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Topalov/Kramnik World Championship Match – A Glitch ?

This long-awaited match will be played Sept. 21 to October 13, and will finally reunify the World Chess Championship title. But one of the conditions of this match is worrisome. What happens to the loser of the match ? Will he get to play in the 2007 FIDE World Chess Championship in October 2007? FIDE President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov recently was interviewed by the Russian paper Sport Express on the details of the match. ChessBase has posted, based on it's reading of the Sport Express article:

“An important point is that the winner of the Topalov-Kramnik match will play in the next FIDE World Championship, which will be held in Mexico City. The loser, even if it is the current title holder Topalov, will have to start from scratch and play in the World Cup [the 2007 FIDE World Cup, leading up to the 2009 FIDE World Championship – Editor]. Classical chess world champion Kramnik will play in the next "Tournament of Eight" in Mexico if he wins the match against Topalov. If he loses he will have to play in the World Cup. These conditions have been agreed in the contract and signed by both participants of the Elista match. “

Bessel Kok, who is campaigning currently against Ilyumzhinov for the presidency of FIDE, has raised this as a concern of his. We share his concern. If Topalov loses to Kramnik, what type of legitimacy will be accorded the winner of the 2007 FIDE World Championship tournament, if Topalov is absent? He may still be the top-rated player in

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the world, and will have been the 2005 World Champion. We will end up with a situation where the chess world will again be divided. Some will consider the 2007 champion the World Champion. Others will discredit the championship, because one of the strongest players in the world, Topalov, was absent from it. These people will believe that had Topalov played, he would have won.

And what if Kramnik loses? He is not currently in the 2007 World Championship cycle, though he could have been in the 2006 Candidates Matches because he did qualify by rating. But he declined to play because FIDE refused to recognize his 2000 Classical Champion title. That issue has now been resolved. FIDE has granted him equal status with Topalov in the upcoming match. The prize fund is to be split 50-50, regardless of winner. Neither player has champion-odds. So would it not be a defect if Kramnik lost and he could not play at all in the 2007 World Championship cycle? He is after all, still ranked # 9 in the world.

This seems to us to be a major problem with this match and the 2007 FIDE World Championship. It is our view that the loser of the match should somehow be introduced into the current 2007 WCC cycle.

One option is to enter the loser into the Candidates' Matches phase of the championship. It would definitely be messy, since the eight matches have already been arranged and paired. Tenders are already out to cities to hold these matches. The dates for round 1 have been set for October 20 – 31. The Topalov/Kramnik match will not end at best until October 13. It would seem that the only practical option would be to have the loser play one of the four qualifiers out of the Candidates Matches. But how would the player to face the Topalov/Kramnik loser be chosen – luck of the draw between the four? Play the lowest rated of the four?

The other option would be to increase the 2007 World Championship to a 9-player double round-robin, and directly seed the loser into this tournament. But there are objections to this. Should Kramnik lose, he will get into the championship without having to play any qualifying games. And had he gone into this cycle, he would have had to make his way through 2 rounds of Candidates' Matches to gain entry to the championship tournament. Why should he be favoured, just because he had a match with Topalov?

It seems to us though, that FIDE will do nothing, and the problem of the “missing player” and the 2007 FIDE World Championship will come to be. The main reason is that the players themselves have now agreed to this dubious condition. So FIDE can claim that there is no problem, because the two players themselves saw no problem. But it is there, and will tarnish the crown of the 2007 FIDE World Champion.

SCC Spring Swiss

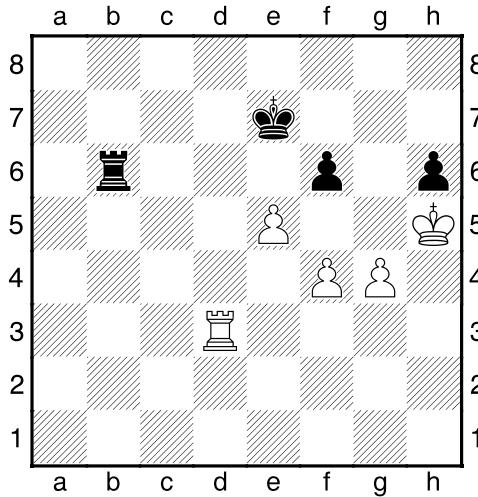
On Thursday, April 27, SCC started the Spring Swiss, a 5 round, one-section swiss. 24 players registered. After 2 rounds, there is a tie for the lead, with five players having 2 pts. : Rick Garel, Bob Armstrong, Joe Bellomo, Maurice Smith, Steve Douglas.

In Rd. 2 on Bd. 1 there was a significant upset in the race for first place. Your intrepid editor, Bob Armstrong, defeated this year's club co-champion, Jim Paterson (rated 328 points higher than me). Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz) :

Armstrong, R (1673) – PATERSON, J (2001) [E14]

SCC Spring Swiss SCC, Toronto (2), 04.05.2006

1.d4 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nf3 b6 4.e3 Bb7 5.Bd3 c5 6.0-0 Na6?± [6...cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nc6=] 7.a3?= [7.Nc3 Nb4 8.Be2 cxd4 9.exd4 Rc8±] 7...Bd6?± [7...Be7=] 8.Nc3 0-0 9.b3 Bb8 10.Bb2 Qc7?± [10...cxd4 11.exd4 d5 12.cxd5 Nxd5 13.Nxd5 Qxd5±] 11.d5 exd5 12.cxd5 [12.Nxd5 Nxd5 13.cxd5 Qd6 14.Qc2 Qh6 15.Rfd1 Nc7 16.d6 Nd5±] 12...Qd6 13.e4 Qf4?+- [13...Ng4? 14.Nb5 Qf4 15.e5 Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Bxe5 17.g3 Qg5 18.h4 Qe7 19.Qh5 g6 20.Qxe5 Qxe5 21.Bxe5 Bxd5?+; 13...Qe7 14.Qe2 Nc7 15.d6 Qxd6 16.e5 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Qe6 18.exf6 Qxf6±] 14.h3?± [14.Re1 Ng4 15.Ne2 Qc7 16.h3 Nh6?+–] 14...c4?+- Jim said he felt behind in development and decided to sac the cP to get some activity. This loss of the P eventually led to the loss of the game. 15.bxc4 Nc5 16.Re1?+- [better is 16.e5 Nxd3 17.Qxd3 Ba6 (17...Nh5?? 18.Bc1) 18.exf6 Bxc4 19.Qc2 Bxf1 20.fg7 Rc8 21.Rxf1 Be5 22.Nxe5 Qxe5?+–] 16...Nxd3 17.Qxd3 Re8 18.Re2 Qh6 19.e5 Nh5 20.Bc1 Nf4 21.Bxf4?+- [better is 21.Qf5 Nxe2+ 22.Nxe2 Qg6 23.Qxd7 Bxe5 24.Nxe5 Rxe5 25.Qxb7 Rae8 26.Be3 Qd3 27.Nf4 Qc3 28.Rf1 Qxa3?–] 21...Qxf4 22.Qe4 Qxe4 23.Rxe4 Bc7 24.Nb5 Bb8 25.Rae1 a6 26.Nbd4?± [26.Nc3 Bc7 27.Rb1 Rab8 28.Re3 Rec8?+–] 26...b5 27.cxb5?± I'm letting the win slip away on me [27.Rb1 Bd6 28.Re3 Bc5 29.cxb5 Bxd5±] 27...Bxd5 28.R4e3 axb5 [28...Bxf3 29.Nxf3 axb5 30.Rd1 f6 31.exf6 Rxe3 32.fxe3 gxf6 33.Rd3 Ba7±] 29.Nxb5 Bc6?± [29...Bxf3 30.gxf3 Ra5 31.Nd6 Bxd6 32.exd6 Re6 33.Rb1 Rg6+ 34.Kf1 h5 35.Rd1 Ra6 36.Red3 Ra4±] 30.Nbd4 [30.Nd6 Rf8 31.Nf5 Bxf3 32.Rxf3 Ra5 33.Rd3 Bxe5 34.Ne7+ Kh8 35.Rxd7 Bc3 36.Re3 Rxa3±] 30...Ba7 31.Rc3 Bxf3?+– [31...Bb8±] 32.Nxf3 Bb6 33.Rd3?± [33.Rd1?+–] 33...Ra7 34.Red1 Bc5 35.Rxd7 Rxd7 36.Rxd7 Bxa3 37.Rd5 Bb2 38.Nd4 Kf8 [38...Bxd4 39.Rxd4 g5 40.Rd5 (40.Re4? f6 41.e6 Kg7±) 40...Kg7±] 39.f4 Bc1?+– [39...g5±] 40.g3 Be3+ 41.Kg2 Bxd4 42.Rxd4 Ke7 43.Kf3 Ra8 44.Ke4?± [44.f5 Ra3+ 45.Kf4 g5+ 46.Kg4 Re3 47.Rd5 h6 48.h4 gxh4 49.gxh4 Re4+ 50.Kh5 Kf8?+–] 44...Ra3?+– [44...Ra1±] 45.Rd3 Ra4+ 46.Kf5 h6 47.h4 g6+ 48.Kg4 Rb4 [48...Ra2?+; 48...f5+ 49.exf6+ Kxf6 50.Rd6+ Kg7 51.Rd7+ Kf8 52.h5 g5 53.Kf5 gxf4 54.gxf4 Ra6±] 49.h5 gxh5+ [49...Rb6 50.hxg6 fxg6 51.Ra3 Rb7 52.Ra6 Kf7 53.f5 gxf5+ 54.Kxf5 Rb3 55.e6+ Ke8 56.Ra8+ Ke7 57.Ra7+ Ke8 58.g4 Rf3+ 59.Ke4 Rf6 60.Ke5 Rf1 61.Rg7 Re1+ 62.Kf6 Rf1+ 63.Kg6 Rh1 64.Rg8+ Ke7 65.Rh8 Rg1 66.Rxh6 Kxe6 67.g5 Ke7 68.Rh7+ Kf8?+–] 50.Kxh5 Rb6 51.g4 f6 [51...Rb4 52.Rf3 Rb6 53.f5 Kf8 54.Ra3 Kg8 55.Ra8+ Kh7 56.Ra7 Kg8 57.e6! fxe6 58.f6 Rb4 59.g5 Rb5 60.Kxh6 Rb1 61.Kg6 Rb8 62.f7+ Kf8 63.Kf6 Rb1 64.Ra8+ Rb8 65.Rxb8#]



52.Rd6! this finishes Jim off 52...Rxd6 53.exd6+ Kxd6 54.Kxh6 Ke7 55.Kg6 Ke6 56.f5+ Ke5 57.Kf7 Kf4 58.Kxf6 Kxg4 59.Kg6+- 1-0

Zoltan Sarosy – Inducted into Chess Hall of Fame for 2006

(from Chess Canada Website, maintained by David Cohen)

- *Correspondence International Master 1988*
- *Canadian Correspondence Champion (1967, 1972, 1981)*
- *1st place, Master Candidates Tournament, Diosgyor, Hungary 1943*
- *Won Chess Club tournaments in different cities in Hungary: Nagykanizsa (Club Ch) 1929; Pecs (Club Ch) 1932; Budapest 1934*
- *Invented the move order: 1. c4 e5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. Nf3 Nc6 4. g3 g6 5. d4*

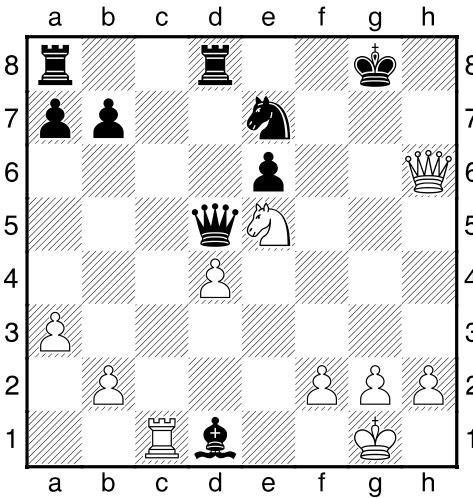
Sample Game :

Kempen, L – Sarosy, Z [B14]

Pacific Area Team Tournament 4, Board 3 Correspondence ICCF, 1999

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nf3 Bb4 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Bd2 Nc6 9.Bd3 0-0 10.a3 Be7 11.0-0 Bf6 12.Qe2 Nde7 13.Qe4 Ng6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Rfd1 Qa5 16.Qg4 Nce7 17.Ne4 Rfd8 18.Nxf6+ gxf6 19.Nd2 Bc6 20.Rac1 f5 21.Qg5 Qd5 22.Nf3 Ba4 23.Qf6 f4 24.Bxf4 Nxf4 25.Bxh7+ Kxh7 26.Qxf7+ Kh8 27.Qxf4 Bxd1 28.Qh6+ Kg8 29.Ne5

Position after 29.Ne5



Bc2 30.h4 Ng6 31.Rxc2 Nxe5 32.Rc5 Qxd4 33.Qg5+ Kf7 34.Rxe5 Rh8 35.Re3 Rag8 36.Rf3+ Ke8 37.Qb5+ Qd7 38.Qc4 Rh5 39.g3 Qc6 40.Qe2 Rxh4 41.Kg2 Re4 42.Qd1 Rg5 0-1

Cohen's Chess Movie Review - The Chess Players

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The Chess Players, 1977, directed by Satyajit Ray, with English subtitles, is now available on DVD (Queen St. Video, regular titles - call ahead and get on the

waiting list if it's not in). Beautifully filmed in India, the film chronicles the continuous chess match between two friends. It is set against the backdrop of the British Empire's conquest of India in the 1850s. The players contend with the simultaneous off-the-board matches in their daily lives: the British general against their city's ruler; and themselves against their chess-widow wives. The emotions and actions of the chess players will be familiar to all of you; they are portrayed excellently in the film. I highly recommend the film, but watch it with your partner at your own risk!

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