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Happy New Year to All !!

2007 FIDE World Cup – Kamsky Goes to 2008 Candidates’ Match



This first phase of the 2009 World Championship Cycle was a knockout tournament of 128 players from around the world who had qualified through zonal/continental tournaments (and a few other mechanisms). The knockout started with 15 players 2700 & over. Rds.1-6 were a 2-game match, with pairs of tie-breakers at decreasing time limits if needed. The final round 7 was a 4-game match. Rd. 1 began on November 23. The event was held in the city of Khanty-Mansiysk - located in western Siberia, Russia. The Canadian representative, IM Igor Zugic, 2006 Canadian Champion, was knocked out in Rd. 1 by Michael Adams (England).

Winning the FIDE World Cup Champion title was American GM Gata Kamsky, # 14 in the world, over GM Alexei Shirov (Spain) by a score of 2.5 – 1.5 (Kamsky had 1 win, in Game 2, and there were 3 draws).

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With this victory, Kamsky now has earned the right to go into a 2008 Candidates' Match with Veselin Topalov (Bulgaria), 2005 FIDE World Champion, and 2006 World Championship Challenger. The winner of that match will get to play the then World Champion in a match in 2009.

Game 3 of the match saw Shirov take the initiative, go up 2 pawns, and get a clear advantage, trying to tie up the match, but Kamsky played solid defence, and the game ended in a draw. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Shirov, A (2739) – Kamsky, G (2714) [C91]

World Cup Khanty–Mansiysk RUS (7.3), 15.12.2007

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6± [2...Nf6=] 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1?!= [6.Nc3 b5 7.Bb3 0-0±] 6...b5?!= [6...0-0 7.d4 exd4 8.e5 Nd5 9.Bb3 Nb6=] 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.d4 Bg4 10.Be3?!= [10.Qd3 Qd7 11.Nbd2 Rfe8±] 10...exd4 11.cxd4 Na5 [11...d5 12.e5 Ne4 13.Nc3 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Qd7=] 12.Bc2 c5 [12...Nc4?! 13.Bc1 c5±] 13.Nc3 [13.Nbd2 cxd4 14.Bxd4 Nc6=] 13...cxd4 [13...Nc4?! 14.e5 dxe5 15.dxe5 Qxd1 16.Raxd1 Bxf3 17.exf6 Bxd1 18.fxe7 Bxc2 19.exf8Q+ Rxf8 20.Bxc5 Rc8 21.Nd5 Kh8 22.Bd4 Nd6±] 14.Bxd4 Nc6?!= [14...Nc4 15.Qe2 Rc8 16.Rac1 Nh5=] 15.Bb3 Rc8 16.Re3?!= [16.Be3?! Ne5 17.a3 Bh5=; 16.Rc1 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Qd7 18.Kg2 Nxd4 19.Qxd4 Rc5±] 16...Nd7 17.Nd5 [17.Qd2 Nxd4 18.Qxd4 Ne5=] 17...Bg5 18.Rc3 b4?!= [18...Nc5 19.Bxc5 dxc5 20.Rxc5 Qd6 21.Rc3 Ne5=] 19.Rc4 [19.Rc2?! Nc5 20.Bc4 Bxf3 21.gxf3 Nxd4 22.Qxd4 Ne6 23.Qd1 Bf4=] 19...Bxf3 20.gxf3 Nxd4 [20...Nde5 21.Bxe5 dxe5 22.Kh1 Na5 23.Rxb4 Be7 24.Ra4 Bh4±] 21.Rxd4 a5?!= Shirov gets a " clear " advantage [21...Bc1 22.Rxb4 Bxb2 23.Rb1 Qg5+ 24.Kh1 Be5±] 22.f4 Bh6 23.Qg4 Rc5 24.Ne3 Nf6 25.Qf3 Qa8 26.Rad1 g6 27.Nc4 a4 [27...Ne8 28.a4 Rh5 29.R4d3 Qd8±] 28.Nb6 Qc6 29.Nxa4 Shirov goes up a P 29...Rc1 30.Rxb4 Shirov goes up 2 P's 30...Rxd1+ 31.Bxd1?!= [31.Qxd1 Bxf4 32.Nc3 d5 33.Nxd5 Nxd5 34.Bxd5 Bxh2+ 35.Kg2 Qf6 36.Qf3 Bf4±] 31...Qc1 32.e5 [32.Qd3 Bxf4 33.Qc2 Rc8 34.Nc3 Qxc2 35.Bxc2 Be5 36.Bb3 Bxc3 37.bxc3 Rxc3±; 32.Nc3 Bxf4 33.a4 Re8±] 32...dxe5 33.fxe5 Qg5+ 34.Kf1 Qxe5 Shirov is up only 1 P 35.h3 Bd2 36.Rc4 36...Rd8 37.Bb3 Kg7 38.Kg2?!= Shirov loses his advantage[38.Nc3+/=] 38...Qg5+ 39.Qg3 Qd5+ 40.Qf3 Qg5+ 41.Qg3 Shirov decides to take the draw [41.Kh2 Qe5+ 42.Qg3 Qf5 43.Bc2 Qd5=] 41...Qd5+= ½

In Game 4, there was relative equality, with Kamsky getting a slight advantage and then losing it. Then he made the dubious decision (according to Fritz, though other commentators have called it a " good " move, that removed from Shirov any chances to win) to sac the exchange for a passed eP – dubious because he only needed a draw to win the match, so why try for a draw with a risky move like a sac? He gave Shirov the advantage for the first time in the game!?? But Shirov lost his advantage, and Kamsky was able to manage a perpetual check, and draw the game and win the match and World Cup championship. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

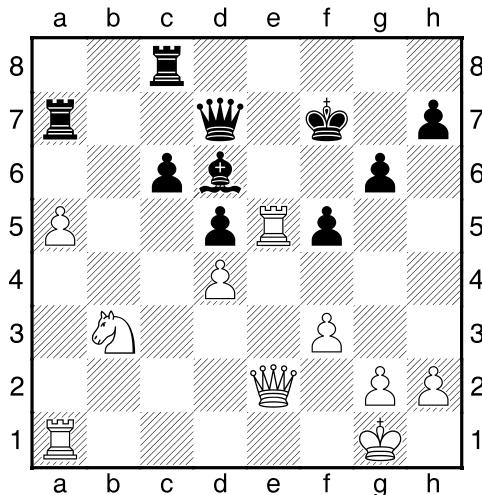
Kamsky, G (2714) – Shirov, A (2739) [A00]

FIDE World Cup Khanty–Mansiysk RUS (7), 16.12.2007

1.e4 c5± 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5?!= [3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6±] 3...g6 4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 [5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 b5 7.Be2 d6=; 5.Re1 Nf6 6.Nc3 a6 7.Bxc6 dxc6 8.e5 Nd5 9.Ne4 Qb6=] 5...Nf6 6.Re1 0-0 7.d4 d5 [7...cxd4 8.cxd4 d5 9.e5 Ne4=] 8.e5 Ne4 9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.Nbd2 Bf5 11.Nh4 e6?!= [11...Be6 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Rxe4 cxd4 (13...Qd5?! 14.Re1 Rad8±) 14.Rxd4 Qc7 15.Nf3 h6=] 12.Nxf5 exf5 [12...gxf5 13.Re3 cxd4 14.cxd4 f6±] 13.f3 cxd4! Shirov offers up his N 14.cxd4 [14.fxe4? dxc3 15.bxc3 fxe4 16.Ba3 Re8 17.Bd6 Bxe5 18.Bxe5 Rxe5±] 14...Ng5 15.b4?!= [15.Nb3 Ne6±] 15...a5?!= [15...f6 16.Nb3 fxe5 17.dxe5 Ne6=] 16.bxa5 Rxa5 17.Nb3 Ra7 18.Bxg5 [18.Qc2?! Ne6 19.Qxc6 Qa8 20.Qc2 Rc8 21.Qf2 f4=] 18...Qxg5 19.Qc2?!= Kamsky is having trouble holding his advantage [19.a4 Rb8 20.a5 Qh4 21.Re3 Bh6 22.Rc3 Rb4±] 19...Rc8

20.a4 Bf8 21.a5 Bb4 22.Re2 Qd8 23.e6 [23.a6 Qb6 24.Qd3 c5 25.dxc5 Bxc5+ 26.Kf1 Bf8=] 23...fxe6 [23...Qd6 24.exf7+ Kxf7 25.a6 Rca8=] **24.Rxe6 Qd7** [24...Bxa5?! 25.Rxc6 Rca8±] **25.Qe2 Kf7 26.Re5 Bd6**

Position after 26...Bd6



27.f4?!± Kamsky wrongly decides to sac the exchange for a passed eP (and aP). A dubious decision, given he only needs a draw to win the match – should he be going for a win with this move? [27.Re3 Qc7 28.h3 (28.f4?! Bxf4 29.Rh3 Kf8±) 28...f4 29.Re6 Rb8 30.Nc5 Rba8=] **27...Bxe5 28.fxe5 Qb7?!=** Shirov gives up his advantage. This is the match-losing move ! [28...Qd8 29.Qe1 Rb8 30.Nc5 Qg5±] **29.Nc5 Qb4 30.e6+ Kg8 31.Rd1 Qxa5 32.e7 Re8 33.Qe6+ Kg7 34.Qe5+ Kf7 35.Qe6+=** ½-½

How to Increase CFC Memberships (second in a two-part series)

Introduction

Last Issue, in part one of this series, we suggested there are three major sources of chess tournaments:

1. High Profile National CFC-sponsored tournaments – the Canadian Open, the Canadian Closed, the Canadian Youth Chess Championships, the Canadian Women’s Closed, the Canadian Junior. These however are only once a year events, and some draw only a small number of participants.
2. Local Weekend Tournaments – I include here as well provincial championships, and CYCC Regional Qualifiers, as well as local city tournaments.
3. Chess Club CFC-rated Tournaments – these are usually swiss or round-robin events that are played over the course of a number of consecutive weeks at a local chess club.

We also suggested that players become CFC members to play in tournaments. We

looked at the sources # 1 and # 2 last article. Now we will look at how to increase membership in local chess clubs, and hence in the CFC.

Can Canadian Chess Players Be Brought Back to OTB Chess?

Over the last number of years, Canada has suffered a decline in numbers of players playing in over-the-board weekend tournaments, membership in chess clubs that run regular OTB CFC-rated tournaments, and membership in the Chess Federation of Canada. It is said that Canadian life is now busier than in the past, and players are not willing or sometimes able to dedicate a whole weekend to chess, or to commit to a regular weekday evening for 6 or 7 consecutive weeks, to play in officially sanctioned tournaments. There are now many more competing entertainment options than there used to be. And finally, the chess internet has made available competition at all levels and at all rating strengths, and at all times of the day and night, with players from around the globe. No longer is it necessary to play in a weekend tournament, or a chess club tournament, to get your chess “fix”.

Can anything be done to halt this decline? Could we ever hope to reverse it ? There is some hope. Chess clubs, our third source of tournaments, can run CFC-rated tournaments, and require CFC membership be taken out to play. But can chess clubs reverse their own decline in membership of the last number of years, and start to grow again? We think so.

A Case Study – Scarborough Chess Club

One example is our own SCC. At the start of the millennium, we were over 100 members. A few years ago, we bottomed out with a turnout of about only 14 members to our weekly Thursday night CFC-rated tournament. But now we are over 50 members and still climbing. Why has this happened? How has SCC managed to swim upstream, and increase membership, when across Canada it is declining?

a. Atmosphere

One feature of our club has always been that the atmosphere at SCC is welcoming and friendly, and it has always prided itself on this – all nationalities, juniors and women are welcomed and made to feel at home. Our motto is “friendly chess since 1960” !

But this has been a consistent factor. What has been happening differently in the last couple of years that is influencing our growth? What have we done new?

b. Good Website.

One important thing was to update our website and make it more attractive. It is now very user-friendly, provides all the basic information and presents an attractive picture of the club. Many new members have advised that they found us through a google search !

c. Juniors

SCC was interested in rebuilding its juniors base. We found was that after we got the initial small group of juniors back, new juniors were made to feel more welcome, because they could make friends with their peer group members. Our numbers of juniors has really jumped, and we believe this augers well for the future of the club – these juniors will be with us numbers of years, and may return to us in later life as well. Parents

can see that the adults treat the juniors with respect and friendship, an important feature of them feeling comfortable in an adult milieu. We have also found the juniors quite well—mannered and respectful. We also play Game/90 min. which allows us to finish by 10:30 (and often juniors play faster), so it is not too late an evening for them.

d. Better Competition for Higher Rated Players

This year we have changed from a one-section swiss for all players, to a 2-section swiss (the top section – 1700 & Over; the lower section – U 1700). This gives the stronger players in the club stronger opposition throughout the whole tournament. Our top section is relatively strong – our last 2007 tournament had a master and 5 experts, and a number of strong “ A ” class players. This tends to be attractive to new stronger members. We expect our 2007/8 Club Championship, Section A, starting this Thursday, to have a master, 8 experts and 2 A players. For the lower section, there is the incentive to do well, to increase their rating over 1700, to be able to join the top section. And they don’t have to suffer through being crushed by players too far above their skill level.

e. Club Newsletter/SCC Games Database

We have this newsletter 2x / month (with accompanying games database), which covers international and Canadian affairs, but also shows club games from all levels – members always like to see one of their better games in print. We have also developed an SCC Games Database. We collect all games, and then enter them in the database, and each week the database of games from the prior round is sent out to them, so they can play over other members’ games. It takes no time at all to just enter games. It just takes a bit of volunteer time, and the initiative to collect the games, and the co-operation of members to hand them in.

f. Games Analysis Service

Lastly, we have a free SCC Games Analysis Service (this does take some significant volunteer time; one approach is to have a number of higher rated members with chess programs divide up the work). The members’ games, after being collected after each round, are analyzed during the week using the Fritz chess program by one of the volunteer members, and a hard copy print-out of the analysis comes back to the members the following week with their score sheet (and it is the analyzed game that goes into the games database). This encourages members to be interested in their games, and to study them and learn from them. This is especially helpful to our juniors, and for those with coaches, provides additional study material.

g. Professionally Run

Finally the club is run on a professional basis in terms of holding CFC-rated tournaments that get rated, tournament pairings by computer, finances, tournament games starting on time, etc. We field a team in the GTCL U 2000 club teams league for members interested in competition with other GTA clubs. Our new facility where we’ve now been a number of years is pleasant, spacious (though now getting crowded with our increased membership) and has lots of free parking, and is easily accessible by TTC.

These are some of the benefits of membership which were not available in the past and which may now be attracting new members, and holding existing members. And it is interesting to note that there are no cash prizes at SCC tournaments – players only play for the fun of the game, and those precious rating points.

Conclusion

Perhaps something can be learned from our SCC experience that can translate into a strategy for other clubs across Canada increasing their membership. And more club members means more CFC members. It also means a greater turnout to weekend tournaments, since club players often play outside of the club as well. OTB play is lauded by many of us as the only way to go (“ bullet “ internet is OK, but it doesn’t compare) – let’s hope that we can halt the decline in participation in Canada, and actually turn it around in the years to come !

We feel that, along with marketing chess generally to the Canadian public, the new CFC “ rejuvenation “ strategy should be:

1. a focus on organizers;
2. more weekend/holiday tournaments; and
3. fostering growth in chess clubs.

We suggest that the CFC can slowly begin to stem the decline in membership and start growing again with this as part of their new rejuvenation strategy..

Chess Player of the Year for 2007 – Nikolay Noritsyn

Every year the Canadian chess journalists are asked to vote for their three top nominees for the chess player who has made the most impact on Canadian chess that year. 6 journalists voted. This year Canadian chess players also could vote on one fan ballot – 117 players voted.

The three top nominees were:

1. Nikolay Noritsyn
2. Alexander Ugge
3. Alexandra Botez

Nikolay’s chess achievements over the years are:

International Master 2007

Canadian Champion 2007 at age 16, second youngest ever

Qualified FIDE Master title 2005; achieved two successive IM Norms in 2005.07; qualified IM title 2006

- 2006 Toronto Grand Prix Champion
- 2006 Toronto Open Champion
- 2005 Toronto Grand Prix Champion
- 2003 Canadian and Ontario Under 12 Champion
- 2003 Ontario Grade 6 Champion
- 2002 Ontario Under 12 Champion
- 2002 Ontario Grade 5 Champion

Congratulations Nikolay – next goal – GM !!

2007 Year-End Canadian Chess Rankings

(submitted by David Cohen, taken from ChessTalk)

Grandmaster Kevin **Spraggett**, originally from Montreal, Quebec, is the top ranked Canadian chess player at year-end of 2007, for the 6th time in a row (2002-7) and for a record 25th time since 1980.

Canadian Women's Champion and Woman International Master Natalia **Khoudgarian**, of Toronto, Ontario, is the top ranked Canadian female chess player at year-end of 2007, for the 12th year in a row (1996-2007). Woman FIDE Master Valeria Gansvind, of Sidney, British Columbia, was higher ranked (top ranked female resident 2002-5), but represents Estonia internationally. Woman Grandmaster and International Master Sophia Polgar, of Toronto, Ontario, was even higher ranked (top ranked female resident 2006-7), but was not active; she represents Hungary internationally.

Canadian Chess Hall of Fame – 2007 & 2008

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The Canadian Chess Hall of Fame was created in 2000 to recognize the achievements and contributions of members of the Canadian chess community (web site: <http://web.ncf.ca/bw998/canchess.html#FAME>). Here are brief biographies of the selections for 2007 and 2008.

2007 John Cherriman (1823-1908)

John Cherriman emigrated from his native England to take up the post of Lecturer, later Assistant Professor, of Mathematics, at the University of Toronto, 1850-3. He served as Director, Canadian Magnetic Observatory (located on the campus), 1853-5. He became Professor and Chair of Mathematics & Natural Philosophy (now called Physics), from 1853 until his retirement in 1875. Cherriman then moved to Ottawa, where he applied his mathematical skills in the federal public service as the first Superintendent of Insurance, 1875-85. After his second retirement, he returned to England, where he died.

Cherriman was active in the Toronto community. He was a militia Lieutenant in the University Rifle Corps; later, Captain in the Queen's Own Rifles. In 1882, Cherriman became a charter member of the Royal Society of Canada.

In the chess community, he was like-wise active. In 1872, he was elected the first President of the Canadian Chess Association (CCA, which later became the Chess Federation of Canada). Cherriman organized the first two Canadian correspondence chess tournaments, in 1873-4 and 1874-5. He was chess editor of the Toronto Globe newspaper until his move to Ottawa. It was there, at the CCA's annual congress in 1884, that he defeated Johannes Zukertort in a simultaneous exhibition given by Zukertort.

2008 Cyril Large

93 year-old Cyril Large, of Nanaimo, BC, taught chess to children on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, in the 1960s and 1970s. His main achievement was the organization of annual school chess tournaments, which grew to involve 6,625 players from 162 schools by 1976. Equally notable was his choice and involvement of local sponsors: a B.C. fruit juice producer, and CFAX radio station. When I talked to Cyril Large in 2004, he was in his 90s and still played one game of chess every evening with his wife, also in her 90s!

Lynn Stringer (Hall of Fame, 2004) recently presented Mr. Large with his Hall of Fame plaque.

GTCL U 2000 Club Team League

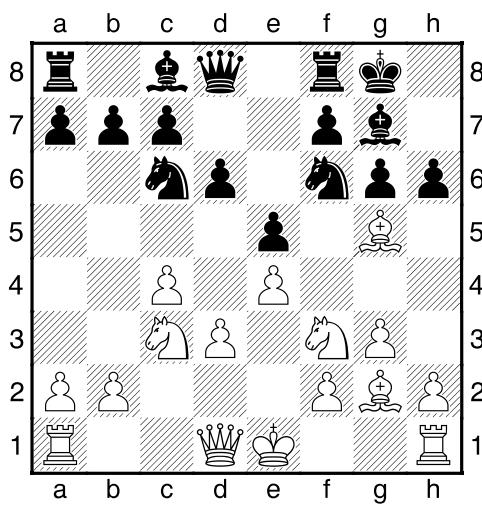
Last Issue we reported on the Dec. 13 win by SCC over Brampton B by a score of 3:1. Here is one of the wins, by Masoud Jizan, where he offers a minor piece sac, it is accepted, and he goes on to win with a K-side attack. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Jizan (SCC), M (1612) – Laimer (Brampton B), A (1535) [A28]

GTCL Club Team League (U 2000) Toronto (1), 13.12.2007

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.d3?! Alice gets the advantage [4.e3 Bb4 5.Qc2 0-0=] **4...g6?!** [4...d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.g3 Nxc3 7.bxc3 e4 8.Ng5 exd3 9.Qxd3 Qxd3 10.exd3 h6 11.Nf3 Bf5?] **5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.e4** [7.0-0 Re8=] **7...d6 8.Bg5?!** [8.0-0 Nd4 9.Nxd4 exd4 10.Ne2 Nd7=] **8...h6**

Position after 8...h6



9.Bh4?! Masoud bravely offers a minor piece sac, though it is not the best move in the position. Alice gets a " clear " advantage [9.Be3 Ng4 10.0-0 Ne7 11.Bd2 f5?] **9...g5** [9...Rb8 10.0-0 g5 11.Nxg5 hxg5 12.Bxg5 Nd4?] **10.Nxg5 hxg5 11.Bxg5** Alice is up N vs 2 P's **11...Ne7?!** Alice

takes her N to the wrong square [11...Nd4 12.h4 c6 13.h5 Kh7 14.h6 Bh8#] **12.h4 Qd7?±** [12...Nh7 13.Qd2 Be6 14.Be3 c6#] **13.Qf3?#** [13.Bh3 Qe8 14.Bxc8 Qxc8 15.h5 Kh7#] **13...Qg4?!=** [13...Nc6 14.Bxf6 Nd4 15.Qh5 Bxf6 16.Bh3 Qd8 17.Bxc8 Qxc8#] **14.Qe3?#** [14.Nb5?! Nc6 15.Nxc7 Rb8 16.Be3 Qd7 17.Nb5 Qd8#; 14.Qxg4 Bxg4 15.h5 Kh7 16.f3 Bd7=] **14...Qh5?!=** Alice loses her advantage [14...Nc6 15.Bf3 Qe6 16.0-0-0 Nd4#] **15.f3 c6?±** Masoud gets a " clear " advantage [15...Nc6 16.g4 Nxg4 17.fxg4 Bxg4=] **16.0-0-0?!=±** [16.g4 Qh7 17.h5 Nxg4 18.fxg4 f6 19.Bxf6 Bxf6±] **16...Ng6** [16...d5 17.exd5 cxd5 18.g4 Qh8 19.Qxe5 Be6±] **17.g4** [17.Qd2 b5 18.Ne2 Rb8 19.g4 Nxg4 20.c5 (20.fxg4? Bxg4 21.Ng3 Qh7+-) 20...Nf6±] **17...Qh7?+-** [17...Nxg4 18.fxg4 Bxg4 19.Rdg1 f6 20.Bh3 Bxh3 21.Rxh3 fxg5 22.hxg5 Nh4 23.Qe1 Nf3 24.Rxh5 Nxe1 25.Rxe1 Rf3±] **18.d4?!=** Masoud misses the best line and loses his advantage [18.h5 Ne7 19.d4 Be6 20.d5 cxd5 21.exd5 Nxd5 22.cxd5 Nxd5 23.Rxd5 Bxd5 24.h6 Bh8 25.Nxd5 Rfc8+ 26.Nc3 d5 27.Be7 Rc6 28.Qg5+ Rg6 29.Rh5 d4 30.Nd5 Rc8+ 31.Kd1 Rxg5 32.Rxg5+ Qg6 33.Bf1 Kh7 34.Rxg6 fxg6+- Masoud would be up B + N vs R] **18...Nf4?+-** Alice gives Masoud back a " winning " advantage [18...exd4?! 19.Rxd4 Ne5 20.Bf1 Rd8±; 18...Nxg4 19.fxg4 Bxg4 20.h5 Bxd1 21.hxg6 Qxg6 22.dxe5 Bg4=] **19.Bxf4 exf4 20.Qxf4** Masoud is up 3 P's vs B **20...Ne8 21.g5?!=±** [21.h5 f5 22.g5 fxe4 23.Qxe4 Qxe4 24.Nxe4 Bf5+-] **21...Qg6?+-** 4.70 [21...Qh5 22.Ne2 c5 23.dxc5 dxc5+- 2.22] **22.h5 Qe6 23.Bh3?+-** 2.91 [23.h6 Qg6 24.hxg7 Qxg7 25.Rh5 f6 26.Rdh1 Rf7+- 10.97] **23...Qxc4** Alice is up B vs 2 P's **24.Bf1 Qb4 25.Qe3?!=±** [25.a3 Qb6 26.Na4 Qb3 27.h6 Bxh6 28.Rxh6 Kg7+-] **25...Bd7?!=+-** [25...c5 26.dxc5 Qxc5 27.Qxc5 dxc5±] **26.h6 Bh8 27.e5 Bf5 28.Bd3 Bxd3 29.Rxd3 dxe5 30.dxe5?** 13.21 [30.h7+ Kg7 31.dxe5 Qe7 32.Ne4 Nc7+- 17.45] **30...Qe7?+-** 11.88 [30...Bg7 31.hxg7 Nxg7 32.Ne4 Rfd8+- 10.23] **31.f4?+-** 4.59 [31.h7+ Kg7 32.Ne4 Qe6 33.Qf4 Rd8 34.Rxd8 Nc7+- 27.38] **31...Nc7?+-** and it is mate in 17 moves [31...Bxe5 32.fxe5 Qe6 33.Qf4 Kh8+- 5.95] **32.h7+ Kg7 33.Qh3** and it is mate in 11 moves [33.f5 Rfe8 34.g6 Qxe5 35.Qh6+ Kf6 36.g7+ Ke7 37.Qh4+ f6 38.Re1 Nd5 39.Rxd5 cxd5 40.Rxe5+ Kd8 41.Rxd5+ Kc8 42.Rc5+ Kd7 43.Qd4+ Ke7 44.Rc7#] **33...f6?+-** and it is mate in 7 moves [33...Qe6 34.f5 Rfd8 (34...Qe8?? 35.Qh6#) 35.fxe6 Kf8 36.Qf5 Nxe6 37.g6 Ng5 38.g7+ Bxg7 39.h8Q+ Ke7 40.Qxg5+ f6 41.Qgxg7+ Ke6 42.Qxf6#] **34.g6 Kxg6?+-** [34...fxe5 35.Ne4 Qc5+ 36.Nxc5 Rf7 37.Qh6+ Kf6 38.Rd6+ Ne6 39.Rxe6+ Kf5 40.Qg5#] **35.Qh5+ Kg7** **36.Rg3# 1-0**

SCC Fall Swiss

On Thursday, November 1, 2007, SCC started an 8 round, 2 section (1700 & Over/ U 1700) swiss, that took us through to before Christmas. Again for this swiss, we had over 50 registrants; the top section had 30 players, and the lower section 26 players.

The winner of the top section was Master Bryan Lamb, with 6.5 pts.
(undefeated).

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A Section Winner Master Bryan Lamb



In second with 5.5 pts were: newcomer Erwin Casareno (who drew Bryan in the last round); expert John Hall; junior girl expert Yuanling Yuan (who withdrew for the 8th round); and Mickey Stein.

In the lower section, the winner was veteran Pino Verde with 6 pts.

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B Section winner Pino Verde



In second, with 5.5 pts. were: junior Jerry Wang (the co-leader after 7 rounds, who got defeated by Masoud Jizan); Masoud Jizan; Andrew Philip; and junior Kevin Wu

In Rd. 7 in the top section, new member Erwin Casareno mounted a nice K-side attack against Donal Deiseach, and ended up ahead in material and won. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Deiseach, D (1921) – Casareno, E (2003) [D15]

SCC Fall Swiss (1700 & Over) Toronto (7), 13.12.2007

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 a6?! [4...e6 5.e3 Bd6 6.Bd3 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7=] **5.e3 b5** [5...e6 6.Qc2 (6.Bd3?! Bd6 7.0-0 Nbd7±) 6...Nbd7 7.Bd3 dxc4 8.Bxc4 Bd6±] **6.b3?!** [6.cxd5 cxd5 7.Qb3 Nc6±; 6.cxb5 cxb5 7.Qb3 Nc6±] **6...Bg4 7.Be2 e6 8.0-0 Bb4 9.Bb2** [9.Bd2 Bd6=; 9.Qc2 0-0=] **9...Nbd7 10.Qc2** [10.h3 Bh5 11.Ne5 Bxe2 12.Nxe2 Rc8=] **10...0-0** [10...Bd6? 11.e4 Bf4 12.h3 Bh5 13.g3 Bh6±; 10...Bf5 11.Bd3 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 0-0 13.a3 Bd6=] **11.Rad1=** [11.a3 Be7 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.Bd3 Bd6 14.Ng5 h6 15.Nh7 Nxh7 16.Bxh7+ Kh8=] **11...Qe7 12.Ne5 Bf5 13.Qc1 Bd6?!** – Erwin leaves the cp hanging [13...Nxe5 14.dxe5 Ne4 15.Nxe4 Bxe4=] **14.cxb5?!** Donal misses that the cp is hanging [14.Nxc6 Qe8 15.cxb5 Qc8 16.Ba3 Qc7±] **14...cxb5?!** Donal gets a " clear " advantage [14...Nxe5 15.dxe5 Bxe5 16.bxa6 c5=] **15.f4?!** now Erwin gets a " clear " advantage [15.Nc6 Qe8 16.Ba3 b4 17.Bxb4 Bxb4 18.Nxb4 Qb8 19.Nxa6 Qb7 20.Nc5 Nxc5 21.dxc5 Ra5 22.Na4 Rc8±] **15...Rfc8** [15...b4 16.Na4 Rac8 17.Qd2 Rc2 18.Qe1 Nb6 19.Nxb6 Rxb2?] **16.g4 Bxe5 17.gxf5?!** – Erwin gets a " winning " advantage [17.fxe5 Nxe4 18.e4 Qh4 19.Qf4 dxe4 20.Bxg4 Qxg4+ 21.Qxg4 Bxg4?] **17...Bd6 18.Qb1 b4 19.Na4 Ne4 20.fxe6 fxe6?!** = Erwin loses his advantage [20...Qxe6 21.Qd3 Qg6+ 22.Kh1 Rc2! 23.Qxc2 Ng3+ 24.hxg3 Qxc2-] **21.Bd3 Ndf6** [21...Nef6?! 22.Rf3 h6 23.Rd2 g5 24.Rg2 g4 25.h3 h5±] **22.Rc1?!** – leaves the d2 fork available; gives Erwin back a " winning " advantage [22.Nb6 Qe8 23.Nxa8 Qg6+ (23...Qh5 24.Bxe4 Nxe4 25.Rc1 Rxc1 26.Qxc1 Qg4+ 27.Kh1 Ng3+ 28.hxg3 Qh3+ 29.Kg1 Qxg3+ 30.Kh1 Qh3+ 31.Kg1=) 24.Kh1 Qg4 25.Bxe4 Nxe4 26.Rc1 (26.Nb6 Ng3+ 27.hxg3 Qh3+ 28.Kg1 Qxg3+ 29.Kh1 Qh3+ 30.Kg1=) 26...Rxc1 27.Qxc1 Ng3+ 28.hxg3 Qh3+=] **22...Qf7?!** = Erwin misses the fork; he has lost his advantage again [22...Nd2 23.Rxc8+ Rxc8 24.Qe1 Nxf1 25.Qxf1 Qe8-] **23.Rxc8+?!** = Donal is determined Erwin will win this game ! [23.Rc2 Qh5 24.Rg2 Rf8 25.Qd1 Qh6=] **23...Rxc8 24.Qe1 Qg6+ 25.Kh1 Ng4 26.Bb1** – 7.45 [26.Nc5? Qh5 27.h4 Be7 28.Bxe4 Bxh4 29.Bxh7+ Qxh7 30.Qb1 Qh5+ – 15.05; 26.Nb6? Qh5 27.h4 Be7 28.Kg1 Bxh4 29.Qe2 Bf2+ 30.Rxf2 Nxf2 31.Qxf2 Nxh2 32.Kxf2 Rc6+ – 13.07] **26...Ngf2+?!** – 6.95 [26...Qh5 27.h4 Be7 28.Kg2 Bxh4 29.Rh1 Nxe3+ 30.Qxe3 Qg4+ 31.Kf1 Ng3+ 32.Ke1 Nxh1+ – 15.51] **27.Rxf2 Nxf2+ 28.Qxf2 Qxb1+** Erwin is up the exchange. Donal resigned. The game could have continued **29.Qg1 Qe4+ 30.Qg2 Qxe3 31.Nc5 Bxc5 32.dxc5 Qe1+ 33.Qg1 Qe4+ 34.Qg2 Qb1+ 35.Qg1 Qxb2- – 11.12** Erwin would be up R + P **0-1**

Also in Rd. 7, in the lower section, Pino Verde near the end, went on a K-hunt against junior Kevin Wu, and won, putting him into a tie for first place with junior Jerry Wang. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Verde, P (1677) – Wu, K (1517) [B50]

SCC Fall Swiss (U 1700) Toronto (7), 13.12.2007

1.e4 c5± 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Nc6 5.c3 g6 6.Bb3?! = [6.Qb3? e6 7.0-0 Bg7 8.Bf4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Na5 10.Qa3 Nxc4 11.Nxc4 b5 12.Ncd2 Nh5 13.Bg5 f6 14.Be3 f5?] 6.Qe2 Nd7 7.Bf4 Bg7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nbd2 Nde5±] **6...Bg7 7.h3 b5 8.Nbd2 Bb7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Re1 Nd7 11.Nf1 Nb6 12.Ne3 e6 13.Ng4 h5 14.Nh6+!** [14.Ne3 a5 15.a4 b4 16.Bd2 d5=] **14...Kh8 15.g4!** trying to build a K-side attack [15.d4?! a5 16.d5 exd5 17.a4 (17.Bxd5?! Nxd5 18.Qxd5 Qe7?) 17...c4 18.axb5 cxb3 19.bxc6 Bxc6?] 15.Bf4?! Na5 16.d4 Nxb3 17.Qxb3 cxd4 18.Nxd4 d5?] 15.Be3?! Qd7 16.a3 d5 17.exd5 Nxd5 18.Bd2 f6?] **15...a5** [15...b4 16.d4 bxc3 17.bxc3 cxd4 18.cxd4 d5=] **16.gxh5** Pino goes up a P **16...a4 17.Bc2?!** – Kevin gets the advantage [17.hxg6 fxg6 18.Bxe6 Qf6 19.Nf7+ Rxf7 20.Bxf7 Qxf7=] **17...Ne5?!** = [17...gxh5 18.Nxf7+! Rxf7 19.Ng5 Rf6 20.Qxh5+ Bh6 21.Nf7+ Rxf7 22.Qxf7 Qg8+ 23.Qxg8+ Rxf7 24.Kf1 Bg7?] **18.hxg6** [18.Nxe5 Bxe5 19.Nxf7+ Rxf7 20.hxg6 Qh4 21.gxf7 Qxh3 22.f4 Qg3+ 23.Kf1 Qh3+ 24.Ke2 Qg2+ 25.Ke3 Qg3+ 26.Ke2= (26.Kd2?? Bxf4+ 27.Ke2 Qg2#)] **18...fxg6 19.Nxe5 Bxe5 20.Qg4 Qf6** [20...a3 21.Qxg6 Qh4=] **21.Be3** [21.Qg2 Bf4 22.Rb1 e5 23.Ng4 Qg5=] **21...Qf3?!** = Pino gets the advantage [21...a3 22.Rab1 axb2 23.d4 Nc4 24.dxe5 Nxe5 25.Qg3 Nf3+ 26.Kf1 Qxc3 27.Re2 Nd4 28.Bxd4+ cxd4=] **22.Qxf3 Rxf3 23.Kg2 Rff8** [23...Raf8 24.Ng4 Bg7 25.Bd1 R3f7 26.Rc1 Nd7±] **24.f4?!** Kevin gets

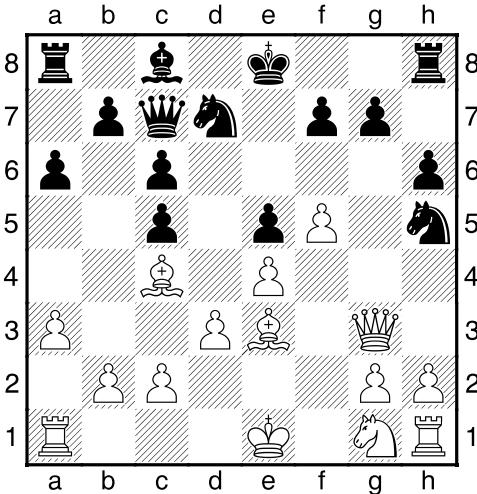
the advantage again [24.Ng4 Bf4 25.Rad1 Bxe3 26.Nxe3 Rf4±] 24...Bg7?!= [24...Bxf4 25.Bxf4 Rxf4 26.Rf1 Raf8±] 25.Ng4 Rac8?!= [25...a3 26.b4 Bxc3 27.bxc5 dxc5 28.Ne5 Kg7=] 26.Kg3 [26.Rab1 d5 27.Red1 dxe4 28.dxe4 Nc4 29.Bc1 Rcd8±] 26...d5?!= Pino gets a " clear " advantage [26...a3 27.Rab1 axb2 28.Bd2 Nd7±] 27.Ne5?!= [27.Rab1 Kh7 28.Bf2 Rf7±] 27...Bxe5 28.fxe5 dxe4 29.dxe4 Nc4 30.Bh6 Rfd8?+- Pino gets a " winning " advantage [30...Rf7 31.b3 axb3 32.axb3 Nxe5 33.Bf4 Nd7±] 31.Bg5 Rf8 1.86 [31...Rd7 32.Red1 Rcc7 33.Bd8 Nxb2 34.Rd6 Rxd6 35.exd6 Rf7 36.e5 Nc4 37.Bf6+ Kh7+- 2.11] 32.Bf6+ Kh7 33.Red1?!= [33.b3 Nb2 34.bxa4 Nxa4 35.Bxa4 bxa4+-] 33...Bc6 [33...Rc7 34.Kf4 Kh6 35.Rg1 Rcf7±] 34.Rd3 [34.Rg1 Nxb2 35.Rab1 Nc4 36.Bd3 Na3 37.Rbd1 Kg8±] 34...Nxb2 material equality 35.Rf3 Nc4 36.Rf4 Kg8 37.Rh4 Kf7?+- [37...Rxf6 38.exf6 Rf8 39.Rf1 Ne3 40.Rf2 Nxc2 41.Rxc2 Rxf6±] 38.Rh7+ Ke8?+- 19.77 [38...Kg8 39.Rg7+ Kh8 40.Rg1 Be8+- 6.86] 39.Re7+ Kd8 40.Rd1+ Kevin resigned. Coming is 40...Bd5 41.exd5 Rc7 42.Rf7+ Kc8 [42...Ke8?? 43.dxe6 Nd2 44.Rxd2 Rd7 45.Rxd7 Rxf7 46.Rd8#] 43.Rxf8+ Kb7 44.dxe6 b4 45.Be4+ Ka7 46.e7 Rxe7 47.Bxe7 Kb6 48.Rf6+ Kb5 49.Rd5 Nd6 50.Rf6d6 Kc4 51.Rc6 Kxc3 52.Rcxc5+ Kb2 53.Rc2+ Ka3 54.Rd3# 1-0

Also in Rd. 7, 2 new members faced off in the lower section. Dean Ward came up with a nice B-sac to win a pawn, and eventually went on to build his lead to 4 pawns over Hassan Pishdad, who resigned. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Ward, D (1649) – Pishdad, H [C26]

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1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bc5 4.d3 h6?!= [4...0-0 5.Nf3 c6 6.Bg5 d6=] 5.a3 a6 6.f4?!= [6.Nf3 d6 7.Be3 Nc6 8.Nd5 0-0±] 6...d6 7.f5 c6 [7...Nc6 8.Nh3 Ne7 9.Qf3 0-0=; 7...0-0=] 8.Qf3 Qb6?± [8...0-0 9.Nge2 b5 10.Bb3 Nbd7=] 9.Na4 Qc7?+- [9...Qa7 10.Nxc5 Qxc5 11.Be3 Qa5+ 12.b4 Qc7±] 10.Nxc5 dxc5 11.Be3 Nbd7 12.Qg3?!= [12.Ne2 0-0 13.0-0 b5 14.Ba2 Kh8+-] 12...Nh5?+- 3.21 [12...Rg8 13.Qh4 b5 14.Ba2 c4 15.dxc4 Qa5+ 16.Bd2 Qb6±]



13.Bxf7+! nice sac 13...Kxf7 14.Qg6+ Kg8 15.Qxh5 Dean goes up a P 15...Nf6 16.Qg6 Qf7?+- 3.66 this loses a second P [16...c4 17.Qg3 cxd3 18.cxd3 h5+- 3.48] 17.Qxf7+ Kxf7 18.Bxc5

Dean goes up 2 P's **18...Nd7 19.Bd6 Re8 20.Nf3 a5 21.Kd2 c5 22.b4 b6 23.g4 Kf6 24.h4 h5**
6.24 [24...axb4? 25.axb4 Rxa1 26.g5+ hxg5 27.hxg5+ Kf7 28.g6+ Kf6 29.Rxa1 cxb4+- 8.68]
25.gxh5 Dean goes up 3 P's **25...Bb7?+- 8.80** [25...axb4 26.Rag1 Kf7 27.axb4 cxb4+- 7.62]
26.Rag1 Rg8 27.Rg6+ Kf7 28.bxc5 bxc5 29.Nxe5+ Dean goes up 4 P's **29...Nxe5 30.Bxe5**
Rad8 31.Rhg1?+- 8.54 Hassan resigned[31.Ke3 Rde8 32.Kf4 Rxe5 (32...Re7 33.Rhg1 Ke8
34.Bf6 Rf7 35.Bxg7 c4+- 16.39) 33.Kxe5 Re8+ 34.Kd6 Rd8+ (34...Bxe4 35.dxe4 Rxe4 16.90)
35.Kc7 Bxe4 36.dxe4 Re8+- 15.32] **1-0**

In the final round on top board in the top section, Erwin Casareno took the initiative with a K-side attack against master Bryan Lamb. But Bryan defended and ended up a pawn ahead in a rook/pawn ending. But Erwin won back the pawn, and a draw resulted. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Casareno, E (2003) – Lamb, B (2229) [B76]

SCC Fall Swiss (1700 & Over) Toronto (8), 20.12.2007

1.e4 c5± 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 [5...e6±] **6.f3 Bg7 7.Be3 0-0 8.Qd2?!=** [8.Be2 Bd7 9.0-0 Nc6±] **8...Nc6 9.g4 Be6?±** Erwin gets a " clear " advantage [9...Nd7 10.0-0-0 Nde5=] **10.h4?=[** 10.Nxe6 fxe6 11.0-0-0 Qc8±] **10...Nxd4?±** [10...Ne5? 11.h5 Qa5 12.a3 Rf8±; 10...d5 11.0-0-0 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 dxe4 13.g5 Nh5 14.fxe4 Bxd4 15.Qxd4 Qxd4 16.Rxd4 Rfd8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8=] **11.Bxd4 Qa5 12.h5 Rfc8 13.h6?!=±** [13.a3 b5 14.hxg6 hxg6 15.b4 Qc7 16.Nxb5 Qxc2 17.Qxc2 Rxc2±] **13...Bh8 14.g5 Nd7 15.Bxh8 Kxh8 16.f4 Rc6?+-** Erwin gets a " winning " advantage [16...Bg4?! 17.Rg1 f5 18.exf5 gxf5 19.Bb5 Qc7±; 16...f6 17.Qd4 Rc6 18.0-0-0 Rf8 19.gxf6 Rxf6±] **17.Bh3?±** [17.Bb5 Rb8 (17...Rcc8? 18.Qd4+ f6 19.Bxd7 Rc4 20.Qd3 Rxc3 21.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 22.bxc3 Bxd7 23.gxf6 exf6+- 3.33) 18.a3 f6 19.b4 Qb6 20.Bxc6 bxc6 21.Qf2 Qxf2+ 22.Kxf2 fxe5 23.fxe5 Ne5+- 1.93] **17...Qc5** [17...Rc4?! 18.Bf1 Rcc8 (18...Rc6? 19.Bb5 Rc7+-) 19.Bb5 Qb4±; 17...Bxh3 18.Rxh3 Rc4 19.0-0-0 Kg8±] **18.Bxe6** [18.0-0-0 Rac8 19.Qd4+ Qxd4 20.Rxd4 Bxh3 21.Rxh3 Rc4 22.Rxc4 Rxc4±] **18...fxe6 19.0-0-0 Rac8 20.Rh3?!=** Erwin loses his advantage [20.Rhf1 Kg8 21.Qd4 Qxd4 22.Rxd4 a6±] **20...b5 21.a3 a5 22.Rh2?+** For the first time in the game, Bryan gets the advantage, a " winning " advantage [22.Qd4+ e5 23.fxe5 Nxe5 24.Qxc5 Rxc5=] **22...b4 23.Nb1 Qc4?!** [23...Qb5 24.Qe3 Nc5 25.axb4 axb4+] **24.Qd4+ e5 25.Qxc4 Rxc4 26.fxe5 Nc5? =** now Bryan loses his advantage [26...Nxe5 27.axb4 axb4 28.Re2 Nf3 29.c3 R4c5?] **27.c3 Nxe4?!=±** [27...dxe5? 28.Nd2 Nd3+ 29.Kc2 Nxb2 30.Nxc4 Nxd1 31.Kxd1 Rxc4 32.cxb4 axb4 33.Rb2 Kg8 (33...bxa3?? 34.Rb8+ Rc8 35.Rxc8#) 34.axb4 Rxe4±; 27...bxc3 28.Nxc3 Nxe4 29.exd6 exd6 30.Rc2 Kg8=] **28.exd6 exd6** [28...Nxd6 29.Re2 Nf5 30.Re5 Kg8±] **29.axb4** [29.Nd2 Nxd2 30.Rhxd2 bxa3 31.Rxd6 Kg8±] **29...axb4 30.Re2?±** [30.Nd2 Nxd2 31.Rhxd2 bxc3 32.Rxd6 cxb2+ 33.Kxb2 Rb8+ 34.Ka3 Rc3+ 35.Ka4 Rc4+ 36.Ka5 Rg8±] **30...bxc3 31.Nxc3 Nxc3 32.bxc3 Rxc3+** Bryan goes up a P, and has a " slight " advantage **33.Kd2 Rc2+?!=** [33...Rg3?! 34.Rc1 Rg8 35.Re7 Rg5 36.Rcc7 Rd5+ 37.Ke2 Re5+ 38.Rxe5 dxe5 39.Re7 Rb8 40.Kf3 Rb3+ 41.Ke4 Kg8 42.Rg7+ Kh8 43.Re7=; 33...R3c5 34.Ke1 Rg5 35.Rxd6 Rh5 36.Rd7 Rg6 37.Kf1 Rh1+ 38.Kg2 Rb1±] **34.Ke1 Rxe2+ 35.Kxe2 Re8+ 36.Kf3 Kg8?!=±** this drops the dP [36...Rf8+ 37.Ke4 Rf5 38.Rxd6 Kg8 39.Ra6 Rg5 40.Ra8+ Kf7 41.Ra7+ Kf6 42.Ra6+ Kf7 43.Ra7+ Kf6=] **37.Rxd6** material equality **37...Kf7 38.Kf4 Ke7 39.Ke5?!=** [39.Ra6 Rf8+ 40.Kg3 Rd8 41.Rc6 Rd5 42.Kf4 Rd4+ 43.Ke5 Rd7±] **39...Kf7+ 40.Kd5 Re1 41.Rd7+** [41.Rf6+ Kg8 42.Ra6 Rd1+ 43.Ke5 Re1+ 44.Kf6 Rf1+ 45.Ke6 Re1+ 46.Kd6 Rd1+=] **41...Re7 42.Rd8 Re8 43.Rd6 Re1= ½-½**

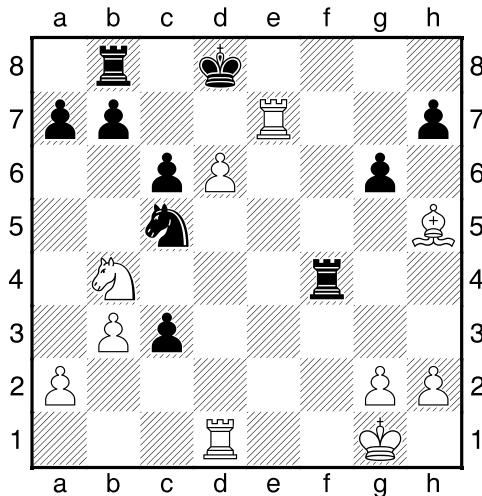
Also in Rd. 7, Will Rutherford and Yibing Fan had quite a tussle in the top section. Yibing tried to complicate an already complicated position and ended up losing a minor piece. But later he got it back. Then both were trying to queen pawns, and both did, but Will ended up ahead a pawn. This was decisive and he won. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Rutherford, W (1820) – Fan, Y (1866) [D20]

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1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e4? Yibing gets the advantage for the only time in the whole game [3.e3=]
3...e5 4.Nf3 Bg4?± Will gets a " clear " advantage [4...Bb4+ 5.Nc3 (5.Bd2 Bxd2+ 6.Qxd2 exd4 7.Qxd4 Qxd4 8.Nxd4 Nf6=) 5...Nf6 6.Qa4+ Nc6 7.Bg5 exd4 8.0-0-0 Bd7 9.Nxd4 Bxc3 10.Nxc6 h6 (10...Qe7?! 11.Qxc4 Bxb2+ 12.Kxb2 bxc6 13.Qc3 Rb8+ 14.Ka1 0-0=) 11.Be3 bxc6 12.bxc3 Ng4 13.Qb4 Nxe3 14.fxe3 Rb8 15.Qc5 Qe7?; 4...exd4? 5.Qxd4 Qxd4 6.Nxd4 Nf6=] **5.Bxc4** Will gets back his gambitted P **5...Bxf3?±!+–** Will gets a " winning " advantage [5...Qe7 6.Qa4+ Bd7 7.Qb3 Nc6 8.Nxe5 0-0-0±] **6.Qxf3 Qf6** [6...Qe7 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Nd4 9.Qd3 Qh4+–] **7.Qb3 Nd7 8.Nc3?±** Will should just take the P's [8.Qxb7 Rb8 9.Qxc7 Bd6 10.Qxa7 Ne7 11.0-0 exd4+– Will would be up 2 connected, passed P's] **8...Bd6?±+–** [8...0-0-0 9.Bxf7 exd4 10.Nd5 Qh4±] **9.Nd5?±!±** [9.Qxb7 Rb8 10.Qxa7 exd4 11.Nd5 Qh4+– Will would be up a P] **9...Qg6 10.0-0 Rb8?±!+–** [10...0-0-0 11.Be3 Ngf6 12.Nxf6 Qxf6±] **11.f4 exd4** Yibing goes up a P, but Will has a " winning " advantage **12.e5 Nc5 4.16** [12...b5? 13.f5 Qh5 14.exd6 c5 15.Nc7+ Kd8 16.Bxf7 c4 17.Bxc4 Rb6 18.Bxg8 Kc8+– 18.67] **13.Qh3 Qc2 14.b3?±+–** 2.97 [14.exd6 cxd6 (14...Qxc4?? 15.dxc7 Qxd5 16.cxb8Q+ Qd8+–) 15.b3 Nf6 16.Nxf6+ gxf6+– 5.18] **14...c6?±+–** 4.75 this attempt to complicate loses a piece [14...Be7 15.Ba3 b6 16.Bxc5 bxc5+– 3.64] **15.Nb4 Qc3 16.Qxc3 dxc3 17.exd6** Will goes up B vs P **17...Nf6 18.Re1+ Nfe4?±+–** 5.68 [18...Nce4 19.Bd3 0-0 20.Bxe4 Rfe8 21.Bxh7+ Kxh7 22.Ba3 Rbd8+– 4.28] **19.Be3?±+–** 4.25 [19.Nd3 Kd8 20.Nxc5 Nxc5 21.Re7 b5 22.Bxf7 Rb7+– 7.20] **19...Kd7 20.Bxc5?±+–** 3.75 [20.Rad1 Rbd8 21.Bxc5 Nxc5 22.Re5 a5 23.Nc2 Ne6+– 5.94] **20...Nxc5 21.Bxf7?±+–** 2.72 [21.Re7+ Kxd6 22.Rxf7 Ne4 23.Rxg7 a5 24.Nc2 b5 25.Bf7 Rbd8+– 4.25] **21...Rhf8 22.Bh5 Rxf4 23.Rad1!** nice move **23...g6** [23...Rxb4?? 24.Re7+ Kd8 25.Re8+ Kd7 26.Rxb8 c2 27.Rc1 Nxb3 28.axb3 Rxb3 29.Rxc2 Kxd6+– Will would be up R + B vs 3 connected, passed P's] **24.Re7+ Kd8**



25.Nc2?±+– 1.84 this gives back the piece [25.g3 Re4 (25...Rxb4? 26.Rf1 Ne6 27.Rxh7 c2 28.Bxg6 c1Q 29.Rxc1 Nf8 30.Rh8 Kd7 31.Rf1 Nhg6 32.Rxb8 Kxd6+– 5.13 Will would be up the exchange + P) 26.Rxe4 Nxe4 27.Bf3 c5 28.Nc6+ bxc6 29.Bxe4 Rb4 30.Bxc6 Rd4+– 3.44 Will would be up a B] **25...gxh5 26.Rxh7** material equality again, but Will still has a " winning " advantage **26...Nd7 27.Re1 b5?±+–** 3.26 [27...Rf6 28.Rh8+ Nf8 29.Re7 c5+– 2.42] **28.Rxh5?±+–** Will goes up a P [28.Ree7 Nf8 29.Rh8 c5 30.b4 h4 and it is mate in 9 moves] **28...Rf6** 1.71 [28...Rb6 29.b4 Ra6 30.a3 Nf6 31.Rh6 Nd5+– 2.14] **29.Rh8+ Rf8 30.Rxf8+ Nxf8 31.Re3?±** [

31.Re7 c5 32.b4 cxb4 33.Rxa7 Ne6+- 1.50] 31...Kd7 32.Rxc3 Kxd6 33.Nd4 c5 34.Nf3 Ne6
35.Kf2 [35.Rd3+ Ke7 36.Re3 Rg8 37.b4 Kf6 38.bxc5 Nxc5±] 35...Kd5 36.h4 a5?!+– [36...c4
 37.g4 Nc5 38.Re3 a5±] 37.g4 Rf8+– 38.Kg3?!± [38.Rd3+ Ke4 39.Re3+ Kd5 40.h5 Kd6 41.Kg3
 Rh8+–] 38...Rf4?!+– [38...Nd4 39.Nxd4 cxd4 40.Rf3 Rd8 41.h5 Ke4±] 39.Re3 Re4 40.Rxe4
 Kxe4 41.g5?!± [41.Ng5+ Nxe5 42.hxg5 Ke5 43.Kf3 a4 44.bxa4 bxa4 45.Ke2 Ke6 46.Kd3 Kf7
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 54.Kb7+–] 41...c4?!+– [41...Kf5 42.Nd2 Nf4 43.Nf1 Ne2+ 44.Kf3 Nd4+ 45.Kf2 Kg6±] 42.bxc4 [
 42.Nd2+ Kf5 43.bxc4 b4+–] 42...bxc4 43.Ne1?!± Will is having trouble holding onto his " winning
 " advantage [43.Nd2+ Kd3 44.Nxc4 Kxc4 45.Kg4 Kd5 46.Kf5 Kd6 47.Kf6 Nc5+–] 43...c3 44.Kg4
Ke3?!+– [44...Nf4 45.Nc2 Ng6 46.a3 a4 47.h5 Ne5+ 48.Kg3 Kf5 49.g6 Ng4±] 45.h5?= a bad
 mistake which could cost Will his win; Yibing gets back to equality [45.Nc2+ Kd3 46.Na3 Ke4
 47.h5 a4 48.Nc2 Nd4 49.Na1 Ne6+–] 45...Kd2 46.h6 Kxe1??+– a blunder; Yibing gives Will back
 the win [46...Nxe5! 47.Kxg5 Kxe1 48.h7 c2 49.h8Q c1Q+ 50.Kf5 Qb1+ 51.Kf4 Qb4+ (51...Qxa2?? 52.Qh1+ Kd2 53.Qh2+ Kc3 54.Qxa2+–) 52.Ke3 Qa3+ 53.Ke4 Kd1=] 47.h7 c2
48.h8Q c1Q 49.Qe5+ Kd1+– 4.07 [49...Kf1 50.Qxe6 Qd1+ 51.Kf5 Qf3+ 52.Kg6 Kg1+– 2.99]
50.Qxe6 Will is up a P 50...Qc2?+– 7.56 allows the exchange of Q's [50...Qd2 51.g6 a4 52.Kf5
 Qd4+– 4.09] 51.Qb3 a4 52.Qxc2+ Kxc2 53.g6 Kb2 54.g7 Kxa2 55.g8Q+ Kb2 56.Qb8+ mate
 takes a bit longer this way[56.Qc4 a3 57.Qb4+ Kc2 (57...Ka2 58.Kf4 Ka1 59.Qxa3+ Kb1 60.Ke3
 Kc2 61.Qb4 Kc1 62.Kd3 Kd1 63.Qd2#) 58.Qxa3 Kd1 59.Qc3 Ke2 60.Kg3 Kd1 61.Qb2 Ke1
 62.Qc2 Kf1 63.Qf2#] 1-0

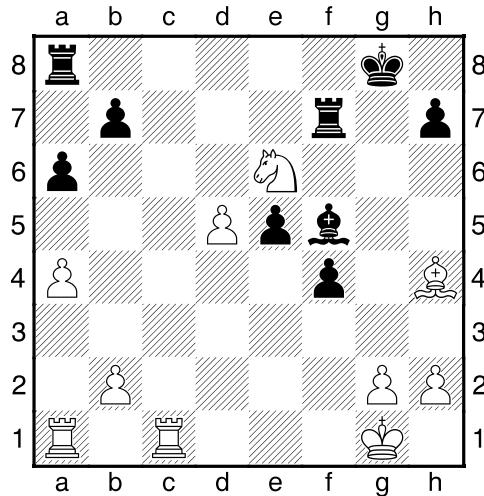
In the lower section in Rd. 7, on board 1, Pino Verde, then tied for first place, fearlessly sacked his B (unsoundly), and risked his first place finish. But later Andrew Philip blundered and gave back an N. Though Andrew still had a " clear " advantage, he couldn't hold it and the game ended in a draw. This allowed Pino to take clear first, and Andrew tied 2nd/5th. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Philip, A (1636) – Verde, P (1677) [A43]

SCC Fall Swiss (U 1700) Toronto (8), 20.12.2007

1.d4 e6± 2.c4= [2.e4±] 2...c5± [2...Nf6=] 3.d5 exd5 4.cxd5 d6 5.Nc3 g6± Andrew gets an early " clear " advantage [5...Nf6 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.e4 Be7±] 6.e4 a6 7.a4 Bg7 8.Nf3 Qe7 9.Bd3 Nd7 10.0-0
Ne5 11.Nxe5 Bxe5 12.Be3 Qh4?!+– [12...Nf6 13.f3 0-0±] 13.f4 Nf6?+– 4.23 a patented Verde unsound sac ! though as always, very enterprising ! [13...Bxc3 14.bxc3 Nf6+– 2.18] 14.fxe5 Andrew goes up a B 14...Ng4 15.Bf4 dxe5 Andrew is up B vs P 16.Bg3 Qg5 17.Qf3 f5 18.exf5 Andrew is up a B again 18...0-0 19.Ne4 Qe3+ 20.Qxe3 Nxe3 21.Rfc1?+– 4.35 [21.Rf3 gxf5 22.Rxe3 fxe4 23.Bxe4 Bf5 24.Bxe5 Bxe4 25.Rxe4 Rf5+– 7.26] 21...gxf5 22.Nxc5 f4 23.Bh4
Nf5?!+– 5.43 [23...Bf5 24.Bxf5 Nxf5 25.Bf2 Rfd8+– 5.08] 24.Bxf5 Bxf5 25.Ne6?+– 4.16 [25.Nxb7 Rab8 26.Nd6 Rxb2 27.Be7 Rf7 28.Nxf7 Kxf7 29.Rc7 Kg6+– 7.35] 25...Rf7 5.48 [25...Bxe6 26.dxe6 Rae8 27.e7 Rf5 28.g3 Kg7+– 6.11]

Position after 25....Rf7



26.Rc7??± a blunder that returns the piece [26.Re1 Bxe6 27.dxe6 Rf5 28.Rad1 Re8 29.Rd8 Rxd8 30.Bxd8 Kf8+-] **26...Bxe6 27.Rxf7 Bxf7** material equality **28.d6** [28.Rd1 Be8 29.Rc1 Bxa4 30.Rc7 Rf8±] **28...Be6** [28...Be8 29.Bf6 e4 30.Rc1 Bd7 31.Rc7 Kf7 32.Be5 Ke6 33.Bxf4 Rf8 34.g3 b5±] **29.Rc1?!?** Andrew is losing his advantage [29.Re1 Re8 30.Rxe5 Bd7 31.Rxe8+ Bxe8 32.a5 Kf7 33.Bg5 Ke6 34.Bxf4 Kd5±] **29...Rc8** **30.Rd1?!=** Andrew has lost his advantage [30.Re1 Bd7 31.Rxe5 Bxa4 32.b3 Rc1+ 33.Kf2 Bc6?] **30...Bd7 31.Re1 Rc5?!?** [31...Rc2 32.Rxe5 Bxa4 33.Rd5 Bd7 34.b3 Rb2=] **32.Bf6 Bxa4 33.Bxe5 Rc2 34.Rd1 Bd7 35.Bc3?!=** [35.b3 f3 36.gxf3 Kf7 37.f4 Ke6?] **35...Kf7 36.Re1 Be6?!?** [36...Bc6 37.Re7+ Kf8 38.g4 Rg2+ 39.Kf1 f3=] **37.Rd1?!=** [37.h4 b5 38.Re4 a5 39.Rxf4+ Ke8 40.Bxa5 Rxb2?] **37...Bd7= ½-½**

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SCC'ers hard at work (especially Richard Douglas, far right – still waiting for his opponent)!



Toronto Holidays Open – Dec. 26 – 30 - Report

Organized by Vlad Dobrich/Bayview Games Club, this 6 round swiss in one section was held Dec 26 – 30 at 1669 Bayview Ave. (4 doors south of Strategy Games). 45 players registered. The winners were:

Open Section – 1st / 2nd – 5 pts. - GM Bator Sambuev (Russia)
IM Artem Samsonkin
3rd – 4.5 pts. – Alex Martchenko (defeating 2007 Canadian Champion
IM Nikolay Noritsyn in Rd.6)



GM Bator Sambuev, co-winner of the Open Section

Co-winner, IM Artem Samsonkin



A Section – 1st/4th – 4 pts. – Dave Southam
Ilia Bluvstein
Egis Zeromskis (SCC Member !)
Avinaash Sundar

B Section – 3.5 pts. - James Hymas
C Section – 4 pts. – Sina Makaremi
D Section – 4 pts. – Dan Garballa
E Section – 2 pts. – Ernesto Villaluz

In a major upset in the 5th round, FM Michael Barron (below)



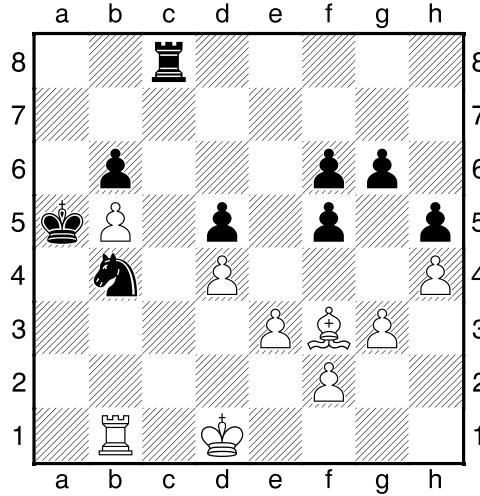
defeated GM Bator Sambuev, inflicting his only loss of the tournament. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Sambuev, B (2522) – Barron, M (2347) [A80]

Toronto Holidays Open Toronto (5), 29.12.2007

1.Nf3 f5± 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bg5 g6 4.Bxf6 [4.Nc3 Bg7 5.e3 d5 (5...Ne4?! 6.Nxe4 fxe4 7.Nd2 d5 8.c4 c6±) 6.Bf4 Ne4±] **4...exf6 5.h4?!=** [5.e3 Nc6 (5...Bh6?! 6.d5 d6 7.Qd4 Qe7±) 6.Be2 d5±] **5...h5?!=** [5...d5 6.Qd2 c6 7.Nc3 Be6 8.e3 Nd7=] **6.e3 d5 7.c4 Be6 8.Nc3 c6?!=** Sambuev gets a " clear " advantage [8...dxc4 9.d5 Bf7 10.Bxc4 Nd7±] **9.Qb3 Qb6 10.Qxb6 axb6 11.cxd5 Bxd5**

12.Nxd5 cxd5 13.Bb5+ Nc6 14.Ke2 Bd6 15.Rhc1 Rc8 16.g3 Ke7 17.Rc3?!± [17.a3 Na5 18.Rab1 Nc4 19.Rc3 Rc7 20.Rbc1 Rhc8±] 17...Na7 18.Ba4 Bb4?!± [18...Rxc3 19.bxc3 b5 20.Bb3 Ke6±] 19.Rxc8?!± [19.Rcc1] 19...Rxc8 20.a3 [20.Ne1 Bxe1 21.Rxe1 Kd6±] 20...Bd6 21.Bb3 Ke6 22.Nd2 Nc6 23.Kd3?!= [23.Ba4 Na5 24.Rb1 Nc6±] 23...Na5 24.Bd1 b5 25.a4 Bb4?!± [25...Nc4 26.axb5 Nxb2+ 27.Ke2 Nxd1 28.Kxd1 Kd7=] 26.axb5 Sambuev goes up a P 26...Bxd2 27.Kxd2 Nc4+ 28.Ke1 Nxb2 material equality 29.Be2 Kd6?!± [29...Nc4 30.Bxc4 Rxc4 31.Ra7 Rc7±] 30.Ra7?= [30.Kd2 Nc4+ 31.Bxc4 Rxc4 32.Ra7 Rc7±] 30...Kc7 31.Bf3 Kb6 [31...Rd8 32.Ra1 Nc4 33.Rc1 Kd6=] 32.Ra2 [32.Ra3 Nc4 33.Rc3 Rd8 34.Bxd5 Nxe3 35.Bf7 Nd5 36.Rb3 g5 37.hxg5 fxg5 38.Bxh5 Nc7=] 32...Nd3+ 33.Kd1 Nb4 34.Rb2 Ka5?!± [34...Nd3 35.Ra2 Rc7 36.Re2 Nb4=] 35.Rb1?!= [35.Kd2 Ka4 36.Be2 Rc7±] 35...b6??+– a blunder; this should lose the exchange [35...Rc3 36.Ke1 Rc4 37.Be2 Rc2 38.Kd1 Ra2=]



36.Be2??= Sambuev misses the winning of the exchange [36.Ra1+ Kxb5 37.Be2+ Rc4 2.34 (37...Kc6?! 38.Ra4 Kc7 39.Rxb4 Ra8+– 3.38) 38.Ra8 Kc6 39.Rf8 (39.Bxc4?! dxc4 40.Rg8 Kd7 41.Rxg6 Ke6+– 3.22) 39...Kd7 (39...Rc3?? 40.Rc8+ Kd6 41.Rxc3+–) 40.Bxc4 Ke7 41.Rb8 dxc4 42.Rxb6 Nd3+– 3.36 Sambuev would be up the exchange.] 36...Ka4 37.Rc1?–+ the tide turns. The losing move ! For the first time in the game, Michael gets the advantage, a " winning " advantage. [37.Kd2 Rc2+ 38.Ke1 Ra2 39.Kf1 Ka5=] 37...Rxc1+ 38.Kxc1 Kb3 39.Kd2 Na2 40.f3 Nc3 41.Bd3 Kb4 42.Ke1 Nxb5 Michael goes up a P, and gets a passed bp. 43.g4 Nd6 44.gxh5 gxh5 45.f4 – 1.81 45...Kc3 46.Be2 b5 47.Bxh5 material equality 47...b4 – 2.08 the deadly bp starts its run for the goal line 48.Bf3 Ne4?!!– – 2.57 Michael should sac the dP, and just keep his bp moving [48...b3 49.Bxd5 b2 50.Ba2 Kc2 51.Kf2 Ne4+ 52.Kg2 Nc3 53.Be6 Nd5 54.Kf2 (54.Bxd5? b1Q+; 54.Bxf5+? Kc1 55.Kf2 Nb4 56.h5 Nc2 57.h6 b1Q 58.h7 Qb8+–) 54...Kd2 55.Bxf5 Nxe3 56.Bb1 Kc1 57.Kxe3 (57.Ba2? Nd1+ 58.Ke1 Nc3 59.Bc4 b1Q+–) 57...Kxb1+ – 6.25] 49.Bxe4 – 2.57 [49.Bd1? b3 50.Bxb3 Kxb3 51.h5 Kc3 52.h6 Nd6 53.h7 Nf7 54.Kf2 Nh8 55.Kg2 Kd2 56.Kf3 Ke1 57.Kg3 Ng6 58.Kf3 Kf1 59.Kg3 Ke2+ – 7.47] 49...fxe4 50.Kd1 Kb2 51.h5 b3 52.h6 Ka2 53.h7 b2 54.h8Q b1Q+ – 2.57 Both have queened, but Michael still has a " winning " advantage 55.Ke2 Qd3+ 56.Kf2 Qd2+ 57.Kf1 Qd1+ 58.Kf2?!!– – 7.09 [58.Kg2 Qe2+ 59.Kh1 Qf3+ 60.Kh2 Qxe3+ – 3.41] 58...Qf3+ 59.Kg1 Qxe3+ Michael goes up a passed eP 60.Kg2 Qxd4?!!– – 6.11 Michael goes up 2 P [60...Qf3+ 61.Kh2 e3+ – 7.96] 61.Qa8+ Kb2 62.Qb7+ Kc2 63.Qc6+ – 8.52 [63.Qa6? f5 64.Qa2+ Kc1 65.Kh3 Qh8+ 66.Kg3 Qg7+ 67.Kh3 Qg4+ 68.Kh2 Qxf4+ 69.Kh3 Qf3+ 70.Kh2 Qe3+ – 10.58] 63...Kd1 64.Qa6 – 9.66 [64.Qb7 Qd2+ 65.Kg3 f5+ – 9.20] 64...Qd2?!!– 0-1

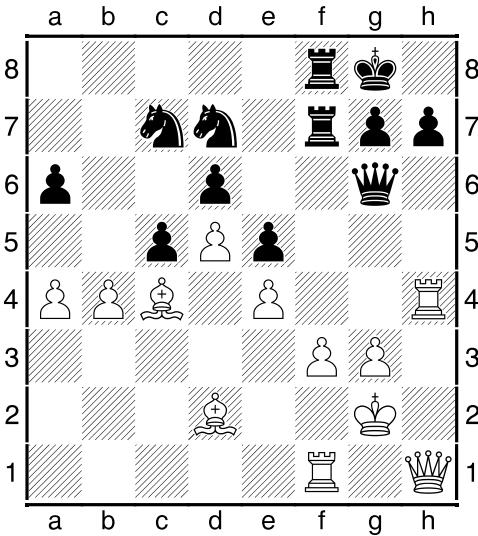
6 SCC'ers played in this weekend tournament : Egis Zeromskis; Aman Hambleton ; Jerry Z.S. Wang; Sam Arfin; Jim Roe and Nathan Farrant-Diaz. Here is a nice win by Jim Roe over a fast-improving junior high B-class player, Simon Gladstone – Jim tied in his section 2nd/4th with 3-3, against some strong opposition (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Roe, J (1553) – Gladstone, S (1776) [E21]

Toronto Holidays Open Toronto (6), 30.12.2007

1.d4 e6± 2.c4= [2.e4±] 2...Nf6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bd2 [4.a3 Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 c5 6.e3 0-0 7.Nf3 Qa5=] 4...0-0 5.Nf3 d6 6.a3 Bxc3 7.Bxc3 Nbd7 8.e3 b6?!= [8...Ne4 9.Qc2 Nxc3 10.bxc3 f5=] 9.Be2?!= [9.Bd3 Qe7 10.Qc2 Bb7±] 9...c5?!= [9...Ne4 10.Qc2 Nxc3 11.Qxc3 Bb7=] 10.0-0?!= [10.Nd2 Qc7 11.0-0 Bb7±] 10...Bb7?!= [10...Ne4 11.Qd3 Bb7=] 11.Ne1?!= [11.Nd2 d5 12.dxc5 Nxc5 13.f3 Qe7±] 11...Rc8 [11...Ne4 12.Bf3 Ndf6 13.Qd3 d5=] 12.f3 Ne8?!= [12...d5 13.dxc5 Nxc5 14.Rc1 Bc6 15.Rb1 dxc4 16.Bxc4 Bd5=] 13.e4 [13.Nc2 Qg5 14.b4 f5±] 13...e5?!= Jim gets a " clear " advantage [13...cxd4 14.Qxd4 Nc5 15.Qe3 Qe7±] 14.d5 f5 15.Nc2?!= [15.exf5 b5 16.b3 (16.cxb5 c4 17.f4 Qb6+ 18.Kh1 Qxb5±) 16...Rxf5±] 15...f4 16.g4?± for the first time in the game, Simon gets the advantage [16.g3 Qg5 17.Kh1 fxe3 18.Rg1 Qh4 19.Rxg3 Ndf6±] 16...fxg3?± Jim immediately gets back the advantage [16...Rf6 17.b4 Rh6 18.Be1 Rc7±] 17.hxg3 Qg5 18.Kg2 Rc7?!= [18...Nef6 19.Bd2 Qg6 20.Qe1 b5±] 19.Rh1 Ndf6 [19...Bc8 20.Qg1 a6 21.Qh2 Qg6 22.Qh5 Qxh5 23.Rxh5 Ndf6 24.Rhh1 Rcf7±] 20.Bd2 Qg6 21.Rh4 Bc8 22.Qh1 Rcf7 23.Rf1? [23.Ne3 Nc7 24.b4 Bd7 25.Rf1 cxb4 26.axb4 a5 27.bxa5 bxa5±] 23...Nc7?!= [23...Nxe4 24.Rxe4 (24.fxe4? Rxf1 25.Bxf1 Qf6 26.Bf4 (26.Be3 Qf3+ 27.Kh2 Qxf1-+) 26...exf4 27.gxf4 Qe7-+) 24...Nf6 25.Bd3 (25.Rh4? Qxc2-+) 25...Nxe4 (25...Bf5 26.Ne3 Bxe4 27.fxe4 Nxe4 28.Qh4 Rf4 29.Rxf4 Rxf4 30.Qd8+ Rf8 31.Qh4 Rf4=) 26.Bxe4 Bf5 27.Bxf5 Rxf5=; 23...Ng4 24.Rh5 Nef6 25.Rg5 Qh6 26.Bd3 Qxh1+ 27.Rxh1 h6 28.Rg6 Kh7 29.Rg5 Kg8=] 24.Ne1 a6 25.b4 Bd7 26.Nc2 b5?!= [26...Ng4 27.Ne3 (27.Rxg4?? Bxg4 28.Ne3 (28.fxg4?? Qxe4+ 29.Kh3 Qxe2-+) 28...Bc8±) 27...Nxe3+ 28.Bxe3 Ne8±] 27.Ne3?!= Jim is having trouble holding onto his advantage [27.bxc5 bxc4 28.Ne3 c3 29.Bxc3 Nb5 30.Bxb5 Bxb5 31.Rf2 Bd3±] 27...bxc4?+- Jim gets a " winning " advantage [27...cxb4 28.Bxb4 Qg5 29.Bd2 Qg6±] 28.Nxc4 Bb5 1.80 [28...Nxe4? 29.Rxe4 (29.fxe4? Rxf1 30.Bxf1 Qf7 31.Be3 Qf3+ (31...g5?! 32.Rh6 Bg4+- 1.64) 32.Kh2 Qxh1+ 33.Kxh1 cxb4 (33...Rxf1+ 34.Kg2 cxb4! 35.Kxf1 Bb5 36.axb4 Bxc4+ 37.Ke1 Bd3±) 34.Bh3 Bb5 35.Nxd6 bxa3±) 29...cxb4 30.Nxd6 Qxd6 31.Bxb4 Qf6 32.Bxf8 Rxf8+- 2.19] 29.a4?± [29.bxc5 Bxc4 30.Bxc4 dxc5 31.Qh3 Nb5+-] 29...Bxc4 30.Bxc4 Nd7??+- a blunder – allowing the BI Q to be trapped [30...Nxe4 31.fxe4 Rxf1 32.Bxf1 Qf7 33.bxc5 Qf2+ 34.Kh3 Qxd2 35.cxd6 Ne8±]

Position after 30...Nd7??



31.Rg4 Qf6 32.Bg5 Qg6 33.Be7 Qxg4 34.fxg4 Rxe7 Jim is up Q vs R + N **35.Rxf8+ Kxf8**
36.b5?+- 2.30 [36.Qxh7 Rf7 37.g5 Ne8 38.Qh3 Ke7 39.Qe6+ Kf8 40.Bxa6 cxb4?+ 10.55]
36...Nb6?+- 4.27 [36...axb5 37.Bxb5 Nf6 38.Bd3 h6?+ 2.91] **37.Bb3?+- 2.06** [37.bxa6 Nxa4
38.Qxh7 Nb6 39.Be2 Ke8?+ 7.52] **37...axb5 38.axb5 Rf7 39.Qxh7** Jim is up Q + P vs R + N
39...Ke7 40.Qg6?+- 2.46 [40.g5 Ne8 41.Bd1 Nc4 42.Be2 Ne3+ 43.Kg1 c4?+ 9.24] **40...Nxb5**
Jim is up Q vs R + N **41.Qg5+?±** [41.Qe6+ Kf8 42.g5 Ra7?+] **41...Kd7?+-** [41...Ke8 42.Bd1
Nc3 43.Bf3 Nd7±] **42.Qd2 Nd4?+- 4.18** [42...Na7 43.Bd1 Kc7?+ 1.57] **43.Bd1?±** [43.Qa5
Nxb3 44.Qxb6 Nd2 45.Qb7+ Ke8 46.Qc8+ Ke7 47.Qe6+ Kf8 48.Qxd6+ Kg8 49.Qxe5 Nf3 50.Qc3
Ng5?+ 6.48] **43...Nc4?+-** [43...Kc8 44.Qa2 Kb8±] **44.Qc1?±** [44.Qc3 Rf8 (44...Nb6? 45.Qa5
Nxd5 (45...Nc8? 46.Ba4+ Ke7 47.Qc7+ Kf6 48.g5+ Kxg5 49.Qxf7?+ Mate in 12 moves) 46.exd5
g6?+ 7.95) 45.Qxc4 Kc7?+ 5.21] **44...Nb6 45.Qa1 Kc8 46.Qa6+ Rb7 47.Qf1 c4?+-** [47...Rc7
48.Qf8+ Kb7 49.g5 Nc4 50.Bh5 Ka6±] **48.Qf8+ Kc7 49.Qxg7+** Jim is up Q + P vs R + N **49...Nd7**
50.Ba4 Kd8 4.77 [50...Rb2+ 51.Kh3 Nb5 52.g5 c3?+ 4.83] **51.Qg5+ Ke8?+- 8.79** [51...Kc7
52.Qe7 Rb2+ 53.Kh3 Rb5! 54.Qe8 Nc5 55.Bxb5 c3?+ 6.70] **52.Qg8+ Ke7 53.Qc8?+- 4.78** [
53.g5 Rb2+ 54.Kh3 Rb7?+ 11.54] **53...Nc5?+-** mate in 9 moves [53...Ra7 54.Bxd7 Rxd7 55.g5
Ra7 56.g6 Kf6?+ 6.52] **54.Qe8+ Kf6 55.Qd8?+-** 2.50 Jim misses the hard-to-calculate mate [
55.Qf8+ Rf7 56.g5+ Kxg5 57.Qxf7 Nce6 58.Be8 Nf4+ 59.gxf4+ Kg4 60.Bd7+ Nf5 61.Qxf5+ Kh4
62.Qh7#] **55...Kg6?+-** mate in 5 moves [55...Kg7 56.Qxd6 Nd3 57.g5 Kg8?+ 7.41]
56.Qxd6?+- again missing the mate. Here Jim claimed a win on time, seeing Simon's flag down. In fact it had fallen a few moves earlier, but Jim had not noticed in Simon's time pressure.[
56.Qg8+ Rg7 57.Be8+ Kf6 58.Qf8+ Rf7 59.Qxf7+ Kg5 60.Qg6#] **1-0**

GTCL 2007 Grand Prix Winners

The GTCL sponsors 5 tournaments throughout the year, and players amass points cumulatively, depending on where they finish in the various tournaments. There are winners for the various classes, as well as the open section. This year they are:

Open – IM Nikolay Noritsyn

U 2200 – Alex Ferreira (SCC Member !), Ivko Jelovac, Avinaash Sundar

U 2000 – Haonan Zhou
U 1800 – Richard Laporte
U 1600 – Sam Arfin (SCC Member !)

Canada's Most Active Tournament Player in 2007

The Chess Federation of Canada keeps track of the number of CFC-rated regular tournament games members play during the course of the year (both in weekend/holiday tournaments and in chess clubs). In 2007, your esteemed editor, Bob Armstrong, was the top player in all of Canada with 165 games (it's actually 19 more because I have 3 more 2007 tournaments that have not yet been rated in 2007). I've tried to do my part to increase CFC Rating Fees revenue! The second place was held down by an SCC club mate of mine, Mario Moran-Venegas, who was some ways back at 130 games.

I played regularly in 2 chess clubs each week, in rated tournaments (round robins at Bayview Games Club; swisses at SCC). This year I played as well in a few major summer tournaments, and in a number of weekend tournaments (quite a few more than I usually do in a year).

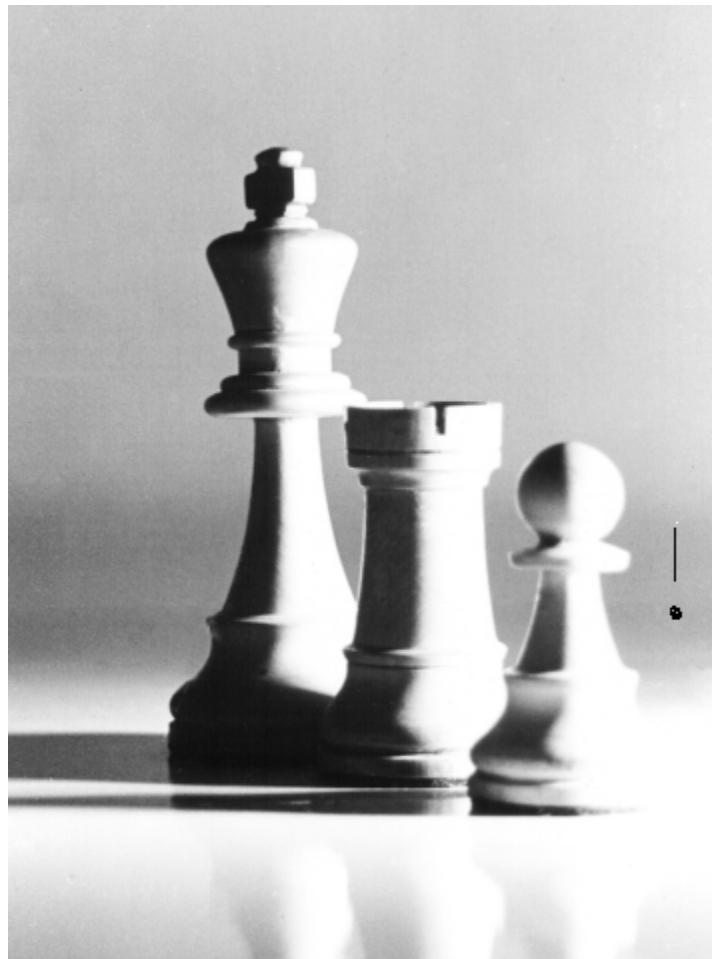
My goal for 2007 had been to go over 1800, and stay there (I was in the B class at the start of the year at 1793). 6 times I went over 1800, and 6 times I fell back into the 1700's. My November 2007 rating was the 7th time over 1800, at 1818. This is how I ended 2007. So can I claim to have gotten over 1800 and stayed there in 2007?? Well, let's say divided success.

My New Year's Resolution for 2008 is optimistic! I'd like to go over 1900 (though I'm not expecting to stay over this time)!! I will win rating points for the 3 outstanding tournaments, so that will help get me to the mid- 1800's. But at the start of 2008, I face the SCC Club Championship, Section A, with a bunch of experts in a round robin – that will be tough. I doubt though that I will play as much chess in 2008, as I have in 2007.

We shall see what we shall see !!

Happy New Year from me and all my staff here at SCTCN&V (staff = my wife-sometimes-proof-reader !) !!!

An Impressive Trio !



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