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This twenty-eighth issue of Northern gives the ratings intermediate between EP #88 and #89.

Blacklist

The CFC blacklist is published in each issue of Northern. The list divides itself into four groups:

1. Those who have bounced cheques to organizers and have failed to make them good: Irene Gill, Don Mills; Nick Treanor, St. Catharines; David Kitchicappo, Scarborough;

2. Those who have repeatedly played in CFC tournaments without being a member: Daniel Boudreau, Hauteville; Andre Jean, Montreal; Andris Leimanis, Montreal; Roger Page, Montreal;

3. Those who have bounced cheques or refused to pay for goods or services from the CFC: R. Andstein, Nova Scotia; Ken Field, Toronto; June Hogquist, Milwaukee; T. Kelly, Toronto; Peter Kimmerly, Vancouver; Joe Lovett, USA; Ligue d'echecs de Quebec; Armando Moyano, Canary Islands, Spain; Suzanne Pepin, Ottawa; Dave Ridge, Toronto; Linda Sedore, Toronto; Dennis Smeeckert, St. Catharines; Tim Stewart, Hamilton; Stimulus Sales, Barrie; Oon-Thanh Troung, Edmonton; The Book Works, Abbotsford;

4. Those organizers who have been barred from running CFC rated tournaments: Chris Field, Scarborough; Ken Field, Toronto.

NEWS

CANADIAN JUNIOR

Todd Southam of Toronto and Gary Basanta of Victoria shared first place in the twelve player Canadian Junior held over the Christmas holiday in Toronto. In the playoff match, Todd triumphed 1.5-0.5 and will represent Canada at the World Junior in Adelaide, Australia in September.

FIDE

The January 1988 FIDE rating list is out. The World Champion Gary Kasparov is still tops in the world at 2750, up 10 from the last list. Anatoly Karpov is still the only other player

over 2700, with a rating of 2715. Jan Timman, of the Netherlands, has recaptured the world's number three spot that he held several years ago and now stands at 2675. The top ten players are as follows:

1. Gary Kasparov	2750
2. Anatoly Karpov	2715
3. Jan Timman	2675
4. Alexander Beliavsky	2645
5. Viktor Korchnoi	2640
=6. Mikhail Tal	2630
=6. Predrag Nikolic	2630
=6. Nigel Short	2630
=9. Rafael Vaganian	2625
=9. Jonathan Speelman	2625
=9. Mikhail Gurevich	2625

Maya Chiburdanidze, the Women's World Champion, is still miles ahead of her challengers. Her rating of 2560 puts her 75 points ahead of Nona Gaprindashvili, who is second on the women's list at 2485. Zsuzsa Polgar is third at 2475.

Top Canadians on the list are Kevin Spraggett (up 10 to 2580) and Igor Ivanov (2505). Ray Stone, of Windsor, gained 40 points and is now at 2415. For a full list of new Canadian FIDE ratings see En Passant #88.

YUGOSLAVIA

Last October the capital city of Belgrade held its first elite GM event in over 17 years. The first USSR vs Rest of the World match was held there in 1970. Two chess columns appear daily in the city's "Politika", the largest Yugoslav newspaper, ensuring that local coverage would not be an issue! Fans were treated to an extraordinarily hard-fought tournament with 37 decisive games out of 66, an unusually high percentage for such a strong event. In addition, national hero GM Ljubomir Ljubojevic captured undivided first place with an undefeated score of 8/11, ahead of five Candidates. GMs Jan Timman of the Netherlands and Artur Beliavsky of the Soviet Union finished second and third with 7 1/2 and 7 points respectively. Further back were such notables as Viktor Korchnoi and Nigel Short.

Viktor KORCHNOI - Valery SALOV

Queen's Indian	E18/13.61
1.c4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Nc3 b6 4.g3 Bb7 5.Bg2 Be7 6.d4 Ne4 7.Bd2 Bf6 8.O-O O-O 9.Rc1 d5 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Bf4 Na6 12.Be5 Re8 13.Bxf6	

Nxc3 18.bxc3 c4 19.Nf4 Qd6 20.f3 Re7 21.e4 f6
22.Rc2 Rae8 23.Rce2 b5 24.h4 a5 25.Kh2 Bc6
26.Qc2 g6 27.Bh3 Kg7 28.h5 g5

Diagram

29.Ng6 hxc6 30.e5
fxe5 31.dxe5 Qc5
32.Qxg6 + Kh8
33.Qf6 + Kg8
34.h6 Rf8
35.Qxg5 + Kh8
36.f4 Rh7 37.f5 Be8
38.e6 Qe7 39.Qxe7
Rxe7 40.g4 b4 41.cxb4 c3 42.g5 d4 43.g6 d3
44.g7 + Rxg7 45.hxg7 + Kxg7 46.Rg1 + Kf6
47.Re3 Bb5 48.Rg6 + Ke7 49.Rg7 + Kd6 50.a4
Nd5 51.e7 Re8
52.Re6 + Kc7
53.axb5 c2
54.Rc6 + Kb7
55.f6 d2 56.f7

Diagram

56... d1Q 57.fxe8Q
Qd2 + 58.Rg2
Qf4 + 59.Rg3 1-0.

HJARTARSON - LJUBOJEVIC

Slav

D46/3.14

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.e3 Nbd7
6.Bd3 Be7 7.O-O O-O 8.e4 dxe4 9.Nxe4 b6 10.b3
c5 11.Bb2 Bb7 12.Qe2 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Nc5
14.Nxc5 Bxc5 15.Nf3 Qc7 16.Ne5 Rad8 17.Rad1
Rd6 18.Ng4 Nxe4 19.Qxg4 f6 20.Bc2 Qe7
21.Rxd6 Bxd6 22.Re1 e5 23.h4 Rd8 24.h5 Bb4
25.Re2 Qd7 26.Bf5 Qd1 + 27.Kh2 Bd2
28.Be6 + Kh8 29.Bd5 Bf4 + 30.g3 f5 31.Qh4

Diagram

31... Bxg3 +
32.Kxg3 Rxd5
33.cxd5 Qxd5
34.Qb4 Qf3 +
35.Kh4 h6 36.Re3
Qxf2 + 37.Rg3
Qh2 + 38.Rh3
Qf2 + 39.Rg3 Kh7
40.Kh3 Qf1 +
41.Kh4 Qh1 +

42.Rh3 Qg1 43.Rg3 Qh2 + 44.Rh3 Qxb2
45.Qc3 Qf2 + 0-1.

BELGIUM

The OHRA tournament in Brussels was held over the Christmas holidays. It had an interesting format, with the top section pitting four of the top women players in the world (Maya Chiburdanidze, Nona Gaprindashvili, Zsuzsa Polgar and Pia Cramling) against three male GMs (William Watson, Maxim Dlugy, Eric Lobron) and one IM (Belgian Luc Winants). The women each played two games against all four of the men but did not play one another. The winner was former Women's World Champion Nona Gaprindashvili with 5 points out of 8 games. All of the men finished on an even 4-4 score. Overall the women and men tied, truly an historic result.

Nona GAPRINDASHVILI - Maxim DLUGY

Queen's Gambit Accepted

D26/1.5

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 a6 4.e3 e6 5.Bxc4 c5
6.Qe2 Nf6 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.O-O Qc7 9.e4 Nc6
10.e5 Nd7 11.Bf4 b5 12.Bb3 Be7 13.Nbd2 Nc5
14.Rac1 Nxb3
15.Nxb3 Bb7
16.Nfd4 Nxd4
17.Nxd4 Qd7
18.Rfd1 O-O
19.Nf5 Bd5

Diagram

20.Rxd5 1-0.

Group B was a thirty player Swiss system with six GMs and a host of IMs. Three players shared first place with 6/9: IM Jeroen Piket of the Netherlands, English GM Glenn Flear and Yugoslav GM Dusan Rajkovic. Despite the strength of the field, after three rounds the clear leader was eleven year old Judit Polgar, who had just defeated GM Lev Gutman.

Judit POLGAR - Lev GUTMAN

Sicilian Defence

B85

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6
6.Be2 Be7 7.O-O O-O 8.f4 a6 9.Be3 Qc7 10.a4
Nc6 11.Qe1 Nd7 12.Qg3 Bf6 13.Rad1 Rb8
14.Nxc6 bxc6

Alberta

11665	Aktary Nacim	1610
7973	Baert Marcel	1583
6024	Begic Mike	1823
3633	Bell Barry	1677
3443	Bentley William	1844
1674	Borloi Ferenc	1753
8989	Coward (Jr) Don	1487
1435	D'Agostino Santo	2009
5606	Daniluk Jim	2071
8752	den Boer Lennert	1659
8124	Dewindt Cor	1614
4754	Dixon F.	1781
1652	Doll Gary J.	1353
5780	Donaldson Bill	1527
9353	Dubeta Al	1553
7036	Emack Nancy	1355
140	Enevoldsen Dave	1931
7429	Fix Ralph	1735
8751	Glaubitx Fred	1495
1118	Gnodde Harmen	1720
11666	Hartfeil Rod	1813
7428	Herzog Michael	1358
6102	Hinds Ronald	2037
6170	Hodgson Ian	1495
9674	Huber Gregory	2088
6616	Hunter Greg	1479
7759	Kalher Inderpal	1625
8491	Karkhanis Simba	1649
5241	Karpa Tom	1553
2997	Kidder Wayne	1938
1659	Kish Joe W.	1645
7022	Knudskov Bruno	1746
6118	Kohler George	1682
1953	Kuczaj Chris	2063
2273	Kuti Alex	1831
5277	Lahrkamp Wilf	2037
5577	Lauterwald Kurt	1628
3595	Lefkowitz Phil	1556
8824	Mayo Bryan	1133
5209	McFaul Fred	1868
7148	Methuen Patrick	1436
2891	O'Neil Jim	1951
8406	Odachowski Arthur	1995
1694	Palcic Branko	1836
5047	Panteluk Steven	1539
8371	Parker Ken	1703
8760	Parranas Augustin	1965
3046	Parrott F. John	2096
8823	Pavez Juan	1697
5642	Plante Rejean	1901
6052	Quiring John	1689
2587	Seaman John	1505
1970	Sekuloff Mike	1701
1395	Shvartsburd Gregory	1946
1698	Skeel Art G.	1916
1955	Starkes Brian	1613
203	Steele Len C.	1943
9242	Stockhausen Peter	1719
7971	Tokgoz Rush	1427
3531	Toth Brian	2064
4780	Trøst Richard	1793

4167	Usselman Paul	1934
2472	Van Wyck James	1524
3018	Waring Andy	1580
5280	Williams James E.	1534
1736	Willis Bradley J.	2082
276	Wong Ford	1741

British Columbia

8175	Altmeyer Chris	1379
6650	Barbeau Robert	2091
2357	Basanta Gary	2307
9344	Bennett Russell	1308
6152	Blaauw Ebe	1333
9340	Brennen Joel	998
3296	Burke Paul	2096
283	Cabanas Francisco	2060
9215	Caluza Kenneth	1237
5405	Chan Jeffrey	1822
11702	Chiu Henry	2013
9025	Chrumka Jeff	1276
6719	Chung Alvin	1853
9155	Clemens John	1386
4013	Cody Philip	1711
12949	Coffey Philip	1694
11608	Coger Carl	1254
5887	Commings Brian	1227
9349	Commings Fiona	845
5266	Coxe Paul	1938
11500	Craig James V.	1353
11809	Craver Lyle	1827
1743	Cronin Kent	1767
8640	Crowhurst Gordon	1508
2985	Crowhurst Jeremy	2078
9336	Dandan Kamal	1613
1952	Dentith James	1928
9581	Desquieu Philippe	1928
4595	Eagles Roland	1861
9334	Eatock William	1581
9651	Eschbach Ralph	1894
10071	Eve Chris	1780
9021	Fan Colin	1493
8064	Fekete Charles	1761
4911	Feng Jason	1506
6484	Ficarini Frank	1501
7656	Ficarini Fred	1207
5121	Forbes Gerry	2164
281	Fulker Chris P.	2175
3643	Fullbrook Nigel	2327
6382	Gantzert Rene	1494
9341	Gorkoff Kathy	842
9337	Guirguis Sami	1979
3261	Hamanishi Neil	1603
8937	Hansen Chris	1236
5611	Hara George	1721
12311	Harris Philip	2016
7068	Hebden Ken	1507
3127	Herder David	2044
7248	Jeremiah Tony	1256
7021	Johnson Christopher	2203
5195	Joyner Lionel B.	2256
6676	Kaminski Serge	1778
3772	Kern Wolfgang	1406
9299	Kirk Steve	1739

4490	Kobus Dan	1576
252	Koke Dr. Conrad	1578
242	Kruger Benjamin R.	2026
9876	Kuiper Ronald	1889
2082	Lapenna Richard	1837
3532	Laurin Marcel	1726
11614	Lee Mau-Seng	2039
7682	Lit Kelvin	1318
8728	Lohan Patrick	1529
3355	Macasky Elod	2298
7531	MacTavish Grant	1851
9285	Matherly Judy	1088
8218	Matherly Tim	1342
88	McLaren Brian	2293
7422	Milat Fabian	1315
4727	Milat Marcel	1943
4726	Milat Michael	1336
9350	Milat Sandy	985
4818	Molden Leonard	2103
1014	Moore David	1935
1144	Moore Harry	2223
10589	Morrison David	1286
232	Mouat Malcolm	1621
6611	Mrdjenovic Dragan	2075
3165	Murphy Mark	1684
9243	Nelson Robert	2113
5750	Neufahrt Gerhard	2214
10338	Nielsen Sven	1422
6910	North Robert	2142
6245	O'Donnell Tom	2480
8235	O'Neill Michael	1798
2627	Paranjpe Prasad	1904
8775	Patzold Nikolaus	1570
259	Planas Rodolfo	1712
5434	Pond Greg	1572
8443	Prohl Robert	1136
257	Raletich George	1841
3060	Raniseth Steve	1754
11251	Reid Richard	1600
5615	Reil Allan	1439
9357	Roach Mike	1500
6146	Root Laurence	1479
5274	Ross David	2400
9196	Sam Michael	1493
7067	Schmitz Pat	1500
8938	Seymour Kevin	1180
11861	Shafer Michael	1938
8015	Shaw Daniel	1242
2717	Sibbald Peter R.	1921
5458	Skulsky Ian	2282
2833	Spears Nicholas	2170
7904	Stewart Shane	1065
5892	Stone Gerald	1341
11609	Streu Henry	1552
205	Stringer Lynn	1504
3403	Stutzman Eric	1435
5017	Stutzman Kristen	1321
3030	Stutzman Larry	1803
11840	Tarantino Michael	1300
7447	Tarumoto Derek	1349
6908	Thomas John	1485
8123	Vanden Doel Kees	1845
9335	Voon Lew Yan	1342

7142 Whitman Alan
12173 Whittlesey John
5889 Wiebe Warren
10826 Wiens Elmer G.
3771 Wilson-Tagoe George
5433 Wu Howard
6390 Ziebart Martin
8245 Zorzi Walter

Manitoba

8548 Anstruther Richard
2507 Atkinson Barry
7892 Barth Cameron
7934 Bell Stephen C.
8289 Bince Rolando
9304 Chartier Gerald
8315 Chin Gordon
8827 Cowdrey Eric
6348 Das Roger
5641 Gannon Keith
7069 Gibbons Michael
9308 Hopps James
3980 Kostiuk Sheldon
8286 Kuo Brian
5482 Kuryliw Ray
12446 Langner David
4799 Moffat Ron
3336 Mundwiler Les
6929 Pellerin Frank
8199 Piper Ron
5492 Reynolds Steve
8327 Robinson-Ford Nathan
4557 Shpan Mike
11393 Weissbluth Boris
1872 Williams Brian

New Brunswick

9328 Billingsley Derek
9327 Billingsley Roy
8800 Billingsley Shane
6729 Bouchard Rejean
9319 Bower Bev
9318 Bower Matthew
8419 Brown Bill
9316 Burditt Dwight
8882 Duivenvoorden Hubert
8820 Fox Michael
6332 Gagne Michel
7210 Gagnon Conrad
9314 Gallant Robert
7486 Godsoe Jr. Clifford Ray
1889 Hanson John
8799 Harris Joe
9331 Higgins Jason
5760 MacDonald Graham
9325 MacDonald Jonathan
4679 McCumber Todd
7234 Miller Stan
9317 Perry Ron
4410 Reid Kirk
9322 Rigby Bruce
7726 Robidoux Pierre
9333 Robinson Colin

1697 9323 Sulis Adam
1633 5827 Trofimencoff Pierre
1879 9315 Vihvelin Tom
1698 2899 Wilson Alexander

Newfoundland

6099 Ayers Peter
6553 Brady Chuck
7076 Breen Jacob
8726 Downton David
8727 Duffett Jim
6232 Ficken David
8695 Holleman Eric
6300 House Greg
284 Inkpen Wane
10996 Muise Jason
9382 Muise Leonard
3313 Pellerin Ron
7364 Porter Craig
7145 Pynn Scott
7081 Ralph Sam
4814 Sharpe Toby
4816 Sharpe Todd
7411 Thornhill Shannon
11836 Vokey Craig
7084 Whitelaw Richard

Nova Scotia

11091 Currie James
4341 Eldridge Michael
4589 Phillips Gary
6846 Seems Daniel

Ontario

7642 Abt Michael
8804 Adam Mark
1876 Adriano Mario
92 Armstrong John
9586 Bailey Doug
7158 Bailey Timothy
7304 Barclay Wayne
7265 Bellgrau Marion
8622 Boucher Pat
4055 Bowie-Reed Eric
9622 Boyd Jeff
11169 Bradley Scott
8913 Brown Philip
6292 Bruzewicz Andrew J.
46 Bunning Les
1613 Burgess Doug
1260 Burgess Paul
7491 Burwash J.R.
5738 Chyurlia Jerome
6664 Closs Matthew
1714 Cocchetto Daniel
234 Cohen David
7872 Coleman John
11166 Collins Christian
8721 Coulombe Terry
7526 Currie Kenneth
1651 Dagenais Wilf
2589 Daku Zoltan
59 Dale Steven

1261 1895 Danilov Alex
1631 10763 De Marco Stephen
1428 5261 DeLugt Gerald
1695 2749 Djukic Artem
1619 Dougherty Douglas
6150 Downey Glen
7233 Eberle Mark
4616 Essery David G.
5752 Euverman Ralph
8416 Felver Richard
4809 Ferderber Harold
4137 Ficzero Anthony
55 Fleming Terry
9136 Forget Pat
4235 Friis Torben
4272 Gelblum Robert
1622 Gelblum Stanley
8598 Gendron Paul
1582 Gogolek Peter
2579 Gordon Dave
5393 Greco Marco A.
2773 Groot-Lipman Jeff
2700 Hartman Brian
6436 Hergott Deen
1625 Howard Archie
5297 Huband Ken
7565 Hubley Roger
1207 Humphreys Steven
10992 Hunt Keith
1154 Johnson Peter
1124 Johnstone Glenn
11565 Julien Bradley
6213 Karcz Zdzislaw
5995 Kelly Paul
6931 Kerr Christopher
2599 Kosc Dusan
3410 Kosmin Walter
12396 Lalonde Mario
5264 Langer Herbert
4270 Laszlo Robert
5747 Lemay Frank
3027 Leonard William G.
5262 Lidstone Phil
1686 Loadman Ian
7201 London John
7189 Loniewski Stephen J.
3714 Loo Jack
8666 Ludmer Sam
4664 MacDonald Bruce
7006 MacIntyre Allan
2449 Magnan Mike
11757 Marcelino Nelson
7185 Marinelli Philip
6665 Marshall Peter
3276 Martin Spencer
5290 McCrea Grant
3857 McMullin Kelly
5771 Miller Norman
3982 Milne Reg
7088 Mingarelli Angelo
7919 Mirabeau Guy
7918 Mirabeau Laurent
7944 Mirabeau Olivier

5224	Mundy Joe	1326
8403	Nguyen Thuc	1199
1637	Oko David	1838
8707	Page Peter	986
6856	Palsson Halldor Peter	2079
10427	Pech Gyula	1547
10101	Penner Len	1459
8581	Peter Victor	1774
2860	Petras Michael	2216
9288	Philippe Laurent	1385
2028	Phillips Brian J.	1432
4071	Phillips Mark	1630
1917	Phillips Patrick W.	1422
7730	Porlier Fernand	1690
5444	Profit Brian	1799
7306	Provencher Bernard	2009
6328	Quedent Otto	1531
8587	Radi Zoltan	1586
1451	Riley Kelly	2080
5258	Roy Larry	1325
3995	Rubin Frank	1700
6996	Ruth Don	1559
10752	Saleh Maher	2135
6615	Sarkar Prosanto	2303
2242	Saunders Greg	1771
214	Scarabelli Marie	1258
7053	Schwerdfager Lance	1548
8714	Sharma Som	1471
5949	Sikstrom Mark	1384
4000	Simms Jonathan	1436
8041	Smith Ben	1407
7311	Smith Eric	2052
6753	Smith Lyman	1735
134	Southcombe James	1634
7949	Stuurman Patrick	1457
9043	Szabo Sandor	1387
7302	Talajic Milenko	1917
1647	Tolgyesy Ivan	1733
12353	Tomalty Alan	1852
2958	Towsley Jim	1762
7107	Turdon Mark	1730
2425	Vallillee Shawn	1559
1858	Veltmann Alfred	1812
5069	Wen Jean-Francois	2099
1650	Winterton Ken	2136
3235	Wolthuizen Ben	1447
8330	Wong David	1594

Prince Edward Island

8870	Ellis Cory	1060
6527	England Michael	1588
7440	England Timmy	1283
11732	Griffin Mike	1594
11891	Keunecke Ed	1561
1288	MacKean Peter	2148
9360	Marlary Italo	1496
12978	Nicholson Murdock	1243
8802	Szatmary Alex	1820
2234	Waterman Ron L.	1973

Québec

2908	Clement Michel	1951
6004	Denicourt Bruno	1773
8271	Desnoyers Francois	1744
8624	Duong-Thanh Dam	1701
9606	Gaudet Alain	1803
5550	Geoffroy Michel	1892
8936	Giroux Robert	1869
1285	Lacroix Serge	1957
12365	Ledoux Pierre	2021
2744	Loesel Otto	1506
2974	Mongeau Diane	1903
2523	Morin Gaetan	1688
60	Nguyen Tuong	1743
2005	Sexton J. Frank	2206

Saskatchewan

8629	Benedict Glen	1593
7343	Bood Abraham	1908
7769	Ceslak Trevor M.	1490
1590	Dotten Clive	1861
5789	Flaman Fred	1495
1885	Friesen Eric George	1200
4161	Friesen Nickolas	1195
7465	Friesen Saffron	1212
1009	Friesen Waldemar	1802
4658	Groenendyk Mark	1380
4467	Hillier Matthew	1214
9044	Hulicko Leslie	1630
8217	Jones Chris	1243
8655	Korbel Peter	1914
2569	Matus Shawn	2000
2617	McIntyre John	1686
3987	Olah Joseph	1502
8090	Paradis Sylvain	1725
8806	Sentes Victor	1725
11227	Shridhar Vikas	1608
6973	Skromny Victor	1602
291	Smith Colin M. (Dr.)	1549
3662	Soerensen Lyndon	1603
268	Sommerfeld Gilbert	2226
11511	Stephens Philip	1510
10688	Stewart Hazen G.	1596
1593	Takach Milan	1806
4636	Zerr Wilf	1809

United States

9361	Brosseau Pete	1948
11501	Dorsey Philip	2215
99	Night Tyke	1457
10863	Pitre H. G.	1955
8723	Steiner Paul	1416
9338	Warnock Robert A.	1914

EVENTS

rated to February 3, 1988

1274	ECC Open	19
1275	Saint John JOCW #1	12
1276	Saint John JOCW #2	16
1277	Windsor November Open	11
1278	Kamloops November Open	12
1279	Grande Prairie Golden Harv	9

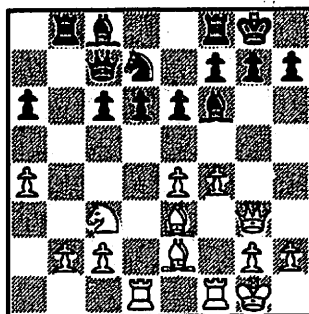
1280	Cotation #3 St-Jean	3
1281	PEI Open	10
1282	Jack Taylor Memorial	25
1283	Edmonton Fall Open	31
1284	RA Class of Winter 1	6
1285	RA Class of Winter 2	6
1286	RA Class of Winter 3	6
1287	RA Class of Winter 4	6
1288	RA Class of Winter 5	6
1289	RA Class of Winter 6	6
1290	RA Class of Winter 7	6
1291	RA Class of Winter 8	4
1292	RA Class of Winter 9	2
1293	Kamloops December Open	16
1294	Pre Master IV	4
1295	Pre Expert/Expert I	4
1296	C.Gagnon 2-0 M.Gagne	2
1297	Calgary CCC	26
1298	UBC November Open	20
1299	Ladner Xmas Junior Open	12
1300	Regina Xmas Open	26
1301	Sober Up Open	3
1302	Windsor December One Day	4
1303	J.Muise 2.5-2.5 L.Muise	2
1304	J.Muise 4-1 S.Thornhill	2
1305	M.Eldridge 5-3 G.Phillips	2
1306	T.Sharpe 2-2 J.Duffett	2
1307	T.Sharpe 2-1 S.Pynn	2
1308	S.Ralph 2-0 C.Brady	2
1309	T.Sharpe 2.5-1.5 C.Porter	2
1310	D.Fricken 3-0 G.House	2
1311	J.Breen 2-1 R.Whitelaw	2
1312	A.Djukic 4-1 S.Szabo	2
1313	Eaton Place Xmas Open	28
1314	BC Reserves 1	6
1315	BC Reserves 2	6
1316	BC Reserves 3	6
1317	BC Reserves 4	10
1318	RA Christmas Open	43
1319	RA Christmas Intersectional	4
1320	Groot-Lipman 3.5-.5 Ficzer	2
1321	Kingston Whig Standard O	10
1322	D.Cocchetto 2-0 J.Towsley	2
1323	P.Phillips 3-2 B.Phillips	2
1324	Xmas Tree Classic	5
1325	Hamilton Christmas RR	4
1326	Tournoi de Jour de L'An	4
1327	D.Cohen 1.5-.5 C.Kerr	2
1328	8X8	4
1329	Once A Pawn A Time	4
1330	BC Class Expert	10
1331	BC Class	12
1332	BC Class	6
1333	BC Class	15
1334	BC Class	10
1335	BC Closed	10
1336	Kamloops January Open	12
1337	Montreal 42	7
1338	V.Skromny 1.5-.5 G.Stewart	2
1339	Sarnia City CC	6
1340	RA Winter Open	52

Events Rated: 67

Players: 627

Diagram

15.e5 dxe5 16.Ne4
Be7 17.f5 exf5
18.Bh6 g6 19.Rxf5
Rb4 20.Bd3 f6
21.Rdf1 Rxe4
22.Bxf8 Kxf8
23.Bxe4 gxf5
24.Bxf5 Nb6 25.Bxh7 Be6 26.Be4 Nd5 27.Qh4
Nf4 28.Qh8+ Bg8 29.Rd1 Ne6 30.Kh1 Bd8
31.Bf5 Nd4 32.Bh3 Qf7 33.c3 Qb3 34.Qh6+
Ke7 35.Rf1 Ne6 36.Qxf6+ Kd6 37.Bxe6 1-0.



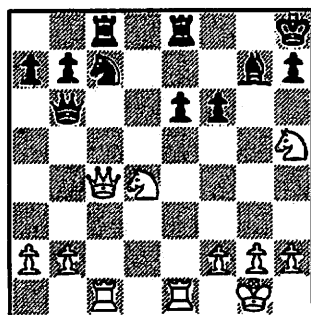
The only Canadian in the field, Deen Hergott of Waterloo, finished seventeenth. Deen scored 4/9 and had chances for an IM norm until a loss in the penultimate round.

Jeroen PIKET - Tibor KAROLYI

Torre Attack

D03/7

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bg5 e6 4.e3 c5 5.Nbd2 Qb6
6.Bxf6 gxf6 7.c4 cxd4 8.exd4 dxc4 9.Bxc4 Bg7
10.O-O-O 11.Re1 Rd8 12.d5 Na6 13.dxe6 fxe6
14.Qe2 Nc7 15.Nf1 Bd7 16.Ng3 Re8 17.Rad1
Bc6 18.Nd4 Bd5
19.Nh5 Bxc4
20.Qxc4 Kh8
21.Rc1 Rac8



Diagram

22.Nf5 exf5
23.Rxe8+ Rxe8
24.Qf7 Rg8
25.Rxc7 1-0.

CANDIDATES MATCHES

The organization and facilities at the Candidates Matches in Saint John were superb. This was easily the best chess event ever held in Canada. Combined with a very strong International Open (Gulko, Benjamin, Nogueiras, Ivanovic, Chernin, Dlugy, Torre and Eingorn were among the 20 GMs present; there were also 31 IMs in the 76 player field), the Blitz Qualifiers and the Open Tournament, spectators were treated to a marvelous display. With huge electronic demonstration boards operated directly by the moves of the players, there was no delay in seeing exactly what had

been played. Times remaining were also shown on the demonstration boards along with the last 6 moves in algebraic notation. Spectators were able to rent a set of headphones and hear a GM commenting on the games while they were in progress. GM John Nunn of England was superb in this task, which proved to be both tiring and difficult. One story has it that, while commenting on the fifth game of the Spraggett - Sokolov match in the later stages, Nunn observed that it was a clear draw. Fifteen minutes later, with neither player having made a move in the interim, he announced that it was a clear win for Spraggett!

After the six rounds of the Candidates, all save two of the matches have been decided. Kevin Spraggett and Andrei Sokolov are tied at 3-3 and go into overtime. Also tied and continuing to play are Viktor Korchnoi and Johann Hjartarson. Korchnoi made an amazing comeback, down 3-1 and being forced to win the last two games just to get into the tiebreak! The other match scores were: Jonathan Speelman 4-1 Yasser Seirawan; Nigel Short 3.5-1.5 Gyula Sax; Artur Yusupov 3.5-1.5 Jaan Ehvest; Lajos Portisch 3.5-2.5 Rafael Vaganian; and Jan Timman 3.5-2.5 Valery Salov. We have included all of the decisive games for your enjoyment.

Round 1

HJARTARSON - KORCHNOI

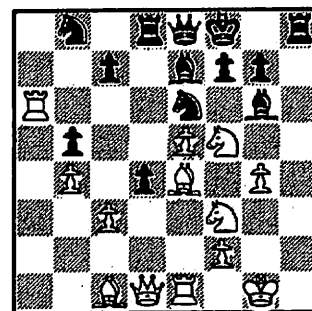
Ruy Lopez: Open

C83/68

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O
Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Be7
10.Nbd2 Nc5 11.Bc2 Bg4 12.Re1 Qd7 13.Nf1
Rd8 14.Ne3 Bh5 15.b4 Ne6 16.Nf5 d4 17.Be4
Bg6 18.g4 h5 19.h3 Kf8 20.a4 hxg4 21.hxg4 Qe8
22.axb5 axb5 23.Ra6 Nb8

Diagram

24.Rxe6 fxe6
25.Nxe7 Bxe4
26.Rxe4 dxc3
27.Ng6+ Kg8
28.Rd4 Rxd4
29.Qxd4 Rh3
30.Ng5 Rh6 31.Nf4
Nc6 32.Qxc3 Qd8 33.Nf3 Nxb4 34.Bd2 Qa8



35.Kg2 Nc6 36.g5 b4 37.Qc5 Rh7 38.Nxe6 g6
39.Qd5 Kh8 40.Ned4 Qc8 41.e6 Nxd4 42.Nxd4
c5 43.Bf4 Ra7 44.Nc6 1-0.

Nigel SHORT - Gyula SAX

Sicilian Sveshnikov

B33/32.211

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3
e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Bxf6 gxf6
10.Nd5 f5 11.Bd3 Be6 12.Qh5 Bg7 13.O-O f4
14.c4 bxc4 15.Bxc4 O-O 16.Rac1 Ne7 17.Rfd1
Rc8 18.Nxe7+ Qxe7 19.Rc3 Kh8 20.b3 f5
21.Rh3 h6 22.Bxe6 Qxe6 23.Rhd3 Rcd8 24.Qe2
fxe4 25.Qxe4 f3 26.Nc4 Rf4 27.Qd5 Qg4 28.Rxf3
Rxf3 29.Qxf3 Qxf3 30.gxf3 d5 31.Kf1 Bf6
32.Nb6 d4 33.Ke2 Bg5 34.Nc4 Bf4 35.h3 Rg8
36.b4 Rg2 37.a4 Kg7 38.b5 axb5 39.axb5 Kf6
40.b6 Ke6 41.b7 Rg8 42.Rb1 Rb8 43.Rb5 Kd7
44.Na5 Kc7 45.Kd3 Kd6 46.h4 Kc7 47.Rb2 Bh2
48.Ke4 Bf4 49.Rc2+ Kd7 50.Kd3 Bh2 51.Rc1
Bf4 52.Rg1 Kd6 53.Kc4 1-0.

Artur YUSUPOV - Jaan EHLVEST

Slav Defence

D18/13.82

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 dxc4 4.Nc3 c6 5.a4 Bf5
6.e3 e6 7.Bxc4 Bb4 8.O-O Nbd7 9.Nh4 O-O
10.Nxf5 exf5 11.f3 Nb6 12.Bb3 Qd7 13.a5 Nbd5
14.Qd3 Be7 15.e4 Nb4 16.Qc4 Rad8 17.Be3 b5
18.axb6 axb6 19.Kh1 b5 20.Qe2 Ra8 21.Rad1
Rab8

Diagram

22.d5 cxd5 23.e5
Ne8 24.Nxd5 Nxd5
25.Rxd5 Qc6
26.Rc1 Qa6 27.Rd7
Rb7 28.Qd3 g6
29.Qd5 Rxd7
30.Qxd7 Bb4 31.e6 fxe6 32.Bxe6+ Kh8
33.Bd4+ Nf6 34.Bxf6+ 1-0.

Round 2

Gyula SAX - Nigel SHORT

Ruy Lopez

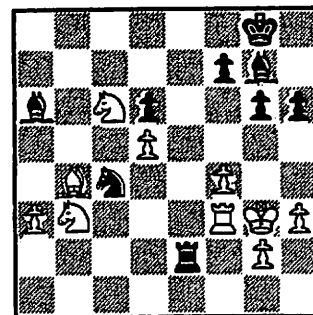
C92/33.146

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O
Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 O-O 9.h3 Bb7 10.d4
Re8 11.a4 h6 12.Nbd2 Bf8 13.Bc2 exd4 14.cxd4
Nb4 15.Bb1 c5 16.d5 Nd7 17.Ra3 c4 18.axb5
axb5 19.Nd4 Rxa3 20.bxa3 Nd3 21.Bxd3 cxd3
22.Re3 Ne5 23.Nxb5 Qa5 24.Nd4 Qc3 25.N2b3

Ba6 26.Bd2 Qb2 27.Bb4 g6 28.f4 Nc4 29.Rxd3
Rxe4 30.Qf3 Re8 31.Kh2 Bg7 32.Nc6 Qe2
33.Nbd4 Qxf3 34.Rxf3 Re4 35.Nb3 Re2 36.Ncd4
Re4 37.Nc6 Re2 38.Kg3

Diagram

38... Ne3 39.h4
Rxc2+ 40.Kh3
Bc8+ 41.f5 Bxf5+
42.Rxf5 gxf5
43.Bxd6 Rb2
44.Ne7+ Kh7
45.Nc5 Bf6 0-1.



Yasser SEIRAWAN - Jonathan SPEELMAN

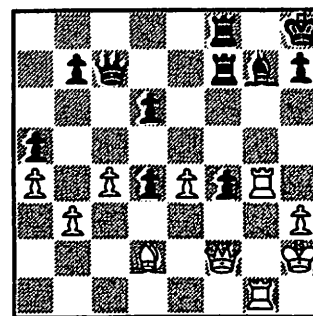
English Opening

A36

1.c4 c5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.a3 d6 6.e3
Nf6 7.Nge2 O-O 8.O-O Bf5 9.e4 Bg4 10.f3 Bd7
11.d3 Ne8 12.Be3 Nc7 13.Rb1 a5 14.a4 Ne6 15.f4
Ned4 16.h3 e6 17.Nb5 Qe7 18.Kh2 Rac8
19.Nexd4 Nxd4 20.Nxd4 cxd4 21.Bd2 Ra8 22.b3
Bc6 23.Qe2 Qc7 24.Qf2 f5 25.exf5 gxf5 26.g4
Kh8 27.gxf5 Rxf5 28.Be4 Rf7 29.Rg1 Raf8
30.Rg4 e5 31.Rbg1 Bxe4 32.dxe4 exf4

Diagram

33.Rxc7 Rxc7
34.Qxd4 Kg8
35.Bxa5 Qe7
36.Bc3 Rxc1
37.Qh8+ Kf7
38.Qxh7+ Ke8
39.Qh5+ Qf7
40.Qxf7+ Kxf7 41.Kxc1 Re8 42.Bb4 Ke6 43.c5
dxc5 44.Bxc5 Ke5 45.h4 Kxe4 46.Kf2 Rd8
47.Ke2 Rd3 48.b4 Rh3 49.Bf2 Rb3 50.Bc5
Rb2+ 51.Ke1 Kf3 52.a5 Rh2 53.b5 Re2+ 0-1.



Andrei SOKOLOV - Kevin SPRAGGETT

Caro-Kann

B13/8.50

1.e4 c6 2.c4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.cxd5 Nf6 5.Nc3
Nxd5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.d4 Bg4 8.Qb3 Bxf3 9.gxf3 e6
10.Qxb7 Nxd4 11.Bb5+ Nxb5 12.Qc6+ Ke7
13.Qxb5 Qd7 14.Nxd5+ Qxd5 15.Qxd5 exd5
16.Be3 Ke6 17.O-O-O Bb4 18.Kb1 Rhd8 19.Rd3
a6 20.Rb3 Rab8 21.Ba7 Rb5 22.Bd4 f6 23.h3
Bd6 24.Rxb5 axb5 25.Rc1 Kf5 26.Rc6 b4 27.Kc2
h5 28.Be3 g5 29.Rb6 g4 30.hxg4+ hxg4

31.fxg4 + Kxg4 32.Bd2 Kf3 33.Bxb4 Be5 34.Be7
Rc8 + 35.Kd3 f5 36.Bf6 Bxf6 37.Rxf6 f4 38.b4
Rc1 39.a4 Rc4 40.Rb6 Kxf2 41.a5 f3 42.a6 Rc1
43.b5 Rd1 + 44.Kc3 d4 + 45.Kb2 Rd2 +
46.Kb3 Rd1 47.a7 1-0.

Round 3

Jonathan SPEELMAN - Yasser SEIRAWAN

English Opening

A17/21

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 O-O 5.a3
Bxc3 6.Qxc3 b6 7.g3 Bb7 8.Bg2 d5 9.cxd5 exd5
10.O-O Re8 11.Re1 c5 12.d4 Ne4 13.Qc2 Nc6
14.dxc5 bxc5 15.b3 Qb6 16.e3 Rab8 17.Rb1 Ba8
18.Bd2 a5 19.Red1 d4 20.Re1 Nxd2 21.Qxd2 a4
22.exd4 Rxe1 + 23.Qxe1 axb3 24.d5 Nd4
25.Nxd4 cxd4 26.Qe7 h6 27.d6 Bxg2 28.Kxg2
Qc6 + 29.Kh3 Rb7 30.Rc1 Qf3 31.Rc7 Rb8
32.d7 Kh7 33.Rc1 b2 34.Re1 Qd5 35.Qe8 Qd6
36.Rb1 Qb6 37.Qxf7 Qd8 38.Qf5 + Kh8 39.Qe6
d3 40.Rxb2 1-0.

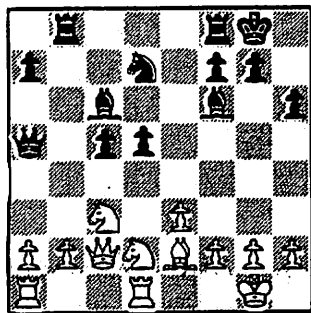
Lajos PORTISCH - Rafael VAGANIAN

Queen's Gambit Declined

D58

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.d4 Be7 5.Bg5 h6
6.Bh4 O-O 7.e3 b6 8.Bd3 Bb7 9.Bxf6 Bxf6
10.cxd5 exd5 11.O-O c5 12.dxc5 bxc5 13.Qb3
Bc6 14.Be2 Nd7 15.Rfd1 Rb8 16.Qc2 Qa5
17.Nd2

Diagram



17... Rxb2 18.Qxb2
Bxc3 19.Nb3 Bxb2
20.Nxa5 Ba4
21.Rab1 Bxd1
22.Bxd1 Bc3
23.Nc6 d4 24.Rb7

Nf6 25.h3 a6 26.Be2 dxe3 27.fxe3 a5 28.Bc4 Ne4
29.Bd5 Ng5 30.Kf2 Re8 31.Ke2 a4 32.Kd3 Be1
33.e4 a3 34.Ra7 Bf2 35.Kc4 h5 36.e5 h4 37.Rxa3
Bg3 38.Rb3 Ne6 39.a4 Nd4 40.Rb8 Rxb8
41.Nxb8 Bxe5 42.Nd7 Bc7 43.Kxc5 Ne6 +
44.Bxe6 fxe6 45.Kc6 Bd8 46.Ne5 g6 47.Kd7 Bb6
48.Kxe6 Kg7 49.Nc6 1-0.

Artur YUSUPOV - Jaan EHLVEST

Bogo-Indian Defence

E11/5

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4 + 4.Nbd2 O-O 5.a3
Be7 6.e4 d5 7.e5 Nfd7 8.Bd3 c5 9.cxd5 exd5
10.O-O Nc6 11.Re1 a5 12.Bc2 Re8 13.Nf1 cxd4

14.Bf4 Nf8 15.Nxd4 Bc5 16.Nxc6 bxc6 17.Bg3
Qb6 18.Nd2 Ne6 19.Ba4 Be7 20.Kh1 Nc5 21.Bc2
Qxb2 22.Nb3 Ne4 23.Bxe4 dxe4 24.Re2 Qc3
25.Re3 Qc4 26.Nd2 Qd5 27.Nxe4 Qxd1 +
28.Rxd1 Be6 29.Rc3 Reb8 30.Nd6 Ra6 31.h3 g6
32.Rdc1 Rbb6 33.f3 a4 34.Bf2 Rb3 35.f4 h5
36.Bc5 Bd5 37.Ne4 Bxe4 38.Bxe7 Rb2 39.Rg3
Ra7 40.Bf6 Rd7 41.e6 Rxe2 42.Rxe2 fxe6
43.Kh2 Bxe2 44.Kxe2 Rd2 + 45.Kg3 Kf7
46.Be5 Rd3 + 47.Kh4 Rxa3 48.Rxc6 1-0.

Round 4

KORCHNOI - HJARTARSON

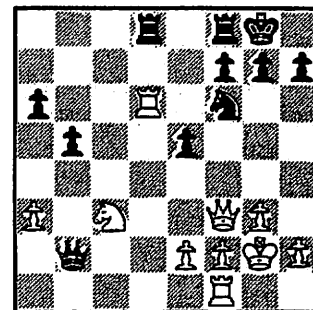
English Opening

A30

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 b6 3.g3 c5 4.Bg2 Bb7 5.O-O e6
6.Nc3 Be7 7.d4 cxd4 8.Qxd4 d6 9.Be3 O-O
10.Rad1 Nbd7 11.Nb5 d5 12.Bf4 Bc5 13.Qd3
dxc4 14.Qxc4 a6 15.Nc3 b5 16.Qd3 Qb6 17.Ng5
Bxg2 18.Kxg2 Rad8 19.Nge4 Be7 20.Qf3 Qa5
21.Nd6 Qb4 22.Rd2 e5 23.a3 Qb3 24.Bg5 Bxd6
25.Rxd6 Qxb2 26.Bxf6 Nxf6

Diagram

27.Rxf6 e4 28.Nxe4
gxf6 29.Nxf6 + Kg7
30.Nd7 Rfe8
31.Rd1 Kh8 32.Qf4
Rxe2 33.Rd4 f5
34.Kh3 Re7 35.Qd6
0-1.



Round 5

HJARTARSON - KORCHNOI

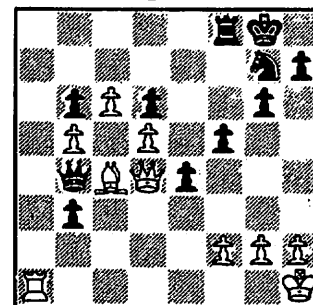
Sicilian Sveshnikov

B33/9.52

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3
e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Nd5 Nxd5 8.exd5 Ne7 9.c4 Nf5
10.Bd3 Be7 11.O-O O-O 12.a4 a6 13.Nc3 a5
14.Nb5 g6 15.b3 Bd7 16.Ra2 Ng7 17.Kh1 f5
18.Bd2 e4 19.Bb1 Bxb5 20.axb5 Bg5 21.b4 Bxd2
22.Qxd2 Qc7 23.c5
axb4 24.c6 Rxa2
25.Bxa2 Qa5
26.Bc4 b6 27.Qd4
b3 28.Ra1 Qb4

Diagram

29.c7 b2 30.Rb1
Rc8 0-1.



Jonathan SPEELMAN - Yasser SEIRAWAN

Dutch Defence

A85/4.58

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 c6 3.c4 e6 4.e3 f5 5.Be2 Nf6 6.O-O Bd6 7.b3 Qe7 8.Bb2 Nbd7 9.Ne5 O-O 10.Nd2 g5 11.f4 gxf4 12.exf4 Ne4 13.Nxe4 fxe4 14.Qd2 Nf6 15.c5 Bc7 16.b4 Bd7 17.a4 Ne8 18.Ra3 Ng7 19.Rh3 Be8 20.Bc3 Bg6 21.g4 Bxe5 22.dxe5 h5 23.f5 exf5 24.gxh5 e3 25.Qxe3 f4 26.Rxf4 Be4 27.e6 Nf5 28.Rxf5 Rxf5 29.Qh6 Rg5 + 30.Rg3 Rxb3 + 31.hxg3 Qh7 32.Qf6 Re8 33.Be5 Re7 34.Qg5 + Kf8 35.Bd6 1-0.

Kevin SPRAGGETT - Andrei SOKOLOV

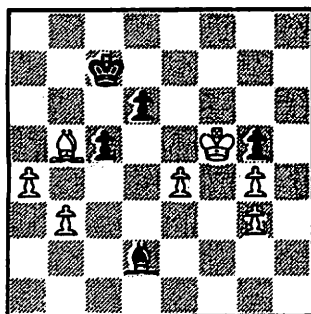
Sicilian Najdorf

B97/14.92

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Qb6 8.Qd2 Qxb2 9.Rb1 Qa3 10.f5 Nc6 11.fxe6 fxe6 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.Be2 Be7 14.O-O O-O 15.Rb3 Qc5 + 16.Be3 Qe5 17.Bf4 Qc5 + 18.Kh1 Ng4 19.h3 e5 20.Na4 Qa7 21.Bc4 + Kh8 22.hxg4 exf4 23.Nb6 Rb8 24.Rxf4 Bd7 25.Nxd7 Qxd7 26.Rf5 Rxb3 27.cxb3 Qd8 28.Bxa6 g6 29.Rf3 Bf6 30.Qf2 Kg7 31.Bc4 Qe7 32.Qe3 c5 33.Qf4 g5 34.Qf5 Be5 35.Qxf8 + Qxf8 36.Rxf8 Kxf8 37.a4 Bc3 38.Kg1 Ke7 39.Kf2 Kd8 40.Ke3 Kc7 41.Kd3 Be1 42.Bb5 Kb6 43.Kc4 Bb4 44.Kd5 Kc7 45.Ke6 Bd2 46.Bc4 Bc3 47.Bd5 Bd2 48.Kf6 Kd7 49.Kg7 Ke7 50.Kxh7 Kf6 51.Kg8 Ke7 52.Kg7 Bc3 + 53.Kg6 Bd2 54.Kf5 Kd7 55.Kf6 Kd8 56.Bc6 Kc7 57.Bb5 Kd8 58.Ke6 Kc7 59.Be8 Bc3 60.Ke7 Bd2 61.Bf7 Bc3 62.Bc4 Kc6 63.Bb5 + Kc7 64.Ke6 Bd2 65.g3 Bc3 66.Kf5 Bd2

Diagram

67.a5 d5 68.exd5 Bxa5 69.Kxg5 Kd6 70.Bc4 Be1 71.Kg6 Bxg3 72.g5 Bf4 73.Kf6 1-0.



Round 6

KORCHNOI - HJARTARSON

English Opening

A30

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 b6 3.g3 c5 4.Bg2 Bb7 5.O-O e6 6.Nc3 Be7 7.d4 cxd4 8.Qxd4 d6 9.b3 Nbd7 10.Nb5 Nc5 11.Rd1 d5 12.cxd5 exd5 13.Bh3 O-O 14.Bb2 a6 15.Nc3 Re8 16.Rac1 Ne6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.Na4 b5 19.Nc5 Bc8 20.Ne5 Bf8

21.Rc2 a5 22.Rdc1 Qb6 23.Qf4 Be7 24.Bd4 Qd6 25.Ncd3 Rf8 26.Bc5 1-0.

Jan TIMMAN - Valery SALOV

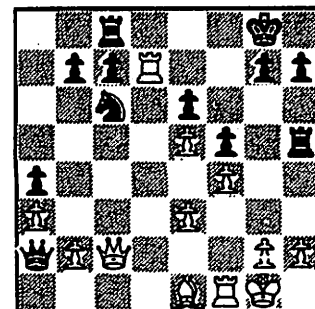
Bogo-Indian Defence

E11/6.28

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4 + 4.Nbd2 d5 5.Qa4 + Nc6 6.a3 Bxd2 + 7.Bxd2 Ne4 8.Qc2 a5 9.e3 O-O 10.Bd3 f5 11.O-O a4 12.Bb4 Rf6 13.Ne5 Bd7 14.f3 Ng5 15.Rac1 Nf7 16.f4 Be8 17.Be1 Rh6 18.cxd5 Qxd5 19.Be2 Nfxe5 20.dxe5 Bh5 21.Rd1 Qa2 22.Bxh5 Rxh5 23.Rd7 Rc8

Diagram

24.Rf2 Qb3 25.Qxb3 axb3 26.Rfd2 Kf8 27.R2d3 Ne7 28.Bb4 c5 29.Rd8 + Rxd8 30.Rxd8 + Kf7 31.Bxc5 Nd5 32.Rd7 + Ke8 33.Rxb7 g5 34.g3 gxf4 35.exf4 Kd8 36.Bf8 Ke8 37.Bg7 1-0.



LAST MINUTE NEWS FROM SAINT JOHN

The first game of both playoffs ended in draws.

In the first International Open, Joel Benjamin (GM, USA, 2565) was clear first with 7/9, followed by IM Michael Rohde (USA) and GM Mihai Suba (Romania), both at 6.5. The top Canadian finisher was Leon Piasetski with 6/9, in a massive tie for fourth place.

In the first Open tournament, Yuri Razuvaev (GM, USSR, 2525) took clear first. Sylvain Barbeau of Montréal was second. First place finishers in the other sections were: (2) Jamie Hamilton (USA), (3) Andre Desjardins (Québec), (4) Oliver Yue (Ontario), (5) Moro Garcia, (6) F. Gilbert, (7) Arpolfo Angulo.

The first Blitz Qualifier was won by Jesus Nogueiras (GM, Cuba, 2560). Helgi Olafsson (GM, Iceland, 2510) took the two-game tiebreak over Bogdan Lalic (IM, Yugoslavia, 2495). The second Blitz Qualifier went to Attila Groszpeter (GM, Hungary, 2495) with Lalic finishing in second place this time to qualify for the Blitz final.

CANADIAN OPEN 1988: Scarborough

The only detailed bid for this year's Canadian Open received by the Business Office came from the Ontario Chess Association. The CFC Executive is presently considering the bid and a decision to accept or reject the bid should be forthcoming within the week. Some details are included here by way of advance information, should the bid be accepted.

The site is the Scarborough Civic Centre, 150 Borough Drive, which is close to a large indoor shopping centre. Nearby accommodations can be found at the *Howard Johnson, Relax Inn, Ramada Renaissance* and *Holiday Inn*.

Format: 10 round Swiss. There is only one section, but class prizes will be awarded.

Dates: Friday July 15 through Saturday July 23. Round 1 is Friday at 6; Round 2 Saturday at 10, Round 3 at 6; Rounds 4 to 9 are at 6 pm. The last round starts at 10 am on July 23. All games are played to completion, except the second round. Time control is 40/2, 20/1.

Entry Fee: \$60 for everyone (\$50 if received not later than Thursday July 14). ON SITE ENTRIES ON THE DATE OF THE FIRST ROUND WILL NOT BE PAIRED IN THE FIRST ROUND. Organizers may include late entries starting in round 2, with the payment of the \$10 late fee. Send your entry fee to:

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