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FIDE Rejects Match Between Kramnik and 2005 FIDE World Champion

The 2005 FIDE World Championship is to take place this September in San Luis, Argentina. Vladimir Kramnik has proposed that the Prague Unity Agreement be interpreted that that champion play him for the unified world championship. FIDE has rejected this proposal. Here are Kramnik's comments on this in his recent interview with the Russian paper “ Sport Express ” – the interviewer is Yuri Vassiliev :

Vladimir, now a few questions about the world championship. Fide management, in particular its vice-president Georgios Makropoulos, has given to understand that your suggestion to have a match between the Argentina tournament winner and yourself for the world champion title is unacceptable. Moreover, the players taking part in the world championship tournament in Saint-Louise were asked to sign some papers – and they signed them – in which they undertake not to play in any “alternative championships”, that is those outside Fide. Are you not afraid you will be isolated as a result?

- I think that my match against the winner of the Fide world championship in Argentina is absolutely logical. Considering the processes which began after 2002, it would be a good solution to the problems. I think that the probability of such a match taking place is fairly high.

- Makropoulos told me very clearly: The world championship in Argentina will not become, under any circumstances, as he expressed “a qualifying tournament to play against Kramnik.”

- Here, on the face of it, we have a distortion of facts. If this is a qualifying tournament, my match against Leko was also a qualifying match. Only the part of my qualifying happened earlier. That was not my fault. It was also not my fault that the Kasparov-Ponomariev match was cancelled, or the Kasparov-Kasimdzhanov match did not take place. I went through my qualification. And it was not any easier than the tournament in Argentina. I think I am speaking objectively. Nobody should feel offended by the current situation. I don't see a single person who will feel disturbed over my match against the winner of the tournament in Argentina. If, of course, this tournament happens... Such match will be interesting for the entire chess world, because it will be a true unification match. Fide should also benefit by it. I don't understand why the winner of the Argentinean tournament should be against. In all probability sponsors for such a match will be found. In my view, this should not upset anyone, on the contrary it will benefit all. I will say more: I am certain that if the tournament in Argentina happens, then my match with its winner will also happen. After the publication of my press-release, I have already received offers from very big sponsors in the West, because the match is interesting for all.

The FIDE World Chess Championship Cycle 2005-2007

(from ChessBase Website)

- **National Championships**, which are the responsibility of the Federations.
- **Zonals and Continental Championships**, which are organized by the Continents. FIDE guarantees a minimum total prize fund of US \$ 175,000 for the Continental Championships (the organizers must show proof of additional sponsorship money it has raised for the prize fund). FIDE retains 20% of the prize fund, the organizers get 20% from any additional prize fund. The number of qualifiers for each continent are: Europe 46, Americas 19, Asia 19, Africa 6
- **The World Chess Cup**, a knockout tournament with 128 players: the World Champion, four semi-finalists from the previous World Championship, the Woman's World Champion, two World Junior U-20 Champions (2004 & 2005), 90 players from Continental Championships, twenty 20 rated players, seven FIDE presidential nominees, three organizer nominees. There will seven knockout rounds of two-game matches. The first five placed players qualify for the Candidates Matches and the next five qualify for the Last Chance Super Tournament.
- **The Last Chance Super Tournament** consists of ten participants: five players from the World Cup (ranked 6-10), five players by rating. Three players from this tournament qualify for the Candidates Matches.
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- **The Candidates Matches:**

- The *first round* consists of five players from the World Cup, three from the Last Chance Super Tournament and the players who were ranked 3 and 4 in the World Chess Championship 2005.
- The *Quarter-Final Matches* are played with the five winners from the first round Candidates matches, who are joined by the player who was ranked 2 in the World Chess Championship Tournament 2005.
- The *Semi-Final Matches* consist of the three winners of the quarter-finals who are joined by the World Champion, i.e. the winner of the 2005 World Championship tournament.
- **The Final Match (World Championship)** is played between the two winners of the semi-final matches. The winner of the World Championship Final match becomes World Champion.

Time Control: With the exception of Zonal Tournaments, Continental Championships and World Cup, all other events (Last Chance Super Tournament and Candidates Matches) will be played with the time control of 120 minutes for the first 40 moves, 60 minutes for the next 20 moves and then 15 minutes for the rest of the game plus an additional 30 seconds per move starting from move 61.

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.

Canada Day Open – Toronto - Upcoming Tournament

This 5 round swiss is a GTCL event, being the No. 2 event in the GTCL Grand Prix. It will be held July 2 – 3 at Tartu College, 310 Bloor St. West. The organizer and TD is Bryan Lamb (SCC President). Other details :

Saturday, July 2: 3 Rounds at 10:30, 3, 7

Sunday July 3: Last 2 Rounds at 11, 3

Time Control: Game in 90 Minutes Sudden Death

5 sections- Open, U2200, U2000, U1800, U1600

Entry Fees: \$50 advance, \$60 CASH ONLY at the site. less \$10 for FIDE title, less \$20 for Juniors/Seniors and Women

Send Entries In advance to: Bryan Lamb, 1360 York Mills Rd., #1903, North York ON M3A 2A3

Tournament Director: Bryan Lamb [**blamb@idirect.com**](mailto:blamb@idirect.com)

(416) 446-5938 OR (416) 904-5938 Cellular

New Toronto Chess Club

Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre Chess Club
Bloor/Spadina, SW corner across from Spadina Subway
Station

10 week session

EVERY SUNDAY 1:00pm - 4:00pm, June 19 - August 28
(except July 3), 2005.

Info: Ted Winick at MNJCC (416) 924-6211 x278 or
tedw@mnjcc.org

Available: lessons, casual play, CMA rated play for
kids, CFC rated play (Game/60), CFC active rated play
(Game/30).

Game/60 is one game per visit. Game/30 is two games
per visit.

Fees: 10 week session: MNJCC members - \$50;
non-members - \$75.

Or, for each drop-in: first visit - free; subsequent
visits - \$6 members / \$9 non-members.

For CFC rated play, you must either be a CFC member or
pay one Tournament Fee of \$10 for the session. Also,
add one rating

fee of \$3 for the session (for each kind of rated
play). There are no tournament entry fees and no
prizes.

Canadian Chess Timeline (History of Chess in Canada) – Part V (1986 to 2005)
(Written, compiled and copyright 2005 by David Cohen)

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

1986

The record for appearances in the Canadian Chess Championship in consecutive decades,
and the record for longest time between first and last appearance in the Canadian Chess
Championship, are both held by GM D. Abraham Yanofsky. Yanofsky, playing in his
14th Canadian Chess Championship, appeared in the event in each of six consecutive

decades from the 1930s through the 1980s, during the 49 years between his first appearance in 1937 and his last in 1986.

Leo Williams sets Canadian record for simultaneous blindfold exhibition, playing 27 opponents.

Michel Gagne made the Guinness Book of Records with the first ever record for chess play against a computer: 70 hours non-stop, April 25-28, scoring +8 =1 -3 against a High Fidelity Excellence 4.0.

Jeff Sarwer ties for first with Josh Waitzkin at the U.S. National Elementary, Primary Section, Individual Championship.

Jeff Sarwer wins World Under-10 Chess Championship, Puerto Rico.

Julia Sarwer Top Female at World Under-10 Chess Championship, Puerto Rico.

Lia Bogdan receives Canada's first Woman FIDE Master (WFM) title from FIDE.

Canadian-born Joel Lautier wins World Under-14 Chess Championship.

Roman Pelts' Comprehensive Chess Course published, becomes world's best-selling chess instruction book.

Sun Phoenix, programmed by Jonathan Schaeffer of the University of Waterloo, tied for first place in the World Computer Chess Championship.

Alan Tomalty begins 'Komputer Korner' column in *En Passant* magazine (1986-2000).

1987

Vinod (Vinny) Puri wins Canadian Junior (Under 20) Chess Championship for 3rd year in a row.

1988

World Chess Championship Candidates Matches, 1/8 finals, held at Saint John, New Brunswick.

Kevin Spraggett wins his World Chess Championship Candidates Matches, 1/8 final, the farthest a Canadian has ever advanced in the World Chess Championship cycle of competitions.

World Blitz Chess Championship, for five-minute games, held at Saint John, New Brunswick, won by Mikhail Tal.

Canadian-born Joel Lautier wins World Junior Chess Championship.

1989

6th World Computer Chess Championship held at Edmonton, Alberta May 28-31.

Murray Campbell member of programming team for Deep Thought, winner of World Computer Chess Championship.

First Scholastic Championships held for each of grades 1-12.

World Chess Championship Candidates Matches Quarter-final between Artur Yusupov and Canada's Kevin Spraggett held at Quebec, Quebec.

1991

Zvonko Vranesic competes in his 8th Canadian Chess Championship, appearing in each of four consecutive decades (1961-91).

1992

Denis Pineault wins North American Correspondence Chess Championship.

1993

Doug Burgess most active tournament competitor for 7th year in a row.

Deen Hergott wins record 5th consecutive Eastern Ontario Grand Prix circuit.

1994

First Canadian Active Chess Championship for Game/30 was held, won by Michael Schleifer.

Stephen Glinert youngest Canadian to achieve Candidate Master rating, age 9.

First of six annual international open tournaments, held at North Bay, Ontario.

Leon Piasetski competes in his 8th Canadian Chess Championship, appearing in each of four consecutive decades (1969-94).

1995

Nava Starr Top Rated Female Canadian Chess Player at Year-End for a record 20th year in a row.

First Canadian Championships for age groups Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 18.

Sebastian Predescu finishes in 2nd place at the U.S. National Scholastic, Grade 2 Chess Championship, defeating future Grandmaster and U.S. Chess Champion Hikaru Nakamura.

1996

Murray Campbell member of programming team for Deep Blue, which defeated World Chess Champion Gary Kasparov in a game, the first time this was accomplished against a reigning World Chess Champion.

1997

Igor Ivanov wins U.S. Grand Prix circuit for 9th time.

Murray Campbell member of programming team for Deep Blue, which defeated World Chess Champion Gary Kasparov in a match, the first time this was accomplished against a reigning World Chess Champion.

1998

Lawrence Day represents Canada for a record 13th time at the Chess Olympiads.

1999

First Canadian Electronic Mail Chess Championship held by CCCA, won by Michael McArthur.

First Canadian Girls Chess Championships organized by CMA held in Toronto.

Michael Edelstein, David MacLeod, Claude Pare, Denis Pineault, Alexander Ugge, Kurt Widmann, John Wright first Canadians to receive Correspondence Senior International Master (SIMC) title from ICCF.

First Canadian chess electronic newsletter, *Scarboro Community of Toronto Chess News and Views*, founded, edited and published by Bob Armstrong.

World Champion Gary Kasparov took on the world in a game played over the internet. Prince Edward Island hosts first national championship, as Canadian Scholastic Chess Championship held at Charlottetown. Nova Scotia only province to never host a national chess championship (1872-).

Denis Allan competes in his 5th Canadian Chess Championship, appearing in each of four consecutive decades (1963-99).

2000

Kevin Spraggett wins Canadian Open Chess Championship for a record 8th time.

Deen Hergott wins Eastern Ontario Grand Prix circuit for record 9th time.

Canadian Chess Hall of Fame created by David Cohen. 14 initial inductees, 29 inductees by 2005 (one per year from 2002).

Canadian Chess Championships for youths in Under-10, 12, 14, 16, 18 age groups split into separate competitions: open and girls only.

Lefong Hua wins Canadian Grade 12 Chess Championship, the 8th time he won his grade (1989-2000).

2001

Navia Starr wins Canadian Women's Chess Championship for a record 8th time.

First combined Canadian Correspondence Chess Championship by regular and electronic mail, won by Serge Dubuc and Artur Mrugala.

2002

Hugh Brodie plays in Canadian Open Chess Championship for 30th time, including 29 in a row.

David Cohen finishes in 3rd place in the Internet Slow Time Control World Chess Championship.

2003

Canadian Chess Player of the Year award created by David Cohen.

Pascal Charbonneau ties for second place at Pan-American Chess Championship, Canada's best result.

2004

Largest Canadian Chess Championship in terms of attendance (69) and prize fund (\$21,000), held at Toronto, Ontario.

First Canadian Chess Championship with female participants (4).

Longest time between appearances in a Canadian Championship: FM John MacPhail, 32 years from 1972-2004.

Kevin Spraggett competes in his 13th Canadian Chess Championship, appearing in each of four consecutive decades (1975-2004).

Lawrence Day competes in his 12th Canadian Chess Championship, appearing in each of five consecutive decades (1969-2004).

Navia Starr represents Canada for a record 11th time at the Chess Women's Olympiads. First Canadian Senior Chess Championship organized by David Cohen held in Toronto, Ontario as an active event.

Kevin Spraggett Top Rated Canadian Chess Player at Year-End for a record 22nd time.
Introduction to correspondence chess of play by web server.
Canadian short documentary film ‘Chess CHECK!’ shown on CablePulse television channel.

2005

Canadian short film ‘Battle Chess’ shown on Bravo! television channel.
Canadian documentary feature film ‘Game Over: Kasparov and the Machine’ released in theatres.

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