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2004 Women's World Championship

This month the Women's World Championship knockout concluded in Elista, Kalmykia, Russia. The winner was top Bulgarian WGM Antoaneta Stefanova, over her Russian finalist opponent, Ekaterina Kovalevskaya. Stefanova won the first two games, and then drew a hard-fought third game to win the title.

Prague Unity Agreement Criticism

As you are aware, Garry Kasparov (Russia), 13th FIDE World Champion, and highest rated player in the world, is set to play the winner of the FIDE 2004 knockout world championship. Also, Vladimir Kramnik (Russia), current Classical World Champion, and third highest rated player, will later this year play Peter Leko (Hungary) for the Classical Championship. The plan then calls for a title reunification match between the two winners.

Last Issue, we presented alternative formats put forward by Kasparov, Yasser Serawan, USA grandmaster, and one of the architects of the Agreement, and Ruslan Ponomariov, 2002 FIDE World Champion.

We asked what you thought of the present format, and of the alternative formats put forward. Maurice Smith, CFC FIDE representative, and SCC member, responded. Here are his comments :

“ I believe the format for the unification of the World Championship should remain the same. The present format is workable although not everyone is

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happy with it. However if is changed again for the umpteenth time, no matter what the format would be, there will still be some people unhappy. Indeed if Ruslan Ponomariov had agreed to play Gary Kasparov some time ago none of this would have been necessary. FIDE bent over backwards to please Ponomariov but it seemed he did not want to face Kasparov no matter what.

Although FIDE gets criticized continually from some people and quite often deservedly so, this time I think they are doing everything they can to unify the chess world and please as many people as possible. Therefore I do not think anyone should try and change the format again. Just let's get on with it.”

Bayview Games Club (BGC) to Hold June Bug Open

BGC, 1681 Bayview Ave., will host a 5 round swiss tournament June 18 – 20. Time control will be game/150 min., and entry fee is \$ 45 (\$ 10 late fee). Non-members of BGC will pay an extra tournament fee of \$ 15. For information, contact Vlad Dobrich at 416-722-9709.

An Active Qualifier for this tournament was held last Sunday, June 13, with the winners getting free entry to the tournament. There were four section round robins; the winners were : Nick Oancea, Barak Sagin, D'Arcy Leitch and Jesse Wang.

Todd Southam Memorial Tournament

(report by David Cohen)

The Todd Southam Memorial was held in Toronto in memory of the former Canadian Junior Champion (1969-1996).

The Active team Scheveningen had a team of masters, including three former Canadian junior champions, facing off against a team of top Canadian juniors, led by the current junior champion, Zhe Quan. Some notable results: FMs Quan and Krnan each scored 5.5/6 for the juniors; and there was not one draw in the first five rounds! Organizer: David Cohen Tournament Director: Vladimir Dobrich Sponsors: Chess Federation of Canada, Greater Toronto Chess League

Todd Southam Memorial
Toronto, CAN 2004.06.13

Active (Game/30) Team Scheveningen

1 2 3 4 5 6 T

Masters

1 Allan, Denis CAN FM	+7	+12	-11	+10	-9	=8	3.5
2 Bailey, Doug CAN	+8	-7	-12	-11	+10	=9	2.5
3 Day, Lawrence CAN IM	-9	+8	+7	-12	-11	+10	3.0
4 Krupnov, Maxim RUS	+10	-9	-8	+7	+12	=11	3.5
5 Miller, Evgeni CAN	-11	+10	-9	+8	+7	+12	4.0

6 Puri, Vinod CAN FM	-0 -11 +10 -9 +8 =7 2.5
13 Henry, Liam CAN	-12 -0 -0 -0 -0 -0 0.0

TOTAL: 19

Juniors

7 Peng, David CAN	-1 +2 -3 -4 -5 =6 1.5
8 Thavandiran, Shiyam CAN	-2 -3 +4 -5 -6 =1 1.5
9 Krnan, Tomas CAN FM	+3 +4 +5 +6 +1 =2 5.5
10 Smith, Hazel CAN WFM	-4 -5 -6 -1 -2 -3 0.0
11 Quan, Zhe CAN FM	+5 +6 +1 +2 +3 =4 5.5
12 Noritsyn, Nikolay CAN	+13 -1 +2 +3 -4 -5 3.0

TOTAL: 17

Nikolay Noritsyn - Evgeni Miller
2004 Todd Southam Memorial Active (6)

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 cxd5 4. c4 Nf6 5. Nc3 Nc6 6. Nf3 Bg4 7. cxd5 Nxd5 8. Bb5 e6 9. O-O Be7 10. h3 Bh5 11. g4 Bg6 12. Ne5 Rc8 13. Qa4 Kf8 14. Nxd5 Qxd5 15. Be3 Nxe5 16. dxe5 Qf3 17. Rfc1 Ra8 18. Qf4 Qxh3 19. Rc7 h5 20. g5 Qg4+ 21. Qxg4 hxg4 22. Bf1 Bd8 23. Rd7 Be4 24. Bg2 Bxg2 25. Kxg2 Rh5 26. Kg3 Bxg5 27. Kxg4 Bxe3 28. Kxh5 Bf4 29. Rad1 Bxe5 30. Rxb7 a5 31. Rdd7 Kg8 32. Rxf7 Rd8 33. Kg6 Rd1 34. Rfd7 Rg1+ 35. Kh5 Bf6 36. Rb5 a4 37. Rd3 g6+ 38. Kh6 Bg7# 0-1

Canada Day Chess Festival (July 1-4)

Martin Jaeger is organizing Premier, Reserves, an Active and junior tournaments for the Canada Day weekend. We attach to our cover e-mail the entry forms from Martin. He may be contacted for details at m_jaeger@look.ca ..

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