd6 exf2+ 15.Kxf2 Qd8±] 13...Bxd4 14.Nc4 Bc5 15.a5 Ne5 16.Nxe5 dxe5 17.Bxc8 Raxc8 18.Qe2 Bb4?!= [18...Rcd8 19.Nd1 Qd6±] 19.a6 b5 20.Na2 Be7 21.Nc1 Rfd8 22.Nb3 Qb6 23.Rfd1 Kg7 24.Qg4?± Gashimov gets a " clear " advantage [24.Nd2 Rd6 25.Nf3 f6=] 24...c5 25.Nd2 c4 26.Nf1 Bc5?!± [26...Rxd1 27.Qxd1 Rd8±] 27.Qg3 Rxd1 28.Rxd1 Qxa6 29.Qxe5+ Qf6 30.Qxf6+ Kxf6 31.Rd5 Ke6 32.g4?!± [32.Ng3 f5 33.Rd1 a5±] 32...a6?!± [32...c3 33.bxc3 a5±] 33.Nd2 [33.Ng3 c3 34.bxc3 Ba7±] 33...c3?!= [33...Bb6 34.Nf3 c3 35.b3 Rc5±] 34.bxc3 Bb6 35.c4 bxc4 36.Kf1 a5 37.Rb5 Bd8 38.Ke2?!± [38.Rb7 a4 39.Ra7 c3 40.Nf3 Rc4=] 38...a4 39.Nb1 Ra8 40.Na3 Be7 41.Nxc4 Vallejo goes up a P 41...a3 42.Rb6+ Kd7 43.Rb1 Kc6 44.c3 a2?!= Gashimov has lost his advantage [44...f6?! 45.Ra1 Kb5=; 44...Kc5 45.Ne3 f5±] 45.Ra1 Kb5 [45...Bg5?! 46.Kd1 Kc5±] 46.Ne3??-+ Gashimov gets a " winning " advantage [46.Nb2 Bc5 47.Nd3 Kc4=] 46...Bc5 47.Kd3 Bxe3 48.fxe3 f6 49.h4 – 2.40 [49.Kc2 Kc4 50.Kb2 h6-+ – 2.01] 49...h5 50.gxh5 gxh5 51.Kc2?-+ – 4.70 [51.e5 fxe5 52.c4+ Kb4-+ – 3.20] 51...Kc4 52.Kb2 Rb8+ 53.Kc2 Rg8 54.Rxa2?-+ – 7.67 Vallejo goes up 2 P's [54.Kb2 Rg2+ 55.Ka3 Kxc3-+ – 6.48] 54...Rg2+ 55.Kb1 Rxa2 56.Kxa2 Kxc3 Vallejo is up a P, but his K is out of position, and he is lost 57.Kb1 Kd2-+ – 9.82 0-1

Here is the final cross-table :

53rd Masters Reggio Emilia (ITA), 28 xii 2010 - 6 i 2011

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1.	Gashimov, Vugar	g	AZE	2733	*	1	½	1	1	½	½	½	0	1	6	2815
2.	Vallejo Pons, Francisco	g	ESP	2698	0	*	½	1	½	½	1	½	1	1	6	2819
3.	Movsesian, Sergei	g	SVK	2721	½	½	*	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	5	2734
4.	Navara, David	g	CZE	2708	0	0	½	*	1	1	½	0	1	1	5	2736
5.	Ivanchuk, Vassily	g	UKR	2764	0	½	½	0	*	½	½	1	1	1	5	2729
6.	Caruana, Fabiano	g	ITA	2709	½	½	½	0	½	*	½	½	1	½	4½	2692
7.	Onischuk, Alexander	g	USA	2683	½	0	½	½	½	½	*	1	½	½	4½	2695
8.	Morozevich, Alexander	g	RUS	2700	½	½	½	1	0	½	0	*	0	1	4	2650
9.	Short, Nigel D	g	ENG	2680	1	0	0	0	0	0	½	1	*	1	3½	2616

10.	Godena, Michele	g	ITA	2549	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	*	$1\frac{1}{2}$	2437	
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2011 Canadian Open – Billets Sought for Foreign GM's

David Cohen, CO organizer, is looking for billets for GMs during the 2011 Canadian Open. There are GM's from all over the world who want to come to Canada to the tournament - many countries, many languages. Half of David's problem is their airfare to Canada, but the other half is their accommodation.

If free accommodation can be arranged for them as one of the "conditions" for their participation, it might go a long way to toward encouraging them to attend. The accommodation commitment would be only for the sleeping arrangements, and pointing them to the playing site at Harbour Castle on the waterfront. Any extras are up to the host, e.g., airport pick-up, rides to tournament, meals, etc..

If you can help out, contact David : davidcohen7076400@yahoo.com .

Rick's Chess Trivia

(questions/presentations researched by columnist Rick Garel,



former SCC Executive, former SCC member, Orillia CC President)

Last Issue's Chess Trivia was the Question:

Which unusual extracurricular activity did Mikhail Tal participate in during the 1976 Palma de Mallorca chess tournament?

Answer : Bull fighting - In 1976, during the Palma de Mallorca, Spain chess tournament, Mikhail Tal became the first Russian to oppose a bull in a bull-fighting arena.

Bragging Rights Winner : We had no winner for this question.

Today's Trivia Question is:

Why did Vladimir Nenarokov not complete the St. Petersburg 1909 tournament?

You can use any resource available to answer the question ! Just find it fast and send it in as fast as you can, by e-mail, to Rick : rickgarel@gmail.com .

The first correct e-mail received wins, and gets bragging rights. Also, we will publish the honoured winner's name in the next newsletter, along with a few details they provide as to their chess experience (if they wish), along with Rick's researched answer.

Thanks for playing !!

Chess History is fun !!

Chess Trivia Quiz – 2010 Canadian Open

(Answer will be given at end of this Issue)

**12. Who wrote the classic book
“Common Sense in Chess”?**

- a) Capablanca
- b) Lasker
- c) Reinfeld
- d) Pandolfini



SCC Falling Leaves Swiss

The Falling Leaves Swiss started on Thursday, October 28, 2010 and finished on Thursday, December 9, 2010. This seven-round event was the last SCC Swiss of 2010.

The registrations were:

Over 2000 – 18 (headed by 5 masters)

U 2000 – 37

U 1700 – 37

(NOTE: members have the right to play up a section if within 100 points of the higher section rating floor)

The total of 92 is continuing the turnout we had for the last half of 2009-10, and the first tournament this year (the range has been between 80 -95 players).

The winners were:

Over 2000

1/2 – 5 pts. – expert Andrew Picana; expert junior Michael Song
3/4 – 4.5 pts. – master Andrei Moffat; expert Josh Guo

Under 2000 (to 1700)

1 – 6 pts. – Lui Morra
2 – 5.5 pts. – Daniel Wiebe
3/8 – 4.5 pts. – Greg Stavropoulos; Jim Paterson; Juliaan Posaratnanathan; Robert Armstrong; Pepin Manalo; Will Rutherford

Under 1700

1. – 6.5 pts. – Yakos Spiliotopoulos
2/5 – 5 pts. – Andrew Philip; John Zhang; Steve Karpik; Russell Super.

Games were collected each week (the handing in of the white score sheet is mandatory, and members keep the yellow carbon sheet), but no games of this tournament could be sent out to members in database format, nor published, until the tournament had concluded (due to the policy adopted at the September 2009-10 SCC AGM concerning, score sheets, the games database, and the newsletter. If you are interested in finding out about this policy, just e-mail me at bobarm@sympatico.ca and I will forward it to you.)

I and SCC member Ken Kurkowski volunteer to enter the SCC games each week into the tournament database (it does not contain the games we will be publishing in our coverage of the tournament in the newsletter – these are the best games, and they have been held back for the newsletter). I analyze or partly analyze a number of the games, and Ken does a few also from time to time.

Here are some games from rounds 5 & 6.

In Rd. 5 in the 2000+ section, junior Michael Song



Michael on right front

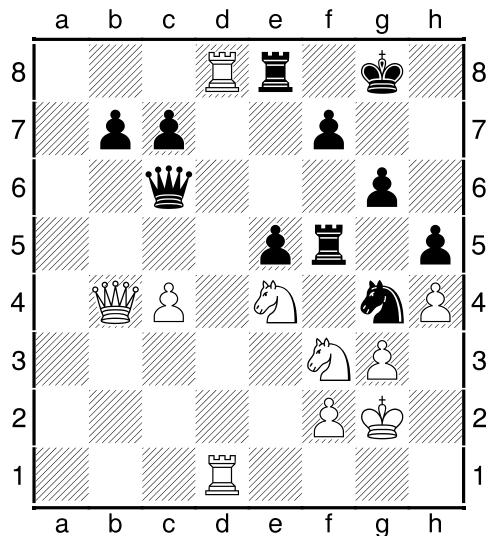
defeated former club champion, Erwin Casareno. I almost wanted to call it an upset, but then I realized Michael has progressed so fast recently, he is now higher rated than Erwin ! Erwin wrongly decided to sac a minor for 2 P's, rather than just go down a P. Then he fell into a mate. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Song, Michael (2133) – Casareno, Erwin (2129) [D02]

SCC Falling Leaves Swiss 2000+ Toronto (5), 25.11.2010

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1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 Bf5 5.c3 Qd7 6.Nbd2 [6.0–0 Bh3 7.Bxh3 Qxh3=] 6...Bh3 7.0–0 Bxg2 8.Kxg2 h5 aggressive 9.h4 Ng4 [9...e6 10.Qb3 0–0–0=] 10.b4 a6 11.Bb2 g6 12.e4 Bg7 13.Qe2 0–0 14.exd5 Qxd5 15.c4 [15.a4 b5 16.Qe4 Qd6=] 15...Qd6 [15...Qf5 16.Bc3 Rfd8=] 16.a3 Nxd4 Erwin goes up a P 17.Bxd4 Bxd4 18.Ne4 the game has been played dead equal to here 18...Qd7?± leaves the Q open to a potential Royal Fork, and should lose a P; Michael gets a " clear " advantage [18...Qd8 19.Rad1 e5 20.Nxd4 exd4=] 19.Rad1 Qa4?!!+- there is no need to sac the B [19...e5 20.Nxe5 Qe6 (20...Nxe5?? 21.Nf6+++) 21.Nxg6 Qxg6 22.Rxd4 Rae8± Michael would be up a P] 20.Rxd4 Qxa3 Michael is up N vs 2 P's 21.Qd2 a5 22.bxa5 Rxa5 23.Rb1 Rf5 24.Qc3 Qa6 25.Rbd1 e5 26.Rd5 Qc6 27.Qb4 Re8 28.Rd8



Rxd8?!!+- leads to mate [28...Kg7 29.Rxe8 Qxe8 30.Qxb7 Qa4+- 3.42] 29.Rxd8+ Kh7 [29...Qe8 30.Rxe8+ Kh7 31.Nfg5+ Rxg5 32.Nxg5+ Kg7 33.Qf8+] 30.Ne5?!!+- Erwin resigned. He cannot avoid the mate. 30...Rxe8 [30...Kg7 31.Qf8+ Kf6 32.Qxf7#] 31.Qf8 Qxf3+ 32.Kxf3 Rf5+ 33.Ke2 Rxf2+ 34.Ke1 Rf1+ 35.Kxf1 Ne3+ 36.Ke2 g5 37.Qxf7+ Kh6 38.Rh8# 1–0

In Rd. 5 in the 2000+ section, junior Tony Lin



went up the exchange against Sam Sharpe, but then the advantage slowly shifted until Sam had a "winning" advantage. But he was down the exchange, and decided to go for a repetition draw. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Lin, Tony Juntao (1925) – Sharpe, Sam (1988) [C14]

SCC Falling Leaves Swiss 2000+ Toronto (5), 25.11.2010

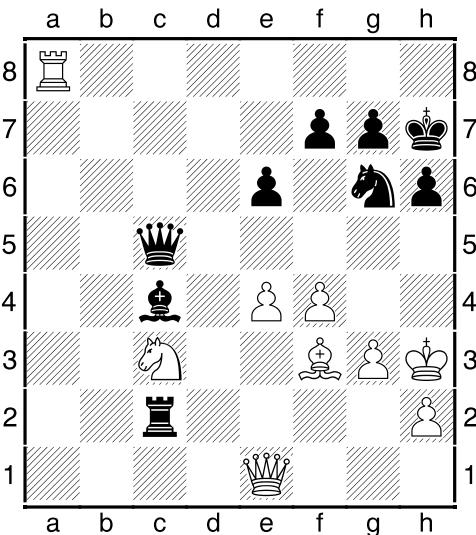
599MB, Fritz11.ctg, My Computer **1.e4=** 0.16 **1...e6±** [1...e5= For Fritz, the only equalizing move. For all other normal replies, including the French, W is given a "slight" advantage. This evaluation is not generally accepted.] **2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5?!=** [4.e5 Nfd7 5.Qg4 h5±] **4...Be7?!±** [4...dxe4 5.Nxe4 Be7=] **5.e5 Nfd7 6.h4 c5 7.Bxe7 Qxe7?+–** leaving a hole at c7; Tony gets a "winning" advantage. [7...Kxe7 8.f4 (8.Nb5 Qa5+ 9.c3 cxd4 10.Qxd4 Nc6±) 8...Nc6±] **8.Nb5 0-0 1.73** [8...Qd8 9.Nd6+ Ke7 10.Qh5 Qf8+– 2.09] **9.Nc7 Nxe5** [9...cxd4 10.Nxa8 Nxe5±] **10.Nxa8** Tony is up a R vs P [10.dxe5?! Qxc7+–] **10...cxd4 11.Qxd4 Nbc6 12.Qd2 Qd6 13.Bd3?!±** [13.Rh3 Bd7 14.Rb3 Rxa8 15.Rxb7 a5± Tony would be up the exchange] **13...Bd7** [13...Nxd3+ 14.Qxd3 Bd7±] **14.Nh3?±** for the first time in the game, Sam gets the advantage [14.Be2 Rxa8 15.h5 Qc5±] **14...Nxd3+ 15.Qxd3 Ne5?!=** [15...Qe5+] **16.Qa3?±** Sam gets a "clear" advantage [16.Qg3 Rxa8 17.0-0 Rc8=] **16...Qxa3 17.bxa3 Rxa8** Tony is up the exchange, but Sam has a P compensation **18.Nf4 Rc8 19.Rb1?+–** 1.47 Sam gets a "winning" advantage [19.0-0-0 Ba4 20.Rd2 Rc4±] **19...b6 20.Nd3** – 1.56 [20.Rc1 Nc4 21.h5 f6+– 1.56] **20...Nc4 21.Rb3** – 2.08 [21.h5 f6 22.Rc1 Nxa3+– 1.71] **21...Na5** – 1.54 [21...Ba4+ 22.Rb4 Bxc2+– 2.05] **22.Rb2 Nc4** – 2.08 it is not clear why Sam might be playing now for a repetition draw; but he is down the exchange; maybe there were time problems [22...Kf8 23.Ke2 Nc4+– 1.46] **23.Rb3 Na5 24.Rb2 Nc4 25.Rb3** Draw by threefold repetition. ½-½

On top Board in the U2000 section in Rd. 5, Kevin Zhou suffered a tough loss. He had a "winning" advantage against leader Lui Morra a number of times, and lost it.

Then Lui outplayed him in the time pressure and got a mate. This left Lui with an undefeated record, and the sole lead. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Zhou, Kevin (1877) – Morra, Lui (1691) [B54]
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1.e4= 0.16 **1...c5±** [1...e5= For Fritz, the only equalizing move. For all other normal replies, including the Sicilian, W is given a " slight " advantage. This evaluation is not generally accepted.] **2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.c4 Nf6 6.Nc3 d6 7.Be2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 Nc6?!±** Kevin gets a " clear " advantage [9...b6 10.f4 Bb7±] **10.f4 Qc7 11.b3?!±** [11.Qe1 Nd7 12.Rd1 Bf6±] **11...Bd7 12.Bf3 Rad8 13.Nde2 Nb8?!±** [13...Bc8 14.Qe1 Nd7±] **14.Nd4?!±** [14.Qe1 Bc8 15.Qg3 Nfd7±] **14...Qa5?!±** [14...Nc6?! 15.Rc1 Qa5±; 14...b5 15.Rc1 b4 16.Nce2 e5±] **15.Qe1 Qc7 16.Qf2 Qc8 17.Rac1 Nc6 18.Nde2 Qb8 19.Bb6 Rc8 20.Rfd1 Bd8 21.Na4?!±** [21.Be3 e5 22.f5 b5±] **21...Ne7?+–** Kevin gets a " winning " advantage [21...e5 22.Bxd8 (22.f5 Bxf5 23.exf5 e4 24.Nec3 exf3 25.Qxf3 Bxb6+ 26.Nxb6 Qa7±) 22...Rcxd8±] **22.Nec3?!±** [22.Ba7 Qa8 23.e5 Nc6?–] **22...Bc6 23.Rd3?+–** Kevin is losing his advantage [23.b4 Bxa4 24.Nxa4 Nc6±] **23...Bxb6?!±** [23...Bxa4 24.Nxa4 Bxb6 25.Nxb6 Rcd8±] **24.Nxb6 Rcd8 25.Rcd1 Qc7?+–** Kevin gets back a " winning " advantage [25...Ng6 26.g3 e5±] **26.a4?!±** [26.b4 Ng6 27.g3 e5+–] **26...Ng6 27.g3 Nd7 28.Nxd7 Rxd7 29.Ne2?–** Kevin has lost his advantage [29.Nd5! exd5 30.cxd5 Ne7 31.dxc6 bxc6±] **29...b5?±** [29...Rdd8 30.Nd4 Ne7±] **30.cxb5 axb5 31.Rc1?–** [31.Nd4 Qb7 32.Nxc6 Qxc6±] **31...Qb7 32.Nc3 bxa4 33.bxa4 Qa6 34.Rcd1 Rfd8 35.Qc2 h6 36.Ra1 Rc8 37.Qd2 Qa8?!±** loses a P [37...Ne7 38.a5 (38.Rxd6? Rxd6 39.Qxd6 Qb6+ 40.Kh1 Qe3 41.Rf1 Qxc3 42.Qxe7 Qd3±) 38...d5=] **38.Rxd6** Kevin goes up a P **38...Rxd6 39.Qxd6 Qa7+ 40.Kg2 Qe3?!** [40...Qa5 41.Ne2 Qa8±] **41.Ra3 Be8+–** Kevin gets back again his " winning " advantage [41...Qc1 42.Ne2 Qc2±] **42.Ne2 Qa7 43.Qd4?±** Kevin is losing his advantage again [43.a5 Ne7 44.Qb6 Qa8+–] **43...Qa6?!±** [43...Qa5 44.e5 Ne7±] **44.Nc3?–** Kevin has lost his advantage again [44.a5 Rc2 45.Qd3 Qxd3 46.Rxd3 Bb5 47.Rd8+ Kh7 48.Kf2 Ra2±] **44...Qb7 45.Qd2** [45.Qe3 Qb4 46.Ne2 Bxa4 47.Rc3 Rxc3 48.Qxc3 Qb1=] **45...Qb4 46.Qc1 Bxa4** material equality **47.Qa1?!** for the first time in the game, Lui gets the advantage [47.Nd5! Rc2+ 48.Qxc2 Qxa3=] **47...Bb3?!** [47...Bc6 48.Ra2 e5±] **48Nb1?–+–** In the time pressure, Kevin falters and gives Lui attacking chances [48.Ra8 Rxa8 49.Qxa8+ Kh7=] **48...Rc2+ 49.Kh3 Bc4?–+–** – 3.54 [49...Qe1 50.Nd2 (50.Rxb3?? Qf1+ 51.Kg4 Rxh2 52.Rb8+ Kh7 53.Rh8+ Nxh8 54.f5 exf5+ 55.Kxf5 Rh5+ 56.Kf4 Qc1+ 57.Nd2 Qxd2+ 58.Kg4 Qg5#) 50...Qxd2 51.Ra8+ Kh7+ – 12.24] **50.Nc3** – 5.08 [50.Ra8+? Kh7 51.Na3 Qb3+ – 6.81] **50...Qc5 51.Ra8+ Kh7 52.Qe1**



Rxc3! nice sac **53.Bg2??-+** allowing mate [53.Kg2 Rc2+ 54.Kh3 f5-+ – 14.17; 53.Qxc3?? Bf1+ 54.Bg2 Qh5#] **53...Qh5# 0-1**

In Rd. 5 in the U 2000 section, Dean Ward



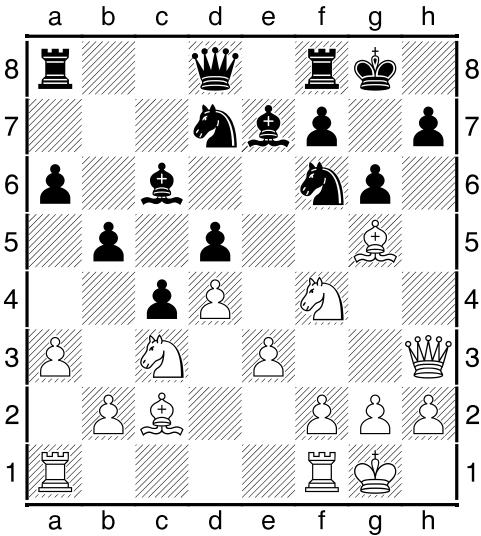
executed 2 nice tactical shots against junior Daniel Zotkin, picking up a few pawns. Here is Dean's win (Annotations by Ken Kurkowski, using Fritz):

Ward, Dean (1832) – Zotkin, Daniel (1708) [D35]

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599MB, Fritz11.ctg, My Computer **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5** Queen's Gambit Declined, Exchange Variation. **5...Nbd7 6.e3 Be7** [6...h6 , anticipating pressure on h7, is a little better.] **7.Bd3 0-0 8.Bc2** White's idea is to move his Queen to d3 and then build up pressure on Black's King-side, in particular the h7 square. **8...b6 9.Qd3 Bb7 10.Nge2 c5 11.0-0 a6 12.Nf4 c4 13.Qf5 g6 14.Qh3 b5 15.a3 Bc6??** Up to now both sides have played quite reasonably, in fact Fritz judges the position after White's 15th move to be equal. This move, however is a blunder that loses a pawn. [Fritz recommends 15...Re8=]

Position after 15...Bc6??



16.Ne6 fxe6 17.Qxe6+ an example of "LPDO" (Loose pieces Drop Off), the basis for many a combination. **17...Rf7 18.Qxc6 Nb6 19.Qe6 Kg7 20.f4** Preparing to open the f-file and bring the King's Rook into the attack. **20...h6** Daniel hastens the end. [20...Qd6 would have put up some resistance but after 21.f5 Qxe6 22.fxe6 Rff8 23.e4 dxe4 24.Nxe4 White would still have a clear advantage.] **21.Bxh6+!** Black resigns. If **21...Kg8** then [If 21...Kxh6 then 22.Qxf7] **22.Bxg6 1-0**

In Rd. 5 in the U 1700 section, junior Sergio Rodriguez was out-rated by about 700 points by junior Kajan Thanabalachandran. But both showed they knew what attacking meant. In the end, Kajan got a mate, but only after a dangerous attack by Sergio. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Rodriguez, Sergio (847) - Thanabalachandran, Kajan (1565) [B56]
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Rodriguez, Sergio (847) – Thanabalachandran, Kajan (1565) [B56]

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[Armstrong, Robert]

1.e4= c5± [1...e5= For Fritz, the only equalizing move. For all other normal replies, including the Sicilian, W is given a " slight " advantage. This evaluation is not generally accepted] **2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 d6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Bxc6?!=** [7.0-0 g6 8.Be2 Bg7±] **7...bxc6 8.f4?!** [8.0-0 e5 9.Nde2 (9.Nb3 Qc7 10.f4 Be7±; 9.Nf5?! Nxe4! 10.Nxg7+ Bxg7 11.Nxe4 d5±) 9...Be6±] **8...Qc7** [8...e5 9.Nf3 Qb6±] **9.Qe2** [9.0-0 g6 10.Nb3 Bg7±] **9...e6** [9...e5 10.fxe5 dxe5 11.Nf5 Qb6±] **10.e5 Nd5 11.Nxd5 cxd5 12.Bd2 Be7 13.0-0-0?+** Sergio is very vulnerable to attack on the Q-side; Kajan gets a " winning " advantage [13.Nb5 Qb6 14.Nxd6+ Bxd6 15.exd6 0-0±] **13...0-0 14.f5?+ – 3.85** trying to launch a K-side attack; needed to be prepared [14.Rhf1 Qb6 (14...dxe5?! 15.fxe5 Rab8±) 15.Bc3 dxe5 16.Qxe5 Bf6+ – 1.49] **14...dxe5** Kajan goes up a P **15.Nf3?+ – 4.54** [15.fxe6 fxe6 16.Nb3 a5+ – 3.93] **15...Rac8?+ – 3.71** [15...e4 16.fxe6 exf3 17.exf7+ Rxf7 18.gxf3 Rb8+ – 5.87] **16.c3?+ – 4.87** [16.Bc3 16...f6 17.fxe6 Bxe6+ – 3.74] **16...Bd6?+ – 3.21** [16...e4 17.Ng5 exf5 18.Qf2 Rb8 – 6.29] **17.f6 g6?+ – 2.27** [17...Rb8 18.Qf2 Rfc8+ – 4.11] **18.Qe3 Rfe8 19.Qh6** can't say Sergio isn't trying to mate **19...Bf8** but Kajan has seen it coming **20.Qh4 h5?±** helping W's attack; Kajan is losing his advantage [20...Rb8 21.Kb1 e4+–] **21.g4?!** seems natural enough, but not best [21.Qg5 Ba4 22.Nxe5! Bxd1 23.Rxd1 d4±] **21...Qc4?±** allowing W's attack; for the first time since the opening, Sergio gets the advantage

[21...Qb7 22.Nxe5 Rb8†] **22.b3??-+** now Sergio opens himself to attack; Kajan gets back his " winning " advantage [22.gxh5 Qxh4 23.Nxh4 Bd6±] **22...Qe4?-+** – 3.34 – will Sergio see it? [22...Ba3+ 23.Kb1 Qd3+ 24.Ka1 Rxc3-+ – 6.29] **23.Rhf1??-+** Nope [23.Kb2 Qxf3 24.gxh5 Qxh5 25.Qxh5 gxh5-+ – 3.39] **23...Ba3# 0-1**

In Rd. 5 in the U 1700 section, one of our youngest juniors, Kevin Yie,



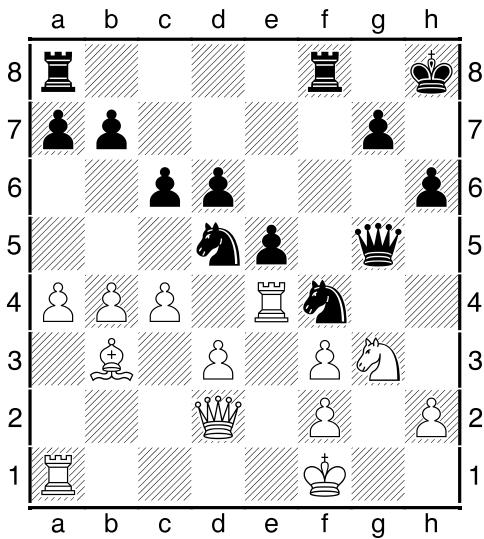
got a " winning " advantage early on against veteran John Graham. But John managed to slowly get back the advantage, at one point sacking his N for an attack. Kevin, a bit nervous, wrongly sacked back the exchange, and that left John with R + P vs B + N. Kevin hung in there, but eventually John won. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Yie, Kevin (1263) – Graham, John (1485) [C55]

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1.e4= 0.16 1...e5 For Fritz, the only equalizing move **2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 d6?!±** [3...Bc5 4.Nc3 Nf6=] **4.c3?!=** [4.d4 exd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6±] **4...h6?!±** [4...Be7 5.Qb3 Nh6 6.d4 0-0=] **5.d3 Nf6 6.Nbd2?!=** [6.0-0 Be7 7.a4 0-0±] **6...Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Re1 Nd7?!±** [8...Na5 9.Bb5 c6 10.Ba4 Qc7=] **9.Nf1 Nb6 10.Bb3 Na5 11.Bc2 f5?!±** Kevin gets a " clear " advantage [11...Nc6 12.a4 a5±] **12.exf5 Bxf5 13.Ng3 Bg4?!±** Kevin gets a " winning " advantage [13...Bh7 14.d4 Nc6 15.Bxh7+ Kxh7±] **14.Qe2?±** Kevin is losing his advantage [14.d4 Rf6 15.Qd3 Bxf3 16.gxf3 g6+-] **14...Bxf3 15.gxf3 Bg5 16.Bxg5?!=** Kevin has lost his advantage [16.d4 Bxc1 17.Raxc1 Nc6±] **16...Qxg5 17.Qd1?†** John gets a " clear " advantage [17.d4 Nc6 18.d4 exd4 19.Qd3 Rf4†] **18.b4?!†** [18.d4 Nc6 19.Qd3 g6=] **18...Nc6 19.a4?-+** John gets a " winning " advantage [19.b5 Ne7 20.d4 Rf4†] **19...Nd5 20.Bb3 Nce7 21.Kf1?+ - 3.18** [21.d4 exd4 22.cxd4 Nxb4-+ – 1.84] **21...Nf4 22.Re4 Ned5?-+ - 2.37** [22...Neg6 23.d4 d5 24.Re3 Qh4-+ – 4.30] **23.Qd2 – 3.36** [23.Bxd5 Nxd5 24.Rc4 Rac8-+ – 2.95] **23...c6 24.c4**

Position after 24.c4



Qh4!-+ – 3.88 John correctly sacs his N for an attack [24...Nc7 25.Rae1 Rae8-+ – 3.91] **25.cxd5 Qxh2** Kevin is up B vs P **26.Rxf4?** – 5.61 Kevin, nervous about the attack, creatively, but wrongly, sacs the exchange [26.Rc3? cxd5 27.Rb1 d4 28.Re4 Qg2+ 29.Ke1 Qxf3-+ – 7.06; 26.Rc1 Qg2+ 27.Ke1 cxd5-+ – 4.30] **26...Rxf4?-+ – 2.61** John misses winning a R; John is now up R + P vs B + N [26...exf4 27.Ne4 Qh1+ 28.Ke2 Qxa1-+ – 5.70 John would be up 2 R's + P vs B + N] **27.dxc6?-+ – 4.14** [27.Ke2 Qg2 28.Rf1 Qxf3+ 29.Ke1 cxd5-+ – 2.64] **27...bxc6?-+ – 2.51** [27...Rxf3 28.Ne4 Raf8-+ – 3.55] **28.Ke2 Raf8 29.Qe3 Qg2 30.Ne4?-+ – 12.79** [30.Rh1 Kh7 31.Kd2 Rxf3-+ – 4.23] **30...Rxf3 31.Qxa7 d5 32.Bd1??-+ mate in 16 moves** [32.Rf1 dxe4 33.Ke1 e3-+ – 24.77] **32...dxe4 33.dxe4?-+ mate in 8 moves** [33.Kd2 Rxd3+ 34.Kc1 Rxf2-+ it is mate in 8 moves] **33...Rxf2+ 34.Qxf2** no choice but to sac the Q **34...Qxf2+ John is up Q + P vs B 35.Kd3 Qd4+ 36.Kc2 Qxa1?-+ John grabs material when he has a quick mate; John is up Q + R + P vs B [36...Rf2+ 37.Be2 Rxe2+ 38.Kb3 Qd3#] 37.Kb3 Qc1 38.Bc2 Rf3+ 39.Ka2 Ra3# 0-1**

In Rd. 6 in the 2000+ section, Erwin Casareno, former club champion,

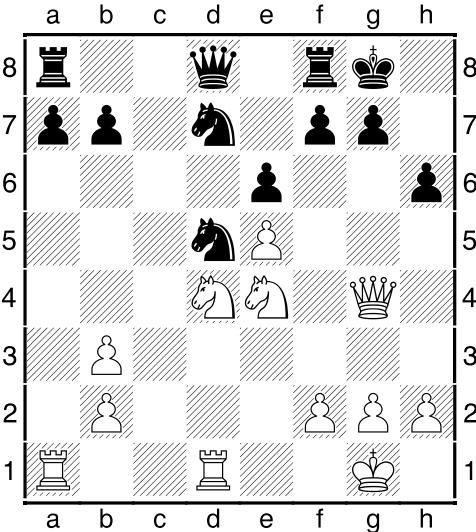


found a nice sac that picked him up 2 P's against Alex Ferreira. But Alex got one of the P's back and fought to draw. But Erwin managed to queen the P and win. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Casareno, Erwin (2129) – Ferreira, Alex (2087) [B22]

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1.e4= 0.16 **1...Nf6±** [1...e5= For Fritz, the only equalizing move. For all other normal replies, including the Alekhine's Defence, W is given a " slight " advantage. This evaluation is not generally accepted.] **2.e5 Nd5 3.c4 Nb6 4.c5!=** [4.d4 d6 5.Nf3 Bg4±] **4...Nd5 5.Bc4 e6 6.d4 d6?!=** [6...b6 7.Nc3 Nxc3 8.bxc3 bxc5 (8...Bb7?! 9.Nf3 Be7 10.0-0 Nc6±) 9.d5 Qh4=] **7.cxd6 cxd6 8.Nf3 dxe5 9.dxe5 Bb4+ 10.Bd2 Bxd2+?!=** Erwin gets a " clear " advantage [10...0-0 11.Bxb4 Nxb4±] **11.Nbxd2 0-0 12.0-0 Nb6 13.Bb3 Nc6 14.Qe2 Bd7 15.Ne4 Nb4 16.Rfd1 N4d5 17.Nfg5?!=** [17.Rac1 Bc6 18.Nd4 Nf4±] **17...h6** [17...f6?! 18.exf6 gxf6 19.Nxh7 Rf7 20.Nhxf6+ Rxf6! (20...Nxf6 21.Bxe6 Bxe6 22.Rxd8+ Rxd8 23.Ng5 Re7±) 21.Qg4+ Kh8 22.Nxf6 Qxf6±] **18.Nf3 Bc6 19.Nd4** [19.Rac1 Nd7 20.Nc3 N7b6±] **19...Ba4?!=** [19...Nd7 20.Qh5 Qc7±] **20.Qg4?!=** [20.Bxa4 Nxa4 21.Rac1 Rc8±] **20...Bxb3 21.axb3 Nd7??+–** missing a tactic and losing 2 P's; Erwin gets a " winning " advantage [21...Qe7 22.Nd6 Nd7±]



22.Nxe6! nice sac **22...fxe6 23.Qxe6+ Kh8 24.Rxd5** Erwin goes up 2 P's **24...Qh4 25.Qg6 Qe7 26.e6?+–** 2.29 [26.Qd6 Qh4 27.Rd4 Nb6?– 3.46] **26...Nf6 27.Re5 Qc7 28.Nxf6 Rxf6 29.Qe4 Re8 30.Re1 Qb6 31.Qe3 Qxe3 32.R1xe3 Kg8 33.g3 Kf8 34.Kg2** [34.f4 g6 35.e7+ Kf7?–] **34...Ke7 35.f4 Rd8 1.50** [35...g6 36.Kf3 Rd8?– 1.54] **36.f5** [36.Kf3 g6 37.h3 Rd1?–] **36...Rd2+ 37.Kh3 Rf8 38.Rc5 Kd6 39.e7 Re8 40.Rce5 Rxb2** Erwin is up a P **41.g4 Rd2 42.Kg3 a6 2.85** [42...Kd7 43.h3 Rd6?– 2.93] **43.h4?+–** 1.79 [43.Re6+ Kd7 44.Rg6 Rxe7 45.Rxe7+ Kxe7 46.Rxg7+ Kf8?– 3.25] **43...Rd4?+–** 3.25 [43...Kd7 44.R3e4 Rd3+ 45.Kf4 Rd6?– 2.09] **44.g5 Kd7?+–** 11.21 [44...hxg5 45.hxg5 Rd1?– 3.92] **45.f6 gxf6 46.gxf6 Rg8+ 47.Kf3?+–** 4.69 Erwin misses the lengthy computer mate [47.Kh3 Ke8 48.Rg3 Rh8?– mate in 14 moves] **47...Ke8 48.f7?+–** 3.41 [48.Ke2 Rdg4 49.h5 Rg2+ 50.Kf3 Rh2?– 6.12] **48...Kxf7 49.e8Q+ Rxe8 50.Rxe8 Rxh4** Erwin is up R vs 2 P's **51.R8e7+ Kf6 52.Rxb7** Erwin is up R vs P **52...a5 53.Rb6+ Kf7 54.Re4 Rh1 55.Rc4 Ke8 56.Rc7 Kd8 57.Rh7?+–** 5.51 1-0

In Rd. 6 in the 2000+ section, in a very close game where the advantage was with Andrew Picana



initially, and then went to Dave Southam, Andrew eventually managed to go up a P and win. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Picana, Andrew (2144) – Southam, David (2161) [C18]

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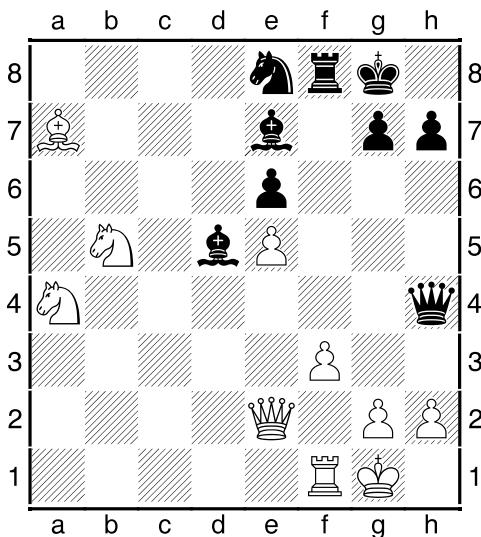
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On top board in the U 2000 section, leader Lui Morra got the advantage against junior Juliaan Posaratananathan and went up a P. But then he missed a skewer, by which he lost the exchange, but then had a P compensation. The game was equal and went into time trouble where Lui won a second P, and got a " winning " advantage. But he had to agree to a draw, given the time pressure. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Morra, Lui (1691) – Posaratananathan, Juliaan (1867) [B84]

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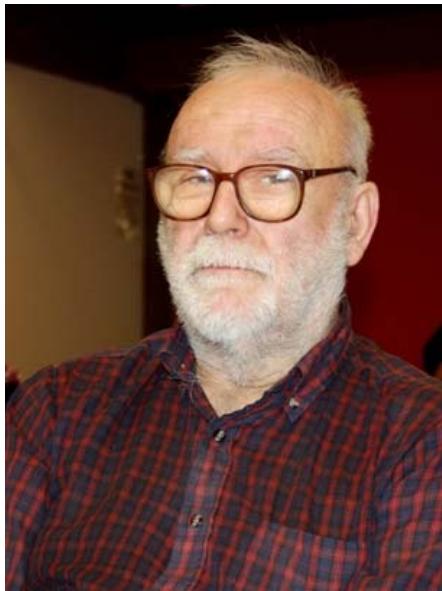
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30.Nac3??= missing the skewer, Lui loses the exchange and his advantage [30.Nd4 Qh6 31.Bc5 Bxc5 32.Nxc5 Nc7± Lui would still be up a P] 30...Bc4 31.Qf2 Bxf1 32.Qxh4 Bxh4 33.Kxf1

Juliaan is up the exchange, but Lui has a P compensation 33...Rf7 34.Ne4?!= for the first time in the game, Juliaan gets the advantage [34.Bc5 Bg5 35.Ne4 Bf4=] 34...Rb7 35.Nec3 Nc7 36.Nxc7 Rxc7 37.Bd4 Rc4 38.Ne2 Rb4 39.g3 Be7 40.Kg2 Bd8 41.Bc5 Rb2 42.Kf2 Bb6 43.Bxb6 Rxb6 44.Nd4 Kf7 45.h4 Rb4 46.Ke3 Rb1 47.Kf4 Rd1 [47...g6 48.Ke3 Re1+ 49.Ne2 Ke7!=] 48.Nb5 Rd5 49.Nd6+ Kg6 50.g4 [50.Ke4 Ra5 51.f4 Ra4+ 52.Kf3 Ra3+ 53.Kg2 h5!=] 50...h5 51.Ke4 Ra5 52.Kf4 Ra4+ 53.Kg3 hgx4?!= [53...Rb4 54.gxh5+ Kxh5!=] 54.fxg4 Ra3+ 55.Kf4 Rh3 56.h5+ Kh7 57.Ne4 Kh6 58.Ng5 Ra3?+– Lui gets back a " winning " advantage [58...Rh1 59.Nxe6 Rf1+ 60.Kg3 Rg1+ 61.Kf3 Rf1+ 62.Ke4 Rf7=] 59.Nxe6 Juliaan is up the exchange, but Lui has 2 P's compensation 59...Ra4+ 1.46 [59...Ra8 60.Kf5 Ra2?+– 1.46] 60.Kf5?+– 1.46 Draw agreed (in mutual time trouble). ½-½

In the U 2000 section in R. 6, Alex Rapoport had the advantage most of the game against Jim Paterson.



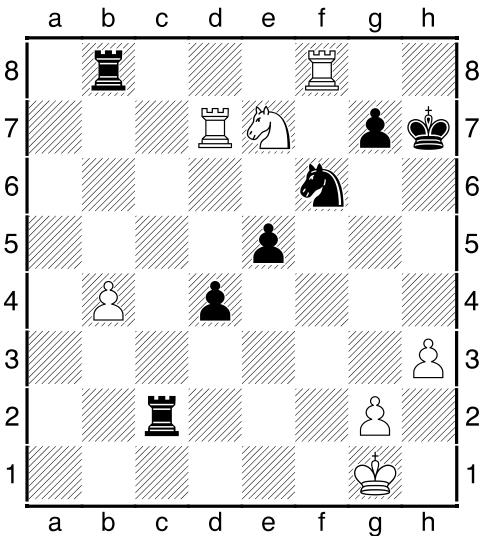
He went down 2 P's but got them back. But in the ending he missed a nice sac, which netted Jim an N, and he went on to win. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Paterson, Jim (1857) – Rapoport, Alex (1886) [B43]

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1.e4= c5± [1...e5= For Fritz, the only equalizing move. For all other normal replies, including the Sicilian, W is given a " slight " advantage. This evaluation is not generally accepted.] **2.Nf3 e6** **3.Nc3 a6** [3...d6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6±] **4.d4** [4.Be2 Nc6 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Qc7±] **4...cxd4** **5.Nxd4** [5.Qxd4 Nc6 6.Qd2 d6±] **5...Qc7** **6.Be2 b5** [6...Nf6 7.0-0 Bb4±] **7.0-0 Bb7** **8.a3** [8.Bd3 Nf6 9.Be3 Bc5±] **8...Nf6** **9.Bf3?!=** [9.Qd3 Nc6 10.Nxc6 dxc6±] **9...Nc6** **10.Be3 Ne5** **11.Qe2?!=** Alex gets a " clear " advantage [11.Be2 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4=] **11...Bd6** **12.h3** [12.Bc1 Rc8 13.Re1 0-0±] **12...Rc8** **13.Rad1 Nxf3+?!=** [13...0-0 14.Bc1 Nxf3+ 15.Nxf3 b4±] **14.Qxf3 Be5** [14...0-0 15.Bg5 Nxe4 16.Nxe4 Bh2+ 17.Kh1 f5±] **15.Rfe1?+–** Alex gets a " winning " advantage [15.Bg5 0-0 16.Qd3 h6±] **15...0-0** **16.Nde2 Rfd8?±** [16...Nxe4! 17.Nxe4 f5+–] **17.Bd4 Bxd4?!=** [17...d5 18.Bxe5 Qxe5 19.exd5 Nxd5±] **18.Rxd4?!=** [18.Nxd4 d6 19.Qg3 Nd7=] **18...d5** **19.Qg3?+–** [19.exd5 Nxd5 20.Red1 Nxc3 21.Qxc3 Qe7±] **19...Qxg3?!=** [19...e5 20.Rxd5 Nxd5 21.exd5 Bxd5 22.Nxd5 Rxd5+–] **20.Nxg3 e5** **21.Rd2 d4** **22.Na2 a5?!=** [22...h5? 23.f3 g6±; 22...Nd7 23.f4

Rc7±] 23.Nc1 h5 24.f3 b4?± [24...g6 25.h4 Nd7±] 25.axb4 axb4 26.Nd3 b3 27.cxb3 Jim goes up a P 27...Nd7 28.Nxh5 Jim goes up 2 P's 28...Ba6 29.Nb4 Nc5 30.Nxa6 Nxa6 31.Ra1?!= [31.f4 f6 32.g4 Rb8±] 31...Nc5 32.Ra3 Rb8 33.Ng3 Nxb3 Jim is up a P (each has a passed P) 34.Rd1 Rdc8 35.Nf5 Rc2 36.Ne7+?!± [36.f4 exf4 37.Rxb3 Rxb3 38.Nxd4 Rbxb2 39.Nxc2 Rxc2=] 36...Kf8 37.Nd5 f6?!= [37...Rxb2 38.f4 exf4 39.Nxf4 Nd2±] 38.f4 Nd2 [38...Rd2 39.Rf1 exf4 40.Nxf4 Rxb2=] 39.fxe5 fxe5 40.b4 Nxe4 material equality 41.Rf1+ Kg8 42.Ra7 [42.Rf5 Nf6 43.Rxe5 Nxd5 44.Rxd5 Rxb4=] 42...Nd6?+- for the first time since the early opening, Jim gets the advantage again, a " winning " advantage [42...Ng3 43.Rff7 Rc1+ 44.Kh2 Nf1+ 45.Kh1 Kh8 46.Rxg7 Ne3+ 47.Kh2 Nxd5=] 43.Rd7 Ne8 2.38 [43...Ne4 44.Rff7 Kh7+- 2.21] 44.Ne7+ Kh7 45.Rf8?!= [45.Rf5 Nf6 46.Rxf6! gxf6 47.Nc6+ Kg6 48.Nxb8+-] 45...Nf6??+- Alex blunders, missing the sac [45...Ra8 46.Rf5 Nf6 47.Rxe5 Raa2 48.Rxd4 Rxg2+ 49.Kf1 Rgf2+ 50.Kg1 g6=]



46.Rxf6! nice sac 46...gxf6 Alex is up the exchange 47.Nc6+ Kg6 48.Nxb8 Jim is up an N 48...Rc4 49.Na6 e4?+- 4.05 [49...Rc1+ 50.Kf2 Rc2+ 51.Kf3 f5+- 3.34] 50.Nc5?+- 2.79 [50.Rc7 Rc3 51.Rxc3 dxc3 52.Nc5 c2 53.Nb3 Kf7 54.Kf2 f5+- 7.47] 50...Rxb4 51.Nxe4 Kf5 52.Nd2 Kf4 4.11 [52...Ke6 53.Ra7 Rb8+- 3.79] 53.Kf2 Ra4?+- 5.42 [53...Ke5 54.Nf3+ Ke4+- 4.22] 54.g3?+- 3.88 [54.Rd5 f5 55.g3+ Kg5+- 5.42] 54...Kg5 4.87 [54...Kf5 55.Rd8 Kg6+- 4.19] 55.Rxd4!+- 4.77 another nice sac. Jim is up N + P. Alex resigned. Capturing the R loses fastest. 55...Ra2 [55...Rxd4? 56.Nf3+ Kg6 57.Nxd4+- 8.00] 56.h4+ Kg6+- 5.40 1-0

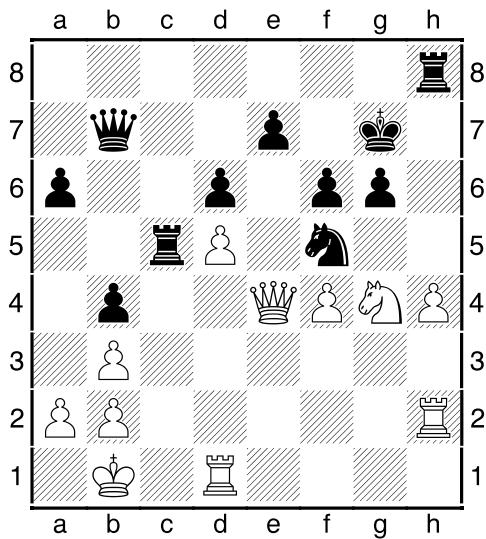
Top board in the U 1700 section in Rd. 6, saw a close struggle between newcomer Yakos Spiliotopoulos and President Maurice Smith. Yakos got the advantage initially, but when he started a K-side attack, Maurice got the advantage. Then Maurice started a counter-attack on the other wing, and Yakos got a " winning " advantage. Yakos had again just lost his advantage, when Maurice made the fateful decision to grab a " poisoned " P, and got mated. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Spiliotopoulos, Yakos (1467) – Smith, Maurice (1563) [B07]

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clear " advantage [8...0-0 9.Nge2 Nbd7±] **9.Nh3 0-0 10.0-0-0? =** [10.Ne2 a5 11.a4 b4±] **10...Nbd7 11.g4?!** Yakos launches a K-side attack, but for the first time, Maurice gets the advantage [11.Ng5 Qc7 12.h4 c5=] **11...c5 12.dxc5 Nxc5 13.Bh6?!** Yakos continues his attack, but now Maurice gets a " clear " advantage [13.Bxc5 dxc5 14.g5 Nh5±] **13...Nxb3+ 14.cxb3 Rc8? =** Maurice is setting up his own counter-attack, but loses his advantage [14...b4 15.Bxg7 Kxg7±] **15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Kb1** getting out of the pin **16...Qb6** [16...b4 17.g5 Nd7 18.Qd4+ Ne5 19.Qxb4 Qc7=; 16...Kg8 17.Nf4 b4 18.Ncd5 e5=] **17.Nf2** [17.Nf4 b4 18.g5 bxc3 19.gxf6+ Kxf6 20.bxc3 Kg7=] **17...b4 18.Na4 Qb5 19.h4 h5** [19...Nd7 20.Nd3 a5=] **20.gxh5 Nxh5 21.Ng4 Rh8 22.Qd4+ f6 23.Nb6 Rc5 24.Nd5 Bxd5?!** [24...e5 25.Qf2 f5=] **25.exd5 Qb7?+ -** Yakos gets a " winning " advantage [25...Qe2 26.Rhe1 Qc2+ 27.Ka1 Rhc8 28.Qe3 R8c7±] **26.f4?!** Yakos is losing his advantage [26.Ne3 Kh7 27.Rhg1 Qd7 28.Qxb4 Rg8+-] **26...Ng3 27.Rh2?!** Yakos has again lost his advantage [27.Rh3 Nf5 28.Qe4 e6 29.Qxe6 Qe7±] **27...Nf5** [27...Rh5 28.Ne3 Nf5=] **28.Qe4**



Nxh4??+ - a blunder; Maurice cannot grab the P; Yakos gets back a " winning " advantage [28...e6 29.Qxe6 Qe7=] **29.Ne3 Rcc8?+ -** 8.04 [29...e6 30.Qxe6 Qf7 31.Qxd6 Qc7+- 3.42] **30.Rdh1?+ -** 4.69 [30.Rg1 f5 31.Qe6 Kf8+- 16.10] **30...Nf5??+ -** Maurice resigned. It is mate in 4 moves. [30...Rh6 31.Rxh4 Rch8+- 4.54] **31.Nxf5+ gxf5 32.Rg1+ Kf8 33.Rxh8+ Kf7 34.Qe6# 1-0**

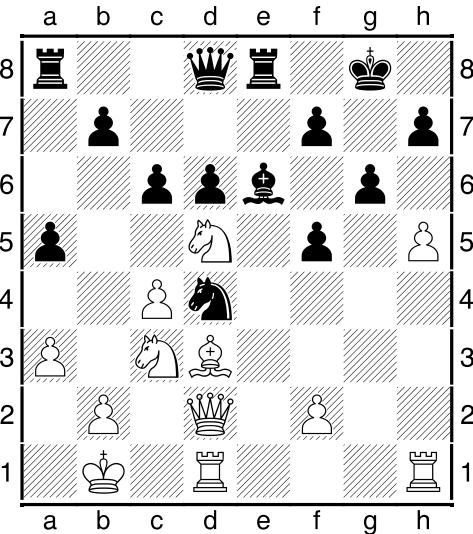
In Rd. 6 in the U 1700 section, tactics ruled, with lots of sacks, in the game between Andrew Philip



and junior John Zhang, who were at the time tied for third/fourth. Andrew won. Here is their game (Annotations by Andrew Philip):

Philip, Andrew (1593) – Zhang, John (1557) [A45]
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A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 g6 3.Bxf6 exf6 4.e3 Bg7 5.c4 0-0 6.Nc3 d6 7.Bd3 Nc6** [7...f5 8.Nge2 c5 9.0-0 Nc6 10.dxc5 dxc5 11.Nf4 a6 12.Be2 Qa5 13.Qb3 Rb8 14.Rfd1 Re8 15.g3 b5 16.cxb5 axb5 17.Nxb5 g5 18.Nd5 Be6 19.a4 f4 20.Rac1 fxe3 21.fxe3 Ne5 22.Rxc5 Lputian,S (2540)–Ehlvest,J (2480)/Lvov 1984/URS-ch/1-0 (55)] **8.a3** [8.Nf3 a6 9.a3 Bg4 10.h3 Bd7 11.g4 Re8 12.Rg1 f5 13.gxf5 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Bxd4 15.fxg6 fxg6 16.Bxg6 Bxc3+ 17.bxc3 hxg6 18.Rxg6+ Kf7 19.Qh5 Rf8 20.Rh6+ Ke7 21.Qg5+ Ke8 22.Qg6+ Rf7 Major,K–Wolodko,A/Ostroda 2006/CBM 113 ext/1-0 (52)] **8...Re8N** [8...Ne7 9.Nge2 Bf5 10.Ng3 Bxd3 11.Qxd3 f5 12.0-0 Bh6 13.Nge2 c6 14.b4 b6 15.Rfd1 d5 16.c5 Qc7 17.Rac1 f4 18.Nxf4 Bxf4 19.exf4 Qxf4 20.Ne2 Qg4 21.Ng3 f5 22.Re1 Rf7 23.Re5 Bulcourt,N (1770)–Aparisi Arnandis,B (1430)/Paris 2003/CBM 093 ext/0-1] **9.Nge2 a5 10.Qc2 f5 11.0-0-0 Qg5** [11...Bd7 12.h4=] **12.Kb1** [Fritz 11: \square 12.h4 Qd8 13.h5 a4 14.Kb1 Bd7 15.Nf4 Ne7 16.h6 Bf6 17.Be2 Bc6 18.Bf3 Bg5 19.d5 Bxf4 20.dxc6 1.15/16 ; 12.h4 Qd8± (12...Qxg2? 13.Nf4 Qf3 14.Ncd5+–)] **12...Qxg2** John goes up a P [12...Qd8 13.h4±] **13.Nf4± Qg5 14.Nfd5 Qd8 15.h4** [\square 15.Nb5 and if 15...Nxd4 16.Nxd4 during the game I somehow hallucinated that the N was somehow still on b5 after this recapture thus thinking c6 equalized for Black 16...c6 17.Nf4; 15.Nb5 Re7±] **15...Be6** [15...Ne7 16.h5=] **16.h5± Bxd4??** [\square 16...Ne7±] **17.exd4** [more accurate was 17.hxg6 fxg6 18.exd4 Nxd4 19.Qc1 Bxd5 20.Nxd5 Re6 21.Qf4 c5 22.Qh6 Re7 23.Nf6+ Kf7 24.Nxh7 Nf3 25.Qf4 Nd4 26.Qh6 3.14/16] **17...Nxd4** **18.Qd2 c6** [18...g5 19.Nxc7! Nf3+– (19...Qxc7?? 20.Qxg5+ Kf8 21.Rhe1+–)]



19.Qh6! cxd5 20.cxd5 [of course winning was 20.hxg6 fxg6 21.Qxh7+ Kf8 at this point in the calculation I thought well it would be nice to deflect the Bishop leaving me a clear-cut mating attack, so I decided to insert 20.cxd5. Not such a great idea as some tricky complications ensued. 22.Qxg6 Bf7 23.Rh8+ Ke7 24.Re1+ Kd7 25.Qxf7+ Qe7 26.Rxe7+ Rxe7 27.Bxf5+ Kc6 28.Qxd5+ Kc7 29.Rxa8 Re1+ 30.Ka2 Nxf5 31.Qxa5+ Kd7 32.Qxf5+ Re6 33.Ne4 18.24/16 ; 20.hxg6 fxg6 21.Qxh7+ Kf8 22.Qxg6 Bf7 23.Rh8+ Ke7 24.Re1+ Kd7 25.Qxf7+ Qe7 26.Rxe7+ Rxe7 27.Bxf5+ Kc6 28.Qxd5+ Kc7 29.Rxa8 Re1+ 30.Ka2 Nxf5 31.Qxf5 d5 32.Qf7+ Kc6 33.Qxd5+ Kc7 34.Nb5+ Kb6 35.Qd6#] **20...g5** this move caught me off guard. I knew I was still winning but now the ensuing complications require precise play and it chewed up my clock time. [20...Qf6 21.dxe6 Nxe6 22.hxg6 hxg6+–] **21.Rde1** erring right away [Fritz 11: \square 21.Rhg1 Nf3 22.Ne4 fxe4 23.Bxe4 f5 24.Bxf3 g4 25.dxe6 Kh8 26.Bxb7 Rb8 27.Bc6 Rf8 28.Rd2 Qe7 29.Qe3 Rfc8 30.Qd4+ Qg7

5.56/19 ; 21.Rhg1 f6 22.dxe6 Qe7+-] **21...Nf3??** [Black best chance was 21...Bd7! 22.Qxd6 f6 23.Rxe8+ Bxe8 24.Qc5 Ne6 25.dxe6 Qxd3+ 26.Ka1; \square 21...Bd7 22.Rxe8+ Bxe8=] **22.Re3** [even stronger was 22.dxe6 fxe6 (if 22...Nxe1 23.Bxf5 fxe6 24.Qxh7+ Kf8 25.Qh8+ Kf7 26.Bg6+ Ke7 27.Qg7# #4/5) 23.Rxe6 Qc7 24.Nd5 Nd2+ 25.Ka1 Rxe6 26.Qxe6+ Qf7 27.Nf6+ Kf8 28.Qxd6+ Kg7 29.h6+ Kh8 30.Rd1 Rf8 31.Nd5 Nf3 32.Be2 g4 33.Bxf3 gxf3 34.Rg1 4.66/17 ; \leq 22.dxe6 fxe6 23.Rxe6 Qd7 24.Rg6+ Kh8+- (24...hxg6?? 25.Bc4+ Re6 26.hxg6+-)] **22...Ne5** [22...Nd2+ 23.Ka1 Kh8+-] **23.Rg1** finally an accurate move [23.dxe6?? Rxe6 24.Qxe6 fxe6-] **23...f6** now I had to consider three tricky continuations 24. Rxe5, 24. Ne4 and 24. cxd6 I dismissed Rxe5 pretty quickly but struggled to decide between the other two moves. In the end I felt that 24. Ne4 trading off one minor piece diminished my attack and allowed Black to solidify his defense, so I figured cxd6 reacts to the downside of f6 (the threat to trap the White Queen with Re6 is gone) and has quite a few tactical motifs. **24.dxe6!** [24.Ne4 fxe4 25.Bxe4 Re7=; 24.Rxe5 dxe5 25.dxe6 Qxd3+ 26.Ka1 Rxe6 27.Rxg5+ fxg5 28.Qxe6+ Kf8 29.Qf6+ Kg8 30.Qe6+] **24...Nxd3** [24...Rxe6 25.Rxg5+; 24...Ng4 25.Rxg4 Qe7 26.Nd5; 24...Qe7 25.Nd5 Qg7 26.Nxf6+ Kh8 27.Qxg7+ Kxg7 28.Nxe8+ Rxe8 29.Rxg5+ Kh6 30.Rxf5 Nxd3 31.Rxd3 Rxe6 32.Re3 Rxe3 33.fxe3+-] **25.Rxd3** [with some time pressure I did not see that the same motif as 24. Ne4 but stronger in this case was available 25.Nd5 Nf4 26.Nxf6+ Qxf6 27.Qxf6 g4 28.Qxf5 Rf8 29.Qxg4+ Ng6 30.e7 Rxf2 31.hxg6 Re8 32.gxh7+ #15/17 ; 25.Nd5 Rf8 26.e7 Ne5 27.Nxf6+ Rxf6 28.Qxf6 h6 29.exd8R+ Rxd8 30.Qxd8+ Kg7 31.Rxe5 dxe5 32.Qe7+ Kg8 33.Rd1 a4 34.Rd8#] **25...Rxe6** a blunder that speeds his demise but Black lost in any case. . [Fritz 11: 2) 25...Qe7 26.Nd5 Qg7 27.Nxf6+ Kh8 28.Qxg7+ Kxg7 29.Nxe8+ Rxe8 30.Rxd6 g4 31.Rc1 Kf6 32.Rc7 Rxe6 33.Rxe6+ Kxe6 34.Rxb7 f4 35.Rxh7 g3 36.Rh6+ 6.89/18 ; Fritz 11: 1) 25...g4 26.Re1 Qe7 27.Nd5 Qg7 28.Nxf6+ Kh8 29.Qxg7+ Kxg7 30.Nxe8+ Rxe8 31.Rxd6 Re7 32.Re5 Kf6 33.Rxa5 h6 34.Ra7 Rxe6 35.Rxe6+ Kxe6 36.Rxb7 6.61/18 ; 25...Qe7 26.Nd5 Qg7 27.Nxf6+ Kh8 28.Qxg7+ Kxg7 29.Nxe8+ Rxe8 30.Rxd6 g4+-] **26.Rxg5+!! fxg5 27.Qxe6+ Kh8** ahh okay Fritz finds a mate in 13 starting with 28. h6 here! 28.Rxd6 Qf8 29.h6 Re8 30.Qf6+ Qxf6 31.Rxf6 f4 32.Rf5 Rg8 33.Ne4 Rg6 34.Rf8+ Rg8 35.Rxg8+ Kxg8 36.Nxg5 b5 37.Kc2 Kh8 38.Kc3 Kg8 39.b4 a4 40.Kd4 Kh8 41.Kc5 Kg8 42.Kxb5 Kf8 43.Kc6 Ke7 44.b5 f3 45.b6 Kf6 46.Nxh7+ Kf7 47.b7 Ke7 48.b8Q Kf7 49.Qd6 Kg8 50.Ng5 Kh8 51.Qf8# 1-0

SCC Jack Frost Swiss – First Tournament of 2011 !

The first swiss of the New Year began on Thursday, January 6, 2011.- the Jack Frost Swiss. It is 7 rounds: January 6, 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, 2011.

The registration for this tournament is:

2000+ Section – 21
U 2000 Section – 32
U 1700 Section – 38

(NOTE: members have the right to play up a section if within 100 points of the higher section rating floor)

This total of 91 is right in line with the attendance in our first two tournaments of this season, in 2010 (Howard Ridout – 91 players; Falling Leaves Swiss – 92 players). Also, we have found that we often pick up a number of new and returning players as the tournament progresses, so the registration is expected to rise somewhat. Also, the new rule for qualification for the top round-robin section of the upcoming SCC Club Championship is that 10 SCC games must have been played since Sept. 1, 2010 – so a few top players may still show up to make sure they make the activity cut-off.

After 2 rounds, the following have 2 pts.:

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U 1700 section – Junior Derick Aghamalian; Junior Eric Song; Carl Veecock

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- a) Capablanca
- b) Lasker**
- c) Reinfeld
- d) Pandolfini



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