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World Championship Reunification Hits Snags !

Last year, the chess world saw the amazing creation of the Prague Unity Agreement, which was a process for arriving once again at a recognized single world chess champion. Optimism was high. There was to be a candidates tournament to determine who would challenge Vladimir Kramnik (Russia) for the classical world championship. Peter Leko (Hungary) became the challenger by winning the 2002 Dortmund Germany candidates tournament. There was general agreement that he was a most worthy challenger. The winner of that match was to play the winner of the match on the other side of the draw. That match saw Rulsan Ponomarev (Ukraine), 2002 FIDE World Champion, playing Garry Kasparov (Russia), highest rated player in the world, and 13th FIDE world champion. It was announced by FIDE that a contract had been reached to hold this match in Buenos Aires, Argentina, starting June 19. The final reunification match was targeted for November 2003. That month was also to see the start of the next FIDE knockout cycle. So all seemed in place and on track.

But tremors started to be felt. Einstein TV, which holds the rights to Kramnik's defence of his classical chess championship title, kept putting off announcing the location and sponsorship for the Kramnik- Leko match. Finally, late last month, Einstein issued a press release acknowledging that they had been unable to locate a sponsor who would cover the full amount of the projected prize fund of \$1 million. All of a sudden, the whole process came to a lurching halt. Einstein still maintains that it will get a package together and hold the match before the end of 2003. But their track record doesn't instill a lot of confidence that they will pull this off.

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So now the “ alternate scenarios “ are starting to be floated by one and all. This Week in Chess suggested a multi-round round robin with all four in it. Who knows what other trial balloons will be sent up. And though the FIDE President, Kirsan Ilyumzhinov, recently maintained that the Ponomarev- Kasparov match was going ahead as planned, there are rumours that as long as there are question marks hanging over the Kramnik-Leko match, FIDE may want to postpone its match until the situation clarifies, so they don't end up holding a match, while the other side of the draw collapses. June 19 is not far away, and so FIDE will have to decide quickly if it is going to postpone its match as well. And needless to say, all this throws serious doubt on the holding of the title reunification match before the end of 2003.

It looks like we're going to be following the rumors for the next little while !

2003 Povilas Vaitonis Memorial - Toronto – May 17 – 19

Report by David Cohen, T.O.

25 players gathered at the Bayview Games Club for a Victoria Day weekend of chess.

In Group 1, there was an exciting contest for first place, as Charlie Tang raced out in front by winning his first three games. He was then defeated by Christian Stevens, who knew that his only chance at first place lay in playing for the win with Black! But then in the last round, 13-year old Zhe Quan recovered from his first round loss to Charlie, and caught up to Christian by beating him in their last round match up. Thus, Charlie and Christian split the \$150 prize, and each was awarded a 6 month membership by the tournament's sponsor, Bayview Games Club.

In Group 2, there was no contest: Steve Demmery scored a perfect 5-0!!!! Here is an interesting game from this section :

[Event "Povilas Vaitonis Memorial"]
[Site "Toronto, Ontario"]
[Date "2003.05.19"]
[Round "5"]
[Result "1-0"]
[White "Sviridovitch, Alina"]
[Black "Sherman, Robert"]
[Section "2"]

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 c5 4. cxd5 cxd4 5. Qa4+ Bd7 6. Qxd4 exd5 7. Qe5+ Be6 8. e4 Nc6 9. Bb5 d4 10. Nd5 Rc8 11. Bf4 Qa5+ 12. Bd2 Qd8 13. Bg5 Qa5+ 14. Kd1 a6 15. Bxc6+ bxc6 16. Nf6+
1-0

In Group 3, an open Swiss put together at the last minute for those not playing in the Round Robins, an exciting competition developed for the two prizes: first overall, and under 1500. All of the top players in effect completed a round robin with each other, with Omid Nemati emerging the winner with 4/5. Needing a win with Black for a share of first, Richard Wing fell to Toronto Open co-champion Morgon Mills. Here is their game :

[Event "Povilas Vaitonis Memorial"]
 [Site "Toronto, Ontario"]
 [Date "2003.05.19"]
 [Round "5"]
 [Result "1-0"]
 [White "Mills, Morgon"]
 [Black "Wing, Richard"]
 [Section "3"]

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 exd4 4. Bc4 Nf6 5. 0-0 Bc5 6. e5 d5 7. exf6 dxc4 8. Re1+ Be6 9. fxc7 Rg8 10. Ng5 Qd5 11. Nc3 Qf5 12. g4 Qg6 13. Nce4 Bb6 14. Nxh7 Rxc7 15. Nh6+ Kf8 16. h3 Ne7 17. Bg5 Ng8 18. Qf3 Nxf6 19. Bxf6 Rg8 20. Ng5 Bd7 21. h4 Bc6 22. Qa3+ {22... Bc5 23. Qxc5#}
 1-0

For the Under 1500 prize, a 3-way tie resulted amongst Salvador Valenzuela, and juniors Brendan Fan and Alex Martchenko, with 3/5.

Here are the crosstables for this event :

Section 1

FIDE	Country	CFC	Name	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1 8601640	CAN	135745	QUAN, Zhe	-6	+2	=3	+4	+5	3.5
2 2601044	CAN	102535	SOUTHAM, David	-5	-1	-6	-3	-4	0.0
3 2603977	CAN	109214	DIVLJAN, Igor	=4	-5	=1	+2	+6	3.0
4 14300176	RSA	132015	ARONOV, Yuri	=3	-6	=5	-1	+2	2.0
5 2604450	CAN	120171	STEVENS, Christian	+2	+3	=4	+6	-1	3.5
6 *	CAN	133999	TANG, Charlie	+1	+4	+2	-5	-3	3.0

* Played in prior FIDE rated event - John Morrison Memorial (Group 2) - and will receive a FIDE rating from this event.

Section 2

FIDE	Country	CFC	Name	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1 2602601	CAN	102604	VELTMANN, Martin	-6	-2	-3	=4	=5	1.0
2 2605015	CAN	105109	SHERMAN, Robert	+5	+1	-6	-3	-4	2.0
3 NEW	CAN	111115	RICHARDSON, Ross	=4	+5	+1	+2	-6	3.5
4 2605031	CAN	126093	SVIRIDOVITCH, Alina	=3	-6	+5	=1	+2	3.0
5 NEW	CAN	125546	SMITH, Hazel	-2	-3	-4	-6	=1	0.5
6 2603799	CAN	109477	DEMERY, Steve	+1	+4	+2	+5	+3	5.0

Section 3

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1	110150	BENSON, Chris	+10	=5	=2	+3	-4	3.0
2	127517	MILLS, Morgon	+8	-4	=1	+13	+3	3.5
3	103265	WING, Richard	+11	+13	+4	-1	-2	3.0
4	130676	NEMATI, Omid	+12	+2	-3	+5	+1	4.0
5	109327	RIVAS, Edgar	+7	=1	=6	-4	-13	2.0
6	101858	VELTMANN, Alfred	-13	+11	=5	-0	-0	1.5
7	107979	VERA, Jesus	-5	-8	-12	-0	-0	0.0
8	108147	BARBER, Dave	-2	+7	=10	-9	-0	1.5
9	128589	FAN, Brendan	=0	+10	-13	+8	=12	3.0

10	132494	HUTSUL, Zak	-1	-9	=8	=0	+11	2.0
11	135360	LONGO, Tyler	-3	-6	=0	-12	-10	0.5
12	109032	VALENZUELA, Salvador	-4	=0	+7	+11	=9	3.0
13	132495	MARTCHENKO, Alex	+6	-3	+9	-2	+5	3.0

Sick Kids' Hospital Foundation Fundraiser – Toronto – May 19

Report by David Cohen, Benefit Organizer

Kevork Hecat, National Master and 1998 & 2000 Ontario High School Champion, donated his time to give a simultaneous chess exhibition on 9 boards at the Bayview Games Club, Toronto for the benefit of the Hospital for Sick Children Foundation. He scored +6 =1 -2. The only junior to defeat him, Daniel Abrahams, received a prize of a \$25 gift certificate, donated by Chess Shop at 1685 Bayview Ave., Toronto. Christian Pierce was the other winner; Morgon Mills got the draw. The cost to play was \$10; BGC reduced its usual daily membership fee from \$5 to \$3; so \$7/player, for a total of \$63, was raised for the Hospital. Thanks to Lawrence Day for helping to publicize the event in his Toronto Star chess column; and to those who played and had fun while helping out in a good cause.

[Event "Simultaneous exhibition by Kevork Hecat"]
[Site "Toronto, Ontario"]
[Date "2003.05.19"]
[Round "2"]
[Result "1-0"]
[White "Hecat, Kevork"]
[Black "Valenzuela, Salvador"]

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. f4 e6 7. Qf3 Be7
8. g4 Qb6 9. Nb3 Nc6 10. Be3 Qc7 11. g5 Nd7 12. O-O-O b5 13. Qf2 b4 14.
Na4 Rb8 15. h4 Na5 16. h5 Nxb3+ 17. axb3 Bb7 18. Bd3 Qa5 19. Nb6 Nc5
20. Bxc5 dxc5 21. Nc4 Qc7 22. Rhg1 Rd8 23. f5 e5 24. f6 gxf6 25. gxf6
Bf8 26. Qf5 Bh6+ 27. Kb1 Bf4 28. Qg4 Bc8 29. Qg7 Rf8 30. Qxh7 Be6 31.
Rg8 Kd7 32. Rxf8 Rxf8 33. Qg7 Qb8 34. Be2+ Kc7 35. Qg1 Qa7 36. Bg4 Rg8
37. Bxe6 Rxd1 38. Rxd1 Qb8 39. Rg7 Qd8 40. Rxf7+ Kb8 41. Bd5 Qh8 42.
Nb6
1-0

SCC Starts New Thursday Night Swiss

Round 1 of a new Swiss starts this Thursday, June 5. Come out and play some summer chess !! Joe Bellomo and Jim Paterson tied for first in the just completed Thursday Swiss. (Note : a Swiss tournament is also being run as usual on Sundays)

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