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The Canadian Men's team was ranked 47th at the recent Chess Olympiad in Istanbul, but booked an excellent result by placing in a tie for 25th-31st. Jack Yoos tells a story that begins with two last-minute emergency replacements, and ends with an impressive silver medal on second board for our own Kevin Spraggett! The players annotate a selection of very interesting games, Jonathan Berry provides the photography, and Stefanie Chu comes through at the last moment before we go to press with several games by the Women's team.

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Oropesa del Mar has become the de facto home of the World Youth Chess Festival in recent years. Irwin Lipnowski joined a team of 21 junior players in Spain as team captain, and came away impressed by the play of his young charges. He was also astonished at the considerable resources that are now being devoted by many countries to the development of youth chess programs. The results are clearly beginning to show!

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Editorial

The results of the membership survey from the October 2000 issue of the magazine are in, and by the time this issue reaches our readers a page on the Chess Federation of Canada website will give the details. I would like to sincerely thank all of you who took the time to respond, because it was your feedback that clearly showed us why we should keep the print version of the magazine!

In due time, if the available resources allow us to do so, we may try to offer a limited online version in addition to the printed magazine, again based on your feedback from the survey. But not to worry, no drastic overnight changes were ever intended by the Governors who simply passed a motion at the AGM in Edmonton last summer to conduct a membership survey on the subject...

What surprised me the most about your responses to the survey was the number of rather passionate pleas to keep the current print version alive, and the positive comments about the magazine in general. Perhaps this is understandable, given that many of you have been reading and collecting *En Passant* magazine for a long time.

Some of you even let us know what kind of material you would like to see more frequently on our pages, and these requests have also been noted.

Many readers will already know that the Men's team did very well at the Olympiad, but I agree with Jack Yoos in his assessment that it will take a considerable effort by the entire Canadian chess community to pave the way for similar positive results in the future. This year, Belzberg Technologies stepped in with a much

appreciated and significant financial contribution, and I think that we have also seen a 'change of the guard' in the composition of the national team with the addition of Igor Zugic and Pascal Charbonneau. While Kevin Spraggett and Alexandre Lesiege are very clearly our two best players, I am sure that they, too, will agree on the importance that the development of young talent has on our long-term prospects in international competition. Anyone who has ever tried to earn a FIDE norm at Canadian tournaments knows how difficult this is. Our top players face an uphill battle in their development without enough opportunities to gain international experience. It takes money, and it takes the support of the rest of the chess community to provide these opportunities...

Knut Neven

Letters

Saint John

Excellent. Best issue I have seen.

Richard Bowes

Victoria

After long consideration I have decided to respond to Jack Jeffrey's letter in the December issue, in which he criticizes the Expert and Master members of the Victoria Chess Club for refusing to spend more time with weaker players.

Jack, when you see me playing chess with certain people, you shouldn't assume that I'm sticking with my own group and avoiding the woodpushers.

Most of my casual opponents are 'A' and 'B' Class players, not Experts or Masters, and thus anywhere from 300 to 600 points below me in rating. In other words, and no insult is intended by this, while they may not be woodpushers to you, they are definitely woodpushers to me. These guys are happy to play me because the disparity in strength gives them a good chance of learning something. From time to time one of them beats me and is justifiably proud of it. Many of the other Masters, such as Dave Herder, Harry Moore, and George

Kostadinov also spend hours playing and analyzing with much weaker opponents.

I also do not share your view that Experts and Masters are somehow obligated to spend half of the club meeting time dishing out advice to beginners. Your young charges have a lot to learn from the other members of the Victoria Chess Club, and I don't notice those players helping out, nor do I notice you asking them.

Despite your belief that I must have received such help from Masters when I was a young player, I can assure you that this is definitely not the case. Most Masters I know learned what they know by working hard on their own, and not by practicing against very strong players.

In recent years Juri Vetemaa, Yan Teplitsky, Kevin Spraggett, John Donaldson, and Jack Yoos have all received compensation for their lectures and exhibitions at the Victoria Chess Club. And while I am never going to be an IM, I suspect that many of these players would agree with me that I, too, am qualified to give a lecture and to receive compensation for it.

Dan Scoones

Victoria

Last November the girls basketball team of George Jay Elementary School played its first game of the season, and you will be surprised to know that every member of the starting lineup had a CFC rating! Against a much taller team the chess players exhibited an amazingly focused defense and finished the first quarter six points ahead. In the second quarter, several substitutions of non chess players into the game resulted in a seven point lead by the opposition by half time.

In the second half the George Jay squad reverted to 100% CFC rated players and eventually went on to win the game by a single point. There has to be a moral here somewhere! Has anyone else ever heard of an Elementary School fielding a 100% CFC rated basketball team!?

Jack Jeffrey

Vancouver

That is a fantastic article you wrote on Kasparov-Kramnik. The annotations were excellent! Some additional information for your readers: while in Istanbul, Kevin Spraggett and I were sitting in the hotel bar one night when

a very strong grandmaster – who shall remain nameless – joined us for a drink on Kevin's invitation. Kevin almost immediately asked him about the match, and this is what he had to say in the hour that followed:

"1) Kramnik tricked Kasparov by frequently playing the Petroff in recent events.

2) The Berlin Defense was a brilliant anti-Kasparov choice.

3) Kasparov mistakenly thought that Kramnik's weak point as Black was in the king pawn openings, and he therefore spent too much time on his preparation in this area in an attempt to crush Kramnik.

4) Kasparov has unique problems with Black against Kramnik, because Kramnik takes away his King's Indian and Benoni 'win openings'.

5) Frustrated with the Black pieces, Kasparov felt tremendous pressure to succeed with White.

6) When Kramnik's Berlin Defense stopped Kasparov, he stubbornly refused to back down and became obsessed with it.

7) Subsequently it was too late to break down Kramnik with 1.d4 since this normally takes longer. Kasparov simply had no options left.

8) Kasparov's inability to pressure Kramnik with White resulted in a cycle where the World Champion had to expend all of his energy reserves trying to hold on with the Black pieces."

Jack Yoos

Merrick, US

Congratulations on an extremely comprehensive job on the World Championship match in the December issue of the magazine.

IM Danny Kopec

Toronto

William Darch passed away 85-years-old on December 9, 2000, at Humber River Regional Hospital following a brief illness. He was a former Executive member of the Weston Chess Club, and long time member of the Peel Chess Club in Brampton. He is survived by siblings Audrey, Duncan and June Haliday, and step daughter Teenie. Memorial donations in his name may be made to the charity of choice.

Mark S. Dutton

Winnipeg

Congratulations on your wonderful coverage and annotations of the Kasparov-Kramnik Braingames World Championship match in the December issue of *En Passant*.

Irwin Lipnowski

	Adult			Junior			Jr. Part.			Family		
Annual Membership	CFC	Prov	\$\$	CFC	Prov	\$\$	CFC	Prov	\$\$	CFC	Prov	\$\$
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British Columbia	33	12	45	22	3	25	10	3	13	16.50	6	22.50
Manitoba	33	20	53	22	10	32	10	3	13	16.50	10	26.50
New Brunswick	33	3	36	22	2	24	10	2	12	16.50	1.50	18
Newfoundland	33	3	36	22	2	24	10	2	12	16.50	1.50	18
Nova Scotia	33	7	40	22	3	25	10	3	13	16.50	2.50	19
Northwest Territories	33	0	33	22	0	22	10	0	10	16.50	0	16.50
Ontario	33	7	40	22	3	25	10	2	12	16.50	3.50	20
Prince Edward Island	33	0	33	22	0	22	10	0	10	16.50	0	16.50
Quebec	33	0	33	22	0	22	10	0	10	16.50	0	16.50
Saskatchewan	33	10	43	22	7	29	10	0	10	16.50	5	21.50
Yukon	33	0	33	22	0	22	10	0	10	16.50	0	16.50
Foreign	33	0	33	22	0	22	10	0	10	16.50	0	16.50

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Coming Events

The Coming Events advertising section is brought to you by the Chess Federation of Canada.

Note: This is free for all CFC-Rated events.

Players: When you enter by mail, include your name, address, CFC number, expiry date, rating and date published (if you are entering your first CFC event, you are probably an unrated player), and birthdate if you are a junior – all with your entry fee.

CFC membership is required in these tournaments except where indicated. If you buy a CFC membership with your entry, obtain a receipt from the organizer. Please bring your chess pieces, boards and clocks. Unless stated otherwise all tournaments are Non-Smoking and No Computers.

Summary

Date: Dates of the event
Place: Location of the event
Rds: Number of rounds
Type: Rating type either Regular or Active and either Swiss or Round Robin (RR)
Times: Round times, “/” = next day
TC: Time Controls, SD means Sudden Death – all remaining moves in fixed time
EF: Entry Fee.
Sec: Sections tournament is broken down into
Prizes: \$BEN = Prizes based upon entries, \$Gxx = Guaranteed prize of xx
Reg: Registration time instructions
Org: Tournament organizer and contact information
Misc: Other important information

UR Unrated; **Jr.** Junior; **Sr.** Senior; **Cd.** Cadet (under 16) **Bye n** A half-point bye is available in round(s) **n** if requested in advance with entry; **CC** Chess Club; **S** Smoking allowed.

Organizers of CFC-rated events should send notices to: The CFC, 2212 Gladwin Crescent, E-1, Ottawa, ON, K1B 5N1 by the 25th of each even numbered month (e.g., February). Notices must state the name of the organizer and whether smoking is allowed. A prize fund is considered to be guaranteed by the organizer unless explicitly stated otherwise.

A tournament in a small town (under 75,000 population) may qualify for an LTIP grant. Write to the CFC for details of this program.

Ontario

Scarborough CC New 80% Actives

Date: February 17, March 17, May 26, June 23, July 8
Place: MacGregor Park Recreation Centre, 2231 Lawrence Ave E
Rds: 6
Type: Active Swiss
Times: 2, 3:20, 4:30, 6, 7:10, 8:20
TC: G/30
EF: \$40; \$30 Jr/Sr; less \$10 SCC members and titled
Prizes: \$BEN 80%
Reg: 12:30–13:45 at site; or cheques to Scarborough CC, 72 Cavehill Crescent, Scarborough, ON, M1R 4P9
Org: Bryan Lamb, (416)391-4777 blamb@idirect.com

Kitchener KW Winter Open

Date: February 23–25
Place: Kitchener City Hall (main floor), 200 King St. W
Rds: 5
Type: Regular Swiss
Times: 6:30 / 9:30, 3 / 9:30, 3
TC: 30/90, SD/60
EF: Open \$35; U2000 \$30, U1600 \$25; less \$10 Jr/Sr; \$10 late fee after February 16
Prizes: \$BEN
Reg: 17:30–18:15 at site; or cheques to Albert Den-Otter, 11 Hermie Place, Kitchener, ON, N2H 4X9 ardenotter@hotmail.com
Org: Albert Den-Otter (519)744-5213
Misc: Bye 1–4; SWOCL Grand Prix

DCC Saturday Actives

Date: February 24, March 24, May 5, June 2, July 28, August 25
Place: 1681 Bayview Ave, two blocks south of Eglinton, above Chess'n Match, Toronto
Rds: 6
Type: Active Swiss
Times: 12:30, 1:45, 3, 5, 6:15, 7:30
TC: G/30
EF: \$40; \$10 late fee; less \$10 Jr/Sr, women, titled, 2400+
Sec: Open, U2000, U1600
Prizes: \$BEN 70%
Reg: 11:00–12:00 at site; or cheques to Mark S. Dutton, Suite 3910, Leaside Towers, 95 Thorncliffe Park Dr, Toronto, ON, M4H 1L7
Org: Mark S. Dutton (416)467-9715
Misc: Bye 1–5, max. 3; http://www.play.at/duttonchess

Scarborough CC Thursday Spring RR

Date: March 1 to April 5

Place: Scarborough CC, Wexford Seniors Community Centre, 1860 Lawrence Ave. E
Rds: 5
Type: Regular Round Robin
Times: 7
TC: 30/75, SD/30
EF: SCC members free
Prizes: Trophies
Org: Bryan Lamb, (416)391-4777 blamb@idirect.com; http://webhome.idirect.com/~blamb/

Niagara Falls Active

Date: March 11
Place: Niagara College, Maid of the Mist Campus, Room MM1, 5881 Dunn Street
Rds: 5
Type: Active Swiss
Times: 10, asap
TC: G/30
EF: \$25; \$10 Jr, first time CFC
Prizes: \$BEN
Reg: 09:00–10:00 at site; no phone entries; or cheques to Chris Vanderlee, 5319 Victoria Ave, Upper Apt, Niagara Falls, ON, L2E 4E6
Org: Chris Vanderlee (905)358-3615; John Erickson (905)371-8855; Romie Matino (905)374-0271
Misc: Bring sets and clocks

Ottawa RA Spring Open

Date: March 24–25
Place: RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Drive
Rds: 5
Type: Regular Swiss
Times: 9, 2:15, 7:30 / 9, 2:15
TC: 30/90, SD/60
EF: \$35; \$15 amateurs; less \$5 RA CC members; \$10 late fee
Prizes: \$BEN
Reg: Until 08:45 at site; or cheques to Doug Burgess, 126 Rutherford Court, Kanata, K2K 1N5, by March 16
Misc: Bye 1–3; EOCA Grand Prix event; bring clocks

Scarborough CC Youth Tournaments

Date: March 24, April 14, May 26, June 3, July 8
Place: Scarborough CC, Wexford Collegiate Cafeteria, 1176 Pharmacy Ave, Scarborough
Rds: 5
Type: Active Swiss
Times: 10:30, 11:30, 1, 2, 3
TC: G/30
EF: \$10; less \$2 SCC Jr members
Prizes: SCC/CFC memberships, trophies, medals
Reg: 10:00–10:30 at site; or cheques

to Scarborough CC, 72 Cavehill Crescent, Scarborough, ON, M1R 4P9
Org: Bryan Lamb, (416)391-4777
 blamb@idirect.com; http://webhome.idirect.com/~blamb/youth.htm
Misc: Lecture and simul after the event; \$3 for non-SCC members

Scarborough CC Sunday Spring RR

Date: March 25 to April 29
Place: Scarborough CC, Wexford Seniors Community Centre, 1860 Lawrence Ave E
Rds: 5
Type: Regular Round Robin
Times: 1:30
TC: 40/120, SD/60
EF: SCC members free
Prizes: Trophies
Org: Bryan Lamb, (416)391-4777
 blamb@idirect.com; http://webhome.idirect.com/~blamb/

DCC Wednesday Spring Fever Swiss

Date: March 28 to April 25
Place: 1681 Bayview Ave., two blocks south of Eglinton, above Chess'n Math, Toronto
Rds: 6
Type: Regular Swiss
Times: 6:30
TC: 40/120, SD/60
EF: Free with DCC membership
Prizes: N/A
Reg: 18:00-18:30 at site; or cheques to Mark S. Dutton, Suite 3910, Leaside Towers, 95 Thorncliffe Park Dr, Toronto, ON, M4H 1L7
Org: Mark S. Dutton (416)467-9715
Misc: http://www.play.at/duttonchess

Toronto Senior Championship

Date: March 31 - April 1
Place: Bradgate Arms, 54 Foxbar Road
Rds: 5
Type: Regular Swiss
Times: 11, 3 / 10, 2, 6
TC: G/75
EF: \$25; \$5 amateur; \$2 late fee
Prizes: \$\$BEN
Reg: 10:00-10:30 at site; or cheques to Wilf Ferner, 121 Trudelle St. #711, Scarborough, ON, M1J 3K4 by March 21
Org: Wilf Ferner weferner@axxent.ca
Misc: Bring sets, boards, clocks; open to DOB before 51/03/31; http://webhome.idirect.com/~blamb/GTCL/senior.htm

Scarborough CC Thursday Spring Swiss

Date: April 12 to May 10
Place: Scarborough CC, Wexford Seniors Community Centre, 1860 Lawrence Ave E
Rds: 6
Type: Regular Swiss
Times: 7

TC: 30/75, SD/30
EF: SCC members free
Prizes: Trophies
Org: Bryan Lamb, (416)391-4777
 blamb@idirect.com; http://webhome.idirect.com/~blamb/

DCC Wednesday Mayflower Swiss

Date: May 2 to May 30
Place: 1681 Bayview Ave., two blocks south of Eglinton, above Chess'n Math, Toronto
Rds: 6
Type: Regular Swiss
Times: 6:30
TC: 40/120, SD/60
EF: Free with DCC membership
Prizes: N/A
Reg: 18:00-18:30 at site; or cheques to Mark S. Dutton, Suite 3910, Leaside Towers, 95 Thorncliffe Park Dr, Toronto, ON, M4H 1L7
Org: Mark S. Dutton (416)467-9715
Misc: http://www.play.at/duttonchess

Scarborough CC Sunday Summer Swiss

Date: May 14 to June 25
Place: Scarborough CC, Wexford Seniors Community Centre, 1860 Lawrence Ave E
Rds: 5
Type: Regular Swiss
Times: 1:30
TC: 40/120, SD/60
EF: SCC members free
Prizes: Trophies
Org: Bryan Lamb, (416)391-4777
 blamb@idirect.com; http://webhome.idirect.com/~blamb/

Toronto Victoria Day Open

Date: May 19-21
Place: Best Western Primrose Hotel, 111 Carlton Street, Toronto
Rds: 6
Type: Regular Swiss
Times: 11, 5:30 / 11, 5:30 / 11, 5:30
TC: 40/120, SD/60
EF: \$50; \$10 late fee; less \$10 Jr/Sr, 2400+, titled & women; GM free Open, U2000, U1800, U1600&UR
Sec: \$BEN 70%
Prizes: \$BEN 70%
Reg: 08:30-09:30 at site; or cheques to Mark S. Dutton, Suite 3910, Leaside Towers, 95 Thorncliffe Park Dr, Toronto, ON, M4H 1L7 by May 14
Org: Mark S. Dutton (416)467-9715, DutChess@idirect.ca
Misc: Bye 1-5, max. 3; GTCL sanctioned; FIDE rated; bring sets and clocks; special rates at Best Western 1-800-268-8082

DCC Wednesday Spring Into Summer Swiss

Date: June 6 to July 11
Place: 1681 Bayview Ave., two blocks south of Eglinton, above Chess'n Math, Toronto
Rds: 6

Dutton Chess Y2K Toronto Events

All events share the following details unless noted otherwise.

Place: Best Western Primrose Hotel, 111 Carlton St. (at Jarvis)

Rds: 6 **Type:** Regular Swiss

TC: 40/120, SD/60

TD/Org: Mark S. Dutton
 (416)467-9715, (416)219-7933
 DutChess@idirect.ca, http://www.play.at/duttonchess

Events:

Toronto Class Championship
 March 9-11; 5 rds; FIDE rated

Toronto Open
 April 13-15; 6 rds; FIDE rated

Victoria Day Open
 May 19-21; 6 rds; FIDE rated

Father's Day Open
 June 14-17; 5 rds

Toronto Summer International
 August 15-19; 9 rds.
 \$\$G15,000; FIDE rated

Place: Dutton Chess Club, 1681 Bayview Avenue, 2nd floor

Misc: Adults \$99, Jr./Sr. \$69; join anytime with 1/2 pt. byes!

Mondays:

G/15 Events; Open 18:00-23:00
6rds; start at 19:30; EF \$10

Wednesdays:

40/120, SD/60; start at 18:30

Cabin Fever II
 February 14 to March 21

Spring Fever II
 March 28 to April 25

Mayflower II
 May 2 to May 30

Saturdays:

G/5 Blitz; 2 Events each Week
7 double rds. Swiss
Times: 13:00 & 16:00 EF: \$10

Regular Afternoon Events
 40/120, SD/60; 12:00-18:00

March Into April
 March 3 to April 21

Spring Into Summer II
 April 28 to June 23

DCC Active Series #11-16
 G/30; 6 rds.; EF \$40, Jr \$30
 February 24, March 24, May 5,
 June 2, July 28, August 25

Scarborough Chess Club Tournament Schedule

All events have the following information in common unless noted otherwise.

Place: Scarborough Chess Club, Wexford Seniors Community Centre, 1860 Lawrence Ave, Scarborough, ON

Club Hours: Sundays 12:30–20:30 (games at 13:00), Tuesdays 18:30–23:00 (games at 19:00), Thursdays 18:30–23:00 (games at 19:00)

Org: Bryan Lamb
(416)391–4777
blamb@idirect.com

Misc: Scarborough Chess Club membership required (\$100/yr Adult, \$75/yr Sr, \$50/yr Jr). Events are CFC-rated (CFC membership required). Entry fees to events covered by club membership. Discounts for members 5+ years, and for bringing new members. <http://webhome.idirect.com/~blamb/SCC:scarboro@idirect.ca>

Special Events:

Thursday Evening Events

TC: 30/90, SD/30

Times: 7, one game per week

Sunday Afternoon Events

TC: 40/120, SD/60

Times: 1, one game per week

Ongoing Blitz Tournaments

Sundays: G/5, \$10 at 17:00

Tuesdays: G/15, \$10 at 19:00

Active Tournaments

Place: MacGregor Park

Recreation Centre, 2231

Lawrence Avenue

Date: Saturdays on Feb. 17, Mar.

17, Apr. 28, May 26, June 23

Type: Active Swiss

Rds: 6

Time: 14:00

EF: \$40; \$30 Jr/Sr/titled & SCC

SCC Thursday Spring RR

Date: March 1–29

Type: Regular RR

Rds: 5

SCC Spring Swiss

Date: April 5 to May 17

Type: Regular Swiss

Rds: 6

Type: Regular Swiss
Times: 6:30
TC: 40/120, SD/60
EF: Free with DCC membership
Prizes: N/A
Reg: 18:00–18:30 at site; or cheques to Mark S. Dutton, Suite 3910, Leaside Towers, 95 Thorncliffe Park Dr, Toronto, ON, M4H 1L7
Org: Mark S. Dutton (416)467–9715
Misc: <http://www.play.at/duttonchess>

Toronto Father's Day Open

Date: June 15–17
Place: Best Western Primrose Hotel, 111 Carlton Street, Toronto
Rds: 5
Type: Regular Swiss
Times: 7 / 10, 4:30 / 10, 4:30
TC: 40/120, SD/60
EF: \$60; \$20 late fee; less \$20 Jr/Sr, 2400+, titled & women; GM free Open, U2000, U1800, U1600&UR
Sec: \$BEN
Prizes: \$BEN
Reg: 17:00–18:30 at site; or cheques to Mark S. Dutton, Suite 3910, Leaside Towers, 95 Thorncliffe Park Dr, Toronto, ON, M4H 1L7 by June 11
Org: Mark S. Dutton (416)467–9715, DutChess@idirect.ca
Misc: Bye 1–4, max. 2; GTCL sanctioned; bring sets and clocks; special rates at Best Western 1–800–268–8082

Canada Day Open

Date: June 30–July 2
Place: 1681 Bayview Ave., two blocks south of Eglinton, above Chess'n Math, Toronto
Rds: 6
Type: Regular Swiss
Times: 10, 4:30 / 10, 4:30 / 10, 4:30
TC: 40/120, SD/60
EF: \$60; \$20 late fee; less \$20 Jr/Sr, titled, women; GMs free Open, U2000, U1600&UR
Sec: \$BEN 70%
Prizes: \$BEN 70%
Reg: 08:30–09:30 at site; or cheques to Mark S. Dutton, Suite 3910, Leaside Towers, 95 Thorncliffe Park Dr, Toronto, ON, M4H 1L7 by June 29
Org: Mark S. Dutton (416)467–9715
Misc: Bye 1–5 max. 3; <http://www.play.at/duttonchess>

DCC Wednesday Days of Summer Swiss

Date: July 18 to August 29
Place: 1681 Bayview Ave., two blocks south of Eglinton, above Chess'n Math, Toronto
Rds: 6
Type: Regular Swiss
Times: 6:30
TC: 40/120, SD/60
EF: Free with DCC membership
Prizes: N/A
Reg: 18:00–18:30 at site; or cheques

to Mark S. Dutton, Suite 3910, Leaside Towers, 95 Thorncliffe Park Dr, Toronto, ON, M4H 1L7
Org: Mark S. Dutton (416)467–9715
Misc: <http://www.play.at/duttonchess>

Simcoe Day Open

Date: August 4–6
Place: 1681 Bayview Ave., two blocks south of Eglinton, above Chess'n Math, Toronto
Rds: 6
Type: Regular Swiss
Times: 10, 4:30 / 10, 4:30 / 10, 4:30
TC: 40/120, SD/60
EF: \$60; \$20 late fee; less \$20 Jr/Sr, titled, women; GMs free
Sec: Open, U2100, U1700&UR
Prizes: \$BEN 70%
Reg: 08:30–09:30 at site; or cheques to Mark S. Dutton, Suite 3910, Leaside Towers, 95 Thorncliffe Park Dr, Toronto, ON, M4H 1L7 by July 30
Org: Mark S. Dutton (416)467–9715
Misc: Bye 1–5 max. 3; <http://www.play.at/duttonchess>

Toronto Summer International

Date: August 15–19, 2001
Place: Best Western Primrose Hotel, 111 Carlton Street, Toronto
Rds: 9
Type: Regular Swiss
Times: 6 / 10, 4:30 / 10, 4:30 / 10, 4:30 / 10, 4:30
TC: 40/120, SD/60
EF: GMs free; \$100 by May 31, \$125 by August 1, \$150 thereafter
Sec: Open, U2200, U2000, U1800, U1600/U1400/UR
Prizes: \$G15,000
Reg: Cheques to Mark S. Dutton, Suite 3910, Leaside Towers, 95 Thorncliffe Park Dr, Toronto, ON, M4H 1L7
Org: Mark S. Dutton, (416)467–9715, DutChess@idirect.ca
Misc: Bye 1–8 max. 3; top section FIDE rated; brings sets, clocks; special rate at Best Western Primrose Hotel 1–800–268–8082

British Columbia

Bulkley Valley February

Date: February 17
Place: Amenities Room, 1211 Bulkley Drive, Smithers
Rds: 3
Type: Regular Swiss
Times: 9:30, 1, 4:30
TC: G/90
EF: \$5
Prizes: \$BEN
Reg: 09:00–9:30 at site
Misc: tyhee@uniserve.com

Kelowna Winterfest

Date: February 24–25
Place: Sandman Inn, Kelowna
Rds: 5
Type: Regular Swiss
Times: 9, 2, 7 / 9, asap
TC: 30/90, SD/60
EF: \$25, \$20 Sr, \$15 Jr
Prizes: \$ \$BEN
Reg: 08:30–09:00 at site
Org: Wally Steinke (250)545–6677, wsteinke@sd22.bc.ca; John Neufeld (250)766–4118, neuf@uniserve.com
Misc: Sandman Inn (250)860–6409; bring sets, clocks

Victoria Regional Chess Challenge

Date: March 10
Place: Claremont Secondary School
Rds: TBA
Type: Active Swiss/RR
Times: 10, asap
TC: G/30
EF: \$10
Sec: K–12 students; two per school/grade from Victoria region
Prizes: Medals and ribbons
Reg: 09:00 at site
Org: Justin Aylward 361–1924, Justin.Aylward@home.com; Tim Bethell 389–0899; Brian Raymer 595–0025; Lynn Stringer 658–5207 Lynns2@home.com
Misc: Provincial Chess Challenge Qualifier; light concession

Claremont Regional Junior Championship

Date: March TBA
Place: Claremont Secondary School
Rds: TBA
Type: Active Swiss/RR
Times: 10, asap

TC: G/30
EF: \$10
Sec: U18, U16, U14, U12, U10
Prizes: Trophies, medals and ribbons
Reg: 09:00 at site
Org: Justin Aylward 361–1924, Justin.Aylward@home.com; Tim Bethell 389–0899; Brian Raymer 595–0025; Lynn Stringer 658–5207 Lynns2@home.com
Misc: Provincial Junior Championship Qualifier; light concession

UBC Tuesday Night March/April

Date: March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17
Place: UBC, Location TBA
Rds: 5
Type: Regular Swiss
Times: Rd.1 7 / 6:30 / 6:30 / 6:30 / 6:30
TC: 40/90, SD/60
EF: \$15; \$12 UBC CC members; \$8 Jr; Masters and new CFC free
Reg: 18:30–19:00 at site
Prizes: \$ \$BEN
Org: Lyle Craver 980–2040
Misc: Bye 1–4

Vancouver Provincial Chess Challenge

Date: April 14
Place: BC Institute of Technology, Vancouver
Rds: TBA
Type: Active Swiss/RR
Times: 10, asap
TC: G/30
EF: TBA
Sec: Open to K–12 students qualified from regional events
Prizes: Medals and ribbons
Reg: TBA
Org: Justin Aylward 361–1924, Justin.Aylward@home.com; Tim Bethell 389–0899; Brian Raymer

595–0025; Lynn Stringer 658–5207 Lynns2@home.com
Misc: National Chess Challenge Qualifier; light concession

Keres Memorial

Date: May 18–21
Place: Plaza 500 Hotel, 500 W 12th, Vancouver, BC
Rds: 7
Type: Regular Swiss
Times: 6 / 10, 5 / 10, 5 / 10, 5
TC: 40/120, 20/60, SD/15
EF: \$50 by October 31, \$70 by December 31, \$90 by March 31, \$99 by April 1; all entries refundable up to May 1; GM/IM/2400+ free; discounts Jr. 50%, Sr. 25%, 2200+ 25%, limit of one discount per entry
Sec: Open, >1600, U1600, Cadet
Prizes: \$ \$BEN
Reg: Cheques to PO Box 15548, Vancouver, BC, V6B 5B3
Org: Peter Stockhausen, BCCF
Misc: Top section FIDE rated

Alberta

ECC John Tournaments

Date: Monday nights
Place: Edmonton Chess Club
Rds: 4
Type: Active Swiss
TC: G/30
EF: \$2
Reg: 18:30–19:15 at site
Org: John Quiring (403)468–9173

New Brunswick

19th Annual



Grand Prix

Grand Prix Prizes

First Prize: \$419
Second Prize: \$219
Third Prize: \$119
1950–2199 \$219
1700–1949 \$219
Under 1700 \$219
Unestablished Rating: \$119
Total Prizes: \$1533

First, second and third prizes go to the players who accumulate the most points in the Open sections of seven events. Other prizes are won by those accumulating the most points in all events, in any section. Rating category is determined by established rating at the time of their first tournament in the then current Grand Prix. All others are eligible for the Unestablished Rating prize.

Grand Prix Schedule

1. Renfrew Open P. Naish August 26–27
2. Ottawa Open D. Burgess September 16–17
3. Outaouais Open H. Seguin November 3–5
4. Seaway Valley Open R. Lacroix November 18–19
5. R.A. Winter Open T. Fleming January 13–14
6. Kingston Open R. Hutchinson February 10–11
7. R.A. Spring Open D. Burgess March 24–25
8. Arnprior Open M. Wasmund May 5–6
9. Eastern Ontario Open D. Burgess June 9–10

Grand Prix Winners

1982–83 Kevin Spraggett; 1983–84 Stephen Ball; 1984–85 Brian Hartman; 1985–86 Gordon Taylor; 1986–87 Brian Hartman; 1987–88 John Armstrong & Glenn Johnstone; 1988–89 Deen Hergott; 1989–90 Deen Hergott; 1990–91 Deen Hergott; 1991–92 Deen Hergott; 1992–93 Deen Hergott; 1993–94 Gordon Taylor; 1994–95 Gordon Taylor; 1995–96 Glenn Johnstone; 1996–97 Deen Hergott; 1997–98 Deen Hergott & Michael Schleifer; 1998–99 Deen Hergott; 1999–2000 Tom O'Donnell & Deen Hergott

Bathurst CRCC Tornados

Date: March 10, May 12, July 14,
September 8, November 10
Place: NBCC, Youghall Drive, Bathurst
Rds: 4
Type: Regular Swiss
Times: 9, 11:30, 2:30, 5
TC: G/60
EF: \$20; \$5 Cd; \$2 with first time
CFC membership
Prizes: \$ \$BEN

Fredericton Snowflea III

Date: March 16–18
Place: Room D–203, Centre
Communautaire Sainte-Anne,
715 Priestman Street,
Fredericton
Rds: 5
Type: Regular Swiss
Times: 18:30 / 10, 4:30 / 9, 3:30
TC: G/120, rd.1; 40/120, SD/60,
rds.2-5
EF: \$25; \$20 Jr/U1600; \$10 Cd.; less
\$2 Club D'echecs Sainte-Anne
members; free with first time
CFC membership
Prizes: \$ \$BEN 75%
Reg: 17:30–18:15 at site
Org: Chris Maund
chris.maund@gnb.ca
Misc: Bye 1–4; bring sets and clocks

Fredericton Spring Open

Date: April 27–29
Place: Room D–203, Centre
Communautaire Sainte-Anne,
715 Priestman Street,
Fredericton
Rds: 5
Type: Regular Swiss
Times: 18:30 / 10, 4:30 / 9, 3:30
TC: G/120, rd.1; 40/120, SD/60,
rds.2-5
EF: \$25; \$20 Jr/U1600; \$10 Cd.; less
\$2 Club D'echecs Sainte-Anne
members; free with first time
CFC membership
Prizes: \$ \$BEN 75%
Reg: 17:30–18:15 at site
Org: Chris Maund
chris.maund@gnb.ca
Misc: Bye 1–4; bring sets and clocks

Nova Scotia

Bluenose Chess Club Championship

Date: February 16–18
Place: Room 224–226, Dalhousie
University Student Union
Building, 6136 University Ave,
Halifax
Rds: 5
Type: Regular Swiss
Times: 6:30 / 10, 4 / 9:30, 3
TC: 30/90, SD/60
EF: \$30; \$25 Sr; \$15 Jr; less \$5
Bluenose CC members; plus \$5

for section up; free with first
time CFC membership
Sec: Open, U1800
Prizes: \$ \$BEN
Reg: 18:00–18:20 at site
Org: John Klapstein (902)443–4907,
jklapste@is2.dal.ca

Bridgewater Lunenburg County Open

Date: April 20–22
Place: Auberge Wandlyn Inn, 50 North
Street, Bridgewater
Rds: 5
Type: Regular Swiss
Times: 7 / 9:30, 3 / 9, 2:30
TC: 30/90, SD/60
EF: \$25; \$10 Jr/Sr/Masters; free with
first time CFC membership
Sec: Open, U1700
Prizes: \$ \$BEN
Reg: 18:00–19:00 at site
Org: Steve Saunders,
ssaunder@fox.nstn.ca, Home
(902)624–9361 Work
(902)634–8811
Misc: Bye 1–5; bring sets, boards,
clocks; Auberge Wandlyn Inn
(902)543–7131

Prince Edward Island

Charlottetown Open

Date: May 5–7
Place: Colonel Gray High School
Library
Rds: 5
Type: Regular Swiss
Times: 9:30, 1, 7 / 9, 2
TC: G/90 rd.1; 40/120, SD/60 rd.2-5
EF: \$25; \$15 Jr; \$10 Cd
Prizes: \$ \$BEN
Reg: 09:00 at site
Org: Fred McKim (902)626–2676 (w)
or (902)894–4171 (h)
Misc: Holiday Island Motel
(902)892–4141, Garden Gate
Motor Inn (902)892–3411, Inn
on the Hill (902)894–8572, Best
Western (902)892–2461, UPEI
Residence (902)566–0568,
limited number of billets; [http://
fundy.csd.unbsj.ca/~e89z/
tnmntschd/charop01.html](http://fundy.csd.unbsj.ca/~e89z/tmntschd/charop01.html)

Newfoundland

Mid-Winter Knights

Date: February 23–25
Place: University Student Center
Cafeteria, St.John's
Rds: 5
Type: Regular Swiss
Times: 7 / 6, 8:15 / 9:30, 12
TC: G/61
EF: \$10; \$20 for non-CFC members
Prizes: \$ \$BEN
Reg: Bob Woodworth

bobwoodworth@roadrunner.nf.net;
Alick Tsui (709)726–1987
alick@roadrunner.nf.net
Bye 1–4 max. 2

Spring Knights

Date: March 23–25
Place: University Student Center
Cafeteria, St.John's
Rds: 5
Type: Regular Swiss
Times: 7 / 6, 8:15 / 9:30, 12
TC: G/61
EF: \$10; \$20 for non-CFC members
Prizes: \$ \$BEN
Reg: Bob Woodworth
bobwoodworth@roadrunner.nf.net;
Alick Tsui (709)726–1987
alick@roadrunner.nf.net
Misc: Bye 1–4 max. 2

Easter Knights

Date: April 27–29
Place: University Student Center
Cafeteria, St.John's
Rds: 5
Type: Regular Swiss
Times: 7 / 6, 8:15 / 9:30, 12
TC: G/61
EF: \$10; \$20 for non-CFC members
Prizes: \$ \$BEN
Reg: Bob Woodworth
bobwoodworth@roadrunner.nf.net;
Alick Tsui (709)726–1987
alick@roadrunner.nf.net
Misc: Bye 1–4 max. 2

May Knights

Date: May 25–27
Place: University Student Center
Cafeteria, St.John's
Rds: 5
Type: Regular Swiss
Times: 7 / 6, 8:15 / 9:30, 12
TC: G/61
EF: \$10; \$20 for non-CFC members
Prizes: \$ \$BEN
Reg: Bob Woodworth
bobwoodworth@roadrunner.nf.net;
Alick Tsui (709)726–1987
alick@roadrunner.nf.net
Misc: Bye 1–4 max. 2

Summer Knights

Date: June 22–24
Place: University Student Center
Cafeteria, St.John's
Rds: 5
Type: Regular Swiss
Times: 7 / 6, 8:15 / 9:30, 12
TC: G/61
EF: \$10; \$20 for non-CFC members
Prizes: \$ \$BEN
Reg: Bob Woodworth
bobwoodworth@roadrunner.nf.net;
Alick Tsui (709)726–1987
alick@roadrunner.nf.net
Misc: Bye 1–4 max. 2

The 34th Chess Olympiad Istanbul 2000

by Jack Yoos

Opening Remarks

Often friends ask me how they can become stronger chess players, and my usual reply is that they first need to find an answer for themselves about what motivates them to pursue such a goal. Obviously it makes little sense for an average club player in his forties to begin serious professional training towards a grandmaster title, when this kind of effort is more likely to produce frustration than results.

Priorities can differ widely, and for many players the enjoyment of the game is all they need. Usually some advice can be given on improving specific skills, and focusing their work on the aspects of the game that they enjoy the most. Essentially, you are more likely to excel at something if it is both enjoyable and important to you. Similarly, I feel that the success or failure of our Canadian Olympic team is inextricably linked to the level of appreciation and importance with which the team members and the chess community as a whole view it.

The success of the Australian Olympic team in Sydney last summer, for example, is a testament to the value their athletic community places on

achievement. The Canadian Men's team was ranked 47th and finished in a tie for 25th–31st at the Istanbul Olympiad, while the Women's team was ranked 57th and finished in a tie for 56th–61st place. Considering the small chess community in Canada, the result of the Men's team in particular is quite remarkable. Kevin Spraggett won the silver medal on board two, while Pascal Charbonneau and Igor Zugic both achieved IM norms. We were paired up in 10/14 matches, and played three of the top twelve teams to lose by a single point!

Superlatives aside, how can we do even better? The answer goes back to my earlier points about assigning priorities. The success of the national team depends not on the present strength of our players alone, but also on sponsorship levels, and the quality of organization and community support in general. This year we were very fortunate to benefit from the generous support of Belzberg Technologies Inc, and I would like to publicly thank them on behalf of the national team and the entire Canadian chess community. Their support made it possible to send complete teams including a captain to the event, which is a prerequisite to performing up to our potential. Sponsorship also helps attract the best players, and indirectly benefits the entire chess community by freeing up CFC financial resources for other important applications.

This year's team also benefit from the infusion of youth represented by Igor Zugic and Pascal Charbonneau, and it is clear to me that the promotion of junior chess is a key ingredient of future international successes. Also important are sufficient opportunities for our strong players to gain valuable experience at high level events, and the support of the chess community in general. Team morale in Istanbul was very high, and the many positive comments on the internet posted during the event really helped in this regard. On the other hand, it would have been less distracting if a number



Alexandre Lesiege

of observers back home could have held off on their self indulgent political squabbling, much of which was at the team members' expense.

After Ron Livshits and Yan Teplitsky withdrew from the team at the last possible moment due to concerns about their safety in Turkey, two replacement players had to be found immediately. David Cummings and myself reacted quickly by letting the officials know that we would be interested and able to go on such short notice and, together with the help of CFC President Maurice Smith and the office staff the necessary arrangements were made without a moment to spare.

The first day in Istanbul found the team at the tournament site to sort out our badges and attend the opening ceremony. Unfortunately the badges proved to be somewhat more difficult to attain than points during the event, and the opening ceremony featured little more than the usual platitudes by politicians and officials, followed by several videos that were designed to advertise Istanbul as a future host of the Summer Olympic Games. To their credit, the organizers of the Olympiad itself actually did a creditable job. Initial problems with the sensory boards, for example, were resolved in later rounds.

The Players

Dale Kirton played a key role in our team's success in his role as captain. He is a former Manitoba Champion, and has more recently made himself a name as an opening theoretician.



Kevin Spraggett

Dale possesses all of the essential attributes to succeed in this position: he is a strong player in his own right, able to participate constructively in analysis sessions, and in accurately keeping the team up-to-date on the progress of a match so that critical decisions regarding draw offers can be made appropriately. The workload of a team captain is considerable, and he went out of his way to make a great contribution.

Alexandre Lesiege is our reigning national champion and played on first board. He is a veteran member of the Olympic team and a world class grandmaster, whose professional approach to team competitions and generous relations with team members were greatly appreciated.

Kevin Spraggett played board two and needs no introduction after dominating Canadian chess for a full generation. His boundless energy is evident when analyzing games, and of course when grinding down other GMs in long games.

Igor Zugic played board three and is a new addition to the national team. In spite of his young age, there is little in his play that suggests the slightest inexperience. He has a very mature positional style, and with the exception of Alexandre and Kevin is clearly as strong as anyone else in Canada.

Pascal Charbonneau was the youngest player on the team, also a newcomer, and played board four. He has a very outgoing and friendly personality that belies his tough and mature play. Just like Igor, Pascal is already looking for GM norms in his near future.

David Cummings was a late addition to the team and played as first alternate. He is one of the very few top players who does not play chess professionally. David has a positional style that is well suited to reliably holding down a bottom board in a team event like the Olympiad, where the first two boards are represented by very strong grandmasters. He has plenty of international experience, a cool head under pressure, and a current opening repertoire that makes him a tough customer even for very strong opposition.

Jack Yoos was second alternate, also a late addition to the team, and the only representative from Western

Canada. His aggressive style and polished opening repertoire cast him in the role of 'rabbit basher', and he vows to return to the team having eradicated some of the erratic results he is sometimes prone to.

Round 1

Canada 4–0 Surinan

Lesiege, A 1-0 Dos Ramos, C
Zugic, I 1-0 Motoewi, R
Charbonneau, P 1-0 Gajadin, D
Cummings, D 1-0 Treu, A

Canada 0–3 Bulgaria

Charest, J 0-1 GM Voiska, Margarita
Belc, D 0-1 GM Velcheva, Maria
Bryskine, M 0-1 Djingarova, Emilia

Suprisingly, there were not so many teams that made it through the first round unscathed. The pairings for the next day were often not posted until well after midnight, and as a result the team would usually discuss the lineup at the player meeting around 10pm, just before looking over the day's batch of games. Dale would make a final decision first thing in the morning and submit our lineup by about 8am, and the final pairings would go up a few hours before the round.

Having made the 'cut' in the first round, we were paired down to a much lower rated team from Surinam, and Kevin and I were to warm the bench this time. Since access to the playing site is restricted to players and team captains, those active on a given day have to wear an additional badge to get past security. As a result, handing over your badge to the team captain after losing a game took on the sullen ceremony of a baseball pitcher handing over the ball to the coach after he is yanked from the game. The next day would be spent on the bench.

Round 2

Georgia 2–2 Canada

Lesiege, A ½-½ Giorgadze, Giorgi
Spraggett, K ½-½ Sturua, Zurab
Zugic, I 1-0 Kacheishvili, Giorgi
Yoos, J 0-1 Gelashvili, Tamaz

Canada 3–0 Macau

Charest, J 1-0 Mak, S
Belc, D 1-0 Choi, K
Chu, S 1-0 Dylis Ma, P

Based on Kevin's experience and wisdom, our team would take the twenty minute walk to the site each day, rather than jostle for one of the

buses provided by the organizers. This proved to be a highly beneficial practice for us, since the fresh air helped clear our heads and relax tense nerves.

Fortunately for us, the Georgians sat out one of their heavyweights today and benched Zurab Azmaiparashvili. Still, they would be formidable opponents with one world class player and three other grandmasters in their lineup. As would become the norm for much of the duration of the Olympiad, our team did not impress with their opening preparation today, but began to look really good towards the latter part of the first time control. Igor had recovered from a bad opening to win after a slip from his opponent, while our top two boards seemed headed for a draw. Unfortunately, yours truly sold out an advantageous position in amateurish fashion to eventually lose in the ending. Still, we had passed a very important test against one of the top teams in the event.

Notes by Igor Zugic

Kacheishvili, Giorgi
Zugic, Igor
Istanbul ol (2), 2000
Reti A07

1.♠f3 ♠f6 2.g3 d5 3.♠g2 c6 4.0-0 ♠f5

Probably stronger is 4...♠g4.

5.d3 e6 6.♠bd2 h6 7.b3

In Reshevsky–Sunye Neto, Lone Pine 1977, the American GM preferred 7.♞e1 ♠c5 8.e4 ♠h7 9.♞e2 0-0 10.b3 a5 11.a3 ♠bd7 12.♠b2 b5.

7...♠e7 8.♠b2 0-0 9.♠e5!?

Other moves are 9.♞e1 and 9.♞e1.

9...a5

Jung–Nickoloff, Ontario 1997, went 9...♠bd7 10.e4 ♠h7 11.♞e2 ♠xe5 12.♠xe5 ♞e8 13.♠b2 a5 14.a3 ♞b6 15.♞ae1 ♠d7 16.♞h1 ♠f6 17.♠xf6 ♠xf6 18.f4 ♞c5 19.♠b1 ♠ad8 20.e5 ♠d7 21.♞f2 ♞xf2 22.♠xf2 ½-½.

10.e4 ♠h7 11.a3 ♠bd7

Another possibility is 11...♠a6! although I am not sure what to do with the ♠/a6.

12.♠xd7 ♠xd7 13.♞e2 ♞e8

This position should be equal, but it is not easy for either side to come up with a good plan.

14. ♖h1 ♜f8 15. f4 f6?!

This is the start of a dubious plan to bring the bishop to f7. Better ideas are 15...d4 to blunt White's bishop on the long diagonal, or 15...b5 to begin play on the queenside.

16. ♜f3 ♜g6 17. ♖e3 ♜f7 18. g4 c5 19. a4

Otherwise Black plays ...a4 himself. White is slightly better.

19...d4 20. ♖f2 ♜d7

Black clears square/f8 for the rook in case White opens the f/file.

21. g5!?

White has several possibilities here:

A) after 21. h4 (or 21. ♖ae1 ♖c7 22. ♖g3 e5) 21...♖c7 22. ♖g3 (22. ♜c1 ♜d6) 22...♜d6 23. ♜c1 e5 24. f5 ♖f8 25. g5 hxg5 26. hxcg5 ♖e7 27. g6 ♖h8+ 28. ♜h3 ♜e8 29. ♖f2 ♜b6! 30. ♖h2 ♜c6 the position looks unclear and Black should not be worse. He can return the knight to d7 and begin active play on the queenside with ...b5; or

B) 21. e5! and now

B1) 21...♖f8 22. exf6 ♜xf6 23. ♜e5 ♜d6 24. ♖g3 (24. ♜xb7 ♜xe5 25. fxe5 ♜xc4 26. ♖g3 ♖b8 27. ♖xc4 ♖xb7 intending 28. ♖g1 ♖d5+) 24...♜xe5 25. fxe5 ♜d5 looks equal; while

B2) 21...f5 22. gxf5 exf5 23. ♜h3 ♜e6 24. ♖g1 ♖h8 25. ♖g3 g5! 26. fxg5 hxg5 actually leaves Black slightly better since 27. ♜xc5 ♜xc5 28. ♖xc5 ♜d5+ 29. ♜g2 ♖xc5 doesn't work for White.

21...hxg5 22. fxg5 ♖f8 23. ♖g3 fxg5 24. ♜c1 ♖b8! 25. ♜xcg5

Also about equal is 25. ♖h3 ♖d6 (or 25...g4 26. ♖xc4 ♜e5 27. ♜xe5 ♖xe5) 26. ♜xcg5 ♜xcg5 27. ♜xcg5 e5 28. ♖h4 ♖ae8.

25...♖xcg5 26. hxcg3 ♖ae8 27. ♜h3 ♜xcg5 28. ♜xcg5 ♜h5 29. ♖xf8+ ♜xf8 30. ♖f1 b6 31. ♖g2 ♜f7 32. ♜f4 e5

Although the position is very slightly better for White, Black should have little trouble holding on.

33. ♜g5 ♜h7 34. ♜d7??

A decisive miscalculation in mutual time trouble.

34...♜xcg5 35. ♜xe8 ♜xe8

It is likely that my opponent missed the defense of ♜/e5 after 36. ♖f5 ♜f7.

36. g4 ♜d7 37. ♖g3 ♜e6?

Alexandre pointed out after the game that Black wins immediately with the trivial 37...♜h7! (planning ...g5, ...♖g7, ...♜f6, and taking on g4) 38. ♖h4 g5+ 39. ♖h5 ♖g7 and the deadly threat 40...♜e8. After the text Black is still winning, but not quite as easily.

38. ♖h4 ♜f7

Black's knight begins a long journey.

39. g5 ♜d8 40. g6 ♜c6 41. ♖f2 ♜b4 42. ♖g5 ♜a2 43. ♖f3 ♜c3

With the incidental threat of 44...c4 to break up White's pawns.

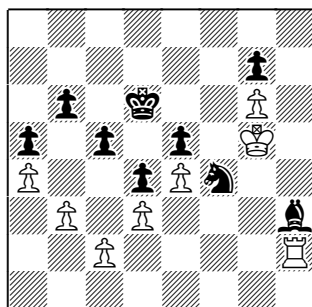
44. ♖f1 ♜e2

During the game I wasn't convinced that I had taken into account all of the possible White resources in the line 44...c4 45. bxc4 ♜xa4 46. ♖b1 (46. ♖a1 ♜d7) 46...♖f8! (after 46...♜d7? 47. ♖h5 ♖f8 48. ♖f1+ it is no longer easy to win) 47. c5 ♜xc5 (not 47...bxc5? 48. ♖b5) 48. ♖xb6 ♜d7+.

45. ♖f2 ♜f4 46. ♖f1 ♖f8 47. ♖h1 ♜h3 48. ♖h4 ♜g2 49. ♖h2 ♖e7 50. ♖g5

Black has a winning ♖+♜ endgame after 50. ♖g3 ♜h3! 51. ♖xh3 ♜xh3 52. ♖xh3 ♖f6.

50...♜h3 51. ♖h1 ♖d6 52. ♖h2



52...c4! 53. bxc4

Black also wins after 53. dxc4 ♖e6 54. ♖h1 ♜g2 55. ♖e1 ♜f3.

53...♜d7 54. ♖h1 ♜e6+ 55. ♖f5 ♜c5+ 56. ♖g5 ♜xa4 57. ♖b1 ♖c7 58. ♖f5 ♜xc2 59. ♖h1 ♜xd3 60. ♖h7 ♜xc4 61. ♖xcg7+ ♖d6

After 62. ♖h7 ♜e6+ White still cannot save ♜/e4.

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Round 3

Canada 2-2 Czech Republic

Lesiege, A ½-½ Movsesian, Sergei
Spraggett, K 1-0 Hracek, Zbynek
Zugic, I ½-½ Babula, Vlastimil

Cummings, D 0-1 Oral, Thomas

Canada 1-2 Turkmenistan

Belc, D 0-1 Geldyeva, M
Bryskine, M ½-½ Atbashieva, Guldjahan
Chu, S ½-½ Ovezova, Maral



David Cummings

The 12th ranked Czech Republic turned out to be an even tougher customer, since they decided to give us their strongest lineup. Alexandre made Movsesian squirm for a while before settling for the draw, and Igor held a safe draw against his nemesis.

Meanwhile, Kevin gave us a taste of more heroics to come when he dropped a massive bomb on Hracek's position with great dramatic timing. In the subsequent mayhem Kevin was simply the better player, and he came away with the full point. On the last board, David collapsed in a frustrating time scramble after earlier equalizing the position with Black. This was our second draw against a top team.

Notes by

David Cummings

Oral, Thomas
Cummings, David

Istanbul ol (3), 2000

Sicilian B40

1. e4 c5 2. ♜f3 e6 3. b3

This slightly unusual, but deceptively dangerous line is a favorite of Oral.

3...♜f6 4. e5 ♜d5 5. ♜b2 ♜c6 6. g3 b6!?

Instead 6...♜e7 7. ♜g2 0-0 8. 0-0 f6 could be considered the main line, while the interesting 6...♜de7 was

played in St.Amand-Spraggett, Quebec 1983.

7.♖g2 ♖b7 8.0-0 ♗e7 9.c4 ♜db4!

In the post mortem, my opponent said that he had underestimated this move. Although Black loses time with knight, he does secure a stake in the center with the subsequent ...d5 and also provokes the weakening a3. White is better after the alternative 9...♗c7 10.d4 since now the advance 10...d5 loses ♗/g7 after exchanges on d6 and c5 clear the long diagonal for White's bishop.

10.d3

White rejects 10.d4 because his opponent is fine after 10...♗xd4 11.♗xd4 ♖xg2 12.♗xg2 (12.♗xe6 doesn't work because of 12...dxe6 13.♗xg2 ♗xd1 14.♗xd1 ♗c2) 12...cxd4 13.♗xd4 0-0. This time Black's knight finds a much better home on c6 than on c7 as in the previous note.

10...d5 11.a3

Clearly worse is 11.exd6 ♗xd6 12.♗xg7 ♖g8 13.♗c3 ♗xd3 when Black follows up with 14...0-0-0.

11...♗a6 12.♗c3 ♗c7 13.d4 0-0

DIAGRAM

A tense situation has arisen, in which a number of different structures can arise from the various possible pawn exchanges in the center.

14.dxc5 bxc5 15.♗c2 ♗c8

16.♖ad1 ♗a5!?

Although I quite like this maneuver, here 16...♖b8 is also possible.

17.♗e2 ♖b8

Black sets his eye on ♗/b3.

18.♗c3 ♗c6 19.♗f4 d4

Although Black has achieved a fully satisfactory position from the opening, I had used up a lot of time. This was my first game against a strong player at this event, and I had yet to build

the necessary confidence to contribute effectively to our team effort. Psychologically this is even more difficult in an Olympiad, where you don't play every day.

20.♗d2

Around here the lights in the tournament hall failed, and it was certainly difficult to maintain a line of thought during the intermission that followed. A little later in the playing session a commotion near the exit doors was followed by the cry "is there a doctor in the house?" It transpired that an unfortunate spectator had been run over by a preoccupied grandmaster rushing to the washroom, and was knocked out cold! Who said that chess was a cerebral game?

20...f6

When the lights came back on, I decided to break up the center before White has time to organize a kingside attack.

DIAGRAM

21.exf6 ♗xf6!?

A hasty recapture. To an unclear position leads 21...gxf6 when Black is certainly not worse after 22.♖fe1 (or 22.♗h3 ♗e5) 22...♗d6 followed by ...e5.

22.♗d3

I hadn't appreciated the strength of this simple retreat, which forces Black's knight to a passive post on a6.

22...♗a6 23.♗f4!?

This looks strong but may have been based on a miscalculation. Instead 23.♖fe1 gives White an edge.

23...e5

This temporary pawn sacrifice is much better than the passive 23...♖a8. Black relies on a tactic to win back the ♗/b3.

24.♗fxe5 ♗xe5 25.♗xe5?

White's best choice is clearly 25.♗xe5 ♗xg2 26.♗xg2 ♗b7+ 27.♗g1 ♗xb3 when Black is fine.

25...♗xg2 26.♗xg2 ♗xe5?

In time trouble both players miss the surprising 26...g5 (the straightforward 26...♗b7+ 27.♗g1 (not 27.♗f3 ♗e5!) 27...♗xb3 also looks better than the game after 28.♗xb3 ♖xb3 29.♗d7 ♖d8 30.♗xf6+ gxf6 31.♖fe1 ♗f7) when it is only Black who can hope to win after 27.♗g6 gxf4 28.♗xf8

♗c6+ 29.♗g1 ♖xf8 30.♖fe1 fxg3 31.hxg3 ♗c7.

27.♗xe5 ♗b7+ 28.♗g1 ♗xb3 29.♗e4 ♖be8 30.♗d5+ ♗h8?

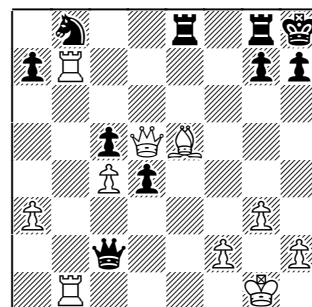
Probably the decisive mistake. Instead 30...♖f7 is preferable, with reasonable play for Black after 31.♖fe1 ♗f3.

31.♖de1 ♗b8

Black's only chance is to activate the ♗/a6. Important is that 31...♗f3 allows the shot 32.♗xf3 ♖xf3 33.♗xg7+.

32.♖b1 ♗c2 33.♖b7 ♖g8 34.♖fb1?

Both players were now in desperate time trouble, which prevented my opponent from consolidated some extra material with 34.♗xc5 ♗e4 35.♖e7 ♖xe7 36.♗xe7 and a winning position.



34...♗c6

Although even this move came as a surprise to my opponent, Black has an improved version of the same idea with 34...♗d7! when Black threatens ...♗xe5 and ...♗b6 while the blockade of the 7th rank prevents the game continuation and leaves White looking for an adequate reply: now 35.♖b2 (Black is more than fine after 35.♗xd7 ♖xe5; while 35.♗f4 allows 35...♗b6) 35...♗c3 leads to a probable draw after 36.♗c7 ♗b6 37.♗xb6 axb6 38.♗xb6 ♗xa3 39.♖b3 ♗a5 40.♖b5 ♗c3 41.♖xc5 d3.

35.♗xg7+ ♖xg7 36.♗xc6 ♖f8 37.♖b2 ♗xc4 38.♗d6!

Black's last trick is 38.♖xg7 ♗c1+ 39.♗g2 ♗xb2 when White has to bail out for a perpetual check with 40.♖xh7+.

38...♖fg8 39.♖xg7 ♗c1+ 40.♗g2 ♗xb2 41.♖xa7 1-0.

Round 4

Canada 1.5-2.5 Bulgaria

Lesiege, A ½-½ Topalov, Veselin
Charbonneau, P ½-½ Georgiev, Kiril
Cummings, D ½-½ Delchev, Aleksander



Marina Bryskine



Johanne Charest

Yoos, J 0-1 Kolev, Atanas
Canada 1-2 Macedonia
 Charest, J ½-½ Koskoska, Gabriel
 Belc, D ½-½ Kierzek, Mira
 Chu, S 0-1 Janevska, Aleksandra



Pascal Charbonneau

8th ranked Bulgaria came at us today with GMs Topalov and Georgiev, just about at the same time that a nasty virus would begin to take its toll on team Canada. By the end of our stay in Turkey, only Pascal had managed to escape the digestive problems and several nasty strains of the flu that ran rampant in the tournament hall.

The Bulgarians almost succumbed to Alexandre and Pascal on the top two boards, but both games ended in draws. On board three David made very sure to contain his GM opponent and also made a draw, but on board four my opponent unexpectedly tested me in a line of the King's Indian that had already caused me big problems against Shabalov in the last round of the Winnipeg Canadian Open in 1997. With two consecutive losses, I would now get a break to pull myself together.

Notes by
Pascal Charbonneau

Georgiev, Kiril
 Charbonneau, Pascal
Istanbul ol (4), 2000
Queen's Gambit D27

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.♟f3 ♟f6 4.e3
 e6 5.♟xc4 c5 6.0-0 a6 7.dxc5
 ♟xc5 8.♟xd8+ ♟xd8 9.♟bd2

♟bd7

The immediate 9...♟e7 may be more accurate, as the text allows White to try a plan based on ♟g5-e4 to harrass Black's bishop. In Bonin-Ibragimov, New York 1992, Black eventually played ...♟e8! in reaction to White's knight maneuver in order to keep square/e7 for the retreat of his bishop and achieved equality.

10.♟e2

The bishop avoids harrassment by the advance ...b5 and is often redirected to square/f3.

10...b6

Now White can react to 10...b5 with 11.a4 when Black's queenside has been noticeably weakened.

11.b3 ♟b7 12.♟b2 ♟e7 13.♟fd1 ♟hc8?

How should Black arrange his rooks? The natural 13...♟hd8 comes to mind, but the d/file is congested with minor pieces and White is unlikely to trade off material immediately. The text introduces the possibility ...♟b4 which would force a White rook to c1 and invite subsequent exchanges.

14.♟e1

This position does not promise White much, but it is difficult to suggest a concrete plan for more than equality.

14...♟b4!

Black activates his minor pieces and counters the intended ♟d3 maneuver.

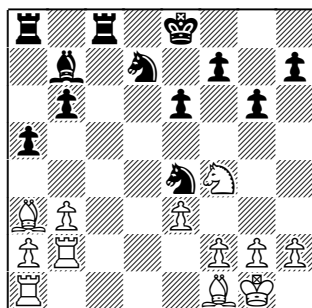
15.♟d3 ♟xd2 16.♟xd2 ♟e4 17.♟a3+

White has the tactical 17.♟f3 to keep his pieces more harmoniously placed, but Black remains very solid.

17...♟e8 18.♟b2 a5!?

Intending 19...♟a6 and sometimes the pawn advance ...b5-b4.

19.♟f4 g6 20.♟f1



At this point I felt that Black had a promising position with chances to

trap White's ♟a3. , but perhaps this is an overly optimistic assessment.

20...e5 21.♟d3 f6

The direct 21...b5!? 22.b4 ♟c3 23.♟b3 ♟xb3 24.axb3 axb4 25.♟b2 ♟xa1 26.♟xa1 ♟d2 27.♟xb4 unfortunately peters out into a draw, as do many more seemingly complicated variations.

22.f3 ♟c3 23.♟f2 b5!? 24.b4 ♟d5

Black tries to win the game by just picking off ♟a2, but against a strong GM like Kiril Georgiev such hopes aren't very realistic!

25.e4 ♟e6 26.bxa5 ♟xa5 27.♟b4! ♟xa2 28.♟axa2 ♟xa2 29.♟d2

And now there is no way to keep my pawn or exploit White's back rank. The position is completely drawn.

29...b4 30.♟xb4 ♟xb4 31.♟xb4 ♟c1

Throughout the game Kiril gave me some rather strange and disrespectful looks, and naturally declined my draw offer around this point. Perhaps a draw with the White pieces against a youngster was distasteful to him, or he was simply trying to intimidate me into blundering...

32.♟d3 ♟c2 33.h4 ♟e7 34.♟b7 ♟d6 35.♟b1 ♟d2 36.♟c1 f5 37.♟f2 ♟c5 38.♟e1 fxe4 39.♟xe4+ ♟xe4 40.♟xe4 ♟d4 41.♟xd4+ exd4

Finally the draw offer came, and I was relieved to have held one of the world's top twenty grandmasters to a draw with the Black pieces.

½-½.

Round 5

Canada 2-2 Indonesia

Lesiege, A ½-½ Handoko, Edhi
 Spraggett, K 1-0 Gunawan, Ruben
 Zugic, I 0-1 Juswanto, Denny
 Charbonneau, P ½-½ Barus, Cerda

Canada 2.5-0.5 United Arab Emirates

Charest, J 1-0 Sultan, Hoda
 Belc, D 1-0 Hussain, Nora
 Bryskine, M ½-½ Hassan, Jawaher

Despite the higher ranking of the Indonesian team we were hopeful of a victory, based on several other recent results against them. And while the early going looked promising, the resourceful and cunning style of the islanders proved to be sufficient for a drawn match when Kevin's win was offset by Igor's first loss of the event.

Round 6

Canada 1.5–2.5 Macedonia

Lesiege, A ½-½ Mitkov, Nikola
Spraggett, K ½-½ Nedev, Trajce
Charbonneau, P ½-½ Jacimovic, D
Cummings, D 0-1 Bogdanovski, Vlatko

Canada 0–3 Uzbekistan

Charest, J 0-1 Khagai, Angela
Bryskine, M 0-1 Khamrakulova, I
Chu, S 0-1 Levushkina, Elena

Our first clear setback came today against Macedonia. Once again several promising positions fizzled, and we found ourselves on the losing end of a 1.5–2.5 score. David was our next casualty to the bugs, and lost a rough game. Fortunately Alexandre, Kevin and Pascal held firm in spite of some uncomfortable moments. A bit shaken after this round, we were looking forward to finally getting paired down in the next round.

Notes by
Jack Yoos

Charbonneau, Pascal
Jacimovic, Dragoljub
Istanbul ol (6), 2000

French: Tarrasch C04

Pascal played many games of higher quality than this one, but his opponent today would end up winning the gold medal on board three, and I must confess that my chess tastes are shallow: I very much prefer games with bright lights and loud bangs!

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘d2 ♘c6

Pascal anticipated a French Defense for this game. Unfortunately, he devoted most of his preparation on the fashionable 3...♗e7 instead of the once popular but now rare text.

4.♗g3 ♗f6

Here 4...dxe4 does not make much sense, since it will prove difficult for Black to develop his light squared bishop.

5.e5 ♘d7 6.♗b3

Black is prepared for a quick ...f6 and so the maneuver ♗f1-g3 can be a bit slow. On the queenside the knight has future potential on c5 or even a5 after the exchange ♗b5xc6.

6...a5

Black's omission of the advance ...a5 gives White additional possibilities to

react to Black's queenside plans:

6...♗e7 7.♗b5 ♘cb8 8.0-0 0-0 (8...b6 9.♗e2 a5 10.♗e3 0-0 11.♗d3 ♗a6 12.c4 illustrates a typical motif in many positions of this type where White responds to the exchange of his good bishop and the opponent's lagging development by changing the pawn structure) 9.c3!? (or 9.♗f4 b6 10.♗e2 a5 11.a4 ♗a6 12.c4 c6 13.cxd5 exd5 14.♗xa6 ♗xa6 15.e6 when White has again used the time spent by Black on exchanging light squared bishop to justify a bold break in the center in Grunfeld–Hug, Munich zt 1987) 9...b6 10.♗e1 and now White has a straight forward plan based on f4-f5 to gain extra space on the kingside with good attacking potential. Yanofsky–Portisch, Munich 1958, continued with 10...c6 11.♗e2 ♗a6 12.♗xa6 ♗xa6 13.♗g4 and Abe eventually finished off his opponent with a sweet exchange sacrifice!

7.a4 ♗e7 8.♗b5

The move ♗b5 is not often seen in the French, but Black's single minded pursuit of ...f6 justifies it here by the extra control White exerts over the central squares.

8...♘cb8

Though it looks silly to waste time like this, Black would have to be very concerned about his a/♗ if White got in ♗xc6 followed by ♗d2.

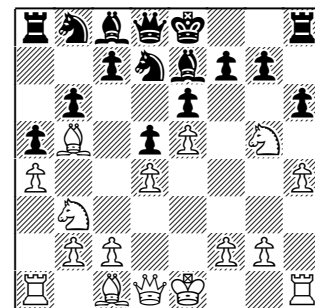
9.h4!

Pascal's advance is an efficient way to mobilize White's pieces for a kingside initiative. The rook develops via h3 and the knight can either go to g5 or travel by h2 to g4.

9...b6?!

Black is asking for a massacre on the kingside! More prudent is to keep White's knight out of g5 with 9...h6 (9...f6?! 10.exf6 ♗xf6 11.♗g5 ♗e7 12.f4 h6 13.♗h5+ ♗f8 14.♗d3 gave White pressure in Kiss–Topalov, Singapore 1990) 10.h5 (10.c3 b6 11.h5 c6 12.♗d3 ♗a6 13.♗xa6 ♗xa6 14.♗e3 ♘c7 15.♗h2 created dynamic possibilities in Delaune–Seirwan, US 1979, although I do not understand why White bothered with 10.c3) 10...b6 11.♗h3 ♗a6 12.♗g3 ♗f8 13.♗f1 c6 14.♗xa6 ♗xa6 15.♗g1 when White's patient approach has generated kingside pressure in Adams–Brooks, Sutton op 1987.

10.♗g5! h6?!



Black clearly lacks a sense of smell, even though White also amassed a lot of firepower on the kingside after 10...♗a6 11.♗h5 ♗xg5 12.♗xg5 ♗c8 13.♗h3 and crashed through Black's defenses after 13...h6 14.♗f4 c6 15.♗xa6 ♗xa6 16.♗g4 g6 17.h5 g5 18.♗h2 ♗d8 19.f4 in the game Loginov–Rustemov, cr 1994.

11.♗xe6! fxe6 12.♗h5+ ♗f8 13.♗h3 ♗g8

In Georgiev–Borngaesser, Halkidiki 1990, Black was too slow with 13...♗a6 14.♗f3+ ♗g8 15.♗f7+ ♗h7 16.♗xh6! ♗xh6 17.♗g3.

14.♗f3 ♗f6?!

Black finds a good time to bail out and return the material. Georgiev gives 14...♗h7 15.♗d3 ♗f8 16.♗xh7+ ♗xh7 17.♗xh6; while 14...♗f6 15.exf6 ♗xf6 16.♗g6 ♗f8 17.♗xf6+! also wins on the spot.

15.exf6

Since 15.♗g6? ♗f8 is no good, White has to accept the offering.

15...♗xf6 16.♗g6

Pascal moves in for the kill. Dale Kirton suggested 16.♗e5 intending to regroup with ♗e2 when the damage already inflicted on Black's position pays off eventually.

16...c6

Black chases the bishop towards the vulnerable kingside, but he could hardly tolerate the influence that this piece exerted on his back rank from its current post on b5.

17.♗d3

Perhaps 17.♗g3!? leads to a knockout punch somewhere around here, but I cannot confirm this since I live in a Fritz-free environment...

17...♗e7

Black has to defend against the deadly 18.♗g3 and 19.♗xh6.

18.♗f4?!

This bishop's control of the h2-b8 diagonal gives White additional tactical possibilities.

18...♖bd7 19.♙e5?

Pascal's choice is consistent, but also a bit slow and clumsy. Instead White should finish his development with 19.♙f1! (planning 20.♞e1 next) when 19...c5 is met with 20.c4 and Black's position blows up completely.

19...c5!

Finally counterplay!

20.♞g3!?

To Pascal's great credit he manages a stylish draw right after squandering his great position.

20...c4 21.♙d6 ♜d8 22.♙c7 ♞e7 ½-½.

Round 7

Canada 3-1 Ecuador

Lesiege, A 1-0 Matamoros Franco, C
Spraggett, K 1-0 Bastidas Rodriguez, E
Zugic, I 0-1 Mera Cedeno, Angel
Yoos, J 1-0 Munoz Sotomayor, Hugo

Canada 0-3 Norway

Charest, J 0-1 Hagesaether, Ellen
Bryskine, M 0-1 Barth Berntsen, Sheila
Chu, S 0-1 Johnsen, Sylvia

What was supposed to be an easy pairing against Equador proved to be more difficult than anticipated. With a near-GM player on top board and no real rating disadvantage on the lower boards they put up a tough fit.

Fortunately for us Alexandre came through on top board with some very shrewd opening preparation to make it look easy with Black, and Kevin produced a very nice crush with some patient play on the White side of a Stonewall Dutch. On the lower boards Igor and I struggled a bit early on, with Igor succumbing to an oversight just when things were getting better. As for myself, a messy position found me with only one boot on and guns blazing, until crashing through for a decent checkmate.

Round 8

Canada 2-2 Kyrgyzstan

Lesiege, A ½-½ Moldobaev, Emelbek
Spraggett, K ½-½ Magai, Vladimir
Zugic, I ½-½ Yurtaev, Leonid
Charbonneau, P ½-½ Inarkiev, Ernesto

Canada 2.5-0.5 Morocco

Belc, D ½-½ Hind, Bahji
Bryskine, M 1-0 Amina, Oubaaqua
Chu, S 1-0 Kamal, Fati

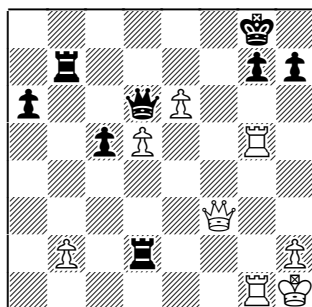
After so much excitement in the previous round, we cautiously secured a stable draw with all four starters in today's outing against higher ranked Kyrgyzstan.

Notes by Stefanie Chu

**Bryskine, Marina
Amina, Oubaaqua**

Istanbul ol f (8), 2000

Marina finally broke her string of draws with the following cute trick.



42.♙xg7+ ♜xg7 43.♞f7+ 1-0.

Round 9

Canada 3-1 Yugoslavia

Lesiege, A 1-0 Ilincic, Zaltko
Spraggett, K 1-0 Ivanisevic, Ivan
Charbonneau, P 0-1 Solak, Dragan
Yoos, J 1-0 Vuckovic, Bojan

Canada 2.5-0.5 Singapore

Charest, J ½-½ Tan, Winnie
Belc, D 1-0 Yapping Xu
Chu, S 1-0 May Rolles, May

Yugoslavia missed a chance to avenge the loss of their basketball team at the hands of the Canadian squad in Sydney last summer, and were instead convincingly thumped on three of the four boards. Only Pascal never got his plane off the ground after a really bad opening.

Notes by Jack Yoos

**Yoos, Jack
Vuckovic, Bojan**

Istanbul ol (9), 2000

Sicilian: Rauzer B66

**1.e4 c5 2.♟f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4
4.♟xd4 ♟f6 5.♟c3 ♟c6**

My opponent's regular choice of the Classical Sicilian suits my sharp

approach to the opening, and allowed me to prepare something very specific for the occasion with the help of team captain Dale Kirton.

6.♙g5 e6 7.♞d2 a6

While I anticipated the line we actually played, I also reviewed many of the more topical Rauzer lines. Here 7...♙e7 8.0-0-0 ♟xd4 9.♞xd4 a6 (the active development of Black's queen with 9...0-0 10.f4 ♞a5 is a popular alternative that White can answer with 11.♞b1 h6 12.h4) is a different move order that gives White the additional option 10.♙c4 (10.f4 b5 leads back to the game) when 10...♞c7 11.♙b3 b5 (11...♙d7 12.f4 ♙c6 13.♞he1 ♞d8 14.f5 e5 15.♞g1 0-0 16.g4 → Kirton-Kollar, Winnipeg MB ch 1996) 12.♙xf6 gxf6 13.f4 ♞c5 14.♞d3 ♙d7 intending ...a5 looks fine for Black.

8.0-0-0 ♙e7!?

The older main line 8...♙d7 has not been very popular for a while, but continued recently in one of my own games with 9.f4 b5 10.♙xf6 gxf6 (after 10...♙xf6?! 11.e5 Black's ♙/d7 is badly placed) 11.♞b1 ♞b6 12.♟xc6 ♙xc6 13.♞e1 ♙e7 (13...b4 14.♙d5) 14.f5 b4 15.♙e2 e5 (15...♙xe4 16.fxe6 fxe6 17.♟g3 ♙d5 18.♞xd5! exd5 19.♙f5) 16.♟g3 h5 17.h4 ♙f8 18.♙c4 ♞c8 19.♞e2 ♞e7 20.♟xh5 ♞c5 21.b3 ♙h6 22.♞h3 a5 23.g4 a4 24.♟xf6 ♟xf6 25.g5+ ♙xg5 26.hxg5+ ♟xg5 27.♞hd3! ♞h4 28.♞g2+ ♞g4 29.♞g3 ♞xg3 30.♞xg3+ ♟f6 31.♞h4+ ♟g7 32.♞h1 ♞e3 33.f6+ ♟g6 34.♞h5+ 1-0 Yoos-Khassanov, Brantford CA ch 1999.



Jack Yoos

Much more popular recently is 8...h6. After 9.♖e3 ♗d7 10.f4 ♖c7 11.♗b1 ♗e7 12.♗d3 b5 I had prepared an improvement on Spraggett-Baragar, Toronto CA ch 1996, which looked unclear after 13.♟f3! b4 14.♗e2 a5 (14...♗a5 15.♗d4 ♗c4 16.♗xc4 ♖xc4 17.♗xf6 gxf6 18.e5! was played in Yoos-Toth, Budapest 1998) 15.h3 0-0 16.g4 a4 17.g5 hxg5 18.♗xg5 ♗a5.

9.f4

A reasonable and conservative option is 9.♗xf6! gxf6 10.f4 while 9.f3 plans to continue with English Attack ideas, and has been very fashionable of late in many lines of the Rauzer as well.

Olympic Problems Overcome

A real dilemma was created when with less than a week to go before the Olympic team was to leave for Istanbul, two players chose to withdraw because of a warning issued by the US State Department about the danger of travel in Turkey. It was hoped that there would be a change of heart, but the withdrawal was absolutely confirmed just three days prior to departure. This left no time for normal procedures to find replacements.

Trying to contact players, then waiting to see if they could make arrangements at work and at home, as well as having the necessary travel documents was out of the question. The Turkish organizing committee had to be advised of any changes, and airline tickets and schedules re-arranged.

We needed high rated players who we knew could go right away. Fortunately, Jack Yoos and David Cummings fit both categories. They agreed to play, and I felt that we were very fortunate to get players rated over 2400 with so little advance notice.

It seems that in every Olympiad we have problems of this nature. However, volunteers like Jack and David help us overcome these problems. To those who agreed to represent Canada, and to our office personnel who had to make continually changing arrangements in an urgent manner, I give a very heartfelt Thank You.

*Maurice Smith
President
Chess Federation Of Canada*

9...♗xd4

After 9...♗d7 10.♟f3 b5 we have transposed back into one of the older main lines, where White has done well with both the sharp 11.e5 b4 and the typical light square squeeze after 11.♗xf6 gxf6 followed by an eventual f5 advance.

10.♖xd4 b5 11.♗xf6

Once Black commits to the popular advance ...b5 on the queenside, White usually reacts by doubling Black's f/pawns to compromise his opponent's king safety. White plans to probe the weakened light squares in the center with an eventual f5 and by the use of his light squared bishop and queen against squares e6 and f7.

The alternative sequence 11.♗e2 ♖c7 12.♟f3 ♗b7 13.e5! is another characteristic plan in the Rauzer when Black has developed the knight to f6.

11...gxf6

Kasparov gives 11...♗xf6 12.e5 dxe5 13.♖c5 (13.♖e4 ♗d7 14.♗xb5 axb5 15.♗xd7 ♖xd7 16.♗d1+ ♖e8 17.♗xd8+ ♗xd8 18.fxe5+-) 13...♗d7 14.♗xb5 ♗e7 (14...axb5 15.♗xd7+-) 15.♗c7+ ♖f8 16.♖xe5+-.

12.e5

With this aggressive continuation White limits his opponent's piece play by fixing the pawn structure in the center. However, because of his central preponderance Black's long term prospects are good if White cannot cash in quickly on the light squares.

White was successful with 12.♗d3 ♖c7 13.♖e3 ♖c5 14.♖g3 in Kasparov-Kramnik, Amsterdam 1996, although the placement of White's queen in this line has not attracted many followers. The main alternative 12.♗e2 has been popular for about five years at the top level:

A) I was content with 12...♗b7 13.♗h5! ♖a5 14.e5 b4 15.♗e4 ♗xe4 16.♖xe4 d5 17.♖e3 f5 18.♗b1 and a White advantage in Yoos-Kuczaj, Calgary op 1996, until I saw the game Kasparov-Hracek, which we will examine later; or

B) 12...♖a5 13.e5! fxe5 14.fxe5 d5 15.♗xd5! exd5 16.e6 0-0 17.♗d3 ♗g5+ 18.♗b1 ♗xe6 Shirov-Kramnik, Monaco active 1996, and now 19.h4± Shirov; and

C) 12...♖c7 13.f5 is a typical continuation for this pawn structure,

when Black will have to be careful in avoiding a bind after White plays ♗h5. Lately practical experience has shown that 13...♖c5 (13...h5? 14.fxe6 fxe6 15.e5! intending ♖e4 and ♗xh5) 14.fxe6 fxe6 (14...♗xe6!?) 15.♖xc5 dxc5 16.♗h5+ ♖f8 17.e5 f5 18.g4 b4 19.♗e2 ♗g5+ 20.♗b1 ♖e7 holds for Black after, for example 21.gxf5 exf5 22.♗hg1 ♗h6 23.♟f3 ♗b8 24.♗d6 ♗e6 25.♗d5 ♗xd5 26.♗xh6 ♗bg8 27.♗g3 ♗g4.

12...d5

White has an initiative after 12...dxe5 13.♖e4 ♗d7 14.♗xd7 ♖xd7 15.♗xb5+ axb5 16.♗d1+ ♗d6 17.fxe5 fxe5 18.♗xb5 according to Kasparov, while square f7 is very weak after 12...fxe5 13.fxe5 d5.

13.♗b1

This is a critical moment. Black would like to bail out his king and castle queenside, but White's pressure against ♗f6 prevents the development of Black's queen. Black also cannot relieve the tension with 13...fxe5 14.fxe5 because the exchange dangerously opens the f/file for his opponent, nor is 13...f5 14.g4 with a strong White initiative a viable option.

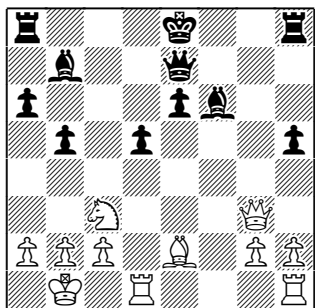
13...♗b7

This popular development of Black's bishop should now be considered a mistake, and Black should prefer the critical continuation 13...♗g8! (intending 14.♗d3 f5 when 15.g4 has been prevented) 14.f5 fxe5 15.♖xe5 ♗d6!

Instead 13...♗d7 14.♖e3 (threatening 15.exf6 followed by 16.♗xd5) 14...f5 15.g4 fxg4 16.h3 gxh3 17.♗xh3 ♖c7 18.f5 gives White a pleasant initiative, while after the natural 13...b4 the transfer of White's knight to the kingside with 14.♗e2 a5 15.♗g3 f5 16.♗h5 ♗b8 17.g4 only punctuates Black's defensive problems. White won quickly after 17...fxg4 18.f5 ♗g8 19.♟f6+ ♗xf6 20.exf6 ♗d6 21.♗g2 ♗g5 22.♗xd5 ♗d7 23.♗he1 h6 24.fxe6 fxe6 25.♖a7 1-0 in Kasparov-Hracek, Erevan ol 1996.

14.f5! fxe5 15.♖xe5 ♗f6 16.♖g3 ♖e7 17.fxe6 fxe6 18.♗e2 h5

White quickly achieved a winning position in Kasparov-Ivanchuk, Frankfurt 1998, after 18...0-0-0 19.♗g4 h5 20.♗h3 h4 21.♖f4 ♗g7 22.♗he1 ♗h6 23.a3 ♗g6 24.♗xe6+.



19.a4!N

Suggested by Anand in his notes to the game Anand-Kramnik, Wijk aan Zee 2000, where he played 19.♙f3 0-0 20.h4? b4 21.♘e2 e5 with advantage to Black. Similarly, White gets nothing with 19.♘e4 (19.♙hf1 0-0) 19...dxe4 20.♖g6+ ♗f7 21.♗xf7+ ♗xf7 22.♙d7+ ♖g6 23.♙xb7 ♙ab8 and an equal position.

With the text White creates an important distraction by tenderizing his opponent's queenside pawn structure before proceeding with his attack against Black's king.

19...b4

The alternatives are 19...♖g7 20.♖h3; 19...♖b4 20.♙d3!; and 19...bxa4 20.♙hf1.

20.♘e4! ♙h4?

Black's first deviation from our preparation turns out to be the losing move. Dale Kirton and I had concentrated on 20...dxe4 21.♖g6+ ♗f7 22.♗xf7+ ♗xf7 23.♙d7+ ♖g6 24.♙xb7 which looks safest for Black, although White is still clearly on top in spite of the opposite colored bishops. Also unpleasant for Black is 20...0-0 21.♘xf6 ♗xf6 22.♙hf1 ♖e7 23.♖e5.

21.♙xh5+! ♖d7

It is likely that my opponent had missed the fork 21...♙xh5 22.♖g6+ ♗f7 23.♘d6+ in his earlier calculations.

22.♖e5

The queen is a pig! She makes Black's dark squared bishop miserable, and efficiently coordinates White's final attack from her unassailable position at the center of the action.

22...♙ag8

Pascal Charbonneau points out the neat triangulation 22...♖c6 23.♙g4 dxe4 24.♗xe4+ ♖b6 25.♖e3+ ♖c7 (25...♖c5 26.a5+; or 25...♖a5 26.♖e5+

♙d5 27.♙xe6) 26.♖e5+ ♖b6 27.a5+! ♖a7 28.♖d4+.

23.g3

Or 23.♙hf1!?

23...♙g5 24.♙g4 ♙h6 25.♙hf1

White swings his last remaining piece into action to finish the job. Here the cliché works for good reason!

25...♖c6 26.♙f7 ♙f6 27.♙xf6 1-0.

Round 10

Canada 2.5–1.5 Portugal

Lesiege, A ½-½ Fernandes, Antonio Spraggett, K ½-½ Galego, Luis

Zugic, I ½-½ Frois, Antonio Cummings, D 1-0 Dias, Paulo

Canada 0.5–2.5 Colombia

Charest, J 0-1 Mateus, Martha Belc, D 0-1 Palao, Maricela

Bryskine, M ½-½ Ortiz, Nadya

A serious bout with the flu meant that I missed almost the entire day by resting in bed, and only got the news of our result at the player meeting that evening. David came through with a key win on board four to secure our second victory in a row.

Notes by

David Cummings

Dias, Paulo

Cummings, David

Istanbul ol (10), 2000

Sicilian: Closed A08

1.e4 c5

Of my six games at the Olympiad, four were played on the Black side of a Sicilian!

2.♘f3 e6 3.d3 ♘c6 4.g3 ♘ge7 5.♙g2 g6 6.0-0 ♙g7 7.c3 d5 8.♖e2

This Day-esque development of the queen is quite popular in the King's Indian Attack today.

8...b6 9.e5 ♖c7 10.♙e1 ♙a6 11.♙f4 h6 12.h4 0-0-0

Black has the double edged pawn sacrifice ...g5 in mind.

13.a4

The old game Hort-Furman, Wijk aan Zee 1975, nicely illustrates the ideas for both sides after 13.♘bd2 ♙dg8 14.a4 g5 15.hxg5 ♘g6 16.a5 bxa5 17.♙e3 hxg5 18.♙xg5 ♘gxe5 19.♙f4 ♘xf3+ 20.♘xf3 ♖b7 21.♘e5 ♙xe5 22.♙xe5 ♘xe5 23.♖xe5 ♙xd3 24.♙xa5 ♖c7 25.♖xc7+ ♖xc7

26.♙xa7+ ♖d6 27.♙xf7 c4 28.♙f6 ♙f5 29.♙f3 ♙g7 30.♖g2 ½-½.

13...g5 14.hxg5 ♘g6 15.b4!?

White tries to launch his attack at maximum speed.

15...♘xf4 16.gxf4 ♘e7

This retreat looks safe, but Black can also try 16...cxb4 17.cxb4 ♘xb4 18.♖d2 (Black is better after 18.♙a3 ♖b8 19.♖d2 ♙f8 20.♙c1 ♖d7; and 18.♘c3 ♘xd3 19.♘b5 ♙xb5 20.axb5 ♘xe1 21.♖xe1 ♖b7 also looks fine) 18...♘xd3 19.♙f1 ♘c5 20.♙xa6+ ♙xa6 21.a5 ♘c5 22.axb6 axb6 23.♘d4 with a clear conscience since 23...hxg5 24.♙a8+ ♖d7 25.♘b5 ♖c6 26.♙a7+ ♖e8 holds after 27.♘d6+ ♙xd6 28.exd6 d4 29.f3 ♖xf3 30.♖g2 ♖xg2+ 31.♖xg2 ♘d3.

17.a5 b5 18.bxc5 hxg5 19.fxg5 ♖xc5 20.♘a3 ♘g6 21.♖e3

During the game I was happy to trade queens, but it is not entirely clear who gains more by keeping the queens on. Black in fact threatens to generate kingside play with ...♘f4 or ...♘h4 and pressure down the h/file.

21...♖xe3 22.♙xe3 ♖d7

The immediate 22...♙f8 is an alternative.

23.♙b1

Although not a bad move in itself, it is part of a misguided plan to go after ♙b5 that begins to turn the game in Black's favor. Instead, White can probe the dark square weaknesses in Black's camp with 23.♘c2 ♘f4 (23...♙f8 24.♘b4 ♙xb4 25.cxb4 ♙c8 is also possible) 24.♘b4 ♙b7 25.a6 ♙a8 and in spite of the poor placement of Black's light squared bishop his position is much more resilient than it appears at first sight. White's ♙/g2 and ♙/e3 are not contributing much, and the extra ♙/g5 is weak. There can follow 26.d4 (26.♙a5 ♙c8 27.d4 allows 27...♙xc3; 26.♘d4 is answered by 26...♙h5; and 26.♘d2 is met by 26...d4) when Black should play 26...♙h5 with interesting tactical compensation for the pawn and good chances after 27.♙f1 ♙dh8 28.♙xb5+ ♖c7 29.♖f1 ♙xg5! Now White's best option is probably

A) 30.♖e1 ♘g2+ 31.♖d2 ♙f5 32.♙d3 ♘f4 (32...♙h3 33.♙g1 ♙h6+ is too risky for Black after 34.♖c2 ♘f4 35.♙g8 ♘xd3 36.♙xd3 ♙xf3 37.♙xa8) with a draw by repetition; since

B) 30.♗g1 (intending to answer 30...♗h1 with 31.♗g3) runs into 30...♗xe5!! 31.dxe5 (after 31.♗xe5 ♗g2 White cannot prevent 32...♗h1) 31...♗xg1+ 32.♗xg1 d4 and we can see clearly what Black's bishop is doing on a8!

23...♗b8 24.d4

Fine for Black is 24.♗c2 ♗f4 25.♗b4 ♗b7 26.a6 ♗a8 27.d4 ♗h5 28.♗d3 ♗xd3 29.♗xd3 ♗f8.

24...♗f4 25.♗f1

Now 25.♗c2 can be answered by 25...b4 and 26...♗e2+.

25...♗f8 26.♗xb5?

White persists in capturing on b5, but 26.♗c2 ♗h5 27.♗b4 ♗xb4 28.♗xb4 ♗bh8 29.♗g2 ♗c8 30.♗f1 ♗ch8 with an equal position is more circumspect.

26...♗e7 27.c4

In an attempt to untangle his pieces, White opens up the position for Black's benefit.

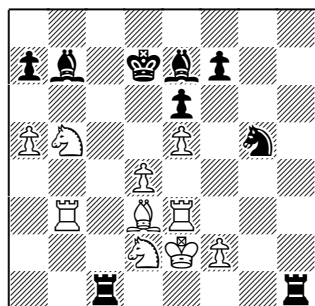
27...dxc4 28.♗xc4 ♗h3+ 29.♗f1 ♗xg5 30.♗bb3 ♗bc8 31.♗d3 ♗b7

The light squared bishop is free at last!

32.♗d2

White can try to complicate matters with 32.♗xg5 ♗xg5 33.♗xa7 ♗c1+ 34.♗e2 ♗d5 35.♗h3 but now 35...♗xh3 36.♗b5+ ♗c7 37.♗xh3 ♗b7 wins the ♗/a7.

32...♗c1+ 33.♗e2 ♗hh1



34.♗b1 ♗d5

Black indeed wins material with this idea, but a much faster way to wrap things up is the deadly 34...♗h3! 35.♗xh3 ♗ce1+ 36.♗d3 ♗xh3+ 37.♗c2 ♗e4+ 38.♗b2 ♗xb3+.

35.♗bc3

If 35.♗b2 ♗h3.

35...♗xb1 36.♗xb1 ♗xb1 37.♗c7+ ♗e8

Not 37...♗d8 38.♗ec3



Diana Belc



Stefanie Chu

38.♗xa7

A better try is 38.♗d6+ when 38...♗xd6 39.exd6 ♗f3+ 40.♗d3 ♗d1+ 41.♗c4 a6 42.♗c5 ♗b1 still leaves Black on top.

38...♗d8 39.♗c8 ♗b2+ 40.♗d3 ♗d7 41.♗c5 ♗a2 42.♗b5 ♗xa5 43.♗c3 ♗xc3 44.♗xc3 ♗f3

Now Black cleans up the White pawns one by one.

45.♗e2 ♗a4 46.♗e3 ♗xd4 47.♗b2 ♗f3 48.♗e2 ♗xe5 49.♗g3 f5 50.♗c3 f4 51.♗cc2 f3+ 52.♗d1 ♗a1+

Black wins an exchange. With the other three games ending in draws, I was proud to provide the decisive result for Canada in this match.

Despite his loss here, my young opponent went on to make an IM norm.

0-1.

Round 11

Canada 1–3 Romania

Lesiege, A ½-½ Rogozenko, Dorian
Spraggett, K 0-1 Grigore, George
Charbonneau, P ½-½ Badea, Bela
Yoos, J 0-1 Cosma, Ioan

Canada 2.5–0.5 Iraq

Charest, J 1-0 Mohammed, Janer
Bryskine, M ½-½ Al-Rufai, Eman
Chu, S 1-0 Dalia Ameen, S

Here I would like to accept full responsibility for my own misguided optimism in deciding to play when I was still clearly not well enough to do so. Draws on two boards were not enough to prevent a decisive loss and, to make matters worse, Kevin made a baffling blunder in a winning endgame, probably as a result of the additional pressure and responsibility he felt trying to rescue the team yet again.

Notes by

Stefanie Chu

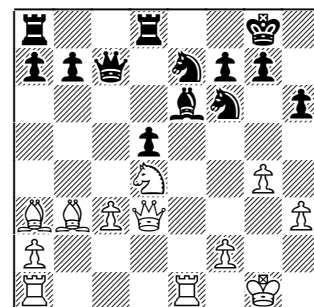
**Charest, Johanne
Mohammed, Janer**

Istanbul of f (11), 2000

Italian C54

Most of Johanne's wins were quick and convincing affairs like this one.

1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.c3 ♗f6 5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 ♗b4+ 7.♗c3 ♗xe4 8.0-0 ♗xc3 9.d5 ♗e7 10.bxc3 0-0 11.♗e1 ♗f6 12.d6 ♗f5 13.dxc7 ♗xc7 14.♗d3 d5 15.♗b3 h6 16.♗a3 ♗d8 17.h3 ♗e6 18.g4 ♗e7 19.♗d4



Having outplayed her opponent from the opening, Johanne has obtained a strong position, with both bishops breathing fire from the queenside. Her opponent's reply loses a piece, but there is no defense to White's decisive threat of capturing on e6.

19...♗g6 20.♗xe6 fxe6 21.♗xg6 ♗f7 22.♗xf7+ ♗xf7 23.c4 ♗ac8 24.cxd5 ♗xd5 25.♗ac1 ♗xc1 26.♗xc1 ♗f6 27.♗b2+ ♗g6 28.♗xd5 1-0.

Round 12

Canada 2.5–1.5 Estonia

Lesiege, A 0-1 Kulaots, Kaido
Spraggett, K 1-0 Sepp, Olav
Charbonneau, P 1-0 Kiik, Kalle
Cummings, D ½-½ Sergei Zjukin, Sergei

Canada 2.5–0.5 Japan

Belc, D 1-0 Xiaoqing Lai
Bryskine, M ½-½ Emiko Nakagawa
Chu, S 1-0 Akemi Matsuo

After eleven invincible games in a row on top board, and in spite of Kevin's warnings that Alexandre might tire out at some point, our number one player indeed collapsed briefly and lost two successive games in rounds 12 and 13. Fortunately, Pascal rose to the occasion with great

timing today to pull in the badly needed extra point.

Notes by
Pascal Charbonneau

Charbonneau, Pascal
Kiik, Kalle

Istanbul ol (12), 2000

Alekhine B05

We felt confident about this match, since Estonia did not field their best team. Important for me personally was reaching an IM norm with a win in today's game, and therefore I was disappointed when a search of our database indicated that my opponent plays everything...

1.e4 f6

...except the Alekhine! His choice can probably be explained by the discovery of some games of mine from last summer in which I played some admittedly goofy variations in this opening.

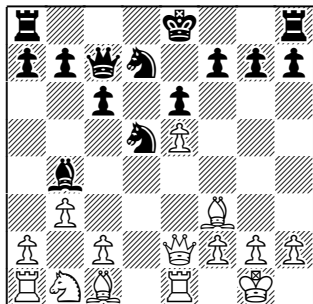
2.e5 d5 3.d4 d6 4.f3 g4 5.f2 c6 6.0-0

White's most aggressive reaction to this setup is 6.f3 with a theoretical advantage. However, a more restrained approach also gives White the better game, and I had already decided to avoid complications right from the start.

6... f3 7.f3 dxe5 8.dxe5 e6 9.f2!

With this unusual choice White retains the option of bringing the rook to the e-file.

9... d7 10.b3 c7 11.f1 b4?!



This exchange is a major mistake, because Black needs the bishop to defend the dark squares on his kingside. Since Black is soon in deep trouble, he should have preferred the normal plan 11...e7 which can lead

to an interesting pawn sacrifice after 12.d2 g6 13.c4 b5!? 14.d6+! fxd6 15.exd6 fxd6 16.a4! when White certainly has compensation.

12.f2 fxd2 13.fxd2 f4 14.f4 e4 15.g6 16.c4

The knight heads for the important square/d6.

15...0-0 16.f2 h5!±

Without this excellent move Black would be fine! By removing the knight with 17.f3 g6 h4 followed by d6, e3 and f4 White eventually builds up a huge attack on the h-file.

16...f7

Black is now very passive, and a monster will soon land on square/d6.

17.f3 f6 18.d6 g6 19.f4 g4 20.f4! c5?!

The tactics after 20...f5 never work because White always has the pawn advance c4 to win a piece on the d-file. The text is necessary to prevent c4-c5 with a totally passive position for Black, but leads to a fatal weakening of f7/b7 and the h1-a8 diagonal.

21.f2 b8 22.f3!±

At this point my opponent failed to put up much more resistance, as is so often the case after a long and tiring defense without counterplay.

22...f6 23.fxd5 exd5 24.fxd5 f6 25.f4 fxe5 26.fxe5 d4 27.c3 b6?? 28.fxd4

This victory happily secured my IM norm after eight games, although I was to blunder horribly in the 13th round from a superior position to spoil my chances for a GM norm.

Dale Kirton provided me with much valued advice, while Kevin and Alexandre's experience really helped motivate and pull everyone together. I look forward to more opportunities of representing Canada at future Olympiads, and really enjoyed the time I spent with my team members and meeting so many strong players from around the globe.

1-0.

Round 13

Canada 1.5-2.5 Uzbekistan

Lesiege, A 0-1 Kasimdzhanov, Rustam
Spraggett, K 1-0 Zagrebelny, Sergey
Zugic, I 1/2-1/2 Yuldashev, Saidali
Charbonneau, P 0-1 Safin, Shukhrat

Canada 1-2 Croatia

Belc, D 1-0 Macek, Vlasta
Bryskine, M 0-1 Jelica, Mara
Chu, S 0-1 Bazaj Bockai

Today's loss could have been even worse, had it not been for Kevin's excellent effort on second board.

Notes by
Kevin Spraggett

Spraggett, Kevin
Zagrebelny, Sergey
Istanbul ol (13), 2000

Sicilian: Najdorf B92

Although far from perfect, this game is my best effort from the Olympiad. And while the outcome could easily have been different, chess is in the end just a game and one must occasionally forgive oneself for being human.

1.e4 c5 2.f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.fxd4 f6 5.f3 a6 6.f2 e5 7.f3 f7

Known to be unpleasant for Black is 7...f6 8.f4 c7 9.g4!

8.0-0-0

The only way for Black to avoid positions similar to the game is with 8...f6 when I was prepared to continue the fight with 9.a4 b7 10.f4 c7 11.h1 c8 (11...0-0 12.g4! is also very dangerous) 12.f5 f4 13.a5 0-0 14.fxc4 fxc4 15.f3 c6 16.f3 planning a possible g4 either with or without the preparatory f3. Theory on this line is still uncertain, but White has booked some successes.

9.f1!

Having crushed players like Robert Fischer and Lev Polugaevsky with 9.f3 Geller turned to this quiet move after sufficient defensive resources were discovered for Black. And even though 9.f1! hasn't yet caught on, I think that Geller was ahead of his time!

9...f6

The most consistent reply. After 9...b7 10.f1 b5 11.a4 b4 12.d5 fxd5 13.exd5 a5 14.f5! f5 15.f5 g5 16.f1! White was better in Geller-Movsziszian, Dortmund 1992. Several years later Movsziszian improved with 9...b6!? (9...b5 10.a4 b4 11.d5 fxd5 12.fxd5 f7 13.f3 f6 14.f2 f7 15.a5 also leads to an advantage

for White) although White built up a strong initiative after 10. ♖f1 ♖b7 11. ♘d5! ♘xd5 12. exd5 ♙g5 13. c4 ♘d7 14. ♙xg5 ♗xg5 15. ♘d2 f5 16. ♖c1 ♗f6 17. ♘b1! g5 18. ♘c3 g4 19. b4 ♗h8 20. ♘a4 ♖ac8 21. ♗d2 ♖g8 22. ♖ed1 ♖g6 23. c5! which he eventually converted in the game Spraggett-Movsziszian, Sevilla 1999.

10. ♖f1 ♘bd7

Unattractive is 10...d5?! 11. exd5 ♘xd5 12. ♘xd5 ♗xd5 13. ♗xd5 ♙xd5 14. ♖xe5.

11. ♘d5 ♘xd5

White is slightly better after 11...♖c8 (11...♘b6 12. c4) 12. c4 ♘b6 13. ♘d2.

12. exd5 ♙f5 13. a4! ♖c8 14. c3 ♙g5

The game Geller-Lutz, Dortmund 1991, led to a complex fight after the equally playable 14...♙g6!? 15. a5 f5 16. ♖a4 ♘f6 17. ♖b4 ♗d7 18. f3.

15. ♙xg5

It is quite possible that 15. a5 ♙xc1 16. ♗xc1 ♘f6 17. ♗d2 ♘e4 18. ♗e3 ♙g6 19. f3 ♘c5 20. ♘xc5 ♖xc5 21. b4 ♖c7 22. c4 as played in Cuijpers-Bezemer, NL 1995, is a better option for White.

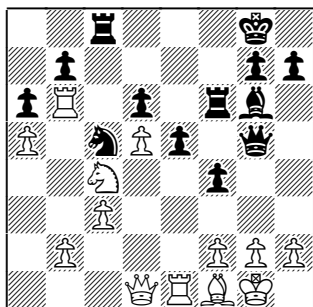
15... ♗xg5 16. a5 ♙g6 17. ♘d2!?

This was a difficult decision for me, and I am now of the opinion that 17. ♖a4! f5 18. ♖b4 ♖c7 19. f4! leads to a more promising position for White.

17... f5 18. ♘c4 ♖f6 19. ♖a4

After 19. ♗b3!? ♖c7! (19...♘c5 20. ♗b6 f4 21. ♘d6 f3 22. g3 ♗h5 23. ♘xc8 ♖xb6 24. axb6) 20. ♗b4 e4! 21. ♘d6 ♘e5! Black's attack is very strong.

19... ♘c5 20. ♖b4 f4! 21. ♖b6



Canada 1–2 Ecuador

Charest, J 0-1 Fierro, Martha

Belc, D 0-1 Vasquez, Rocio

Chu, S 1-0 Alcivar, Ingrid

A fortunate pairing against the lower ranked Egyptians proved to be an extremely slippery affair. Although Alexandre had little trouble crushing his opponent, the rest of the team was in for a tough fight. Kevin won a completely insane struggle after some really bizarre counterplay from his opponent, while Igor showed a lot of composure in dealing with a very rude opponent in a difficult time trouble situation. On board four I uncharacteristically backed down from some complications in the early middlegame, only to find myself defending a difficult position and ultimately blundering decisively in the ensuing endgame. The Egyptians fought hard, but should be harshly criticized for stepping over the line of good etiquette on more than one occasion, and keeping our team captain very busy policing the many distractions created by their players.

Notes by

Kevin Spraggett

Spraggett, Kevin

Labib, Ibrahim Hasan

Istanbul ol (14), 2000

Queen's Indian E14

1.d4 ♟f6 2.c4 e6 3.♟f3 b6 4.e3

This quiet move was a favorite of great players like Tigran Petrosian and Paul Keres. It has the advantage of simply forgetting about theory, and instead concentrating on just playing chess.

4...♟b7 5.♟d3 c5

Earlier in the event, my opponent from Ecuador played 5...d5 6.b3 ♟d6 7.0-0 0-0 8.♟c3 ♟e4 9.♟e2 ♟d7 10.♟b2 in the game Spraggett-Bastidas, Istanbul ol 2000.

6.0-0 ♟e7 7.♟c3 cxd4

White has a clear positional advantage after 7...0-0?! 8.d5 exd5 9.cxd5 ♟xd5 10.♟xd5 ♟xd5 11.♟xh7+ ♟xh7 12.♟xd5 ♟c6 13.♟d1.

8.exd4 0-0

More usual is 8...d5!?

9.b3

In modern tournament practice the immediate 9.d5!? ♟b4! (9...exd5!? 10.♟xd5 ♟xd5 11.cxd5 ♟a6!?) 10.♟e4 ♟xe4 11.♟xe4 f5 12.♟c2 ♟a6!? has looked promising for White, but in the final round of the Olympiad with our final standing in the balance I thought it important to stick with good solid moves.

9...d5 10.♟b2 ♟bd7

I have met the common alternative 10...♟c6 on more than one occasion. In Spraggett-O'Donnell, Hamilton CA ch 1994, White held on to a small but clear advantage into the ending after 11.♟e1 ♟c8 (11...♟b4!? is an interesting try from the game Spraggett-Dorfman, Playa do Aro 1994) 12.♟c1 ♟e8 13.cxd5 ♟xd5 14.♟xd5 ♟xd5 15.♟e4 ♟h5 (White had a winning attack in the game Portisch-De Firmian, Reggio Emilia 1989, after 15...♟d7? 16.♟xc6! ♟xc6 17.♟e5 ♟b7 18.♟xh7+! ♟f8 19.♟h5) 16.d5 exd5 (Black has many headaches after 16...♟cd8 17.dxc6 ♟xd1 18.cxb7) 17.♟xd5 ♟xd5 18.♟xd5 ♟f8 19.h4!

11.♟e1 ♟c8 12.♟c1 ♟e8 13.♟e2 dxc4!?

Here 13...♟f8!? 14.h3 g6 leads to interesting play.

14.bxc4

This capture leads to more complex play than the positions that resemble a familiar line of the Nimzo-Indian after 14.♟xc4 ♟b4!

14...♟f8

Black intends ...♟g6-f4 to generate play on the kingside together with bishops placed menacingly on b7 and d6.

15.♟e5!

I do not see a refutation of Black's play after 15.h3?! ♟xf3 16.♟xf3 ♟xd4.

15...♟g6

On 15...♟xd4?! 16.♟e4 ♟d8 17.♟g5! White snares ♟f7.

16.♟e3 ♟d6

Also possible is 16...♟xe5!? 17.dxe5 (17.♟xe5!? ♟d6 18.♟g5 h6 19.♟h4) 17...♟d7 (17...♟c5? 18.♟h3) 18.♟ed1 h6!? (but not 18...♟c7 19.♟xh7+ ♟xh7 20.♟d3+ ♟g8 21.♟xd7).

17.♟ed1

A mistake is 17.f4? ♟xe5 18.fxe5 (18.dxe5 ♟g4 is just as strong) 18...♟g4! when White's attempt to



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support his center has clearly backfired.

17...♟e7 18.♟b5 ♟a8

Perhaps 18...♟b8!?

19.♟f1!?

White keeps a comfortable edge with his two bishops after 19.♟xd6! ♟xd6 20.♟f1 ♟e7 21.♟xg6 hxg6 although Black's position remains playable.

19...♟b8 20.♟a3 ♟b7 21.f3!?

White wants to eliminate all tricks on the long diagonal, but in the process weakens square/e3 slightly. Wrong is 21.♟xg6 ♟xh2+! 22.♟h1 hxg6 23.f4 ♟g4 24.♟e2 f5 25.♟d6 ♟e7 with strong attacking chances against White's king.

21...♟h4 22.♟f2 ♟f5 23.♟g4!?

I did not like my position very much by this time, and therefore decided to invite complications. Unfortunately, this reaction is too provocative.

23...a6

After 23...♟f4 24.♟xf6+ gxf6 25.♟e1 ♟xc1 26.♟xc1 White has some compensation, but is it enough for the exchange?

24.♟xf6+ gxf6 25.♟c3 ♟h8!?

Here Black has to take the exchange beginning with 25...♟f4 but my opponent admitted after the game that he simply did not see this tactic.

26.♟e4

Black's kingside is very exposed, and White has a definite edge.

26...♟c7 27.g3 ♟g8 28.d5! ♟g6 29.d6 ♟d8 30.♟g2 e5!?

Black is willing to make more concessions to plug up the d/file and long diagonal with ... $\text{d}4$. Of course, White always has the option of taking the knight off with his rook for a huge positional advantage, but, short of time, White decides not to play recklessly with fire.

31. Qh3

Another option is 31.c5!? bxc5 32.d7 Bc7 33. Qh3 Bxd7 (33... $\text{d}4$ 34. Qxc5 Qa7 35. Qxa7 Bxa7 36. Bc8) 34. Bxd7 Bxd7 35. Qxc5 .

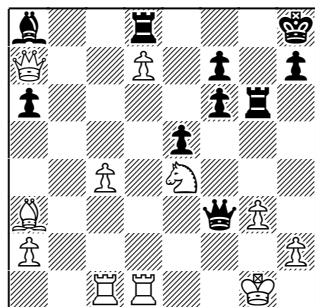
31... Bd7 32. Qxf5 Bxf5 33.d7 Bd8 34. Bxb6 ?

I did not realize what I was walking into with this move!

34... Qa7 !

I had failed to notice this clever reply during the game, and wrote in my initial notes to the game that "probably the correct result of the game should be a draw, but with little time left on the clock matters now become very uncertain". However, as Victoria Master Dan Scoones later pointed out, White is in fact winning...

35. Bxa7 Qxf7



36. Bd5 !

This is the riskiest line of all. But, with only minutes left in such a complex position I was willing to accept some risk and keep trying for the win. However, with 36. Bb6 ! Bdg8 ! and now Dan Scoones' brilliant suggestion 37. Bd5 !! (instead of 37.d8 B ? Qxe4 when White has no more than a draw in spite of his extra queen after, for example 38. Bxg8 + Bxg8 39. Bd2 Bh1 + 40. Bf2 Bf3 ; or 36. Bxa8 Bxa8 37.d8 B + Bxd8 38. Bxd8 + Bg8 [38... Bg7 39. Bf8 + Bh8 40. Qh6 + Bg8 41. Bcd1] 39. Bxg8 + Bxg8 40. Qc3 Qe3 + 41. Bg2 e4 42.c5 Bf3) 37... Qxd5 38.cxd5 Qxe4 39.d8 B White wins immediately.

36... Bxa3 37. Bcd1 Qxd5 38. Bxd5 Bc1 + 39. Bf2 Bc2 +?

With only seconds left on the clock, Black returns the favor. Better is 39... Bxc4 40. Bb6 Bxd7 41. Bxd7 Bxe4 42. Bxf7 with some compensation for White.

40. Qd2 Bf5 + 41. Qe1 Bc6 42. Bc7 Bgg8 43. Bd6 !

Now nothing can prevent the victorious advance of the White c/ B .

43... Bg7 44.c5 e4 45.c6 e3 46. Qb3 Bc4 47.c7 Bh1 + 48. Qe2 Bg2 + 49. Qxe3 Bg1 + 50. Qd3 Bb1 + 51. Qc3 1-0.

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Alekhine B04

I was very excited before the game, and felt a great responsibility to win.

1.e4 Qf6 2.e5 Qd5 3.d4 d6 4. Qf3 dxe5

Black's alternatives are 4... Qg4 ; or the Albur Variation after 4...g6.

5. Qxe5 g6

After 5... Qd7 6. Qxf7 (otherwise Black equalizes) 6... Qxf7 7. Bh5 + Qe6 we have reached a very messy position in which it is all too easy to make a mistake or fall victim to an important theoretical novelty. Clearly this is not the right approach in the last round, when a single half point can mean a difference of ten places in the team standings!

6. Qc4 c6 7.h4?!

This choice seems like a reckless move for such an important game, and I was surprised to find out later that this position has scored well for White in practice with 3/4.

7... Qd7

The alternative 7... Qg7 was played in Djurhuus–Elsness, NO ch 1996, and Kenworthy–Neil, GB ch tt 1997.

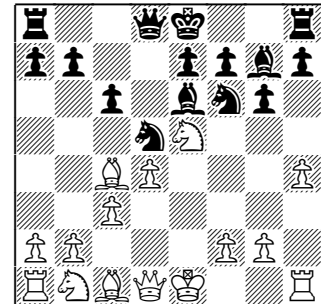
8. Qf3

After 8. Qxd7 Bxd7 ! with a slight advantage for Black should be preferred over 8... Qxd7 9.h5 Qg7 10.c3 Bc7 11. Qd2 0-0-0 as played in Reeh–Maus, DE BL 1992, when White can claim a slight advantage after 12.h6 Qf6 (or 12... Qf8 13. Qxd5 cxd5 14. Bf3) 13. Qe4 . Similarly, Black is

also better after 8.h5 Qxe5 (or just 8... Qg7) 9.dxe5 Qg7 .

In the game Hajnal–Varga, Miskolc op 1998, after 8. Qc3 Qxe5 9.dxe5 Qe6 (not 9... Qxc3 10. Qxf7 +) 10. Bf3 Black can get a big advantage with 10... Qb4 !

8... Qf7 9. Qe5 Qg7 10.c3 Qe6



Black is ahead in development and stands clearly better. White's immediate problem is how to deal with the threat of 11... Qd7 and various tactics involving ... Qxc3 .

11. Qe2 Qd7 12. Qd3 Qf5 13. Qd2 e5 14.dxe5

The sequence 14. Qc4 Qxd3 15. Bxd3 exd4 16. Qd6 + Qe7 clearly does not work for White.

14... Qxd3 15. Qxd3 Qxe5 16. Qc2 0-0

It's not easy to increase Black's advantage, since Qh4 is immune after 16... Qf4 17.0-0! (even 17. Qf3 looks sufficient) due to 17... Bxh4 18.g3 when White wins a piece.

17.g3 f5

Played to discourage White from castling kingside.

18. Qb3 Bc8 19. Bc2 f4 20.gxf4 Qxf4 21. Qxf4 Qf3 + 22. Qf1 Bxe2 + 23. Qxe2 Bxf4

Surprisingly, White's position still has good defensive resources.

24.h5 Bc8 + 25. Qf1 g5 26. Bd1

White has managed to hold his position together, but at the expense of using a lot of time on the clock. With more than a dozen moves to go before the time control, I felt that I still had good winning chances.

26...b6 27. Qc1 c5 28. Qe2 Bf6 29. Qg3 c4!? 30. Qe4 Qe5 31. Qg2 Qf8 32. Qd5 + Qg7 33. Bhe1 Bc7

Black threatens 34... Qd3 .

34. Qe4 Bef7 35. Bc2

Better is 35.h6+ Qh8 .

35...♙c5 36.h6+ ♖f8 37.f3?

My opponent had stopped recording his moves some time ago in spite of the 30 second increment given to both players on the clock for each move made, and so was clearly violating the rules of the tournament. Better here is 37.♗dd2.

37...g4 38.fxg4 ♖xg4 39.♗d8+ ♖e7 40.♗a8 ♖e3+

My opponent finally makes the time control, but it does not really matter anymore.

41.♗xe3 ♙xe3 42.♙d5 ♗f2+ 43.♖h3 ♗f6 44.♗xa7+ ♖d6 45.♖e4+ ♖xd5 46.♖xf2 ♗xf2 47.♗xh7 ♗f6 48.♖g4 ♗xh6 49.♗e7 ♗e6 50.♗d7+ ♖e4 51.b3 ♗g6+ 52.♖h5 ♗c6 53.b4 b5 54.♗b7 ♗b6 0-1.

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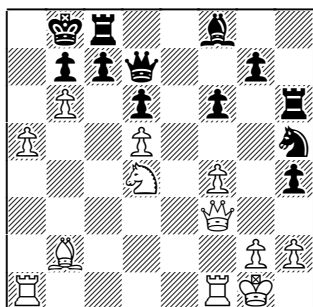
1.e4 e5 2.♖f3 ♖c6 3.♙b5 d6 4.d4 exd4 5.♖xd4 ♙d7 6.0-0 ♖e5 7.f4 ♖g6

The knight has arrived on g6 after a strange journey.

8.b3 h5 9.♙b2 ♙xb5 10.♖xb5 ♖d7 11.♖e2

White is quite comfortable in view of the problems Black has untangling her kingside. Depending on where Black's king will settle, White continues with c4 and ♖c3 and further expansion in the center or on the queenside.

11...a6 12.♖d4 0-0-0 13.c4 ♖f6 14.♖c3 h4 15.♖d5 ♖h5 16.b4 ♗e8 17.♖f3 ♖e7 18.a4 f6 19.a5 ♖xd5 20.exd5 ♗h6 21.b5 axb5 22.cxb5 ♖b8 23.b6 ♗c8



There are probably other roads to victory, but I wanted to end with something a little cuter...

24.♖c6+ bxc6 25.dxc6 ♖f5 26.b7 ♖c5+

There are still some tricks about! The careless 27.♖h1?? ♖g3+ 28.hxg3 hxg3 with mate next is too embarrassing.

27.♗f2 ♗e8 28.a6 ♖a7 29.♖d5

Caught up by other ideas, I simply missed the much cleaner 29.♙d4 ♖xd4 30.a7+ ♖xa7 31.♗xa7 ♖xa7 32.♖a3+.

29...♖xf4 30.♖d4 ♖e6

I had these messy complications calculated earlier, and everything works out perfectly...

31.♖xa7+ ♖xa7 32.♗e2 ♗h5 33.♙d4+ ♗c5 34.♙xc5+ dxc5 35.♗ae1 c4 36.♗xe6 ♙c5+ 37.♖f1 ♗d8 38.♗e8 1-0.

Endgame

At the closing ceremony the Canadian team members could be content with the feeling of having finished a long and difficult event with a really good result. And as an added bonus, we were treated to the honor of a silver medal for Kevin's truly excellent performance on second board, where super-GM Morozevich had to be content with the bronze! Afterwards Kevin was kind enough to let us all try it on for size...

Elsewhere the perennial favorites from Russia duly received the team gold medal, followed by a veteran squad of grandmasters from Germany who surprised everyone by capturing the silver medal ahead of the Ukraine. Also remarkable is the truly dramatic improvement of many Asian teams, as well as India, who are poised to turn the chess world on its head in the near future.

As strong as the Olympiad has become in recent years, I think this time Canada showed that we are capable of playing competitive chess at a very high level. Hopefully Istanbul was just the start of even better things to come.



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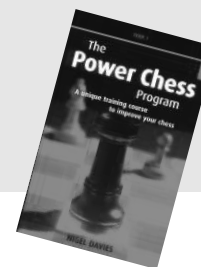
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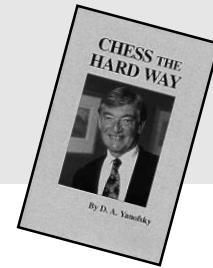
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Philip Haley

FIDE Reports

by Philip G. Haley
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Highlights of the FIDE Congress in Istanbul

The General Assembly approved concluding an agreement with FIDE Commerce International in regards to the commercialization of FIDE. FIDE Commerce International will be owned 70% by President Ilyumzhinov and 30% by Artiom Tarasov. I had serious concerns about the first two drafts of this agreement, which I detailed in a series of letters to FIDE. Major improvements have been made since then, and I believe the final agreement is a good one. FIDE Commerce International will provide the prize fund for the World Championship. In exchange for commercial rights, 10% of the net profit of the company shall be paid to FIDE with a minimum guarantee of USD \$1,000,000 for each of the first three years and USD \$500,000 per year thereafter. If either party is in breach of the agreement, the other party can serve notice. This agreement replaces the present agreement with Kirsan Ilyumzhinov's World Chess Foundation.

New proposals have been made for the World Championship Cycle, with three main principles involved: first, that the format be commercially marketable; second, that it be supported by the leading players; and third, that the system be respected as producing a worthy World Champion. All three principles need to be carefully balanced.

GM Alexei Shirov proposed changing the time control to 40 minutes per player per game plus 30 seconds for each player per move. Input was

sought from the players in the World Championship in New Delhi, and subsequently the Presidential Board announced that in all FIDE events the time control will be 75 minutes for 40 moves and 15 minutes for the rest of the game, plus an incremental time of 30 seconds per move for each player. This is substantially slower than Shirov's proposal, but substantially faster than the present time controls. The Presidential Board "realizes that there are many federations and chess organizers who may not have the resources to apply the cumulative time control of an additional thirty seconds from move one. Therefore, there is no compulsion involved here for organizers to use this mode in the transitional period so long as there is substantial compliance within the limits set out by the Board."

Details relative to qualification for the next World Championship, and in particular the status of zonal tournaments and continental championships, are not clear. However, FIDE has announced that 128 players will qualify for the World Championship, and that all participants will start play in round one. A committee chaired by Deputy President Georgios Makropoulos will meet in Lausanne in January, 2001 to clarify all technical issues related to the questions of the zones and continental competitions, as well as other issues of interest to players and National Federations.

It had been suggested that drug testing on an experimental basis would be initiated for the Istanbul Olympiad. This did not happen, in part because no funds had been provided to cover the costs that would be incurred, which are expected to be as much as USD \$300 per test. Starting in 2001, procedures for bids for FIDE competitions will be revised to include a requirement for drug testing. It has not been finalized as to what drugs will be tested for, but the FIDE Medical Commission has already decided not to test for alcohol and marijuana.

Three GM norms were achieved at the Jack Collins tournament in New York by Igor Zugic and two others. These norms were not deemed to be acceptable by the Qualifications Commission on the basis that the format of the event was such that equal conditions did not apply to all

players. Bill Kelleher, the USCF delegate, and I both made strenuous efforts at the General Assembly to have these norms accepted on the basis that it was not fair to penalize the players who had taken part in the event in good faith. We were not successful. Igor Zugic's IM title has however been confirmed.

While the law suit of Zsuzsa Polgar has still not been resolved, Anatoly Karpov and FIDE have settled their dispute with an agreement that is highlighted by a payment of USD \$50,000 to Karpov, and acceptance by Karpov that Khalifman and Anand are the World Champions for 1999 and 2000.

The World Youth U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18 will be held in Spain from October 20 to November 3, 2001.

The Icelandic Chess Federation has expressed interest in organizing the World Championships for Juniors and Girls in 2001 in Reykjavik. Tunisia withdrew their proposal to hold the 72nd FIDE Congress in Hammamet, Tunisia. Henceforth China, Greece and Georgia expressed interest in organizing this Congress.

The Slovenian Chess Federation will host the Chess Olympiad 2002 and the 73rd FIDE Congress in Bled. China, El Salvador and Spain are bidding for the Chess Olympiad 2004. A committee will be set up to visit the prospective venues and report to the next Congress.

Canadian Chess on the World Wide Web

Several projects are under way to provide historical chess material from Canada on the internet.

Among the resources is the CFC website at www.chess.ca Hugh Brodie's collection of games from national championships and other important Canadian tournaments at

132.206.45.67/chess/database.htm David Cohen's recently added page of biographies and other archival materials at www.ncf.carleton.ca/~bw998/can chess.html

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Oropesa del Mar

World Youth Chess Festival 2000

by Irwin Lipnowski

Last October twenty-one young Canadians, ranging in age from 10 to 18 years, assembled in the Spanish resort of Oropesa del Mar on the eastern coast of the Mediterranean Sea between Barcelona and Valencia for the 2000 edition of the World Youth Championships. They were joined by nearly 800 boys and girls from over 100 different nations, and accompanied by an even larger entourage of coaches, captains, parents, guardians and assorted officials.

The Canadian players had all qualified to participate in this event by placing in the top three of their respective age and gender categories at the Canadian Youth Chess Championship, held in July 2000 in Edmonton, where five age categories: U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18, were contested in separate events for boys and girls.

Before commenting on the competition itself, I should say a few words about the conditions our players experienced: the food was excellent, the setting on the Mediterranean Sea was magnificent, and the weather was mild and pleasant, with the exception of the last day when it rained long and hard enough to cause a power failure that coincided with our departure time in the wee hours of the morning.

The tours arranged on the free days were hit and miss, ranging from a visit to the local 'Orange Museum' to a boat ride through an underground river that is surrounded by fascinating caves at Vall d'Uxo. Also offered was a very interesting trip to Valencia, which included some sightseeing and a visit to the ultramodern Arts and Science City Museum.

Canada was ably represented by the following players: **G10** Tiffany Tang (5.5/11), Hazel Smith (5/11); **G12** Alexandra Benggawan (5/11); **G14** Amanda Benggawan (5/11), Yamei Wang (4.5/11), Dina Kagramanov (4/11); **G16** Bojana Mitrovic (6.5/11), Nataliya Rodina (5/11), Olya Shiskina (5/11); **G18** Erin Walker (5/11), Anne-Marie Charbonneau (4.5/11); **B10** Raja Panjwani (7/11), Timothy Tam (5.5/11), Vincent Cuevas (4.5/11); **B12** Thomas Roussel-Roozman (7/11), Sebastian Predescu (6.5/11); **B14** Michael Buscar (6/11), Hao Yuan Wang (5.5/11); **B16** Joseph Lentini (5.5/11), Ronak Kapadia (4/11), Samuel Lipnowski (3/11); **B18** Andrei Moskvitch (4.5/11), Roman Jiganchine (4/11).

The level of play in this competition has risen sharply in recent years, and I was particularly struck by the progress

of the U10 age group. When one of these kids gets a material advantage, he or she now regularly proceeds to mop up the opponent's remaining army in the most efficient and ruthless manner. Undoubtedly, all players on the Canadian team felt that they could have done better. Nonetheless, given the superior training and experience that is fostered in countries with a more intense chess culture, I think that our team did remarkably well. I was impressed by at least some of our games, and their very best efforts clearly demonstrate the high level of performance which they are presently capable of achieving, although not yet as consistently as they would like.

We are witnessing clear indicators of the extremely high performance standards attained by youth in the world in chess when a 16-year-old Grischuk reaches the semi finals of the recent FIDE World Championship, and even younger players are now routinely attaining grandmaster norms. While these players are exceptional talents, their success signals an increasing force to be reckoned with at the top levels of the chess world.

Of course, the strength of the players from Russia and the former Soviet Republics, as well as those from Eastern Europe is not surprising. Their historical domination of world chess, the role and prestige of chess in their national culture, and their strong emphasis upon rigorous coaching and training of youth in schools and clubs by highly skilled Masters produces inevitable results.

In the past decade, Western countries have advanced through a variety of development programs, so the strong international performances of Holland, England or Germany are also no surprise. The increasing popularity of chess in third world countries has led to remarkable improvement in the strength of participants from countries such as China, India, the Philippines, and more surprisingly Iran, whose representative in the G12 section placed first.

The Canadian contingent included fifteen parents and one personal coach, IM Jean Hebert, who clearly had a positive impact on the 7/11 score of his charge Thomas Roussel-Roozman. Likewise, Raja Panjwani's 7/11 score is a product of his confident style, underpinned by the training of his coach Frank Dixon.

In my capacity as coach, I analyzed games upon request. However, quite a few players had other coaching resources available to them, and this significantly reduced the pressure on my time. For example, Bojana Mitrovic was accompanied by her father, who is no weaker than I am, and her score of 6.5/11 points speaks volumes about this skill combination. Sebastian Predescu achieved his own fine score of 6.5/11 with only minimal reliance upon my services; as he was well served by the excellent advance preparation of his coach IM Tom O'Donnell and his father's expertise in deploying a powerful database to prepare for his son's opponents.

Michael Buscar's score of 6/11 reflects his talent and the able assistance of his friend, IM Mark Paragua from the Philippines, who placed third in the B16 Section. My son Samuel, together with Joseph Lentini and Hao Yuan Wang also benefited greatly from Mark Paragua's generosity in analyzing their games. Andrei Moskvitch often provided valuable help during times of peak demand for my coaching services by analyzing the games of some of the younger players.

Dina Kagramanov was assisted by GM Dmitry Tyomkin who visited Oropesa during the first half of the tournament. Nataliya Rodina was able to discuss her games with her former coach from the Ukraine who was in Spain assisting the Ukrainian team. Databases were generously made available to players upon request by Dr. Dilip Panjwani and Undriadri Benggawan. Incidentally, Undriandri also provided the valuable service of maintaining a progress chart for the entire Canadian contingent. I should also mention that all of the parents and guardians were most helpful and cooperative, and this certainly contributed to the success of our players and greatly facilitated my task.

The player who achieved the most impressive recovery after a slow start was Erin Walker who, together with Anne-Marie Charbonneau, represented

Canada in the G18 Section. Erin lost her first four games, but then demonstrated admirable inner strength by embarking upon a remarkable recovery, scoring five points in her next seven games without suffering another defeat. Anne-Marie Charbonneau's pattern was the reverse; she began very strongly, but then faltered in some difficult games. Undoubtedly her experience at Oropesa del Mar will serve her well in the future.

I would also like to comment briefly on my job description of 'Captain' of the Canadian team. This designation was intended by the CFC to indicate that my first responsibility was the safety and well being of the Canadian participants, particularly the players who were not accompanied by a parent or guardian. For this group of six players I was the legal guardian. My duties as coach are by definition only secondary, although I was able to devote almost all of my time to analyzing games and offering suggestions. I also conveniently served as a volunteer arbiter in the U18 section, as this allowed me to observe the games directly, since all others are denied admission.

Interestingly, the American team does not allow any youth to participate unless he or she is accompanied by a parent or guardian. Given the litigious nature of American society, the USCF is acutely aware of the legal liability it could face when a coach is given the dual role of legal guardian. This policy allowed their coaches to give their undivided attention to coaching and preparing their players, rather than on the responsibilities of a guardian.

The World Youth Chess Festival is hardly a profitable venture, but rather designed to fill the otherwise empty rooms of a resort hotel in the off season. Anyone who is not a national champion for his or her respective age category pays approximately \$1,000 for accommodation and transportation. This sum is rather large by Spanish standards during the off season, but it provides a mechanism for the organizers whereby affluent countries with very large contingents subsidize poorer countries whose national champions are the only representatives and stay for free.

A further observation is that success for the participants should not, in my view, be measured solely in terms of

a player's total points. While they are indicators of current strength and performance levels, the real measure of successful participation is in the international experience gained, and in the relationships formed.

Rather than commenting on specific games of our players which, with their annotations, speak for themselves, I shall discuss the one game from this event that impressed me the most.

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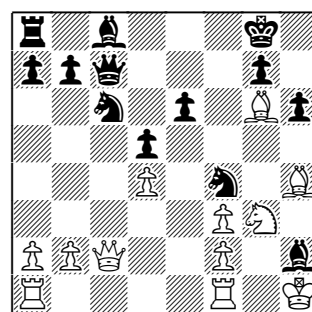
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Spanish GM Francisco Vallejo Pons won the B18 Section, but lost here against his younger Czech opponent David Navara in a sensational game.

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘d2 ♘f6 4.e5 ♘fd7 5.♙d3 c5 6.c3 ♘c6 7.♗e2 cxd4 8.cxd4 f6 9.exf6 ♘xf6 10.0-0 ♙d6 11.♘f3 ♖c7 12.♙g5 0-0 13.♙h4 ♗h5

So far we have followed standard theory in this variation. White's strategic objective is to exchange his bishop for its powerful counterpart on d6 by 14.♙g3 etc, while Black strives to prevent this with the text.

14.♖c2 h6 15.♙g6 ♗xf3 16.gxf3 ♙xh2+ 17.♖h1 ♗f4 18.♗g3



18...♙xg3

Although this move appears to be clearly forced, there is a fascinating story about this position, told to me by GM Reynaldo Vera: one week prior to this game, at the European U20 Championship, Evgeny Gleizerov from the Ukraine went on to win from here with the far from obvious 18...♖b6! The members of Vallejo's team in fact had this game in their

database, but for some reason did not paid any attention to it. Vera also told me that Fritz6 finds 18...♖b6 in less than one minute! The point is that after 19.♙xh2 Black regains a piece by 19...♜xd4 20.♖b1 (to guard ♜/g6) 20...♜xf3+ 21.♙h1 ♜xh4 with a winning advantage.

19.fxg3 ♜xg6 20.♙xg6 ♙f7
21.♙xf7+ ♙xf7 22.g4

White meets the threat 22...g5 against his bishop, but we'll see later that the move also has an offensive intent.

22...♜xd4?

I asked GM Vera on the following day about 22...♜xd4 and he confirmed that remarkably, this very plausible move loses by force! GM Zilberman, one of the coaches of the Israeli team, also suggested the natural text when asked what move Black should play in this position. Canada's IM Jean Hebert suggested that Black may be able to defend the position with 22...♜d7. White will try to penetrate Black's fortress with a rook on the c/ file after diverting the knight from c6, but Black has ...a5 followed by ...♞a6-b6 to render it difficult, or perhaps impossible, for White to ever play the advance b4-b5.

23.♞ac1 ♜c6 24.b4 a6 25.a4 ♜xb4
26.♞c7+ ♙g8 27.g5 h5

Black fights to keep White's second rook from targeting the vulnerable ♜/g7. On 27...hxg5 White's other rook can reach g7 via the g/ file.

28.♞fc1 ♜c6 29.g6

This pawn keeps Black's king pinned to the back rank.

29...d4 30.♜g3 d3

Black's brave efforts to divert the second White rook by using his d/♜ as bait are, alas, unsuccessful.

31.♞d1 e5 32.♞xd3 ♜f5 33.♞b3 ♜d4 34.♞xb7 ♜e6 35.♞e7 e4
36.♜e5 e3 37.♙g2 ♞c8 38.♞xg7+

The tactical culmination of White's single-minded attack on Black's king.

38...♜xg7 39.♞xg7+ ♙f8 40.♞f7+ ♙g8

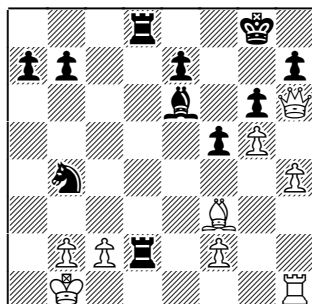
Black resigns, since 41.♞xf5 renders Black defenseless against the threat of 42.♞xh5 and 43.♞h8+. I believe this game speaks volumes about the enormous progress in the quality of play among the chess elite in the world of youth chess.

1-0.

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I had already calculated that Black now mates with 22...♜a2+ 23.♙a1 ♞8d6 24.b3 ♜xb3! 25.cxb3 ♞a6+ 26.♙b1 ♞aa2 but, like a magnet, my hand went to the rook.

22...♞8d6 23.b3 ♜xb3! 24.cxb3 ♞6d3 25.♜d1 ♞a2! 26.h5 ♞dd2 27.♜c2 ♞dxc2??

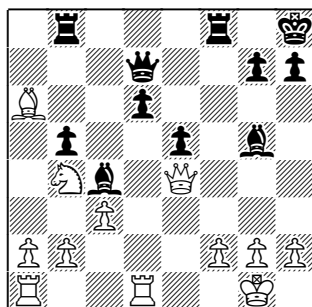
Caught up by the excitement, this capture with the wrong rook costs Black half a point. Instead 27...♞axc2! 28.hxg6 ♞b2+ 29.♙a1 ♞a2+ 30.♙b1 ♞db2+ 31.♙c1 ♜d3+ 32.♙d1 ♞a1 # mates beautifully.

28.♞d1! ♞cb2+ 29.♙c1 ♞c2+ ½-½.

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24...♙f7?

After this mistake White gets the upper hand. Much better is 24...♙a7!

with the beautiful point 25.♙c2 ♞xf2! 26.♙xf2 ♜e3.

25.♙c2 ♞b6 26.b3 ♜e6 27.♙e2 ♞fb8 28.♙d3 ♜e7 29.a4! ♜xb3 30.a5 e4 31.♙e3

White avoids 31.♙xe4 d5 when Black's ♞/b6 gets out.

31...♞xa6 32.♜xa6 ♞a8 33.♜c7 ♞c8 34.♜xb5 ♜xd1 35.♞xd1 ♙b3 36.♙e2

White should have little trouble converting the extra pawn.

36...d5 37.a6 ♜c5 38.a7 ♙a4 39.♞xd5 ♜xa7 40.♜xa7 ♙xa7 41.c4 h6 42.h3 ♞e8 43.♙e3 ♙c7

No better is the exchange of queens with 43...♙xe3 44.fxe3 since Black cannot hold on to ♜/e4 for long.

44.c5 ♙c6 45.♞d6 ♙c7 46.♙d4 ♙h7 47.♞d7 ♙e5 48.c6 ♙g5

After 48...♞xd4 49.♞xd4 ♞c8 50.♞c4 White's king picks up ♜/e4.

49.c7 ♞c8 50.♙xe4+ ♙h8 51.♙d4 ♙h7 52.♙d3+ ♙g6 53.♞xg7+! ♙xg7 54.♙d7+ ♙f7 55.♙xc8 1-0.

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English: Botvinnik A36

1.e4 c5 2.c4 ♜c6 3.♜c3 d6 4.g3 g6 5.♜g2 ♜g7 6.♜ge2 ♜g4 7.f3

We have landed in the Botvinnik System of the English from a Sicilian move order, which can occasionally be an effective transpositional device since Black is by no means obligated to play into this variation after 1.c4.

7...♜d7 8.0-0 e6 9.d3 ♜ge7 10.♜b5!? ♜c8

Another option is to play for a hedgehog setup with 10...♙b8 followed by 11...a6 and 12...0-0.

11.♜f4 ♜e5 12.♜xe5 ♜xe5

Black can consider the strange looking 12...dxe5!? to control square/d4 and prepare for ...♜d6. After 13.f4 a6 14.♜bc3 ♜d6 15.fxe5 ♜xe5 16.♙h1 0-0 17.d4 cxd4 18.♜xd4 b5! Black has good play.

13.d4 cxd4 14.f4! ♜g7 15.♜bxd4 ♜e7

The daring 15...♖b6! is best met by 16.♖h1 e5 (16...♗xb2 17.♗d3! ♖b6 18.♖ab1 ♗c7 19.e5! d5 20.cxd5 exd5 21.♗xd5 is very good for White) 17.fxe5 dxe5 18.♗b3 and White is in control after 19.c5

16.♖h1 ♖b6 17.♗d2 0-0-0?!

Black should prefer the other wing to shelter his king. White is very well organized for a direct attack on the queenside.

18.♖ac1 ♖b8 19.♖c3! e5 20.♖b3! ♗c5 21.♗c2 h5 22.♗b4! ♖a8

Black doesn't miss the fork 23.♗a6+.

23.♗d5 ♖he8 24.♖c1 ♖c8

Worse is 24...♖b8? 25.♖b5! ♗c8 (25...♗xb5 26.cxb5 ♗f2 27.♗c7#) 26.♗b6+! axb6 27.♖a5+ and mates.

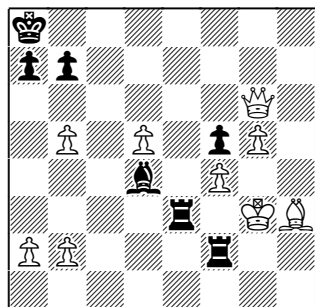
25.♖b5! ♗xb5 26.cxb5 ♗xc1+?

Black decides to give up his queen to relieve the pressure. However, better chances for survival are offered by 26...♗xb5 27.♖xc8+ ♖xc8 28.♗xe7 ♖c5 29.♗c3 ♗d7 30.♗7d5 exf4! 31.gxf4 ♗xc3! 32.♗xc3 f6.

27.♗xc1 ♗xd5 28.exd5 h4 29.♗e2 hxg3 30.hxg3 e4 31.♗h3 f5 32.g4 ♖h8 33.♗g2 ♖cg8! 34.♗g3 ♗f6 35.g5! ♗g7 36.♖b4?

Easier is 36.♗xf5! gxf5 37.♗xf5 with a huge bind, since 37...♗f8 38.♗c2! ♖b8 39.♗xe4 ♖c7 40.♗e6! puts Black into zugzwang. The text gives Black an opportunity for a strong counter attack.

36...♖c8 37.♗xe4 ♖c2+ 38.♗f2 ♖e8 39.♗xd6 ♗d4! 40.♗xg6 ♖xf2+ 41.♗g3 ♖e3+



42.♖h4??

Tragically, this error throws away my last hopes against an opponent who would go on to capture the silver medal! Instead 42.♗xf2! ♖e6+ 43.♗f3 ♖xg6 44.♗xf5 gives White good chances for at least a draw. White's passed pawns and the distant placement of Black's king provide

sufficient compensation for the rook after 44...♖g8 (misplacing the rook with 44...♖d6 45.♗e6 ♗xb2 46.♗e4 looks worse) 45.♗e6 ♖h8 46.b3 ♖b8 47.♗e4 ♗c3 48.d6! ♗b4 49.♗d5 with a difficult and unclear position.

42...♖xf4+ 43.♗g4 ♖xg4+ 44.♖h5 ♖h3# 0-1.

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Nimzo-Indian E10

1.d4 ♗f6 2.♗f3 e6 3.c4 ♗c6!?

Although this developing move is sometimes played by respectable Masters, it nevertheless blocks ♗/c7 and renders Black's position less flexible. In practice it means that your path to a playable position is now somewhat narrower and requires more precision.

4.♗c3 ♗b4

Black merely produces a Queen's Gambit type of position with a misplaced ♗/c6 after 4...d5?! 5.♗g5.

5.♗c2 0-0 6.♗g5

White's most principled move is 6.e4 to seize the center.

6...h6 7.♗d2

Thomas saw in time that 7.♗h4 runs into 7...g5 8.♗g3 g4. White has lost a tempo with the text, but this is not a big deal since 6...h6 does not help Black's development and can prove to be a weakness later on.

7...d5 8.e3 ♗xc3?!

Why trade without any provocation? More useful looks 8...♖e8 or 8...a5.

9.bxc3!?

More pawns towards the center, but 9.♗xc3 has the advantage of keeping square/e5 under stricter control.

9...♖e8 10.♗e2 ♗e7

Since 10...e5 11.cxd5 ♗xd5 12.c4 ♗e4 13.♗xe4 ♗xe4 14.d5 ♗xd2 15.♗xd2 looks like a rather pleasant endgame for White, Black abandons all hopes for the freeing advance ...e5.

11.0-0 c6

The only good thing about this move is in allowing ...♗a5 although it isn't clear what the queen is doing there?!

12.♗c1!

Quite an impressive move for such a young player! The bishop has no future on d2, and so it goes back to make room for the knight, which can support central expansion with f3 and e4 from its post on d2.

12...♗a5 13.♗d2 ♗g6 14.♗d3

Another logical follow up is 14.f4! to smother square/e5 and prevent ...e5.

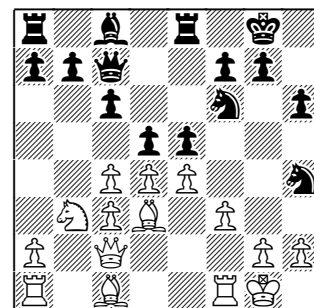
14...♗h4

Black does not have many attractive options. For example, insufficient for equality is 14...e5 15.♗xg6 fxg6 16.cxd5 ♗xd5 17.c4.

15.f3?!

White keeps a spatial advantage and long term prospects for the two bishops with 15.f4 ♗f5 16.♖e1.

15...e5 16.♗b3 ♗c7 17.e4



17...dxe4?!

Vicol wants to make use of square/g4 for tactical purposes, but these ideas just don't work. However, quite unclear is 17...♗e6! 18.dxe5 ♗xe5 19.f4 ♗h5 20.cxd5 cxd5 21.f5 (or 21.e5 ♗e4) 21...dxe4! 22.♗e2 ♗f3+ 23.♗xf3 (Black really wins after 23.gxf3 ♗xf5!!) 23...♗xb3 24.axb3 exf3 and Black is much better.

18.fxe4 ♗g4?

A complete miscalculation that leads to a decisive loss of time. Black should instead settle for a playable game after 18...♗g6 since 19.♗xh6? (perhaps the exchange sacrifice 19.♖xf6 gxf6 20.♗xh6 gives White enough compensation) 19...♗g4 20.♗c1 exd4 21.g3 dxc3 22.♗xc3 ♗4e5 leaves Black slightly better.

19.h3 ♗f6 20.♗f2 ♗g6 21.♗xh6!

Black temporarily regains the pawn, but his position is ruined for good.

21...♗xe4 22.♗xe4 gxh6 23.♗g3 ♖h7 24.h4

Good enough, but there is a much simpler win with 24.♖f6 ♖g8 25.♖af1.

24...f5 25.♖xf5! ♖xf5 26.♖xf5 ♖f7 27.♖g4

Again second best. Crushing is 27.♖f1 h5 28.♖e4 ♖g7 29.♖g5.

27...h5 28.♖xh5+ ♖g7 29.♖g4

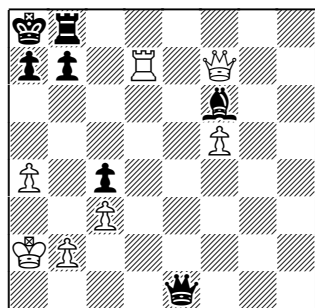
Unfortunately Thomas' experienced opponent now displayed very poor sportsmanship by playing on for far too many moves...

29...exd4 30.h5 ♖f8 31.♖xd4 ♖ae8 32.♖xg6+ ♖xg6 33.♖xg6 ♖e5 34.♖f1 ♖xf1+ 35.♖xf1 ♖a5 36.g4 ♖xa2 37.g5 ♖a5 38.♖e6+ ♖h8 39.c5 ♖a4 40.♖f7 b6 41.g6 ♖g4 42.h6 bxc5 43.g7+ ♖h7 44.g8♖+ ♖xg8 45.♖xg8+ ♖xh6 46.♖f7 c4 47.♖e2 a5 48.♖d2 a4 49.♖c2 a3 50.♖b1 c5 51.♖a2 ♖h7 52.♖xa3 ♖h8 53.♖a4 ♖h7 54.♖b5 ♖h6 55.♖xc5 ♖h7 56.♖xc4 ♖h6 57.♖d5 ♖h7 58.c4 ♖h6 59.c5 ♖h7 60.c6 ♖h8 61.c7 ♖h7 62.c8♖ ♖h6 63.♖h8# 1-0.

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44...♖xc3?

Unfortunately, I missed White's reply and only looked at 45.bxc3 ♖xc3 which wins for Black. Instead, Black wins comfortably with 44...♖e8!

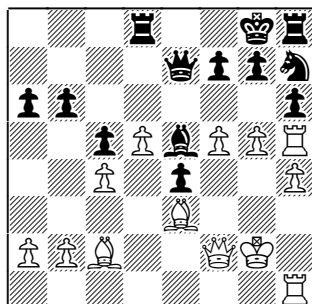
45.♖xb7!

Now 45...♖xb7 (45...♖d4?? 46.♖xb8+ ♖xb8 47.♖g8+! ♖b7 48.♖d5+ picks up the bishop; while 45...♖e3 46.♖xb8+ ♖xb8 47.♖g8+ ♖b7 48.♖d5+ wins for White) 46.♖g8+ ♖b8 47.♖d5+ draws by repetition. ½-½.

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32.gxh6

Somewhere White has lost the thread of the game. Much stronger here is to add the queenside to Black's many problems with 32.b4.

32...♖f6 33.♖g5 ♖xh6 34.♖f1 ♖f8

In time trouble both kings decide to make a dash for safer quarters.

35.♖hg1 ♖h7 36.♖g2 ♖xh4 37.♖xg7 ♖e8 38.♖a4+ b5 39.cxb5 ♖d7 40.bxa6+ ♖c7

Although White is still winning, I couldn't help but wonder how my bind on Black's position out of the opening could have led to such a mess later in the game. Fortunately, my opponent blunders immediately after the time control...

41.♖d2 ♖d4? 42.♖a5+ ♖d6? 43.♖xd4 cxd4 44.♖b4+ 1-0.

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Nimzo-Indian E20

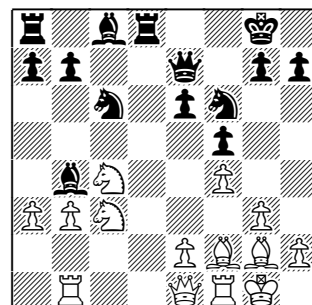
1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 e6 3.♖c3 ♖b4 4.♖f3 c5 5.g3 0-0 6.♖g2 cxd4 7.♖xd4 d5 8.cxd5 ♖xd5 9.♖d2 ♖b6 10.♖c2 ♖e7

Black is perhaps a little worse out of the opening, if only because his light squared bishop cannot be easily developed. However, White fails to continue optimally, and actually drifts into a passive position.

11.0-0 ♖c6 12.b3 ♖f6 13.♖c1 ♖e7 14.♖e4 ♖d8 15.♖e1 ♖b2 16.♖b1 ♖e5 17.f4 ♖c7 18.♖e3 ♖d5

The apparently more active 19.♖c5 is bad because of the simple 19...♖b6.

19.♖f2 f5 20.♖c3 ♖f6 21.♖e3 ♖a5 22.♖c4 ♖b4 23.a3



I was startled by this move, which seems to just give up a pawn for nothing. However, based on the purely practical consideration of time management, I decided to decline the offering out of hand. As it turns out, 23...♖xa3 24.♖xa3 ♖xa3 25.b4 ♖d5 26.♖xd5 exd5 27.♖b5 ♖a4 28.♖c7 ♖b8 29.b5 gives White positional compensation for the pawn.

23...♖c5 24.♖xc5?!

After this exchange the initiative passes to Black. Better is 24.h3 to prevent the excursion ...♖g4.

24...♖xc5+ 25.♖f2? ♖d4

Now White loses a pawn due to the dual threats of 26...♖g4 and 26...♖xb3.

26.e3 ♖xb3 27.♖e2 ♖a5 28.♖xa5 ♖xa5 29.♖c4 ♖d7 30.♖xb7?

Black has set a rather transparent trap based on the alignment of White's pieces in the c/file.

30...♖ac8 31.♖xc8 ♖xc8 32.♖d4 ♖xc3

Black's advantage is decisive in view of White's kingside weaknesses.

33.♖b8+ ♖f7 34.♖b7 ♖c7 35.♖fb1 a6 36.♖d6 ♖xb7 37.♖xb7 ♖a4 38.♖a7 a5 39.♖d2 ♖b5

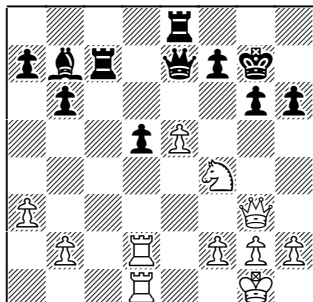
Lines like 40.♖xa5 (or 40.♖xa5 ♖b1+ 41.♖g2 ♖g6) 40...♖b1+ 41.♖g2 ♖c6+ 42.♖h3 ♖f1 43.♖h4 ♖f3 prove that Black's ♖/a5 is not easily digested.

40.♖e1 a4 41.♖b4 ♖c6 42.♖b7 ♖g6 43.♖b2 ♖f3 0-1.

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28... ♖xe5

Black just couldn't resist the free pawn and neglected to look further.

29. ♖e2 ♗d4 30. ♖h5+ ♖f8?

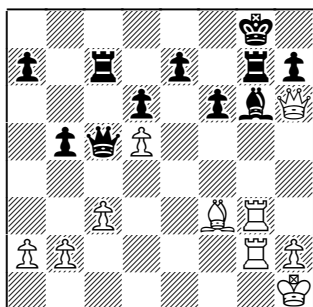
Black is also lost after the more resilient defense 30... ♗h7 31. ♖f6+ ♗xf6 32. ♖xe8.

31. ♗d6+ ♖ce7 32. ♖xd4 1-0.

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27. ♖e4

Much more critical is 27. h4!! ♗c4 28. ♗h2 and Black has no checks.

27... f5 28. ♖xf5 ♗xd5 29. ♖xg6 ♗d1+ 30. ♖g1 ♗d5+ 31. ♖e4 ♗xe4+ 32. ♖3g2

White goes too far and should have settled for a draw with 32. ♖1g2 ♗e1+ 33. ♖g1 ♗e4+.

32... e6 33. ♗f6?! ♖cf7 34. ♗d4

Here 34. ♗d8+ ♖f8 35. ♗xd6 backfires dramatically after 35... ♗xg2+ 36. ♖xg2 ♖f1+ 37. ♖g1 ♖fxg1#. Now Black simplifies into a won ♖+♗ endgame.

34... ♗xg2+ 35. ♖xg2 ♖f1+ 36. ♗g1 ♖xg1+ 37. ♗xg1 ♖xg2+ 38. ♗xg2 ♗f7 39. ♗f3 ♗f6 40. ♗e4 d5+ 41. ♗f4 e5+ 42. ♗g4 ♗e6 43. ♗g5 d4 44. cxd4 exd4 45. ♗f4 ♗d5 46. ♗f3 ♗e5 47. ♗e2 ♗e4 48. ♗d2 d3 49. ♗e1 ♗e3 50. ♗d1 d2 51. b3 b4 0-1.

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King's Indian: Sämisch E81

1. d4 ♖f6 2. c4 g6 3. ♖c3 ♖g7 4. e4 d6 5. f3

The Sämisch Variation against the King's Indian Defense appeals to me because White can attack on both sides of the board.

5... 0-0 6. ♖e3 ♗bd7

At this juncture 6... e5 and 6... ♖c6 are more popular. The idea behind the text is to play ...e5 and then ...♖c5 in response to White's advance d5. If White omits g4 on the kingside, Black has ...♖e8 and ...f5 with an attack on White's ♗/e4.

7. ♖ge2 e5 8. d5 a5 9. ♗d2 ♖c5 10. 0-0-0

Now White is ready for his attack on the kingside with g4 and h4-h5 etc.

10... ♖d7?

The start of a bad plan, since Black's queenside play is too slow. Instead Black can reach a roughly balanced position with 10... ♖e8! 11. g4 (11. h4?! h5 12. g4 hxg4 13. fxg4 ♖xg4 14. ♖g2 a4 15. ♖dg1 ♖f6 is unclear) 11... ♗h4! (11... f5? 12. gxf5 gxf5 13. ♖g1 ♗h4 [13... ♖f6? 14. ♖xc5 dxc5 15. ♗g5+-] 14. ♖g3 f4 15. ♖xc5 dxc5 16. ♖f5 ♖xf5 17. exf5 ♖xf5 18. ♖e4 ♗e7 19. ♖h3 ♖h5 20. ♖e6+ ♗h8 21. ♖g2 is better for White, whose pieces are better coordinated) 12. ♖g3 f6 13. g5 f5 14. exf5 ♖xf5 15. ♖xf5 ♖xf5 16. ♖e2.

11. g4 ♗b8?

Black continues with his plan, but his position is already difficult considering

11... h5 12. h3 h4 13. ♖g5 ♖b8 14. ♗e1 b5 15. ♖xb5 ♖xb5 16. cxb5 ♖xb5 17. ♖d4 ♖b6 18. ♖c6.

12. ♖g3 ♖a4 13. h4 ♖xc3 14. ♗xc3 b5 15. c5!

This typical Sämisch reaction stops Black's counterplay dead in its tracks.

15... dxc5 16. ♖xc5 ♖c8 17. h5 ♖e8?

A tougher Black defense is 17... ♖h6+! 18. ♗b1 (18. ♖e3?? c6! 19. d6 ♖d5! 20. exd5 cxd5 21. ♖xh6 ♖xc3+ 22. bxc3 ♗xd6 is a nice refutation) 18... ♖f4 19. ♖e2 b4 20. ♗b3 ♖g5.

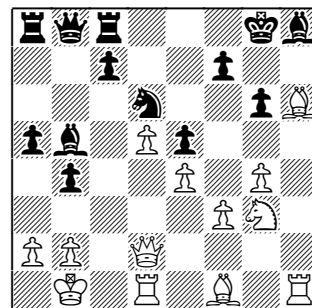
18. ♗d2 ♖d6 19. ♗b1

White carefully avoids problems in the c-file if Black plays 19... c6.

19... b4 20. ♖e3

In order to convert his advantage, White has to eliminate ♖/g7.

20... ♖b5 21. ♖h6 ♖h8 22. hxg6 hxg6



23. ♗g5

Other convincing winning lines are 23. ♖f8 ♗xf8 24. ♖xh8+ ♗e7 25. ♗g5+; and 23. ♗h2 b3 24. ♖g5 bxa2+ 25. ♗a1 ♖g7 26. ♖e7 f6 27. ♗h7+ ♗f7 28. ♖h6.

23... ♖a4 24. ♖f8! ♖e8 25. ♗h6 ♖f6 26. ♖e7! ♖xd1 27. ♗h7# 1-0.

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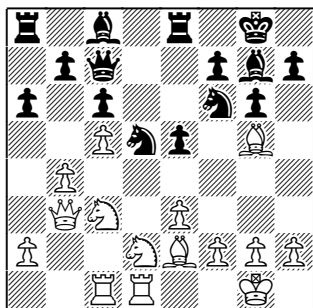
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Kings' Indian E61

1. d4 ♖f6 2. c4 g6 3. ♖c3 ♖g7 4. ♖g5 d6 5. ♖f3 0-0 6. e3 ♗bd7 7. ♖e2 e5 8. 0-0 c6 9. b4 ♗c7 10. ♖c1 a6

Black has more play after 10... a5.

11. ♗b3 ♖e8 12. ♖fd1 ♖b6 13. c5 dxc5 14. dxc5 ♖bd5 15. ♖d2



Ideally, White would like to eliminate one Black knight with Qxf6 and the other by exchanging with Qxd5. Finally, White's remaining knight is maneuvered to the outpost on d6 or possibly b6.

15... Qe6 16. Qc4 Qxc3 17. Qxc3 Qd5 18. Qb3 a5 19. a3 axb4 20. axb4 f6? 21. e4 fxg5 22. exd5 cxd5 23. Qxd5 Qf7

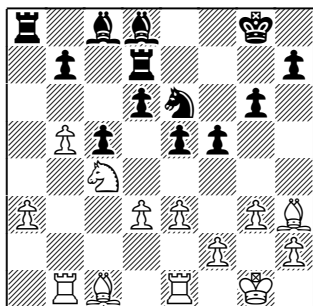
Black's pawn structure has been seriously compromised, and White's pawn advantage on the queenside is very dangerous. The remainder is not too difficult.

24. Qxe6 Qxe6 25. Qxe6+ Bxe6 26. Ba1 Bxa1 27. Bxa1 e4 28. Ba8+ Qf7 29. Qc4 Qe7 30. Ba7 Ba6 31. Bxb7+ Qd8 32. g3 Qd4 33. Qd6 e3 34. fxe3 Qxe3+ 35. Qf1 h5 36. Bg7 Ba4 37. c6 Qb6? 38. Bd7# 1-0.

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My opponent must have overlooked the problems she will have with her king when White opens the position.

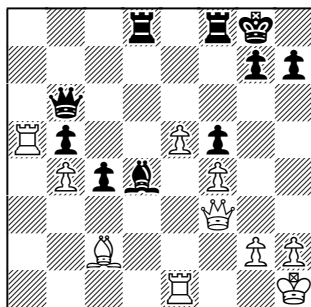
28... Qf7? 29. e4 Qd4 30. Qg2 Qe6 31. Qb2 d5 32. exf5+ gxf5 33. Qxe5 Bg7 34. Qf3+ Qd6 35. Qxd4 cxd4

36. Qxd4 f7 37. Bb3 Qe7 38. Bc3 Qd7 39. Qc5 Qf6? 40. Qxf5+ Qd8 41. Qb6+ 1-0.

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White has the initiative because of his passed a/e5.

27... g6!!

Far less original than the text is 27... Qc5 28. Qc3 Qd4 29. Qh3 Qf2 30. Bxa1 g6 with equal chances.

28. e6 Bfe8 29. e7 Qg7!

White has obviously missed the idea behind Black's 27th move, and probably anticipated only 29... Qd7? 30. Bxa8; or 29... Qc8? 30. Qd5+ Qg7 31. Bxe6; or 29... Qf7? 30. exd8 Q+! which all win easily for White.

30. Qxf5

Black is also much better in the complications after 30. Bxe5!? Bd7 31. Bxb5 (31. Bxb5? Bdx7!) 31... Qd6 32. Bbd5 (32. Bxe1 Bdx7 33. Bxe7+ Bxe7 34. Bb7 Qxb4! -+) 32... Qxb4 33. Bxd7 Qxe5 34. Qe3 Qf6.

30... Qf6

Naturally, Black avoids 30... gxf5 31. Qg3+ when White protects the rook with tempo. After the text Black clearly has the initiative in spite of the opposite colored bishops, and White suffers badly from the weakness of his back rank and vulnerable a/b4.

31. Qe6 Qxe7

In time trouble I couldn't be sure that 31... Bxe7 32. f5 gxf5 33. Qg3+ Qh8 34. Qxf5 Qd6 35. Bf1 (35. Bxe7? Qxe7 36. h3 Qd4! 37. Bxb5 Qe2 38. Qh2 Qf1 39. h4 Bg8) 35... Qxb4 36. Ba6 Qc3 also wins for Black.

32. f5

White's best practical chance, since 32. Bxe5 Qf6 33. Bxb5 Qd4 loses fast.

32... Qxb4 33. f6+

The weakness of White's back rank is very prominent in the line 33. f6? Bf8! 34. Qh5 hxg6 35. Qe5+ Qh7 36. Bxb5 Qxe1.

33... Qh8?

White's reply is easily missed in time trouble, but Black still wins. More efficient is 33... Qf8! 34. Qf4 (34. Qh3 h5) 34... Qd2 35. Qh4 Qxe6-+.

34. Bxa8! Bxa8

White hopes for the perpetual after 34... Qxe1? 35. f7 Qxe6 36. Bxd8 Bxd8 37. f8 Q+ Bxf8 38. Qxf8+.

35. f7 Qxe6?

Again the clock exacts a price, as Black misses the winning alternative 35... Qd4! (or 35... Qxe6 36. fxe8 Q+ Qxe8 37. Bxe8+ Bxe8) 36. fxe8 Q+ Bxe8 37. Qc6 Bf8 38. Bb1 c3. Now White escapes with a forced draw; what a disappointment!

36. Qxa8+ Qg7 37. Qg8+ Qf6 38. f8 Q+ Qxf8 39. Qxf8+ Qg5 40. h4+ Qh5

But not 40... Qxh4? 41. Qh6+ Qg4 42. Qh3+ and White wins.

41. Qf3+ Qh6 42. Qf8+ Qh5 43. Qf3+ 1/2-1/2.

Notes by
Samuel Lipnowski

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English: Symmetrical A36

1. c4 c5 2. Qc3 Qc6 3. g3 g6 4. Qg2 Qg7 5. d3 e5 6. Qf3 Qge7 7. Qg5 f6 8. Qd2 0-0 9. 0-0 h6 10. a3 d6 11. Bb1 Bb8 12. b4 b6 13. b5

White's queenside play is neutralized completely after 13. bxc5 bxc5. Instead White concentrates on his opponent's weak light squares, and later breaks in on the a/file.

13... Qa5 14. Qe1 Qb7

This move is positionally suspect, since Black will suffer on the light squares.

15. Qxb7 Qxb7 16. Qg2 f5

Unfortunately Black cannot prevent White's occupation of square/d5 with a knight, since 16...d5 17.cxd5 ♖xd5 18.♖b3! loses a piece.

17.♗e3 g5 18.♗ed5 ♗g6 19.a4 f4 20.♗e4 ♖d7 21.a5 ♗d8 22.axb6 axb6 23.♖a1 ♗e6 24.♗c3 ♗d4 25.♗xd4 exd4

Black's only really well placed piece has been eliminated.

26.♖a6 ♖d8 27.f3 ♖b7 28.g4

White wants to preempt any Black kingside play by building an impenetrable fortress for his king.

28...♗e7 29.♗xe7+ ♖xe7 30.♖b3 ♖f7 31.♖fa1

Even though I have complete control of the a/file, there is no concrete way to break into Black's position.

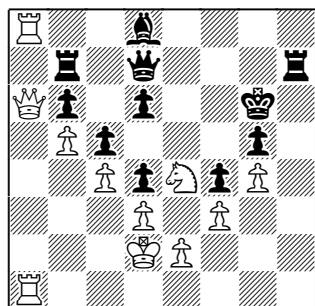
31...♖d7 32.♖1a4 ♗f6 33.♖a2 ♗d8 34.♖a8 ♗g7 35.♖4a6 h5

Black takes advantage of the stable position in the center to mount some counterplay on the kingside.

36.h3 hxg4 37.hxg4 ♗g6 38.♗f2 ♖h7 39.♗e1 ♖h1+ 40.♗d2

Nimzovich once referred to such travels of the monarchy as 'Königs Promenaden'. Quite simply, here White's king is much safer in the center than on the kingside.

40...♖h7 41.♖a1 ♖e7 42.♖h1 ♖h7 43.♖b1 ♖e7 44.♖a1 ♖h7 45.♖a2 ♖h8 46.♖a6 ♖h7



47.♖xb7!

White gets ♖+♗+♗ for his queen, but more importantly, White has taken the initial step of penetrating into the heart of Black's position. White's rooks soon become very powerful.

47...♖xb7 48.♖xd8 ♖d7 49.♖g8+

Here 49.♗xd6 ♖c7 50.♖xd7 (but not 50.♖g8+ ♖h7 51.♖xg5 ♖xd6 52.♖h1+ ♖h6!) ♖xd7 transposes to the text.

49...♖g7 50.♗xd6 ♖d7!

Black's queen needs to step carefully, since 50...♖c7 or 50...♖e7 meet with a decisive knight fork on e8 or f5.

51.♖xg7+ ♗xg7 52.♗f5+?

A critical error. White wins quite easily after 52.♗e4 ♗g6 53.♖a6 ♖c7 54.♖a8 against a helplessly tied up Black queen and king.

52...♗f6 53.♖h1 ♖a7 54.♖h6+ ♗e5 55.♗e1

A sober decision. Black's king has stepped into a mating net, but White first needs to remove his own king from the threat of perpetual check.

55...♖c7

[? There is really no escaping the inevitable after White's mistake on move 52, since Black can cash in his remaining chips here with 55...♖a1+ 56.♗f2 ♖g1+! and stalemate. Ed.]

56.♖g6 ♖h7 57.♖xg5 ♖h1+ 58.♗f2 ♖h2+ 59.♗e1 ♖g1+ 60.♗d2 ♗f6 61.♖h5 ♖b1! 62.♖h6+ ♗f7 63.♗d6+ ♗g7 64.♗f5+ ♗f7 65.♖h7+ ♗g6 66.♖h6+ ♗f7 67.♗d6+ ♗g7 68.g5 ♖b4+ 69.♗c2 ♖a4+ 1/2-1/2.

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Dutch: Leningrad A85

1.d4 f5 2.c4 g6 3.♗c3 ♗f6 4.♗g5 ♗g7 5.♖d2 d6 6.♗f3 ♗bd7 7.♗h6 ♗xh6 8.♖xh6 e5 9.♗g5 ♖e7 10.♗b5

White's frivolous handling of her knights ultimately hands several development tempi back to Black, who easily meets the transparent threats White has in mind.

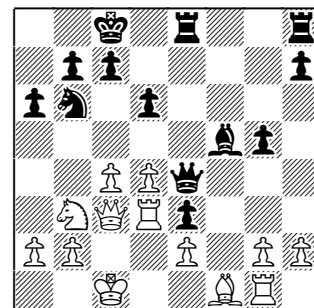
10...♗b6 11.♗f3 a6 12.♗a3 e4 13.♗d2 ♗g4 14.♖f4 g5 15.♖g3 f4 16.♖c3 e3

The tide has definitely turned! Also good for Black is 16...♗xf2.

17.fxe3 ♗xe3 18.♗c2 ♗f5 19.♗xe3 fxe3 20.♗b3 0-0-0 21.0-0-0 ♖e4 22.♖d3

Although 22.♖d3 is perhaps a bit better than the text, Black plays 22...♖f4 followed by a devastating queenside pawn storm.

22...♖de8 23.♖g1



23...♖h4

Now Black wins material in all lines.

24.g3 ♖xh2 25.♖d1 ♖xg1 26.♗h3 ♖f2 27.♗xf5+

Also hopeless is 26.♖f1 ♗xh3 28.♖xf2 exf2 29.♗d2 f1 ♖.

27...♖xf5 28.c5 dxc5 29.dxc5 ♖d8?! 30.♗d4

Because of this reply the simple 29...♗d5 or 29...♗d7 would have been more circumspect for Black. White saw that 30.cxb6 ♖xd1+ 31.♗xd1 ♖b1+ followed by 32...♖d8 wins for Black, as does 30.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 31.cxb6 ♖f1+ 32.♗c2 ♖d1#.

30...♗a4

Black still wins after 31.♗xf5 ♗xc3 32.bxc3 but White plays...

31.♖xe3? ♖xc5+ 32.♖b1 ♖he8 33.♖f2 ♖b6 34.♖d2 ♗c3+ 35.♖a1 ♖xe2 36.♖f5+ ♖b8 37.♗c6+ bxc6 38.♖xd8+ ♖a7 0-1.

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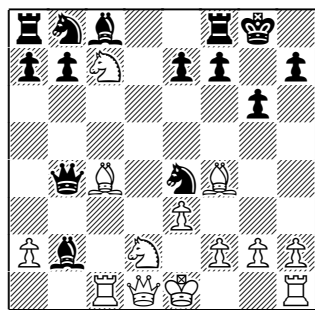
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The theoretical 10...♗e6 (only not 10...♗c6?? 11.♗xf7+) closes the important a2-g8 diagonal and gives White compensation after 11.♗xe6 ♖xb5 12.♗c4 ♖xb2 13.0-0.

11.♗d2 ♗e4 12.♗c7

A logical decision. White simply wants to pick up the rook, and hopes that his material advantage prevails over Black's initiative.

12... ♖xb2?



ECO recommends 12... ♖d8?

13. ♖c2?

After the game FM Irwin Lipnowski intuitively suggested the correct 13. ♖d3! ♖xc1 (13... ♖g4! 14. f3 ♖xd2 15. ♖xd2 ♖a3 16. ♖c2) 14. ♖xc1 ♖xd2 15. ♖xd2 ♖xd2+ 16. ♖xd2 and now 16... ♖d8 17. ♖e2! with an easy win for White. However, more so than my sloppy calculations during the game, I blame myself for not having analyzed this position during my preparations...

13... ♖c3 14. ♖xc3

I rejected 14.0-0 because Black retains an extra pawn after 14... ♖xd2 15. ♖xa8 (Black is also better after 15. ♖c1) 15... ♖xc4 16. ♖xd2 ♖xf1! 17. ♖xf1 ♖xd2.

14... ♖xc3 15. ♖xa8 ♖c6?!

The simple 15... ♖xd2 16. ♖xd2 ♖xc4 17. ♖xb8 ♖g4 regains a piece for Black and leaves White's king precariously stranded in the center.

16. ♖d5 ♖xd2 17. ♖xd2 ♖a1+ 18. ♖d1 ♖xd1+ 19. ♖xd1 ♖d8 20. e4 e6 21. ♖c7 exd5 22. exd5! ♖b4 23. a3?!

A better try for some compensation is 23. d6! ♖xa2 (after 23... ♖d3 24. ♖g3 Black cannot play 24... ♖xd6? 25. ♖xd6 ♖xf2+ 26. ♖e2 ♖xh1 27. ♖f1 with an extra piece for White) 24. ♖e1 ♖b4 25. ♖d2 a5 26. ♖c3 ♖c6 27. ♖e8+.

23... ♖xd5 24. ♖xd5 ♖e6 25. ♖c1 ♖xd5 26. f3?!

Objectively this ending should be drawn, but in time trouble White makes his task unnecessarily difficult. Better is 26. ♖g1! (but not 26. ♖d1 ♖c8+ 27. ♖b2 ♖xg2) followed by g3.

26... f6 27. ♖d1 ♖f7 28. ♖b2 g5 29. ♖e3 b6 30. ♖d2 ♖g6 31. ♖d4 h5 32. ♖c3 h4! 33. g3 h3 34. ♖d4 ♖d7 35. f4 a5?! 36. fxe5 fxe5 37. ♖d2?

White comfortably holds the opposite colored bishop ending after 37. ♖d2!

(threatening 38. ♖g4) 37... ♖f5 38. g4+ ♖g6 39. ♖d3! ♖e6 40. ♖xd7 ♖xd7 41. ♖e3 b5 42. ♖b6 a4 43. ♖c3 ♖xg4 44. ♖c7.

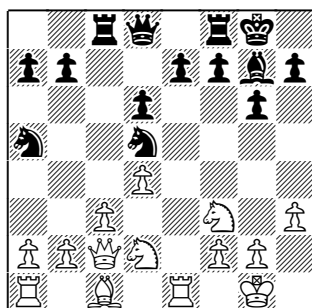
37... ♖f5 38. ♖d4 ♖e6 39. ♖d2?! ♖f7 40. ♖e2+ ♖d6 41. ♖e5+ ♖c5 42. ♖d2 ♖f3 43. ♖c2+ ♖b5 44. ♖c3 ♖f2+ 45. ♖c2 ♖f5 46. ♖d4 ♖f3 47. ♖c3

I doubt that White's position can be saved at this point, since Black should be able to execute a winning plan of surrounding either White's weak ♖/a3 or ♖/h2 depending on his opponent handles the defense.

47... ♖d1 48. ♖d3 ♖f1 49. ♖e3 g4 50. ♖d5+ ♖c6 51. ♖d2 ♖e1 52. ♖d4 ♖h1 53. ♖f2 ♖f3 54. ♖c3 b5 55. ♖e5 ♖g2 56. ♖f4 ♖f3 57. ♖d4 ♖xh2 58. ♖f6+ ♖d7 0-1.

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16... b5

Black's minority attack is ideally supported by the strong ♖/d5, whereas White's pieces are poorly placed and lack coordination.

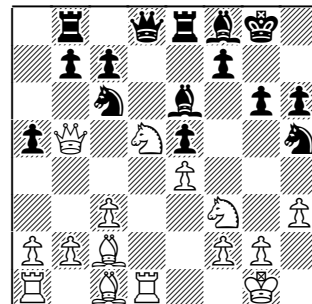
17. ♖e4 e6 18. a3 ♖c4 19. ♖f1 a5 20. ♖e3 ♖cxe3 21. fxe3 b4!

White now has few viable defensive resources against the far superior placement of Black's forces.

22. axb4 axb4 23. ♖d3 bxc3 24. bxc3 ♖xc3 25. ♖d1 ♖c7 26. ♖e2 ♖c8 27. ♖d2 ♖c2 28. ♖e1 ♖c4 29. ♖d3 ♖c3 30. ♖xc3 ♖xc3 37. ♖aa2 ♖c4 38. ♖ed2 ♖xd3! 0-1.

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21. g4! ♖f6 22. g5! ♖h5??

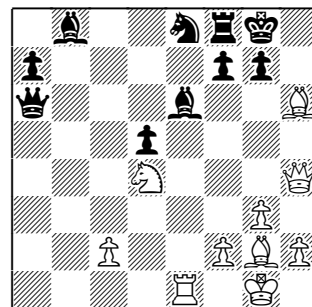
The only reply to save Black's queen is 22... ♖d7 but even then White wins material with 23. ♖f6+.

[22... hxe5 23. ♖xg5 ♖xd5 24. exd5 ♖a7 25. ♖xa5 also wins easily Ed.]

23. ♖f6+ ♖h8 24. ♖xd8 ♖exd8 25. ♖xh5 gxh5 26. ♖xe5 ♖g8 27. gxh6 ♖xh3 28. ♖xc6 bxc6 29. h7+ ♖xh7 30. ♖xh5+ ♖g7 31. ♖xh3 ♖d6 32. e5 ♖e6 33. ♖h7# 1-0.

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23. ♖xe6

In time trouble White just misses the crushing conclusion to his attack that is possible with 23. ♖f1! ♖a4 (23... ♖d6 24. ♖f4; 23... ♖c8 24. ♖d3 gxh6 25. ♖xh6 f5 26. ♖xe6) 24. ♖d3 f5 (24... g6 25. ♖xf8) 25. ♖xe6.

23... fxe6 24. ♖g4 ½-½.

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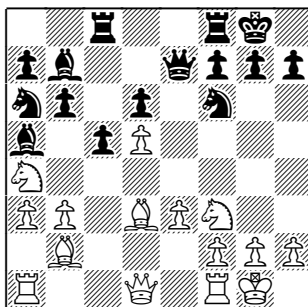


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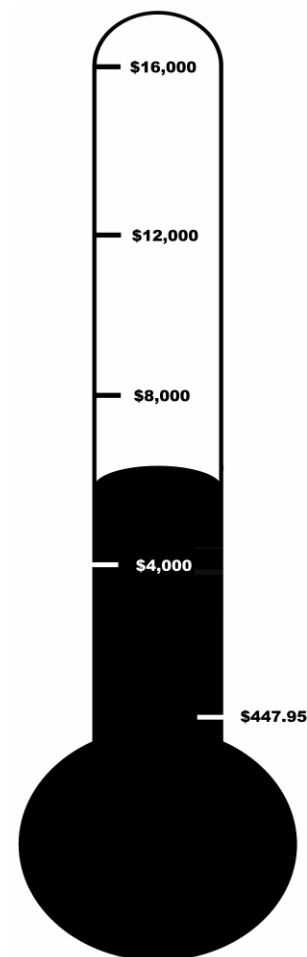
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Queen's Indian E43

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8.♘a4 ♘a6 9.a3 ♙a5 10.b3 ♖e7
11.♙b2 ♗ac8 12.d5 exd5 13.cxd5
d6



14.♘h4 ♘xd5 15.♘f5 ♖g5 16.h4
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♘xd1 19.♗axd1 1-0.



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UBC November Tuesday Night

Robert North was well on his way to tournament victory when a family emergency forced him to take a bye and let **Travis Lane** catch up at 4/5 by virtue of an upset over top rated Hee Seid. The game North–Lane was a wild tactical affair that ended in a draw after mutual time trouble. Top U1800 was shared by **James Chan** and **Hector Curriel** at 3.5/5.

TD/Org/Rep: Lyle Craver

Double Trouble Simultaneous Madness

After the successful 24-Hour Marathon in August, I decided to try out more mad ideas. Next on the agenda was a double round Swiss in which players would contest two simultaneous games against the same opponent in each round. Eighteen brave souls decided to take up the challenge.

The mini matches proved to be quite entertaining for the spectators, as many players had trouble dealing with simultaneous time scrambles. In the end, FM **Gary Basanta** scored a perfect 10/10 to claim top spot, followed by BC Co-Champion

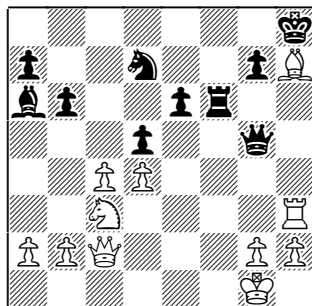
Dragoljub Milicevic. Nick Beqo won top Expert with 6.5/10, James Kerry was top U2000 with 5.5/10, and Neil Hamanishi took top U1800 at 5/10.

The day of madness ended with an unusual blitz tournament in which Black moves first in every game! I read somewhere that Masters in the former Soviet Union used to play such games for practice. Predictably, the unusual format took a toll on the book knowledge of many players. The surprise winner was newcomer John Villamin, whose 10.5/14 placed him just ahead of Gary Basanta and Sergei Sokourkinski at 10/14.

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Milicevic, Dragoljub
Vancouver (3), 2000



21. ♖xd5?

Very sharp, but the simple alternative 21. ♖d3+ is better.

21...exd5 22. ♖f5+ ♜h6?

After 22...♜g8! 23. ♖xd7 ♖xc4 White has problems defending some of the weak squares around his king.

23. ♜a3??

White cracks. Instead 23. ♜xh6+ is approximately equal.

23...♖xc4 24. h3

Black regains the piece after 24. ♖xd7 ♜e7 because of the mate on e1.

24...a5??

Black returns the favor. Much better of course is 24...♖f8.

25. ♖xd7 ♜e7?

Shaken by his blunder on the last move, Black continues the downward spiral. Better is 25...♜f6 to retain the queen on its active post on g5.

26. ♖f5 ♜e1+?! 27. ♜h2 ♜f6 28. ♜f3 g6 29. ♖g4 ♜xf3 30. ♖xf3 ♜e6 31. b3 ♜d6+ 32. ♜g1 ♖a6 33. ♜d2 ♜g7 34. ♜g5 ♖b7 35. ♜f2 ♜f6 36. ♜e5!

After this clever move Black will eventually have to exchange queens, leaving White with a passed ♖/e5 and an excellent square for his king on d4.

36... ♜xe5 37. dxe5 ♜f7 38. ♜e3 g5 39. ♜d4 ♜e6 40. ♖g4+ ♜e7 41. g3 ♜f7 42. h4 gxf4 43. gxf4 ♜g6 44. ♖f3 ♖c8 45. ♖xd5 ♜h5?!

Black can prolong the agony with 45...♖g4 but the outcome is certainly not in question.

46. e6 ♜xh4 47. ♜e5 ♜g5 48. ♜d6 ♜f6 49. e7 1-0.

TD/Org/Rep: NTD Henry Chiu

Smithers BC Closed Qualifier

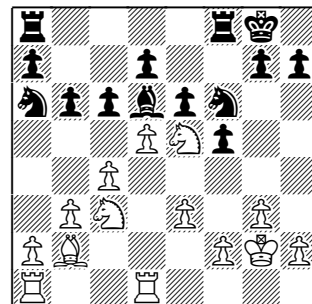
As predicted, the event was won by pre tournament favorite **John Niksic** of Prince Rupert. An unusual number of upsets in the early rounds of the event, including a loss by Niksic to eventual second place finisher **Nicholas Taylor**, the crosstable after the final round does more or less coincide with the original rankings of the participants. John will have to return to his usual sharp play and eliminate clock problems if he is to show a plus score in Vancouver.

Quinn, Micah
Taylor, Nicolas

Smithers op (5), 2000

Dutch A13

1. ♖f3 e6 2. c4 f5 3. b3 ♖f6 4. ♖b2 ♖e7 5. e3 0-0 6. g3 b6 7. ♖g2 ♖b7 8. 0-0 ♖a6 9. d4 ♜e8 10. ♖c3 ♜h5 11. ♖e5 ♜xd1 12. ♜fxd1 ♖xg2 13. ♜xg2 c6 14. d5 ♖d6



15. ♖xd7 ♖xd7 16. dxc6 ♖e5 17. cxd7 ♜fd8 18. f4 ♖f6 19. ♜d6 ♖c5 20. ♜ad1 ♜f7 21. b4 ♖xc3 22. bxc5 ♖b4 23. c6 ♖xd6 24. ♜xd6 ♜e7 25. ♖a3 a5 26. ♜d3+ 1-0.

TD: Von Sarac

Vernon Silver Star Classic

A friendly crowd of 23 played in the annual qualifier for the BC Closed. **Alex Davies** outclassed the field with his perfect 6/6, but **Petr Labik**

surprised a number of Experts to score 4.5/6 for second place and an amazing performance rating. Class prizes went to Carl Storey, Frank Veszely, and John Neufeld in the U1800, while Wally Steinke and Juni Caluza split top U1600, and Mike Lepsoe was top U1500.

Rep: Wally Steinke



Alberta

100 Mile House Junior Open

Eleven new CFC junior memberships were collected mainly from Ogden Chess Club members, who now eagerly await their official ratings and *En Passant* magazine. Since this was our first rated event, the distribution of prizes was more flexible than in your average CFC rated event: **David McPhee** took the gold medal with 4.5/5, followed by **Dani Stucki** and **Gabriel Zamorano** in a share for the silver medal with 4/5. Then came **Emile Belkin** and **Justin Quiring** at 3/5 for the bronze medal. We look forward to organizing several more events this year, and would like to thank Dairy Queen for providing the space and treats for everyone!

TD/Org/Rep: Alex Zamorano

Alberta Junior

Nicolas Haynes played attacking chess to surpass defending champion Hans Olson and top rated Kim Nguyen, as well as the solid Anastasia Kazakevich.

TD: Robert Gardner

Grande Prairie CC Championship

James Chiba beat Phil Lefkowitz in the last round to repeat as the Grande Prairie Chess Club Champion. David Deimert took the U1500 with 1.5/3, while Simon Ozon and Pat Demkiw tied for Top Junior.

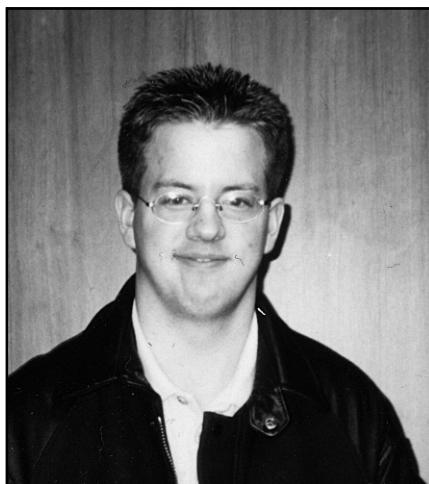
Rep: Phil Lewkowitz



Manitoba

Remembrance Day Open

In the Veteran Section **Josh Henson** scored an impressive 4.5/5 to secure first place ahead of best dressed winner Jay Khedkar with 3.5/5. **Keith Czarny** wrapped up Amateur Section with 4.5/5 a full point ahead of Keith Gannon and Zenon Syrnick in a share for second place.



Joshua Henson

The event also showcased several talented new youngsters in Alice and Christopher Charles, as well as the up and coming Trevor Vincent. Our terrific new location, generously donated by the University of Winnipeg to help promote chess in the city, was enjoyed by everyone.

TD/Org/Rep: Derek Bays

Mike Shpan Memorial

This year the Winnipeg Chess Centre Championship was also the final tournament ever to be played at the Cornish Library, which had been our home for more than a quarter of a century. **Waldemar Schulz** scored 5/6 to edge out Jay Khedkar for first place by half a point. Lorne Gibbons earned the upset prize for his fifth round win over John Siegers.

TD/Rep: Waldemar Schulz

Kent Oliver Memorial

Like a vulture, and unbeknownst to the absentee chess elite of Winnipeg, IM Michael Valvo descended on Winnipeg to dominate the event in convincing fashion. Aaron Kaptan, Barry Rasmusen, Kevin Gentes and Alexander Nikulin fell in quick succession, and Valvo found himself with an insurmountable lead of 1.5 points at the start of the last round.

But before I'll disclose the outcome of Valvo's final game, I would like to share some background information with you: I first met Valvo, who is the same age as Bobby Fischer, in New York in the summer of 1969 at the Atlantic Open. I had won the Expert prize at the same tournament in the previous year, and found myself once again playing in the final round for the same trophy. This time I won over NM Herbert Avrum, who had the distinction of once beating a 15-year-old Bobby Fischer.

Incidentally, rumor had it that Fischer strode into the tournament hall during one of the rounds, chatted briefly with IM Bernard Zuckerman, and abruptly departed before I laid eyes on him. While I was fully preoccupied with my own game, IM Lawrence Day beat IM Michael Valvo on top board for first place in a brilliant game. Lawrence and I returned to Ottawa bus, carrying our monstrously large and tacky respective trophies, and Lawrence with his wallet impossibly stuffed with the USD \$700 first prize.

During the tournament Michael Valvo recounted a session of two minute speed chess against Bobby Fischer for \$10 per game when both were in their early twenties. Valvo managed a very respectable +2 -3 =3 against Fischer, at the extreme bargain price of only \$1 per game! Much more recently, Valvo's prowess at speed chess manifests itself with a blitz rating over 2700 on the Internet Chess Club server.

But let's return to the last round of the Kent Oliver Memorial: I very strongly advised Samuel to avoid Valvo's main weapon, i.e. the Sicilian Dragon, by playing the English... But of course teenagers typically possess a sense of invincibility, and so rather than heed a father's advice and adopt a prudent course of action, Samuel waved a red flag in Valvo's face and played 1.e4.

Notes by
Irwin Lipnowski

Lipnowski, Samuel
Valvo, Michael

Winnipeg op (5), 2000

Sicilian: Dragon B76

**1.e4 c5 2.♟f3 d6 3.d4 ♟f6 4.♟c3
cxd4 5.♟xd4 g6 6.♟e3 ♟g7 7.f3
♟c6 8.♟d2 O-O 9.O-O-O**

Against the most common alternative 9.♟c4 Valvo has been experimenting with 9...♟d7 10.O-O-O ♟e5 11.♟b3 ♟c7 (rather than the usual 11...♟c8) so as to play 12...♟c4 and recapture with the queen. Since Valvo probably has more expertise with this variation than anybody else in the world, it seemed reasonable to steer clear of this particular line.

9...♟xd4

Black's main alternative 9...d5 was recently tested in Shirov-Fedorov, Wijk aan Zee Corus 2001, where 10.exd5 ♟xd5 11.♟xc6 bxc6 12.♟d4 ♟xd4 13.♟xd4 ♟c7 eventually led to a draw. The far more convincing 12.♟xd5 cxd5 13.♟xd5 ♟c7 14.♟c5! (but not 14.♟xa8 ♟f5 when White has to live with a vulnerable king after giving up his queen for two rooks) was played in a winning effort by 15-year-old Czech Master David Navara at the World Youth Chess Festival.

**10.♟xd4 ♟e6 11.♟b1 ♟c7
12.♟d5 ♟xd5**

This capture is better than 12...♟xd5 since Black needs the knight to defend his kingside.

13.exd5

Just prior to the final round, Samuel happened to talk to Canadian Junior Champion Pascal Charbonneau via the internet, and Pascal generously shared his opinion about this very position.

13...a5?

This dubious move appears to be a novelty. Black's most natural move is 13...♟fc8 when 14.c4 b5! 15.cxb5 ♟xd5 leaves the knight immune to capture because of mate on White's back rank. However, White stands better because of Black's potentially weak ♟e7 and attacking chances against Black's king.

14.h4 h5 15.g4

This pawn sacrifice is very strong, and it is no surprise that Valvo declines the Trojan horse.

15...hxc4 16.fxg4

Now Black's king is just far too vulnerable after 16...♟xc4 17.h5 ♟e5 (likewise 17...♟xd4 18.♟xd4 ♟e5 18.hxc4 fxg6 20.♟h4 ♟f7 21.♟h7+ ♟e8 22.♟b5+ ♟d8 23.♟g7 is resignable) 18.hxc4 fxg6 19.♟h3 (or 19.♟d3 with crushing pressure on ♟/g6) followed by 20.♟e6+. Although these variations are not exhaustive, it is clear that Black is in grave trouble.

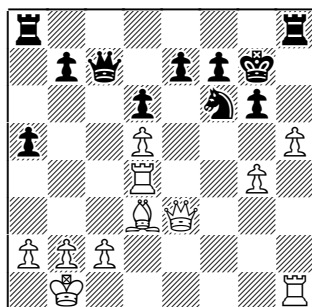
16...♟e4

The exchange of Black's key defensive piece for White's ♟/d4 can hardly be recommended.

**17.♟e3 ♟xd4 18.♟xd4 ♟f6 19.h5
♟g7 20.♟d3**

I was watching the game and did not even consider this surprisingly strong move. Instead, I expected 20.hxc4 ♟h8 (forced) 21.♟xh8 ♟xh8 22.gxf7 ♟h1 and now 23.♟f3 ♟g1 with a bit of counterplay. Here Black has to be weary of 23.♟d1 (threatens 24.g5) because the natural 23...♟c4? is refuted with 24.♟f3.

20...♟h8



21.h6+

This move comes as a hammer blow. Almost without exception, when White's Yugoslav Attack defeats the Dragon, it is by penetrating Black's fortress via the h-file. Here, White correctly realizes that Black is most vulnerable on square/f7.

21...♟f8

Here 21...♟g8 leaves Black unable to reroute his knight to e5 with ...♟d7-e5 since ♟/e7 is without protection.

22.♟f1

Crushing. White threatens 23.g5 followed by 24.♟xc6 and massive pressure on f7.

22...♟d7 23.♟xc6

This puts a quick end to Black's suffering. With a 400 rating point edge over Samuel, IM Michael Valvo

probably found his first place triumph at the Kent Oliver Memorial to be a bittersweet experience. I should add that Valvo was gracious in defeat, and I do hope that he will return to Canada next year to defend his title.

1-0.

*TD: Michael Gibbons;
Rep: Irwin Lipnowski*



Ontario

Seaway Valley Grand Prix

It is unfortunate that only 17 players showed up even after a large advertisement appeared in *En Passant* magazine. Hopefully next year will bring better numbers, and we will start sending notices to surrounding area clubs and players far in advance of the event. Bell Canada and Au Diapason continue to provide financial assistance, so all monies taken in are returned to the players.

In the Open Section **Geoff McKay** and **Eric Lawson** shared top spot, followed by Mark Superina in third place. **Kishor Ramaswamy** and **Robert Webb** tied for first in the U2000 Section, just ahead of Anne-Marie Charbonneau and Zoltan Daku in a tie for third. In the U1600 Section **Jonathan Lawson** was in top spot, followed by Hugh Morrison and Fabio Vivas in a tie for second.

Org/Rep: Raymond Lacroix

Georgian Bay Youth Championship

After a tense first round draw **Dean Tester** scored four consecutive victories to lead the field with 4.5/5 ahead of Mathew Cooke at 4/5 and brother Cory Tester at 3.5/5.

TD/Org/Rep: Mathew Cooke

Sudbury Fall Open

Bob Kiviaho won the Sudbury Fall Open by scoring 4.5/5. Tongues started to wag when 13-year-old **Dean Tester** of North Bay earned the right to play Bob in the final round, and more so when the youngster

sacrificed a knight for a crushing position. Two pawns down in a rook ending, Bob's familiarity with Reuben Fine's *Basic Chess Endings* was just enough to blockade his opponent's menacing pawns and escape with a lucky draw. With this result, the very promising youngster came clear second and ended Kiviaho's eighteen game winning streak. Tied for third in Sudbury were Ken Robinson of North Bay and Joe Dumontelle of Sudbury. Richard Cote of Sudbury followed with clear fifth, while newcomer Mathew Cooke of Parry Sound captured the U1600 prize.

Rep: Bob Kiviaho

Toronto Remembrance Day Open

Mississauga Master **Milan Mitrovic** won his last round game over David Filipovich to finish alone in first place. IM Ron Livshits, FM Jura Ochkoos, Ontario Junior Champion Yaaqov Vaingorten and Toronto junior Artem Gurevich tied for second.

In the U2200 Section Welland junior **Joseph Lentini** finished alone in first with a 4/5, half a point ahead of Ron Brice. The U2000 Section was dominated by **Tony Verma's** 4.5/5 result, with Steve Laughlin alone in second spot at 4/5. **Patrick Jovian** swept the U1800 Section with a perfect 5/5, ahead of Ron Venning and Alfonso Alvarez in a share for second place. Another perfect 5/5 was posted by **Morgan Mills** in the U1600 Section, followed a point behind by junior Nicholas Martin. And finally, the U1400 Section was split by junior **Inara Aliev** and **Istvan Barabas**.

TD/Org/Rep: Mark S. Dutton

Guelph Fall Pro-Am

The Guelph Fall Pro-Am featured a departure from the traditional formula for weekend swiss tournaments, as it is this writer's belief that cash prizes for handicapped sections do not promote excellence in chess, but rather encourage sandbagging. And so the Guelph Pro-Am returned 100% of all entry fees in the Pro section, and trophies to the U2100 and U1700 amateur sections. Despite lackluster advertising efforts the event attracted 29 players, of which only two were forced to play in the top section by virtue of their high ratings. However, seven more players decided to 'play up' for a shot at the money.

Ron Brice continued his climb to 2200 by scoring an undefeated 4/5 for top spot, followed by **Marian Gasparac** who recovered from a first round loss to score 3.5/5 for second place. **Ryan Hadley** managed to live up to his top seed ranking with a final 4/5 tally in the U2100 Section, with the rest of the posse made up of youngsters Alexandra Benggawan and Wylon Wong, who won a playoff over an impressive Hazel Smith for third place. The U1700 Section featured a tie for first between 9-year-old **Mitchell Dembowski, Brian Clarke, Richard Riedstra, and Ted Termeer**.

TD/Org/Rep: Hal Bond

Polonia CC Fall Actives #1-2

Two of the first events at the newly established Polonia Chess Club in Mississauga were Active tournaments that attracted several Masters.

At the Active #1 NM **Ted Kret** topped a 20 player field with 6.5/8 ahead of NM Zbigniew Okolotowicz and Marek Klimaszewski, while at Active #2 **Roman Kaski** scored 4.5/6 to share first place with **Adam Warzywoda** and **Ian Bledzinski** ahead of NM Ted Kret, Zbigniew Okolotowicz and Jozef Janicki.

TD/Org/Rep: Cezary Posylek

DCC Saturday Poppy Open

Warren Dutton went undefeated in yet another event at the DCC to finish alone in first place with 4.5/5. Troy Herrick also avoided defeat to score 4/5 for his second place finish, while third went to Thornhill junior Marc Napoleone.

TD/Org/Rep: Mark S. Dutton



Warren Dutton

DCC New Year's Active

GM **Dmitry Tyomkin** of Israel and local FM **Jura Ochkoos** tied for first place in the 39 player event. Warren Dutton, Richard Ruiz and Steven MacLeod shared the U2200 prize.

Amanda Benggawan won the U2000 Section with 4.5/6, followed by Marina Bryskine and Arnie Lucki. The U1800 prize was shared by Philip Haley and Brian MacLeod at 4/6.

In the U1600 Section **Alexandra Benggawan** led the field, while Lea Urbanc and Alina Sviridovitch split second. Tavish Armstrong, David Hier and Anthony Seljak shared the money for the U1400 prize.

TD/Org/Rep: Mark S. Dutton

Toronto Blitz Championship Qualifier #1

Eduardo Teodoro returned to the DCC to dominate the first leg of the Toronto Blitz Championship by scoring a convincing 16/20 over a talented field of contestants. IM Igor Zugic, Josip Terzic, and juniors Mark Bluvshstein and Michael Buscar also qualify for the finals.

TD/Org/Rep: Mark S. Dutton

Scarborough CC Championship

In the Top Section SCC President **Bryan Lamb** lost in the last round to allow **Allan Cai** into a tie for first place at 8/9. Picana was close behind in third place with 7/9, followed by Joachim Hentschel at 5/9.

The Reserve Section featured several improbable results in the last round to end in a tie for first between **Patrick Doucette, John Friendly** and **Frank Tebbs** at 6.5/9. A full point back at 5.5/9 were Guido Bortolotti, Ted Termeer and Henryk Stala.

TD/Org/Rep: Bryan Lamb

Scarborough November/December Actives

A total of 48 players attended the final SCC Active events in November and December, and a new series begins in January at the MacGregor Park Recreation Centre. FM **Jura Ochkoos** won the November Active with 5/6, ahead of Mark Bluvshstein, Richard Ruiz and Bryan Lamb in a share for second place at 4.5/6. The U2200 prize went to Evgeni Miller, while Ted Kret and Muhammad Mian split the U2000 prize together with U1600 winner Gajana Srinivasan. Top U1800 was Joe Bellomo at 3/6.

The December Active featured a tie for first between **Vicentiu Tipu** and **Mark Bluvshstein** with 5/6. Jura Ochkoos and Yaaqov Vaingorten finished close behind at 4.5/6. Muhammad Mian, Boris Rositsan, Evgeni Miller, Marina Bryskine and Ted Termeer collected the remaining prize money.

TD/Org/Rep: *Bryan Lamb*

Toronto Christmas Open

Michael Schleifer clearly dominated the 100 player field to wrap up a very successful year in Toronto, which also saw him win the Canada Day Open and share top place at the Toronto Open over the Easter weekend. **Boris Rositsan** finished alone in second spot with 4.5/6, while Kevork Hacat, Lorne Yee, Damir Miletic and Vincentiu Tipu split the U2300 cash.

The U2100 Section was nearly swept by **Stefanie Chu** who steamrolled over the competition with four straight wins and a final 5/6 score! Behind Stefanie in a share for second place were Irakli Vadachkoriya, Jaime Solis and Vladimir Rubanovski.

Two more females dominated in the U1900 Section, when Hazel Smith and Diana Golts finished with undefeated 4.5/6 final scores! Guido Bortolotti and Yuriy Rodin split third place at 4/6. Jason Dubeau won the U1700 Section ahead of Alfonso Alvarez and Chrysafis Stamoudis, while Alex Lambruschini and Kit Lam split the prize money in the U1500 with 5/6.

TD/Org/Rep: *Mark S. Dutton*

Kitchener Chess In The City

Like many clubs, we in Kitchener-Waterloo have had our share of ups and downs. Formed in a small private bilingual school by Dick Riedstra and Bill Klarnier, we soon expanded and moved on to bigger school facilities. Several more moves would follow over the next few years, but then a call from Kitchener City Hall surprised us with an invitation to move downtown in January of 2000. We would be part of a revival of the downtown area, and a unique and mutually beneficial partnership with city officials was formed.

Soon thereafter the city installed eight marble chess tables in front of City Hall, and it was our responsibility to organize events to promote the

constant use of the tables and attract people to the area. This proved to be an excellent idea when more than forty players came out to support us on the first day, and many more continue to play there casually on a daily basis.

But in order to really celebrate the new outdoor facility we decided to hold a simultaneous exhibition, and no less than Kitchener native IM Deen Hergott graciously agreed to make the trip from Ottawa. Two dozen players and many more spectators enjoyed the exhibition, and even the print and television media were well represented. To his credit, and in spite of some fairly stiff competition, Deen scored a perfect and impressive 25/25!

Many more special events were held at City Hall last year, including more simultaneous exhibitions, several blitz events, and a team event featuring representatives from as far away as Brantford, Hamilton, and Guelph. As a result, our club is enjoying the influx of many new and young players, encouraged by the efforts of our Chess For Kids coordinator Chris Heringer.



Kitchener City Hall

We have been very fortunate that non-players interested in downtown improvement had the foresight to envision chess provided an opportunity for positive activity in the downtown area, and we are delighted to have been a part of this vision. From Catherine Heal, business development officer, "The Civic Square Chess Program demonstrates the most effective approach to community building. The City and the K-W Chess Club, a grass roots organization, work closely together to bring a daily activity that gets people of all ages mingling together at the most public place in the city."

Notes by

Tim Knechtel

**Hergott, Deen
Knechtel, Tim**

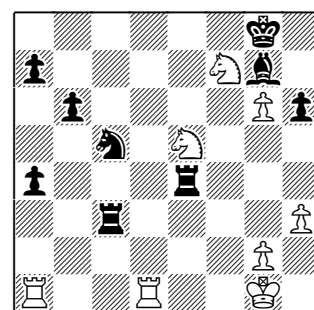
Kitchener K-W sim, 2000

Pirc B07

1.d4 d6 2.♘f3 g6 3.e4 ♘g7 4.c3 ♘f6 5.♗d3 O-O 6.O-O c6 7.♞e1 h6 8.h3 ♘bd7 9.♘bd2 e5 10.a4 b6 11.♗f1 ♗b7 12.♘c4 ♞c7 13.dxe5 dxe5 14.♞d6 ♘e8! 15.♞xc7 ♘xc7 16.♘d6 ♗a6 17.♗xa6 ♘xa6 18.♗e3 ♘ac5 19.b4 ♘e6 20.♞ed1 ♘f4 21.♞f1 f5 22.exf5 ♘d5 23.b5 ♘xe3+ 24.fxe3 cxb5 25.fxg6 ♘c5! 26.♞g1!

Naturally, after the rather obvious 26.axb5? e4 wins the ♘/f3.

26...bxa4 27.e4 ♞f4 28.♞e1 ♞d8 29.♘f7! ♞d3 30.♘3xe5 ♞xc3 31.♞ed1 ♞xe4?



After the text Black's king gets into trouble. Much better is the elimination of one of White's strong knights with 31...♗xe5!

32.♞d8+ ♗f8 33.♞f1! ♘e6 34.♘h6+ ♞g7 35.♘f5+ ♞f6 36.♘d6+! ♞f4 37.♞xf4+! ♘xf4 38.♞xf8+ ♞xe5 39.g7 ♞g3 40.♘c4+! ♞e4 41.g8 ♞ ♞xg8

Also quite hopeless at this stage of the game is 41...♘h3+ 42.♞f1.

42.♞xg8 ♞d4 43.♞g4 ♞xc4 44.♞xf4+ ♞b3 45.♞f3+ ♞b2 46.h4 a3 47.h5 a2 48.♞f1 1-0.

Rep: *Ron Langill*

Scarborough Youth #14, #15 and #16

Nimalan Thavandiran won SCCY #14 just ahead of his brother Shiyamalen Thavandiran, and Liam Henry in third place. SCCY #15 was dominated by **Gajana Srinivasan**, who won all his games and finished ahead of Nimalan Thavandiran. And at the final SCCY #16 it was once again

Gajana Srinivasan, but this time only after a playoff with **Liam Henry**. Behind the winners were Mathew Cooke, Nimalan Thavandiran, Tom Evans, Shiyamalen Thavandiran and John Desousa.

TD/Org/Rep: Bryan Lamb



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Nova Scotia

Nova Scotia Junior

Held at Dalhousie University, the event attracted twelve players and resulted in a tie for first place between **Gary Ng**, John Candow, Jarrett Gabriel and Mark Penney. After a playoff, Gary Ng emerged as the winner who will represent Nova Scotia at the upcoming National Championship in Montreal.

TD/Rep: David Kenney



NB

New Brunswick

New Brunswick Junior

Martin Robichaud won the overall event, while Kyle Johnson was the winner in the U1700 Section. Robert Godin won the U1400 Section, Jonah Tremblay took the U1000 Section, and finally James LeBreton won Top Unrated ahead of Daniel Potter.

TD: Yvon Leger; Org/Rep: Roger Tremblay

Fredericton Pumpkin Match 3

Kyle Johnson won the tournament ahead of Bob Larmer, with Yvon Leger and Justin Deveau in a tie for second. Justin Deveau was Top U1600, and the Top U1400 prize went to Brian Murray.

TD/Org/Rep: Chris Maund

Atlantic Junior Championship

Justin Deveau of Fredericton is the Atlantic Junior Champion. Second and third places went to Robert Godin of Bathurst and Eric Robichaud of Fredericton. Justin also won the blitz event, this time ahead of Eric Tremblay and Robert Godin.



Tremblay-Godin

Rep: Roger Tremblay

Bathurst CRCC

Daniel Mallais offered a draw in the last round to Kyle Johnson, thereby winning the tournament with 3.5/4. Daniel Doucet and Pierre Losier were half a point back in second place.

TD/Org/Rep: Leo Legacy



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Top Rating Lists

These lists include current members that have been rated in a CFC event within the last twelve months

Top Canadians

1. Spraggett, Kevin	ON	2633
2. Lesiege, Alexandre	PQ	2617
3. Teplitsky, Yan	ON	2541
4. Linskiy, Oleg	PQ	2508
5. Nickoloff, Bryon	ON	2506
6. Hebert, Jean	PQ	2487
7. Hergott, Deen	ON	2486
8. Day, Lawrence	ON	2484
9. Cummings, David	ON	2479
10. Livshits, Ron	ON	2460
11. O'Donnell, Tom	ON	2460
12. Zugic, Igor	ON	2457
13. Schulte, Oliver	AB	2454
14. Schleifer, Michael	PQ	2445
15. Charbonneau, Pascal	PQ	2438
16. Ross, David	PQ	2433
17. Yoos, John C.	BC	2424
18. Khassanov, Marat	PQ	2421
19. Teodoro IV, Eduardo D.	ON	2413
20. Basanta, Gary	BC	2410
21. Hua, Lefong	PQ	2400
22. Milicevic, Goran	ON	2395
23. Allan, Denis	ON	2393
24. Gravel, Simon	PQ	2392
25. Berry, Jonathan	BC	2386
26. Duong, Thanh Nha	PQ	2385
27. Mikanovic, Goran	PQ	2370
28. Glinert, Stephen	ON	2362
29. Leveille, Francois	PQ	2360
30. Milat, Marcel	BC	2357
31. Taylor, Gordon	ON	2353
32. Olszewski, Piotr	ON	2352
33. Bermejo, Julian	NB	2349
34. Gardner, Robert J.	AB	2348
35. Gentes, Kevin	MB	2348
36. Harper, Bruce	BC	2346
37. Ochkoos, Jura	ON	2344
38. Lipnowski, Irwin	MB	2341
39. Mitrovic, Milan	ON	2337
40. Valdizon, Armando	ON	2337
41. Huber, Gregory	AB	2336
42. Milicevic, Dragoljub	BC	2334
43. Dougherty, Michael	ON	2334
44. Pacey, Kevin	ON	2333
45. Crisan, Ioan	ON	2330
46. Odachowski, Arthur	AB	2323
47. Goldenberg, Danny	PQ	2322
48. Williams, Paul D.	ON	2317
49. Kiviaho, Robert	ON	2317
50. Filipovich, David	ON	2314
51. Gurevich, Artem	ON	2312
52. Saleh, Maher	ON	2310
53. Baiguldine, Ilias	ON	2310
54. Neven, Knut	SK	2309
55. Reeve, Jeff	PQ	2308
56. Vujic, Branimir	ON	2308
57. Scoones, Dan	BC	2302
58. Howarth, Anthony	PE	2301
59. Boguszlavskij, Jevgenyij	ON	2300
60. Herder, David	BC	2300

Top FIDE

1. Lesiege, Alexandre	PQ	2582
2. Spraggett, Kevin	ON	2526

3. Kapetanovic, Armin	ON	2449
4. Teplitsky, Yan	ON	2446
5. Zugic, Igor	ON	2440
6. Hebert, Jean	PQ	2427
7. Marantz, Michael	ON	2420
8. Suttles, Duncan	BC	2420
9. Pelts, Roman	ON	2417
10. Nickoloff, Bryon	ON	2414
11. Linskiy, Oleg	PQ	2412
12. Charbonneau, Pascal	PQ	2410
13. Hartman, Brian	ON	2405
14. Hecat, Kevork	ON	2400
15. Schulte, Oliver	AB	2397
16. Hergott, Deen	ON	2390
17. Teodoro IV, Eduardo D.	ON	2387
18. Alipayo, Rodulfo	ON	2380
19. Milicevic, Goran	ON	2375
20. Cummings, David	ON	2369
21. Schleifer, Michael	PQ	2368
22. Day, Lawrence	ON	2367
23. Barbeau, Sylvain	PQ	2365
24. MacPhail, John	ON	2365
25. Ross, David	PQ	2361

Top Women

1. Belc, Daniela	ON	2198
2. Bryskine, Marina	ON	2118
3. Chu, Stefanie	ON	2099
4. Mitrovic, Bojana	ON	2098
5. Leger, Manon	PQ	2035
6. Strassman, Swantje	PQ	2010
7. Chiroiu, Patricia	ON	2002
8. Khaziyeva, Dinara	PQ	1998
9. Trottier, Julie	PQ	1973
10. Kagramanov, Dina	ON	1973

Top U20

1. Zugic, Igor	20	ON	2457
2. Charbonneau, Pascal	18	PQ	2438
3. Hua, Lefong	19	PQ	2400
4. Glinert, Stephen	17	ON	2362
5. Gurevich, Artem	18	ON	2312
6. Vaingorten, Yaaqov	20	ON	2292
7. Golts, Roman	19	ON	2284
8. Bluvshstein, Mark	13	ON	2259
9. Voloaca, Mihnea	20	ON	2237
10. Hecat, Kevork	18	ON	2236

Top U18

1. Charbonneau, Pascal	18	PQ	2438
2. Glinert, Stephen	17	ON	2362
3. Gurevich, Artem	18	ON	2312
4. Bluvshstein, Mark	13	ON	2259
5. Hecat, Kevork	18	ON	2236
6. Divljan, Igor	15	ON	2185
7. Reddy, Tyler	17	NS	2174
8. Raheb, David	18	ON	2170
9. Lentini, Joseph	16	ON	2166
10. Rolfe, Warrick	17	ON	2159

Top U16

1. Bluvshstein, Mark	13	ON	2259
2. Divljan, Igor	15	ON	2185

3. Lentini, Joseph	16	ON	2166
4. Wang, HaoYuan	15	ON	2129
5. Cai, Allan	16	ON	2122
6. Gushuliak, Justin	14	MB	2120
7. Roussel-Roozmon, T.	13	PQ	2105
8. Kapadia, Ronak	16	NB	2096
9. Miller, Evgeni	16	ON	2083
10. Wong, Samuel	16	BC	2066

Top U14

1. Bluvshstein, Mark	13	ON	2259
2. Gushuliak, Justin	14	MB	2120
3. Roussel-Roozmon, T.	13	PQ	2105
4. Stevens, Christian	14	ON	2063
5. Predescu, Sebastian	13	ON	2042
6. Buscar, Michael	14	ON	2030
7. Vadachkoriya, Irakli	11	ON	1999
8. Feoktistov, Dmitri	14	PQ	1968
9. Davies, Lucas	13	BC	1936
10. Ramaswamy, Kishor	13	PQ	1900

Top U12

1. Vadachkoriya, Irakli	11	ON	1999
2. Panjwani, Raja	11	ON	1885
3. Peterson, James	11	BC	1758
4. Smith, Hazel	10	ON	1733
5. Goutor, Valentina	12	BC	1687
6. Yu, Jonathan	12	ON	1602
7. Chan, Evan	12	ON	1593
8. Jacobs, Chaim-Akiva	11	ON	1572
9. Pauric, Allen	12	ON	1557
10. Cuevas, Vincent	11	ON	1540

Top U10

1. Smith, Hazel	10	ON	1733
2. Davies, Noam	10	BC	1537
3. Hier, David	7	ON	1518
4. Sviridovitch, Alina	9	ON	1512
5. Dembowski, Mitchell	10	ON	1473
6. Eshleman, Brandon	10	AB	1461
7. Yu, Jeffrey	10	ON	1380
8. Aylward, Zachary	9	BC	1280
9. Wong, Jordan	10	ON	1242
10. Chow, Nathan	10	BC	1238

Top Active Ratings

1. Nickoloff, Bryon	ON	2535
2. Hergott, Deen	ON	2531
3. Day, Lawrence	ON	2508
4. Schleifer, Michael	PQ	2488
5. Livshits, Ron	ON	2410
6. Basanta, Gary	BC	2397
7. Ochkoos, Jura	ON	2381
8. Zugic, Igor	ON	2359
9. Crisan, Ioan	ON	2358
10. Dougherty, Michael	ON	2351
11. Mitrovic, Milan	ON	2349
12. Vujic, Branimir	ON	2348
13. Allan, Denis	ON	2341
14. Tipu, Vincentiu	ON	2294
15. Bluvshstein, Mark	ON	2292
16. Fullbrook, Nigel	BC	2273
17. Devenport, Martin	ON	2257
18. Martin, Ian	ON	2252

The following lists contain players who have been rated in CFC events within the last four months (a complete rating list and crossbats are available at www.chess.ca)

CFC# column contains the player's CFC number. **Name** column has the player's Last, First name. **Rtn**g column has the member's current rating. If the rating is xxxx then the person has an expired membership. **High** column has the highest rating we have for this member. If the number is less than 25 it indicates that the member has a provisional rating and it is the number of games he/she has played.

Regional Ratings

CFC#	Name	Rtn	High
120820	Andersen, Sune	1978	2065
120801	Andersen, John	1676	1730
123306	Andersen, Ashton	1979	1839
128411	Beebe, Greg	1717	1717
130443	Bentley, Brian	1947	2000
106248	Boehmner, Kris	2114	2202
121267	Bost, Shandy	1900	1411
120375	Borowski, Ted	1585	1682
129470	Bridger, Steve	1968	1968
107545	Brown, Grant	1976	2133
102719	Bultendy, Theo	1678	1731
129420	Bultenhuis, Ryan	1189	3
120411	Canal, Richard	1468	1468
120919	Caughlin, Wade	1938	1938
128080	Chapman, James	1519	17
108292	Chi, Jonathan	1678	1678
123601	Chi, Megan	1085	1085
120356	Chiba, James	1665	1761
128402	Christomoso, Rowell	1703	4
112298	Chrumka, Colin	1474	1503
112570	Clark, Chris	1445	1474
100745	Clark, Alan	2023	2023
125761	Clark, Casey	1635	21
101228	Climenaga, Harold	1899	1995
125775	Cole, Mark	1349	1349
125036	Daniuk, John	2163	2163
109618	Davies, Robert	1808	1748
107487	Day, Jonathan	1818	1917
121149	Dean, Tim	1896	1961
106163	Deemert, Eloy	1678	1723
123680	Deimert, David	1170	1170
129423	Dewindt, Pat	900	3
108124	Dewindt, Cor	1516	1813
121620	Eshleman, Lucas	xxxx	11
121190	Shleman, Brandon	1461	1461
102103	Flemming, James	1965	2056
108323	Forcher, Robert J.	2348	2387
100353	Gomboc, Dave	2004	2144
120428	Gomes, Alex	1973	1973
129401	Gruber, William	1212	6
129400	Gruber, Garth	1381	3
112476	Haesseld, David	2225	2310
105644	Hansen, Steve	1858	1858
129405	Haynes, Nicolas	1989	1989
121097	Hinds, Riana	1274	1331
106102	Hinds, R. Ronald	2000	2100
109674	Hugh, Gregory	2336	2385
123872	Hudson, Richard	1398	1398
109502	Hughey, Micah	2033	2135
111589	Ibach, Horst	1354	21
120533	Jarvis, Jim	1925	1944
121765	Jessenich, Tobias	1212	1212
110040	Johnson, Dean	1533	1557
107156	Jones, Frank	1935	1935
122426	Kazakevich, Alexander	1727	1794
121625	Kazakevich, Anastasia	1622	1674
129489	Keller, Bernie	1334	5
129402	Klyashitsky, Aleksander	1060	2
101953	Kuchko, Chris	1670	2171
127128	Kuwar, Martin	1680	1680
107443	Lacroix, Peter	1728	1740
102095	Lalair, Derek	1720	1720
122675	Lapides, Andrew	2226	2326
121783	Lapides, Paul	xxxx	1753
103595	Lelkowicz, Phil	1800	1800
121303	Li, Zhoran	1605	1605
110043	Lil, Michael	1367	1367
103945	Low, Aaron	1631	1809
107443	Ludwig, David	1768	1825
111831	Luyben, Norm	1739	1753
110115	Macfarlane, Don	1566	1670
103010	Marks, Terry	1599	1649
101022	Mckay, Tom	1590	1743
120885	McLaughlin, Robert J	1988	1988
120082	McMaster, Carolyn	1570	1630
127775	Mendoza, Mario	1654	1654
112716	Milne, Chris	1506	1506
102547	Milner, Chris	1704	1704
101874	Milne, Arthur	1981	2068
123323	Milward, Dave	1787	1797
122576	Mo, Jeffrey	xxxx	2000
109724	Newton, Geoff	2105	2105
111982	Nguyen, Kim	2000	2114
122764	Nielsen, Brad	1643	1649
122382	Nystrom, Kurtis	1740	1788
108406	Odachowski, Arthur	2223	2336
120174	Olson, Brian	1938	2082
104728	Otten, David	2136	2237
129422	Ozon, Simon	840	3
129422	Palco, Branko	1522	1522
127776	Pasco, Alvin	1709	1709
122527	Pivovarov, Juraj	1977	1848
128529	Pesura, Vesna	1978	2
109051	Quiring, John	1980	1970
108812	Rachel, John	1942	1931
101771	Regimbald, Adrien	1677	1751
104612	Reichert, Wayne	1312	19
129433	Rick, Dawn	1529	1524
107163	Santibez, Joseph	1782	1782
101970	Skryukin, Mike	1687	1800
126271	Szklowski, George	1710	20
120858	Smith, Mike	1614	1711
120289	Songard, Graham	1898	1898
102314	South, Fred	2276	2300

124063	Stainer, Joel	1549	1582
124073	Stark, Mark	1549	1549
107048	Szuskis, Adam	1637	1735
120750	Tassone, Adam	1622	1622
127550	Taylor, William	1953	2022
131112	Tibley, Brian	1977	1977
123395	Valeroso, Bert	1754	1754
111433	Van Ieperen, Taco	1877	1900
105520	Verik, Val	1573	1704
102610	Vinimz, Paul	1684	1710
121668	Walker, Kevin	1201	2
129421	Walker, Andrew	1201	2
112618	Wall, Kevin	1670	1817
107355	Weis, Rodney	1851	1935
129489	West, Thomas	xxxx	1989
127483	Whinnon, Jason	1501	1595
122933	Wong, Andrew	1324	4
102410	Yamach, Ahmet	1762	1900
120743	Yearwood, Roy	2213	2213
127783	Yewchuk, Simon	1682	1682

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128329	Adler, Daniel	xxxx	4
127036	Ahn, Danny	876	24
128246	Albertson, Nicholas	xxxx	4
122856	Allen, Dave	1200	19
128468	Alward, John	xxxx	19
129287	Andrew Brown, Jules	828	5
101060	Aquino, Manfred	1927	2031
128751	Arslanyan, Taline	200	3
128752	Arslanyan, Natalie	540	4
104388	Atkinson, Gavin	xxxx	1840
110005	Atkinson, Neil	xxxx	1094
128720	Ayer, Sarah	702	702
128720	Aylward, Zachary	1220	10710
125762	Aylward, Natasha Nichole	xxxx	790
128331	Babich, Yaroslav	xxxx	4
128330	Babich, John	xxxx	4
123658	Balashoramani, Nish	1057	1057
125756	Balashoramani, Nish	802	802
100238	Barnes, Mark	1547	1831
123838	Barzan, Cristian	1578	1630
102357	Basanta, Gary	2410	2410
100745	Bau, Jonathan	1421	1421
123780	Bau, Lawrence	1499	1619
128335	Beauregard, Zachary	xxxx	4
128333	Beauregard, Alexander	xxxx	4
128334	Beauregard, Jesse	xxxx	4
124355	Beddoes, Richard	1692	1796
106562	Belanger, Denis	1856	1856
128725	Belkin, Emily	1134	5
103443	Bentley, Brendan	1947	2000
106248	Bentley, Kris	2114	2202
121267	Bertsch, Kieran	1900	1411
120375	Bertsch, Wesley	1585	1682
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124384	Goodwill, Josh	xxxx	15
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1164	Goul, Kristian	1164	1164
1687	Goul, Valentina	1687	1687
1566	Goul, Yaroslav	1566	6
1339	Graw, David	1339	6
128475	Gustafson, Robert	128475	128475
726	Hall, Kari	726	14
209	Hall, Adam	209	4
127154	Hall, Kelly	127154	127154
101679	Hallam, John	2210	2223
123704	Hanishi, Neil	123704	123704
126784	Harmon, Erin	126784	126784
125639	Harper, Justin	125639	125639
129322	Harker, Laura	129322	129322
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128673	Heath, Jordan	128673	128673
128037	Heinola, Kari	128037	128037
123704	Heppenstall, Lara	123704	123704
126761	Hert, Sheldon	126761	126761
128730	Heuser, Tyler	128730	128730
108423	Higgs, Ian	108423	108423
123286	Hirsch, Emil	123286	123286
121071	Hladik, David	121071	121071
123893	Hodstra-Aldwood, Liberty	123893	123893
128651	Hodson, Abi	128651	128651
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200101079	Scarborough CC Sun Winter RR C	6	9
200101080	Scarborough CC Sun Winter RR A	6	9
200101081	Scarborough Youth 17	7	6
200101082	Scarborough Club Ch Reserve	10	10
200101083	Scarborough Chess Club Ch	10	10
200101084	Chess Academy Can Jan 7 No 5	4	4
200101085	Chess Academy Can Jan 7 No 4	4	4
200101086	Chess Academy Can Jan 7 No 3	4	4
200101087	Chess Academy Can Jan 7 No 2	4	4
200101088	Chess Academy Can Jan 7 No 1	4	4
200101089	Knights of Columbus	4	4
200101090	Janicki vs Tamowka	2	2
200101091	Grande Prairie Club Champ 2000	17	17
200101092	Winter Buddy Open	3	3
200101093	Double Trouble	18	18
200101094	Mr Van de Vens Kids Dec 29	17	17
200101095	Christmas Chess Tourney	14	14
200101096	Rouge Valley CC Fall Swiss	14	14
200101097	Scarborough Youth 16	11	11
200101098	WCC Mike Spinal Memorial	10	10
200101099	Sania Invention	4	4
200101100	ECC Xmas 2000	10	10
200101101	Sean McKays CC Championship	10	10
200101102	SCC December 2000	13	13
200101103	Christmas Knights	18	18
200101104	2000 Toronto Christmas CC U2100	16	16
200101105	2000 Toronto Christmas CC U1900	16	16
200101106	2000 Toronto Christmas CC U1700	20	20
200101107	2000 Toronto Christmas CC U1500	19	19
200101108	2000 Toronto Christmas CC Open	2	2
200101109	NB Chess Open Match	2	2
200101110	Baxter vs McKay	2	2
200101111	Christmas Day Chess Champs	6	6
200101112	Clark vs Lacroix	6	6
200101113	DCC Club Championship Grp 6	6	6
200101114	DCC Club Championship Grp 5	6	6
200101115	DCC Club Championship Grp 4	6	6
200101116	DCC Club Championship Grp 3	6	6
200101117	DCC Club Championship Grp 2	6	6
200101118	DCC Club Championship Grp 1	6	6
200101119	Weekend Before Christmas Open	15	15
200101120	The Chilly Invitational	14	14
200101121	DCC Xmas Party Open	14	14
200101122	Bogle vs Buckley	14	14
200101123	Victoria Junior City Champ C	28	28
200101124	Mr Van de Vens December Kids 11	20	20
200101125	Calgary Club Championship	20	20
200101126	Kingston Winter Open	20	20
200101127	Chess Academy Dec 3rd	4	4
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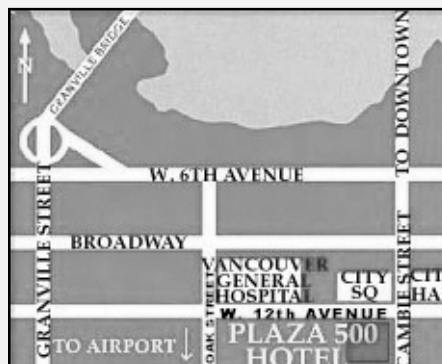
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