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Topalov Wins M-Tel Masters, Sofia, Bulgaria

This is the strongest tournament in the last few years. It's average rating is 2747 (FIDE category 20). The 2005 M-Tel Masters was also rated 2747. It is stronger than the last World Championship tournament! Recent strong tournaments were : 2005 World Championship – 2738; 2006 Morelia/Linares – 2733; 2006 Corus, Wijk aan Zee – 2716. It was a 6 player, double round robin played from May 11 – 21. As in last year's tournament, there was a rule against offering draws. Only the arbiter could designate a position drawn. The players in this year's tournament were:

<u>Veselin Topalov</u>	Bulgaria	2804
<u>Viswanathan Anand</u>	India	2803
<u>Peter Svidler</u>	Russia	2743
<u>Ruslan Ponomariov</u>	Ukraine	2738
<u>Etienne Bacrot</u>	France	2708
<u>Gata Kamsky</u>	USA	2671

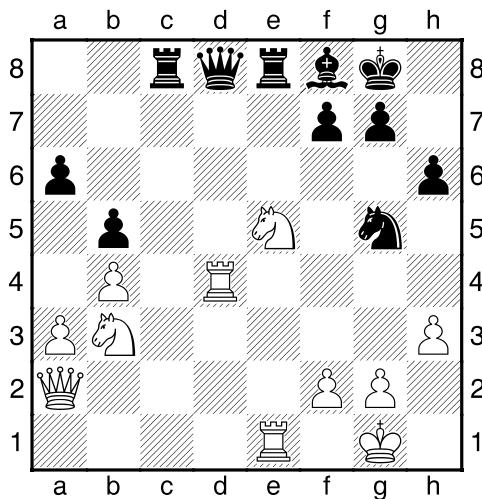
In Round 2, the two top-rated players faced off – Anand defeated Topalov with the black pieces, to take sole possession of first place. Here is their game :

Topalov, V (2803) – Anand, V (2801) [C88]

M-Tel Masters Sofia, Bulgaria (2), 12.05.2006

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.h3 Bb7 9.d3 Re8 10.c3 h6 11.Nbd2 Bf8 12.a3 d6 13.Ba2 Nb8 14.b4 c5 15.Nb3 Nc6 16.Rb1 Bc8 17.Be3 Be6 18.Qc2 Rc8 19.Qb2 c4 20.dxc4 Bxc4 21.Nbd2 Bxa2 22.Qxa2 d5 23.Rbd1 d4 24.cxd4 exd4 25.Nb3 Nxe4 26.Bxd4 Nxd4 27.Rxd4 Ng5 28.Ne5

Position after 28. Ne5



Nxh3+ 29.gxh3 Qg5+ 30.Kh2 Qf5 31.Rde4 Rxe5 32.Rxe5 Bd6 33.Nc5 Bxe5+ 34.Kg2 Rc6 35.Qb3 Rg6+ 36.Kf1 Bg3 0-1

Then in Round 3, an upset occurred as Gata Kamsky, with black, defeated Anand (for the second time this year), to take over first place. Here is their game :

Anand, V (2803) – Kamsky, G (2671) [C88]

M-Tel Masters Sofia, Bulgaria (3), 13.05.2006

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.h3 Bb7 9.d3 d6 10.a3 Qd7 11.Nbd2 Nd8 12.c3 Ne6 13.d4 Rad8 14.d5 Nf4 15.Nf1 Ng6 16.Ng3 c6 17.Bg5 cxd5 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Bxd5 Nf4 20.Bxb7 Qxb7 21.Qc2 g6 22.Rad1 d5 23.exd5 Rxd5 24.Rxd5 Qxd5 25.Rd1 Qe6 26.Qe4 Rb8 27.Ne2 Nxe2+ 28.Qxe2 Re8 29.Qe4 h6 30.g4 Bg5 31.Nxg5 hxg5 32.Qd5 Kg7 33.Qxe6 Rxe6 34.Rd7 Kf6 35.Kf1 Rc6 36.Ke2 Ke6 37.Rd8 e4 38.f3 exf3+ 39.Kxf3 Rd6 40.Re8+ Kd5 41.b3 Rf6+ 42.Kg2 Rc6 43.Re3 f5 44.gxf5 gxf5 45.Rg3 Ke4 46.a4 bxa4 47.bxa4 Kf4 48.Rf3+ Ke5 49.Re3+ Kf6 50.Rd3 f4 51.Kf3 Ke5 52.Kg4 Rd6 53.Rxd6 Kxd6 54.h4 gxh4 55.Kxh4 Kd5 56.Kh3 Ke4 57.Kg2 Ke3 0-1

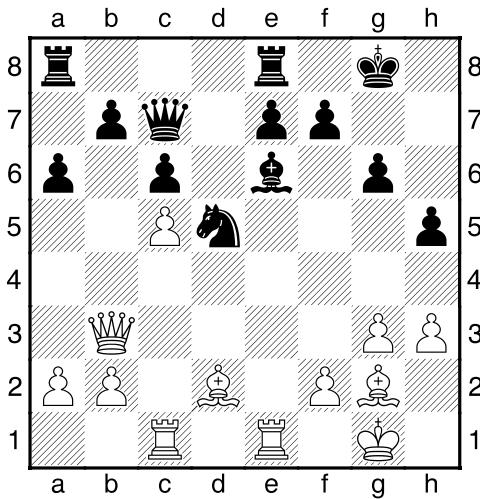
In Round 5, Topalov returned to form with a nice win over Kamsky, who was in clear first at the time. Here is their game :

Topalov, V (2804) – Kamsky, G (2671) [D15]

M-Tel Masters Sofia, Bulgaria (5), 15.05.2006

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 a6 5.c5 Nbd7 6.Bf4 Nh5 7.Bd2 Nh6 8.Rc1 g6 9.h3 Qc7 10.g3 Bg7 11.Bf4 Qd8 12.Bg2 Nh5 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bd2 0-0 15.e4 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Nh6 17.Nc3 Re8 18.0-0 Nf8 19.Qb3 Ne6 20.Be3 Nc7 21.Ne5 Nfd5 22.Nxd5 Nxd5 23.Bd2 Bxe5 24.dxe5 h5 25.Rfe1 Qc7 26.e6 Bxe6

Position after 26.....Bxe6



27.Rxe6 fxe6 28.Re1 Qd7 29.Qd3 Kh7 30.Re5 Nf6 31.Qe3 Kg7 32.Be4 Kf7 33.Bc2 Rad8 34.Qh6 Rg8 35.Ba5 Qd4 36.Bc3 Qc4 37.Bb3 Qd3 38.Bxe6+ Ke8 39.Kg2 Rf8 40.Qg7 Rd5 41.Bf5 Rf7 42.Rxe7+ 1-0

In Rd. 7, Topalov revenged his earlier loss to Anand by defeating him with the black pieces, which left Anand still in second place, but now a full point behind Kamsky. Topalov moved to 3rd/4th, 1.5 points out of first. Here is the Anand/Topalov game:

Anand, V (2803) – Topalov, V (2804) [B90]

M-Tel Masters Sofia, Bulgaria (7), 18.05.2006

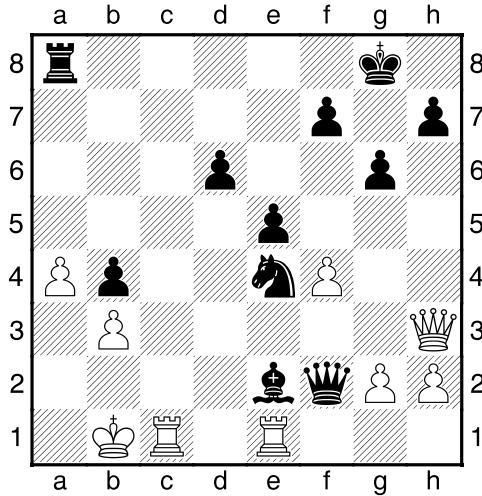
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f3 e6 7.Be3 b5 8.Qd2 b4 9.Na4 Nbd7 10.c4 bxc3 11.Nxc3 Bb7 12.Be2 d5 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Nxd5 Bxd5 15.0-0 Qb8 16.Nf5 Qe5 17.Ng3 Bb4 18.Qxb4 Qxe3+ 19.Kh1 Rb8 20.Qd6 Rb6 21.Qc7 Rc6 22.Qb7 Rc2 23.Qxa6 0-0 24.b3 Ne5 25.Rae1 Qd2 26.Rd1 Qf4 27.Bb5 h5 28.Ne2 Qe3 29.a4 Rb2 30.Qd6 Rc8 31.Rde1 Nxf3 32.gxf3 Bxf3+ 33.Rxf3 Qxf3+ 34.Kg1 Qe3+ 35.Kf1 Qf3+ 36.Kg1 Qxb3 37.Qe5 Rd8 38.Qc3 Qxc3 39.Nxc3 h4 40.Re4 Rb3 41.Ne2 g5 42.Re5 Rd5 43.Rxd5 exd5 44.Bc6 Ra3 45.Nd4 Kg7 46.Bxd5 Rd3 47.Nf5+ Kf6 48.Be4 Rd1+ 49.Kg2 Rd2+ 50.Kf3 Rxh2 51.Ne3 Ra2 52.Bc6 Ra3 53.Kf2 Ra1 54.Bd7 Ke5 55.Kf3 Ra3 56.Kf2 Ke4 57.Bc6+ Kf4 58.Ng2+ Ke5 59.Ne3 Ra2+ 60.Kf3 f5 61.Bd7 h3 0-1

In Rd. 9, Topalov continued his comeback, with his third consecutive win. This time he again defeated the leader, Kamsky, to pull into a 1st/2nd place tie with Kamsky. Here is their game:

Kamsky, G (2671) – Topalov, V (2804) [B97]

M-Tel Masters Sofia, Bulgaria (9), 20.05.2006

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Qb6 8.Nb3 Be7 9.Qf3 Nbd7 10.0-0 Qc7 11.Bd3 b5 12.Rhe1 Bb7 13.Qh3 b4 14.Nb1 e5 15.N1d2 a5 16.Kb1 a4 17.Nc1 0-0 18.Ne2 Rfc8 19.Ng3 g6 20.Nc4 Ba6 21.b3 axb3 22.cxb3 Nc5 23.Ne2 Nfxe4 24.Bxe7 Qxe7 25.Bxe4 Nxe4 26.Nb6 Qa7 27.Nxa8 Rxa8 28.a4 Bxe2 29.Rc1 Qf2 0-1



In the final round, Topalov won his fourth consecutive game, and Kamsky drew. So Topalov came clear first, ½ pt. ahead of Kamsky. An amazing comeback in the second half of the tournament ! Anand came third. Here are the final standings:

Final Standings

	Name	Rating	Results						P/10
			1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	Topalov, V	2804	++	11	11	%0	%1	%1	63/10
2	Kamsky, G	2671	+138	00	++	1%	1%	1%	60/10
3	Anand, V	2803	-35	10	0%	++	xx	1%	53/10
4	Svidler, P	2749	+1	%1	0%	xx	++	10	50/10
5	Ponomariov, R	2735	-49	%0	%0	1%	01	--	33/10 17.50
6	Bacrot, E	2708	-63	%0	0%	1%	xx	xx	33/10 17.50

2nd World Championship Match Arranged

The new FIDE World Championship regulations allow that any grandmaster with an Elo rating of over 2700 can challenge the FIDE world champion (currently Veselin Topalov (Bulgaria)) – if he can put up at least \$1 million in prize money. Teimour Radjabov (Azerbaijan), rated 2720, and ranked # 13 in the world, has now submitted a challenge, and has obtained a \$ 1.5 million prize fund. All details have now been agreed

to, one being that it will be played in April 2007 in Baku, Azerbaijan, and another being that Topalov is guaranteed \$ 1 million. This match is premised on Topalov winning his September 2006 match against Vladimir Kramnik (Russia), 2000 Classical World Champion.

SCC Spring Swiss

On Thursday, April 27, SCC started the Spring Swiss, a 5 round, one-section swiss. 24 players registered. After 3 rounds, there is a tie for the lead, with six players having 2.5 pts. : Rick Garel, Bob Armstrong, Joe Bellomo, Maurice Smith, Steve Douglas and Dinesh Dattani..

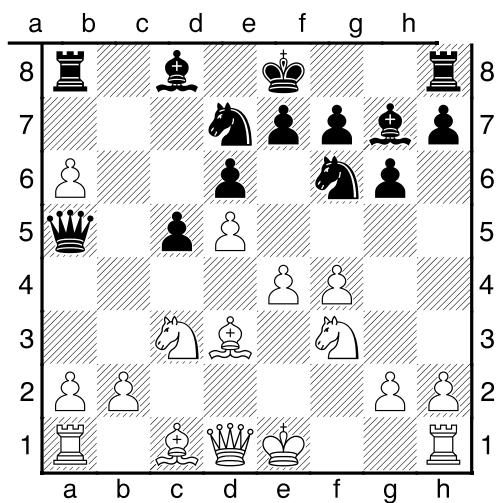
Rd. 3 saw a battle for first place on the top 2 Boards. Both ended in a draw, giving rise to the lead logjam of six players at 2.5 points. On Board one, your intrepid editor, Bob Armstrong, again defied the odds in this tournament, and managed to hold Rick Garel to a draw, and stay in the first place tie. Here is our game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz; RG: = Annotations by Rick Garel):

Armstrong, R (1678) – Garel, R (1873) [A57]

SCC Spring Swiss SCC, Toronto (3), 18.05.2006

RG: I did some research on Bob's success or lack of in various openings and found that the Benko Gambit was one opening he had trouble with. I've also favoured playing gambits lately. They put tension into the game almost immediately and that is to my taste. 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 [3.dxc5 e6 4.Be3 Na6 5.Nc3 Nxc5 6.Nf3 Nce4 7.Nxe4 Nxe4=] 3...b5?± the Benko Gambit line of the Benoni [3...g6=] 4.cxb5 a6?± Fritz considers the Benko Gambit inferior, giving W a " clear " advantage [4...Bb7±] 5.Nc3?± [5.bxa6 Qa5+ 6.Nc3 Bxa6 7.Nf3 Bb7 8.Bd2 Qb6 9.e4 e6 10.dxe6 Qxe6±] 5...g6?± [5...axb5 6.Nxb5 Qa5+ 7.Nc3 Bb7±] 6.e4 d6 7.f4 [7.bxa6 Bg7 8.Bb5+ Bd7 9.Bxd7+ Qxd7±] 7...Bg7 8.Nf3 Nbd7 9.bxa6 Qa5?+- [9...0-0±] 10.Bd3??± a bad blunder in the opening, which Rick takes full advantage of. According to the chess database of ChessBase, one other game was played this way, and in that game W made the proper move of 10.Bd2. RG: This was an unfortunate choice by Bob. White has a strong advantage after the 10.Bd2 line. [RG: 10.Bd2 Bxa6 11.e5 Ng4 12.e6 Ndf6 13.Ng5 Bxf1 14.exf7+ Kf8 15.Rxf1+-]

Position after 10.Bd3



10...Nxd5! RG: This looks fancy, but really all it does is re-establish material equality and maybe a slight edge for Black because of W's d5P. It commits Black to trading his g7B, the right arm of the Benko Gambit. **11.exd5 Bxc3+ 12.Bd2 Bxd2+ 13.Qxd2 Qxd2+ 14.Kxd2 Bxa6 15.Bxa6 Rxa6 16.Kc3** [16.Rhd1 Nf6 17.Ke2 Kd7 18.a3 Rb8=] **16...Nf6 17.Rhd1 Ra4?=** [17...Kd7=] **18.g3 Ne4+ 19.Kc2?** [19.Kb3 Ra6=] **19...Kd7 20.Re1** [20.b3 Ra3 21.Nd2 Nxd2 22.Rxd2 e6 23.Kc3 Rha8=] **20...Nf6 21.Red1 Rha8** RG: Bl. does have an edge, but I feel that it isn't enough to win. **22.a3 h6 23.Rac1** [23.Rd3? Re4 24.Rad1 Ra5 25.Kc1 c4=] **23...Rb8** [RG: 23...Re4! ...with the idea of invading the 7th rank. If white opposes with the d1R, then Bl. wins the dP.] **24.Rd3 Ne4 25.Kb1 Nf2 26.Rdc3 Ra5 27.R1c2 Ne4 28.Re3 Nf6 29.Rd3 Rab5?=** [29...Ra4 30.Ka2 Rb5 31.b3 Ra6 32.Nd2 e6 33.dxe6+ Kxe6=] **30.Nd2 h5** [30...g5 31.f5 g4 32.b3 Ra5 33.Nc4 Ra6 34.Re2 Re8=] **31.Ka2 h4!?** RG: This is not much of a risk. Should W capture, W will be left with a shattered K-side and Bl. will have three more targets to attack. **32.Nc4** RG: Bob makes the right decision **32...hxg3 33.hxg3 Ne4?±** I finally get a slight advantage [33...Rh8 34.Re2 Rbb8 35.b3 Rh5 36.Ne3 Rh3 37.Nc4=] **34.Re3 f5 35.g4??=** but I give up the advantage right away, unfortunately [35.Rh2 Re8 36.Rh6 e6 37.Rxg6 exd5 38.Nxd6 Nxd6 39.Rxd6+ Kxd6 40.Rxe8 c4±] **35...Rh8** [35...e6 36.dxe6+ Kxe6 37.g5 Rh8=] **36.gxf5 gxf5 37.Rf3?** a somewhat useless move, but I wanted the e3 square for my N [37.Rce2 e6 38.Rd3 exd5 39.Rxd5 Kc6 40.Rd1 Rbb8=] **37...Rh1?!** Rick misses the proper line [37...e6 38.Ne3 (RG: SCC member Steve Karpik suggested the following line 38.dxe6+ Kxe6 39.Rg2 Rh6 40.Rg8 d5 41.Ne3 (41.Ne5? Rh2-+ RG: Bl. has a big, maybe winning advantage here.) 41...Rh2 42.Rg6+ Kf7 43.Rg2 Rxg2 44.Nxg2 c4=) 38...Ke7 39.Rg2 Rbb8 40.Rg6 exd5 41.Nxf5+ Kf7 42.Rh6 Rxh6 43.Nxh6+ Kg6 44.Ng4 c4=] **38.Ne3 e6 39.dxe6+ Kxe6 40.Rg2 Re1?=** [40...Rh6=] **41.Rg6+!** I had 25 min. left on my clock, and Rick had 13 min. left. **41...Kf7** [41...Nf6 42.a4 Rb7 43.Rh3 Re2 44.Rhh6 Rbxb2+ 45.Ka3 Rbd2 46.Rxf6+ Kd7 47.Nc2 Rxc2 48.Rxd6+ Ke7=] **42.Rg2 Ke6 43.Rg6+=** I offered a draw here. Rick accepted. ½-½

On Bd. 2 in Rd. 3, another fight for 1st place happened, with a draw also resulting. Maurice Smith played Joe Bellomo. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Smith, M (1601) – Bellomo, J (1619) [E18]

SCC Spring Swiss Scarborough Chess Club (3), 18.05.2006

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Bb7 5.Bg2 Be7 6.Nc3 0-0 7.Qc2 d5 8.cxd5 exd5 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bd2 According to the chess database of ChessBase, this is a novelty. The previously played moves were 11.Bxf6 and 11.Bf4. [11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.Rac1 Re8=; 11.Bf4 Nh5 12.Bd2 c5=] **11...Re8 12.Rfe1 c5 13.Rac1 c4 14.Nh4 Bb4 15.a3 Bxc3 16.Bxc3 Ne4 17.Nf3 Nxc3 18.Qxc3 Rc8 19.Bh3** the game has been dead equal to this point **19...Rc6** though this looks like an error, Bl. has sufficient compensation in initiative, and gets the eP [19...Rc7 20.Bg2 Nf6 21.Ne5 Ne4=] **20.Bxd7 Qxd7 21.Ne5 Rxe5 22.dxe5 d4 23.Qd2** [23.Qf3=] **23...Qd5 24.e4 Qxe5 25.f3 d3 26.Kg2 Qe6 27.Rc3 Bc8 28.Rec1 Qh3?±** [28...b5=] **29.Kg1 Ba6??+-** Joe misses Maurice's tactical shot [29...Qe6 30.b3 b5 31.Qe3 Qd7 32.a4 Ba6 33.axb5 Bxb5 34.bxc4 Rxc4 35.Rxc4 Bxc4 36.Kg2 a6±] **30.Rxd3 cxd3 31.Rxc6 Qd7 32.Rc3** [32.Rc1? f5 33.Qb4 fxe4 34.fxe4 Kh7±] **32...Qd4+** [32...h5 33.Kg2 Kh7 34.Rc1 h4 35.gxh4 Bb5+-] **33.Kg2 Qf6 34.Rc7 Qd6 35.Rc3?+-** [35.Rxa7 Bb5 36.Ra8+ Kh7 37.Rc8 Qe5+-] **35...Qe5 36.Kf2** [36.b4+-] **36...Qd4+ 37.Kg2 Qd7 38.b4 Kh8 39.h3 Bc8 40.g4** [40.Rxc8+ Qxc8 41.Qxd3 a6+-] **40...Ba6 41.Kf2?±** [41.Rc1+-] **41...Qd4+ 42.Kg2 Bc4 43.Rc1 b5 44.Rc3 Qd6 45.Rc1 Bb3 46.Rc3** [46.Rc5 Bc4 47.a4 a6±] **46...Bc4 47.Rc1** Maurice can't find a way to make progress, though he has a " clear " advantage. He is virtually offering Joe a draw here. **47...Qa6 48.Rc3 Qa4?+-** [48...Qd6±] **49.Rxd3 Bxd3 50.Qxd3 Qa6 51.e5 Qe6 52.Qd8?+-** Maurice misses the easiest winning line [52.Qxb5 Qa2+ 53.Kg3 Qxa3 54.Qe8+ Kh7 55.Qxf7 Qxb4 56.Qxa7 Qc3+-] **52...Kh7 53.Qd3+ g6 54.Qxb5 Qa2+ 55.Kg3 Qd2** [55...Qxa3 56.Qd5 Kg7 57.Qd4 Qc1 58.e6+ Kf8 59.exf7 Qe1+ 60.Kf4 a6+-] **56.Qb7??=** Maurice blunders in a won position ! [56.Qc5+-] **56...Qe1+** Joe gets a perpetual ! **57.Kg2** [57.Kf4 Qc1+ 58.Ke4 Qc4+ 59.Ke3 Qc3+ 60.Ke2 Qc2+ 61.Ke1 Qc1+

62.Kf2 Qd2+ 63.Kf1 Qd1+ 64.Kg2 Qd2+=] 57...Qe2+ 58.Kg1 Qe1+ 59.Kg2 Qe2+ 60.Kg3 Qe1+ 61.Kg2 Qe2+ ½-½

Toronto Active Championship (Igor Ivanov Memorial)

(Report by Vlad Dobrich on ChessTalk)

This 5 round, one section swiss active tournament was held Sunday, May 14 at the Bayview Games Club. A strong field of 20 players (median rating 2100) turned out to compete for \$600 in prize money (and glory). Leonid Gerzhoy made a clean sweep of it with a 5-0 score. Tied for 2nd with 4-1 were Ian Findlay and Raja Panjwani.

3-Way Tie at the Ontario Open

This 6 round swiss was played in Richmond Hill on the Victoria Day long weekend. 90 players registered. The winners of the various sections were:

Open Section : Leonid Gerzhoy, Jura Ochkoos, Raja Panjwani – 4 pts.

U 2200 : Szalay Karoly – 6 pts.

U 2000 : Henry Arandia – 5 pts.

U 1800 : Matthew Ramenaden, Alexandru Florea – 5 pts.

U 1600 : K. Semianiuk – 5.5 pts.

Canadian Wins International Correspondence Chess Tournament!

David Cohen of Toronto, Ontario, finished in clear first place in his first International Correspondence Chess Federation (ICCF) event, an 'Open' category round-robin played by Web Server, scoring 5.5/6 against players from England, Slovenia, Germany, Denmark, Spain, and Switzerland.

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Toronto Blitz Championship (Bryon Nickoloff Memorial) – Upcoming Tournament

This will be a nine double round swiss tournament at the Bayview Games Club, 1681 Bayview Avenue, Suite 202, on Saturday, June 17 at 1:30 PM. It is a GTCL event. Time control is Game/5 min.. Entry Fee : \$ 30 (non-members of BGC pay \$ 7 extra). Prizes – 100% of entry fee. Registration on day of tournament by 1:00 PM. 60 player maximum. For information, call Vlad Dobrich at 416-722-9709.

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