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Canadian Closed/Zonal – GM Sambuev New Canadian Champion !



The 81st Canadian Closed (and a Zonal this year) was held at Guelph University

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between May 6 – 11. The first full championship was held in 1873, the winner being Albert Ensor (in 1872, the tournament was not completed). The 2011 edition was a 29-player 9 round swiss. There was a first place cash prize, and travel expenses paid to the World Chess Championship Qualifying Tournament, the FIDE World Cup, later this year. As well, the winner plays on the Canadian Chess Olympiad Team in 2012 in Istanbul. There were a number of sponsors of this event: SAP Software, the U of Guelph, CFC, OCA and SWOCL.

After the main tournament, Sambuev and Alberta Champion, IM Eric Hansen were tied with 7.5/9 pts., both undefeated. So a 2 game rapid play-off match was needed.

The first rapid game went 80 moves and was drawn. Then Bator won the 2nd rapid game, and the Canadian Champion title. Bator recently immigrated to Canada from Russia, and now lives in Montreal, Quebec. He is the highest-rated CFC rating ever.

Although he wins the right to represent Canada at the FIDE World Cup later this year, which is the first phase of the next world championship cycle, for a number of reasons Bator has advised the CFC he will not be attending in Russia for the World Cup. So Eric, as runner-up, will replace Bator at the World Cup - a very worthy replacement. Bator will play on the Canadian Olympiad team by the time of the tournament in 2012.

An upset occurred early, in Rd. 2, when FM Robert Hamilton



defeated IM Nikolay Noritsyn, 2007 Canadian Champion. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Hamilton, Robert (2370) – Noritsyn, Nikolay (2584) [A43]

2011 Canadian Closed Guelph (2), 07.05.2011

1.d4 c5± [1...Nf6=] 2.d5 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e4 d6 5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.Bxd7+ Qxd7 7.Nf3 exd5?!±
Hamilton gets a " clear " advantage [7...Be7 8.0-0 0-0±] 8.Nxd5 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Bg5?!± [10.Bf4 Re8 11.Re1 Nc6±] 10...Nxd5 11.Qxd5 Bxg5 12.Nxg5 Nc6 13.Rad1 Rad8 14.f4?!= [14.Rfe1 Rfe8 15.a3 Ne5±] 14...h6 15.Nf3 Qe6 [15...Rfe8 16.c3 Ne7=] 16.c3 Rfe8 17.Rfe1 Qf6 18.Qd2 Re6 19.Re2 Rde8?!± [19...d5 20.e5 Qg6=] 20.Rde1 R6e7 21.b4 Qe6 22.Nh4 Qc4?!± [22...Qf6 23.Nf5 Re6±] 23.b5 Qxb5 Nikolay goes up a P temporarily 24.Nf5 Rd7 25.Nxd6 material equality 25...Qa4?!± – Hamilton gets a " winning " advantage [25...Qa5 26.e5 c4±] 26.e5 Ne7 27.Qe3 Rf8 28.Qg3?!± [28.Qf3?! Ng6 29.Rf1 Rfd8±; 28.Qxc5 f6 29.e6 b6+–] 28...Qc6?!± – [28...f5 29.Rb2 b6±] 29.Qg4 Ng6 30.h4 1.79 [30.Rd2 Rfd8 31.Red1 h5+– 2.00] 30...Rfd8 31.h5 Nf8 32.Nf5 Ne6 33.Nxh6+! Hamilton goes up a P 33...Kh7 34.Nf5 Qa4 35.g3 Rd3 36.Nd6 Rd7??+– 8.52 losing the R [36...R8xd6 37.exd6 Rxd6+– 2.02] 37.Qf5++– 8.52 wins the R 1-0

In Rd. 4, Raja Panjwani



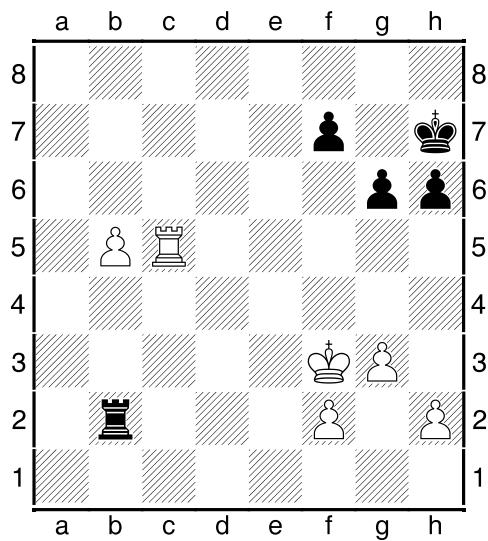
went up a P against Artiom Samsonkin, and got it to the 7th rank, forcing Artiom to sac his R for the P. Raja went on to win, and take sole possession of first place. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Panjwani, Raja (2450) – Samsonkin, Artiom (2561) [E11]

2011 Canadian Closed Guelph (4), 07.05.2011

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 Qe7 5.g3 Nc6 6.Nc3 0-0 7.Bg2 Na5 [7...d5?! 8.a3 Bxc3 9.Bxc3 Rd8±; 7...Bxc3 8.Bxc3 Ne4=] 8.b3 b6 9.0-0 Bb7 10.Qc2 Rac8 11.c5 bxc5 Artiom goes up a P 12.a3 cxd4 Artiom temporarily goes up 2 P's 13.axb4 dxc3 14.Bxc3 Artiom is up a P 14...Nc6 15.Ng5 e5 16.b5 Nd4 17.Bxd4 Bxg2 18.Bc5 d6 19.Kxg2 dxc5 20.Rfc1 h6 21.Ne4 the game has been dead equal to here 21...Nxe4?!± [21...c6 22.Qxc5 Qxc5 23.Nxc5 cxb5 24.Rxa7 Rfd8=] 22.Qxe4 Rb8 23.Qc6 Rb6 24.Qxc5 material equality 24...Qe6?!± Raja gets a " clear " advantage [24...Qe8 25.Ra5 Qa8+ 26.Kg1 Qe4±] 25.Rxa7 Qxb3 26.Qxe5 Raja goes up a P 26...Re6 27.Qc5 Rfe8?!± – Raja gets a " winning " advantage [27...Rxe2 28.Rxc7 Qd3±] 28.Rxc7 Raja goes up 2 P's 28...Re5 29.Rc8! offering the Q for both R's, being up 2 P's 29...Rxc8 Artiom correctly declines the Q exchange 30.Qxc8+ Kh7 31.Rc5 Rxe2 Raja is up a P again (passed and on the 5th rank) 32.Qf5+ g6 33.Qf3?!± [33.Qf6 Qe6 34.Qxe6 Rxe6+–] 33...Qxf3+ 34.Kxf3 Rb2

Position after 34....Rb2



35.Ke4! sacking a P to queen 35...Rxf2 material equality 36.Kd5 Rxh2 Artiom goes up a P, but Raja's passed P is decisive 37.b6 Rb2 38.Kc6 g5 39.b7 Rxb7 40.Kxb7 Raja is up R vs 2 P's 40...Kg6 41.Kc6 h5 42.Kd5 Kf5 43.Kd4+ 5.90 [43.Rc4 Kf6 44.Ke4 Ke6 45.Rc6+ Ke7+- 5.86] 43...Kg4 44.Ke3 f5 6.00 [44...f6 45.Kf2 f5+- 6.00] 45.Kf2 f4 46.Rc4 h4 47.gxf4 gxf4 48.Rc8+- 6.50 1-0

In Rd. 5, however, Raja ran into 2007 Canadian Champion, Nikolay Noritsyn,

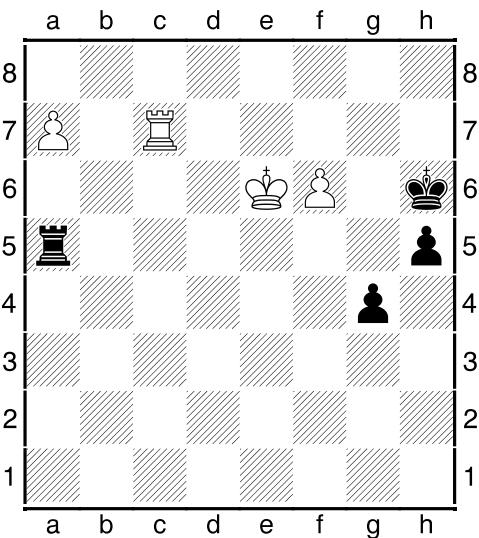


who had bounced back from his Rd. 2 loss. They both ended up Queening, but Raja was lost. Nikolay went into a tie for first with IM Eric Hansen and Arthur Calugar. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Noritsyn, Nikolay (2584) – Panjwani, Raja (2450) [E61]

2011 Canadian Closed Guelph (5), 08.05.2011

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6± [2...e5=] 3.g3= [3.Nf3 Bg7 (3...c5 4.e4 Bg7=) 4.d4 (4.e3?! 0-0=) 4...0-0±]
3...Bg7 4.Bg2 d6 5.d4 0-0 6.e3 c5 7.d5 [7.Nge2 Nc6 8.h3 Bd7=] 7...Na6 [7...Qa5 8.Nge2 Nbd7=;
7...Nbd7 8.Nge2 Ne5=] 8.Nge2 Nc7 9.a3?!± Raja gets the advantage [9.0-0 a6 10.a4 Rb8=]
9...b5 10.cxb5 Nikolay goes up a P 10...Rb8 11.Qd3 a6 12.Rb1 [12.a4 axb5 13.axb5 Bd7±]
12...e6 13.dxe6 Bxe6?± [13...fxe6 14.b4 axb5±] 14.bxa6 Nikolay goes up 2 P's 14...d5?!±
Nikolay gets a " clear " advantage [14...c4 15.Qd1 Nxa6±] 15.0-0?± [15.b4 Bf5 16.e4 Nxe4
17.Bxe4 dxe4 18.Qxd8 Rfxd8 19.Bf4 Nxa6 20.Bxb8 cxb4 21.axb4 Rxb8±] 15...Bf5?!± [15...c4?!
16.Qc2 Nxa6±; 15...Rb6 16.Rd1 Qa8±] 16.e4 Nxe4 Nikolay is up a P 17.Nxe4 dxe4 18.Qxd8
Rbxd8 19.Bg5?!± [19.b4 cxb4 20.a7 Ra8±] 19...Rd7 20.Rbd1 Nxa6 material equality 21.Nc3
Rb7 22.Bc1?!= Nikolay loses his advantage [22.Nxe4 Rxb2 23.Be7 Re8±] 22...Rb3 23.Rfe1
Nc7?!± [23...Bxc3 24.bxc3 Rxc3 25.Bxe4 Bxe4 26.Rxe4 c4=] 24.Bxe4 Nikolay goes up a P
24...Bxe4?!± Nikolay gets back a " clear " advantage [24...Bxc3 25.bxc3 Bxe4 26.Rxe4 Rxc3±]
25.Nxe4 Ne6 26.Nd2 Rd3 27.Nc4 Rfd8 28.Rxd3 Rxd3 29.Be3 Rb3 30.Kf1 h5 31.h4 Bf6 32.Rd1
Nd4 33.Rd2 Kf8 34.Kg2 Ke7 35.Na5 Rb5 36.b4 Ke6 37.bxc5 Nikolay goes up 2 P's again
37...Rxa5 38.Bxd4 Bxd4 39.Rxd4 Rxc5 Nikolay is up a P 40.Re4+ Kf5 41.Rf4+ [41.Rb4 Rc3
42.a4 Ra3±] 41...Ke6 42.Re4+ [42.Rb4 Rc2 43.Rb6+ Ke7±] 42...Kf5 43.Rb4 Rc3 44.a4 Ra3
45.Rb5+ Kf6 46.a5 Kg7 47.Kf1 Ra2 48.Ke1 Kh6 49.Rc5 f6 50.f4 Ra3 51.Kd2 Rxg3 material
equality 52.a6 Ra3 53.Rc6 Ra4?+– Nikolay gets a " winning " advantage [53...Kg7 54.Rc7+ Kh6
55.a7 g5±] 54.Ke3 Kg7 55.Rc7+ Kh6 56.Rc6 Kg7 57.Rc7+ Kh6 58.a7 g5 59.hxg5+ fxg5 60.f5
g4 61.f6 Ra3+ 62.Kf4 62...Ra4+ 63.Kf5 Ra5?+– 11.58 [63...Ra6 64.f7 Kg7+– 5.50]
64.Kf4?+– 3.91 [64.Ke6 Ra6+ 65.Ke7 Ra1+– 16.88] 64...Ra4+ 65.Kf5 Ra5+ 66.Ke6



g3?? leads to mate [66...Ra3 67.f7 Re3+- 18.34; 66...h4 67.f7 Kg7+- 16.11] **67.f7 Kg7 68.Ke7 Re5+** [68...Rf5 69.Ke8 Kh6+- mate in 10 moves] **69.Kd6?+-** the longer mate [69.Kd8 Re6 70.a8Q Rd6++- W mates in 5 moves] **69...Ra5 70.Ke7** [70.Ke6 g2 71.Ke7 Re5+ 72.Kd7 Kxf7 73.Kd6+ Kg6 74.a8Q g1Q 75.Qg8+ Kf5 76.Rf7+ Ke4 77.Qxg1+- mate in 9 moves] **70...Re5+ 71.Kd8 g2** mate in 7 moves [71...Rd5+ 72.Ke8 Re5+ 73.Re7 Kg6+- mate in 6 moves] **72.a8Q g1Q 73.f8Q+ Kxf8** Raja is temporarily up a P, but lost **74.Kd7?+-** longer route - mate in 15 moves[74.Qf3+ Rf5 75.Qxf5+ Kq8 76.Qh7+ Kf8 77.Qf7#] **1-0**

In Rd. 6, two of the three co-leaders met – IM Eric Hansen



Eric on left

and IM Nikolay Noritsyn. Hansen won, picking up a number of pawns in the ending, taking sole possession of first place after 6 rounds. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Hansen, Eric (2572) – Noritsyn, Nikolay (2584) [B00]

2011 Canadian Closed Guelph (6), 09.05.2011

1.d4 e6± [1...Nf6=] 2.e4 b6?!± Eric gets an early " clear " advantage [2...Nf6 3.e5 Nd5±] **3.Nf3 Bb7 4.Bd3 d6 5.0-0 Nd7 6.a4 a6 7.Re1 Ne7 8.Nbd2 g6 9.Nf1?!±** [9.a5 b5 10.c4 bxc4 11.Nxc4 Bg7±] **9...Bg7 10.Ng3 0-0 11.c3 c5 12.h4?!=** Eric has lost his advantage [12.Be3 Qc7 13.Qe2 h6±] **12...Nc6 13.Bb1** [13.Be3 Nf6 14.Bd2 Ng4=] **13...h6 14.h5 cxd4 15.Nxd4 g5±** [15...Nxd4 16.cxd4 Qh4=] **16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Qxd6** Eric goes up a P **17...Rc8?!±** Eric gets back a " clear " advantage [17...Be5 18.Qd2 Qc7±] **18.Bc2?!±** [18.Be3 Be5 19.Qd2 Qc7±] **18...Be5 19.Qd1 Qf6?!±** [19...Qc7 20.Qe2 Nc5±] **20.Nf1 Qg7 21.Ne3 Bc7 22.Qe2 Nf6 23.Ng4 Nxh5** material equality **24.e5 Nf4?!±** Eric gets a " winning " advantage [24...Rfd8 25.Be4 Bxe4 26.Qxe4 Kh8±] **25.Bxf4 gxf4 26.Be4 Bxe4 27.Nf6+ Kh8 28.Qxe4 Bd8 29.Qxf4?!±** [29.Nh5 Qh7 30.Qxf4 Qg6+-] **29...Bxf6 30.exf6 Qg5 31.Qxg5 hxg5 32.Re5 Rc5 33.Rxc5 bxc5 34.Re1 Rb8 35.Re5 Kg8?!±** [35...Rxb2 36.Rxc5 Ra2 37.a5 g4±] **36.Rxg5+ Eric goes up 2 P's 36...Kf8?±** 4.70 [36...Kh8 37.Rxc5 Rxb2+- 2.58] **37.Rxc5±** 4.70 Eric is up 3 P's 1-0

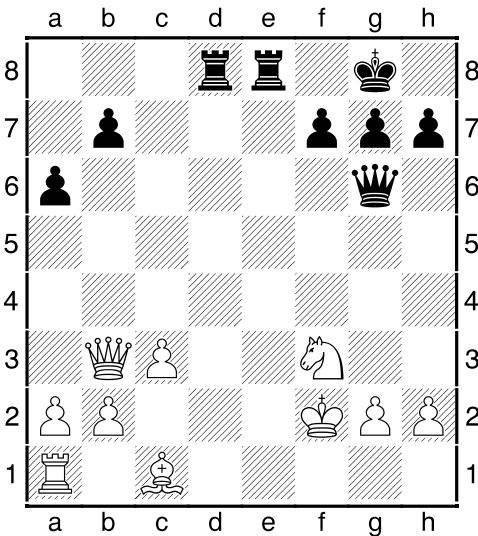
Also in Rd. 6, it seems that the favourite, GM Bator Sambuev, who had dropped 3 draws along the way, and was tied for second, woke up – a great game. He sacks a rook and ends up with a mate against IM Artiom Samsonkin. This kept him in the race, tied 2/4, ½ pt. back. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Samsonkin, Artiom (2561) – Sambuev, Bator (2750) [C08]

2011 Canadian Closed Guelph (6), 09.05.2011

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.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.exd5 exd5 6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.Qe2+?!= [7.Bxd7+ Nbx7 8.0-0 Be7±] 7...Be7 8.dxc5 Artiom goes up a P 8...0-0 9.Nb3 Re8 10.Bxd7 Nbx7 11.0-0 Nxc5 material equality 12.Nxc5?!= Bator gets the advantage [12.Qd1 Nce4 13.Be3 Qc7=] 12...Bxc5 13.Qd3 Qb6 14.c3 14...Ng4 15.Qf5?!= Bator gets a "clear" advantage [15.Qc2 Ne5 16.Nxe5 Rxe5=] 15...Qg6?!= [15...Bxf2+ 16.Kh1 Nf6=] 17.Bg5 Ne4 18.Qxd5 Qxb2 19.Rfb1 Qxc3= Bator would be up 2 P's] 16.Qxd5 Bxf2+ material equality [16...Qb6?! 17.Qf5 Bxf2+ 18.Kh1 Nf6=] 17.Rxf2 generally winning two minors for the R is good [17.Kh1?! Rad8 18.Qxb7 Bc5=] 17...Rad8 18.Qb5??+- Bator gets a "winning" advantage [18.Qc4 Nxf2 19.Kxf2 Qc2+ 20.Kg3 Re2=] 18...a6 19.Qb3??+- 3.91 [19.Qf1 Nxf2 20.Kxf2 Qc2+ 21.Bd2 Rxd2+ 22.Nxd2 Qxd2+ 23.Kg1 Qxb2+- 1.49] 19...Nxf2 20.Kxf2 - 4.53 Artiom is up B + N vs R, but is now subject to a deadly attack [20.Bg5 Re2 21.Qxb7 h6+- 4.37]



20...Re2+! Bator soundly sacs his R for an attack 21.Kxe2 Qxg2+ Artiom is up B + N vs P 22.Ke3 Re8+ 23.Kf4 h6?+- 2.74 the weaker line [23...h5 24.h3 h4 25.Qd5 Qg3+ 26.Kf5 g6+ 27.Kf6 Re6+ 28.Qxe6 Qxf3+ 29.Ke7 fxe6+- 5.88 Bator would be up Q + P vs R + B.] 24.h4 h5 25.Ne5 Qh2+ 26.Kf3 Rxe5 Artiom is up B vs P, but is lost 27.Qc4 Qh3+ 28.Kf2 b5 29.Qd4 Qh2+ 30.Kf3 Qe2+ 31.Kg3 Re4 32.Qd8?+- 10.15 [32.Qxe4 Qxe4+- 7.67] 32...Kh7 33.Qd2?+- mate in 4 moves [33.Qg5 Rg4+ 34.Qxg4 hxg4+- 14.09] 33...Rg4+ 34.Kh3+- Artiom resigned. It is mate 34...Qf3+ 35.Kh2 Rxh4+ 36.Kg1 Rh1# 0-1

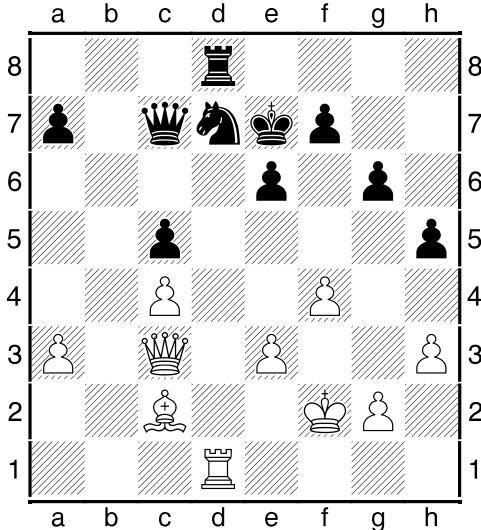
In Rd. 7, Sambuev again sacked material, this time against FM Shiyam Thavandiran (former SCC junior), and this time unsoundly, but won; this took him into a three-way tie for first, with Hansen and Panjwani. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Sambuev, Bator (2750) – Thavandiran, Shiyam (2463) [A47]

2011 Canadian Closed Guelph (7), 09.05.2011

1.d4 e6± [1...Nf6=] 2.Nf3= [2.e4±] 2...Nf6?!= [2...d5=] 3.e3 b6 4.Bd3 Bb7 5.0-0 c5 6.b3?!= [6.c4 Be7 7.Nc3 0-0±] 6...Nc6 7.a3 d5 8.Bb2 Qc7?!= [8...Bd6 9.dxc5 bxc5=] 9.c4 Be7 10.Nbd2 dxc4 11.bxc4?!= [11.Nxc4 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 0-0±] 11...0-0 12.Rc1 Rfd8 13.Bb1 Rac8?!= [13...cxd4 14.exd4 Qf4=] 14.Qc2 g6 15.dxc5 bxc5 16.Rcd1 Ba8 17.h3?!= [17.Qc3 Rb8 18.Nb3 Qb6±] 17...Ne8?!= [17...Nd7 18.Ne4 h6=] 18.Ne4 Rxd1 19.Rxd1 Rd8 20.Rf1?!= for the first time in the game, Shiyam gets the advantage [20.Rxd8 Nxd8 21.Qc3 f6±] 20...Nb8?!= [20...f5 21.Ng3 e5=] 21.Ne5 [21.Qc3 f6 22.h4 Nd7=] 21...Bxe4 [21...f5 22.Nd2 Nd7=] 22.Qxe4 Bf6 23.Bc3?!= [23.f4 Nd7 24.g4 Bg7=] 23...Bg7?!= [23...Nd7 24.f4 Nd6=] 24.f4?!= [24.Qf4 Nc6 25.Nxc6 Qxc6

26.Bxg7 Kxg7±] 24...Nd6?!± [24...Nd7 25.Bc2 Nb6=] 25.Qc2 Nf5 26.Ng4 h5?!± Bator gets a " clear " advantage [26...Nd7 27.Qb2 Kf8±] 27.Bxg7 Nxg7 28.Nf6+ Kf8 29.Qc3 Nd7 30.Ne4 Nf5 31.Bc2 Ke7?!+- Bator gets a " winning " advantage [31...Kg8 32.g4 hxg4 33.hxg4 Nd6±] 32.Kf2?!± [32.Rd1 Nb6 33.Qf6+ (33.Rb1?! h4±) 33...Ke8+-] 32...Nd6 33.Nxd6 Qxd6 34.Rd1 Qc7



35.Bxg6?= An unsound sac, because it need not be accepted; it loses the exchange. Bator goes up a P, but loses his advantage [35.Kg1 Nf8 36.Rf1 f6±] 35...Nf6! [35...fxg6?? 36.Qg7+ Ke8 37.Qxg6+ Ke7 38.Qg7+ Ke8 39.Kg1] 36.Bd3 Ne4+ 37.Bxe4 Rxd1 Shiyam is up the exchange, but Bator has a P compensation 38.Bf3 Rb1 39.Bxh5 Bator has 2 P's compensation for being down the exchange [39.Kg3 e5 40.Bxh5 exf4+ 41.exf4 Rb6=] 39...Qb6 40.Kg3 Qb2 41.Qa5 Qb6 42.Qc3 Qb2 43.Qa5 Qb6 44.Qa4?± Bator rejects the draw by repetition at his peril; Shiyam now gets a " clear " advantage [44.Qc3=] 44...a5?= [44...Rb3 45.Kf2 Rd3?±] 45.Qc2 Qb3 46.Qh7 Bator leaves his K open to attack to get some attacking chances 46...Qxe3+ Shiyam is up the exchange, but Bator has a P compensation 47.Kg4 Rg1?± Now Bator gets the " clear " advantage [47...Rb8 48.Qxf7+ Kd6=] 48.Qxf7+ Bator again has 2 P's compensation for being down the exchange 48...Kd8 49.Qe8+ Kc7 50.Qe7+ Kc8 51.Qf8+?= [51.Kg5 Rxg2+ 52.Bg4 a4± (52...Rg1?+±)] 51...Kb7 52.Qg7+ Kc8?!± [52...Kb6 53.Qb2+ Kc7=] 53.Qh8+?= [53.Kg5 Rxg2+ 54.Bg4 Qxh3±] 53...Kc7 54.Qg7+ Kc8 [54...Kb6 55.Qb2+ Kc7=] 55.Qf8+ [55.Kg5 Qd4 56.Qf7 Rxg2+ 57.Bg4 Qd6=] 55...Kb7 56.Kh4 Qf2+ 57.Kg5 Qxg2+ Shiyam is up the exchange, with Bator having a P compensation 58.Bg4 Qc6 59.Qg7+ Qc7 60.Qf6 Qd7 61.Qe5 Qe7+ 62.Kg6 Ka7 63.f5 Qe8+ 64.Kg5 Qg8+ 65.Kf4 Rf1+ 66.Bf3 Qb8??+- Shiyam falters – the losing move – Bator gets a " winning " advantage [66...Qc8 67.Kg3 exf5=] 67.Qxb8+ Kxb8 68.f6 e5+ 69.Ke3 e4 70.Kxe4 Bator again has 2 P's compensation for being down the exchange 70...Re1+ 71.Kf5 Rf1?+- 18.25 [71...Re8 72.f7 Rf8 73.Kf6 Kc7+- 10.56] 72.Kf4+- 18.99 the P will queen 1-0

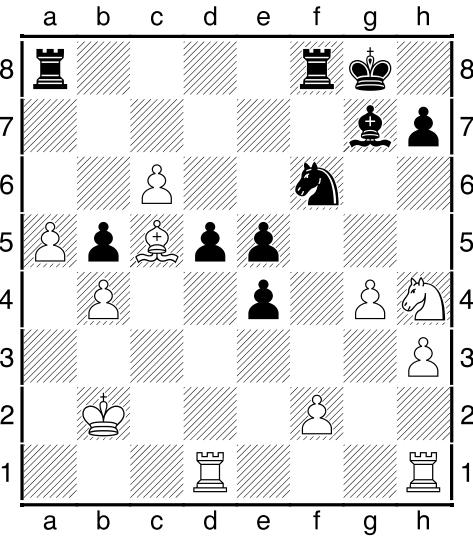
In Rd. 8, Hansen and Panjwani humored me with my favourite King's Indian Defence. Neither got a full attack on either side, and Hansen won the ending. This kept him in a first-place tie with Sambuev. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Hansen, Eric (2572) – Panjwani, Raja (2450) [E90]

2011 Canadian Closed Guelph (8), 10.05.2011

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6± [2...e6=] 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 King's Indian Defence 5.h3?!= [5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 c5±] 5...0-0?!= [5...c5 6.dxc5 Qa5! 7.Bd2 (7.cxd6?! Nxe4 8.Nge2 Nxd6?±) 7...dxc5=] 6.Nf3 Qe8 an

unusual line, but perhaps one Raja hoped Eric was not familiar with [6...c5 7.Be2 Qb6±] **7.Be2 Na6 8.Bg5 e5 9.d5?!=** [9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Qc2 Nh5±] **9...Nh5?!=** [9...Nd7 10.0-0 f5=] **10.g3** [10.Qd2?! Nc5 11.b4 f6=] **10...f5 11.exf5 gxf5 12.Nh4** [12.Nxe5?? Qxe5-+] **12...Nf6 13.Qc2 Nc5** [13...Nb4 14.Qd2 a5±] **14.0-0-0 Nfe4 15.Nxe4 fxe4 16.Be3 Qa4 17.Qxa4 Nxa4 18.Rdf1 Bd7 19.Bg4 Rad8 20.b3 Nc5 21.Bxd7?!=** [21.Kc2 c6 22.dxc6 bxc6±] **21...Nxd7?±** Eric gets a " clear " advantage [21...Rxd7 22.g4 c6=] **22.g4 b5?!=** an unsound sac; Eric gets a " winning " advantage [22...Rb8 23.a4 a6±] **23.cxb5** Eric goes up a P **23...Rb8 24.a4 a6 25.Kb2?!=** [25.bxa6 Rxb3 26.Nf5 Nf6+-] **25...axb5** material equality **26.a5 Nf6 27.Rd1 Ra8?!=** [27...b4 28.g5 Nh5±] **28.b4 c6? 29.dxc6** Eric goes up a P **29...d5 30.Bc5**



d4 2.36 sacking the exchange is actually best [30...Rf7 31.Nf5 d4 32.Rhe1 Nd5+- 2.41] **31.Rhe1 Nd5 32.Bxf8 Bxf8 33.Rxe4!** 2.81 Eric is temporarily up the exchange + 2P's, but here he correctly decides to sac back the exchange for the centre P. He could also have stayed up the exchange, with a similarly evaluated position [33.Nf5 Nc3 34.Ra1 Bxb4 35.Kb3 Bxa5 36.c7! Na4+- 2.91] **33...Nc3 34.Rde1 Nxe4 35.Rxe4** Eric is up 2 P's **35...d3?+-** 5.80 [35...Bxb4 36.Rxe5 Bxa5 37.Rxb5 d3+- 2.91] **36.Nf3 Rd8 37.Kc3?+-** 4.90 [37.Kc1 Re8 38.Kd1 Bd6+- 6.58] **37...Bh6 38.c7 Rf8 39.g5 Bg7 40.Nxe5+-** 6.05 Eric goes up 3 P's, and Raja resigns **1-0**

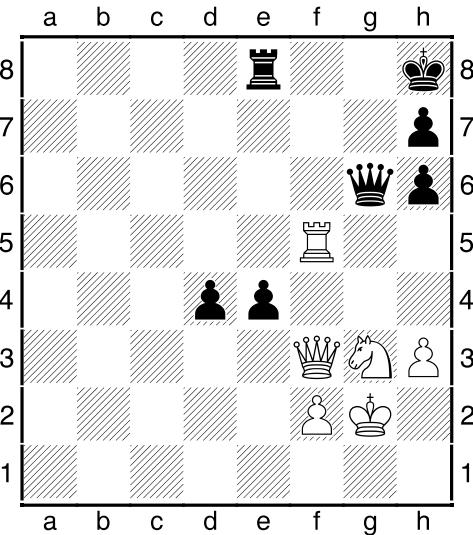
Also in Rd. 8, Sambuev dodged the bullet against Noritsyn, who almost knocked him out of first place, but who blundered near the end, when clearly winning (happens to the best of us !). The win left Sambuev and Hansen tied for first. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Noritsyn, Nikolay (2584) – Sambuev, Bator (2750) [C02]

2011 Canadian Closed Guelph (8), 10.05.2011

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.e5?!=** [3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7±] **3...c5 4.c3** [4.Nf3 cxd4 5.Qxd4 Nc6=] **4...Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.a3 Nh6** [6...cxd4 7.cxd4 Nge7=] **7.b4 cxd4 8.Bxh6 gxh6 9.cxd4 Bd7 10.Nc3** [10.Be2 Rg8 (10...Nxb4?? 11.axb4 Bxb4+ 12.Nbd2 0-0-+) 11.0-0 Rg4=] **10...Nxb4!** Bator goes up a P **11.Be2?!** Bator gets the advantage [11.axb4 Bxb4 12.Rc1 Ba5=] **11...Rc8 12.Rc1 Nc6?!=** [12...Qa5?! 13.axb4 Bxb4 14.0-0 Rxc3 15.Rxc3 Bxc3=] **13.0-0 a6 14.Nb1 Bg7 15.Nc3 Na5 16.Rb1?!** [16.Na4 Rxc1 17.Nxb6 Rxd1 18.Rxd1 Kd8=] **16...Qc6 17.Rc1 0-0 18.Bd3 Qb6** [18...Nc4 19.a4 Qb6?] **19.Rb1** [19.Na4 Bxa4 20.Qxa4 Rxc1 21.Rxc1 Qb2?] **19...Qd8 20.Ne2 f6** [20...b5 21.Ng3 Nc4?] **21.exf6 Rxf6 22.Ng3 Be8 23.Re1 b5 24.a4?!** Bator gets a " clear "

advantage [24.Ne5 Qb6 25.a4 b4?] 24...Qb6 [24...bxa4 25.Bxa6 Rb8?] 25.axb5 axb5 26.Ne5 Nc4 27.Nf3 [27.Qe2 Rf8 (27...Qxd4? 28.Ng4 Rf8=) 28.Qg4 Nxe5 29.Rxe5 Kh8?] 27...Bg6 28.Rb3?+ Bator gets a " winning " advantage [28.Bxg6 hxg6 29.Qd3 (29.Qb3? Rb8+) 29...Ra8?] 28...Rcf8?+ [28...Rxf3! 29.gxf3 Bxd4+] 29.Qe2 Qa5 30.Reb1 Nd6 31.h3 Qa7 32.R1b2 Kh8?+ Bator is losing his advantage [32...Bxd3? 33.Rxd3 Qf7?; 32...Rxf3? 33.gxf3 Qe7?; 32...Nc4? 33.Rb1 Qa6?; 32...Be8 33.Rd2 Qe7?] 33.Ra2 Qb6 [33...Qc7 34.Qc2 Qxc2 35.Bxc2 Rb8?] 34.Rab2?+ [34.Bxb5 Rxf3 35.gxf3 Qxd4?] 34...Rxf3! sacking the exchange 35.gxf3 Nikolay is up the exchange, but Bator has a P compensation 35...Bxd3 [35...Bxd4 36.Bxg6 hxg6 37.Qxe6 Bxb2 38.Rxb2 Qc5?] 36.Rxd3 Nc4 37.Rb1?+ Bator gets back a " winning " advantage [37.Rb4 Bxd4 38.Rdb3 Qd6?] 37...Bxd4 Bator goes up 2 P's as compensation for being down the exchange 38.Kg2 Ne5? Bator is again losing his advantage [38...e5 39.Rxd4! Qxd4 40.Rxb5 Nd6+] 39.Rdb3 Ng6 40.Qxb5 Nikolay is up the exchange, but Bator has a P compensation 40...Qd8 41.Ne2 Be5 [41...Qg5+ 42.Kf1 Be5? (42...Bg7?!)] 42.Kf1 Qg5 43.f4?+ [43.Qb4 h5 44.f4 Qf6?] 43...Nxf4 Nikolay is up the exchange, but Bator has 2 P's compensation again 44.Rg3 Qf5?= Bator has lost his advantage [44...Qh5 45.Nxf4 Bxf4?] 45.Rf3 Qe4 46.Rbb3 Rc8?+ drops 2 minors for a R; Nikolay gets a " winning " advantage [46...d4 47.Ng3 Rc8=] 47.Rbe3 Qf5 48.Rxe5 Qxe5 49.Rxf4 Nikolay is up N vs 2 P's 49...Rg8 50.Qa4 Qh5 51.Qa3 e5 2.87 [51...Qe8 52.Rg4 Rxg4 53.hxg4 Kg8?+ 2.60] 52.Qf3?+ 1.89 [52.Rf8 d4 53.Qd6 Qxh3+ 54.Ke1 Qh1+ 55.Kd2 Qb7?+ 3.00] 52...Qg6 53.Rf5 Qa6 54.Qe3 Re8 55.Kg2 d4 56.Qf3 Qg6+ 57.Ng3 e4



58.Rf8+??-+ a massive blunder in a won game; loses a R; Bator gets a " winning " advantage again [58.Qf4 Kg8 59.Re5 Rxe5 60.Qxe5 e3?+] 58...Kg7 59.Qf5 Rxf8 Bator is up the exchange + 2 P's 60.Qd7+ Kg8 61.Qxd4 Bator is up the exchange + P 61...Re8 62.h4 Qg4 63.Kg1 Qe6 64.Qe3 Qf6 65.h5 Qf3 66.Kh2?+ - 2.98 [66.Qc1 Qg4 67.Qxh6 e3?+ - 1.60] 66...Qxe3 67.fxe3 Kf7 68.Kh3 Kf6 69.Kg4?+ - 6.18 [69.Ne2? Rd8 70.Nd4 Rxd4! 71.exd4 Ke6 72.Kg4 Kd5?+ - 9.86; 69.Kh4 Ke5 70.Nf1 Rg8?+ - 4.79] 69...Ke5?+ - 4.79 [69...Rg8+ 70.Kf4 Rxg3! 71.Kxe4 (71.Kxg3 Kg5 72.Kh3 Kxh5?+ - 9.32) 71...Rg5?+ - 13.55] 70.Ne2 Rg8+ 71.Kh3 Rg5 72.Ng3 Kd5 73.Kh4 Rg8 74.Kh3 - 5.17 [74.Nf5 Rg1 75.Nxh6 Kc4?+ - 5.00] 74...Rf8 75.Kg4 Ke5 76.Ne2 Rf3 77.Nd4 Rxe3 Bator is up the exchange + 2 P's 78.Nc6+ Kd5 79.Ne7+ Kc4?+ - 5.77 [79...Kd4 80.Nc6+ Kc5 81.Ne5 Kd5?+ - 15.48] 80.Nf5?+ - 8.56 [80.Kf4 Kd3 81.Nf5 Rf3+ 82.Ke5 Rxf5+ 83.Kxf5 e3?+ - 30.00] 80...Rf3 81.Nxh6 Bator is up the exchange + P 81...Rf8 82.Nf5 Rxf5!+ an exchange sac to easily queen the P 83.Kxf5 Bator is up a passed P on the 4th rank 83...e3 84.Kg5 e2 85.Kh6 e1Q 86.Kxh7 Bator is up Q vs P 86...Qe4+ 87.Kg7 Qg4+ 0-1

In Rd. 9, both Sambuev and Hansen won their games, ending tied for first, with 7.5/9 pts.. Leonid Gerzhoy drew his game and so came third, 1 pt. back.

So a 2 game rapid tie-break was played for first. The first game was 80 moves, and drawn. Bator won the second, to take the title. Here is the final rapid game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Sambuev, Bator (2572) – Hansen, Eric (2572) [D05]

2011 Canadian Closed Guelph (10), 10.05.2011

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3 d5 4.Bd3 Bd6 5.b3 Nbd7 6.Bb2 0-0 7.0-0 c5 8.Ne5 b6 9.f4 Bb7 10.Nd2 Ne4 11.Bxe4 dxe4 12.Ndc4 Be7 13.Nxd7 Qxd7 14.dxc5 Qxd1 the game has been played dead equal to here 15.Rfxd1?!± [15.Raxd1 Bxc5 16.Bd4 Ba6=] 15...Bxc5 16.Ba3 Rfc8?± [16...Bxa3 17.Nxa3 Rfd8=] 17.Bxc5 Rxc5 18.Nd6 Rc7 19.c4 Bc6 20.Rd4 f5 21.Rad1 Kf8 22.a4?!= [22.g4 g6 23.h3 a5±] 22...Ke7 23.Nb5 Rd7 24.Nc3 Rc7 25.Kf2 Rf8 [25...Rd7 26.g4 g6=] 26.Ra1 Kf6 [26...a6 27.Ne2 Rg8=] 27.a5 [27.Nb5 Bxb5 28.axb5 g5=; 27.h4 h6 28.Nb5 Re7=] 27...Rb8?± [27...bxa5 28.Rxa5 Rb8=] 28.b4 bxa5 Eric temporarily goes up a P [28...Rbc8 29.Nb1 g5±] 29.b5 Be8 30.Rxa5 material equality 30...Rbc8 31.Ra4 a6 [31...Bf7 32.g4 g6±] 32.Rxa6 Rxc4 33.Nd5+ Kf7 34.Ra7+ Kf8 35.Rxc4 Rxc4 36.Nc7 Ke7?!!+- 2.19 Bator gets a " winning " advantage [36...Rxc7! 37.Rxc7 Bxb5±] 37.b6 Rc2?!!+- 3.87 [37...Bc6 38.b7 Rc2?!!+- 2.36] 38.Kg3 Rb2 39.Na6?!!+- 4.28 1-0

The IM title was awarded to Arthur Calugar (FIDE – 2210; CFC - 2401)



who won his Rd. 9 game against Victor Plotkin, scoring the norm, 6/9 pts. He tied for 4/6.

Michael Kleinman (FIDE – 2195; CFC – 2284) was awarded the first FM title, with his 5.5/9 score. There was supposed to be a play-off round for the 2nd FM title, among those scoring 4.5/9 pts.:

Victor Plotkin, Ontario (FIDE 2228; CFC 2422)
 Miladin Djerkovic, Ontario (FIDE – 2186; CFC – 2280)

Note: Morgan Mills scored 5/9 pts., but this included a " bye ", and so he did not qualify for the FM title. Also David Filipovich, Ontario (FIDE – 2127; CFC – 2174) scored 4.5/9 pts., but that included a " bye " as well, and so he did not qualify. Roman Sapozhnikov, Ontario (FIDE – 2318; CFC – 2451) already qualifies by rating for the FM title.

Unfortunately, Miladin, not realizing he might qualify, left the hall, and the title was awarded to Victor.

The final standings were:

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Rd 8	Rd 9	Tot
1	GM Bator Sambuev	2750	W15	W6	D5	D2	D3	W21	W9	W4	W7	7.5
2	IM Eric Hansen	2572	W13	W25	D21	D1	W11	W4	D3	W5	W9	7.5
3	IM Leonid Gerzhoy	2629	D7	D29	W27	W12	D1	W6	D2	W8	D5	6.5
4	IM Nikolay Noritsyn	2584	W10	L8	W18	W26	W5	L2	W6	L1	W14	6.0
5	IM Raja Panjwani	2450	W20	W24	D1	W21	L4	W12	W10	L2	D3	6.0
6	Arthur Calugar	2401	W28	L1	W13	W7	W10	L3	L4	W21	W12	6.0
7	Michael Kleinman	2301	D3	W23	D9	L6	D8	W19	W18	W12	L1	5.5
8	FM Robert Hamilton	2370	W16	W4	L12	L11	D7	W22	W14	L3	W10	5.5
9	FM Shiyam Thavandiran	2463	W22	D27	D7	L10	W15	W26	L1	W11	L2	5.0
10	FM Hans Jung	2289	L4	W28	W24	W9	L6	W11	L5	W13	L8	5.0
11	Morgan Mills	2056	L25	B---	W15	W8	L2	L10	W26	L9	W19	5.0
12	Victor Plotkin	2422	D23	W17	W8	L3	W27	L5	W21	L7	L6	4.5
13	Miladin Djerkovic	2280	L2	W16	L6	D14	L19	W23	W27	L10	W18	4.5
14	Roman	2451	L26	L18	W20	D13	W17	W27	L8	W16	L4	4.5

	Sapozhnikov											
15	FM Michael Dougherty	2312	L1	W20	L11	W24	L9	L18	W29	W26	D17	4.5
16	John Upper	2169	L8	L13	B---	D25	D20	D29	W22	L14	W28	4.5
17	David Filipovich	2174	D29	L12	W23	L22	L14	B---	W25	D19	D15	4.5
18	Michael Humphreys	2273	L21	W14	L4	D19	D25	W15	L7	W20	L13	4.0
19	Zi Yi [Joey] Qin	2353	L27	L22	W28	D18	W13	L7	W24	D17	L11	4.0
20	FM Dale Haessel	2233	L5	L15	L14	W23	D16	D28	B---	L18	W27	4.0
21	IM Artiom Samsonkin	2561	W18	W26	D2	L5	W22	L1	L12	L6	U---	3.5
22	Josh Guo	2272	L9	W19	D29	W17	L21	L8	L16	W28	U---	3.5
23	Vladimir Drkulec	2202	D12	L7	L17	L20	B---	L13	L28	W25	W24	3.5
24	Matthew Nicholson	2020	B---	L5	L10	L15	W28	W25	L19	D27	L23	3.5
25	FM Michael Barron	2328	W11	L2	L26	D16	D18	L24	L17	L23	B---	3.0
26	Réjean Tremblay	2238	W14	L21	W25	L4	W29	L9	L11	L15	U---	3.0
27	David Itkin	2160	W19	D9	L3	W29	L12	L14	L13	D24	L20	3.0
28	Nikola Anastasovski	2190	L6	L10	L19	B---	L24	D20	W23	L22	L16	2.5
29	FM Christian Stevens	2378	D17	D3	D22	L27	L26	D16	L15	U---	U---	2.0

World Championship Candidates Matches – Rd. 1

8 players are playing down to determine who will be the Challenger in the first half of the year for the 2012 World Championship 12 game Match against the 15th and current World Champion, Viswanathan Anand (India).



The schedule for the first round was:

05 May - Game 1, round 1

06 May - Game 2, round 1

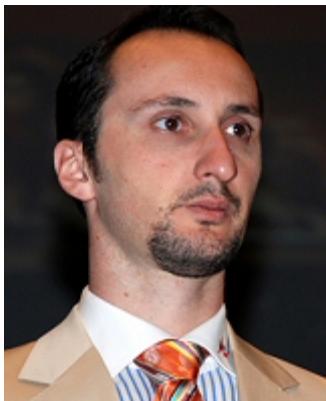
07 May - Game 3, round 1

08 May - Game 4, round 1

09 May – Tie-breaks

Participants & pairings:

Match # 1



Veselin Topalov, Bulgaria, 2775



Gata Kamsky, USA, 2732

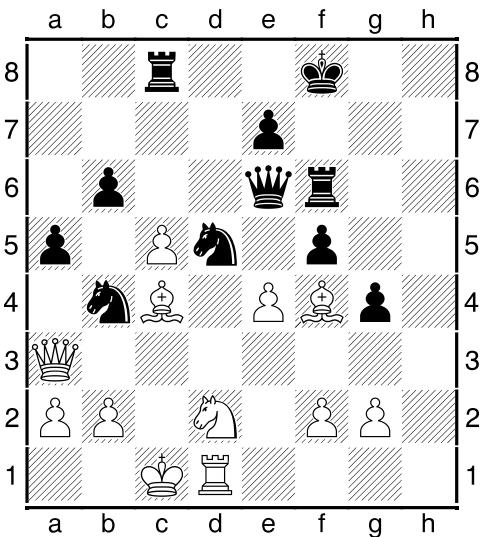
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Kamsky took the lead 1.5:5 after the 2nd round, with a nice N-sac. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Topalov, Veselin (2775) – Kamsky, Gata (2732) [A15]

WCh Candidates Kazan RUS (1.2), 06.05.2011

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6± [2...e6=] 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Qb3 Nb6 6.d4 Bg7 7.Bf4 Be6 8.Qa3 Nc6 9.0-0-0?!= [9.e3 0-0 10.Be2 a5±] 9...Nd5 10.Bg3 Bh6+?!= [10...Nxc3 11.bxc3 Qd5=] 11.e3 a5 12.h4 Ncb4 13.h5 c6 14.hxg6 hxg6 15.Rd2 f6 16.Ne4?!= [16.Be2 b6 17.Ne1 Bf5±] 16...b6 17.Be2 Qc8 18.Rh4?!= [18.Nc3 Qd7 19.Ne1 Bf5=] 18...Kf7?!= Kamsky wrongly declines the 2 minor piece exchange [18...Nxa2+! 19.Qxa2 Nxe3 20.Qa4 b5 21.Qa3 Nf5 22.Rxh6 Rxh6±] Kamsky would be up R + 2 P's vs B + N] 19.Rd1?!= [19.Nc3 Bf5 20.Rh2 Qe6=] 19...g5?!= again Kamsky wrongly declines winning the aP [19...Nxa2+! 20.Kb1 (20.Qxa2?! Nxe3 21.Qa4 b5 22.Qa1 Nxd1+ 23.Kxd1 g5±) 20...Nab4±] 20.Rh2?± Kamsky gets a "clear" advantage [20.Rhh1 Nxa2+! 21.Qxa2 Nc3 (21...Nxe3?! 22.Nexg5+ fxg5 23.Ne5+ Kg8 24.Qb1 Nf5±) 22.Qxe6+ Qxe6 23.Nxc3 a4=] 20...g4 the minor pieces exchange was now not best [20...Nxa2+? 21.Qxa2 Nxe3 22.Nexg5+ Bxg5 (22...fxg5?! 23.Qb1 Nf5±) 23.Nxg5+ fxg5 24.Qa3 Rxh2 25.Qxe3 Rh7=] 21.Nfd2 [21.Ne1 f5 22.Nc3 f4±] 21...c5 now Kamsky correctly declines winning the aP [21...Nxa2+? 22.Kb1 (22.Qxa2?! Nxe3 23.Qa4 Nxd1 24.Bxd1 f5±) 22...Nab4±] 22.dxc5 Topalov goes up a P 22...f5 23.Rxh6! a sound exchange sac (Topalov's trademark); but it will not save him. 23...Rxh6 Kamsky is up the exchange, but Topalov has a P compensation 24.Ng5+ Kf8 25.Nxe6+?!!-+ Kamsky gets a "winning" advantage [25.Kb1 Rh5 26.Nxe6+ (26.f4?! Rxg5! 27.fxg5 Qxc5-+) 26...Qxe6±] 25...Qxe6 26.Bc4 Rc8 27.Bf4 27...Rf6 28.e4?!!-+ – 3.52 bad, even though it wins the N [28.Kb1?! Rxc5 29.Bb3 Qd7-+ – 2.98; 28.Qb3 b5 29.Bxd5 (29.Bxb5?? Rxc5+ 30.Bc4 Nb6 31.f3 Nxc4 32.Nxc4 a4 33.Qxa4 Qxc4-+ – 10.43) 29...Rxc5+ 30.Kb1 Rxd5-+ – 2.41]



28...Rxc5! – 3.46 Kamsky is up the exchange, but his N is under attack [28...fxe4? 29.Be3 g3-+ – 2.31] 29.exd5 Qxd5 Kamsky is up R + P vs 2 B's 30.b3 Qd4 31.Be3??-+ – 14.23 Topalov blunders, in a lost position [31.Kb1 Qxf4 32.f3 e5-+ – 4.85 Kamsky would be up the exchange + P] 31...Qc3?!!-+ – 17.21 Topalov resigned. He must lose more material 32.Kb1 Qc2+ 33.Ka1 Qxd1+ 34.Kb2 Nc2 35.Bxc5 Nxa3 36.Kxa3 Qxd2-+ – 19.70 Kamsky would be up Q + R + P vs 2 B's 0-1

Match # 2



Shakhriyar Mamedyarov,
Azerbaijan, 2772



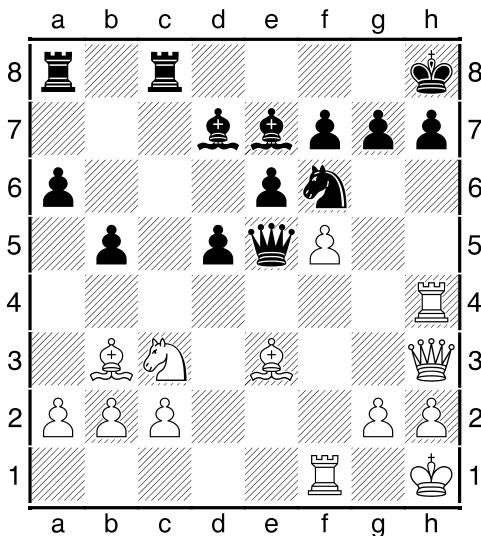
Boris Gelfand, Israel, 2733

Gelfand took the lead after Game 3 : 2 – 1. He won in convincing style when up 6 P's vs R. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2772) – Gelfand, Boris (2733) [B87]

WCh Candidates Kazan RUS (1.3), 07.05.2011

1.e4= 0.16 1...c5± [1...e5= For Fritz, the only equalizing move. For all other normal replies, including the Sicilian, W is given a " slight " advantage. This evaluation is not generally accepted.]
2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6 [6...Qc7 7.Bb3 e6±] **7.Bb3 b5 8.0-0 Be7**
9.Qf3 Qc7 10.Qg3 0-0 11.Bh6 Ne8 12.Rad1 Bd7 [12...Bf6 13.Be3 Nc6±] **13.f4 Nc6 14.f5?!=**
Mamedyarov is trying to develop a K-side attack [14.Nxc6 Bxc6 15.f5 (15.a3?! Bf6=) 15...Kh8±]
14...Nxd4 15.Rxd4 Kh8?!± [15...b4 16.Na4 Kh8 17.Bd2 Bb5=] **16.Be3 Nf6 17.Qh3?!=** [17.a3
Rac8 18.Rf3 Qd8±] **17...d5 18.e5?!±** nothing is gained by sacking this P [18.exd5 exf5 19.Kh1
Bd6=] **18...Qxe5** Gelfand goes up a P **19.Rh4 Rfc8 20.Kh1?!±** Gelfand gets a " clear " advantage [20.Bg5 h6 21.fxe6 Bxe6 22.Rxh6+ gxh6 23.Qxh6+ Kg8 24.Bxf6 Bxf6 25.Rxf6 b4±]



20...Rxc3! a good exchange sac **21.bxc3 Qxc3** Mamedyarov is up the exchange, but Gelfand has 2 P's compensation **22.Rd4?!**-+ Gelfand gets a "winning" advantage [22.Qf3 e5 23.Qe2

b4 \bar{f}] 22...a5 23.Rd3 Qc6 24.c3 a4 25.Bc2 e5 26.Bg5 b4 27.Qh4 bxc3?! \bar{f} Mamedyarov is up the exchange, but Gelfand has 3 P's compensation. [27...Rc8 28.Bxf6 Bxf6 29.Qxb4 e4-+] 28.Rh3 Kg8 29.Re1 e4 30.g4?!-+ [30.Bxf6 Bxf6 31.Qxh7+ Kf8 \bar{f}] 30...Kf8 31.Be3?-+ – 2.96 [31.Bxf6 Bxf6 32.Qxh7 Be5-+ – 2.11] 31...Qc4 32.g5?-+ – 3.63 [32.Rg1 Ra6 33.Rb1 Qe2-+ – 2.76] 32...Bxf5! Gelfand sacs the N for a strong central P position 33.gxf6 Bxf6 Gelfand has 5 P's vs R 34.Qh5 Bg6 35.Qg4 Qxa2 Gelfand has 6 P's vs R 36.Bb1 Qc4 37.Qg2 a3 38.Ba2 Qc6 39.Rg3 Rb8?-+ – 4.48 [39...d4 40.Bc1 Ra5-+ – 5.37] 0-1

Match # 3



Levon Aronian, Armenia, 2808



Alexander Grischuk, Russia, 2747

vs

All four classical games were drawn.

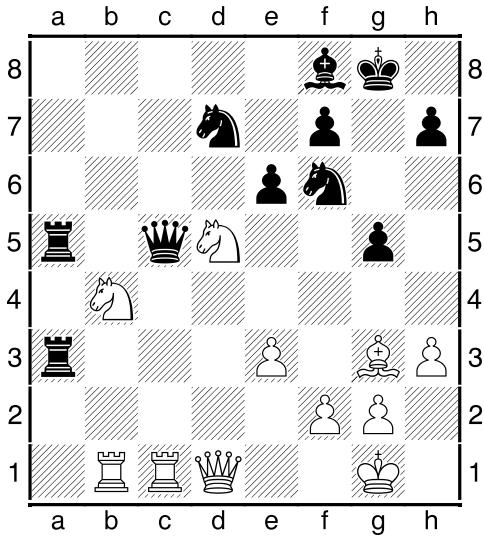
Grischuk won the first game of the rapid play-off to take the lead. Then he lost the second, tying the match again. Then he won the fourth rapid game, to knock the favourite, Aronian, out of contention, and win the match. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Grischuk, Alexander (2747) – Aronian, Levon (2808) [D37]

WCh Candidates – Rapid tiebreak Kazan/Tatarstan/Russia (5.4), 09.05.2011

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bf4 0-0 6.e3 Nbd7 7.c5 c6 8.h3 b6 9.b4?! \bar{f} [9.cxb6 axb6 10.Bd3 Ba6=] 9...a5 [9...Ne4 10.Nxe4 dxe4 11.Nd2 a5 \bar{f}] 10.a3 Ba6?!= [10...Ne4 11.Qc1 Ndf6 \bar{f}] 11.Bxa6 Rxa6 12.0-0 Qa8 13.Rb1 axb4 14.axb4 Qb7 15.Qc2 [15.Qe2 b5 16.Ra1 Rfa8=] 15...Rfa8 16.Ne1?! \bar{f} [16.Qb2 b5 17.Ra1 R8a7=] 16...Bd8?!= [16...b5 17.Nf3 Nf8 \bar{f}] 17.Nd3?! \bar{f} [17.cxb6 Nxb6 18.Nd3 Qc8=] 17...Ra3?!= [17...b5 18.Qb2 Ne4 \bar{f}] 18.b5 [18.cxb6 Nxb6 19.Rfc1 Be7=] 18...bxc5 19.dxc5 Be7 20.Rfc1 g5? \pm for the first time in the game, Grischuk gets the advantage, and it is a " clear " advantage [20...Qc8 21.bxc6 Qxc6=] 21.Bg3 R8a5 22.Qd1 Bf8 23.bxc6 [23.Be5?! Nxe5 24.Nxe5 Rxc3! 25.Rxc3 cxb5 \pm] 23...Qxc6 24.Nb4 Qxc5?!+- Aronian goes up a P, but Grischuk gets a " winning " advantage [24...Qa8 25.c6 Bxb4 26.Ne4 Qf8 (26...dxe4?! 27.cxd7 Rd5 28.Rc8+ Kg7 29.d8Q Rxd1+ 30.Rxd1 Qa5-+) 27.Nxf6+ Nxf6 \pm] 25.Ncxd5 material equality

Position after 25.Ncxd5

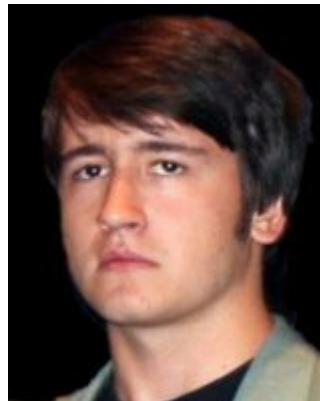


25...Nxd5! 1.52 Aronian correctly sacs his Q, but it does not save him [25...Qb5 26.Nxf6+ Nxf6 27.Nc6 Qd5 28.Nxa5 Qxd1+ 29.Rxd1 Rxa5+- 2.00] **26.Rxc5 Rxc5** Grischuk is up Q vs R + N **27.Nxd5?!±** [27.e4 Nc3 28.Qxd7 Nxb1+-] **27...Rxd5** **28.Qc2 Rc5** [28...Rd3 29.Kh2 h5±] **29.Qb2 Rd3** **30.Ra1 Bg7?!+-** [30...Rcd5 31.Kh2 f5±] **31.Ra8+ Nf8** **32.Qb8?!±** [32.Qb6 Rcd5 33.Kh2 h6+-] **32...Rcd5?!+-** [32...Rd1+ 33.Kh2 h5±] **33.Qe8** [33.e4 R5d4 34.Qe8 h6+-] **33...h6** **34.Kh2** [34.Bc7 Rd1+ 35.Kh2 Rc5+-] **34...Rd2** [34...Rd7 35.h4 Rd2+-] **35.Qe7?!±** [35.f3 Rf5 36.Be1 Rc2+-] **35...Rd7** **36.Qe8** [36.Qc5 f5 37.Qc4 Kh7±] **36...Kh7** [36...R7d5?! 37.Rc8 Rd7+-] **37.Qb8 Rb2?!+-** [37...h5 38.h4 gxh4 39.Bxh4 Ng6±] **38.Qc8 Kg6** 1.53 [38...Rbd2 39.h4 f5+- 1.43; 38...Re2 39.h4 Re1+- 1.44; 38...f5 39.Qc5 Rd5+- 1.43] **39.Qc1 Rdb7** **40.Rd8 Nh7** **41.Qd1** [41.Qc4 h5 42.h4 R7b5+-] **41...R2b3?!+-** 2.50 [41...h5 42.f4 f5+- 1.64] **42.Qc2+ f5** **43.Qc6 Nf8?!+-** 5.96 [43...Nf6 44.Qxe6 R3b6+- 3.51] **44.Bd6 R3b6** **45.Qe8+ Rf7** 8.42 [45...Kh7 46.Bxf8 Bxf8 47.Qxf8 Rg7+- 8.56] **46.Bxf8** Grischuk is up Q vs R **46...Be5+??+-** leads to mate [46...Rbb7 47.Qxe6+ Rf6+- 9.33] **47.g3 f4?+-** mate in 7 moves [47...Rbb7 48.Qxe6+ Rf6 49.Qg8+ Kh5 50.Rxb8 Bxb8+- mate in 9 moves; 47...Rbb7 48.Qxe6+ Bf6+- mate in 19 moves] **48.Rd7 fxg3+ 49.Kg2+-** mate in 6 moves **1-0**

Match # 4



Vladimir Kramnik, Russia, 2785



vs

Teimour Radjabov, Azerbaijan, 2744

The 4-game classical match was drawn, as were the 4 rapid games.

Then there were a series of 2-game blitz matches. The first was drawn, each winning a game (there was a controversial clock malfunction in the second game that Kramnik won). In the second blitz match, Kramnik won both blitz games.

The winners of the Rd. 1 match-ups were:

Veselin Topalov (Bulgaria) 1.5 – 2.5 Gata **Kamsky** (USA)

Boris **Gelfand** (Israel) 2.5 – 1.5 Shakhriyar Mamedyarov (Azerbaijan)

Winners Play Rd. 2

Levon Aronian (Armenia) 2.5 – 3.5 Alexander **Grischuk** (Russia)

Vladimir **Kramnik** (Russia) 6 – 4 Teimour Radjabov (Azerbaijan)

Winners Play Rd. 2

The schedule for the second round is:

12 May - Game 1, round 2

13 May - Game 2, round 2

14 May - Game 3, round 2

15 May - Game 4, round 2

16 May – Tie-breaks

The second round match ups and partial results are:

Kamsky 1.5 – 1.5 Gelfand (after 3 games)

Kramnik 1.5 – 1.5 Grischuk (after 3 games)

Thereafter the schedule for the final match will be :

17 May - Free Day

18 May - Free Day

19 May - Game 1, round 3

20 May - Game 2, round 3

21 May - Game 3, round 3

22 May - Free Day

23 May - Game 4, round 3

24 May - Game 5, round 3

25 May - Game 6, round 3

26 May – Tie-breaks / Closing Ceremony

Movie Review - Bobby Fischer Against the World

(Submitted by freelancer, David Cohen)

Bobby Fischer Against the World, 2010, had its international premiere at the HotDocs documentary film festival in Toronto, on Sunday, May 1. The film sold out, so I arrived one hour early to stand in the rain in the line for rush tickets. Another indication of the interest in the subject: I was 20th in line! In all, over 80 people queued up, hoping to get in.

Director Liz Garbus was present for the screening. In the question and answer session, she told how she had the idea for the film on the day that Fischer died. The research for the film was quite extensive. She tracked down as much video and photo material as she could, both from archives and from people who were with Fischer. She also conducted fascinating interviews with several key players in the 1972 World Championship match between Fischer and World Champion Boris Spassky, notably IM Anthony Saidy and GM Larry Evans. Additional interviews were recorded with several people from Iceland, including the match organizer and Fischer's bodyguard; Fischer's lawyer, brother-in-law, trainer and photographer; and Spassky's second GM Nikolai Krogius. Rounding out the list of interviewees were many people who met him during his lifetime, as well as modern commentators and authors, including GM Susan Polgar and former World Champion Gary Kasparov.

The focus of the documentary is the 1972 match. However, it also traces Fischer's entire life to depict him and search for his motivations. Excerpts from a Canadian interview filmed in New York City in 1963 are included. The whole film is fascinating. For those of us who learned to play chess in 1972 because of Fischer (the 'Fischer boom'), it's a must-see.

In the summer of 1972, Fischer was the lead item in the US television news broadcasts. For the non-playing public, that interest will undoubtedly translate into viewers for this documentary. After the first showing, I chatted briefly with the director. She only asked me one question: did you play Fischer? I didn't, but I invited three of my friends who did play him to the second screening on Tuesday, which she said she would attend. Two were

unable to be there, but one did and got to chat with her afterwards. To get into the second screening was even harder: I arrived 1.5 hours early, was 7th in line, and barely made the cut-off, as very few people were allowed in.

Keep an eye out for the film. It's due to go into general release in Canada in late May, followed by a showing on HBO in the USA in June, then the DVD release three months later.

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:

I was born in Punjab, British India in 1905. I died on April 25th 1966. Who was I ?

Answer :

Mir Sultan Khan



Bragging Rights Winner :

Quebec CFC Governor, Hugh Brodie, who keeps the excellent database of Canadian games, CanBase, who I believe is a first time winner, was fast off the mark this Issue and came in with the right answer only 2 hours after publication. So he gets this Issue's bragging rights ! He also noted that he looked on the internet for a picture of Khan's gravesite in Pakistan, but was unsuccessful.

Today's Trivia Question is:



Who are the players in this photograph?

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

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

Thanks for playing !!

Chess History is fun !!

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

Chess Trivia Quiz – 2010 Canadian Open

(Answer will be given at end of this Issue)

20. What is a common expression for time trouble?

- a) Zugzwang
- b) Zeitnot
- c) Zwischenzug
- d) Royally screwed



2010-11 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) – past club champion
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 were over 2100 – the top section included 5 Masters! The current average rating of the 9 by rating was 2201! This may well be the strongest club championship in Canada.

The rest of the club played in 2 swiss sections – the 1700+ Reserves; the U 1700 Reserves. In the Reserves, members could play up a section if they were within 100 points of the higher section rating floor.

41 members registered for the Open Reserves – it was headed by 4 experts – **Bryan Lamb** (2145 – past club champion); **Alex Ferreira** (2081), **Kevin Wu** (2080) and **David Krupka** (2035).

50 members registered for the U 1700 Reserves. Over 60% of them were juniors.

It is interesting to note that the mid-line for the club is 1600. We have 51 players over 1600, and 50 under 1600 (note that all the 1600's elected to play up).

The total registrants was 101!!! This was the **first time since the 90's** that we had cracked the 100 barrier for a swiss tournament !!! (our first 3 tournaments of this 2010-11 season averaged 91 players).

After the final 9 rounds, the winners were:

Championship Section:

1./2. 2010-2 Club Champion – 7 pts. - Master Josh **Guo** (Champion on tie-break); Master Rune **Pedersen**.



Josh Guo

3. 5.5 pts. – Master Michael **Song**

1700+ Reserves:

1. – 7 pts. – junior Tony Lin – wins the right to play in the 2011-2 Championship Section
2./ 4. – 6.5 pts. – junior Expert Kevin Wu; Expert Alex Ferreira; Josh Sherman.

U 1700 Reserves:

1./2. – 7 pts. – Maurice Smith (first on tie-break); junior Tan Guo.
3./4. – 6.5 pts. – junior Kajan Thanabalachandran (3rd on tie-break); 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 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, which will soon be sent out to members, since the tournament has now concluded (it does not contain the games we will be publishing over the next number of Issues in 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 Rds. 1 & 2.

In the Championship Section, in Rd. 1, Andrei Moffat



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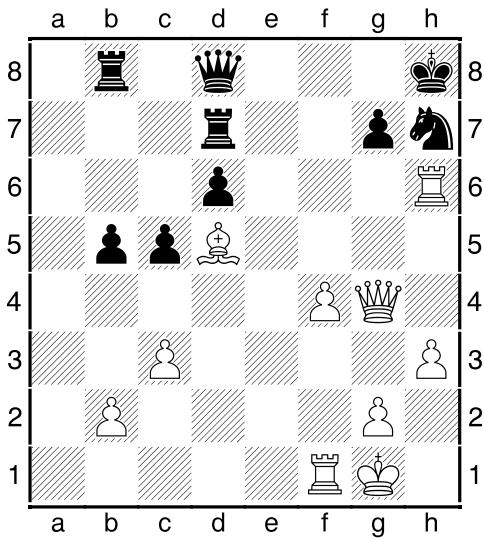
was in control all game against Andrew Picana. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Moffat, Andrei (2248) – Picana, Andrew (2182) [C50]

Scarborough CC Club Champ (Open Sect) Toronto (1), 24.02.2011

1.e4= 0.16 **1...e5** for Fritz, the only equalizing move **2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bc4 Be7?!**
[4...Nxe4?! 5.Nxe4 d5 6.Bd3 dxe4 7.Bxe4 Nb4±; 4...Bc5 5.d3 d6=] **5.d4 d6 6.h3?!=** [6.dxe5 Nxe5

7.Nxe5 dxe5±] 6...0-0?!= [6...exd4 7.Nxd4 0-0=] 7.0-0?!= [7.d5 Nb8 8.a4 Nfd7±] 7...a6?!= [7...Nxe4 8.Nxe4 d5 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.dxe5 dxc4=] 8.a4 exd4 9.Nxd4 Ne5 10.Bb3 c5 11.Nf5?± [11.Nde2 Be6 12.Ba2 b5±] 11...Be6?± [11...Bxf5 12.exf5 c4 13.Ba2 d5±] 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.Bg5 Rad8?!= Andrei gets a "clear" advantage [13...Bxb3 14.cxb3 Qe6±] 14.Nd5 Bxd5 15.Bxd5 Rd7 16.f4 Ng6 17.c3 Rb8 18.Qf3 h6 19.Bxf6 Qxf6 20.Rae1 b5 21.axb5 axb5 22.Qg4 Nf8 23.e5?!= [23.Qg3?! c4 24.Qf2 Ne6±; 23.Ra1 b4 24.Rf3 Ne6±] 23...Qd8?!= [23...dxe5 24.fxe5 Qg6±] 24.e6 fxe6 25.Rxe6 Kh8?!= leads to mate [25...Nxe6 26.Bxe6+ Rf7 27.Qg6 Rbb7±; 25...Kh7 26.Re4 Re7±] 26.Rxh6+! Andrei goes up a P 26...Nh7



27.Rxh7+! deadly sac 27...Kxh7+- Andrew resigns. It is mate 28.Qh5# 1-0

In the 2000+ section, in Rd. 1, junior Michael Song initially got a "clear" advantage against John Hall,



but then the advantage swung to John, and he went on to win. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Song, Michael (2228) – Hall, John (2200) [B07]

Scarborough CC Club Champ (Open Sect) Toronto (1), 24.02.2011

1.e4= 0.16 1...d6± [1...e5= for Fritz, the only equalizing move. for all other normal replies W is given a " slight " advantage. This evaluation is not generally accepted.] 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e5?!± Michael gets an early " clear " advantage [3...e6 4.Be3 c6 5.Nf3 Qb6±] 4.dxe5 dxe5 [4...Nfd7 5.exd6 Bxd6±] 5.Qxd8+ Kxd8 6.Bc4 Be6 7.Bxe6 fxe6 8.Be3 [8.Bd2 Bb4 9.Nge2 Nc6±] 8...Bd6 [8...Bb4 9.0-0-0+ Nbd7±] 9.0-0-0+ Ke7 10.f3 a6 11.g4 Nc6 12.Nge2 b5 13.Kb1?!± [13.h4 Rad8 14.h5 Bb4±] 13...Rhb8?!± [13...Bb4 14.a3 Bxc3 15.Nxc3 Rad8±] 14.Nc1 a5 15.a4 bxa4 16.Nxa4 Nd7 17.Rd2?!± [17.Nd3 Nd4 18.Rhf1 Rf8±] 17...Rb4 18.b3 Rab8 19.Ka1 Nd4 20.Bxd4?± for the first time in the game, John gets the advantage [20.Nd3 R4b5 (20...R4b7?! 21.Rf1 Nxb3+ 22.cxb3 Rxb3±) 21.Rf1 Nb6±] 20...exd4 21.Nd3 R4b5 22.f4 Bb4 23.Nxb4 Rxb4 24.Rhd1 c5 25.h3?± John gets a " clear " advantage [25.Ka2 R8b5 (25...e5?! 26.fxe5 R4b5=) 26.g5 Nb6±] 25...Rf8 26.f5 [26.Ka2 Rxf4 27.c3 Rxa4+! 28.bxa4 e5±] 26...e5 27.Nb2 Rfb8 28.Nd3?!+ John gets a " winning " advantage [28.Rb1 a4 29.Nxa4 R4b7±] 28...R4b5 [28...R4b7 29.g5 a4+] 29.Nb2 [29.Ka2 a4 30.bxa4 Ra5+] 29...a4 30.Nxa4 Michael goes up a P 30...Ra8 31.Rb1?+ - 5.04 [31.c4! Rxb3 32.Ra2 Rxh3-+ - 3.87] 31...c4 32.Rdd1?+ - 6.92 [32.Kb2 Rxa4 33.Kc1 Rab4-+ - 5.81] 32...c3?+ - 3.29 [32...Nc5 33.Rb2 cxb3 34.Kb1 Rxa4-+ - 7.24] 33.Ka2 Nb6 34.Ka3 Rba5?-+ - 1.54 [34...d3 35.Rxd3 Nxa4 36.bxa4 Rxb1 37.Rxc3 Ra1+ 38.Kb2 R1xa4-+ - 4.11] 35.Kb4 Nxa4 36.bxa4 Rxa4+ material equality 37.Kc5?-+ - 3.62 [37.Kb5 Ra2 38.Kc4 Rxc2-+ - 2.72] 37...Rc8+ 38.Kb6 Ra2 39.Kb7 Rc4 40.Rdc1?+ - 6.73 [40.Rb5 Rxc2 41.Rxe5+ Kf7-+ - 5.46] 40...Rb2+ 41.Rxb2 cxb2 42.Rb1 Rxc2 John goes up a P 43.Kb6??+ leads to mate [43.g5 d3 44.g6 hxg6-+ - 20.16] 43...d3 44.Kb5 mate in 29 moves [44.g5 d2 45.Ka6 Rc1-+ mate in 21 moves; 44.Ka7 d2 45.f6+ gxf6-+ mate in 16 moves; 44.f6+ gxf6 45.g5 d2-+ mate in 24 moves] 44...d2 45.g5 mate in 16 moves [45.Ka5 Rc1-+ mate in 12 moves] 45...Rc1-+ mate in 15 moves 0-1

In Rd. 1 in the 1700+ Reserves, Josh Sherman



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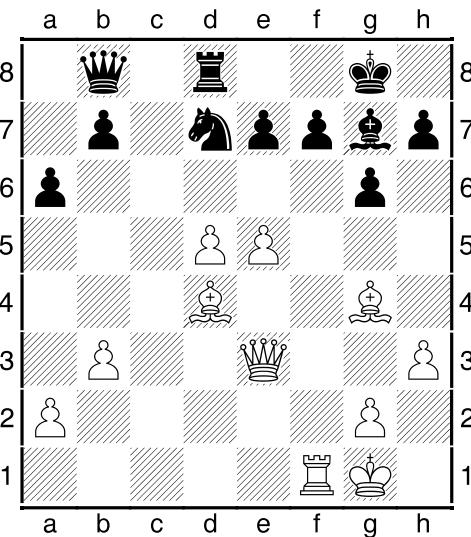
sacked a R to get an attack against junior Daniel Zotkin (2nd place at the 2010 CYCC U 10 Open). He had the opportunity to convert it to an exchange sac, but declined to do it

because he wanted to continue his attack. He finally brought it home in fine fashion. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Sherman, Josh (1885) – Zotkin, Daniel (1681) [B27]

Scarborough CC Club Champ – Open Reserv Toronto (1), 24.02.2011

1.e4= 0.16 **1...c5±** [1...e5= For Fritz, the only equalizing move. For all other normal replies, including the Sicilian, W is given a " slight " advantage. This evaluation is not generally accepted.] **2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.c4 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Nc3 0-0** [7...Ng4 8.Qxg4 Nxd4±] **8.Be2 d6 9.0-0 Bd7 10.Rc1 Ne5?±** Josh gets a " clear " advantage [10...Re8 11.f4 h6±] **11.h3 Rc8 12.b3 a6** [12...Nc6 13.Qd3 Ne5±; 12...Qa5 13.a3 Rfe8±] **13.f4 Nc6 14.Qd2 Qa5** [14...Re8 15.a3 Qc7±] **15.Bf3 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Bc6 17.Qe3 Qc7?+–** Josh gets a " winning " advantage [17...Rce8 18.Rcd1 Nh5±] **18.e5 dxe5 19.fxe5 Nd7 20.Nd5 Bxd5 21.cxd5 Qb8 22.Rxc8 Rxc8?+– 3.50** [22...Qxc8 23.Bg4 Kh8+– 1.56(23...f5? 24.exf6 Bxf6+– 3.63)] **23.Bg4 Rd8**



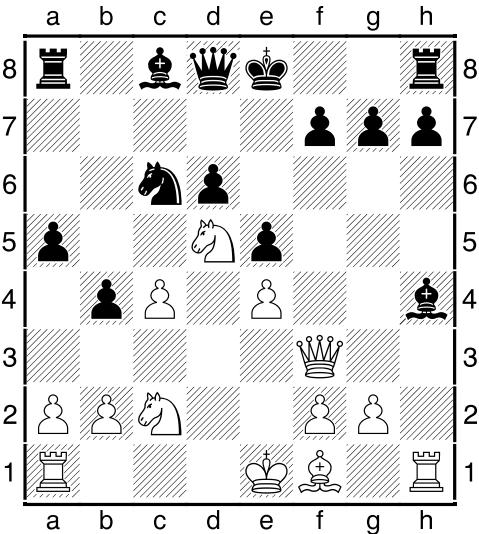
24.Rxf7?+– 1.60 – the exchange sac is really not best, though Josh is still winning. [24.Bxd7 Rxd7 25.e6 Bxd4 26.exf7+ Kf8 27.Qxd4 e5+– 3.75] **24...Kxf7** Daniel is temporarily up R vs P **25.Be6+?+– 1.59** Josh declines to win the N, and to continue his attack – not best, but aggressive [25.e6+ Kg8 26.exd7 Bxd4 27.Be6+ Kg7 28.Qxd4+ Kh6 29.Qh4+ Kg7 30.Qxe7+ Kh6+– 2.81] **25...Ke8 26.Qf3 Rc8?+– 15.03** [26...Nf6! 27.exf6 Bxf6 28.Bxf6 exf6 29.Qxf6 Qc7+– 1.49] **27.Qf7+ Kd8 28.Qxg7?+– 8.24** Daniel is up the exchange, but Josh has a P compensation [28.d6! Rc1+ 29.Kh2 Bf8 30.Bb6+ Rc7 31.Bxd7 Kxd7 32.dxc7 Qxc7 33.Bxc7 Kxc7+– 17.70] **28...Rc1+?+– 10.04** [28...Rc6 29.dxc6 bxc6+– 8.95] **29.Kh2 Rd1?+–** leads to mate [29...Rc6 30.d6! Rxd6 31.Ba7 Rxe6! (31...Qxa7 32.exd6 Qg1+ 33.Kxg1 b6 34.Qh8+ Nf8 35.Qxf8#) 32.Qg8+ Kc7 33.Bxb8+ Nxb8 34.Qxe6 Nc6 10.89] **30.d6+–** Daniel resigned. Mate in 4 moves. [30.Bb6+ Nxb6 31.Qf8+ Kc7 32.Qxe7+ Nd7 33.Qd6+ Kc8 34.Qxd7#] **30...Rh1+ 31.Kxh1 Qxd6 32.exd6 b5 33.Qh8+ Nf8 34.Qxf8# 1-0**

In Rd. 1 in the 1700+ Reserves, junior Lin Song was winning most of the game, but gave junior John Zhang a couple of chances to draw, which he missed. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Zhang, John (1612) – Song, Lin (1796) [B33]

Scarborough CC Club Champ – Open Reserv Toronto (1), 24.02.2011

1.e4= 0.16 1...c5± [1...e5= For Fritz, the only equalizing move. For all other normal replies, including the Sicilian, W is given a " slight " advantage. This evaluation is not generally accepted.] 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5?!± Fritz is not enamoured of this line; John gets an early " clear " advantage [5...e6 6.Ndb5 d6±] 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5?!± [7.Nd5 Nxd5 8.exd5 Ne7±] 7...a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Nd5?!= [9.Bxf6 gxf6 10.Nd5 Bg7±] 9...Be7 10.Bxf6 [10.Nxe7 Qxe7 11.c4 0-0=] 10...Bxf6 11.c4 [11.Bd3 Bg5 12.0-0 0-0=] 11...b4 [11...Qa5+?! 12.Qd2 Qxd2+ 13.Kxd2 Bg5+ 14.Kd1 0-0±] 12.Nc2 a5?!± [12...0-0 13.g3 Bg5 14.Bg2 Qa5=] 13.Qf3 Bg5 14.h4 Bxh4 Lin goes up a P



15.Rxh4! John creatively sacks the exchange, to draw Lin's Q away. 15...Qxh4 Lin is up the exchange + P 16.Nc7+ Ke7 17.Nxa8 John is up N vs P 17...Bg4 18.Qd3?± for the first time in the game, Lin gets the advantage [18.Ne3! Bxf3 19.Nf5+ Kd8 20.Nxh4 Bxe4±] 18...Rxa8 Lin is up a P 19.Qd5 [19.c5 dxc5 20.Qd5 Rc8±] 19...Rc8 20.Ne3?+ Lin gets a " winning " advantage [20.c5 dxc5 21.Qxc5+ Kf6±] 20...Be6 21.Nf5+ Bxf5 22.exf5 Qd4?± [22...Kf8?! 23.Qxd6+ Kg8 24.0-0-0 h6±; 22...Nd4 23.0-0-0 Qxf2+] 23.Rd1 Qxd5 24.Rxd5 a4 25.Rb5 [25.Bd3 b3 26.a3 e4 27.Be2±] 25...Rb8 [25...Nd4 26.Ra5 a3±] 26.c5?+ - 1.82 [26.g4?! Rxb5 27.cxb5 Na5+ - 1.73; 26.Bd3 Rxb5 27.cxb5 Na5±] 26...Rxb5?± [26...dxc5 27.Rxc5 Kd6+] 27.Bxb5 Nd4 28.cxd6+ Kxd6 29.Bxa4 Nxf5 Lin remains up a P 30.Bc2 Nh4 31.Be4 Ke6 32.g3 Nf5 33.Bxf5?+ [33.a4 bxa3 34.bxa3 Nd4±] 33...Kxf5 34.a4 bxa3 35.bxa3 Ke4 36.Ke2 Kd5 37.Ke3?+ - 3.59 [37.g4 Kd4 38.g5 h6+ - 2.09] 37...f5 38.g4?+ - 4.97 [38.f3 h5 (38...g6? 39.Kf2 f4+ - 4.82) 39.a4 Kc4+ - 7.11] 38...fxg4 Lin is up 2 P's 39.a4 Kc5?+ - 6.41 [39...h5 40.a5 Kc5+ - 9 37] 40.Ke4 h5 41.Kxe5 Lin is up a P 41...g3??= an unsound sac; Lin gives John a draw [41...Kb4 42.Kf5 Kxa4 43.Kg5 g6 44.Kf4 Kb5+] 42.Kf4??+ blunder; John should win the P; he gives Lin back the win [42.fxg3 g5 43.Kf5 h4 44.gxh4 gxh4 45.Kg4 Kb4=] 42...Kb4??+ must have been some time trouble; a simple P capture wins for Lin; for the first time, John gets a " winning " advantage [42...gxf2+-] 43.Kxg3??= wrong capture – the W P on g3 would win [43.fxg3 Kxa4 44.Kg5 Kb4 45.Kg6 Kc3 46.Kxg7 Kd3 47.Kg6 Ke3 48.Kxh5 Ke4 49.g4 Ke5 50.g5 Kf5 51.g6 Kf6+-] 43...Kxa4 44.Kf4= 0-1

In Rd. 1 in the U 1700 Reserves, Steve Karpik



and Hassan Pishdad had a long, close game. Only on move 56 did Steve finally go up a P, and go on to win. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Karpik, Steve (1535) – Pishdad, M. Hassan (1250) [A13]

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1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 Nf6 3.g3 e6 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.cxd5 Nxd5?!± [5...exd5 6.0-0 Bb4=] **6.0-0 Bd6 7.Nc3**
Nf6 [7...0-0 8.d4 a5±] **8.d4 0-0 9.a3 h6 10.b4 a6 11.e4 Be7?!**± Steve gets a " clear " advantage
[11...e5 12.h3 Qe7±] **12.e5?!**± [12.h3 Nd7 13.Be3 Nb6±] **12...Nd5 13.Nxd5?!**= [13.Bd2 Na7
14.h3 Bd7±] **13...exd5 14.Bb2 Re8 15.Re1 Bg4 16.Qb3 Be6 17.Rac1 Qd7 18.Nd2 Rab8 19.f4**
f5?+– Steve gets a " winning " advantage [19...a5 20.b5 Na7 21.a4 c6=] **20.Nf3?!**± [20.exf6 Bxf6
21.Rxe6! Bxd4+ 22.Bxd4 Rxe6 23.Bb2 Rd8+–] **20...Rbd8 21.Bc3 g5 22.Rf1 Na7?+–** [22...gxf4
23.gxf4 Kh7±] **23.Ne1?!**± [23.fgx5 hxg5 24.Bd2 g4+–] **23...Nb5?!**± [23...gxf4 24.Bd2 fxe3 25.hxg3
Bg5±] **24.Nd3 b6 25.Bb2 c6 26.Qd1 g4 27.Rc2 Rc8 28.Qd2 Bf8 29.Rfc1 Na7 30.Bf1 Qb7**
31.Nf2 h5 32.h4 a5 33.Bc3?!± [33.bxa5 c5 34.a4 bxa5±] **33...Nb5 34.Bxb5 cxb5 35.Nd3?!**=
[35.Qe2 Rc4 36.Nd1 axb4 37.axb4 Bxb4±] **35...axb4?!**± [35...a4 36.Nf2 Rc4=] **36.Bxb4 Rc4?!**±
[36...Bg7 37.Bd6 Rc4±] **37.Bxf8 Rxf8 38.Nb2?!**± [38.Nb4 Rfc8 (38...Qa8 39.Qd3 Rfc8±) 39.Kg2
R8c7±] **38...Rxc2 39.Rxc2** [39.Qxc2 Ra8 40.Qb3 Qa6±] **39...Rc8?!**± [39...Qe7 40.Qd3 Ra8±]
40.Qc1 Bd7 41.Rc3 Kg7 42.Rxc8 Qxc8?!+– [42...Bxc8 43.Nd3 Bd7±] **43.Qxc8 Bxc8 44.Nd3**
Kf7 45.Kf2 Ke6 46.Ke2 Ba6 47.Kd2 Bb7 48.Kc3 Bc6 49.Nb4 Bd7?+– 3.81 [49...Bb7 50.Nc2
Ke7+– 1.68] **50.Na6 Bc6 51.Nb4?+–** 2.09 [51.Kb4 Ke7 52.Nc7 Kd7+– 4.76] **51...Bd7 52.Kb3**
Be8 53.Na6 Bc6?+– 3.14 [53...Kd7 54.Kb4 Kc8+– 1.66] **54.Kc3?+–** 1.83 [54.Kb4 Kf7 55.Nc7
Ke7+– 4.76] **54...Bd7?!**± 7.57 [54...Ke7 55.Nb4 Bb7+– 1.68] **55.Nc7+ Ke7 56.Nxd5+ Steve**
goes up a P 56...Kd8 57.Kb4 Bc6 10.38 [57...Be6?? 58.Nxb6 Bg8+– 23.03] **58.Nc3?+–**
9.18[58.Nf6 Bf3 59.d5 Kc7+– 16.93] **1-0**

In Rd. 2, in the Championship Section, junior master Michael Song



Michael on right

had a tough battle with expert Ilyas Nasirov, but in the final time scramble he triumphed. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Nasirov, Ilyas (2142) – Song, Michael (2228) [D09]

Scarborough CC-Champ (Champ. Sect.) Toronto (2), 03.03.2011

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e5± [2...e6=] 3.dxe5 Ilyas goes up a P **3...d4 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.g3** [5.a3 Nge7 6.Qd3 Bg4±] **5...Bg4 6.Bg2 Qd7 7.0-0 0-0-0 8.a3?!=** [8.Qb3 Qf5 9.Rd1 Bc5±] **8...Bxf3 9.Bxf3 Nxe5** material equality **10.Bg2 h5 11.Bf4?!=** [11.h4 f6 12.Qb3 c6=] **11...Ng6 12.Qb3?!=** Michael gets a " clear " advantage [12.e3 Nxf4 13.gxf4 Nf6±] **12...c6 13.Bg5 f6 14.Bd2 h4 15.Qc2 Ne5 16.c5?!=** Michael gets a " winning " advantage [16.Bf4 hxg3 17.hxg3 Bd6±] **16...hxg3 17.hxg3 Qg4 18.Qe4 Bxc5** Michael goes up a P **19.Qxg4+ Nxg4 20.a4 Ne7?!=** [20...d3 21.exd3 Ne7-+] **21.b4 Bd6 22.Na3 Kb8 23.Nc4 Ne5 24.Rfc1 Rhe8?!=** Michael is losing his advantage [24...Nxc4 25.Rxc4 Be5±] **25.Nxd6 Rxd6 26.b5 cxb5 27.axb5 Rc8?±** Ilyas gets back the advantage [27...g5 28.Ra2 Rd7±] **28.Bb4 Rd7 29.Bh3 Rxc1+ 30.Rxc1 f5 31.Bxe7 Rxe7 32.Bxf5** Material equality **32...a6 33.bxa6 bxa6 34.Rc8+?!=** [34.f4 Nf7 35.Bd3 Nd6 36.Rb1+ Rb7±] **34...Kb7 35.Rd8?!=** [35.Kf1 Nc6 36.Rg8 Kb6=] **35...Nc6 36.Rd6 Kc7 37.Rd5?!=** Michael gets back a " clear " advantage [37.Rg6 a5 38.Bd3 Kb6±] **37...a5** [37...Rxe2 38.Rd7+ Kb6±] **38.Bd3 Re5 39.Rxe5 Nxe5?!** Moves not recorded. Michael won. **0-1**

In Rd. 2 in the Championship Section, David Southam



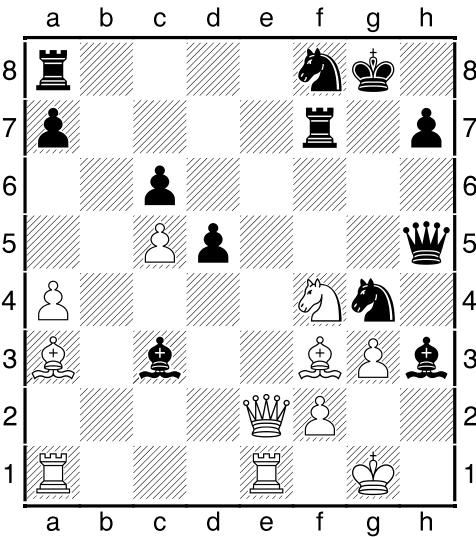
got a nice K-side attack, and Andrew sacked a B to try to relieve the pressure; but David just kept building his advantage from there. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Picana, Andrew (2182) – Southam, David (2102) [A86]

SCC Championship Round-Robin Toronto (2), 03.03.2011

[Armstrong, Robert]

599MB, Fritz11.ctg, My Computer **1.c4 g6** [1...e5=] **2.Nc3** [2.d4=] 2...Bg7 3.g3 e5 [3...Nf6 4.Bg2 c6=] **4.Bg2 d6** [4...f5 5.Nf3 Nc6=] **5.e3** [5.Nf3 Ne7 6.0-0 Nbc6=] 5...f5 **6.Nge2 Nf6 7.d4 e4** **8.Qa4+ c6 9.Nf4?!** [9.0-0 0-0 10.f3 exf3 11.Bxf3 Qe7=] **9...g5 10.Nfe2 0-0 11.Qc2** [11.g4 Nxg4 12.h4 gxh4=] **11...d5?!** [11...Be6 12.b3 Na6=] **12.b3?!** David gets a " clear " advantage [12.cxd5 cxd5 13.h4 g4=] **12...Be6?!** [12...Na6 13.Ba3 Rf7=] **13.0-0** [13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Ba3 Rf6=] **13...Qe7 14.a4?!** [14.cxd5 cxd5 15.a4 Rc8=] **14...Qf7?!** [14...Na6 15.Ba3 Nb4=] **15.c5?!** [15.cxd5 cxd5 16.Ba3 Rd8=] **15...Qh5 16.Re1 Ng4 17.h3 Nf6 18.b4 Nbd7 19.b5 Rf7 20.bxc6 bxc6 21.Ba3?!** + Dave gets a " winning " advantage [21.a5 Nf8 22.Rb1 Ng6=] **21...Nf8** [21...f4 22.exf4 Bxh3 23.Bc1 Ng4-+] **22.Nc1?!** – 3.77 [22.Reb1 Ng6 23.Qd1 (23.Qb3? f4-+ – 3.56) 23...f4-+ – 2.16; 22.Bc1 Ng6 23.Nd1 f4-+ – 2.00] **22...f4 23.exf4 Bxh3 24.Qe2 Ng4 25.Bxe4!** a sound sac **25...Bxd4 26.Nd3 Bxc3?!** – 5.27 David is up an N [26...dxe4 27.Qxe4 Bxc3 28.fxg5 Qxg5 29.Nf4 Nxf2! 30.Kxf2 Re8 31.Qc4 (31.Qxe8?? Rxf4+! 32.gxf4 Qg2+ 33.Ke3 Qg3+ 34.Ke2 Bg4+ 35.Kf1+ mate in 7 moves) 31...Rxe1 32.Rxe1 Bxe1+ 33.Kxe1 Qxg3+ 34.Kd2 Be6! 35.Nxe6 Rf2+ 36.Qe2 Nxe6-+ – 44.32] **27.Bf3 gxf4 28.Nxf4**



Rxf4! 29.gxf4 David is up 2 N's vs R **29...Qg6 30.Kh1 Qh6 31.Kg1?!** – 13.83 [31.Bxd5+! cxd5 32.Qf3 Bxa1 33.Rxa1 Ne6-+ – 11.87] **31...Qxf4?!** – 6.31 [31...Re8! 32.Qxe8 Qxf4 33.Qb8 Qxb8 34.Bxg4 Bxe1 35.Rxe1 Bxg4-+ – 17.68] **32.Bxg4 Bxg4 33.Qe3 Qxe3 34.fxe3 Bxa1 35.Rxa1** David is up N + P **35...Rb8 36.Kf2 Ng6?!** – 6.82 [36...Rb3 37.a5 Ne6-+ – 8.05] **37.Kg3 h5 38.Bc1 Rb3 39.Bd2?!** – 9.07 [39.Ra2? d4 40.Kf2 Ne5-+ – 9.53; 39.a5 Rb5 40.Bd2 Rxc5-+ – 8.22] **39...d4 40.Re1 Ne5 41.Kf4** – 11.26 [41.a5? Nf3 42.Re2 Nxd2 43.Rxd2 dxe3-+ – 12.93; 41.Rc1 dxe3 42.Be1 e2+ 43.Rc3 Rxc3+ 44.Bxc3 Nd3-+ – 11.79; 41.Kg2 d3 42.Kg3 Nf3-+ – 11.37] **41...Nd3+ 42.Ke4 Nxe1 43.exd4** David is up R + N **43...Bf3?!** – 12.84 [43...Ng2 44.d5 cxd5+ 45.Kxd5 Rd3+ 46.Kc6 Bf3+ 47.Kb5 Rxd2-+ mate in 12 moves] **44.Kf4?!** – 19.41 [44.Kf5 Nc2 45.d5 Bxd5-+ – 13.48] **44...Nc2?!** – 13.27 [44...Ng2+ 45.Ke5 h4-+ – 20.25] **45.Ke5 Rd3 46.Ba5 Rxd4** David is up R + N + P **47.Bc7?!** – 19.16 [47.Bc3 Rxa4-+ – 15.43] **47...Rxa4?!** – 17.38 David is up R + N + 2 P's; White resigns. [47...Kf7 48.Bd8 Rxd8-+ – 19.16] **0-1**

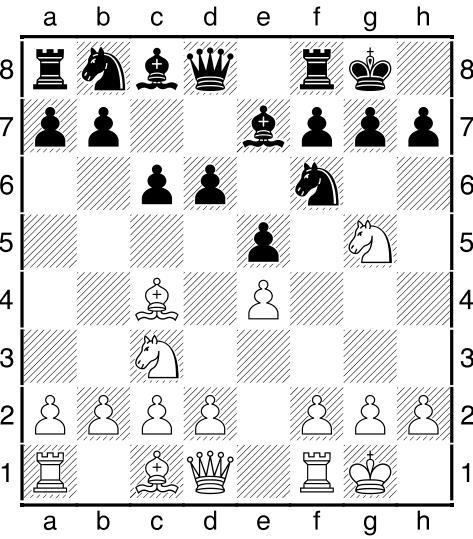
In Rd. 2 in the 1700+ section, Josh Sherman went up a minor piece against Silvano Mesiti, and went on to mate. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Mesiti, Silvano (1626) – Sherman, Joshua (1885) [C41]

Scarborough CC Champ (1700+ Reserves.) Toronto (2), 03.03.2011

[Armstrong, Robert]

1.e4= 0.16 1...e5 For Fritz, the only equalizing move 2.Nf3 d6?!± [2...Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6=] 3.Bc4 Be7 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Ng5?!= [5.d4 exd4 6.Nxd4 0-0±] 5...0-0 6.0-0 c6



7.Bxf7+?± an unsound exchange of pieces; Josh gets a " clear " advantage [7.d4 Nbd7 8.Nf3 exd4 9.Nxd4 Re8=] 7...Rxf7 8.Nxf7 Kxf7 Josh has B + N vs R + P 9.f4 9...Kg8 10.f5 [10.fxe5 dxe5 11.d3 Qb6+ 12.Kh1 Be6±] 10...d5 11.d3 dxe4 12.dxe4 Qxd1 13.Rxd1 Na6 14.Be3?!-+ Josh gets a " winning " advantage [14.Bg5 Kf7 15.Bxf6 Kxf6±] 14...Ng4 15.Bf2 g6 16.fxg6 hxg6 17.h3 Nxf2 18.Kxf2 Be6 19.a3 Bc5+ 20.Kg3 Be3 21.Kf3?-+ – 2.63 [21.Rd6 Nc7 22.Rf1 Bf4+ 23.Rxf4 exf4+ 24.Kxf4 Rf8+ 25.Ke5 Kf7-+ – 1.64] 21...Bg5?-+ – 1.65 [21...Bd4 22.Kg3 Nc5+ – 2.64] 22.g4 Rf8+ 23.Kg2 Nc5 [23...Be3 24.Rf1 Bd4-+] 24.b4 Nd7 25.Rd6 Kf7 26.Ne2?-+ – 3.25 [26.Nd5! Nf6 27.Nxf6 Bxf6-+ – 1.60] 26...Ke7 27.Rad1 Nb6 28.Ng3 Nc4 29.R6d3 Ne3+ 30.Rxe3 Bxe3 Josh is up B vs P 31.Rf1 Rd8 32.Re1 Rd2+ 33.Kh1?-+ – 6.50 [33.Re2 Rxe2+ 34.Nxe2 Bc4-+ – 4.21] 33...Bf4 34.Ne2 Rxc2 Josh is up a B 35.Nxf4 exf4 36.Rf1 g5 37.h4 Re2?-+ – 6.41 [37...Kf6 38.hxg5+ Kxg5-+ – 7.97] 38.hxg5 Rxe4 39.Kg2 Bxg4 Josh is up B + P 40.Rh1 Re2+ 41.Kf1 f3 this P is a problem 42.Rh7+ Ke6 43.g6 Kf6 44.g7 Kf7?-+ – 8.09 [44...Be6 45.Rh4 Kxg7-+ – 9.28] 45.Rh4 Rg2 46.Rh8?-+ – 9.37 [46.g8Q+ Kxg8 47.Ke1 Kg7-+ – 8.29] 46...Kxg7 Josh is up B + 2 P's 47.Rb8??-+ mate in 9 moves [47.Rh4 Kg6 48.a4 Kg5-+ – 10.41] 47...Re2 48.Rxb7+ Josh is up B + P (passed and on the 3 rd rank). 48...Kh6 [48...Kg6 49.Kg1 Bh3 50.Rf7 Kxf7 51.a4 f2+ 52.Kh2 f1Q+ 53.Kg3 Qg2+ 54.Kh4 Qg4#] 49.Rf7 Kg5 50.Rf8 [50.a4 Kh4 51.Rf4 Kg3 52.Rxg4+ Kxg4-+ mate in 4 moves; 50.b5 Kh4 51.b6 axb6 52.Rf4 Kg3-+ mate in 6 moves] 50...Kh4 51.Rh8+ Kg3 52.Rh1 Bh3+?-+ a long mate [52...f2 53.Rh3+ Kxh3 54.b5 Kg3 55.bxc6 Re1#] 53.Kg1?-+ mate in one [53.Rxh3+ Kxh3 54.b5 cxb5 55.a4 bxa4 56.Kg1 a3 57.Kf1 a2 58.Kg1 a1Q#] 53...Re1# 0-1

In Rd. 2 in the 1700+ Reserves, Alex Ferreira

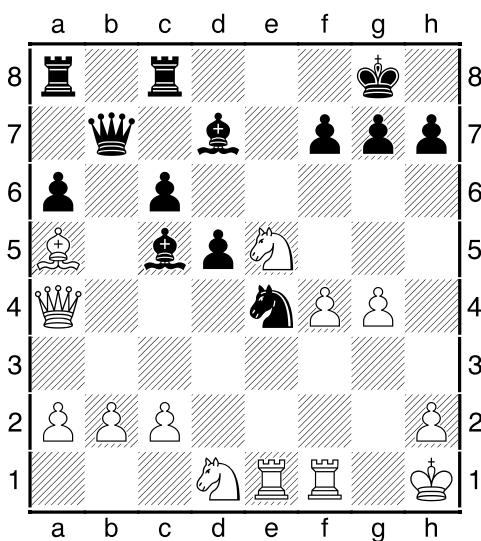


unsoundly sacked the exchange against Arkadiy Ugodnikov, but managed to eventually get 2 P's compensation, and went on to win. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Ferreira, Alex (2081) – Ugodnikov, Arkadiy (1845) [C31]

SCC Championship Open Reserves Toronto (2), 03.03.2011

599MB, Fritz11.ctg, My Computer 1.e4= 0.16 1...e5 for Fritz, the only equalizing move 2.f4= King's Gambit [2.Nf3=] 2...d5?!= [2...exf4 3.Nf3 g5=] 3.exd5 Alex goes up a P 3...c6?!= [3...exf4 4.Bb5+ c6 5.dxc6 Nxc6=] 4.d4?!= [4.Nf3?! exf4 5.d4 Bd6=; 4.Qe2 Nf6 5.Nc3 (5.Nf3?! e4=) 5...Nxd5 6.Qxe5+ Be6±] 4...exd4 5.Qxd4 cxd5 material equality 6.Nc3?!= [6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.Qxd5 Nc6=] 6...Nf6 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Bb5 a6 9.Bxc6+ bxc6 10.Ne5?!= Arkadiy gets a " clear " advantage [10.0-0 Be7 11.Ne5 c5=] 10...Qc7 11.0-0 Bd6 12.Bd2?!=+ Arkadiy gets a " winning " advantage [12.Bc3 Rb8 13.Nd3 0-0=] 12...0-0 13.Rae1 – 1.57 [13.Qd3 a5 14.Rfe1 Re8+ – 1.41; 13.Na4 c5 14.Qd3 c4+ – 1.50] 13...Bf5 14.Qa4 Rfc8 15.Nd1 Ne4 16.Ba5 Qb7?!= [16...Qb8 17.Ne3 Be6+] 17.Kh1?!=+ – 2.21 [17.c4 Be6 18.a3 Rab8=] 17...Bc5?!= [17...Qb5 18.Qxb5 axb5+] 18.g4 Bd7?!= [18...Be6 19.f5 Bd7=]



19.Rxe4?+ [19.Qb3 Qxb3 20.axb3 Be8±] 19...dxe4 Arkadiy is up the exchange **20.Qc4 Be6** [20...Ba7?? 21.Qxf7+ Kh8 22.Bc3 Rg8 23.Qe7 h6 24.Ng6+ Kh7+±] **21.Qxc5** Alex is up 2 N's vs R **21...f6?±** Arkadiy is losing his advantage [21...Qb5 22.Qxb5 axb5+±] **22.f5** [22.Nc4?! Qb5 23.Qxb5 axb5 24.Nb6 Rxa5 25.Nxc8 Bxc8±] **22...Bd5 23.Ne3** [23.Nc4 e3+ 24.Kg1 e2 25.Re1 exd1Q 26.Rxd1 Bxc4 27.Qxc4+ Kh8±] **23...fxe5** Arkadiy is up the exchange again **24.c4 Bf7 25.Bc3** [25.b4 Qd7 26.Qxe5 Qd2±] **25...Re8 26.Bxe5?±** Arkadiy is up the exchange, but Alex has a P compensation [26.Rd1 Qa7 27.Qxa7 Rxa7±] **26...Qa7 27.Qxa7 Rxa7 28.Bc3 Rd7 29.Kg1 Rd3** **30.Re1 Red8 31.Kf2 h5?±** Arkadiy has lost his advantage [31...g6 32.h4 R8d7±] **32.gxh5 Bxh5 33.Kg3** [33.Rg1 g6 34.Rg5 Rf8=] **33...Bf3?±** for the first time since the early opening, Alex gets back the advantage [33...g5 34.h4 gxh4+ 35.Kxh4 Bf3=] **34.Kf4 Kf7?±** Alex gets a " clear " advantage [34...Rxc3! 35.bxc3 Rd2±] **35.Rg1 Rg8 36.Rg6 Rh8?+±** Alex gets a " winning " advantage [36...Be2 37.Rxc6 g5+ 38.fxg6+ Rxe6±] **37.Rxg7+** Arkadiy is up the exchange, but Alex has 2 P's compensation **37...Kf8 38.f6 c5 39.Nf5 Rg8?+±** 11.52 [39...Rxe6 40.Bc5 e3 41.Rc7 (41.Nxe3? Re2 42.Nd5 Bxd5 43.Bd6+ Ke8 44.cxd5 Rf2+ 45.Ke4 Rd4+ 46.Ke3 Rxd5±) 41...Rf2+ 2.92] **40.Nh6?+±** 2.22 [40.Ne7 Rxe6 41.fxe6+ Kxe6 42.g8Q Rxe6 43.Qg7+ Kd6 44.Qxc3 Kc6+ 17.36] **40...Rh8 41.Nf5 Bh1?+±** 8.54 [41...Rg8? 42.Ne7 Rxe6 43.fxe6+ Kxe6+ 14.88; 41...Rxe6 42.Bc5 e3+ 2.92] **42.Rc7?+±** 5.64 [42.Ne7 Rxe6 43.Kg5 Rxd6+ 8.84] **42...Rh5** 9.22 [42...Rxe6? 43.Ke5 Rg8+ 10.59; 42...Rxd6? 43.Bc5 Rf3+ 44.Kg4 Rg8+ 45.Rg7 Rd3+ 14.24] **43.Ke5?+±** 2.80 [43.Ng7 Rf3+ 44.Kg4 Rxe6 45.Bxf6 Bf3+ 46.Kf4 Kg8+ 12.33] **43...Rd8 44.Ke6 Rxf5?+±** 4.87 an unsound exchange sac [44...Rxe6+ 45.Re7 Rxe6+ 46.Rxe6+ Kxe6 47.Kxf5 Kf7+ 2.61] **45.Rf7+ 3.70** [45.Kxf5 e3 46.Rxe6 Rb8+ 5.71] **45...Ke8?+±** 9.83 [45...Kg8 46.Rg7+ Kf8+ 4.80] **46.Re7?+±** 5.08 [46.Rh7 Rd6+ 47.Kxd6 Bf3+ 11.67] **46...Kf8 47.Kxf5** Alex is up 2 P's **47...Rd6?+±** 16.39 [47...e3 48.Bc5 Bf3+ 5.64] **48.Kg6?+±** 4.23 [48.Bc5 Rxe6 49.Ke6 Bg2+– mate in 8 moves] **48...Bf3?+±** 9.96 [48...e3 49.b4 Bc6+ 4.60] **49.Rc7 Rd8?+±** mate in 10 moves [49...Bb4 50.Bc5 Rb6+ 11.85] **50.Bd2?+±** 2.63 Alex misses the mating line [50.Bc5 Bh5+ 51.Kxh5 Rxe6 52.Rxd6+ Kf8+– mate in 4 moves] **50...Bb4?+±** mate in 3 moves [50...Bh5+ 51.Kxh5 Rxe6 52.Kg6 Rg8+ 53.Kf5 Rxe6+ 3.05] **51.Rh7?+±** 12.61 again Alex misses the mate line. [51.Bh6+ Kg8 52.f7+ Kh8 53.Bg7#] **51...Kg8?+±** mate in 4 moves [51...Bf5+ 52.Kxf5 Rxe6+ 13.11] **52.f7?+±** mate in 3 moves. Black resigns. **1-0**

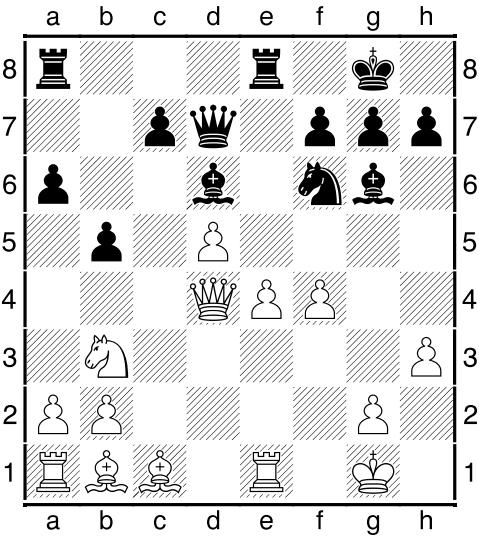
In Rd. 2, in the U 1700 Reserves section, Dinesh Dattani met his match in junior Kajan Thanabalachandran. Kajan went up a P early, and then Dinesh got his N trapped at the side of the board, and it eventually got captured. Kajan went on to win. Here is the game (Annotations by Dinesh Dattani, using Fritz):

Thanabalachandran, Kajan (1509) – Dattani, Dinesh (1420) [C89]

Scarborough CC Champ (U 1700 Reserves) Toronto (2), 03.03.2011

460MB, Fritz11.ctg, Jolly Fellow's Vostro C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Be7 7.Re1 0-0 8.c3 Na5 9.Bc2 d6 10.d4 Bg4 11.h3 Bh5 12.Nbd2 exd4 13.cxd4 Nc6N** [13...Rxe6 14.Nf1 Nd7 15.g4 Bg6 16.Ng3 c5 17.d5 Ne5 18.Nh2 c4 19.f4 Nd7 20.f5 Bxf5 21.gxf5 Bh4 22.Bf4 Ne5 23.Bxe5 Rxe6 24.Qg4 Nb7 25.Nf3 Bxg3 26.Qxg3 Qb6+ 27.Kh1 Rae8 28.f6 Ivkov,B-Zeyen/Varna 1962/MCD/1-0] **14.Nb3 Nb4** [14...d5 15.e5 Ne4 16.Rxe4 dxe4 17.Bxe4±] **15.Bb1 Nc6** [15...d5 16.e5 Ne4 17.Be3±] **16.Qd3** Black has a cramped position [16.Bd2 Qd7±] **16...Bb6** [16...d5 17.e5 Ne4 18.Nbd2±] **17.Qc3 Qd7 18.d5 Ne5 19.Nxe5 dxe5 20.Qxe5** [20.Na5 Bd6±] **20...Bd6** [20...Rac8 21.Bd2 Rfe8 22.Qd4±] **21.Qd4 Rfe8 22.f4** [22.Bg5 Qf5 23.Bxf6 (23.exf5?? Rxe1#) 23...Qxf6 24.Qxf6 gxf6 25.Bd3±]

Position after 22.f4



22...Nh5? this N will get trapped [22...Rad8= would keep Black in the game] **23.e5+- f6??** an oversight. But Black was lost anyway. [23...Bxb1 24.Rxb1 c5 25.Nxc5 Bxc5 26.Qxc5 Qf5+-] **24.Bxg6** [24.e6 and White can already relax 24...Qe7 25.f5 Bf7+-] **24...hgx6 25.Bd2 Bf8** **26.Qd3 Qf5 27.Qxf5 gxf5 28.g4 f4xg4** [28...Ng3 29.Ba5 Red8 30.d6 cxd6 31.Bxd8 dxe5 32.Bc7+-] **29.hxg4 Ng3** [29...Rad8 is not much help 30.gxh5 Rxd5 31.exf6 Rxe1+ 32.Rxe1 (32.Bxe1?! gxf6 33.Nd2 Rxh5+-) 32...gxf6 33.Re6+-] **30.Kg2 fxe5 31.fxe5** [31.Kxg3 makes it even easier for White 31...exf4+ 32.Bxf4 Rxe1 33.Rxe1 Rd8+-] **31...Rad8 32.Kxg3** [32.d6 keeps an even firmer grip 32...cxd6 33.e6 Ne4 34.Rxe4 d5+-] **32...Rxd5 33.Bf4 g5** [33...c5 a fruitless try to alter the course of the game 34.Rad1 Rxd1 35.Rxd1+-] **34.Bxg5 Rxe5** [34...Bb4 cannot change what is in store for ? 35.Kf4 Bxe1 36.Rxe1 Rf8+ 37.Bf6 Rxe5 38.Rxe5 Rxf6+ 39.Kg5+-] **35.Rxe5 Rxe5 36.Bf4** [36.Bf6 might be the shorter path 36...Re4+-] **36...Re7** [36...Re2 doesn't change the outcome of the game 37.Nd2+-] **37.Kf3 Bg7** [37...Rf7 does not help much 38.Nd4+-] **38.Rc1 Rf7** [38...Bxb2 doesn't get the cat off the tree 39.Rxc7 Rxc7 40.Bxc7+-] **39.Rxc7 Rxc7** [39...Rf8 does not solve anything 40.Ke4 Re8+ 41.Kd5 Bxb2 42.Nc5+-] **40.Bxc7 Bxb2 41.Nc5** DDD: Black resigns. **1-0**

In Rd. 2 in the U 1700 Reserves, our oldest member, Ted Termeer, got a nice Q-side attack against Leonid Aghamalian's K, and won. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Termeer, Ted (1425) – Aghamalian, Leonid (1520) [D02]

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1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Bf5 [2...Nf6=] **3.Bf4** [3.e3 e6 4.Bd3 Bxd3 5.cxd3 c6=] **3...Nc6 4.a3 Nf6 5.h3?!±** [5.e3 e6 6.Bd3 Ne4=] **5...e6 6.Nc3 a6?!=** [6...Bd6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bxf6 Qxf6?!] **7.e3 Bd6 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bxf6 Qxf6 10.Bd3 0-0-0** [10...0-0 11.Bxf5 Qxf5 12.Qd3 Qxd3 13.cxd3 Ne7=] **11.Qe2** [11.b4 Ne7 12.b5 a5=] **11...Bxd3 12.cxd3 Rde8?!±** [12...Kb8 13.Rc1 Ne7=] **13.b4?!=** [13.Rc1 Reg8 14.b4 Na7±] **13...Na7?!±** [13...e5 14.dxe5 Bxe5 15.d4 (15.Nxd5?!±) 15...Nxd4 16.Nxd4 Bxd4 17.Nxd5 Bc3+ 18.Kf1 Qc6=] **14.Qb2 Qg6 15.Ke2?!=** [15.0-0 Qxd3 16.Rfd1 Qc4±] **15...Rhg8** [15...c6 16.a4 Kb8=] **16.b5 a5?+-** Ted gets a " winning " advantage [16...Kd7 17.bxa6 bxa6 18.Qc2 Rb8= (18...Ke7?! 19.Kf1 f6±)] **17.b6 Nc6 18.bxc7 2.41 18...Bxc7 19.Rab1 Nd8?+-** 6.59 [19...Kd7 20.Rhc1 Rb8+- 2.91] **20.Nb5 Re7?+-** 11.97 [20...e5 21.Rhc1 Re7+- 6.59] **21.Rhc1?+-** 11.32 [21.Na7+ Kd7 22.Qb5+ Nc6 23.Ne5+ Bxe5 24.Qxb7+ Ke8 25.Qxc6+ Kf8 26.Qc8+ Re8 27.Qc5+ Re7 28.dxe5 f5+- 16.78] **21...Kb8?+-** 12.79 [21...e5 22.Na7+ Kd7

23.Qb5+ Nc6 24.Nxe5+ Rxe5 25.dxe5 Qe6+- 11.32] **22.Nxc7 Rxc7 23.Rxc7??+-** 11.20 Ted misses the lengthy computer mate [23.Ne5 Qh5+ 24.g4 Qxe5 25.dxe5 Re8+- mate in 15 moves] **23...Kxc7 24.Qb6+ Kb8??+-** leads to mate [24...Kc8?? 25.Ne5 Qh5+ 26.Kf1 Qxe5 27.dxe5 f6+- mate in 14 moves; 24...Kd7 25.Ne5+ Ke8 26.Nxg6 fxg6+- 34.34] **25.Ne5 Qg5** mate in 8 moves [25...Qh5+ 26.Kf1 Qxe5 27.dxe5 f6+- mate in 9 moves] **26.Nc6+** takes a bit longer – mate in 16 moves [26.Nd7+ Kc8 27.Qd6 Qh5+ 28.g4 Qxg4+ 29.hxg4 b5 30.Rxb5 Nc6 31.Nc5 Nxd4+ 32.exd4 g5 33.Rb8#] **26...Kc8 27.Nxd8** Ted goes up an N **27...Qe7** mate in 9 Moves [27...Rxd8?? 28.Qxb7#; 27...Kd7 28.Qxb7+ Kxd8 29.Qxf7 Qh5+ 30.Qxh5 Re8 31.Rb8+ Kd7 32.Qxe8+ Kd6 33.Qd8+ Kc6 34.Rb6#] **28.Rc1++-** mate in 7 moves **1-0**

SCC Spring Into Summer Swiss – New & Final Tournament of the 2010-11 Season

This 9 round swiss runs from April 28 to June 30 (was no meeting on May 5 – closed). The registration was:

Over 2000 – 20

U 2000 – 26

U 1700 (players in the 1600's have the option to play up a section) – 51

This total of 97 is more the first 3 tournaments of the season, which averaged 91 players (the club championship totaled 101 !!). It is also interesting to note that the mid-point in club ratings is 1600 (46 above; 51 below [note: all the 1600's are playing up in the middle section])

After 2 rounds, the leaders are:

2000 + Section:

1./4. – 1.5 pts. - Alex Ferreira; Master Josh Guo; junior Tony Lin; Andrew Picana

U 2000 Section:

1./4. – 2 pts. - Scott Huston, Danny Zotkin; Stephen Bao; Dean Ward.

U 1700 Section:

1./6. – 2 pts. - junior Derick Aghamalian; Leonid Aghamalian; junior Eric Song; junior Kevin Yie; Maurice Smith; Ken Kurkowski.

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 full 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).

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.

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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???

2011 Ontario Open Chess Championship

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 and mail entry cheques
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Victoria Day East Toronto Pre-Qualifiers for 2011 CYCC

Organizer: Philip Math Chess Academy
Location: 58 Deerbrook Trail, Scarborough, Ontario, M1W 1V4
Event Date: Monday, May 23, 2011, Victoria Day
Registration Email: philipmathchess@yahoo.ca
Registration Deadline: Friday, May 20, 2011
Entry Fee: \$40 (paid in cash on site)

Format: 5 rounds Swiss
Time Control: 30 min SD
Tie Breaks: 5min SD
CFC rated
Sections: U8 U10 U12 U14 and Up Girls and Boys
Prizes: CFC medals for the first three places in each section
About half participants in each section will be qualified

Free refreshments are available
Parents can drop off earlier and pick up later
Microwave is available to heat lunch.

Daily Schedule
Arrival: 9:30am
Orientation 9:45-10:30am
Round 1 11:00am
Round 2 12:30pm
Round 3 1:30pm
Round 4 2:30pm
Round 5 3:30pm
Closing Ceremony 4:30pm

Rules

1. 30 minutes for each player
2. Touch move, touch take
3. Swiss pairing
4. Record until last 5 minutes
5. Press the clock with the same hand as playing the previous move

Ontario Youth Chess Championships 2011

Date	Saturday, May 28th & Sunday, May 29th, 2011
Place	Kitchener City Hall , Kitchener, Ontario

	(parking available underground - or close-by in municipal lots)
Rounds	5 (all players play all 5 rounds - win, lose or draw - with the exception of sections that are too small)
Type	Regular Swiss
Times	<p>Saturday 10:00, 2:00, 6:00, Sunday 10:00, 2:00 (Poss. playoffs after round 5)</p> <p>For check in, please arrive between 8:45 and 9:15 so that we can try to have everyone checked in with time to start the first round.</p>
Time Control	90 min. + 30 sec. w/Digital Clock (If you have a digital Clock, please bring it.)
Entry Fee	<p>\$70 in advance with online registration (below)</p> <p>For more information on CFC membership see THIS page. (Memberships will be available on-site)</p>
Sections	Based on age and gender: U8, U10, U12, U14, U16, U18 - Boys and Girls. More here
Prizes	<p>First place in each section that has a minimum of 4 players has entry fee to the CYCC guaranteed (CYCC Entry is \$175 or \$200 after June 15, \$225 after July 1), plus further bursary based on entry numbers (we hope to send several youth from each section)</p> <p>Bursary amounts will be distributed as follows: The first \$175 will be paid towards the CYCC for entry into the same section as the player entered in the OYCC. Any amounts that might exceed \$175 will be paid directly to the player at the CYCC</p> <p>Players that score a 50% or better score will be qualified to move on to the CYCC</p>
Registration	Online registration is now under way. NO ONSITE REGISTRATIONS. All Players MUST be Pre-Registered
Organizer Cheif Arbiter	Patrick McDonald - (519) 648-3253 patrick@psmcd.net
Miscellaneous	We suggest that you bring your own chess sets and/or clocks if you have them – a limited quantity of sets and clocks will be available on-site for those that may not have their own. However,

the sets that are provided will be for use in official tournament games only. If you want to play casual games between the rounds, you should have your own sets.

We expect that we will have a few other activities organized. Such events may include parents blitz tournaments, simultaneous exhibitions and more.

Chess Trivia Quiz – 2010 Canadian Open – Answer

20. What is a common expression for time trouble?

- a) Zugzwang
- b) Zeitnot**
- c) Zwischenzug
- d) Royally screwed

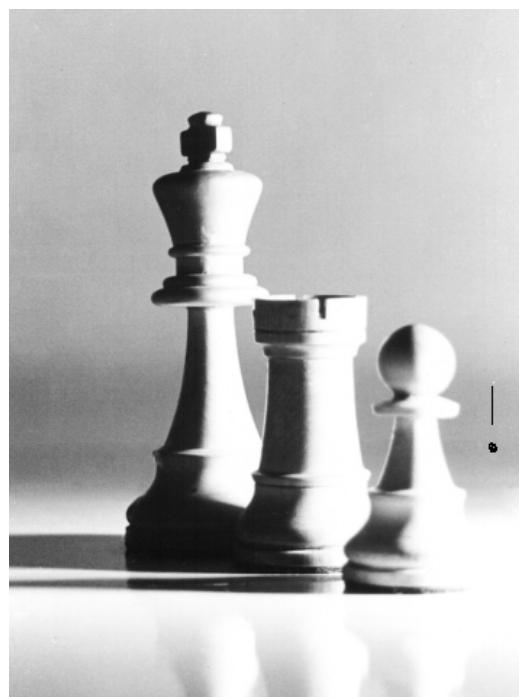


Members enjoy an evening at SCC !



(picture by Erik Malmsten)

An Impressive Trio !



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