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Do You Know ? / Savez-Vous ?

#### **Kramnik Retains Classical World Championship !**

Well, it was a nail biter. The challenger, Peter Leko ( Hungary ) was leading the champion, Vladimir Kramnik ( Russia ) by 1 point going into game 13 of the 14-game match. Kramnik had to win one of the last two, and draw the other to keep his title. In Game 13, Kramnik pulled out all the stops and it looked for a while like Leko was lost. But he defended accurately, and managed to pull out a draw. He was then  $\frac{1}{2}$  point away from the championship. But once again, in the last game, Kramnik pressed hard and eventually penetrated into Leko's position and won the game, keeping his title. He now goes on to play the winner of the January match for the 2005 FIDE World Championship between Rustam Khasimdzhinov ( Uzbekistan ), 2004 FIDE World Champion, and Garry Kasparov ( Russia ), 13<sup>th</sup> World Champion, and the world's highest rated player. This will then finally bring about a reunification of the chess world championship.

Here are the games 13 and 14 from the championship match ( we also attach a database with these games ) :

#### **Leko,P – Kramnik,V [A73]**

Danneman Classical W Ch Brissago, Switzerland (13), 16.10.2004

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.d5 d6 5.Nc3 exd5 6.cxd5 g6 7.Nd2 Bg7 8.e4 0-0 9.Be2 Na6 10.0-0 Ne8 11.Nc4 Nac7 12.a4 f5 13.exf5 Rxf5 14.Bg4 Rf8 15.Bxc8 Rxc8 16.Qb3 b6 17.Nb5 Nxb5 18.axb5 Rc7 19.Bd2 Rcf7 20.Bc3 Qd7 21.f3 g5 22.Ne3 Rf4 23.Rfe1 h5 24.Qc2 Qf7 25.h3 Bd4 26.Bxd4 Rxd4 27.Nf5 Qxf5 28.Qxf5 Rxf5 29.Rxe8+ Kf7 30.Rb8 Rxd5 31.Rxa7+ Ke6 32.Re8+ Kf6 33.g4 hxg4 34.hxg4 Rd1+ 35.Kf2 Re5 36.Rh8 Rd2+ 37.Kg3 Ree2 38.Rf8+ Kg6 39.Rg8+ Kf6

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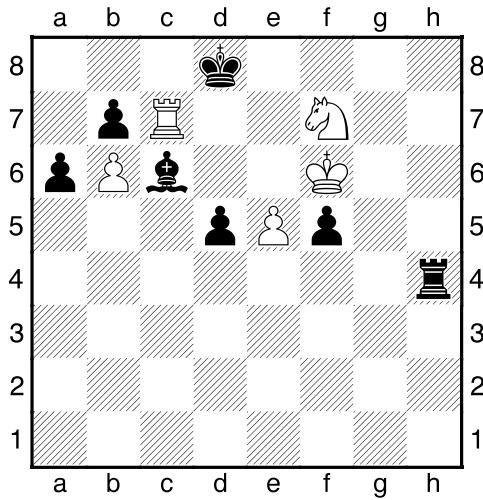
40.Rf8+ Ke6 41.Re8+ Kd5 42.Rxe2 Rxe2 43.Rg7 Re5 44.Rb7 c4 45.Rxb6 Re2 46.f4 Re3+ 47.Kf2 gxf4 48.Rb8 Rb3 49.b6 Ke4 50.Re8+ Kd3 51.Re2 d5 52.Kf3 d4 53.g5 c3 54.bxc3 dxc3 55.Rg2 Rb2 56.b7 Rxb7 57.Kxf4 Rb2 58.Rg1 c2 59.Rc1 Rb1 60.Rxc2 Kxc2 61.g6 Kd3 62.Kf5 Rb5+ 63.Kf6 Rb6+ 64.Kf7 Rxe6 65.Kxe6 ½-½

### **Kramnik,V – Leko,P [B12]**

Danneman Classical W Ch Brissago, Switzerland (14), 18.10.2004

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6 5.g4 Bd7 6.Nd2 c5 7.dxc5 e6 8.Nb3 Bxc5 9.Nxc5 Qa5+ 10.c3 Qxc5 11.Nf3 Ne7 12.Bd3 Nbc6 13.Be3 Qa5 14.Qd2 Ng6 15.Bd4 Nxd4 16.cxd4 Qxd2+ 17.Kxd2 Nf4 18.Rac1 h5 19.Rhg1 Bc6 20.gxh5 Nxh5 21.b4 a6 22.a4 Kd8 23.Ng5 Be8 24.b5 Nf4 25.b6 Nxd3 26.Kxd3 Rc8 27.Rxc8+ Kxc8 28.Rc1+ Bc6 29.Nxf7 Rxh4 30.Nd6+ Kd8 31.Rg1 Rh3+ 32.Ke2 Ra3 33.Rxg7 Rxa4 34.f4 Ra2+ 35.Kf3 Ra3+ 36.Kg4 Rd3 37.f5 Rxd4+ 38.Kg5 exf5 39.Kf6 Rg4 40.Rc7 Rh4 41.Nf7+ 1-0

Position after 41.Nf7+



( David Cohen's Trivia Quiz : Did you know that both Kramnik and Leko got their FM in the same year ? – 1991 )

### **Kramnik Questions Prague Unity Agreement**

As was mentioned in the above article, it was agreed that Kramnik would play the winner of the Kasparov-Kasimdzhanov match, to bring about a reunification of the world champion title. But as soon as he had retained his title, Kramnik proposed that it would be better if he played the winner of a tournament involving Kasparov, Kasimdzhanov, Viswanathan Anand ( India ), the current 2<sup>nd</sup> highest player on the rating list, and Ruslan Ponomariov ( Ukraine ), 2002 FIDE World Champion. So far none of the stakeholders has responded to Kramnik's musings . Though this might be a good idea, we feel that Kramnik is now bound by his agreement under the Prague Unity Agreement, and should not now be raising uncertainty in the whole process.

## **Canadian National Team Gives Solid Performance at Chess Olympiad**

### **National Team Report**

Canada was ranked 43<sup>th</sup> out of 129 national teams at the start of the Olympiad. We finished with a good 38 th place finish !! Our team was without GM Kevin Spraggett, who withdrew for health reasons, and was replaced by IM Yan Teplitsky. GM Alexandre Le Siege also was a no-show, apparently because of passport problems. He was formally replaced by the team captain, IM Brian Hartman, who stated that he would only play if absolutely necessary, and he did not have to play. The other members of the team were GM Dimitri Tyomkin, GM-elect Mark Bluvshtein, and IM Igor Zugic. Here are our results against the teams we played ( the # in brackets is the final finish position of the country ) :

<u>Won</u>	<u>Drew</u>	<u>Lost</u>
( # 19 ) Philippines 2.5-1.5	( # 33 ) Latvia 2-2	( # 3 ) Armenia 1.5-2.5
( # 42 ) Macedonia 3.5-.5		( # 6 ) India .5-3.5
( # 46 ) Croatia 3-1		( # 17 ) Slovenia 1-3
( # 51 ) Vietnam 3-1		( # 18 ) Belarus 1-3
( # 66 ) Peru 3-1		( # 22 ) Azerbaijan 1.5-2.5
( # 74 ) Albania 3.5-.5		( # 30 ) England 1.5-2.5
( # 122 ) Jersey 4-0		

Ukraine took the gold medal. Russia took the silver, squeaking past Armenia on tie-break, which took the bronze.

On the individual front, GM-elect Mark Bluvshtein had a tremendous tournament, scoring 8.5 / 12 or 70.8%. This put him 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> in the medal standings for 3<sup>rd</sup> board. Two other members scored over 50% : GM Dimitri Tyomkin – 59.1 %; IM Yan Teplitsky – 59.1 %. IM Pascal Charbonneau, carrying the load of playing first board, scored a creditable 41.7 %. IM Igor Zugic scored 40 %. Congratulations to all the members for their fine effort, and to the captain, Brian Hartman.

### **Women's Teams Report**

The women's team managed to finish # 41 out of 87 teams, better than their original ranking of # 52. Here are their results :

<u>Won</u>	<u>Drew ( 1.5-1.5 )</u>	<u>Lost</u>
( # 62 ) Albania 2.5-.5	( # 49 ) Portugal	( # 14 ) Bulgaria 0-3
( # 67 ) Iraq 2-1	( # 57 ) Mexico	( # 38 ) Norway 1-2
( # 71 ) Bolivia 2-1	( # 77 ) Dominican Rep.	( # 39 ) Croatia .5-2.5
( # 74 ) Luxembourg 3-0		( # 55 ) Austria .5-2.5
( # 75 ) IBCA 2.5-.5		( # 76 ) Puerto Rico 1-2
( # 80 ) Ireland 2-1		

China won the gold medal and USA the silver. Russia squeaked by Georgia on tie-break to take the bronze medal.

On the individual front, our top two boards put in good strong performances, scoring 8.5/12 or 70.8 % : Bd 1 – WIM Nava Starr; Bd 2 – WIM Dinara Khazieva ( this score placed her 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> in the standings for second board ! ). WIM Diane Mongeau and Valentina Goutor each scored 25 %. Congratulations to the captain and all the members for a good performance.

### **Toronto Thanksgiving Day Open**

( report by Larry Bevand, TD )

The Open section was won by Robert Hamilton with an impressive 5.5 points out of 6 which earned him \$250. He drew in round 3 against Ron Livshits and won the rest. IM Ron Livshits was held to a draw in the last round by Shiyam Thavandiran so Livshits finished all alone in 2nd place with 5 points and pocketed \$150. Tied for third place at 3.5 points were the youth brigade of 13 year old Nikolay Noritsyn, 12 year old Shiyam Thavandiran and 13 year old Hazel Smith. The two boys recently became Canadian Masters and the young lady, looks like she will be following in their shoes in the near future. Hazel lost to the top 2 finishers but scored wins against Shiyam and Jura Ochkoos and Arthur Calugar to move her rating up into the 2100 range. The tie was worth \$33.33 each.

#### **Under 2200**

Daniela Belc and Victor Krayushkin shared top honours in the under 2200 section with 4.5 points out of 6 and each took home \$137.50 for their efforts. Belc defeated David Southam in the last round while Krayushkin had a marathon affair with Inigo Assaripallam which Krayushkin managed to win in a tricky endgame. Southam finished all alone in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 4 points.

#### **Under 2000**

The Under 2000 section, with 23 players, was by far the largest section. Once the dust had settled (actually there was no dust in the cafeteria at Hart House...but...it sounds good ) Sergiy Orlov of Burlington Ontario finished all alone in first place with 5 points and \$125 in his pocket. Richard Wing needed a win against Athavan Mylvannan to catch up but a draw was consolidated and Richard had to settle for the \$125 2nd place prize with 4.5 points. There was a 5-way tie for 3rd spot at 4 points: Robert Sherman, Omary Shah, Pavel Dimnik, Warren Dutton and Athavan Mylvannan. They each made lunch money of \$10.

## Under 1800

An upset in the last round permitted a 3-way tie in this section. Matthew Ramenaden lead the field by a full point going into the last round but his last round opponent, Poya Oftadeh, wasn't impressed. Oftadeh won the game which allowed Jefferey Butt and Matthew Castle to catch up. They scored 4.5 points which was worth \$50 each and thanked Poya profusely (well all except for Matthew ).

## Under 1600

Top ranked Conrad Ho was in control throughout allowing 2 draws on his way to capturing this section with 5 points, a full point ahead of the field. The win was worth \$100 and Conrad now moves up to the Under 1800 section for the next event. Jonathan Hyman was held to a draw by Alexandru Florea in the last round allowing a tie for 2nd place at 4 points with Archuthan Mylvannan. They each earned \$25 for their efforts. Mylvannan defeated Paul Buzdon in the last round.

I must admit I enjoyed the experience directing this event. The players were all extremely polite and I think a good time was had by all. There were no disputes, simply on a few occasions, folks wanted a rule clarification. Thanks to everyone who took part!

As I mentioned earlier I got to use a new version of SwissSys which made pairings posting etc a breeze. To think of all the hours I wasted at events years ago writing names, entering results, filling out crosstables etc. Instead, with all this time on my hands....I got a chance to improve my skills at Free Cell on the computer . Thanks to Eric Malmsten for valuable Free Cell tips.

The Toronto Thanksgiving Open is a Greater Toronto Chess League (GTCL) event.

## SCC Starts New Winter Swiss

On Thursday, November 4, at our brand new premises in the Jack Goodland Community Centre, 929 Kennedy Road ( ½ way between Eglinton Ave. and Lawrence Ave. ), we will begin a new 7 Rd. Swiss tournament. The center opens at 7:00 p.m., so come out and join your friends in some tournament chess.

The recent Fall Swiss of 16 players was won by Imtiaz Husain, undefeated with 6.5 / 7 pts.. There was a log-jam tie for second place with 4/7 pts., including Bob Armstrong, your intrepid editor, Jim Paterson, Silvano Mesiti, Maurice Smith and Steve Karpik.

## Upcoming 1st Canadian Senior (50+) Chess Championship 2004

Saturday, November 13  
Bayview Games Club (BGC) 1681 Bayview Avenue, Suite 202  
(south of Eglinton Ave. E.) Toronto, Ontario  
11:00am - 6:00pm  
CFC Active Rated Swiss - 5 rounds

Time Control: Game/30 minutes

Entry fee: \$15 BGC members. Non-members add \$5 for BGC one day membership, or can join BGC at site.

For Chess Federation of Canada (CFC) members, your regular rating will not be affected; this event is active rated.

For non-members of the CFC, your entry fee includes a tournament membership in the CFC. You will receive a CFC active rating from this event.

Register on site at 11:00am.

PRIZE FUND - \$250 GUARANTEED FIRST PRIZE

Any additional prizes will be based on entries.

CONTACTS

Organizer: David Cohen bw998@freenet.carleton.ca

Tournament Director: Vladimir Dobrich, BGC Manager (416) 722 - 9709

### **Hospital for Sick Children Foundation Fundraiser**

Master Shiyam Thavandiran, a GTA junior, will give a simultaneous exhibition to benefit The Hospital for Sick Children Foundation (registered charity #10808 4419 RR0001) at Thunder Chess Club, 2857 Lawrence Ave. E. #14, Sun., Nov. 14 at 12:30pm. Cost is \$10. Info: Michael McArthur (416) 533-8035.

### **Upcoming Autumn Open – Toronto ( organized by SCC )**

**November 20-21, 2004 \*LOTTO BONUS\***

**NOW \$3,500 BONUS PRIZES FOR PERFECT SCORES**

Place: TARTU COLLEGE, 310 Bloor Street West (near Spadina).

Rds: 5 Type: Regular Swiss,

TC: G/90 : Times: 10:00, 2:00, 6:00 Sat, 11:00 and 3:00 Sun

EF: \$60. for Adults, \$30 for Juniors (Under 21) ;

Prizes Estimated at \$4,000 based on 100 players.

Sections: Open, U2200, U2000, U1800, U1600 and unrated.

Tournament Director: Bryan Lamb

Organizer: Maurice Smith (on behalf of the Scarborough Chess Club)

Reg: By email to [m-smith@sympatico.ca](mailto:m-smith@sympatico.ca) with Cheques to :

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or at site 9.15 - 9.45

(Late Fee of \$10.00 to on site entries without advance phone or email registration)

Org: Maurice Smith 416-755-2681 on behalf of Scarborough Chess Club.

Misc: Bring sets, boards, clocks.

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