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2005 FIDE World Chess Championship Contenders

Here is the final list of participants in the 2005 World Chess Championship, to be held in San Luis, Argentina at the end of September. The eight selected players are the current 2004 title-holder Rustam Kasimdzhanov of Uzbekistan; the world's top active professional and 2000 -FIDE world champion Viswanathan Anand of India; the world's number two and three, Veselin Topalov (Bulgaria) and Peter Leko (Hungary); Michael Adams (England) - # 6, Peter Svidler (Russia) - # 9, Alexander Morozevich (Russia) - # 11, and – what a great achievement – Judit Polgar (Hungary), the world's strongest female player - # 7. (Vladimir Kramnik, Classical World Champion since 2000, was originally invited but declined to participate. However, under his interpretation of the Prague Unity Agreement, he has said he would consider this tournament as a candidates tournament to determine who should challenge him for the Championship. FIDE has not responded to this overture, but they seem to be bull-headed plugging along on the same path they were on before the Prague Unity Agreement – there being a division between the Classical Champion, and the respective FIDE champion).

Topalov Wins M-Tel Masters

This is the strongest tournament so far this year, being a FIDE Category 20 ranking. It was held in Sofia , Bulgaria from May 11 to 22. It was a six – player double round robin. It had special significance since the players were banned from offering each other a draw (no Grandmaster draws). Here are the final standings :

Final standings

			1	2	3	4	5	6		
1	 Topalov, V	2778	+69	* *	½ 1	½ ½	0 1	½ 1	½ 1	6.5 / 10
2	 Anand, V	2785	-11	½ 0	* *	½ ½	½ ½	½ 1	½ 1	5.5 / 10
3	 Polgar, Ju	2732	+17	½ ½	½ ½	* *	½ ½	0 ½	½ 1	5.0 / 10 25.00
4	 Ponomariov, R	2695	+62	1 0	½ ½	½ ½	**	0 1	½ ½	5.0 / 10 25.00
5	 Kramnik, V	2753	-78	½ 0	½ 0	1 ½	1 0	**	0 ½	4.0 / 10 20.50
6	 Adams, Mi	2737	-58	½ 0	½ 0	½ 0	½ ½	1 ½	**	4.0 / 10 19.50

The May Open – Toronto – Results

This 5 round swiss was held at Bayview Games Club in Toronto May 27 – 29. It attracted 34 players. The winners of the various sections were :

Open – Ron Livshits, Nikolay Noritsyn – 4.5/5 pts.

U 2200 – David Southam, Hazel Smith – 3.5/5 pts.

A Section – Scott Cliff – 3/5 pts.

B Section – Ryan Arcand – 3.5/5 pts.

C Section – Matthew Ramenaden 3/5 pts.

D Section – Julian McRoberts, Roman Sapozhnikov – 2/5 pts.

The June Open – Toronto - Upcoming Tournament

This 5 round swiss will be held at the Bayview Games Club, 1681 Bayview Avenue, on June 24 – 26. Time control will be Game/150 min.. Rounds are : Friday – 6:30 pm; Sat. & Sun. – 11:00 am & 5:30 pm. Entry Fee is \$55 (payable in cash by June 23). Late Fee - \$ 10. Non-members of BGC - \$ 15 extra. This is a CFC – rated tournament – membership required or \$ 10 tournament membership. There is also a draw for an early bird door prize, for those who register by June 17 – full entry fee rebate (\$ 55). For further information : Vlad Dobrich 416-722-9709.

Canadian Chess Timeline (History of Chess in Canada) – Part IV (1971 to 1985)

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[Ed. – this is a lengthy article, and so we have been breaking it up into a series of parts over a number of Issues.]

1971

World Chess Championship Candidates Matches Quarter-final between Robert Fischer and Mark Taimanov held at Vancouver, British Columbia.

World Chess Champion Boris Spassky wins Canadian Open Chess Championship.

Canada wins Bronze medal at World Students' Team Chess Championship.

Peter Biyiasas wins U.S. Junior Open Chess Championship.

1972

American Bobby Fischer wins World Chess Championship, sparking a huge interest in chess in North America.

Quebec Open sets world record for most players in a weekend open chess tournament, 746 players.

Mark S. Dutton will become Canada's most prolific tournament organizer and director (1972-2004)

D. Abraham Yanofsky becomes Officer of the Order of Canada.

1973

Under Kalev Pugi's direction, CFC opens Business Office; publishes magazine *Bulletin* (distributed to CFC members; combines coverage of international chess with local, regional and national Canadian chess news and games); and hires first Business Manager and magazine Editor, Les Bunning.

First regular publication of Canadian chess ratings, every two months in *Bulletin*.

Duncan Suttles Top Rated Canadian Chess Player at Year-End.

Smilja Vujosevic first Top Rated Female Canadian Chess Player at Year-End.

Canadian Open Championship becomes annual event.

1974

First Pan-American Individual Chess Championship held at Winnipeg.

First Canadian Computer Chess Championship held, won by Ribbit from University of Waterloo, programmed by Ron Hansen, Jim Parry, and Russell Crook.

Ribbit wins ACM U.S. Computer Chess Championship.

IM Lawrence Day defeated himself at the Chess Olympiad, held at Nice, France. A mixup in the colours resulted in his victory on the board being scored as a defeat in the results tables.

Largest attendance at a Canadian Open Chess Championship, 648 players.

1975

First Canadian High School Chess Championship held, won by Alexander Quance.

First Canadian Women's Chess Championship held, won by Smilja Vujosevic; as with juniors prior to the Canadian Junior Championship, representatives were previously selected by becoming the top scorer at the Canadian Open Chess Championship.

Paul Keres wins the last tournament of his career at Vancouver, British Columbia.

Sandor (Alex) Siklos wins 8th World Correspondence Chess Championship semi-final and becomes first Canadian to participate in the finals of the World Correspondence Chess Championship (8th ICCF World Championship 1975-8).

Alberta hosts first national championships, as Canadian Open and Closed Chess Championships held at Calgary, and Canadian High School Chess Championship held at Edmonton.

1976

CFC incorporates as a registered charity; provincial chess associations are recognized as affiliates.

Canada 1st place team in Group 'B' at Chess Women's Olympiad.

Canada wins first Board medals at Chess Women's Olympiads, as Nava Shterenberg wins Gold on Board 2, and Smilja Vujosevic wins Bronze on Board 1.

Phil Haley pioneers use of (controlled pairing) Swiss system of tournament pairings in Canada and at FIDE Olympiads.

Cyril Large organized annual school chess tournaments on Vancouver Island, which had grown to involve 6,625 players from 162 schools.

Lawrence Day begins chess column in *Toronto Star* (1976-).

1977

2nd World Computer Chess Championship held at Toronto, Ontario, August 8-12, won by an American program, Chess 4.6.

Canada wins Group 'B' Gold medal at World Students' Team Chess Championship.

Smilja Vujosevic receives Canada's first Woman International Master (WIM) title from FIDE.

Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Medal for contributions in the field of chess awarded to Bernard Freedman, Philip Haley, Daniel MacAdam, John Prentice, Kalev Pugi.

1978

Canada's highest finish at the Chess Olympiads, held at Buenos Aires, Argentina, with a tie for 7th place.

Branimir Brebrich sets world record for most opponents played consecutively, playing 575 games at Edmonton, January 27-28.

Peter Biyiasas wins World Open Chess Championship.

Peter Biyiasas competes in his 4th Canadian Chess Championship (1969-78).

Larry Bevand begins chess column for *Montreal Gazette* (1978-2001).

IM David Levy plays Chess 4.7 in Toronto in August, winning his bet that no computer would beat him in a chess match within 10 years; the computer scores the first drawn and won games (played under tournament conditions) against an IM.

Josef Smolij famous street blitz player at the chess corner, downtown Toronto.

1979

First Canadian Under 16 (Cadet) Chess Championship held.

Prestigious international grandmaster competition held at Montreal, Quebec, won by Anatoly Karpov and Mikhail Tal; game Jan Timman - Anatoly Karpov chosen as the Best Game in the second half of the year by *Chess Informant*, with 4 others in the Top 10 Games of the first half of the year.

Roman Pelts becomes Canada's first professional chess teacher; sets up chess studio in Montreal, the first Canadian chess school.

1980

Canada finishes first place in Group 'B' at World Youth Team Chess Championship.

Lawrence Day wins World Open Chess Championship.

1981

Igor Ivanov wins Canadian Open and Closed Chess Championships in same year.

Igor Ivanov wins World Open Championship.

Roman Pelts receives Canada's first FIDE Master (FM) title from FIDE.
Jonathan Berry begins chess column for *Globe & Mail* (1981-).

1982

Introduction of Grand Prix circuit of open chess tournaments in Eastern Ontario.
Duncan Suttles receives Canada's first Correspondence Grandmaster (GMC) title from ICCF, becoming Canada's first double Grandmaster (over-the-board and correspondence).

The Great Chess Movie produced.

Jonathan Berry wins North American Correspondence Chess Championship.

1983

Kevin Spraggett World Open Chess Champion.

1984

Kevin Spraggett wins first of seven Canadian Chess Championships.
Les Bunning Trophy, the fourth trophy to be donated for the Canadian Championship, on permanent display at CFC office.
First tournament in Canada where a Grandmaster Norm could be achieved, Grand Manan, New Brunswick.
Kevin Spraggett New York Open Chess Champion.
John Wright wins North American Correspondence Chess Championship.
Future FIDE World Champion Viswanathan Anand of India defeats Canada at Chess Olympiad; mentions that he was treated as a child at the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Ontario.

1985

Chess'n Math Association (CMA) founded by Larry Bevand, leading to an increase in the popularity of chess at school, and the enabling chess teachers to earn a living.
First Canadian Main Frame Computer Chess Championship held, won by Excalibur Electronics.
Canada represented for the first time at the Candidates Tournament stage of the World Chess Championship competition cycle, by Kevin Spraggett at Montpellier, France, the farthest a Canadian had ever advanced.
Kevin Spraggett becomes first Canadian-born Grandmaster.
Daniel MacAdam dies after reaching age 100.
Kevin Spraggett Commonwealth Chess Champion.
Igor Ivanov ties for first place in both Canadian Open and Canadian Closed Chess Championships at Edmonton, Alberta, while playing his games simultaneously.

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