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### **3-Way Tie in Aeroflot Open A, Moscow**

This large and strong 9 round swiss was held from Feb. 7 – 16. It featured a super prize fund of 125 000 euros. Top seeded and favorite for the first prize of 20 000 euros was USA Champion, GM Gata Kamsky, led the list of participants in Aeroflot A. However, he was going to have strong competition – here are the top 15 seeds:

Rk	Name	Ti	FED	Elo	FIDE	Id
1	Kamsky, Gata	GM	USA	2730	2000024	
2	Movsesian, Sergei	GM	ARM	2721	310204	
3	Jakovenko, Dmitry	GM	RUS	2718	4122356	
4	Vachier-Lagrave, Maxime	GM	FRA	2715	623539	
5	Vitiugov, Nikita	GM	RUS	2709	4152956	
6	Tomashevsky, Evgeny	GM	RUS	2695	4147235	
7	Sutovsky, Emil	GM	ISR	2695	2802007	
8	Bologan, Viktor	GM	MDA	2693	13900048	
9	Riazantsev, Alexander	GM	RUS	2689	4125029	
10	Andreikin, Dmitry	GM	RUS	2689	4158814	
11	Motylev, Alexander	GM	RUS	2687	4121830	
12	Timofeev, Artyom	GM	RUS	2681	4140419	
13	Kasimdzhanov, Rustam	GM	UZB	2681	14200244	
14	Volokitin, Andrei	GM	UKR	2678	14107090	
15	So, Wesley	GM	PHL	2673	5202213	

There were 86 players, with 69 players above 2550 ELO, and 75 GM's. The bonus first prize ( in addition to the hefty prize fund ): automatic entry to the Dortmund super-tournament in July.

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There was a 3-way tie for first: Le, Vitiugov and Tomashevsky. Le Quang Liem won on tiebreak, making this the second year in a row that he has won the prestigious Moscow event, and entry into Dortmund..

The final standings at the top were:

Rank	Name	Flags	Score	Fed.	M/F	Rating	TPR	W-We	Col.	Bal.	Rat-Hi	Lo	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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1	GM <b>Le, Quang Liem</b>	6.5	VIE	M	2664	2809	+1.73	-1	2649.4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1/2
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2	GM <b>Vitiugov, Nikita</b>	6.5	RUS	M	2709	2803	+1.11	-1	2638.6	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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3 GM **Tomashevsky, Evgeny** 6.5 RUS M 2695 2797 +1.22 1 2630.6 ½ 1 1 1 ½ ½  
½ ½ 1



4 GM Khismatullin, Denis 6.0 RUS M 2649 2779 +1.57 -1 2660.3 1 ½ ½ ½ ½ 1 1 ½ ½  
½

5 GM Yu, Yangyi j 6.0 CHN M 2607 2762 +1.87 -1 2644.1 ½ ½ 0 1 1 1 1 ½ ½

6 GM Kamsky, Gata 6.0 USA M 2730 2756 +0.28 -1 2631.1 1 ½ 1 0 ½ 0 1 1 1

7 GM Rodshtein, Maxim 6.0 ISR M 2625 2734 +1.32 1 2614.7 ½ 1 0 1 ½ ½ 1 1 ½

8 GM Kasimdzhanov, Rustam 6.0 UZB M 2681 2727 +0.56 1 2607.0 1 ½ 1 ½ 1 ½ ½  
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9 GM Mamedov, Rauf 6.0 AZE M 2660 2720 +0.74 1 2597.4 1 ½ 1 ½ ½ ½ 1 ½ ½

10 GM Cheparinov, Ivan 6.0 BUL M 2665 2716 +0.62 1 2587.0 1 ½ 0 1 ½ 1 1 1 0

In Rd. 1, Kamsky



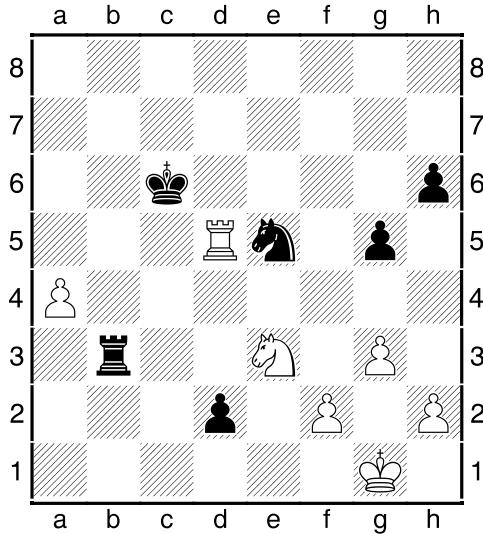
won, to join the pack in the lead. He defeated GM Eduardo Iturriaga ( Venezuela ) by eventually queening a pawn. Here is the game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### Iturriaga, E (2611) – Kamsky, G (2730) [A15]

Aeroflot Open A Moscow RUS (1), 08.02.2011

[Armstrong Robert]

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 d5 4.e3 g6?± [4...e6 5.Be2 Bd6=] 5.d4 Bg7 6.Be2 0-0 7.0-0 a6 8.a4 a5 9.Qb3 e6 10.Bd2 Ne4 11.Be1 Nd6 12.c5 Nf5 13.Rd1 Nd7 [13...Na6 14.Kh1 h6±] 14.e4 Ne7 15.Bd2 b6 16.cxb6 Qxb6 17.Qxb6?!= [17.Qc2 Rb8 18.Rfe1 Re8±] 17...Nxb6 18.b3 [18.e5 Ba6 19.Bg5 Rfe8=] 18...Ba6 19.Bxa6 Rxa6 20.Bf4 [20.Rfe1 Rb8 21.Rb1 (21.Ne5?! Bxe5 22.dxe5 Nd7±) 21...Rb7=] 20...Rd8 21.Rc1 h6 [21...dxe4 22.Nxe4 Nbd5=] 22.Bc7 Rd7 23.Be5 f6 24.Bg3 [24.Bf4 Nbc8 25.Rfe1 Rb6=] 24...Rb7 [24...Nbc8 25.Rfe1 Rb6=] 25.Rfe1 Kf7 26.Nd2 g5 [26...h5 27.f4 (27.Rb1?! Bh6±) 27...Nd7=] 27.Bd6 [27.Ne2 Nd7 28.f3 e5=] 27...f5 28.exd5 Nbd5 29.Bc5?± for the first time in the game, Kamsky gets the advantage [29.Ne2 Ng6 30.Rc5 Rd7=] 29...Nf4 30.Re3?± [30.Nc4 Rxb3 31.Re3 Rb4±] 30...Ned5 31.Nxd5 cxd5 32.g3 [32.Rcc3 Ng6 33.h3 Rc6±; 32.Nf3 Rxb3 33.Rxb3 Ne2+ 34.Kf1 Nxc1±] 32...Ng6 33.Nb1 [33.Rec3 Nf8 34.Rd3 Nd7±] 33...Rc6 34.Rec3 e5 35.Na3?+ Kamsky gets a " winning " advantage [35.h3 h5 36.Kf1 h4±] 35...exd4 36.Bxd4 Rxc3 37.Bxc3 Bxc3?± [37...Rxb3 38.Bxg7 Kxg7 39.Rc7+ Kf8 40.Nb5 Rb4-+] 38.Rxc3 d4 39.Rc5 Rxb3 Kamsky goes up a P 40.Nc2 d3 41.Rxf5+ material equality, but Kamsky has the passed P on the 3rd rank 41...Ke7?± Kamsky is losing his advantage [41...Ke8 42.Ne3 Ne7±] 42.Ne3 Ke6 43.Rxa5?+ Kamsky gets back a " winning " advantage, though Iturriaga goes up a p [43.Rd5 g4] 43...d2 44.Ra6+ Kd7?± [44...Ke7] 45.Ra7+?+ -1.63 [45.Nd1 Rb1 46.Kf1 Rxd1+ 47.Ke2 Ra1 48.Kxd2 Ra2±] 45...Kc8 46.Ra8+ Kc7 47.Ra7+ Kb6 48.Rd7 Ne5 49.Rd5 Kc6



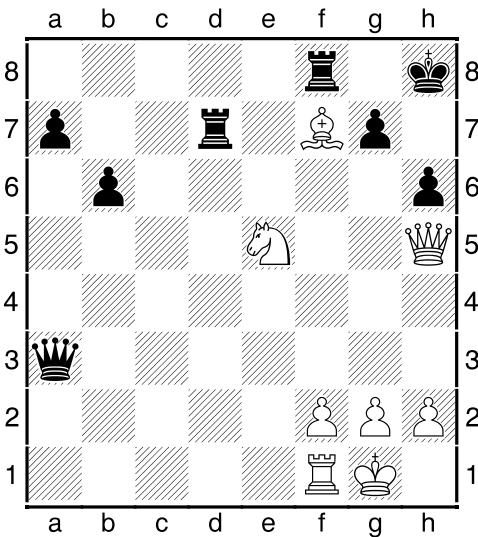
50.Rxe5?+ - 3.88 [50.Kf1 Rxe3 51.Rxd2 Ra3+ - 2.09] 50...Rxe3 51.Rxe3 d1Q+ Kamsky is up Q vs R + 2 P's 52.Kg2 Kd6 53.h3 h5 54.Re8 Qxa4 55.Re1 Kd5 56.Re3 Kd4 57.Re1 Qc6+ 58.Kg1 Qc3 59.Re7 Qb4 60.Re3 Qb1+ 61.Kg2 Qb7+ 62.Kg1 Qc8 63.Kg2 Qc6+ 64.Kh2 Qc1+ - 4.52 0-1

In Rd. 2, Vietnamese top player, Quang Liem Le put pressure around Xiu's K, and ended up forcing a sac, to go up an N vs P. He went on to win the ending, being up a couple of P's. This left him as one of the 2 co-leaders after 2 rounds. Here is the game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### (15) Le, Quang Liem (2664) – Xiu, Deshun (2508) [D38]

Aeroflot Open A Moscow RUS (2), 09.02.2011

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 h6?!= [5...dxc4 6.e4 c5=] 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.e3 0-0 8.Be2 dxc4 9.0-0 Qe7 10.Bxc4 c5 11.a3 cxd4 [11...Ba5 12.Qa4 Bd7±] 12.exd4 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Qc7 14.Qe2 Nd7 15.Rad1 b6 16.d5 exd5 17.Bxd5 Rb8 18.Qe7 Qxc3?!= Le gets a " clear " advantage [18...Ba6 19.Rfe1 Rbc8±] 19.Be4 Qc5 [19...a5 20.Rfe1 Qc5±] 20.Rxd7 Bxd7 21.Qxd7 Qxa3 Le has B + N vs R + 2 connected, passed P's 22.Bd5?!= [22.Ne5 Qb2 23.Qf5 g6±] 22...Rbd8?+– missing a little tactic; Le gets a " winning " advantage [22...Qc3 23.Qxa7 Rbd8±] 23.Bxf7+! Le is up B + N vs R + P 23...Kh8 2.13 [23...Rxf7? 24.Qxd8++– 2.67] 24.Qb7 1.73 [24.Qf5 Qd3 25.Qxd3 Rxd3+– 2.11] 24...Rb8 25.Qd5 Rbd8 26.Qh5 Rd7 27.Ne5



Rdxf7 2.52 best to sac the exchange early [27...Rdd8? 28.Qg4 Qc5 3.79] 28.Nxf7+ Le is up N vs P 28...Kg8 29.Ne5 Qc5 30.h3 b5 31.Qe2 Re8 32.Qa2+ Kh7 33.Nd7 Qf5 34.Qxa7 Le is up an N 34...b4 35.Qd4 Rd8 36.Rd1 Kh8 37.g4 Qc2 38.Re1 b3 39.Nf6! Qc7 [39...Rxd4?? 40.Re8#] 40.Qe3?+– 2.32 [40.Qb2 Qc2 41.Qe5 Qg6+– 3.23] 40...Qc6 41.Nh5 b2?+– 4.59 [41...Qb7 42.Rb1 b2 43.Qe2 Rb8+– 3.23] 42.Qe5 [42.Nxg7! Qg6 (42...Kxg7?? 43.Qe7+ Kg6 44.Qxd8 Qc1 19.31) 43.Nf5 Qf6+– 5.80] 42...Qb7 43.Rb1 Rd2 44.Qc3 Rd5 45.Qxg7?+– 2.45 an unsound sac of the N, but a practical way to get to a win with a reduction of opposition forces and having the extra P's [45.Qf3 Rb5 46.Qxb7 Rxb7+– 3.02] 45...Qxg7 46.Nxg7+– 2.89 1-0

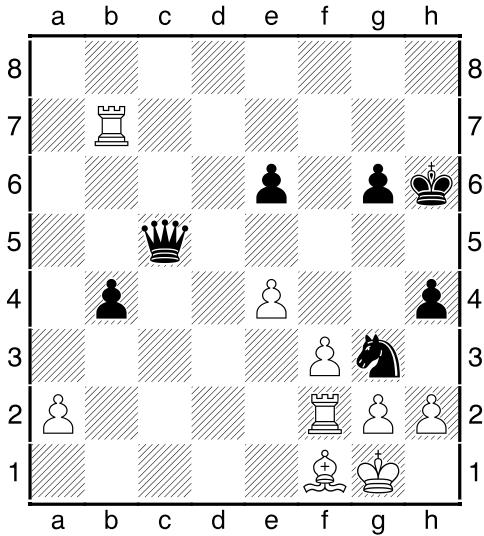
In Rd. 3, on Bd. 1, the co-leader, Le, finished off Lenic with a nice sac at the end – 42...Nh1! This left Le alone in first. Here is the game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### Lenic, Luka (2613) – Le, Quang Liem (2664) [B38]

Aeroflot Open A Moscow RUS (3), 10.02.2011

1.Nf3 g6± [1...Nf6=] 2.c4 Bg7 3.e4?!= [3.d4 d6 4.e3 Nf6=] 3...c5?!= [3...Nf6 4.Nc3 c5=] 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Be2 d6 9.0-0 Bd7 10.Rc1 Nxd4?!= Lenic gets a " clear " advantage [10...Ne5 11.f3 Re8±] 11.Bxd4 Bc6 12.f3 Nd7 13.Be3?!= [13.b4 Bxd4+ 14.Qxd4 Qb6±] 13...a5 14.b3?!= [14.Bd4 Bh6 15.Ra1 e6±] 14...Nc5?!= [14...f5 15.exf5 gxf5=] 15.Qd2 Qb6 16.Nb5?!= [16.Nd5 Qd8 17.Rcd1 Re8±] 16...Rfc8?!= [16...f5 17.exf5 gxf5=] 17.Kh1?!= [17.Rcd1 Be8 18.Qe1 Qd8±] 17...Qd8 18.Nd4 Bd7 19.Rfd1 h5?!= [19...Qf8 20.Nb5 Kh8=] 20.Bf1 Kh7

[20...h4 21.Ne2 Rab8±] 21.Ne2 Bc6 22.Nf4 Bh6 23.Qf2 Qh8 24.Rc2 Qf6 25.Nd5 Bxd5 26.Rxd5?!= [26.exd5 Bxe3 27.Qxe3 Qe5±] 26...Bxe3?!± [26...Nxe4! 27.fxe4 Bxe3 28.Qxf6 exf6 29.Rxd6 Kg7= material equality] 27.Qxe3 Qa1?!± [27...Ne6 28.Kg1 Qf4±] 28.Kg1 Nd7 29.Qg5?!± [29.Qd2 a4 30.Rc1 Qf6±] 29...Nf6 30.Rxa5 Lenic goes up a P 30...Qd4+ 31.Rf2 Rc5 32.Qxc5 Lenic must sac his Q for the 2 R's 32...dxc5 33.Rxa8 Lenic is up 2 R's + P vs Q 33...h4 34.b4?± For the first time in the game, Le gets the advantage, a " clear " advantage [34.g4 hxg3 35.hxg3 Nh5±] 34...cxb4 [34...Nh5 35.Ra3 cxb4 36.Rb3 Kg7±] 35.Ra5 Nh5?!± [35...e6 36.g4 (36.g3?! Nh5-+) 36...Nd7±] 36.Rd5 Qe3 37.Rd3 Qa7 38.Rd5 Ng3! 39.c5 e6 40.Rd7?+ Le gets a " winning " advantage [40.Rdd2 Qa3 41.Rc2 Qe3±] 40...Qxc5 41.Rxf7+??-+ – 3.68 this R can no longer protect the pinned R – a problem [41.Rdd2 Qb6 42.Bc4 Qe3-+ – 1.56] 41...Kh6 42.Rxb7??-+ – 8.20 [42.Bd3 Nh1! 43.Kxh1 Qxf2-+ – 4.68]



42...Nh1!-+ – 7.95 Nice sac to finish – wins a R 0-1

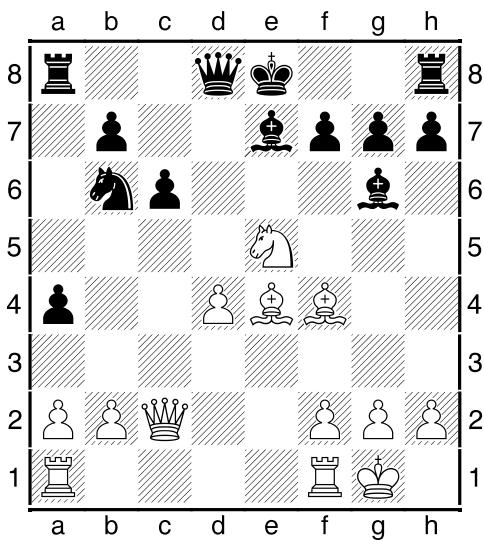
In Rd. 4, Le maintained his sole possession of first place with a win over the top seed, Kamsky, 2<sup>nd</sup> highest rated player in the Americas, and current USA Champion. He produced a very nice B-sac, that allowed an attack on Kamsky's Q, leading to an exchange of Q's and a recovery of the minor piece – result – Le went up 2 P's, and won. Here is the game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### Le, Quang Liem (2664) – Kamsky, Gata (2730) [D11]

Aeroflot Open A Moscow RUS (4), 11.02.2011

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Qb3 e6 5.Nc3 Nbd7 6.Bf4 a5?!± [6...dxc4 7.Qxc4 Nb6=] 7.cxd5?!= [7.c5 Nh5 8.Bc5 Nxe5 9.Nxe5 Nf4±] 7...exd5?!± [7...Nxd5 8.Bg5 Be7=] 8.e3 Nb6 9.Bd3 Bg4 10.Ne5 Bh5 [10...a4 11.Qc2 Bd6±] 11.0-0 a4 12.Qc2 Bg6 13.e4 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Bxe4 Be7?+– Kamsky misses a devastating sac; Le gets an early " clear " advantage [15...Bxe4 16.Qxe4 Qd5±]

Position after 15...Be7?



**16.Bxc6+!** a nice sac, leading to an attack on Kamsky's Q **16...bxc6 17.Qxc6+** Kamsky is up B vs 2 P's **17...Nd7 18.Nxg6 hxg6 19.Rfe1 0-0 20.Bc7 Nb8** [20...Qe8 21.Bd6 Ne5 22.Qxe8 Rfxe8 23.dxe5 Rad8+-] **21.Bxd8 Nxc6 22.Bxe7** Le is up 2 P's **22...Nxe7** 1.69 Le gets a " winning " advantage [22...Rfb8 23.Bc5 Rxb2 24.d5 Nb4 25.d6 Rd8+- 1.73 Le would be u a Passed P] **23.Rxe7 Rfd8 24.Rd1 a3 25.b3 Rac8 26.Kf1 Rd5 27.Rd2+-** 2.46 1-0

In Rd. 5 Kasimdzhanov



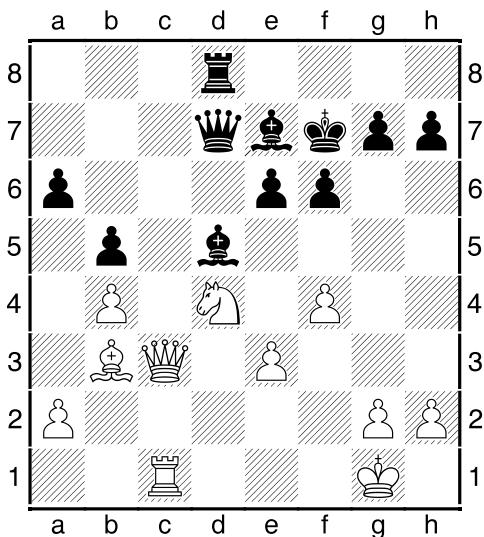
defeated Bukavshin to move into a tie for second. Here is the game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### Kasimdzhanov, Rustam (2681) – Bukavshin, Ivan (2458) [D45]

Aeroflot Open A Moscow RUS (5), 12.02.2011

[Armstrong, Robert]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Qc2 Bd6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 dxc4 9.Bxc4 b5?!± [9...e5 10.Bb3 Qe7=] 10.Be2 a6 11.Rd1 Qc7 12.Ne4 Nxe4 13.Qxe4 Be7 [13...c5 14.Qh4 Bb7=] 14.Bd2 Bb7 15.Rac1 [15.Bd3 g6 16.Rac1 c5±] 15...c5 16.Qb1 Qb6 17.dxc5 Nxc5 18.Bc3 Be4 19.Qa1 f6 20.b4 Na4 21.Rd7 Nxc3 22.Qxc3 Ra7 23.Rxa7 Qxa7 24.Nd4 Qd7 25.Bd1 Bd5 26.Bb3 Kf7 27.f4 Rd8?!± Kasimdzhanov gets a " clear " advantage [27...g6 28.a3 Bxb3 29.Nxb3 Qd5±]



28.f5! nice sac 28...exf5 Bukavshin goes up a P 29.Nc6 Bxb3 30.Qxb3+ Kg6 31.Nxd8 Bxd8 Kasimdzhanov is up the exchange, but Bukavshin has a P compensation 32.Rd1 Qe8 [32...Qe7 33.Rd5 Bb6±] 33.Rd5 Bb6 34.Qd3 Kh6?!+– Kasimdzhanov gets a " winning " advantage [34...Qxe3+ 35.Qxe3 Bxe3+ 36.Kh1 Bf4±] 35.Rxf5 Bxe3+ [35...Qxe3+ 36.Qxe3+ Bxe3+ 37.Kf1 Kg6+– (37...Bd2 38.a3 Bc3+–) ] 36.Kf1 Bg5 37.Rf3 g6 38.h4?+– 1.44 [38.Qd4 Qe5 39.Qxe5 fxe5+– 2.42] 38...Bxh4 Kasimdzhanov is up the exchange, but Bukavshin has 2 P's compensation 39.Qe3+ Qxe3 40.Rxe3 Bg5 41.Re6 Bd2 42.Rxa6 Bxb4 43.Rb6+– 2.54 1-0

In Rd. 8 Cheparinov ( Bulgaria – often a second of Topalov )

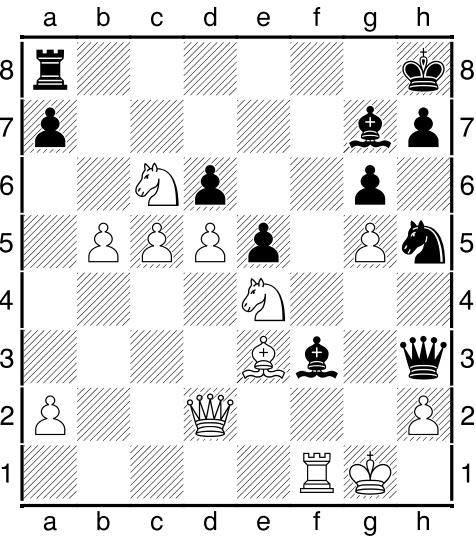


met the leader Le, and defeated him, jumping into a tie with him for first place. Cheparinov was losing, but developing a counter-attack. Le sacked the exchange, soundly, getting a P, to relieve the pressure. But then the advantage slowly shifted to Cheparinov. Here is the game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### Le, Quang Liem (2664) – Cheparinov, Ivan (2665) [E99]

Aeroflot Open A Moscow RUS (8), 15.02.2011

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6± [2...e6=] 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 King's Indian Defence 5.d4 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 [8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Bg5 Qxd1 10.Rfxd1 Bg4±] 8...Ne7 9.Ne1 Nd7 10.f3 f5 11.g4?± [11.Be3 h6 12.Qd2 f4 13.Bf2 a5±] 11...Nf6?!= [11...f4 12.Nd3 g5±] 12.Nd3 c6?!= [12...f4 13.g5 Nd7=] 13.Be3 Kh8 [13...h6? 14.dxc6 bxc6 (14...Nxc6?!=) 15.gxf5 gxf5±; 13...f4 14.Bf2 g5±] 14.Kh1 [14.g5 Nd7 15.Qb3 b6±] 14...b5 15.g5 Nh5 16.Nb4 c5 17.Nc6 Qd7 18.cxb5 fxe4 19.Nxe4 Le goes up a P 19...Nf5 20.Qd2?!= [20.Bd2 a6 21.bxa6 Bxa6 22.Bxa6 Rxa6±] 20...Nd4?± Le gets a " clear " advantage [20...a6 21.a4 Nhg3+! 22.hxg3 Nxg3+ 23.Kg1 Qh3 24.Nxg3 Qxg3+ 25.Kh1 Qh4+ 26.Kg1 Qg3+=] 21.b4 Qh3 22.Kg1 Nxf3+?!= material equality, but Le gets a " winning " advantage [22...Nf4 23.Bxf4 Rxf4 24.bxc5 dxc5 25.Nxc5 Qh5±] 23.Bxf3 Rxf3! Cheparinov is desperately trying to develop an attack, given his losing position 24.Rae1?!= Le has lost his advantage [24.Rxf3 Qxf3 25.Nxd6 Bh3+- Le would have a winning game, up a P] 24...Bg4 25.bxc5 Le goes up a P again 25...Rxf1+ 26.Rxf1 Bf3



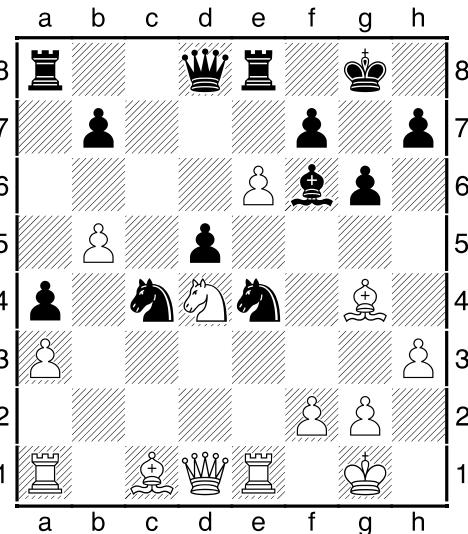
27.Rxf3! Le removes some of the pressure with an exchange sac [27.Nxd6? Rf8 28.Nd8! Qg4+ 29.Kf2 Bxd5+ 30.Ke1 Rxf1+ 31.Kxf1 Qf3+ 32.Ke1 Nf4-+] 27...Qxf3 Cheparinov is up the exchange, but Le has a P compensation 28.Nf2 Qf5 29.cxd6 Le is down the exchange, but now has 2 P's compensation 29...Nf4 30.Bxf4?!= Cheparinov finally gets back the advantage [30.h4 Rf8 31.Kh2 Qd7=] 30...exf4 31.Qd3?+ Cheparinov gets a " winning " advantage [31.Kf1 f3 32.d7 Qxd7±] 31...Qxg5+ Cheparinov is up the exchange, and Le has a P compensation 32.Kf1 f3! Cheparinov sacks a P to open lines to the W K 33.Qxf3 Le again has 2 P's compensation for being down the exchange 33...Rf8 34.Qd3 Qf4 35.Qg3 Qc4+ 36.Kg1 Qxd5 – 1.62 Cheparinov is up the exchange, with Le having a P compensation [36...Qxb5 37.d7 Qb1+ 38.Kg2 Qxa2+- 2.28] 37.a4 Bd4 38.Nxd4 Qxd4 39.a5 Rf6 40.b6 – 2.42 [40.d7 Kg7 41.d8Q Qxd8+- 2.30] 40...axb6 Cheparinov is up the exchange 41.a6 Kg7 42.a7 Qa1+ 43.Kg2 Qxa7 Cheparinov is up the exchange + P 44.Qe5?+ – 5.35 [44.Qe3 Rxd6 45.Ne4 Qb7+- 3.39] 44...Qd7?+ – 4.14 [44...Qa2 45.Qd4 Qxf2+ 46.Qxf2 Rxf2+ 47.Kxf2 Kf7+- 6.24] 45.Ne4 Qg4+ – 4.48 0-1

In Rd. 9, Vitiugov knocked Cheparinov out of the lead with a nice win when Cheparinov blundered into an N-fork ( don't see that often ). This allowed Vitiugov to go into a 3-way tie for first. Here is the game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### Cheparinov, I (2665) – Vitiugov, N (2709) [E11]

Aeroflot Open A Moscow RUS (9), 16.02.2011

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Nbd2 0-0 5.a3 Be7 6.e4 d5?!± [6...d6 7.Be2 c5=] 7.e5 Nfd7 [7...Nh5 8.Nb1 f6±] 8.b4?!= [8.Bd3 c5 9.0-0 Nc6±] 8...a5?!± [8...f6 9.Qc2 fxe5 10.dxe5 a5=] 9.b5 c5 10.cxd5?!= [10.bxc6 Nxc6 11.Rb1 Qc7±] 10...exd5 11.Bd3 cxd4 [11...c4 12.Bc2 f6 13.0-0 fxe5 14.dxe5 Nc5=] 12.Nb3 [12.Qc2 Kh8 13.Nb3 a4=] 12...a4 [12...Qc7 13.0-0 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Qxe5 15.Re1 Qd6=] 13.Nbxd4 Nc5 14.Bc2 Nbd7 [14...f6 15.0-0 Nbd7=] 15.0-0 [15.Nf5 Nxe5! 16.Nxe5 Bxf5 17.Bxf5 Bd6 18.Ng4 Nb3 19.Ra2 Re8+ 20.Kf1 d4=] 15...Nb6?!± [15...f6 16.Nf5 Nxe5 17.Qxd5+! Be6=] 16.Re1 Re8 17.h3?!= [17.Bf4 Nc4 18.Nd2 (18.Qb1?! h6=) 18...Qa5±; 17.Rb1?! Ne4 18.Bb2 Nc4=] 17...Bd7?!± [17...Nc4 18.Nd2 Bf8=] 18.Nf5?!= [18.Rb1 g6 19.Bd2 Nc4±] 18...Bxf5 19.Bxf5 Nc4 20.Nd4?± Vitiugov gets a " clear " advantage [20.Rb1 g6 21.Bc2 Bf8=] 20...g6 21.Bg4 [21.Bc2 Ne4 22.Nf3 f5±] 21...Ne4 22.e6 Bf6



23.Ra2??-+ a GM blunder; falling into an N-fork; there is no combination compensation for this; Vitiugov gets a " winning " advantage [23.exf7+ Kxf7 24.Be3 Qd6?±] 23...Nc3 24.Qf3 Nxa2 Vitiugov is up a R 25.exf7+ Kxf7 26.Ne6 Rxe6??-+ – 1.54 this exchange sac is slightly premature [26...Qa5 27.Ng5+ Kg7 28.Ne6+ Rxe6! 29.Rxe6 Qc3-+ – 4.23 Vitiugov would be up the exchange] 27.Bxe6+ Vitiugov is up an N 27...Kg7 28.Bxd5 Vitiugov is up N vs P 28...Ne5 29.Rxe5! Nxc1 [29...Bxe5?! 30.Bxa2 Qe7?±] 30.Re3 Rc8 31.Bxb7 Vitiugov is up N vs 2 P's – Cheparinov is trying to come back 31...Rc5 32.Bc6 Rf5 33.Qg4 Qd2 34.Bf3 Re5?-+ – 2.35 [34...Bd4 35.Qe4 Bxe3 36.Qe7+ Kh6 37.Qxe3+ Qxe3 38.fxe3 Rxb5+ – 5.48] 35.Be4?-+ – 7.19 [35.Rxe5 Bxe5 36.Qe4 Nd3-+ – 2.55] 35...Rg5?-+ – 3.41 [35...Bg5 36.Qg3 Qd4-+ – 8.06] 36.Qf3 Rxb5 Vitiugov is up N vs P 37.g3 Re5? – 3.13 [37...Bg5 38.Bd3 Nxd3 39.Rxd3 Qe1+ 40.Kg2 Rb1-+ – 5.79] 38.Kg2 Re7 39.Bc6 Rxe3 40.Qxe3 Qxe3 41.fxe3 Be7 42.Bxa4 Bxa3 43.Bc2 Ne2 44.Kf3 Nc3 45.h4 Bd6 46.Bb3 Kf6 47.Bg8 h6 48.Bb3 Nb5 49.Bc4 Nc7 50.Bb3 Ne6 51.Bc4 Ng7 52.g4 Ke5 – 2.19 0-1

Two Canadian GM's played in this top section:

1. GM **Mark Bluvshtein**, top FIDE-rated Canadian ( playing for Canada ), with a 2590

rating. He is ranked # 53 ( out of 87 ).



2. GM Thomas Roussel-Roozmon, rated 2500, and ranked # 79.



Mark finished with 50% ( 4.5/9 pts. ) and ranked # 53/86, equal to his starting rank. Thomas finished with 38% ( 2.5/9 pts. ) and ranked # 82/86, where he was initially ranked # 79.

In Rd. 1 Mark played the # 10 seed, young Russian GM Dmitry Andreikin.

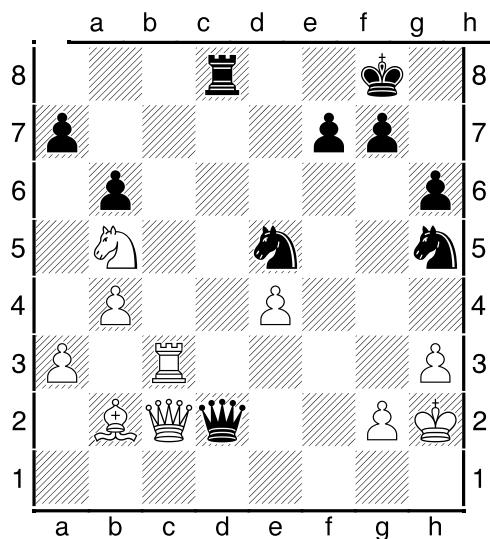


Mark held his own for a long while, but then ran into a very nicely built up attack. Here is the game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### Bluvshtein, M (2590) – Andreikin, D (2689) [E46]

Aeroflot Open A Moscow RUS (1), 08.02.2011

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Nge2 d5 6.a3 Be7 7.Ng3 [7.cxd5 exd5 8.Ng3 c5=] 7...c5 8.dxc5 dxc4 9.Qc2 Qa5 10.Bxc4 Qxc5 11.Bd3 Nbd7 12.0-0 Ne5 13.Be2 b6 14.f4 Ng6 15.b4 Qc7 16.Bb2 Bb7± Mark gets the advantage first [16...a5 17.Qb3 axb4 18.Nb5 Qb8 19.axb4 Rxa1 20.Rxa1 Bb7=] 17.Rac1 Rac8 18.Qb3?!= [18.Bd3 Rfd8 19.Qe2 Qd7±] 18...Qb8 19.f5 exf5 20.Nxf5 Bd6 21.Nxd6 Qxd6 22.Rf2?!± for the first time in the game, Dmitry gets the advantage [22.Rcd1 Qe5 23.e4 Nxe4 24.Nxe4 Qxe4 25.Rf2 Qc2=] 22...Qe7 23.Bf3 Bxf3 24.Rxf3 Rfd8?!= [24...Ne5 25.Rg3 Qe6±] 25.Rcf1 Rd3 26.e4 Rxf3 27.Rxf3?± Dmitry gets a " clear " advantage [27.gxf3 Nh5 28.Nd5 Qg5+ 29.Kh1 Qh4=] 27...Ne5 28.Rg3 [28.Rf1 Nc4 29.Nd5 Nxd5 30.exd5 Qe3+ 31.Qxe3 Nxe3±] 28...Qd6 29.Nb5?!+ Dmitry gets a " winning " advantage [29.h3 Nd3 30.Ne2 Nxb2 31.Qxb2 Rc4±] 29...Qd2?± Dmitry is losing his advantage [29...Qd7 30.Nd4 Nxe4 31.Qe3 Qd5-+] 30.h3 Nh5 31.Rc3?-+ [31.Bxe5 Rc1+ 32.Kh2 Qe1 33.Rxg7+ Nxg7 34.Qf3 h5±] 31...Rd8 32.Kh2 h6 33.Qc2??-+ – 12.14 Mark blunders his Q ( time pressure? ) [33.Nd4 Rxd4 34.Rc8+ Kh7 35.Bxd4 Qxd4-+ – 3.12]



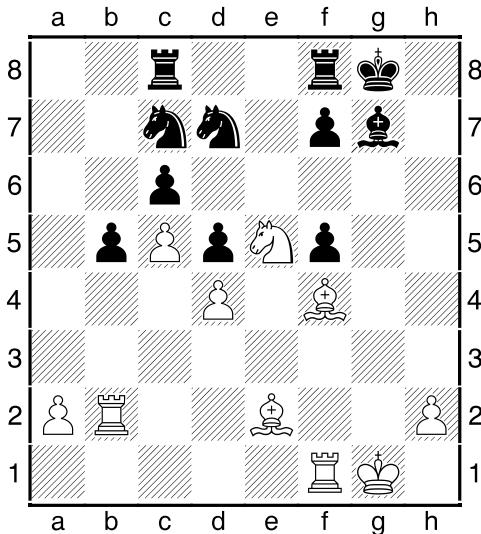
33...Nf3+! Mark resigned. He must sac his Q to prevent mate 34.Rxf3 [34.Kh1?? Ng3# (34...Qe1#; 34...Qd1+ 35.Qxd1 Rxd1#) ] 34...Qxc2+- – 16.30 0-1

In Rd. 3, Thomas had a winning game, and blundered the exchange, and then salvaged a draw by repetition. Here is the game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### Roussel-Roozmon, Thomas (2500) – Maletin, Pavel (2621) [D12]

Aeroflot Open A Moscow RUS (3), 10.02.2011

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.d4 d5 4.e3 Bf5 [4...e6=] 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nh4 Bg6 7.Be2 Nbd7 8.0-0 Bd6 9.g3?!± [9.Qb3 Qb6 10.Nxg6 hxg6=] 9...0-0?!= [9...dxc4 10.Bxc4 Qe7±] 10.Nxg6 hxg6 11.Qb3 Rb8 [11...Qb6 12.Qxb6 axb6=] 12.Rd1 b5 13.c5 Be7 14.f4?!± [14.f3 b4 15.Nb1 Re8=] 14...Ne8?!= [14...b4 15.Nb1 Ne4±] 15.Qc2 [15.Bf3 Ndf6 16.g4 Nc7=] 15...a5?!± for the first time in the game, Thomas gets the advantage [15...Ndf6 16.e4 b4 17.e5 bxc3 18.exf6 Nxf6 19.bxc3 Kh7=] 16.g4?!= [16.e4 dxe4 17.Qxe4 Rc8±] 16...g5?!± [16...b4 17.Nb1 Nc7=] 17.Rf1?!= [17.Bd3 b4 18.Ne2 Nc7±] 17...Bf6 18.Qd3 Nc7 19.Nb1 [19.Bf3 gxf4 20.exf4 g6=; 19.a4 bxa4 20.Rxa4 (20.Bd1?! gxf4 21.exf4 (21.Bc2?! g6 22.Bxa4 e5±) 21...Rb4±) 20...Rb4=] 19...a4?!± [19...Na6 20.a3 Qc7=] 20.Nd2 a3?!± Thomas gets a " clear " advantage [20...Na6 21.Nf3 Ra8±] 21.Rb1?!± [21.b4 Ra8 22.Nf3 Ra7±] 21...axb2 22.Rxb2 g6 23.Nf3 gxf4 24.exf4 Bg7?!± [24...Ra8 25.Ne5 Ra6±] 25.f5?!± [25.Ne5 Nxe5 26.fxe5 f6±] 25...exf5 26.gxf5 Qf6 27.Bf4?!= [27.Kh1 Rbe8 28.fxg6 fxg6±] 27...Rbc8?!± [27...Nxc5! 28.Qe3 (28.dxc5?! Qxb2 29.Bxc7 Ra8±) 28...Rbe8=] 28.Ne5?!= [28.Bd6 Rfe8 29.fxg6 Qxg6+ 30.Qxg6 fxg6±] 28...Qxf5?+– Thomas gets a " winning " advantage [28...g5 29.Rb4 Nxc5 30.dxc5 gxf4=; 28...Rcd8?? 29.Qg3 Nxc5 30.Bg5 Ne4 31.Bxf6 Nxe3 32.Bxd8 Nxe2+ 33.Rxe2 Rxd8+–] 29.Qxf5 gxf5



30.Nxd7??± Thomas blunders away his win; Pavel gets a " clear " advantage [30.Nxc6 Nxc5 31.Rc2 N5e6 32.Ne7+ Kh7 33.Nxc8 Rxc8+–] 30...Bxd4+ 31.Kh1 Bxb2 Pavel is up the exchange + 2 P's 32.Rg1+ Bg7 33.Rg3 [33.Nxf8 Kxf8 34.Bd6+ Kg8 35.Bd3 Ne6±] 33...Rfd8 [33...Ne8 34.Bd1 Ra8 35.Bb3 Ra7±] 34.Nf6+ Kf8 35.Nh7+ Kg8 36.Nf6+ Kf8 37.Nh7+ Kg8 38.Nf6+ ½-½

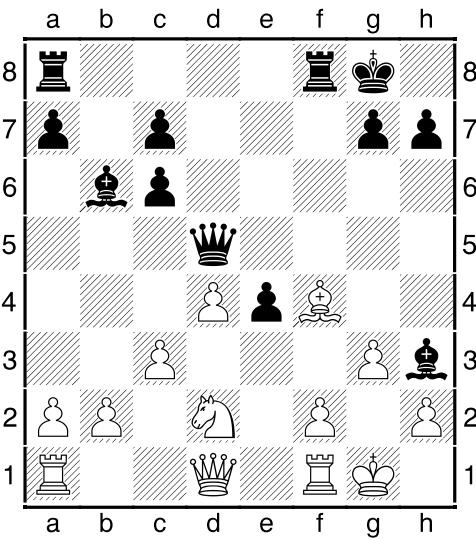
In Rd. 6 on Bd. 20, Mark faced the strong Russian player Alexander Motylev. Mark got a strong game, and went up the exchange, with Motylev having a P compensation. But then Motylev started going around picking off P's, and Mark seemed

to have no way to stop him. The loss left Mark at 2.5/6 pts., ranked # 43/86. Here is the game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### Motylev, A (2687) – Bluvshstein, M (2590) [C65]

Aeroflot Open A Moscow RUS (6), 13.02.2011

1.e4= 0.16 1...e5 For Fritz, the only equalizing move 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6?!± [3...a6 4.Ba4 Nf6=] 4.d3?!= [4.0-0 Bc5 5.c3 0-0±] 4...Bc5 5.c3 0-0 6.Bxc6 bxc6 7.Nxe5 Motylev goes up a P 7...d5 8.d4 Bb6 9.0-0 dxe4?!± material equality [9...Nxe4 10.Nxc6 Qd6 11.Ne5 Ba6=] 10.Bg5 Qd5 11.Nd2 Nd7 [11...c5 12.Bxf6 gxf6±] 12.Nxd7 Bxd7 13.Be3 f5 14.g3?± For the first time in the game, Mark gets the advantage [14.f3 exf3 15.c4 Qf7 16.Rxf3 Ba5±] 14...f4?!= [14...Rad8 15.f3 c5±] 15.Bxf4 [15.gxf4 Bh3 16.Re1 Qf5=] 15...Bh3



16.Qb3! sacking the exchange [16.Re1? e3 17.Nf3 g5 18.Rxe3 gxf4±] 16...Bxf1 17.Rxf1 Mark goes up the exchange, but Motylev has a P compensation 17...Kh8 18.Be3?!± [18.Qc2 c5 19.c4 Qxd4 20.Nxe4 Rad8=] 18...Rab8?!= [18...Qf5 19.Qc4 Rf6±] 19.Qc4 [19.c4 Qf5 20.Qa3 Ba5=] 19...a5?!± [19...Rbd8 20.b4 Rde8=] 20.Qa4 c5 21.dxc5 Bxc5 22.Qxa5 Mark is up the exchange, but Motylev has 2 P's compensation 22...Rf5?+– Motylev gets a " winning " advantage [22...Rfd8 23.c4 Qc6±] 23.Qxc7 23...Rxb2 1.74 [23...Bd6 24.Qd7 Rf7?+– 1.55] 24.Qc8+ Bf8 25.c4 Qf7 26.Nxe4 Motylev has 3 P's compensation for being down the exchange 26...Re5 27.Nd6 Qe7?+– 3.66 [27...Qg8 28.Bd4 Bxd6 29.Qxg8+ Kxg8 30.Bxb2 Re2?+– 2.46] 28.Bd4 Ree2?+– 7.83 [28...Rh5 29.Bxb2 Qxd6?+– 4.39] 29.Nf5 Qb4?+– 11.24 [29...Qe8 30.Qxe8 Rxe8 31.Bxb2 Ra8?+– 7.93] 30.Bxg7+! Motylev has 4 P's for being down the exchange 30...Kg8 31.Qd7?+– 8.16[31.Bd4 h5 32.h4 Kh7?+– 14.02] 1-0

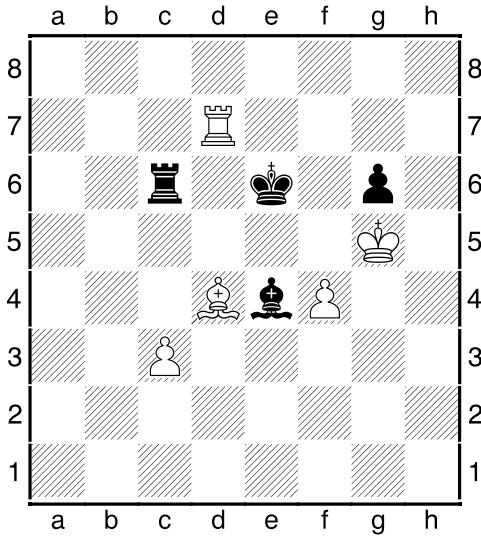
In Rd. 8, Mark went down a P against Daniel Alsina Leal of Spain. But there were opposite coloured B's, and it took about 35 moves of trying to win before Daniel eventually conceded the draw. Here is the game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### Alsina Leal, Daniel (2531) – Bluvshstein, Mark (2590) [C67]

Aeroflot Open A Moscow RUS (8), 15.02.2011

1.e4= 0.16 1...e5 For Fritz, the only equalizing move 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6?!± [3...a6 4.Ba4 Nf6=] 5.0-0 Be7=] 4.0-0 Nxe4 Mark goes up a P 5.d4 Nd6 6.dxe5?!= [6.Bxc6 bxc6 7.dxe5 Nf5±]

6...Nxb5 7.a4 Nbd4 8.Nxd4 Nxd4 9.Qxd4 d5 10.exd6 Qxd6 11.Qe3+ Be7 12.Re1 Be6 13.Nc3 c6?!± [13...a6 14.Ne4 Qc6=] 14.Ne4 Qc7 [14...Qe5 15.Ng5 Qxe3 16.Bxe3 Bxg5 17.Bxg5 a6±] 15.Nc5 Bxc5 16.Qxc5 b6 17.Qa3 c5 18.a5 0-0 19.axb6 Qxb6 20.Be3 Rfc8 21.Qc3 Qb4 22.Qe5 Qc4 23.c3?!= [23.Rec1 a5 24.b3 f6±] 23...Rc6?± Alsina Leal gets a " clear " advantage [23...a5 24.f4 f6=] 24.Ra5 f6 25.Qg3 Qb3 26.Rxc5 Rxc5 27.Bxc5 Qxb2 28.h3?!± [28.Bd4 Kh8 29.h3 Qb3±] 28...Bf7 29.Bd4 Qb8 30.Qxb8+ Rxb8 31.Bxa7 Alsina Leal goes up a P 31...Rb7?± [31...Re8 32.Be3 Be6±] 32.Bd4 [32.Bc5 Bd5 33.g4 Rc7±] 32...Bd5 [32...Bc4 33.Ra1 Kf7±] 33.g4 Kf7 34.Kh2 Kg6 35.Ra1 Kf7 36.Kg3 Be6 37.h4 h6 38.Kf4 Rc7 39.g5 fxg5+ 40.hxg5 hxg5+ 41.Kxg5 Bc4 42.f4 g6 43.Rh1 Rc6 44.Rh7+ Ke6 45.Rh3 Kf7 46.Re3?!± [46.Be5 Bb5 47.Rh7+ Ke6±] 46...Be6?± [46...Rd6 47.Re1 Rd5+ 48.Kg4 Rf5±] 47.Re2 Bf5 48.Rb2 Ke6 49.Rb5 Bd3 50.Re5+ Kf7 51.Bc5?!± [51.Rd5 Ke6 52.Rd8 Rd6±] 51...Rc7 52.Bd4 [52.Kg4 Rc8 53.Kg3 Rc6±] 52...Rc6?± [52...Re7 53.Rd5 Re2±] 53.Rd5 Be4 54.Rd7+ Ke6



55.Rg7 no further analysis is necessary; Alsina Leal cannot get his passed cP moving, nor can he win Mark's gP. Despite computer evaluation of " clear " advantage to W, it is drawn. Alsina Leal agreed finally to this 33 moves later ! 55...Kd5 56.Bf6 Bf5 57.Rg8 Bc2 58.Rd8+ Ke6 59.Re8+ Kd5 60.Re5+ Kd6 61.Be7+ Kd7 62.Bb4 Rc4 63.Re7+ Kd8 64.Rg7 Ke8 65.Re7+ Kd8 66.Re2 Bf5 67.Be7+ Kd7 68.Bf6 Rc6 69.Re7+ Kd6 70.Ra7 Ke6 71.Ra4 Kd5 72.Rd4+ Ke6 73.Rb4 Bd3 74.Be5 Bf5 75.Bd4 Bd3 76.Rb8 Kf7 77.Rb7+ Ke6 78.Rg7 Kd5 79.Re7 Re6 80.Ra7 Rc6 81.Be5 Bf5 82.Re7 Bc2 83.Bf6 Kd6 84.Re2 Bf5 85.Be7+ Kd7 86.Bb4 Rc4 87.Re5 Bc2 88.Re2 ½-½

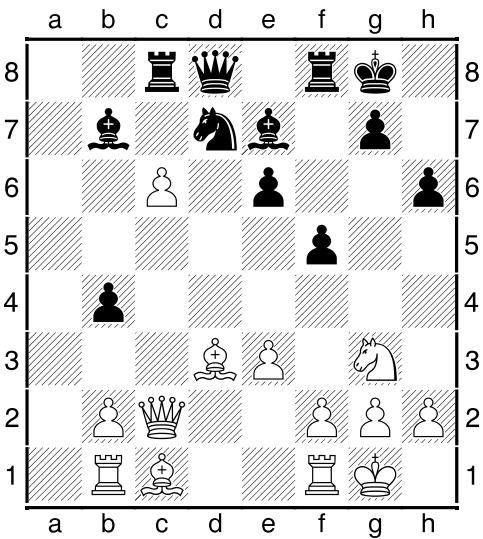
In the final round 9, Mark made a nice N-sac that allowed him to go up the exchange and win, leaving him finishing with 50% ( 4.5/9 pts. ). Here is the game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### Bluvshtein, M (2590) – Sethuraman, S (2545) [D45]

Aeroflot Open A Moscow RUS (9), 16.02.2011

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.e3 Nbd7 [5...Bd6=] 6.Qc2 [6.Bd3 Bd6 7.0-0 0-0=] 6...Bd6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 dxc4 9.Bxc4 b5?!± [9...e5 10.Bb3 Qe7=] 10.Bd3 Bb7 11.Ng5 h6 [11...Bxh2+ 12.Kh1 Bb8±] 12.Nge4 Nxe4 13.Nxe4 Be7 14.a3 a5 15.Rb1?!= [15.Rd1 Qb6 16.Nc3 (16.b3?! c5=) 16...c5±] 15...c5 16.dxc5 Mark goes up a P 16...f5 [16...Nxc5 17.Nxc5 Bxc5=] 17.Ng3 [17.c6 Rc8 18.Bxb5 Bxc6 19.Bxc6 Ne5=] 17...b4 18.axb4 axb4 19.c6 Rc8

Position after 19...Rc8



**20.Nxf5!** a good sac **20...Rxf5??+–** 1.89 Mark gets a " winning " advantage [20...Rxc6 21.Nxe7+ Qxe7 22.Qb3 Rb6= Mark would still be up a P; 20...Bxc6?! 21.Nxe7+ Qxe7±; 20...exf5? 21.Bc4+ Kh8 22.cxb7 Rc7±] **21.Bc4 Rxc6** Sethuraman is up an N vs P temporarily **22.Qxf5** Mark is up the exchange + P **22...Qb6 23.Qb5 Qc7 24.b3** [24.Rd1?! Ne5 25.Bf1 Rc5±] **24...Ne5 25.Bb2 Nxc4 26.bxc4** Mark is up the exchange +P **26...Ba6 27.Qe5** [27.Qh5 Bf8 28.Rfc1 Bxc4+–] **27...Qxe5 28.Bxe5 Bxc4** Mark is up the exchange **29.Rfc1 Kf7 30.Rb2 Ra6 31.Rbc2 Bd5 32.f3 b3?+– 2.71** [32...Bf6 33.Rc7+ Kg6 34.Bxf6 gxf6+– 2.06] **33.Rc7 Ke8 34.e4 Bd6 35.exd5 Bxe5 36.Rb7+–** 2.50 the mate threat must be dealt with. **1-0**

Other Canadians playing in the other tournaments and their results were:

Group B - Antoine Berube - 3/9 pts. (# 97/106)

Group C - Victor Plotkin - 5.5/9 pts.. (# 29/ 106)

Doug Sly - 1.5/9 pts.. (# 104/106)

### Chess is Awesome

( Written and copyright 2011 by David Cohen )

Why play chess? Why teach chess? Why sponsor chess? Watch the new 90 second video 'Chess is Awesome' starring Ted Winick, President, Chess Institute of Canada; and friends Theadora, Joseph and Mary.

<http://www.chessinstitute.ca> (left side of screen, scroll down)

Executive Producer and Script: Ted Winick; Consultant: David Cohen; Director of Photography: Carlos Esteves. Copyright 2011 by Chess Institute of Canada.

The idea for this video has been simmering for a while. We knew we needed a video to make a pitch to corporations for sponsorship money for chess. Our role model is the video used to convince corporate Canada to fund the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Games.

You may have seen this video when it aired on the first day of the Olympics, one year ago.

Our idea came together when I noticed an article in the Toronto Star about a non-profit group called the Awesome Foundation. About 10 people get together every month. Each person throws \$100 into the pot. They then watch pitches for that money. Whatever they find to be an awesome idea, they give the full \$1,000 to for that month!

The sales pitch had to take the form of a 90 second video. Ted put together his ideas on why we should play and teach chess, and hence why we were worth sponsoring. He focused on kids and giving them the ability to make decisions for which they would be responsible.

On Tuesday, February 8, we gathered together for a three hour filming session. Carlos had already photographed one of Ted's chess sets. The blown up image of the black chess pieces was put up on a wall in the background. I noticed a floating head in the white space on the far left. Carlos obligingly cut most of it out, costing us the first piece in the row, a knight. After Carlos set up the camera and lighting, Ted went first with his rehearsed speeches. By the time school was out and the kids started arriving, Ted was done. Next, a parent talked wonderfully about how great chess had been for her daughter. Then, our first real snag: our cute kid got stage-fright and ran off!

Theadora was great - enthusiastic and natural, no mistakes. Joseph had to often re-do his part, but we got him through it, asking him to talk about what he knew: his competitive experience. Carlos played around with the angles, zooming in on a face, or making one chess piece, like the queen, stand out. Finally, we were done. But no - Mary wanted to say something! So, we put her on, and she was great. So great, we unfortunately ended up not using the parent's contribution.

Well, there you have it, the making of a video. I hope the Canadian chess community can use this video to convince sponsors to give our activities their support. Let us know what you think.

### **SCC'ers Among Most Active in Canada**

The CFC Website tracks who is playing the most rated tournament games in Canada. For 2010, look who shows up on the list !:

Most Active Players

# Name Games Province

- 1 Vladimir Drkulec 177 ON
- 2 Roy Yearwood 145 AB
- 3 Richard Wang 139 AB
- 4 **Yuanchen Zhang** 138 ON –SCC Junior
- 5 Rostam Djeddi 134 ON
- 6 Roman Sapozhnikov 132 ON

- 7 **Lin (Xin) Song** 118 ON – SCC Junior
- 8 **Alex T. Ferreira** 116 ON
- 9 Jiaxin Liu 115 ON – former SCC Junior
- 10 Robert Gillanders 113 ON
- 11 Ali Razzaq 112 AB
- 12 **Michael Song** 110 ON – SCC Junior
- 13 Michael Su 107 BC
- 14 Phriethan Mahalingam 106 ON
- 15 Nithushah Mahalingam 106 ON
- 16 Mikhail Egorov 105 ON
- 17 John R. Brown 105 ON
- 18 **Stanley Su** 104 ON – SCC Junior
- 19 Robert J. Gardner 102 AB
- 20 **Doug Gillis** 101 ON
- 21 **Juliaan Posaratananathan** 100 ON – SCC Junior
- 22 **John Zhang** 98 ON – SCC Junior
- 23 Rick Pedersen 98 AB
- 24 Razvan Preotu 98 ON
- 25 Evan Wong 98 ON

Note: These are regular rated games only. These are only events that have been rated by the CFC in 2010.

### **New FIDE-rated Local Players**

( by Erik Malmsten )

After the Canadian Open I published a list of local players who have started the process of obtaining a FIDE rating by scoring 1 out of 3. Of the 37 players, 12 now are FIDE rated!

Congrats to these players:

Robert Roller 2057f got the games he needed in the Hart House Reading Week Open.

Juliaan Posaratananathan 1853f got his games in the December Holidays Open.

Mike Ivanov 1906f got his games in the Toronto Junior Championship.

Derick Joshua Twesigye 2129f, and Michael Song 2060f got their games in the Thanksgiving Open.

Dmitry Chernik 2060f got his games in the Thanksgiving and Holidays Open.

Razvan Preotu (Burlington) 1920f in Guelph.

Robert Bzikot (Conn) 1842f got his games in KW Oktoberfest Open (and Guelph).

Ralph Deline (Waterloo) 1897f KW Oktoberfest Open and the World Senior Championship.

Matthew Nicholson (Lively) 1959f, Andre Zybura (Kitch) 1987f, Jingle Kho (Miss) 1836f got their games last Labour Day.

Still one-tournament (3 games) short are John W. Chidley-Hill, Adam Cormier, Bill Peng, Alex H Chan, Bruce Dowling, Brendan Fan, and John Hall.

Also recently obtaining a rating has been Daniel Wiebe 1937f (Thanksgiving, Holidays, Reading Week)

And from the World Youth (as well as local events):

Guannan Terry Song 1898f, Joseph Bellissimo 1820f, Mark Plotkin 1794f, and Yuanchen Zhang 1656f, Melissa Giblon 1555f

Some new players starting the process are:

Tony (Juntao) Lin 2.5/8, David Jones (Trinidad) 2/5, Dante Zuniga 2.5/4, Greg Stavropoulos 1.5/4, Alexander Friedman (Burlington) 2/4, Geordie Derraugh 1.5/3, and Stanley Su 1/4.

With the Canadian Open being divided into sections like most weekend tournaments, there will be few opportunities for class players to get a FIDE rating.

### **Chess The Musical**

( Submitted by David Cohen )

In 2010, a new version of "Chess The Musical" began touring the United Kingdom. The Toronto Star's theatre critic, Richard Ouzounian, happened to be over there, and wrote a great review: 'Chess problem is solved at last' (2010.10.17, p.E4). He concluded by recommending that the show come to Toronto. Well, Mirvish Productions must have been reading his column - they've done it!

"Chess The Musical" will run during Sept.-Oct., 2011 at the Princess of Wales Theatre, Toronto:

<http://www.mirvish.com/shows/chessthemusical>

I've asked them for a few complimentary tickets in exchange for helping to promote the show in the chess community. (I don't know if we'll get them.) Anyway, I think it would be a great event to take in - and good for the chess community to show its support for such an attention getter for chess!

Mirvish Productions Group Sales offers a big discount on regular prices. Do you think you will attend a show? Would the Scarborough Chess Club (your Chess Club for others reading this) be interested to go together? Would you give up a chess night to do that?! Please share your thoughts so we can plan something together.

## **More Info on Casual Chess in the GTA and Beyond**

( by Erik Malmsten )

In [ SCTCN&V ] issue # 12-11 it was noted that chess is played in the Ellesmere and Neilson Tim Horton's and we were asked about other friendly chess stories. Of course, there are the players from the park at Queen and Church who have been playing this winter in the second floor food court at Yonge and Dundas. There was Raoul from Peru who would play for money outside the Eaton Centre.

There are many chess tables in Toronto's parks, but I don't know if any get used for chess. High Park Chess Club players may venture outside in warmer weather. People in the park east of Gerrard and Pape play Chinese chess (also found in a coffee shop on Broadview north of Gerrard, as well as outside the food court Spadina south of Dundas). When I visit the Reference Library there's usually somebody playing chess online (The library used to provide a chess set for going through chess books.) There is a chess board on the first floor of the North York Reference Library. There was a chess board in a falafel shop across from the Bloor cinema. There is a chessboard in a barber shop on Queen east of Broadview. For a few years there was a chess club in a coffee shop on Queen east of Beech. There is a chess set among the games at the Only Cafe on Danforth and Donlands. I don't know if anyone plays chess at the Snakes and Lattes games cafe on Bloor, west of Bathurst. Years ago I did encounter some regular playing in a donut shop at Pape and O'Connor.

Chess Institute of Canada sometimes has chess displays at street fairs and community events such as at the Wychwood Barns and at Kidsfest in the Yonge-Dundas Square. One year Chess 'n Math had chess at the huge Taste of the Danforth. Decades ago Roman Pelts used to give simul in malls, as did Howard Ridout and other SCC members to promote the club. There was chess in a Scarborough library 30 years ago.

I like to checkout street chess players when I travel. Circa 1980 I visited Vancouver Island. Taking the bus from Victoria out to the west coast I was talking with a professor from Chicago who got excited to find another chess player next to him. We played during the long ride. Other passengers would go, "Ohh, there's a deer," But the prof never looked up. He also never won a game.

## **Hart House Reading Week Open**

( report posted by organizer, and SCC member, Alex Ferreira )

There were 106 participants in total, pretty evenly spread out between the 4 playing sections. Everything was decided in the last round.

### **U1600 Section:**

Alexandre Michelashvili took clear first with 5.0/6, ahead of fellow juniors Richard Chen & Yinshi Li, who finished tied for 2nd and 3rd.

### **U1900 Section:**

Tied for 1st and 2nd were Jayson Huang & Shafkat Ali.  
In clear third came junior Qiyu Zhou.

### **U2200 Section:**

Ahead of the favourites, Mike Ivanov snatched another victory at a Hart House tournament, clear 1st with 5.0/6.

Closely behind, tied for 2nd - 4th, were David Southam, Tyler Longo and Yelizaveta Orlova.

The vicious over-the-board Hart House trio composed of Geordie, Haizhou and Kit although performing respectably, had to settle for 4 points.

### **Open Section:**

A very strong section, saw IM Nikolay Noritsyn and Master Arthur Calugar share 1st place, with 5.0/6. Not without their challenges, Nikolay came back after a Round 2 loss to Yaaqov Vaingorten, to top off the tournament with a convincing Round 6 win over tournament surprise Rick Lahaye, visiting from the Netherlands. Arthur was the only player in the section without losing a game, fighting hard to the bitter end of every game, converting drawn games into wins, and ending Bator Sambuev's streak of 34 games without a loss, with black in Round 6.

Bindi Cheng finished clear 3rd with 4.5 points

Sharing the U2300 prize, with 3.5 points were Vladimir Birarov, Michael Kleinman & Kevin Wu.

### **Team Prize:**

Possibly the tournament where this category was most competitive, with half the teams being well in contention in the last round. In the end, there was a tie between 'Crazy Cats' (Shafkat Ali, David Southam, John Brown & Robert Bzikot) and 'Bator Up' (Bator Sambuev, Mike Ivanov, Roman Sapozhnikov & John Zhang).

Congratulations to all the winners!

### **Scarborough CC – Who Are We??**

*The SCC Newsletter Needs You – the SCC Member !!*

The SCC newsletter has an ongoing series published from time to time as we get volunteers called **Scarborough CC – Who Are We ??**, where we introduce to our subscribers, the members who make up SCC, the friendliest chess club in Canada !

We are looking for members who will **volunteer** to do a short chess profile of themselves for our newsletter series on SCC members. Many members have already

volunteered – response to the series has been excellent by readers – they are interested in who makes up our club. And even for members, it is great since we do not all get to know each other, given the time available in the evening, and the number of members we now have. You will also find that other members will approach you to discuss things they found interesting in your article – a great way to get to know some of the other members better.

. The profile article can be as short or as long as you like. We have a “ help sheet “ for you, that sets out a whole number of questions that will help you determine what you might write. We are looking for any members – seniors, juniors ( parents can help ), and the in-between adult members. We are a multi-cultural club reflecting Scarborough, and we have interesting stories to tell each other.

Just speak to Bob Armstrong, newsletter editor, at the club, or email me ( [bobarm@sympatico.ca](mailto:bobarm@sympatico.ca) ) if you are willing to help out the club in this way.

We look forward to continuing to publish the chess background and experiences of many more of our members. Look for our next installment !

### **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:**

When was the first official or authenticated correspondence chess game played ?

**Answer :**

The first authenticated correspondence games were between a Dutch army officer named Friedrich Wilhelm von Mauvillon (1774-1851) stationed at The Hague, and one of his friends from Breda, Netherlands in 1804. Mauvillon's 3 postal games (he won two and drew one) were published by him in a chess book in 1827.

**Bragging Rights Winner :**

SCC Member, Pino Verde, multiple winner on prior occasions, got the right answer – he gets this Issue’s bragging rights !

**Today's Trivia Question** is:

What was the longest running postal chess rivalry?

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](mailto: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 !!

Also write Rick if you have any chess trivia questions or presentations you’d like him to consider for his column. He will give credit to the author if he uses your suggestion.

Write Rick Garel : [rickgarel@gmail.com](mailto:rickgarel@gmail.com)

**Chess Trivia Quiz – 2010 Canadian Open**

( Answer will be given at end of this Issue )

**15. Whose nickname was “The Patriarch”?**

- a) Chigorin
- b) Tarrasch
- c) Steinitz
- d) Botvinnik



## **Congratulations Michael Song !!**

SCC junior, Michael Song, has recently become SCC's newest national master – on Wed., Feb. 23, his rating jumped over 2200 ( the master level ) to 2228 ! He is now the 5<sup>th</sup> highest rated player in the club. He is also # 1 ranked in the Under 12 group in Canada. Congratulations Michael !

## **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 was 7 rounds: January 6, 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, 2011.

The registration for this tournament was:

2000+ Section – 21  
U 2000 Section – 31  
U 1700 Section – 39

( 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 ).

The winners after 7 rounds were ( this tournament proved very competitive, with our new 3-section format – all the sections had numbers of players tied for first, going into the last round ! ):

**2000+ section** – 1/2 - 5 pts. - . Master Michael Song - junior ; Expert Erwin Casareno

**U 2000 section** – 1/3. – 5 pts –Yakos Spiliopoulos; Josh Sherman; Mario Moran-Venegas

**U 1700 section** – 1/2. - 5.5 pts. – Leonid Aghamalian; junior Derick Aghamalian

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](mailto: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 1 & 2.

In Rd. 1 in the 2000+ Section, junior Joe Bellissimo gave expert Alex Ferreira a very tough game, that was relatively equal for most of the game. Alex ( on left ),

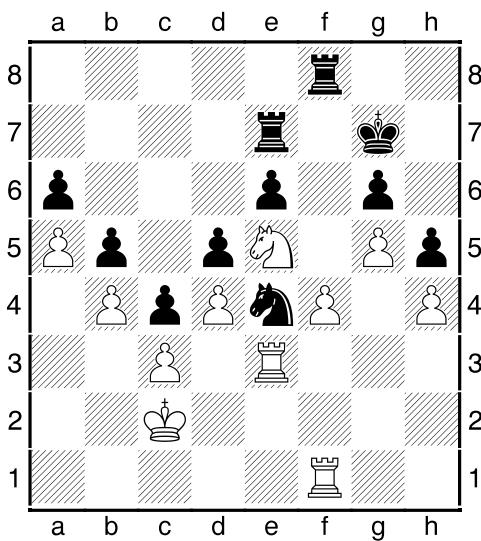


trying to win, sacked the exchange to go into the ending. But it was still equal. But then in the ending, Joe faltered and made a losing move when he moved his K the wrong way. Here is their game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### Ferreira, Alex (2084) – Bellissimo, Joseph (1918) [A46]

Scarborough CC Jack Frost ( 2000+ ) Toronto (1), 06.01.2011

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 e6 3.e4 h6 4.Bxf6 Qxf6 5.Nf3 d5?!± [5...Nc6 6.Bc4 d6 7.Nc3 Be7=] 6.e5?!= [6.Nc3 Bb4 7.e5 Qe7±] 6...Qd8 7.c3 [7.Nbd2 c5 8.Be2 Nc6 9.0-0 cxd4 10.Nb3 Be7 11.Nbxd4 0-0=] 7...c5 8.Nbd2 Qb6 9.Qb3 Qxb3 10.Nxb3 b6 11.a4 Ba6 12.a5 Bxf1 13.Rxf1 Na6 14.Nbd2 c4 15.Ke2 Be7 16.b4 b5 17.Ng1 0-0 18.f4 f5 19.exf6 Bxf6?!± [19...gxf6 20.Ngf3 Rab8=] 20.Ndf3 Rae8 21.Nh3?!= [21.h4 g6 22.Nh3 Nb8±] 21...Nc7?± Alex gets a " clear " advantage [21...g5 22.g4 gxf4 23.Nxf4 e5=] 22.Nf2 a6 23.Ng4 Re7 24.Nfe5?!± [24.h4 Ne8 25.Nge5 Bxe5 26.Nxe5 Rc7±] 24...Bxe5 25.Nxe5 Kh7 26.Rf3 Ne8 27.Kd2 Nd6 28.Raf1 Ne4+ 29.Kc2 g6 30.h4 Rf6 31.g4 h5 32.g5?!= Alex has lost his advantage [32.Rg1 Rf8 33.Rg2 Rg7±] 32...Rf8 33.Re3 Kg7



34.Rxe4! a sound positional exchange sacrifice [34.Kc1 Rf5 35.Rff3 Re8=] 34...dxe4 Joe goes up the exchange 35.Kd2 Rf5 36.Ke3 Re8 37.Kxe4 Joe is up the exchange, but Alex has a P

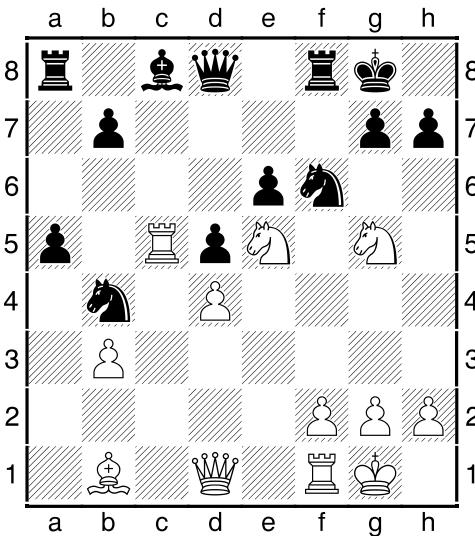
compensation 37...Rd8 38.Ke3 Rd6 39.Nf3 Rdd5 40.Re1 Rd6 41.Nd2 Rf7 42.Ne4 Rc6 43.Re2 Rf8 44.Nc5 Re8 45.Ke4 Re7 46.Ke5 Kf7 47.Ne4 Rd7 48.Nf6 Re7 49.Rd2 Rc8 50.Ne4 Rd8 Joe here offered a draw 51.Nf6 Alex still wants a win ! 51...Kg7 52.Ke4 Kf7 53.Kf3 e5 54.d5 [54.fxe5 Rxe5! 55.Ne4 (55.dxe5? Rxd2+) 55...Rf5+=; 54.dxe5?? Rxd2+] 54...exf4 Joe is up the exchange 55.Ne4 Re5 56.d6 Rde8 57.d7 Rxe4 a sound return exchange sacrifice [57...Rd8 58.Kxf4 Rf5+ 59.Ke3 Ke7=] 58.dxe8Q+ Rxe8 Joe is temporarily up a P 59.Rd7+ Re7 60.Rd6 Re6 61.Rb6 Re3+ 62.Kxf4 material equality, temporarily 62...Rxc3 Joe goes up a P 63.Rf6+ Kg7??+- Joe finally falters; Alex gets a "winning" advantage [63...Ke7 64.Rxa6 Rh3 65.Ke5 c3=] 64.Rxa6 Material equality 64...Ra3?+- 3.29 [64...Rh3? 65.Rc6 Rxh4+ 66.Ke5 Rg4+- 3.24; 64...Kf7 65.Rb6 Rh3+- 2.12] 65.Ra7+ Kg8?+- 4.54 [65...Kf8 66.Rb7 c3+- 3.62] 66.Ke5 Rf3?+- 6.03 [66...Rb3 67.Kf6 Rd3+- 5.34] 67.Rc7 Kf8?+- leads to mate [67...Rf8 68.a6 Ra8 69.a7 c3+- 6.03] 68.a6 Ra3 69.a7 Re3+ mate in 13 moves [69...Ke8 70.Rc8+ Kd7 (70...Ke7 71.a8Q Rxa8 72.Rxa8 Kd7+- mate in 22 moves) 71.a8Q Rxa8 72.Rxa8 Ke7+- mate in 14 moves; 69...Ra2 70.Rc8+ Kf7 71.a8Q Rxa8 72.Rxa8 Ke7+- mate in 19 moves] 70.Kf6 Re8 71.Rb7 c3 72.Rb8 c2 73.a8Q c1Q [73...Kg8 74.Rxe8+ Kh7 75.Qb7#] 74.Rxe8# 1-0

Also in Rd. 1 in the 2000+ section, master Josh Guo chose a practical sacrifice line over the more advantageous line against Haqi al Ganabi, and then followed up on it nicely for a win. Here is the game ( Annotations by Ken Kurkowski, using Fritz ):

### Guo, Josh (2225) – Al Ganabi, Haqi (1972) [C06]

SCC Jack Frost Swiss 2000+ Toronto (1), 06.01.2011

C06: French Tarrasch: 3...Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 Bd3 main lines 1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ngf3 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.0-0 f5 10.exf6 Nxf6 11.Ne5N 0-0 [11...Nxd4!? should be considered 12.Ndf3 Nxf3+ 13.Qxf3 0-0=] 12.Ndf3± White has a very active position 12...Qb6 Attacking the isolated pawn on d4 13.b3 a5 [13...Nxd4?? the pawn is poisoned: 14.Nxd4 Nd7 (14...Qxd4 15.Bxh7+ Kxh7 16.Qxd4+-) 15.Qh5+-] 14.Bg5 Kh8 [14...Ba3 15.Be3±] 15.Rc1 [15.Be3 Bd7±] 15...Ba3± Black seeks counter-play on the Queenside, a common theme in this opening. [15...Nxd4?? the pawn can still not be captured safely, 16.Nxd4 Qxd4 17.Bxf6 Rxf6 18.Qh5+-] 16.Rb1 Nb4 17.Bc1 Bxc1 18.Rxc1 Nxa2 19.Rc5 Nb4 [19...Kg8 20.Ng5 h6 21.Qc2 hxg5 22.Qxa2±] 20.Bb1= [20.Ng5 Nxd3 21.Qxd3 Kg8±] 20...Qd8? [20...Kg8± and Black can hope to live] 21.Ng5+- Kg8



22.Nxh7= A good sacrifice from the practical point of view. While White doesn't have a forced advantage, Black has no more than equality, and plenty of chances to go wrong... [22.Qh5! g6

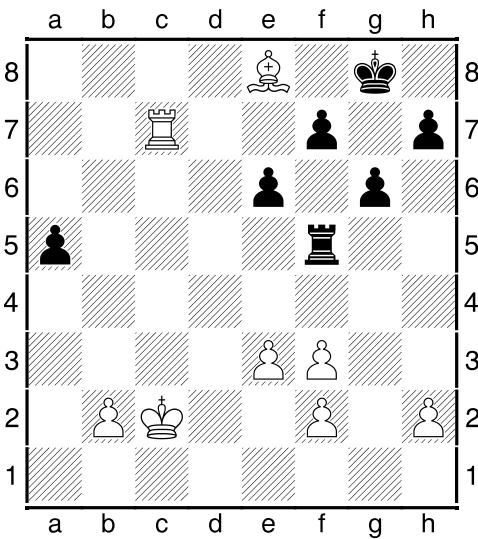
23.Qh4+-] 22...Nxh7= 23.Bxh7+ Kxh7 24.Qh5+ Kg8 25.Ng6 Nc6?? ...which he does [25...Nd3 is the best chance 26.Rc2 Nf4 27.Qh8+ Kf7 28.Nxf8 Qxf8 29.Rc7+ Ke8=] 26.Rxc6+- Josh conducts the attack quite nicely from here on. 26...bxc6 27.Qh8+ Kf7 28.Ne5+ Ke8 29.Qh5+ Ke7 30.Nxc6+ Kd7 31.Nxd8 Kxd8 32.Qg5+ Ke8 33.Qxg7 Rf7 [33...a4 creating a diversion on the Queenside does not work, 34.bxa4 Rf7 35.Qg8+ Rf8 36.Qg6+ Ke7 37.Qg5+ Kd6 38.Qg3+ Ke7 39.Rc1+-] 34.Qg8+ Ke7 [34...Rf8 35.Qg6+ Ke7 36.Qg5+ Kd6+-] 35.Rc1 Rf8 Black resigns. The game could have continued [35...Rf8 36.Rc7+ Bd7 37.Qg7+ Rf7 38.Rxd7+ Kxd7 39.Qxf7+ Kd6+-] 1-0

In Rd. 1 in the U 2000 section, Scott Huston got a pawn on the 7<sup>th</sup> rank, and Dean Ward had to sac to keep it from being promoted. Scott then sacked the minor back to go into a won ending. Here is the game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### Huston, Scott (1713) – Ward, Dean (1821) [D31]

Scarborough CC Jack Frost ( U2000 ) Toronto (1), 06.01.2011

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.Nf3 dxc4?!± Dean goes up a P [4...Nf6 5.e3 Nbd7=] 5.a4 Bb4 [5...Nf6 6.e3 Qa5±] 6.Bd2 Bxc3?!± Scott gets a " clear " advantage [6...b6 7.e3 Nf6±] 7.Bxc3 b5 [7...Nf6 8.a5 Ne4 9.e3 Qd5±] 8.d5?!± [8.axb5 cxb5 9.b3 Nf6±] 8...Nf6 9.dxc6 material equality 9...Qxd1+ 10.Rxd1 bxa4 Dean goes up a P again 11.c7 [11.Ne5 Nd5 12.e4 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Rf8±; 11.Nd4 0-0 12.g4 Nd5±] 11...Nbd7 12.e3 [12.Ne5 Nd5 13.e3 (13.Nxc4?! Nxc3 14.bxc3 a6=) 13...a6±; 12.Ba5 0-0 13.e4 (13.Nd2 Nb6±) 13...Ba6±] 12...0-0??+- Scott gets a " winning " advantage [12...Nd5 13.Bxg7 Rg8±] 13.Bxc4?!± material equality [13.Bb4 Nd5 14.Bxf8 Kxf8 15.Bxc4 Nxc7+– Dean would be down the exchange, but have a P compensation] 13...Bb7 [13...a5 14.Nd4 Nb6±] 14.Bb5 Bxf3?!+- 3.95 [14...Nb6 15.Rc1 Rfc8±] 15.gxf3 Nb6 16.Rg1 Nbd7??+- 9.86 wrongly giving up 2 minors for a R [16...Kh8 17.Ba6 Rae8+- 4.07] 17.Bxf6?+- 3.32 Scott misses the material gain [17.Rxd7 Kh8 18.Bxa4 h5+- 11.05] 17...Nxf6 18.Ba6 Nd5 19.Rc1 Nxc7 3.91 reasonable to sac to stop the P [19...Nb6 20.Ke2 g6+- 3.55] 20.Rxc7 Scott is up B vs P 20...Rab8 21.Bb7 g6?+- 4.75 [21...Rfd8 22.Rg4 Rd3+- 3.99] 22.Ke2?+- 3.79 [22.Rg4 Rbd8 23.Rxa4 Rd6 24.Rxa7 Rb6+- 5.48] 22...Rfd8 23.Rd1 Rxd1 24.Kxd1 Rd8+ 25.Kc2 Rd6 26.Bc6 a5 27.Bxa4 4.27 Scott is up a B 27...Rd5 28.Be8 Rf5?+- 6.40 [28...f6 29.Bf7+ Kf8 30.Bxe6 Rh5+- 4.55]



29.Bxf7+! a sound sac to go into a winning ending 29...Rxf7 30.Rxf7 Kxf7 Scott is up a P 31.Kb3 Kf6 32.Ka4 Kg5 33.Kxa5 Scott is up 2 P's 33...Kh4 34.b4 Kh3 35.b5 Kxh2 Scott is up a P 36.b6 h5 37.b7 h4 38.b8Q+ Scott is up a Q 38...Kg4 39.Qf4?+- 17.21 [39.Qg8 h3 40.Qxg6+]

Kxf2+- 21.13] **39...h3** 16.89 [39...Kxf2? 40.Qxh4+ Kxe3+- 21.44] **40.Qg3+ Kh1??+-** mate in 6 moves [40...Kf1 41.Qxh3+ Ke2 42.Qxe6 g5+- 21.44] **41.Qxh3+??+-** 22.23 Scott misses the mate [41.f4 g5 42.fxg5 e5 43.f3 e4 44.Qf2 exf3 45.g6 h2 46.Qf1#] **41...Kg1 42.Qg4+ Kxf2 43.Qxg6 Kxe3** 32.55 [43...Kxf3? 44.Qxe6 Ke2+- 36.18] **44.Qxe6+ Kxf3 45.Qe5+-** 30.11 1-0

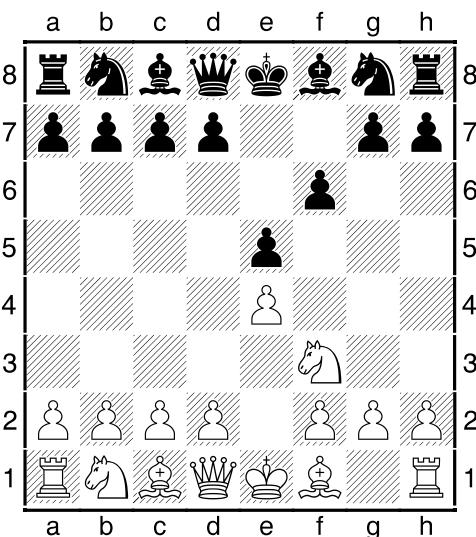
In Rd. 1 in the U 2000 section, Arkadiy Ugodnikov sacked on move 3...soundly !! From then on it was a K-hunt. Arkadiy, in the process, ended up with 4 P's for his N, and then recovered his minor piece. Here is his win ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### **Ugodnikov, Arkadiy (1891) – Cale, Ferdinand (1734) [C40]**

SCC Jack Frost Swiss U2000 Toronto (1), 06.01.2011

599MB, Fritz11.ctg, My Computer **1.e4=** 0.16 **1...e5** for Fritz, the only equalizing move **2.Nf3 f6?±** Arkadiy gets a very early " clear " advantage [2...Nc6=]

Position after **2...f6?**



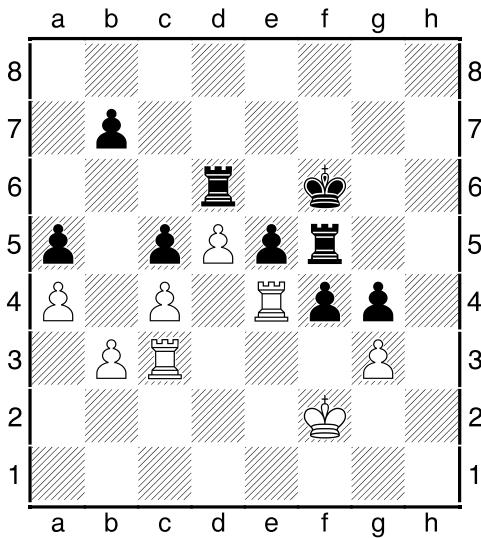
**3.Nxe5!** a sound early sac which makes for an exciting game [3.Nc3 Nc6 4.d4 Bb4±] **3...fxe5??+-** 2.69 Ferdinand cannot accept the sac; though Ferdinand is up N vs P, Arkadiy gets a " winning " advantage [3...Ne7 4.Ng4 d5 5.exd5 Nxd5±] **4.Qh5+ Ke7?+-** 4.85 [4...g6 5.Qxe5+ Qe7 6.Qxh8 Qxe4+ 7.Kd1 Ne7+- 2.98] **5.Qxe5+** Ferdinand is up N vs 2 P's **5...Kf7 6.Bc4+ Kg6??+-** this leads to mate [6...d5 7.Bxd5+ Kg6 8.h4 h5+- 4.85] **7.Qf5+ Kh6 8.d4+** [8.h4+- the mate is one move faster] **8...g5 9.h4 Bb4+ 10.c3 d5?+-** leads to a quicker mate in 4 moves [10...Qe7 11.Bxg5+ Kg7 12.Bxe7 Bxe7 13.Qf7+ Kh6 14.g4 d5 15.g5+ Bxg5 16.hxg5+ Kxg5 17.Rh5+ Kg4 18.Be2#] **11.Bxg5?+-** 5.00 Arkady has 3 P's for his N, but Arkadiy misses the mate [11.Qf7 Bxc3+ 12.Nxc3 Bh3 13.hxg5+ Qxg5 14.Rxh3#] **11...Kg7 12.Qe5+ Nf6 13.Bh6+ 4.89** [13.Bxd5 h6 14.Bxf6+ Qxf6 15.Qg3+ Kh7+- 5.12] **13...Kf7** [13...Kxh6?? 14.Qg5#] **14.Bxd5+** Arkadiy is up 4 P's vs N **14...Nxd5 15.Qg7+ Ke6 16.exd5+ Kxd5** is he a bit out in the open?? **17.cxb4** Arkadiy is up 3 P's **17...Re8+ 18.Be3 Re7?+-** 8.28 [18...Kc6? 19.d5+ Kd6+- 11.43; 18...b5 19.Qh6 Re6+- 6.59] **19.Nc3+ Kc4??+-** leads to mate [19...Kc6 20.d5+ Kd7+- 8.96] **20.Qg5 Kd3??+-** walking into a quick mate [20...Rxe3+ 21.Qxe3 c6+- mate in 10 moves] **21.Rd1+ Kc2 22.Rd2+** Black resigned. 1-0

In Rd. 1 in the U 1700 section, Steve Karpik held a “ winning “ advantage for much of the game against junior Derick Aghamalian, but then in the early ending, blundered and it cost him 2 P’s, leaving him down a P. He couldn’t save the game, and Derick went on to push the extra passed P down to the 7<sup>th</sup> rank, and win. Here is the game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### Aghamalian, Derick (1449) – Karpik, Steve (1595) [B08]

Scarborough CC Jack Frost ( U 1700 ) Toronto (1), 06.01.2011

**1.e4=** 0.16 **1...d6±** [1...e5= For Fritz, the only equalizing move. For all other normal replies, including the Pirc, W is given a " slight " advantage. This evaluation is not generally accepted.] **2.d4 Nf6** 3.Nc3 g6 Pirc Defence **4.Nf3 Bg7** 5.Be2 0-0 6.Bf4 Nbd7 7.Qd2 Re8 8.0-0 c5 9.d5 a6 [9...Qb6?! 10.Rab1 Ng4±; 9...Bh8 10.a3 a6±] **10.a4** [10.Bh6 b5 11.Bxg7 Kxg7±] 10...Ng4 11.h3 Nge5 12.Bxe5?!= [12.Nxe5 Nxe5 13.Bh6 Bh8±] 12...Nxe5 13.Nxe5 Bxe5 14.f4 [14.a5 Bd7 15.Na4 Rb8=] 14...Bd4+ 15.Kh1 Qa5 [15...e5 16.dxe6 Bxe6=] 16.Ra2?!± for the first time in the game, Steve gets the advantage [16.Qd3 Rb8 17.Bg4 Bxg4 18.hxg4 h6=] **16...e5?±** [16...Qb4 17.Bd3 Bd7±] **17.Nb1?±** this loses the fP; Steve gets a " clear " advantage [17.f5 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Kg7±] 17...Qxd2 18.Nxd2 exf4 Steve goes up a P **19.Bd3** [19.Rxf4?? Be3 20.Rf3 Bxd2+-] **19...Kg7** 20.Nc4 Be5 21.Nxe5 dxe5 secures the fP **22.c4?!!+** Steve gets a " winning " advantage [22.Ra3 b6 23.Rc3 a5±] 22...a5 23.Ra3 Rd8 – 1.46 [23...Bd7 24.Rb3 b6 (24...Bxa4?! 25.Rxb7 Reb8±) 25.Rxb6 Reb8 26.Rb5 Bxb5 27.cxb5 Rc8+- – 1.62] **24.Rf2** [24.Kh2 Ra6 25.g3 fxg3+ 26.Kxg3 Rb6+-] 24...Rd6 25.Bc2 Raa6 26.Rd3 Rab6 27.b3 f5 28.Rc3 Rf6?!± [28...Rb4 29.Kh2 fxe4 30.Bxe4 g5+-] 29.Kg1 [29.exf5 Bxf5 30.Bxf5 Rxf5±] 29...fxe4 [29...Rf7 30.g3 fxg3 31.Rxg3 Kf8± (31...f4±) ] 30.Bxe4 Bf5 31.Re2 Rbd6?= Steve has lost his advantage [31...Bxe4 32.Rxe4 Rf5±] **32.Kf1?±** Steve gets back a " clear " advantage [32.g4 Bd7 33.Bc2 Rf8 34.Rxe5 Kf6=] **32...g5?±** [32...Bxe4 33.Rxe4 Rf5±] 33.Ke1?!± [33.Bf3 Rf7 34.Rxe5 Kf6±] 33...h5 34.Bxf5 Rxf5 35.Re4 g4 36.hxg4 hxg4 37.Kf2 Kf6 38.g3



**f3??±** chess blindness strikes; a blunder; loses 2 P’s; Derick gets a " clear " advantage [38...Rd7 39.Rd3 (39.gxf4 Rxf4+ 40.Rxf4+ exf4+- – 2.34) 39...Rh7+- – 1.93] **39.Rxg4** material equality **39...Rd7?!!+** 2.07 Derick gets a " winning " advantage [39...Rb6 40.Re3 Kf7 41.Rge4 Rh6 (41...Kf6?!!+) 42.Rxf3 Rhf6± Derick would be up a P] **40.Rxf3** Derick goes up a P **40...Re7?!!+** 3.50 [40...Rd8 41.Ke3 Rh8+- 2.72] **41.Re4?!!+** 2.36 [41.Rg8 Rxf3+ 42.Kxf3 e4+ 43.Ke3 Kf5+- 3.77] **41...Rxf3?!!+** 3.69 [41...b6 42.Rxf5+ Kxf5+- 2.36] **42.Kxf3 Kf5** **43.g4+ Kf6** **44.Re2?!!+** 2.79 [44.Re1 Rh7 45.Rf1 Ke7+- 3.93] **44...Kg5** 4.79 [44...Rg7 45.Rh2 Ke7+- 4.35] **45.Ke4 Kxg4**

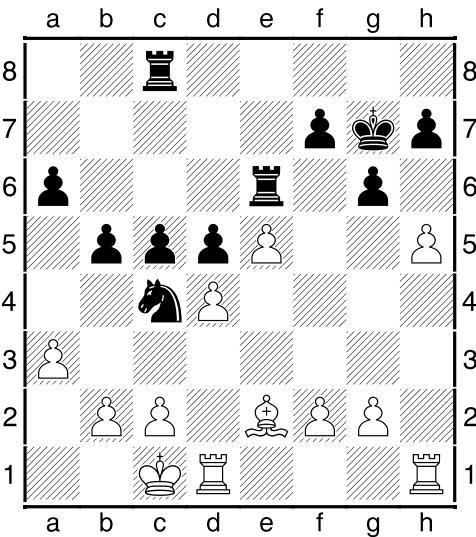
material equality **46.Rd2 Kg5 47.d6 Rd7 48.Kxe5** Derick goes up a P **48...Kg6** 8.20 [48...Rd8? 49.d7 Kg6+- 10.43] **49.Ke6 Rd8 50.Ke7+-** 8.92 1-0

In Rd. 1 in the U 1700 section, junior Yasir al Ganabi put up good resistance against veteran Doug Gillis, though Doug had a "winning" advantage. But Yasir missed a skewer of his R's, and went down the exchange. He then couldn't stop Doug systematically picking off his P's. Doug won. Here is the game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### Gillis, Doug (1594) – Al Ganabi, Yasir (1348) [D01]

SCC Jack Frost Swiss U1700 Toronto (1), 06.01.2011

599MB, Fritz11.ctg, My Computer **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bg5 Nc6 4.Bxf6** [4.e3 Ne4 5.Nxe4 dxe4=] **4...exf6 5.e3 Bb4 6.Bb5 Qd6 7.Nge2 Bxc3+?!**± [7...Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Qd2 a6 10.Bd3 Bg6=] **8.Nxc3 0-0 9.Qf3 Rd8 10.a3 Be6** [10...Ne7 11.Bd3 c6±] **11.Bd3 a6?!**± Doug gets a "clear" advantage [11...Ne7 12.0-0 Qd7±] **12.Qh5 g6 13.Qh6?!**± [13.Qf3 Kg7 14.g4 Qd7±] **13...Re8?!**± [13...Ne7 14.Ne2 Nf5 15.Qf4 b6±] **14.h4** Doug continues his K-side attack **14...Qf8?!**± Doug gets a "winning" advantage [14...Ne7 15.h5 Nf5 16.Bxf5 Bxf5 17.g4 Bxc2 18.Rc1 Bd3 19.Kd2 Qe6 (19...Bc4? 20.hxg6 fxg6 21.Qxh7+ Kf8 22.Rh6 Re7 23.Qxg6 (23.Qh8+ Kf7 24.Qxa8 Ke6+- 11.65) 23...Rf7+- 11.09) 20.Kxd3 g5+- 3.11] **15.Qf4 Re7 16.Qxf6** Doug goes up a P **16...Qg7 17.Qxg7+ Kxg7 18.Ne2 Na5 19.Nf4 Rd8 20.Nxe6+ Rxe6 21.0-0-0?!**± [21.b3 h5 22.Ke2 b5+-] **21...Nc4 22.e4 b5 23.e5 Rc8?!**± [23...f6 24.exf6+ Rxf6±] **24.h5?!**± Doug is still attacking [24.Be2 Rce8 25.g4 f6+-] **24...c5 25.Be2**



**cx4d?!**± Yasir misses the coming skewer of the R's; material equality [25...Rc7 26.Bf3 cxd4 27.Rxd4 Rxe5 28.Rxd5 Rxd5 29.Bxd5 h6±] **26.Bg4** will win the exchange **26...f5?!**± 3.63 [26...Rf8 27.Bxe6 fxe6+- 2.11] **27.exf6+ 27...Kxf6 28.hxg6 hxg6 29.Bxe6 Kxe6** Doug is up the exchange **30.Rhe1+ Kf5 31.Rxd4** Doug is up the exchange + P **31...Rc5** 4.46 Yasir can't defend the dP from here [31...Rd8 32.f4 Rc8 33.Rxd5+ Kxf4+- 4.18] **32.b4 Rc6 33.Rxd5+** Doug is up the exchange + 2 P's **33...Kf6 34.Rc5 Rd6 35.a4 Nb6** 6.20 [35...g5 36.Re4 Nd2+- 6.18] **36.axb5 axb5 37.Rxb5** Doug is up the exchange + 3 P's **37...Na4 38.Ra5 Nc3 39.b5 Rd5 40.Ra6+ Kf5 41.b6 Rb5 42.Ra3 Nd5 43.Rd1?!**± 4.84 there is no need to give up the passed P. But it appears Doug saw the practical ending benefit of forcing an exchange of Yasir's R. [43.Rf3+ Kg5 44.Re5+ Kh6 45.Rxd5! Rxd5 46.b7 Rb5 47.Rb3+- 9.50] **43...Nxb6** Doug is up the exchange + 2 P's **44.Rb3 Rxb3 45.cxb3 Nc8+-** 5.30 White won a few moves later. 1-0

In Rd. 2 in the 2000+ section, Dave Southam



and Andrew Picana were in the logjam at 1 pt. after 1 round. The game was close, though David held the advantage a lot. Eventually he went up the exchange, and won the ending. Here is their game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### **Picana, Andrew (2206) – Southam, David (2083) [C01]**

Scarborough CC Jack Frost ( 2000+ ) Toronto (2), 13.01.2011

**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.exd5?!=** [3.e5 c5 4.Nf3 Nc6±] 3...exd5 4.Nc3 [4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bb5+ c6=] 4...Bb4 5.Nf3 Bg4?!± [5...Nf6 6.Bd3 0-0=] 6.Be3?!= [6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 Qe7±] 6...Nc6 7.Be2 Nge7 [7...Nf6 8.Qd3 Qd7=] 8.0-0 0-0 9.h3 [9.a3 Bxc3 10.bxc3 Re8=] 9...Bh5 [9...Bf5 10.a3 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Re8=] 10.a3 [10.Re1 Re8 11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Na5=] 10...Bxc3 11.bxc3 Na5 12.g4 Bg6 13.Ne5 f6 14.Nd3?!± for the first time in the game, Dave gets the advantage [14.Nxg6 Nxg6 15.Bd3 Nc4=] 14...b6 15.Nf4 Qd7 16.Re1 Rae8 17.Bf1 Bf7 18.Ng2 [18.Qf3 Nc4 19.Bd3 Ng6±] 18...Nc8 19.Bf4 Rxe1 20.Qxe1 Re8 21.Ne3 Nd6 22.Bxd6 [22.Qd1?! Ne4 23.f3 Nxc3±] 22...Qxd6 23.Qd2 c6 24.a4 [24.Nf5 Qe6 25.Qf4 Bg6±] 24...Qd7 25.Bd3 Nb7 26.Qd1 [26.Nf5 Nd6 27.Qf4 Nc4±] 26...Nd6 27.a5?!± Dave gets a " clear " advantage [27.Qf3 Qd8 28.Nf5 Ne4±] 27...b5 28.Qf3 a6 29.Qg3 Bg6 30.Kh2 Ne4 31.Bxe4 Bxe4 32.Ra2 h6 33.Qf4 Qd8 34.Nf1?!-+ Dave gets a " winning " advantage [34.Kg1 Qc8 35.Ra1 Re6±] 34...g5?!± [34...c5 35.dxc5 Qc8-+] 35.Qg3 f5 36.gxf5 Andrew goes up a P 36...Qf6?!± Dave is losing his advantage [36...Bxf5 37.Ne3 Rf8±] 37.Ne3 Bxf5 material equality 38.c4?!± [38.Ra1 Kh8 39.Rf1 Bd7±] 38...dxc4 Dave goes up a P 39.c3 Rf8 40.Re2 Be6 41.Nc2 Bd5 42.Nb4 Qf3 43.Qxf3 Rxf3 44.Rc2 h5 45.Nxa6 material equality 45...g4 46.hxg4 hxg4 47.Kg1 Rh3 48.Kf1?!-+ Dave gets back a " winning " advantage [48.f3 g3 49.Nb4 Bxf3±] 48...Be4 49.Ra2 g3 50.fxg3 Rh1+ 51.Kf2 Rh2+ 52.Ke3 Rxa2 53.Kxe4 Rxa5 Dave is up the exchange 54.Nb4 Ra3 55.Nxc6 Rxc3 56.g4 Rb3?-+ – 2.47 [56...Rg3 57.Nb4 Rxg4+ 58.Kd5 c3-+ – 4.66] 57.d5 Kf8 58.g5 c3 59.Kd3 b4 60.Nd4?-+ – 5.44 [60.Kc2 Rb2+ 61.Kc1 b3-+ – 2.62] 60...Rb2-+ – 5.39 time scramble; only one score sheet and it has illegal move recorded here; Dave won in a few moves **0-1**

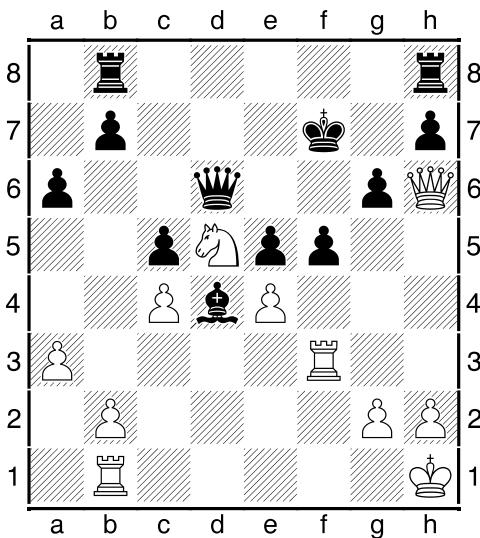
In Rd. 2 in the 2000+ section, expert Ilyas Nasirov upset master John Hall, with a nice attack on the K-side which eventually broke through and won. Here is the game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

## Nasirov, Ilyas (2095) – Hall, John (2226) [A56]

SCC Jack Frost Swiss 2000+ Toronto (2), 13.01.2011

599MB, Fritz11.ctg, My Computer **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5** Benoni Defence **3.d5 e5?!** [3...d6 4.Nc3 g6=] **4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 Be7 6.f4?!** [6.Nf3 0-0 7.Bd3 Bd7±] **6...exf4 7.Bxf4 0-0 8.Bd3 Nbd7 9.Nf3 Ng4 10.0-0 Nde5 11.Bxe5 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 dxe5 13.Be2** [13.Qh5 Bg5 14.Kh1 a5=] **13...Bg5 14.Bg4 Qb6?!** [14...a6?! 15.Qf3 Qb6±; 14...Be3+ 15.Kh1 Bd4=] **15.Bxc8 Be3+** [15...Raxc8 16.Rf3 Rcd8±] **16.Kh1 Raxc8 17.Rb1 Qb4?!** Ilyas gets a "clear" advantage [17...Qa6 18.Qb3 Rcd8±] **18.Qd3 Bd4 19.Nb5 a6 20.a3 Qa5 21.Nd6 Rb8 22.Nf5 Qc7 23.Rf3 g6 24.Qd2!** nice sac offer **24...f6?!** Ilyas gets a "winning" advantage [24...Rbe8 25.Qh6 f6±; 24...gxf5?? 25.Qg5+ Kh8 26.Qf6+ Kg8 27.Rg3#] **25.d6 Qd7 26.Ne7+ Kg7 27.Rh3 Rh8 28.Qh6+ Kf7 29.Nd5 Qxd6** John goes up a P **30.Rf3?!** [30.Rf1 Bf2 31.Rxf2 Rhf8 32.Qxh7++ mate in 11 moves] **30...f5?!** a blunder leading to mate; misses a nice sac for John [30...Be3 31.Qxe3 f5+ 8.00]

Position after 30...f5??



**31.exf5?!** Ilyas misses the mate; material equality [31.Rxf5+! gxf5 (31...Kg8? 32.Rbf1+– mate in 9 moves) 32.Qxd6+– mate in 14 moves] **31...Ke8 32.Qg7 e4 6.88** [32...Rf8? 33.fxg6 Rxf3 34.Qxh7 Rf8 35.g7 Rc8 36.gxf8Q+ Qxf8+– 9.75] **33.f6 Rf8 34.Re1?!** [34.Rf4 Rf7 35.Rxe4+ Be5 36.Nc7+! Qxc7 37.Qg8+ Kd7 38.Qxf7+ Kc6 39.Qd5+ Kb6+– 12.34] **34...Rf7 35.Rxe4+** Ilyas goes up a P **35...Be5 36.Qg8+ Rf8?!** [36...Qf8 37.Rxe5+ Kd7+– 9.36] **37.Qxh7** Ilyas is up 2 P's **37...Kd8 38.Qe7+ Kc8 39.Rxe5?!** Ilyas misses the sac, but Black resigned. [39.Nb6+! Qxb6 40.Rxe5 Rd8 31.71 41.f7] **1-0**

In Rd. 2, in the U 2000 section, your intrepid editor, Bob Armstrong,



had a decent game going against Will Rutherford. But then I focused on my attack so heavily that I failed to notice I was losing a R! That left the only save being a mate. I did manage to win Will's Q, when he seemed to miss that it could be pinned by my R, but the merciless clock gave me no time to mate at the end. I was only saved by Will's most sportsmanlike offer of a draw ( he was about to be mated in a few moves), while I had one second left on my clock – needless to say I grasped the offer to my bosom with hoops of steel ! Here is the game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

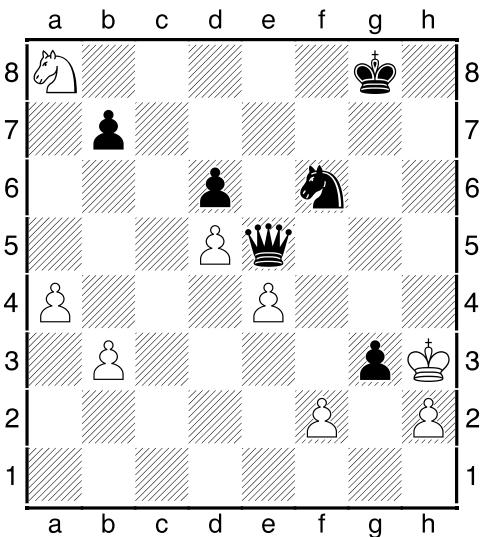
### Rutherford, William (1719) – Armstrong, Robert (1819) [E62]

Scarborough CC Jack Frost ( U 2000 ) Toronto (2), 13.01.2011

1.d4 g6± [1...Nf6=] 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.g3?!= [3.e4±] 3...Nf6 4.Bg2 0-0 5.c4 d6 6.Nc3 Nc6?!± [6...Na6 7.0-0 c5=] 7.0-0 e5 8.d5?!= [8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Be3 Re8±] 8...Ne7 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bd2 Nd7 11.e4?!± [11.Qc1 Kh7 12.Qc2 f5=] 11...f5 12.Qc1 Kh7 13.Nh4 f4?!= trying to complicate the position [13...Nb6 14.b3 c6±] 14.Qc2?± I get a " clear " advantage [14.Nf3 g5 15.h3 Ng6 16.g4 Nb6=; 14.gxf4? exf4 (14...Nxd5? 15.Nxg6 Nxg6 16.Nxf8+ Qxf8 17.Qc2 Nxg2 18.Kxg2 Qf7±) 15.Bxf4 g5 16.Bxg5 hxg5 17.Nf3 Rxf3! 18.Bxf3 Ng6±] 14...g5?= [14...Nb6 15.Qd3 g5 16.gxf4 (16.Nf3 g4 17.Ne1 f3 18.Bh1 Kg8±) 16...gxf4 17.f5 Bf6±] 15.Nf5 Nb6?!± [15...Nxf5 16.exf5 Nf6=] 16.Nxg7 Kxg7 17.b3?!± [17.Qd3 Ng6 18.Ne2 Bd7±] 17...f3 18.Bh1 Ng6?!± [18...Bh3 19.Rfc1 g4±] 19.Qd3 g4 20.Qe3 Rh8 21.c5 Nd7?!= [21...dxc5 22.h3 h5±] 22.cxd6 cxd6 23.Nb5 Nf6 24.Bb4 Ne8 25.Nxa7 Will goes up a P 25...Bd7 26.a4 h5 I have not given up on my dreams for an attack, especially when Will has taken the time to win the aP 27.Nb5?!± [27.h4 Rf8 28.Nb5 Bxb5 29.axb5 Rxa1 30.Rxa1 Nf6=] 27...Bc8?± [27...Bxb5 28.axb5 h4±] 28.Bd2?± [28.h3 Ra6 29.Rfc1 Bd7±] 28...h4 29.Bxf3! a good decision to sac now 29...gxf3 30.Qxf3 I am up N vs 3 P's 30...Bh3 31.Rfc1 Rf8?!= [31...Bd7 32.Na3 hxg3 33.fxg3 Nf6±] 32.Qe3?!± [32.Qh5 Rh8 33.Qg5 (33.Qf3?! Bd7±) 33...hxg3 34.hxg3 Qxg5 35.Bxg5 Bg4=] 32...Qf6?!= I have lost my advantage [32...Kg8 33.a5 Bg4±] 33.Nc7 Nf4??+– this may look like just an over-the-top aggressive attacking sac; in fact, I just didn't see my R was attacked, I was so focused on trying to attack ! It is just a plain old blunder. Will gets a " winning " advantage. [33...Rc8 34.Nxe8+ Rxe8 35.Rc7+ Re7=] 34.Nxa8 Will is up R + 3 P's vs 2 N's 34...hxg3 35.Qxg3+??+– Will blunders, overlooking the threat of

pinning the Q against the K; Will had 23 minutes left, and I had only 5 min.. I get a " winning " advantage. [35.fxg3] **35...Kh8** after the game, Will advised me that after this move, I failed to push my clock. He thought for a while, waited to see if I'd notice, and then after about 30 sec. didn't want to take advantage of it more and moved. **36.Bxf4 Rg8** I had 3 min. left, and Will had 22 minutes. **37.Qxg8+??-+ - 4.55** [37.Bg5 Rxg5 38.Rc3 Ng7-+ - 2.03] **37...Kxg8** I am up Q vs 2 R's + 3 P's, but now have only 2 min. left; Will has 22 minutes. **38.Rc3 - 5.77** [38.f3? Qxf4 39.Rf1 Nf6 40.Rf2 Qg5+ 41.Kh1 Qe3-+ - 11.87] **38...exf4 39.Rxh3 Qxa1+** I am up Q vs R + 3 P's **40.Kg2 Qg7+** I have 1 minute left, and Will has 20 minutes. **41.Kf3 Qc3+** I could see that I had Will in trouble now, but with less than 1 min. left, I couldn't likely mate in time. So I offered a draw. **42.Kg4??-+ - 11.14** Will thought about the offer a bit, but then moved. I don't think it was his intention just to flag me; I think he still thought the game was equal enough that he could still survive a long time yet. [42.Kg2 Qd4 43.f3 Qb2+ 44.Kf1 Qxb3-+ - 8.03] **42...Nf6+ 43.Kh4??-+ mate in 6 moves** [43.Kxf4 Qxh3 44.f3 Qxh2+-- - 11.21] **43...Qe5** I had 6 seconds left. Would Will let me mate him in that time? I threaten an immediate 44....Qh4 mate. A number of people were now surrounding the board, wondering if I'd mate before my time ran out! **44.Rg3+!** Will thought long and hard about the situation now. He saw he was in trouble, and that a sac was the only way to stave off immediate mate. Now I think he intended to win by flagging me, since he was clearly lost on the board. **44...fxg3** I am up Q vs 3 P's **45.Kh3** [stretching the mate out a bit is 45.f4 Qxf4+ 46.Kh3 Qf3 47.e5 g2+ 48.Kh4 Qg4#]

Position after 45.Kh3



**45...gxf2??-+ this is a bit slower, and I can't afford to be slow** [45...Qh5+ 46.Kg2 Qxh2+ 47.Kf1 Qxf2#] **46.Kg2 Qf4** I had a bit more than a second left. **47.Kf1** in a spirit of SCC gentlemanly sportsmanship, with me having 1 second left, and about to flag and lose, Will offered me a draw, which I accepted just before my flag fell. – a desperate save, though I maybe could have mated in time with the correct move on move 45. It never occurred to me to pause the clock, call the TD, and claim a win based on mate on the board ( can you do that? ). It is mate **47...Nxe4 48.Nc7 Nd2+ 49.Ke2 f1Q# ½-½**

In answer to my query as to what I could have done in the dying seconds of the game, to claim a win, SCC member Ken Kurkowski sent me these following two comments:

“ With the relatively fast G90 time control used at Scarborough Chess Club, issues regarding time trouble will frequently arise. Many players, especially novices, may not be aware of how the Laws of Chess deal with these situations. The following is from the FIDE Handbook:

### **Article 10: Quickplay Finish**

- 10.1 A ‘quickplay finish[commonly known as ‘Sudden Death’ in Canada]’ is the phase of a game when all the (remaining) moves must be made in a limited time.
- 10.2 If the player, having the move, has less than two minutes left on his clock, he may claim a draw before his flag falls. He shall summon the arbiter and may stop the clocks. (See Article 6.12.b)
  - a. If the arbiter agrees the opponent is making no effort to win the game by normal means, or that it is not possible to win by normal means, then he shall declare the game drawn. Otherwise he shall postpone his decision or reject the claim.
  - b. If the arbiter postpones his decision, the opponent may be awarded two extra minutes and the game shall continue, if possible in the presence of an arbiter. The arbiter shall declare the final result later in the game or as soon as possible after a flag has fallen. He shall declare the game drawn if he agrees that the final position cannot be won by normal means, or that the opponent was not making sufficient attempts to win by normal means.
  - c. If the arbiter has rejected the claim, the opponent shall be awarded two extra minutes time.
  - d. The decision of the arbiter shall be final relating to (a), (b) and (c).

NOTE: The CFC has supplemented the FIDE handbook with additional stipulations for rapidplay and blitz games, but not for Sudden Death finishes to classic time controls. The question here is obviously, what is “normal means”? My interpretation is that in general, if a player is making moves only to flag his opponent, as opposed to trying to win (via e.g. advancing a pawn, attacking the king or a more valuable piece) then his opponent’s draw claim should be upheld. Of course the TD will have to use his/her discretion, perhaps taking into account the strengths of the players.

Let’s consider some specific cases: Player A has less than two minutes left, and his opponent, player B

- a) Has no possible way of delivering mate (e.g. K and N vs K).
- b) Has no way of forcing mate (“theoretical draw”), but could do so if the other player blunders (e.g. K, N + N vs K)
- c) Is down serious material without compensation or ‘cheapo’ potential.

In case a) I believe it's an automatic draw with the TD required only in cases where a player disputes that no mate is possible. Case b) is a bit discretionary, but if the weaker side quickly demonstrates correct play, then I think it should also be drawn. Case c) is a bit trickier. Should lack of realistic winning chances be enough to declare the game drawn, regardless of whether B claims he's trying to win?

Finally, we would do well to remember Scarborough Chess Club's slogan "Friendly Chess Since 1960". In a recent game at the Club, one player was up a whole Queen, with a passed pawn on the 7<sup>th</sup> and mate coming in a couple of moves, but only two or three seconds left on his clock. His opponent offered a draw, which was immediately and gratefully accepted. Not exactly a "by the book" finish, but certainly a sporting one."

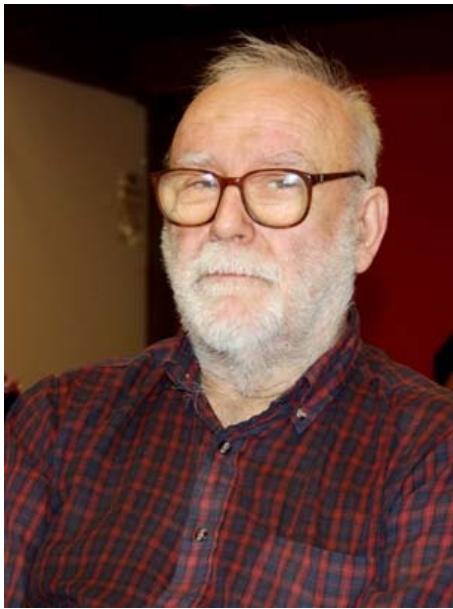
Ken's subsequent note was:

"I've just been reading the latest "An Arbiter's Notebook", a regular column in [www.chesscafe.com](http://www.chesscafe.com). It deals with yet another flag-fall scenario. In the example discussed, Black flags, but could give mate next move. Therefore, according to columnist IA Geurt Gijssen, it is a draw, but ONLY because Black has no other legal moves besides the one giving mate! In other words, if he has another possible move, even if it's a ridiculous blunder, White would win on time. An interesting point!"

So, as I understand Ken's opinion, had I flagged, even though there was a forced mate on the board, I would have lost because I had other moves I might make which would not lead to mate. It seems Ken also thinks that if, before I flagged, I had paused the clock, called the TD, and claimed a draw, I had chances of being awarded it. In his view, it seems, Will had no "realistic" chances to win. However this may not be so clear. Although Will was about to be mated, he still had an N and 6 pawns left. Could he argue he still had "realistic" chances to win?

What do you think I could have done, and what would have been the final outcome?

In Rd. 2 of the U 2000 section, a very good game was played between veteran Jim Paterson



and junior Stanley Su. Now many of us think of good games to play over as having lots of tactical fireworks. But there are also many players who appreciate a good solid positional struggle. So here is one – Jim goes up 3 P's at one point, but Stanley brings it back down to one in a stubborn defence. But Jim does triumph. Here is the game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### **Su, Stanley (1788) – Paterson, Jim (1868) [B09]**

SCC Jack Frost Swiss U2000 Toronto (2), 13.01.2011

599MB, Fritz11.ctg, My Computer **1.e4=** 0.16 **1...Nf6±** Alekhine's Defence [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.Nc3?!=** [2.e5 Nd5 3.Nf3 d6±] **2...d6?!=** [2...e5 3.Nf3 Bb4=] **3.d4 c6 4.f4 g6 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.Be2 0-0 7.0-0 b5?!=** Stanley gets a " clear " advantage [7...d5 8.e5 Ng4±] **8.a3 a6 9.h3?!=** [9.Bd3 d5 10.e5 Ng4±] **9...Nbd7 10.Be3 Qc7 11.e5?!=** premature; Stanley loses his advantage [11.Qe1 Bb7 12.Qh4 c5±] **11...Nd5 12.Nxd5 cxd5 13.c3** [13.a4 bxa4 14.Rxa4 Nb6=] **13...Nb6 14.Nd2 f6 15.Bf3?!=** Jim gets a " clear " advantage [15.exd6 Qxd6 16.Nb3 Nc4=] **15...Rb8?=** [15...fxe5 16.fxe5 dxe5 17.dxe5 e6±] **16.Kh1?!=** [16.exd6 Qxd6 17.Qe2 Nc4=] **16...Be6?=** [16...fxe5 17.fxe5 dxe5 18.dxe5 e6±] **17.exd6 Qxd6 18.Bg1 Bf7 19.Re1?!=** [19.Qe2 e6 20.Bh2 Qc6 21.Nb3 Rbe8=] **19...Nc4?!=** Jim loses his advantage [19...Rbe8 20.Bh2 Bh6±] **20.Qc2 Bh6 21.g3?!=** [21.Bh2 Rfe8 22.f5 Bf4=] **21...Rb7?!=** [21...a5 22.Nb3 Rbe8±] **22.Re2?!=** [22.Nb3 e6 23.Nc5 Ra7±] **22...Re8?!=** [22...Nxd2 23.Qxd2 a5=] **23.Rae1?!=** [23.Nb3 e6 24.Nc5 Ra7±] **23...Nxd2 24.Rxd2 e5?!=** [24...a5 25.Rde2 e6=] **25.dxe5 fxe5 26.Red1?!=** [26.Rd3 Rd7 27.Qg2 Bg7±] **26...exf4?!=** [26...Qd7 27.Bg2 exf4 28.gxf4 Bxf4=] **27.Bxd5?!=** [27.Rxd5 Qb8 28.gxf4 Bxf4±] **27...Bxd5+ 28.Rxd5 Qe6 29.Qg2 f3 30.Qxf3?!=** Jim gets back a " clear " advantage [30.Qf1 Rf7 31.Bf2 Qe2±] **30...Qxh3+ 31.Bh2 Rf7 32.Qg2 Qxg2+ 33.Kxg2 Re2+ 34.Kh1 Rxb2** Jim goes up a P **35.Bg1?!=** Jim gets a " winning " advantage [35.Rd8+ Bf8 36.Ra8 Rb3±] **35...Rb3 36.Bc5 Rxc3** Jim goes up 2 P's **37.Re1 Rxg3** Jim goes up 3 P's **38.Re8+ Bf8 39.Ra8 Kg7 40.Bd4+ Kg8 -1.64** [40...Kh6 41.Rxa6 Rf4-+ – 2.25] **41.Rxa6?!=** – 3.21 Jim is up 2 connected, passed P's [41.Bc5 Rgf3 42.Bxf8 Rf1+ 43.Kg2 R1f2+ 44.Kg1 Rxf8 45.Rxa6 Rb2-+ – 1.71] **41...Rf1?!=** – 2.32 [41...Rf4 mate threat 42.Bf6 Rxa3 43.Rxa3 Bxa3 44.Be5 Rf5 45.Rxb5 Bd6 46.Bxd6 (46.Rb8+? Bxb8 47.Bxb8 g5-+ – 5.61) 46...Rxb5-+ – 4.79] **42.Kh2 Rd3 43.Ra5?!=** – 4.45 [43.Ra8 Rfd1 44.Rdd8 R1d2+ 45.Kg1 Rxd4 46.Rxf8+ Kg7-+ – 2.58] **43...Rfd1 44.Ra8 Kf7?!=** – 2.25 [44...R1d2+ 45.Kh1 Rxd4 46.Rxd4 Rxd4 47.Ra5 Rd1+ 48.Kg2 Rb1-+ – 6.64] **45.Rd7?!=** – 4.89 [45.Ra7+ Ke6 46.Re5+ Kf6

47.Re8+ Rxd4 48.Rxf8+ Kg5-+ – 2.62] 45...Ke6 46.Rxh7 – 6.70 Jim is up a P [46.Rdd8? Be7 47.Rdb8 R1d2+ 48.Kg1 (48.Kh1?? Rxd4 49.Ra6+ Kf7+ Mate in 9 moves) 48...Rxd4-+ – 12.47] 46...Rxd4?!± Jim fails to win the B [46...Bd6+ 47.Kg2 Rg3+ 48.Kf2 Rxd4-+] 47.Rxf8 R4d3 48.Rb8 R1d2+ 49.Kg1 Rb3 50.Rb6+ Kf5 51.Rf7+ Kg5 52.Rff6?!-+ [52.Rf2 Rxf2 53.Kxf2 Kf5±] 52...Rb1+ 53.Rf1 Rxf1+?= Jim has lost his advantage [53...Rbb2 54.Rc1 Kh5-+] 54.Kxf1 Rb2 [54...Rd5 55.Ra6 Rd1+ 56.Kg2 Ra1=] 55.Ra6?± Stanley gives Jim back a " clear " advantage [55.a4 Kh4 56.Rxb5 Ra2=] 55...Kf5 56.Ra5?!-+ Jim gets a " winning " advantage again [56.Rd6 Rb1+ 57.Kf2 g5±] 56...Kf4 57.Ke1 [57.a4 b4 58.Rb5 b3-+; 57.Ra7 g5 58.a4 b4 59.a5 Ra2-+] 57...g5 58.Kd1?-+ – 3.49 [58.a4 b4 59.Rb5 g4-+ – 1.55] 58...g4 59.Ra8?-+ – 4.58 [59.Kc1 g3! 60.Kxb2 g2 61.Kc3 g1Q-+ – 3.72] 59...g3 60.Rf8+ Ke3 – 5.56 [60...Ke4 61.Rd8 g2-+ – 5.59] 61.Re8+ Kf2?-+ – 4.55 [61...Kd4 62.Kc1 Rf2-+ – 5.96] 62.Rf8+ Kg1 63.Kc1 Rf2 64.Re8 6.13 [64.Rb8 Ra2 65.Ra8 g2-+ – 6.09] 64...g2 65.Re1+?-+ – 19.08 [65.Kb1 Kf1 66.Rg8 g1Q-+ – 6.00] 65...Rf1 66.Kd2 Rxe1 67.Kxe1 Kh2-+ – 19.62 White resigns. 0-1

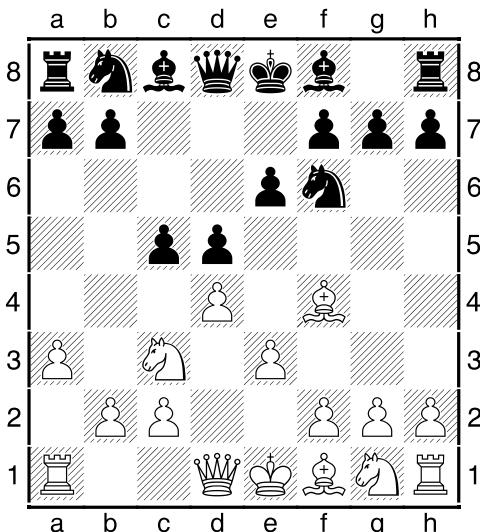
In Rd. 2 in the U 1700 section - what can be said about this game between Vishwa Gandhi and Leonid Aghamalian?? It is a mess from the beginning, all the way through to the end, and a tactical feast from start to finish ! Leonid won. Here is the game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### Gandhi, Vishwa (1070) – Aghamalian, Leonid (1442) [D00]

Scarborough CC Jack Frost ( U 1700 ) Toronto (2), 13.01.2011

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6 4.a3 c5 5.e3

Position after 5.e3



Nc6??+– missing the threat on c7; Vishwa gets an early " winning " advantage [5...Bd6 6.dxc5 Bxf4 7.exf4 Qc7=] 6.Nb5 Qa5+ 7.c3 e5 8.dxe5?!± Vishwa goes up a P [8.b4 Qb6 9.dxe5 c4 10.exf6 Qxb5-+] 8...a6 9.exf6 axb5 10.Qxd5 Vishwa goes up 2 P's 10...Be6?!+– 2.26 [10...gxf6 11.Qe4+ Be6±] 11.Qd2?!± [11.fxg7! Bxg7 12.Qxc5 b4-+] 11...Rd8 Leonid takes steps to try to get back into the game, by harassing the Q, and developing 12.Qc2 g6?!+– [12...gxf6 13.Nf3 Bg7±] 13.Nf3 c4 14.Ng5?+– 1.96 [14.Be2 b4 15.0-0 b3-+ 3.41] 14...Bf5 15.e4?!± [15.Qc1 Qa6 16.Bc7 Rd7+–] 15...Nd4! 16.Qc1?=? a blunder, falling into an N-fork; Vishwa has lost his advantage [16.Qb1 Bc8 17.Nf3 Nxf3+ 18.gxf3 Qb6±] 16...Nb3 17.Qe3 Bc5 18.Qe2 0-0 [18...Nd4! 19.Qd1 Nb3 20.Qe2 Nd4=] 19.Rb1??± a blunder; Leonid gets the advantage for the first time in the game, a " clear " advantage [19.Rd1 Bxa3! 20.Qc2 (20.Rxd8?! Rxd8 21.exf5

(21.Nxf7?? Nd4! 22.Nxd8! (22.Qd2 Kxf7 23.bxa3 Bg4 24.cxd4 Rxd4! 25.Be2 (25.Qxa5?? Rd1#) 25...Rxd2 26.Bxd2 c3 27.Bxg4 cxd2+ 28.Ke2 b4-+ - 2.04) 22...Nxe2 23.f7+ Kg7 24.Be5+ Kf8-+ - 1.66) 21...Bc5#) 20...Rxd1+ 21.Kxd1 Rd8+ 22.Ke2 Qa4=] **19...Nd4 20.Qd1 Rfe8 21.Bd2??-+** Vishwa blunders, putting the B into a pin; Leonid gets a "winning" advantage [21.Bxc4! bxc4 22.0-0 Ne6 23.Qc1 Nxf4 24.Qxf4 Bc8#] **21...Nb3 22.Qf3??-+ - 10.35** [22.Bxc4! bxc4 23.0-0 Bxe4 24.Qg4 Nxd2-+ - 8.91] **22...Nxd2** Leonid is up B vs 2 P's **23.Qf4 - 15.67** [23.Be2? Nxf3+ 24.Bxf3 Bxf2+! 25.Kxf2 Rd2+ 26.Ke3 Rxb2! 27.Rxb2 Qxc3+ 28.Kf4 Qe5+ 29.Ke3 Qxb2-+ - -16.80] **23...Nxe4** Leonid is up B vs P **24.Qh4??-+** leads to mate by Black, with W only threatening mate [24.Bxc4! Nxf2+ 25.Kf1 bxc4-+ - 26.64] **24...Nxe5+??-+** Leonid is up B + N vs P - the longer mate [24...Nxc3+ 25.Ne6 Rxe6+ 26.Be2 Nxb1+ 27.b4 Qxb4+!! 28.axb4 Bxb4+ 29.Kf1 Rd1+! 30.Bxd1 Re1#] **25.Be2 Bxb1** this also leads to mate [25...Rxe2+! 26.Kxe2 Re8+ 27.Kf1 Bd3+ 28.Kg1 Bxb1-+ mate in 12 moves] **26.Qxg5** Leonid is up R + B vs P and it is mate in 15 moves [26.0-0? Rxe2 27.Qh6 Nh3+ 28.Qxh3 Rxf2 29.Rc1 Rc2-+ mate in 7 moves] **26...Qa4??-+ - 12.62** Leonid misses the mate [26...Rd1+! 27.Kxd1 Qa4+ 28.Ke1 Bd3-+ mate in 8 moves] **27.Qxc5??-+** under the pressure, Vishwa misses the mate in one [27.0-0 Bd3 28.h3 Bxe2 29.Qxc5 Bxf1 30.Qg5 Qd1-+ - 17.57] **27...Qd1# 0-1**

For you positional game lovers, here is another one - though substantially out-rated (by almost 300 pts.), junior Phillip Liang gave new junior Tan Guo a very tough game, at one point having a winning advantage and being up a P. While Phillip was winning, Tan enterprisingly refused to go for a repetition draw, and played on trying to win. A draw seems a good result for this tough struggle. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

### Guo, Tan (1477) - Liang, Phillip (1190) [C45]

SCC Jack Frost Swiss U1700 Toronto (2), 13.01.2011

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599MB, Fritz11.ctg, My Computer **1.e4= 0.16 1...e5** for Fritz, the only equalizing move **2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4** [3.Bb5=] **3...exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6?!=** [4...Bc5 5.Nb3 Bb6=] **5.Nxc6 bxc6 6.e5?!=** premature [6.Bd3 d5 7.exd5 cxd5 8.0-0 Be7=] **6...Nd5** [6...Qe7 7.Qe2 Nd5=] **7.c4** [7.Bc4 d6 8.Bxd5 cxd5 9.Qxd5 Be6=] **7...Ne7?!=** [7...Bb4+ 8.Nd2 Nf4=] **8.Be2** [8.Bd3 d6 9.0-0 dxe5=] **8...Ng6 9.f4?!=** [9.0-0 Bc5 10.Nd2 0-0=] **9...Bc5** [9...Bb4+ 10.Nc3 0-0=] **10.Nc3 0-0 11.Na4 Bb6 12.Nxb6 axb6 13.0-0 f6 14.exf6 Qxf6 15.Qb3#** [15.a4 Ne7 16.Re1 d5=] **15...Kh8?!=** [15...d6 16.Be3 Ne7#] **16.Kh1?!=** [16.Bd2 Ba6 17.f5 Ne7=] **16...Ne5?±** Tan gets a "clear" advantage [16...d6 17.Bd2 Nh4#] **17.h3?±** Tan loses his advantage [17.Bd2 Ng6 18.f5 Ne5±] **17...Ng6 18.Bd2 Ba6 19.Rae1 Rae8?!=** **20.Qa3?#** now Phillip gets a "clear" advantage [20.Qa4 Nh4 21.Bd3 (21.Qxa6? Qd6 22.Bc3 Ra8 23.Qb7 Rfb8 24.Qxb8+ Rxb8#) 21...Qd6±] **20...Ra8?±** Now Phillip loses his advantage [20...Rxe2 21.Rxe2 Bxc4 22.Rfe1 (22.Bc3?! Qf7 23.Ref2 Bxf1 24.Rxf1 Qc4-+) 22...Bxe2 23.Rxe2 c5#] **21.Qb3 Qh4?!=** [21...Nh4 22.Bd3 Nf5=] **22.Bg4?#** [22.Bd3 d6 23.Qc2 Kg8±] **22...d5 23.Be2?!=** Phillip gets back his "clear" advantage [23.Rf3 Bxc4 24.Qc3 Qf6#] **23...Nxf4** Phillip goes up a P **24.Bxf4 Rxf4 25.Rxf4?!=+** Phillip gets a "winning" advantage [25.Qa3 Rxf1+ 26.Rxf1 Qd8#] **25...Qxe1+ 26.Bf1 Bxc4** Phillip goes up 2 P's **27.Qf3 h6 28.Rf8+ Rxf8 29.Qxf8+ Kh7 30.Qf5+ Kg8 31.Qc8+ Kh7 32.Qf5+ Kg8 33.Qc8+ Kf7 34.Qxc7+** Tan enterprisingly plays for a win, when he could have had a repetition draw - likely he hoped the rating differential might kick in before the end of the game; Phillip is up a P **34...Kg6 35.Qd6?!=** - 6.21 [35.Kh2 Qxf1 36.b3 Bd3 37.Qxc6+ Kh7 38.Qxd5 Qe2-+ - 3.83] **35...Kf7? - 1.71** [35...Kh7 36.Kh2 Bxf1-+ - 7.05] **36.Qd7+ - 1.71** [36.Qc7+ Kf6-+ - 1.71] **36...Qe7?#** Phillip is losing his advantage [36...Kf6 37.Qd8+ Qe7-+] **37.Qf5+ Qf6 38.Qd7+ Kg8 39.Bxc4 dxc4 40.Qe8+ Kh7 41.Qe4+ g6?!=** Phillip has lost his advantage [41...Qg6 42.Qxc4 c5#] **42.Qxc4 Qxb2 43.Qxc6** material equality **43...b5 44.Qb7+ Qg7 45.Qxb5** Tan goes up a P **45...Qa1+ 46.Kh2 Qxa2** material equality **47.Qd7+=** Draw agreed. ½-½

## **SCC Club Championship**

There are three sections to the SCC Club Championship.

The Championship Section is a 10-player round robin of the 9 highest rated club members registering, plus the winner of the prior year's Open Reserves Section ( or the next place finisher in case the winner qualifies by rating or is not playing ). Here are the players this year ( Unfortunately, WIM Yuanling Yuan ( 2352 ), last year's champion, was unable to play this tournament, to defend her title ) :

1. Master Rune **Pedersen** ( 2303 )
2. Master Andrei **Moffat** ( 2248 )
3. Master Josh **Guo** ( 2240 )
4. Master Michael **Song** ( 2228 )
5. Master John **Hall** ( 2200 ) – past club champion
6. Andrew **Picana** ( 2182 )
7. Erwin **Casareno** ( 2165 ) – past club champion
8. Ilyas **Nasirov** ( 2142 )
9. Dave **Southam** ( 2102 )
10. Pepin **Manalo** ( 1762 ) – Reserves Qualifier

9 players are over 2100 – the top section includes 5 Masters! The current average rating of the 9 by rating is 2201! This may well be the strongest club championship in Canada.

The following won their games in Rd. 1, played Feb. 24 – Pedersen, Moffat, Hall, Casareno ( Guo-Southam postponed ).

The rest of the club plays in 2 swiss sections – the Open Reserves; the U 1700 Reserves. In the Reserves, members can play up a section if they are within 100 points of the higher section rating floor.

38 members have registered for the Open Reserves – it is headed by 4 experts – Bryan **Lamb** ( 2145 – past club champion ); Alex **Ferreira** ( 2081 ), Kevin **Wu** ( 2080 ) and David **Krupka** ( 2035 ). All won their first round games, except Bryan who took a bye.

44 members have registered for the U 1700 Reserves.

It is interesting to note that the mid-line for the club is 1600. We have 48 players over 1600, and 44 under 1600 ( since all the 1600's have elected to play up ). And over half of the U 1600's are juniors.

The total registrants are 92. This is right in line with our first 3 tournaments of this 2010-11 season, which averaged 91 players.

Games are collected each week (the white score sheet is handed in; the player gets the yellow carbon ) – this is mandatory on all members. But there will be no games of this tournament sent out to members in database format, nor published, until the tournament has concluded ( this is the SCC policy concerning score sheets, the games database, and the newsletter. If anyone is interested in getting a copy of this policy, just e-mail me at [bobarm@sympatico.ca](mailto:bobarm@sympatico.ca) . )

SCC member Ken Kurkowski and I, as club volunteers, enter the SCC games each week into the tournament database, which, as was said, will be sent out to members

when the tournament is concluded ( 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 substantial number of the games, and, from time to time, Ken also analyzes a few games for the newsletter and/or the database.

### **Express Your INNER Self !!**

Got a chess issue that has been bothering you for a while? Got a favourite chess topic that you've always wanted to share with other chess players? Read something in SCTCN&V that you profoundly agreed with, or maybe ( surely not ! ) disagreed with?

SCTCN&V may be for you. We are very open to publishing freelance articles from our readers – David Cohen, Erwin Casareno and Erik Malmsten, among others, have presented us with material in the past. We have a columnist, Rick Garel. Maybe there's a writer inside just waiting to get going !

Also, if you would like us to cover some topic, send us your idea, and we'll see if we can write something up on it.

This may be the chance you've been waiting for ! Want to express your inner self???

### **TOURNAMENT NOTICES**

#### **West Toronto Qualifier for 2011 Canadian Youth Chess Championship**

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West Toronto Qualifier for 2011 Canadian Youth Chess Championship for kids Under 12 & Under 14 will start on Saturday, February 26. See info below.

#### **WEST TORONTO QUALIFIERS FOR 2011 CANADIAN YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP**

Events Schedule:

February 26 – March 26

U12 Boys & Girls

U14 Boys & Girls

April 2 – April 30

U16 Boys & Girls

U18 Boys & Girls

FORMAT: 5 round-robin or swiss tournament

Games will be played on consecutive Saturdays from 1:00pm till 4:00pm

TIME CONTROL: SD/90

PLACE: Swansea Town Hall Community Centre, 95 Lavinia Ave, Toronto

ENTRY FEE: \$55 (\$6 from every entry will go toward CFC Youth Program)

Pre-registration is required before January 20th, 2011.

**PRIZES** (based on 6 participants in each section):

1st - \$175 will be paid towards the entry to 2011 CYCC

plus further bursary based on entry numbers.

The first three places of each section will be qualified for 2011 CYCC.

Organizer: Natalia Khoudgarian & Goran Milicevic

Entries & Info: Natalia (416) 879-7300 or e-mail: [info@chessforchildren.ca](mailto:info@chessforchildren.ca)

The tournament is open to the children from all over Ontario to play and get qualified for Canadian Youth Chess Championship to be held in Richmond Hill on July 6 – July 9, 2011. Qualification to 2011 CYCC through provincial or regional YCC is required for Registration. For more information on new rules see: [www.2011cycc.ca](http://www.2011cycc.ca)

### **Canadian Junior U20 Chess Championship 2011 - Open & Girls ( Advance Notice )**

The Mississauga Chess Club is proud to host the Canadian Junior U20 Chess Championship 2011.

**Place:** University of Toronto Mississauga Campus  
Room 3141 Faculty Lounge 3rd Floor  
3359 Mississauga Road, Mississauga, Ontario

**Dates:** April 21 -25, 2011 - Easter weekend ( Thursday – Monday )

**Format:** Two sections - Open & Girls  
9 round swiss, max 3 byes  
90 minutes plus 30 second increments  
CFC and FIDE rated

**Round times:** Rd 1 - April 21, 6 pm  
Rd 2-9 - April 22 -25, 10am and 3pm

**Prizes:** Winners will represent Canada at the World Juniors in India.

1st Open - \$ 2,000 towards travel costs

1st Girls - \$ (girls entry fees paid) towards travel costs

**Entry fee:** \$ 150 (early bird discount), \$ 200 at the door.

**Chief Organizers:** Mikhail Egorov, Garvin Nunes

**Organizing committee:** Paul Roschman, Gordon Gooding, Bob Gillanders

### **2011 Canadian Closed and Zonal Championship ( Advance Notice )**

Chief Organizer: Hal Bond, IO, IA,

205 – 105 Conroy Crescent, Guelph, ON N1G 2V5  
[halbond@sympatico.ca](mailto:halbond@sympatico.ca)

Dates: May 7-11, 2011

Venue: Peter Clark Hall, Guelph University Centre

Format: 9 Round Swiss

Eligibility:

All players must meet the requirements of Article 807 in the CFC Handbook, and be eligible to compete for Canada in the World Chess Cup. Exceptions are subject to approval by the CFC Executive.

Players with a CFC, FQE or FIDE rating over 2200

Provincial Association and Territorial nominees, with a minimum rating of 2000.

FIDE titled FM, WIM or higher

Canadian Junior Champion and Canadian Women's Champion

Schedule: Players meeting: Friday, May 6, 7pm University Centre Room 004 (tentative)

Round 1-8 Saturday – Tuesday 10am, 4pm

Round 9 Wednesday, May 11 10am followed by playoffs as required.

Time Control: 40/90, G/30 + 30 seconds from move one.

Entry Fees: \$250 per player. Free entry to GMs and IMs.

Prize fund: \$ 4,000 cash prize fund (based on 30 paid entries) and travel prize to World Cup.

Accommodations: Special rate of \$93.99 per night includes full hot breakfast at Best Western Royal Brock Hotel, 716 Gordon Street(across the road from University).

Free accommodation and meal allowance based on double occupancy for defending champion, vice champion and GMs.

Sponsors: Chess Federation of Canada (CFC), University of Guelph, Ontario Chess Association (OCA), Southwestern Ontario Chess League (SWOCL)

## **2011 Ontario Open Chess Championship ( Advance Notice )**

WHEN: May 21st to May 23 2011.

WHERE: Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School

1715 Main Street East, Hamilton, Ontario

ENTRY FEE: \$60 with cheque received by mail by May 1st.

\$70 if cheque received by mail after May 1st and by May 20th.

Otherwise \$80 at the door. Cash only at the door.

ALLOW AT LEAST ONE WEEK IF MAILING A CHEQUE

Special discount to FM's, IM's, and GM's if contacted before March 5th 2011.

SECTIONS: Open, Under 2000 and Under 1600.

PRIZES: \$5,000 total prize fund (based on 125 entries)

TIME CONTROL: 90min with 30sec increment.

ROUNDS: Rounds are at 10 a.m. and 4p.m. each day.

REGISTRATION: Opens at the site at 9a.m. Closes at 9:45a.m.  
CFC membership required. No last round byes.  
Bring your own sets and clocks.

ORGANIZERS: Joe Ellis, Mike Egorov of the Hamilton City Chess Club (HCCC), Bob Gillanders and Gordon Gooding of the HCCC and the Milton Junior Chess School

CONTACT: [miltonchess@hotmail.com](mailto:miltonchess@hotmail.com) and mail entry cheques  
(with contact info please) to:  
Gordon Gooding  
1101 McClenahan Crescent  
Milton, ON, L9T 6P1

### **2011 Canadian Youth Chess Championship (CYCC) ( Advance Notice )**

Wednesday, July 6 - Saturday, July 9, 2011.  
Hotel Sheraton, Richmond Hill, Ontario.

**Official Website:** [www.2011cycc.ca](http://www.2011cycc.ca)

**E-mail:** [2011cycc@gmail.com](mailto:2011cycc@gmail.com)

**Qualification:** through provincial YCC's required (except the Pre-Qualified players).

### **2011 Canadian Open Chess Championship ( Advance Notice )**

Saturday, July 9 - Sunday, July 17, 2011.  
The Westin Harbour Castle, One Harbour Square, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Official Website: <http://www.canadianchess.info/2011canadianopen>

E-mail: [2011CanadianOpen@canadianchess.info](mailto:2011CanadianOpen@canadianchess.info)

Can we beat the 2010 Toronto Can. Open attendance of 265 registrants?

**Chess Trivia Quiz – 2010 Canadian Open – Answer**

**15. Whose nickname was “The Patriarch”?**

- a) Chigorin
- b) Tarrasch
- c) Steinitz
- d) Botvinnik**

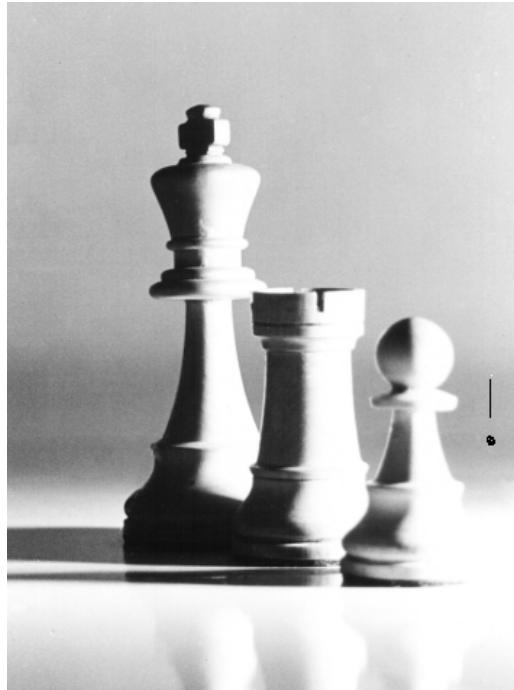


Members enjoy an evening at SCC !



( picture by Erik Malmsten )

## An Impressive Trio !



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