

Hamilton issues chess challenge

By ANDY MILLER

When UNB student Robert Hamilton won an interesting strategical battle over Ontario Junior Champion, David Filipovich, in the last round of the 1981 Canadian Junior Chess Championship, Atlantic Canadian Chess enthusiasts had something to cheer about. This victory marked the first time an Atlantic Canadian had ever won a national chess championship. This was not to be his last success. In Mexico at the 1981 World Junior Championship Hamilton placed 8th in the field of 52 countries in the speed chess division. In the 1982 Quebec Open, Hamilton achieved his master title in a field of 606 participants, tying for second with British Grandmaster

Michael Stean. In 1983 he won the 262 player Minnesota Open outright, without losing a game. Later that year, in Chicago, after a shaky start, he anchored the Canadian Youth (under 26) team going undefeated in the critical last two rounds, helping propel Canada into eighth spot in the 31 team event.

This September at the first Grand Manan Internationa, played at the Marathon Hotel, Hamilton got his first taste of competition against the World chess elite. The tournament was a six man double round robin event, the strongest of its kind in North American history. In this gruelling two week event Hamilton finished last scoring two draws in ten games.

The troubles began in round

2 against Dutch Champion John Van der Wiel when in a slightly favourable position Hamilton refusing a draw offer after five hours, only to lose in the ninth hour of play. "As you can guess," my equanimity was disturbed after this disappointing loss", said Hamilton of the game.

This was to prove to be the story of the tournament for Hamilton achieving advantage in many games only to see it slip away around the fifth hour of play against his much more experienced opponents. "They maintain an edge over me that is attained through years of world class play."

Hamilton finally broke the ice in round 6, drawing United States champion, Yasser Seirawan. There followed three tense battles, all resulting in losses for Hamilton, and then a draw against two time American Grand Prix winner Igo Ivanov.

Of his final result Hamilton said "they are among the best professionals in the World. From them I learned a great deal in terms of discipline, psychology and attitude. I feel that my participation in events such as this in the future should yield better results."

After the closed event Hamilton participated in the open tournament where he tied for second with 1980 World Open Champion Lawrence Day behind Igor Ivanov.

Last weekend it was business as usual for Hamilton as he won the Fredericton Fall Open with a perfect score.

Should you be interested in testing your skills against Mr. Hamilton, he will be putting on a demonstration in which he will play any challengers on 12 boards simultaneously, in the Blue Lounge of the SUB Wednesday, October 24th from 2:30 until 5:00.

Clouds & Canyons on display

Nature inspired watercolours of storm clouds over the river valley and beautifully functional, wonderfully glazed porcelain combine in a special exhibit titled *Clouds and Canyons* on display in the Explorations Gallery on the 2nd

floor of the Fredericton National Exhibition Centre.

Pat Pelech's watercolours -clouds that build before a storm, the sunlit sky and rock formations of Hopewell Cape, suggest the collaboration and power of nature and time to

create unique designs in rock and sky.

Karen Burk's functional porcelain pieces demonstrate her interest in the juxtaposition of classical forms based on the human body and the icy coolness of Scandinavian design. Her glazes - flat white, slashed with hot colours, continues the time of fire and ice.

Clouds and Canyons will be on display October 14 -November 11. The Explorations Gallery is open daily. Admission is free.

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