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Wizard Chess and a flock of Pterodactyls

Lawrence Day takes a brief look at Tal, Suttles and himself in another interesting and unique article.

GM Wesley So

Erwin Casareno reports on the recent simul and blitz tournament in Toronto with this young superstar in *Across Canada*



Masters' Forum

We brought back Masters' Forum for this issue. The main ingredient was the 3 H's: Canadian IMs Hébert, Hansen and Hartman annotate this old but not forgotten game.

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From the Editor

Ontario has had the good fortune to host not one, but two super GMs in the last few months. Ottawa was fortunate to enlist the services of GM Alexi Shirov and now Toronto has hosted the young and improving GM Wesley So. These are relatively rare opportunities for the chess community and events such as this help to raise the profile of our game by garnering much needed media coverage. Let's hope we see more opportunities like this in the future to give our Canadian chess culture a boost in the right direction.

Organizers of the Canadian Open this year have been busy planning what looks like a very interesting event. The usual gathering of Grandmasters and countless side events means that there will be plenty to entertain you in Toronto this summer. Now we can add another Arbiter's Seminar to the list of events. Registrations are starting to pick up. The tournament will take place in a first class hotel in downtown Toronto (Westin Harbour Castle). Time to plan your summer chess vacation!

In this issue, I have resurrected Masters' Forum. This column had been my favourite for decades, first in the *CFC Bulletin*, *Chess Canada Echecs* and then in *En Passant*. I always found it interesting to read the multiple perspectives at various points in a game, giving us a glimpse into the mind of a master. Jean Hébert, Brian Hartman and Eric Hansen provide for some very interesting and entertaining reading this time around. I hope you enjoy it as much as I enjoyed putting it together.

Tony Ficzere



On the cover

This photo was taken by Ferdinand Supsup with Erwin Casareno's camera at the recent Wesley So Simul in Toronto.



The Pterodactyls were inspired by Lawrence Day's article this month.

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Δ	With the idea	¤	Unclear
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Imperturbability, the Wizard Chess and a Flock of Pterodactyls

By IM Lawrence Day



"You can't win like that any more," proclaimed the Grandmaster. It was during analysis of a game from the Turin 2006 Olympiad where Tomas Krnan had eeked out a long endgame win on the Black side of a very closed Ruy Lopez. Our hired-gun coach, Lev Psakhis, was rejecting a gambit possibility I suggested that arose a half-dozen moves before the first time control. To my eye it looked complicated enough that it was worth considering, but no, rejecting it out of hand, the Israeli GM whipped off enough solid moves to make time control and stated flatly that increments had destroyed that old style, it was too 'last century.' A pity perhaps, but he had a point: with a minimum 30 seconds per move the odds of the defender being bamboozled into a blunder dropped significantly after the elimination of time scrambles. The intense pressure of hanging flags is no more. Objectively, today's chess may be 'better played' than last century, but the price is that loss of drama and psychological tension. With increments and computers, it is doubtful that Mikhail Tal would have become World Champion. His play was often objectively unsound. Many of his sacrifices produced head-spinning complications and his opponents lost their way in the labyrinth of possible variations. Few had the authority (or audacity) to judge his combination's soundness, even with rigorous analysis long after the game. The spectator, annotator or opponent could intuit: This move can't possibly be sound, but they couldn't know for sure. Eventually, in practical play during the game, as time wound down and the flag rose up, most defenders blundered, even strong grandmasters. "Magic," was the common explanation: Tal the Wizard. It labeled the problem but didn't really solve it.

Wizard Chess

Here is a game I spent weeks analyzing. At the time, as an A-player, I was under the misconception that if the former World Champion played it, then it must be sound. In fact it was simply too complicated for human minds to unravel in the time available.

□ Portisch, Lajos

■ Tal, Mihail

Amsterdam Interzonal, 1964

King's Indian Defence [E62]

1. $\mathbb{Q}f3$ $\mathbb{Q}f6$ 2. $g3$ $d6$ 3. $d4$ $g6$ 4. $\mathbb{Q}g2$ $\mathbb{Q}g7$ 5. 0-0 0-0 6. $c4$ $\mathbb{Q}g4$

7. $\mathbb{Q}c3$ $\mathbb{Q}c8$ 8. $\mathbb{E}e1$ $\mathbb{E}e8$ 9. $\mathbb{Q}b3$ $\mathbb{Q}c6$ 10. $d5$ $\mathbb{Q}a5$ 11. $\mathbb{Q}a4$ $b6$ 12. $\mathbb{Q}d2$ $\mathbb{Q}d7$ 13. $\mathbb{Q}c2$ $c6$!

An invitation to craziness. 13... $c5$ or 13... $\mathbb{Q}b7$ were rational and about even.

14. $b4$



14... $\mathbb{Q}xc4$!?

Surprising the engines. They expect ... $\mathbb{Q}f5$ or ... $a5$ but don't like Black's chances anyway.

15. $\mathbb{Q}xc4$ $cxd5$ 16. $\mathbb{Q}a3$ $d4$



On the board, Tal only has two pawns for his Rook. It shouldn't be enough. But White is uncoordinated and has no clear plan to unscramble his awkwardly placed forces. Even at the rate of 40 moves in 2.5 hours, White wishes he had more time to sort things out. Rybka wouldn't have helped much as all the Queen moves leave considerable evaluation edge. Still White must choose. Perhaps a random move was required? That was Jonathon Speelman's novel theory, sometimes it was better to play fast and random than to risk a hanging flag. The time on the clock can be saved for more critical moments that are sure to come later. An interesting theory, but, like the niblick, the question is when to use it.

19. $\mathbb{Q}d1$ $\mathbb{Q}e4$ 20. $\mathbb{F}3$

20. $\mathbb{Q}xd4$ was possible also, e.g., 20... $\mathbb{Q}c3$ 21. $\mathbb{Q}d3$ $e5$ 22. $\mathbb{Q}b3$ $\mathbb{Q}f5$ 23. $\mathbb{Q}e3$ $d5$ 24. $\mathbb{Q}d2$ $d4$ 25. $\mathbb{Q}f3$ $\mathbb{Q}e4$ 26. $\mathbb{Q}g4$ and Black still has nothing concrete. (+1.5ish sez Houdini).

20... $a6$?

Another surprise. The natural (engine) choices are 20... $d3$ and 20... $\mathbb{Q}c3$ forcing the play. Instead, Tal avoids any resolution. Portisch may have been regretting the time he

spent analyzing those obvious moves.

21.♗xd4 ♖d5!?

More of the same. 21...♗c3 forces things. Tal is offering too much choice.

22.♗e3

Was 22.♗b2 better? Engines tend to like it as the exchange 22...♗c3 23.♗xc3 ♖xc3 24.♗b3 should consolidate, while 22...♗g5 23.♗g2 ♖h3+ 24.♗h1 with e2–e4 to follow is snug also. Portisch chose the logical human move, keeping the Bishop closer to the King.

22...♖c3 23.♗dc2 ♖f5 24.g4!?

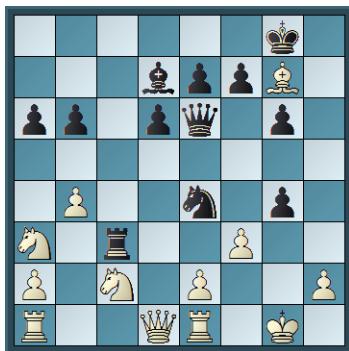
Here Portisch understandably felt that everything won. But the less forcing 34.♗d4 would have avoided any serious risk. In any case, Tal is almost out of tricks, but almost is the key word.

24...♗e6 25.♗d4 h5

A fresh warrior enters the fray but can this pawn do anything?

26.♗xg7 hxg4

Of course Tal doesn't stoop to recaptures!



As combinations go, this one has a big flaw. But it is not easy to see. The 'easy' part is the forced 6-move sequence 27.♗xc3 g3 28.♗d4 (threatening mate forces matters.) 28...gxh2+ 29.♗h1 ♗g3+ 30.♗g2 ♖h3+ 31.♗f2 e5! (a major resource.) 32.♗xd6 ♖h4 when Black's cheapo-quotient appears enormous. Ceasing analysis here is understandable. But with more time to analyze, Portisch might have gone one move deeper. Actually the position is White to play and win which can be accomplished by the elegant Queen sacrifice 33.♗b8+, 34.♗h8+!! followed by 35.♗xe5+ and 36.♗xg3 with a bag of material and the initiative as well.

27.♗d4 ♖d5

White figured he had enough of the annoying Black Knight sitting on e4. He asked it to leave way back at move 20 but it's still there, prominent and edible.

28.fxe4 ♖xe4 29.♗f3 ♖e3+ 30.♗h1



30...♗c6!?

Always the unexpected. With all the White pieces hanging, Tal doesn't capture any of them.

31.♗f1?

Natural enough, but this blunder blows his advantage.

31.♗c2! was still winning. On 31...♗f2 (or 31...gx3 32.♗xe3 fxe2+ 33.♗d5! decides.) 32.♗d4 gxf3 33.♗xf2 fxe2+ 34.♗g1 exd1 ♖ 35.♗axd1 ♖xc2, White has a winning endgame.

31...♗xa3!?

This allows a drawing line. Houdini points out that after 31...gx3 32.exf3 ♗xg7 33.♗c2 ♖xf3+ 34.♗xf3 ♖xf3+ 35.♗xf3 ♖xf3, Black has some winning chances with three connected passed pawns against the Knight. Likely White would hold the draw unless he were too depressed by his sudden change of fortune.

32.♗c1

Allowing the draw was probably a conscious decision. After 32.♗c1 gxf3 33.exf3 ♖xf3+ 34.♗xf3 ♖xf3+ 35.♗xf3 ♖xf3 36.♗d4! threatens both mate on the back rank and the b6–pawn. Still with his connected pawns and active Rook, Black would have many dynamic counter-chances and a draw would be the likely result.

32...gx3 33.♗xc6 ♖xe2 34.♗g1 ♗xg7

Perpetual boot is now the best White can do.

35.♗ae1 ♖d2 36.♗d1 ♖e2 37.♗de1 ♖d2 ½-½.

That game was an amazing display of bamboozlement. Aside from the casual disregard for material, another key element was surprise. In those positions where the engines 'best play' recommendations were incongruent with Tal's choices, the moves he did play were unexpected. This might have done something to Portisch's self-confidence. What can logic do against 'magic'? To give the Hungarian legend due credit, Portisch was very persevering: he couldn't be beaten twice the same way. In 1964 he was still learning and was about a dozen years before his peak strength.

For myself, I think what I learned from trying to understand that Tal game was to react to loss of material in the opening

by trying to progressively complicate the play. The critical point seemed to be that further sacrificing may be necessary to set the stage for bamboozlement. No point moping over lost material: In for a penny, in for a pound!

In this game I accidentally walked into a prepared variation:

□ Allan, Denis

■ Day, Lawrence

Montréal International, 1980

Pterodactyl [B06]

1.e4 g6 2.d4 ♜g7 3.♘c3 c5 4.dxc5

A critical modern treatment is 4.♘e3, but it fared poorly in Platel–Ipatov, Cappelle–la–Grande, 2011: 4.♘e3 cxd4 (Also 4...♝a5 is possible when the sensible 5.♘f3 will transpose to the original Bilek Variation, which the Hungarian GM played in several games at the Varna 1962 Olympiad. The experimental idea had been tried in 1961 earlier by Haag and A. Zakharov, but without much success. Instead 5.♗d2 seems to lose a tempo after 5...cxd4 6.♗xd4 ♜xd4 7.♗xd4 ♜f6 8.♘f3 ♜c6 9.♗d2 d6 10.h3 ♜e6 11.♘g5 0-0-0 as in Guliev–Korchnoi, Baku, 2008, 0-1, 37.) 5.♗xd4 ♜f6 6.e5 ♜g8 (Less dynamic seems 6...♝h5 7.♗ge2 f5 8.f4 with edge.).



7.♗f3?! ♜h6 8.♗c4 ♜c6 9.♗ge2 0-0 10.♗e4 ♜f5 11.f4 d5! with a big advantage for Black. White has several logical 7th move improvements. From the diagram: 7.e6 f6 (7...♝xd4 is an option.) 8.exd7+ ♜xd7 9.♗c4 ♜c6 10.♗ge2 with a struggle; and in the reverse move order, 7.♗c4 ♜h6 8.e6 0-0 9.exf7+ ♜xf7 10.♗xg7 ♜xg7 11.♗d4+ ♜g8 12.♗xf7+ ♜xf7 13.♗f3 ♜c6 14.♗h4, when Black can choose between the ambitious 14...♝f5 15.0-0-0 ♜f8 and the endgame after 14...♝c7, intending ...♝f4, although White has both the Knight pair and fewer pawn islands, factors which together provide a slight edge.

4...♝a5 5.♗ge2

Makarichev's Variation was rare. Likewise 5.♗d3, which I faced once in Barth–Day, Marshall International, 1980: 5.♗d3 ♜a6 6.♗d2 ♜xc5?! (Here much simpler was 6...♝xc5.) 7.♗c4! ♜a6 8.♗d5 ♜d8 9.♗f4 (This is not very scary compared to 9.♗c3 with some play.) 9...d6 10.0-0-0 ♜d7 11.♗f3 ♜c8 12.♗b3 ♜c5 13.♗a3?! (The engine wants 13.♗b4 a5 14.♗e1 ♜f6 with mutual chances.) 13...♝xe4 14.♗e1 f5?! (Silicon likes the munch 14...♝xf2 with some edge but I rejected it intuitively.) 15.♗g5 ♜c5 16.♗b3

(White threatens mate in two.) 16...♝a5 (Raising the stakes, aside from creating a flight square, Black threatens mate in one.) 17.♗c4 ♜a4! (Displacing the Queen from its threatening diagonal.) 18.♗d3 b5! (Again 18...♝xf2 was playable but there was no point in allowing 19.♗e3 ♜xd5 20.♗e6 with some counter-play. Instead, I found a clear and very thematic tactical win.) 19.b4 (The only try.)



The tension has reached maximum intensity, but lightning strikes as a forceful combination clears the air.

19...♝xc2! 20.♗xb5+ ♜xb5 21.♗c7+ ♜d7 22.♗xb5+ ♜xb5 23.♗xb5 ♜d3 24.♗xa7 (The endgame is hopeless once Black's reserves enter the action. Also 24.♗xe4 ♜xb5 25.♗g5 ♜f6 26.a3 ♜c8+ 27.♗d1 ♜a4+ 28.♗e2 ♜d5 wins cleanly.) 24...♝gf6 25.b5 ♜d5 26.g3 ♜a8 27.b6 ♜xb6 28.♗e3 ♜d5 29.f3 ♜xe3 0-1.

Aside from 5.♗ge2 and 5.♗d3, the gambit 5.♘f3 is the most common move while 5.♗d2 ♜xc5 6.♗d5 is the most theoretically testing. Two early examples of that:

Westerinen–Tal, Dubna, 1973: 6.♗d5 ♜a6 7.♘f3 e6 (7...♝xb2 proved risky in Sveshnikov–Maghami, Yerevan, 2004, where 8.♗b1 ♜g7 9.♗xa6 bx a6 10.0-0 a5 11.♗e3 ♜c6 12.♗f4 d6 13.♗d4 gave active play, 1-0, 57.) 8.♗c3 ♜f8?! (Also 8...f6 9.b4?! ♜f8 10.♗e3 ♜xb4 was quickly bizarre in So vs Pazos–Gambarrootti at the Turin 2006 Olympiad.).



9.♗xg7+ ♜xg7 10.♗c3 ♜f6 11.♗xa6 (After 11.e5 ♜g4 12.♗e2, Tal likely intended 12...f6 13.exf6+ ♜xf6 but 14.0-0-0 leaves White standing better due to the awkward ♜/a6.) 11...bx a6 12.♗d4 ♜xd4 13.♗xd4 ♜b7 14.f3 e5 15.♗b3 d5 16.♗c5 (This accomplishes little. Instead 16.exd5 would produce a slight advantage.) 16...♝ab8 17.♗xd5 ♜xd5 18.♗xd5 ♜xd5 19.0-0-0 ♜xa2 (Why not?) 20.♗he1 ♜hc8 21.♗d7 ♜b5 22.♗xe5 ♜b3 23.♗d2 ♜c6 24.f4 ♜c7 25.♗xb5 axb5 26.♗e5 b4 27.♗d6 a5 28.♗d2 a4 29.♗a6 ♜f5 30.♗c6? (Missing the combination costs White his Knight. Necessary was 30.c4! at once. Then after 30...f6 31.♗c6 ♜e4 32.♗xb4 ♜xc4 33.♗xa4 ♜xg2, White breaks

the pin by 34. $\mathbb{Q}a7+$ and after 35. $\mathbb{Q}d3$, he has good chances to hold the draw.) 30... $\mathbb{Q}c8!$ (Now White is stuck in grim geometry.) 31. $\mathbb{Q}b6$ $\mathbb{Q}d7+$ 32. $\mathbb{Q}c1$ $\mathbb{Q}d6$ (White needed 30.c4 so that he would be able to break the pin by c4–c5 guarding his Rook with tempo.) 33. $\mathbb{Q}xb4$ $\mathbb{Q}xc6$ 34. $\mathbb{Q}xa4$ $\mathbb{Q}f5$ 35. c3 $\mathbb{Q}d6$ 36. $\mathbb{Q}a5$ $\mathbb{Q}f6$ 37. b4 $\mathbb{Q}e6$ 38. $\mathbb{Q}c5+$ $\mathbb{Q}d7$ 39. $\mathbb{Q}e2$ $\mathbb{Q}c6$ 40. $\mathbb{Q}b2$ $\mathbb{Q}g4$ 41. $\mathbb{Q}f2$ $\mathbb{Q}b5$ 42. h3 $\mathbb{Q}f5$ 43. $\mathbb{Q}e2$ $\mathbb{Q}c4$ 0-1;

(Terentev–Korchnoi Svetlogorsk 1961: 6. $\mathbb{Q}d5$ $\mathbb{Q}a6$ (My old 6...b6 worked out well in practice when I surprised Jon Mestel at the 1982 Lucerne Olympiad, but it is very risky and White can gambit pieces with confidence. After 7. $\mathbb{Q}e3$ $\mathbb{Q}c6$ 8. $\mathbb{Q}b5$ $\mathbb{Q}b7$, I had to prod the engines to explore James Rizzitano's 1984 idea of 9. $\mathbb{Q}f3$ e6 10. $\mathbb{Q}d4$ f6 11.0-0! when Black can't open the e–file without toasting his King but might survive with Brett Campbell's 11... $\mathbb{Q}c6$. Instead, the engine tried a different way to collect a piece since the positional collapse was still over the horizon: 11...a6 12. $\mathbb{Q}a4$ b5 13. $\mathbb{Q}b3$ exd5 14. $\mathbb{Q}xd5$ $\mathbb{Q}c6$ 15. e5 f5 16. e6 $\mathbb{Q}f8$ 17. $\mathbb{Q}c5+$ $\mathbb{Q}ge7$ 18. $\mathbb{Q}d4$ $\mathbb{Q}f6$ 19. $\mathbb{Q}e1$ d6 20. $\mathbb{Q}xc6$ dxc5 21. $\mathbb{Q}xe7$ $\mathbb{Q}xe7$ 22. $\mathbb{Q}xa8$ $\mathbb{Q}xb2$ 23. $\mathbb{Q}b1$ $\mathbb{Q}c3$ 24. $\mathbb{Q}e2$ and White should win without much difficulty.) 7. $\mathbb{Q}e3$ $\mathbb{Q}a5+$ 8. c3 e6 9. $\mathbb{Q}d4$ f6 10. $\mathbb{Q}e3$ $\mathbb{Q}e7$ 11. h4!? (Simpler was 11. $\mathbb{Q}f3$ with mutual chances.) 11... $\mathbb{Q}c7$ 12. c4 $\mathbb{Q}c6$ 13. $\mathbb{Q}c3$ $\mathbb{Q}c5$ 14. $\mathbb{Q}d3$ $\mathbb{Q}xd3+$ 15. $\mathbb{Q}xd3$ $\mathbb{Q}e5$ 16. $\mathbb{Q}c2?$! (16. $\mathbb{Q}e2$ was the straightforward alternative but White wanted to gambit his c–pawn.) 16... b6 17. f4



(Korchnoi rejects the interesting gambit play after 17... $\mathbb{Q}xc4?$ 18. $\mathbb{Q}d2$ d5 19. b3 f5 20. $\mathbb{Q}d1$ fxe4 21. $\mathbb{Q}h3$ 0-0 22. $\mathbb{Q}bc4$ d4! with plenty of dynamic compensation for the sacrificed piece.) 17... $\mathbb{Q}f7$ 18. $\mathbb{Q}e2$ $\mathbb{Q}b7$ 19. h5 gxh5!? (19... $\mathbb{Q}c6$ 20. $\mathbb{Q}g3$ $\mathbb{Q}c7$ merely invites repetition.) 20.0-0-0 0-0-0 21. b3 $\mathbb{Q}b8$ 22. $\mathbb{Q}xh5$ (Better was 22. $\mathbb{Q}d3$ preventing ... $\mathbb{Q}d6$ before recapturing. White would be slightly better.) 22... $\mathbb{Q}d6$ 23. $\mathbb{Q}g3$ $\mathbb{Q}xe4?$ (Silicon gives 23... $\mathbb{Q}dg8$ as no worse for Black, but Korchnoi's combo has a clear flaw.) 24. $\mathbb{Q}xe4$ $\mathbb{Q}xf4$ 25. $\mathbb{Q}d6?$ (The refutation is 25. $\mathbb{Q}f2!$ since ... $\mathbb{Q}xe4$ 26. $\mathbb{Q}h4$ $\mathbb{Q}g6$ 27. $\mathbb{Q}g4$ followed by $\mathbb{Q}g3+$, forking the $\mathbb{Q}/g7$ with a winning game.) 25... $\mathbb{Q}xe3+$ 26. $\mathbb{Q}b2$ $\mathbb{Q}hg8$ 27. $\mathbb{Q}xh7$ $\mathbb{Q}c6$ 28. g4 $\mathbb{Q}df8$ (White's splendid Knight gives adequate compensation for the pawn also after 28...e5) 29. b4 $\mathbb{Q}g3$ 30. b5 $\mathbb{Q}a8$ 31. g5 $\mathbb{Q}xg5$ 32. $\mathbb{Q}h2$ $\mathbb{Q}g2+$ 33. $\mathbb{Q}xg2$ $\mathbb{Q}xg2$ 34. $\mathbb{Q}g1$ $\mathbb{Q}h8$ 35. $\mathbb{Q}xh8$ 36. $\mathbb{Q}xg2$ $\mathbb{Q}h3$ 37. $\mathbb{Q}xf6$ a6 38. $\mathbb{Q}e5$ $\mathbb{Q}h5$ 39. $\mathbb{Q}e2$ $\mathbb{Q}a7$ 40. a4 $\mathbb{Q}f3$ 41. a5 $\mathbb{Q}xb5$ 42. $\mathbb{Q}xb5$ $\mathbb{Q}xe5$. White could play on but adjournment was a possible explanation for the agreed draw, $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$.

5... $\mathbb{Q}a6??$

Oops! My error had also been predictable. In the previous year I had scored twice against Denis with the Pterodactyl. Earlier he had beaten me soundly in some other defences so I wasn't eager to deviate from what had worked. But he had prepared well for this game. Later I switched to 5... $\mathbb{Q}f6$. A modern example of that is Sveshnikov–Inarkiev, Russian Championship, 2001: 5... $\mathbb{Q}f6$ 6. e5 (Better than 6. $\mathbb{Q}d4$ $\mathbb{Q}c6$ 7. $\mathbb{Q}c4$ b6!?) 8. $\mathbb{Q}xb6$ $\mathbb{Q}xb6$ 9. $\mathbb{Q}b5$ $\mathbb{Q}b4$ 10. $\mathbb{Q}xa5$ $\mathbb{Q}xa5$ 11. $\mathbb{Q}d1$ $\mathbb{Q}g4$ 12. $\mathbb{Q}e3$ $\mathbb{Q}xe3+$ 13. $\mathbb{Q}xe3$ 14. $\mathbb{Q}d4$ $\mathbb{Q}xe4$ 15. $\mathbb{Q}c4$ $\mathbb{Q}c5$ 16. $\mathbb{Q}b3$ $\mathbb{Q}f8$ 17. a3 $\mathbb{Q}c6$ 18. $\mathbb{Q}db5$ $\mathbb{Q}d8$ 19. a4 $\mathbb{Q}cf5$ 20. $\mathbb{Q}c4$ $\mathbb{Q}f2$ 21. $\mathbb{Q}g1$ $\mathbb{Q}b4$ 22. $\mathbb{Q}c1$ d5 23. $\mathbb{Q}e2$ $\mathbb{Q}h6$ 24. $\mathbb{Q}d2$ e5 25. $\mathbb{Q}cf1$ d4 26. $\mathbb{Q}d1$ $\mathbb{Q}xe3+$ 27. $\mathbb{Q}c3$ $\mathbb{Q}a2+$ 28. $\mathbb{Q}b3$ $\mathbb{Q}c1+$ 0-1, R. Murray–Day, Toronto, 1982.) 6... $\mathbb{Q}g4$ 7. f4 $\mathbb{Q}xc5$ 8. $\mathbb{Q}e4$ $\mathbb{Q}a5+!!$ (8... $\mathbb{Q}b6$ was the stem game Makarichev–Tcheshkovsky, USSR Ch., 1978.) 9. $\mathbb{Q}2c3$ f5 10. $\mathbb{Q}xf6$ $\mathbb{Q}xf6$ 11. $\mathbb{Q}xf6+$ $\mathbb{Q}xf6$ 12. $\mathbb{Q}d2$ $\mathbb{Q}g7$ 13. h4 $\mathbb{Q}c6$ 14. h5 0-0 15. $\mathbb{Q}hg6$ h6 16. $\mathbb{Q}h5$ $\mathbb{Q}b4$ 17. $\mathbb{Q}e2$ $\mathbb{Q}xb2$ 18. $\mathbb{Q}b1$ $\mathbb{Q}a3$ 19. $\mathbb{Q}b3$ $\mathbb{Q}d6$ with a total mess, $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$, 122.

6. $\mathbb{Q}e3$ $\mathbb{Q}xc5$ 7. $\mathbb{Q}d2$ $\mathbb{Q}f6?$



Consistent but oblivious, I stumbled into the tactic. 7... $\mathbb{Q}d6$ is likely best but; 7... $\mathbb{Q}e6?$ 8. $\mathbb{Q}d4$ $\mathbb{Q}f6$ 9. $\mathbb{Q}xe6$ $\mathbb{Q}xe6$ also leads to a playable game.

8.b4! $\mathbb{Q}xb4$ 9. $\mathbb{Q}b1$

Somewhat similar tactically is 9. e5 $\mathbb{Q}g4$ 10. $\mathbb{Q}b1$ $\mathbb{Q}a3$ 11. $\mathbb{Q}b5$ $\mathbb{Q}xa2$ 12. $\mathbb{Q}ec3$ $\mathbb{Q}e4$ 13. $\mathbb{Q}xa2$ $\mathbb{Q}xd2$ 14. $\mathbb{Q}xd2$ $\mathbb{Q}xe5$, but Black would be happy to have a third pawn for the piece.

9... $\mathbb{Q}a3$ 10. $\mathbb{Q}b5$ $\mathbb{Q}cxe4$

The only chance.

11. $\mathbb{Q}xa3$ $\mathbb{Q}xd2$ 12. $\mathbb{Q}xd2$ b6

"And wins" is sufficient for a theoretical appraisal, but in practice, one more move to address the proper technique would have crowned the preparation. Denis had played quickly up to here but now had a significant think.

13. $\mathbb{Q}c3?$!

This came as a welcome relief. I was much more concerned with a plan involving c2–c4 for example, 13. f3 0-0 14. c4 $\mathbb{Q}b7$ 15. $\mathbb{Q}c3$ $\mathbb{Q}fc8$ 16. $\mathbb{Q}f2$ and Black's prospects are gloomy indeed. In this case, White's a2–pawn is a useful reserve force while the weak c–pawn will likely be

liquidated. The plan with a2–a4 and piece play on the ♜-side is more welcome by Black because it allows thematic counter-play in the centre.

13...♜b7 14.f3 0-0 15.♝c4

Consistent. 15.♝d3 intending 0-0 was also logical.

15...♝ac8 16.a4 d5 17.♝a3 ♜d7 18.♝d1



Here, Houdini (*et al*) suggests the un-ambitious 18...♝c6 19.♝b5 ♜b7 when, aside from the repetition, White can try 20.♝xa7 ♜xc2 21.a5 ♜a8 22.axb6 ♜xb6 23.♜xb6 ♜xa7 24.♝d3 ♜c7 without any apparent method to make future progress. The liquidation of the ♜-side pawns increases Black's drawing chances. However I had a much more ambitious plan in mind. Rather than exchanging the b-pawn, I could gambit it! This proves surprisingly strong.

18...a6!!? 19.e4 d4!

The key. Black envisions passed pawns on d4 and e4, a mega centre!

20.a5 e5 21.axb6 ♜fe8 22.♝f2

Despite the spare piece, the engine can't win this for White either. The try: 22.♝f2 f5 23.♝e2 e4 24.fxe4 ♜c5! 25.♝b4 fxe4 26.♝g4 ♜c6 27.♝d1 h5 28.♝h3 e3 29.♝xe5 exf2 30.♝d7 ♜xc5 31.♝xe8 ♜xg2 32.♝e2 ♜xh1 33.♝xh1 ♜e5+ 34.♝xf2 ♜xe8 35.♝b1 d3 36.b7 ♜d4+ 37.♝f3 d2 38.b8♛ d1♛+ 39.♝xd1 ♜xb8 40.♝xd4 ♜b3+ 41.♝e4 ♜xa3 and finally the assessment has dropped to 0.00 prefiguring a draw.

22...♝c5 23.♝c2

Here the engine's try is 23.h4 f5 24.♝c2 e4 25.h5 when I have to intervene to prevent it rushing with 25...d3 (?!). Instead 25...♜e6! 26.♝f4 a5 27.♝a3 a4 28.♝b5 ♜f6 29.hxg6 hxg6 30.fxe4 fxe4 31.♝e1 ♜e7 32.♝h6 ♜cc6! and finally it prefers Black.

23...♜e6 24.♝e1

After 24.♝c1 ♜d7 25.♝d3 f5 26.♝e1 e4 27.♝a1 ♜e5 28.♝c2 ♜h8 White lacks any useful continuation.

24...e4 25.♝f4 f5

White is running out of space. Despite the absence of Queens, there are still enough pieces for Black to drum up mating chances in a tactical line like 26.♝g3 a5 27.♝b5 a4 28.♝c7 exf3 29.♝xf3 ♜e4+ 30.♝h3 g5! 31.♝xf5 ♜f8! 32.g4 a3 33.c5 ♜h6+ 34.♝g2 ♜xf5 35.gxf5 g4 winning.



26.h4 ♜ce8

The most thematic, but I'm not sure it is best. 26...♜cc6 and 26...♝d7 also had points.

27.♝c2?

Instead of the necessary if unclear 27.♝g3!, he collapses. The clock had become a problem as White's game is much harder to play than Black's. For White it is much like *sudoku* in trying to fit the many pieces into the few squares available. My cyber pals start off liking White, but the trend-line decreases the evaluation the deeper they look. Usually this means that the serious problems are still over their horizon. Or maybe the machines are just inherently imperturbable.

27...e3+

Finally the pawn advances recovering the material.

28.♝cxe3 dxe3+ 29.♝xe3 ♜xe3 30.♝xe3 ♜d4 31.♝g3

On 31.♝e1, ...f4 wins the pinned piece. Also 31.♝e1 ♜xe3 32.♝d1 ♜c6 fatally exposes the King.

31...♜xe3 32.♝e2 f4+ 33.♝h3?

In time trouble he stumbles into a mating net. 33.♝h2 would have lasted longer although Black has various ways to win. Simplest is probably 33...♝f2 34.♝b2 ♜g3+ 35.♝g1 ♜a4 36.♝d2 ♜xb6 etc.

33...♝f2 34.♝b2 ♜g3 0-1.

Perturbability

While the clock figures in most cases of amazing rebounds, sometimes the cause is psychological. Overconfidence can be a big factor. This next game was Duncan Suttles' first victory over a Grandmaster; indeed he wasn't yet an IM when it was played at the 1967 Interzonal in Sousse, Tunisia. To understand the psychological framework of the encounter it is necessary to rewind a couple of weeks to a small round-robin tournament in Yugoslavia where Suttles had battled for first place with the eccentric Yugoslav champion, GM Milan Matulovic. This was a to be life changing competition for Suttles, not because of the chess, but because he met his future wife Dobrila. She was working as a waitress in the hotel. Although not a strong player, she knew enough chess to follow the sporting aspect as a fan. As fans will, she picked a favourite, hoping for Duncan since Matulovic was, from any waitresses point

of view, insufferable. Actually he had a mental handicap, a genius level IQ, but combined with the emotional development of a small child. He was not the easiest customer to serve. Tales of his immature behaviour at tournaments were legion. He tried to adjourn his lost positions, even when facing forced mate! After losing to Bruce Amos at Reykjavik 1969, he threw his Rook against the wall with such force the piece split apart. At Sousse, during his game with easy-going Hungarian, Istvan Bilek, Matulovic suddenly decided he didn't like the move he had played so he retracted it, yelled "J'adoube!" and played something better. There were witnesses but no arbiter present so he got away with it. That incident explained his common nickname: Grandmaster Jadoubovich. He was not a person who should ever have been allowed to drive. He proved that by killing someone in an accident and serving prison time for vehicular manslaughter. Despite all this, he won many strong tournaments and played very reliably for Yugoslavia in Olympiads, scoring about 75% and winning several medals. In that tournament, first and second were decided in a critical last-round game when he defeated Suttles.

□ Matulovic, Milan

■ Suttles, Duncan

Sousse Interzonal, 1967

Rat/Modern [A42]

1.e4 g6 2.d4 ♜g7

By the mid-sixties this old line was emerging from the grim assessment of classical theory. The exemplary game that destroyed its reputation for decades was Rubinstein–Selesniev, Triberg, 1922. Rubinstein took the centre, migrated his army to the ♜-side and found an elementary combination: 1...d6 2.d4 ♜f6 3.♘c3 g6 4.♘f3 ♜g7 5.h3 0-0 6.♗e3 c6 7.♗d2 ♜e8 8.♗d3 b5 9.0-0 ♜b7 10.♗ad1 ♜fd7 11.♗fe1 ♜b6 12.♗h6 ♜h8 13.e5 ♜d8d7 14.♗f4 ♜f8 15.♗e4 ♜d5 16.♗h4 ♜g7 17.a3 ♜c7 18.c4 bxc4 19.♗xc4 ♜ad8 20.♗xg7 ♜xg7 21.♗xd5 cxd5 22.♗f6 dxe5 23.♗xe8+ ♜xe8 24.♗xe5 f6 25.♗d3 e5 26.♗c1 ♜b8 27.dxe5 fxe5 28.♗xe5 0-1.

3.c4

Three years later at the 1970 Palma da Majorca Interzonal, Matulovic–Suttles saw Suttles' twist on the Two Knights Variation: 2...d6 3.♘c3 ♜g7 4.♘f3 c6 5.♗e2 ♜d7 6.a4 ♜h6!? with Matulovic turning an extremely complicated middle-game to a winning endgame advantage before blundering at move 72 to allow a desperado self-stalematting trick.

3...d6 4.♘c3 e5

This was the first surprise. Both at the Yugoslav tournament and in his round two game against Ivkov at Sousse, Suttles had played 4...♗c6. Matulovic must have prepared for that. After 4...e5, he jumped from his chair in surprise and walked briskly around the perimeter of the tournament hall three times, then approached the director and asked that the sound of the Mediterranean surf be

reduced. After seeing Matulovic freak, Suttles was determined to surprise him as much as possible.

5.d5

Of course the GM intends to win. Theoreticians disagree on the evaluation of the endgame after 5.dxe5 dxe5 6.♗xd8+ ♜xd8 7.f4. Speelman in *Modern Defence*, (2000) and Harper/Seirawan in *Chess on the Edge*, (2008), like White, but Hillarp Persson in *Tiger's Modern*, (2005), is impressed with Morozevich's idea of 7...♝e6!? 8.♗f3 ♜c6 when 9.fxe5 h6 seems to be the critical variation. In modern practice, 5.♗f3 is popular.

5...♝d7

In the Cochrane–Somacarana Calcutta series, the Indian played 5...♝f6 losing in 1855 and 5...♝e7 winning in 1856. Then the theoretical dispute rested for over a century. In Averbach–Novopashin, USSR Championship, Leningrad, 1963, 5...♝a6 was tried. Averbach won and many sources name the whole variation after him.

6.♗ge2

Avoiding 6.♗f3 ♜gf6 7.h3 ♜c5 8.♗c2 ♜h5 9.b4 ♜a6 10.a3 0-0 11.g3 f5 12.♗e2 ♜f6 13.♗d2 c6 14.♗d3 ♜c7 as in Larsen–Petrosian, Zurich, 1961, 0-1, 44. Suttles approved of 6.Nge2, even awarding it an exclamation mark. Later in 1967, Del Corral–Smyslov, Palma de Majorca, proceeded less sensibly: 6.h4 ♜gf6 7.♗ge2 a5 8.♗g3 h5 9.♗g5 ♜h6 10.♗xh6 ♜xh6 11.♗d2 ♜h8 12.♗d3 ♜c5 13.♗c2 ♜d7 14.♗ge2 c6 15.dxc6 ♜xc6 16.f3 ♜c7 17.0-0-0 with mutual chances. For Black to exchange the dark-squared Bishops is usually a safe and normal strategy once the centre locks.

6...h5!?

For surprise value and because if White plays h2–h4 first, he would react with h7–h5 with the same result, but White was thinking he was forcing things.

7.h4 ♜h6!?

Since a plan with ...♜g7–h6 was predictable, he plays this instead.

8.f3 0-0 9.♗g5 f6 10.♗e3 a6!?

Very mysterious. The direct plan would be 10...f5 11.♗d2 ♜h7 12.♗g5 ♜f6 13.exf5 ♜xf5 14.0-0-0 when White might be slightly better but both sides have chances. By not playing ...f6–f5, he gives Matulovic the choice of preventing it. This is only understandable in terms of psychology. Matulovic of course did not know Suttles' deep motivation for playing to win the full point.

11.♗d2 ♜h7 12.♗g3

He decides to stop ...f5. The alternative was 12.0-0-0 f5 13.♗b1 with complex play.

12...♝f7!?

Simpler is 12...a5 13.♗d3 ♜c5 14.♗c2 ♜f7 when White wonders about his King. Actually, castling short may be dangerous, for example: 15.♗f2 b6 16.0-0 ♜h6 17.♗a4 ♜xe3 18.♗xe3 ♜d7 19.♗xc5 bxc5 20.♗f2 ♜h6 21.♗e2 f5

22.exf5 $\mathbb{Q}xf5$, Black has some initiative. The better plan is 15. $\mathbb{Q}a4$ $\mathbb{Q}xa4$ 16. $\mathbb{Q}xa4$ $\mathbb{Q}h6$ with slight White edge.

13. $\mathbb{Q}d3$



13...c5!?

Consistent with the provocative strategy but objectively this move is likely weaker than the solid 13... $\mathbb{Q}c5$.

14.0-0-0!

Now White is objectively better.

14... $\mathbb{Q}a5$ 15. $\mathbb{Q}f1!$

Correctly threatening g2–g4 with the more dangerous attack. On the quieter 15. $\mathbb{Q}b1$, Black can consider the positional gambit 15...b5 16.cxb5 axb5 17. $\mathbb{Q}xb5$ $\mathbb{Q}b6$ with ... $\mathbb{Q}a6$ to follow.

15... $\mathbb{Q}h6$

Preventing 16.g4.

16. $\mathbb{Q}e2!$

Renewing the threat. Again 16. $\mathbb{Q}b1$ invites an unclear gambit. An engine variation: 16...b5 17.cxb5 axb5 18. $\mathbb{Q}xb5$ f5 19. $\mathbb{Q}c2$ fxe4 20.g4 $\mathbb{Q}xf3$ 21.gxh5 $\mathbb{Q}f6$ 22.hxg6+ $\mathbb{Q}g8$ 23. $\mathbb{Q}e2$ $\mathbb{Q}f5$ 24. $\mathbb{Q}xf3$ exf3 25.a3 $\mathbb{Q}b8$ 26. $\mathbb{Q}a1$ $\mathbb{Q}g4$ 27. $\mathbb{Q}g1$ $\mathbb{Q}d4$ Nd4 and the game remains complex.

16...b5!? 17.cxb5 f5!?

Consistently surprising. The more natural and no doubt expected move was 17...axb5 to lure the $\mathbb{Q}d3$ off the sensitive b1-h7 diagonal. Then 18. $\mathbb{Q}xb5$ f5 19. $\mathbb{Q}d2$ $\mathbb{Q}b6$ looks rational.

18.exf5 gxf5

The complicated 18... $\mathbb{Q}xf5$ 19.g4 hxg4 20.h5 gxf3 21.hxg6+ $\mathbb{Q}g8$ 22. $\mathbb{Q}h2$ $\mathbb{Q}f6$ was also possible, but not very thematic.

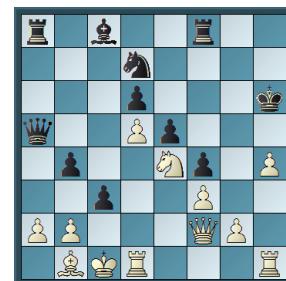
19. $\mathbb{Q}g3$ axb5 20. $\mathbb{Q}xh5$ c4



The critical position.

21. $\mathbb{Q}xg7??$

The surf was too loud; the surprises too many. Cracking totally, Matulovic starts to shed whole pieces in elementary fashion. What should he have done instead? Ivkov in the 1967 *Informant* and Suttles in his 1973 notes for *Chess Canada* recommend 21. $\mathbb{Q}c2$. After 21...b4 22. $\mathbb{Q}a4$, Suttles, who considered it all unclear anyway, looked at 22... $\mathbb{Q}h8$ (?) but *Chess on the Edge*, (2008), refutes that and gives 22...b3! 23.axb3 cxb3 "when White is better but the position is still complex." (Vol. 1, game 64.). Therefore they prefer 21. $\mathbb{Q}b1$ (!) and if 21...b4 22. $\mathbb{Q}e4$ (!) 22...b3 (?) 23.a3 "the looseness of Black's position will be fatal." That opinion would have been computer checked with the version of Fritz available in 2007, but time marches on, the engines get better and the old verdicts are overturned. After 21. $\mathbb{Q}c2$ b4 22. $\mathbb{Q}a4$, Houdini gives 22... $\mathbb{Q}a6$ 23. $\mathbb{Q}d2$ $\mathbb{Q}b5$ 24. $\mathbb{Q}xg7$ $\mathbb{Q}xa4$ 25. $\mathbb{Q}xa4$ c3 26. $\mathbb{Q}c2$ $\mathbb{Q}xa4$ 27. $\mathbb{Q}e6$ $\mathbb{Q}fc8$ with Black a bit better! What's more, after 21. $\mathbb{Q}b1$, it considers 21...b4 22. $\mathbb{Q}e4$ c3 23. $\mathbb{Q}xg7$ $\mathbb{Q}xg7$ 24. $\mathbb{Q}xh6+$ $\mathbb{Q}xh6$ 25. $\mathbb{Q}e3+$ f4 26. $\mathbb{Q}f2$ to be the critical position.



One perpetual check (0.00) arises after 26... $\mathbb{Q}a6$ 27. $\mathbb{Q}c2$ cxb2+ 28. $\mathbb{Q}xb2$ b3 29.axb3 $\mathbb{Q}b6$ 30. $\mathbb{Q}xd6$ $\mathbb{Q}a3+$ 31. $\mathbb{Q}c3$ $\mathbb{Q}c5+$ 32. $\mathbb{Q}b2$ with repetition. Another is 26...cxb2+ 27. $\mathbb{Q}xb2$ $\mathbb{Q}a6$ 28. $\mathbb{Q}xd6$ b3 29.axb3 $\mathbb{Q}c5+$ 30. $\mathbb{Q}c2$ $\mathbb{Q}a3+$ 31. $\mathbb{Q}d2$ $\mathbb{Q}b4+$ 32. $\mathbb{Q}c1$ $\mathbb{Q}fc8$! 33. $\mathbb{Q}c4$ $\mathbb{Q}f8$ 34. $\mathbb{Q}f5!$ $\mathbb{Q}xc4+$ 35.bxc4 $\mathbb{Q}a3+$ 36. $\mathbb{Q}d2$ $\mathbb{Q}b4+$ 37. $\mathbb{Q}c1$ with the draw forced. Remarkably it is only Black who can try to win by 26... $\mathbb{Q}b6!$ 27. $\mathbb{Q}xd6$ $\mathbb{Q}a7$ 28. $\mathbb{Q}c2$ $\mathbb{Q}f6$ but after 29. $\mathbb{Q}xc8$ $\mathbb{Q}c7$ 30. $\mathbb{Q}xb6$ cxb2+ 31. $\mathbb{Q}xb2$ $\mathbb{Q}a3+$ 32. $\mathbb{Q}a1$ $\mathbb{Q}xc2$ 33. $\mathbb{Q}xc2$ b3 34. $\mathbb{Q}xb3$ $\mathbb{Q}xb6$ 35. $\mathbb{Q}b1$ and again the evaluation slips to 0.00.

21...cxd3

Yummy.

22. $\mathbb{Q}xd3$ $\mathbb{Q}xg7$ 23.f4 b4 24.fxe5 $\mathbb{Q}xe5$ 25. $\mathbb{Q}d4$ bxc3 26. $\mathbb{Q}xc3$ $\mathbb{Q}xd5$ 27. $\mathbb{Q}d1$ $\mathbb{Q}xa2$

The rest is merely goofy as Matulovic tries unsuccessfully to reach adjournment.

28. $\mathbb{Q}c7+$ $\mathbb{Q}g8$ 29. $\mathbb{Q}h5$ $\mathbb{Q}a1+$ 30. $\mathbb{Q}c2$ $\mathbb{Q}xg2+$ 31. $\mathbb{Q}d2$ $\mathbb{Q}e4+$ 32. $\mathbb{Q}c3$ $\mathbb{Q}c1+$ 33. $\mathbb{Q}b4$ $\mathbb{Q}xc7$ 34. $\mathbb{Q}xh6$ $\mathbb{Q}b7+$ 35. $\mathbb{Q}a3$ $\mathbb{Q}a6+$ 36. $\mathbb{Q}b4$ $\mathbb{Q}b7+$ 37. $\mathbb{Q}b6$ $\mathbb{Q}xb6+$ 0-1.



Masters' Forum



Yet another rip from *En Passant!* I am pleased to bring back Masters' Forum for this issue. While many of our readers are familiar with this column, I will explain it for our newer readers. We supply a game to 3 masters' without revealing who the players are and ask them to annotate the game. At the end of the game, the masters' are asked to guess the strength of the players, possible time controls, even guess who the players are should they wish to give it a try. They can also guess when the game was played and add any other comments they want.

Our panelists for this issue are 3 well known Canadian IMs. Our current Canadian champion, Jean Hébert, former Canadian Open champion, Brian Hartman and perhaps a future Canadian champion, Eric Hansen. Both Jean and Brian have contributed to Master's Forum in the past and we welcome Eric Hansen as a first time panelist on Masters' Forum.

Jean Hébert is having a great chess career and a complete list of his accomplishments would take up a considerable amount of space here. Jean has won the Canadian Junior championship at least twice. He has been a member of 8 Canadian Olympic teams and is a Correspondence GM to boot. In 1978, Jean won his first Canadian Championship and has gone on to win it 2 more times. He is our current Canadian Champion. Jean has authored a number of chess books and is a chess journalist as well. In 2009, Jean was voted as Canadian Chess Player of the Year.



Brian Hartman was a force in the 80s, winning over 50 tournaments at that time. A former Canadian Open champion, Brian also finished 2nd in 3 Canadian Closed events and has been a member of the Canadian Olympic team on 2 occasions (once also serving as Captain). One of the best results of his career was finishing equal first with GM Benjamin and GM Bisguier in the 1985 US Masters'. Brian has also authored a number of opening articles for *En Passant* and other chess publications.



Eric Hansen has only been on this earth for 18 years but has already accomplished a great deal in that short time. Eric won the Canadian Grade 8 Championship in 2006 as well as the Grade 10 Championship in 2008. That year proved to be very good for Eric as he also won the Alberta Closed, picked up his first IM norm at the World Open and then went on to finish tied for 2nd at the World Youth Chess Championship Under 16 in



Vietnam. Eric secured his final IM norm in 2010 at the Calgary International on his 18th birthday.

Here is the game. You be the judge. Comments belonging to the contributors will begin with their initials. In the pgn section of the newsletter, you will find both the annotated and un-annotated versions, along with some reference games provided by Brian Hartman.

Masters' Forum Un-annotated

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 ♘c7 6.g3 a6 7.♗g2 d6 8.♘xc6 bxc6 9.0-0 ♘b7 10.♗a4 ♘f6 11.c4 c5 12.♘c3 ♘e7 13.f4 0-0 14.b3 ♘d7 15.♗b2 ♘f6 16.♗c1 ♘ad8 17.♗c2 ♘b8 18.♗d2 ♘c6 19.♗a1 ♘d4 20.♗fd1 ♘c6 21.♗e2 e5 22.♗e1 ♘fe8 23.♗b1 ♘b7 24.f5 ♘xf5 25.exf5 ♘xg2 26.♘c3 ♘c6 27.♗d5 ♘g5 28.♗dd1 ♘xd5 29.♗xd5 ♘e7 30.♘c3 f6 31.♗e4 ♘f8 32.♗xe5 ♘xe4 33.♗xe4 ♘xe4 34.♗xe4 d5 35.cxd5 ♘xd5 36.♗a4 ♘d6 37.♗f2 ♘f7 38.♗e2 g6 39.♗h4 ♘g8 40.♗c4 gxf5 41.♗f4 ♘d5 42.♗a4 ♘d6 43.♗d2 ♘f7 44.♗f4 ♘b6 45.♗d3 ♘e6 46.♗d2 ♘d6+ 47.♗c2 ♘d5 48.♗h4 ♘d7 49.♗c3 ♘e6 50.♗d2 ♘b7 51.♗e3 ♘d6 52.♗a4 ♘b6 53.♗d3 ♘d5 54.♗h4 ♘b7 55.♗h5 ♘e6 56.♗d2 ♘g7 57.♗e3 ♘g4 58.♗xh7 f4 59.gxf4 ♘xf4 60.♗xc5 ♘g2 61.♗e4 ♘d6 62.♗xd6 ♘xd6 63.a4 ♘b2 64.♗h3 ♘c5 65.♗h4 ♘b4 66.♗h8 ♘a2 67.♗h3 a5 68.♗d5 ♘e2 69.♗d6 f5 ½-½.

JH: It has been a long time since I have had to analyse a game without a chess engine. And I expected it to be rather demanding. However I made it a point of honour to go by the rules and do the job as stipulated: no engine and no databases. Of course, when the job was done, I got curious to check it out with Fritz, but without changing any of my notes. That fortunately proved unnecessary as the game content is more strategic than tactical which reduces the engine's relevance. Not that being caught with an analysis mistake would have ruined my day.

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘c6

BH: What's in a name? At this early stage of a chess opening there are many divergent paths, with trans-positional possibilities. One of my favourite historical tournaments, London 1851, saw Szen play this treatment of the Sicilian (see reference games) and thus his name has been attributed to its development. Black, depending on moves such as ...a6, ...♗c7, can transpose or convert to a Paulsen, Taimanov, or Kan setup – it depends more on the structural nuance than a specific move at a specific point.

EH: The standard move for the Taimanov, though transpositions to other variations are still very possible in the next few moves.

5.♘c3

BH: Also possible is 5.♗b5, the so-called Anti-Szen/Taimanov, where White attempts to change the character

of the play to that with a "Hedgehog" formation, after say 5...d6 6.c4 and Black attempts typical future ...b5/...d5 freeing breaks. The most famous game, which also led to less games with White attempting this, was Karpov–Kasparov, Game 16, 1985 WCC.), where Kasparov sacrificed with 8...d5 and went on to win the game in striking fashion (see reference games).

5... $\mathbb{W}c7$

BH: From my perspective on opening names, this characterizes the Taimanov variation.

6.g3



BH: This was one of my favourite treatments against this Black setup, where Black can go very wrong despite the simple character of the position.

JH: A solid approach that is far from devoid of venom.

EH: A main continuation. It is more positional and not as sharp as the opposite-side castling positions that may arise from other moves, such as the fashionable $\mathbb{Q}e3$.

6...a6

BH: 6... $\mathbb{Q}f6$ runs into Fischer–Tal, Bled, 1961, where after 7. $\mathbb{Q}db5$ $\mathbb{W}b8$ 8. $\mathbb{Q}f4$, White won an energetic game (see reference games).

7. $\mathbb{Q}g2$ d6

BH: Also possible and popular at one time was 7... $\mathbb{Q}f6$ 8.0-0 $\mathbb{Q}xd4$ 9. $\mathbb{W}xd4$ $\mathbb{Q}c5$ 10. $\mathbb{Q}f4$! for example, Bronstein–Taimanov, 1961.

8. $\mathbb{Q}xc6$

BH: I consider 8.0-0 more flexible, as White can better prepare the thematic hits of $\mathbb{Q}xc6$ /e5 or $\mathbb{Q}e1$ / $\mathbb{Q}d5$ to influence Black's options, versus fixing the strategy so early.

JH: ?! Not very ambitious if you don't get a tactical chance to open the $\mathbb{Q}/g2$ with e4–e5. 8.0-0 is more flexible with, in certain cases $\mathbb{Q}e1$, setting up dangerous tactics starting with $\mathbb{Q}d5$.

EH: ?! Castles is by far the main move here. There isn't really a reason to trade on c6 right away, Black will not benefit by taking on d4 so $\mathbb{Q}xc6$ can be delayed. It is considered harmless used, so I would not recommend it.

8... $\mathbb{Q}xc6$ 9.0-0 $\mathbb{Q}b7$

BH: There are well known positional traps in this opening

variation based on the $\mathbb{Q}c7$ being overburdened to both e5 and c6, for example, after 9... $\mathbb{Q}e7$ 10. $\mathbb{Q}e1$ $\mathbb{Q}f6$ 11.e5 $\mathbb{Q}xe5$ etc., with the superior pawn structure.

EH: 9... $\mathbb{Q}f6$ is also playable, with e5 coming next and the Bishop staying on the c8–h3 diagonal.

10. $\mathbb{Q}a4$



JH: A typical plan involving c2–c4 to increase White's grip on the centre.

BH: Given that Black is defending against typical e5 themes by White, this idea seems appropriate.

EH: White doesn't have any obvious breaks with his development advantage, so he attempts to restrict Black's pieces and optimize his own pieces.

10... $\mathbb{Q}f6$ 11.c4 e5

EH: = Black can't let White play c5, cramping him and making the b7 Bishop look bad.

JH: White, in this well-known pawn formation, has a minimal advantage based on the half-backward d6 pawn. However, it should not amount to much as it is easily defended and also has some break-up potential. 11...e5 could be a viable option but then ... $\mathbb{Q}b7$ would make little sense.

BH: Black can try other central ideas; however, this seems safest and logical.

12. $\mathbb{Q}c3$

EH: While Black finishes developing, White must now find a concrete plan. The position is balanced.

12... $\mathbb{Q}e7$ 13.f4



BH: White is not setup for e5 now, even though that is one line to consider. For example, 13.e5 $\mathbb{Q}xg2$ (However, after 13... $\mathbb{Q}xe5$ 14. $\mathbb{Q}a4+$ $\mathbb{Q}d7$ 15. $\mathbb{Q}xb7$ $\mathbb{W}xb7$ 16. $\mathbb{Q}d1$ $\mathbb{Q}d8$,

there are only ambiguous opportunities remaining for White. 13. $\mathbb{f}4$ remains interesting. White could also consider 13. $\mathbb{f}4$ or 13. $b3$.) 14. $exf6$ $\mathbb{x}f1$ 15. $fxe7$ and interestingly, the $\mathbb{f}1$ is lost as 15... $\mathbb{xc}4$ is met by 16. $\mathbb{a}4+$ $\mathbb{b}5$ 17. $\mathbb{xb}5$ $\mathbb{d}7$ 18. $\mathbb{c}7+$ etc. and 15... $\mathbb{h}3$ is met by the murky 16. $\mathbb{f}3$ and 17. $g4$.

EH: Not my preference but there aren't too many options. White doesn't intend to push the pawns any further, he just wants to keep some central dark squares under control.

13. $\mathbb{f}4$! with the idea of trying to put pressure on d6 provoking e5. This is avoidable however. 13... $\mathbb{d}7$ 14. $\mathbb{d}2$ $\mathbb{e}5$ 15. $b3$ $\mathbb{d}8$ 16. $\mathbb{ad}1$ $\mathbb{c}6$ and Black takes control with the threat of d4.

13...0-0 14. $b3$

BH: Well, given 13. $f4$, one must consider 14. $e5$ here. Let's see, 14. $e5$ $dxe5$ 15. $fxe5$ $\mathbb{d}7$ and White is overextended.

JH: 14. $e5$! looks too impetuous and probably is. After 14... $dxe5$ 15. $fxe5$ $\mathbb{d}7$ 16. $\mathbb{xb}7$ $\mathbb{xb}7$ 17. $\mathbb{e}2$ $\mathbb{c}7$, White lacks a convenient way to defend e5: 18. $\mathbb{f}4$ (18. $\mathbb{e}1$ $\mathbb{fd}4$ followed by ... $\mathbb{f}8-g6$ and the $\mathbb{e}5$ amounts to little more than a weakness.) 18... $g5$ wins the $e5$ pawn for what appears to be insufficient compensation.

EH: Just playing useful waiting moves. The first player to move one of his centre pawns will be taking a risk. 14. $f5$? $\mathbb{fe}8$ 15. $g4$ $\mathbb{d}7\bar{f}$.

14... $\mathbb{d}7$



BH: It seems logical to contest the a1-h8 diagonal for Black. Structurally, if Black can effectively trade black squared Bishops, the d4 square may provide future outpost opportunities. While Black's a-pawn is isolated, it is typically used as a mid or end game lever with a5-a4 to attempt creating a \mathbb{w} -side target.

JH: The Knight starts his journey to the excellent outpost on d4, White's Achilles' heel.

EH: ! A strong move as Black wants to take control of the dark square diagonal and may also think of recycling his Knight to d4 via b8 and c6.

15. $\mathbb{b}2$ $\mathbb{f}6$ 16. $\mathbb{c}1$

BH: While it appears optically attractive to x-ray the Black Queen with 16. $\mathbb{c}1$, I would prefer 16. $\mathbb{c}2$ and placing the a-Rook on e1. The ideas being to allow the Queen to take back on b2 or g2 as needed and continue

threatening e5, f5 or $\mathbb{e}2$ (to contest d4). Another consideration should be 16. $\mathbb{a}4$ to trade the $\mathbb{f}6$ (defender of d6, etc.), though $\mathbb{b}2$ would grant Black the initiative if played here.

16... $\mathbb{ad}8$

JH: I would instinctively play the other Rook to d8, keeping the other one to support an eventual a5-a4. But as veteran GM Panno said (with somewhat different words): when you have figured out which Rook you should play to a specific file and why, then play the other one!

EH: Both sides are still playing natural developing moves.

17. $\mathbb{c}2$

EH: White is still without a plan and Black is slowly putting his pieces on the best squares. It's just an easier position for Black. 17. $\mathbb{a}4$? $\mathbb{xb}2$ 18. $\mathbb{xb}2$ $\mathbb{b}8\bar{f}$ and the Knight will have a very strong outpost on d4 in two moves, which White cannot prevent.



17... $\mathbb{b}8$

JH: !

EH: 17... $\mathbb{d}4+$ 18. $\mathbb{h}1$ $\mathbb{b}8$ is also playable, but I prefer Black.

18. $\mathbb{d}2$

BH: So now we see White's idea of $\mathbb{c}1-c2-d2$. I hadn't thought of that, but feel 16. $\mathbb{c}2$ is more flexible.

JH: Interestingly, White does not try to prevent a piece going to d4. Instead he prepares to chase it away or exchange it once it lands on d4. He figures that without the pieces fighting over d4, Black would become quite passive.

18... $\mathbb{c}6$ 19. $\mathbb{a}1$

EH: An interesting way of challenging the dark squares. It also makes room for the Rooks to double on the d-file.

19... $\mathbb{d}4$

EH: 19... $\mathbb{d}4+$ is also playable, just a matter of taste.

20. $\mathbb{fd}1$

EH: 20. $\mathbb{e}2$ $e5\bar{f}$.

20... $\mathbb{c}6$

EH: Black is playing pretty well here and has built a small advantage.

21.♕e2

EH: Offering Black to trade off a strong piece.

21...e5



EH: The whole point; Black will keep finding new material to plug on d4.

BH: Wholesale trades (...♕xe2, ...♕xb2) would appear to leave Black's d6 vulnerable without a compensating White target, thus Black takes a central stand. Both sides also have to keep exchange sacrifice themes in mind, as Petroian demonstrated, in semi-blocked positions, sometimes a minor piece can be superior to a Rook. Suddenly, many of things to consider, but after reflection, some are just mistakes. For example, 22.f5? ♗g5. Instead, both White and Black keep the tension while manoeuvring behind the pawns.

JH: ! The most common continuation. 21...♕xe2+ 22.♕xe2 ♕xb2 23.♕xb2 a5 and Black will create a backward b-pawn and claim near equality. For example: 24.♕d2 ♕d7 25.e5 (25.♕d3 a4 26.♕d2 axb3 27.axb3 ♕fd8 and then ...b7).

22.♕e1

EH: White wisely doesn't trade on d4 and braces for future attacks on the now weak e4 pawn. 22.♕xd4 exd4; 22.♕c3.

22...♕fe8 23.♕b1 ♕b7

EH: Black is not threatening to win any material, but by increasing pressure, he gives more ways for White to go wrong. White was certainly uncomfortable here as Black slowly takes over more and more space.

24.f5



BH: I don't like the look of this move, Black is sometimes threatening ...exf4 and ...♗h4 now, disrupting defence to e4 and after say 24.♗xd4 exd4 25.♗c1 (with the idea ♗d3, ♗de2, etc.) 25...♗e7 26.♗de2 ♗de8. Black keeps up the pressure.

JH: ? 24.♗xd4 exd4 25.♕d3 looks pretty equal.

EH: ?! White got a little desperate and tried to force things. It turns out fine, but some things are missed.

24...♗xf5

BH: This is where the computers would help. My first impression is that 24...♗g5 is better, as White will remain with a bind on the white squares, notwithstanding the loss of a pawn, which will prove difficult to exploit for Black.

JH: ? This is certainly what White was hoping for. But after 24...♗g5! 25.♕dd1 ♗e3+ 26.♔f1, ...♗xf5 wins a pawn in far better (winning) circumstances.

EH: 24...♗g5! This avoids the saving sequence which White used during the game. 25.♕dd1 (25.♕d3 ♗xf5 26.exf5 ♗xg2 27.♗c3 ♗f3 28.♗d5 e4†; 25.♗xd4 ♗xd2 26.♗xc6 ♗xc6 27.♗e2 ♗g5† with pretty good winning chances.) 25...♗xf5 26.exf5 ♗xg2 27.♗c3 ♗f3† 28.♗d3 e4.

25.♗xf5 ♗xg2 26.♗c3

EH: Now there is no time for ♗g5 as g2 is hanging first.

26...♗c6 27.♗d5

EH: !

JH: White has obtained a complete central bind that easily compensates for the pawn.

27...♗g5 28.♕dd1 ♗xd5

JH: This exchange could wait of course, but it is hard to see a point in waiting.

EH: This just makes White's job much easier. Best to keep the pieces on and try to work something. In this case, pushing ...a5 and trying to pressure b3 is the most logical. The only time when a trade on d5 may be favourable is if it must be taken back by the c4 pawn. 28...a5 with the idea of a4 next and pressuring the b3 pawn.

29.♗xd5

EH: A powerful blockade.

29...♗e7

EH: 29...a5. Once again, Black should probably play a5-a4 and get rid of his pawn island while making a weakness. He has nothing else to do as long as his centre is blockaded. Time to open lines.

30.♗c3

JH: Preventing the counter play a6-a5-a4. Maybe Black should have played 29...a5 instead.

30...f6

JH: I personally would wait until the last possible moment before giving into such an anti-positional move. I would

instead consider 30... $\mathbb{W}b6$, defending d6 and d8 while intending ...a5.

31. $\mathbb{W}e4$

EH: White probably breathed a sigh of relief here, the pawn deficit is not significant.

31... $\mathbb{Q}f8$



BH: It is difficult for Black to entertain anything by exploiting the extra pawn and no doubt, this is now an uncomfortable position. Thus, I think it reasonable to jettison the pawn back and play for ...d5 and go for a messy ending, versus allowing White freedom to choose.

JH: Black returns the pawn for freedom and White falls for it!

EH: ? Simply a blunder. Either ... $\mathbb{W}a8$ or ... $\mathbb{Q}b8$ would have been fine.

32. $\mathbb{Q}xe5$

JH: ?! Here I would keep the bind and start a pawn rush on the \mathbb{Q} -side with 32.g4.

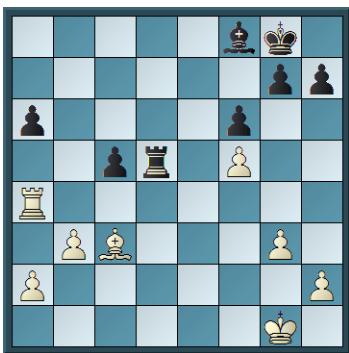
32... $\mathbb{W}xe4$ 33. $\mathbb{Q}5xe4$ $\mathbb{Q}xe4$ 34. $\mathbb{Q}xe4$

EH: All of a sudden, White has regained a pawn and sits with a better pawn structure. He is the only one with winning chances in this endgame.

34...d5 35.cxd5 $\mathbb{Q}xd5$

JH: Despite Black's split pawns on the \mathbb{W} -side, I don't think there is much for White.

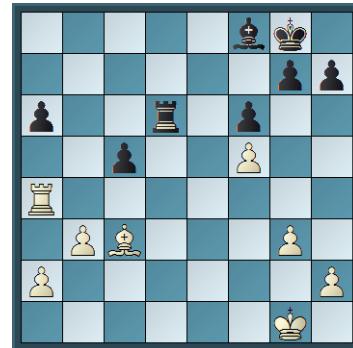
36. $\mathbb{Q}a4$



BH: I spoke too fast on move 24. This is where the computers can help \odot , or Lawrence Day's wisdom would be useful. It is near impossible to provide long winded varia-

tions in this ending to some end, as there would simply be too many branches (aside from checking obvious tactical lines). Thus, what is the overarching strategy here? Certainly Black is likely lost if Rooks are traded due to the $\mathbb{Q}f8/c5$ and White's easy King access. It also seems Black would lose most races given his more constricted situation. Thus, overall Black should first attempt to improve his \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{W} and create some motion on the \mathbb{Q} -side (to distract from his weak \mathbb{W} -side) before blowing things open any further.

36... $\mathbb{Q}d6$



BH: It makes good sense to avoid 36... $\mathbb{Q}xf5$ 37. $\mathbb{Q}xa6$.

JH: 36... $\mathbb{Q}xf5$ 37. $\mathbb{Q}xa6$ $\mathbb{Q}f3$ 38. $\mathbb{Q}e1$ $\mathbb{Q}d3$ 39. $\mathbb{Q}f2$ $\mathbb{Q}d1$ 40. $\mathbb{Q}e2$ $\mathbb{Q}b1$ and Black should be able to hold, but possibly somewhat less comfortably than with the game continuation.

EH: Only move. 36... $\mathbb{Q}xf5$ 37. $\mathbb{Q}xa6$ and Black wouldn't be comfortable here dealing with an outside passed pawn.

37. $\mathbb{Q}f2$ $\mathbb{Q}f7$ 38. $\mathbb{Q}e2$

JH: It proves to be quite mind-boggling to go any further with the \mathbb{Q} .

EH: This endgame is not enough for White to win so the main question is if Black can avoid blundering.

38...g6

EH: Correctly challenging the white squares, which also tries to free more squares up for his King.

39. $\mathbb{Q}h4$ $\mathbb{Q}g8$

EH: Black cannot allow White to ruin his pawn structure further in case of $h5$ $fxg6+$.

JH: 39... $\mathbb{Q}g7$?! allows Black to answer 40. $\mathbb{Q}c4$ (40. $\mathbb{Q}d2$ $g5$ 41. $\mathbb{Q}c4$ $\mathbb{Q}d5$ 42. $g4$) 40... $\mathbb{Q}d5$ while having $f6$ covered.

40. $\mathbb{Q}c4$

EH: ! White keeps the pressure on. Black must be very careful. Rooks must definitely be kept on or else White would be winning with the pawn structure.

JH: If 40. $fxg6$ $hxg6$ 41. $\mathbb{Q}c4$ $\mathbb{Q}f7$ and the c -pawn cannot be taken anyway.

40... $\mathbb{Q}xf5$

BH: It is difficult to know whether time trouble influenced the last few moves, as both White and Black appear to be

playing quick shots versus positional placement. Though, 40...gxf5 appeared tactically necessary...thus, looking back, perhaps 39...h5, while weakening Black after 40.fgx6, would have offered more active possibilities.

EH: ! 40... $\mathbb{E}c6$ 41. $\mathbb{Q}d3$ $\mathbb{Q}f7$ 42. $\mathbb{Q}e4$ and White's King becomes quite active; 40... $\mathbb{E}d5$ 41.fgx6 hgx6 42. $\mathbb{Q}xf6$ +-.

41. $\mathbb{E}f4$

EH: 41. $\mathbb{E}xc5$? $\mathbb{E}e6$ +-+.

41... $\mathbb{E}d5$

EH: White has successfully managed to shatter Black's pawn structure.

42. $\mathbb{E}a4$

EH: White was understandably afraid of $\mathbb{Q}xf6$ $\mathbb{Q}h6$ with ... $\mathbb{E}d2$ +. Still, it was probably his best chance. 42. $\mathbb{Q}xf6$ $\mathbb{Q}h6$ 43. $\mathbb{E}a4$ $\mathbb{E}d2$ + 44. $\mathbb{Q}f3$ $\mathbb{E}xh2$ 45. $\mathbb{E}xa6$ ± and the \mathbb{W} -side majority and better pawn structure give White some winning chances.

42... $\mathbb{E}d6$

EH: Now, Black can move his King to e6 or g6 to defend f5. The position is equal as White cannot win back a pawn or create a passer while Black has to constantly protect his weak pawns.

43. $\mathbb{Q}d2$

BH: Avoiding the possible repetition after 43. $\mathbb{E}f4$. Perhaps White is the higher rated player.

43... $\mathbb{Q}f7$ 44. $\mathbb{Q}f4$ $\mathbb{E}b6$ 45. $\mathbb{Q}d3$ $\mathbb{Q}e6$ 46. $\mathbb{Q}d2$

JH: 46. $\mathbb{Q}c4$ is good looking but White is not actually making much progress. 46... $\mathbb{Q}d6$ 47. $\mathbb{Q}xd6$ $\mathbb{Q}xd6$ 48. $\mathbb{Q}d3$ $\mathbb{Q}e5$ 49. $\mathbb{Q}e3$ $\mathbb{E}d6$.

46... $\mathbb{E}d6$ + 47. $\mathbb{Q}c2$ $\mathbb{Q}d5$

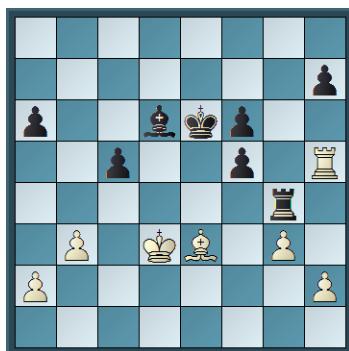
JH: Now that the Black \mathbb{Q} is strongly centralised, it is hard to imagine anything but a draw despite Black's isolated pawns.

48. $\mathbb{E}h4$ $\mathbb{E}d7$ 49. $\mathbb{Q}c3$ $\mathbb{Q}e6$

EH: Just a bunch of shuffling around; neither side can win this or create winning chances unless some blunders start to occur.

50. $\mathbb{Q}d2$ $\mathbb{E}b7$ 51. $\mathbb{Q}e3$ $\mathbb{Q}d6$ 52. $\mathbb{E}a4$ $\mathbb{E}b6$ 53. $\mathbb{Q}d3$ $\mathbb{Q}d5$

54. $\mathbb{E}h4$ $\mathbb{E}b7$ 55. $\mathbb{E}h5$ $\mathbb{Q}e6$ 56. $\mathbb{Q}d2$ $\mathbb{E}g7$ 57. $\mathbb{Q}e3$ $\mathbb{E}g4$



BH: Black was getting into what he didn't want, under

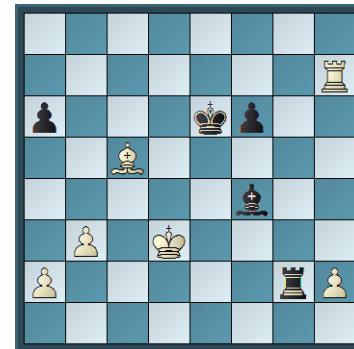
pressure, where White can hit simultaneous targets until one of them falls. If Black doesn't become active as played, then, for example, 57... $\mathbb{Q}e7$ 58. $\mathbb{E}h4$ $\mathbb{Q}d6$ 59. $\mathbb{E}a4$ $\mathbb{E}a7$ 60.b4.

JH: ?! 57... $\mathbb{E}b7$ intending to respond 58. $\mathbb{Q}c4$ with 58... $\mathbb{E}b4$ +. White is still not making any headway.

EH: ? Black becomes impatient and tries to force things.

58. $\mathbb{E}xh7$ $\mathbb{Q}f4$ 59. $\mathbb{Q}xf4$ $\mathbb{Q}xf4$ 60. $\mathbb{Q}xc5$ $\mathbb{E}g2$

BH: It seems appropriate for White to attempt avoiding Bishop trades as most Rook endings would be difficult to win and perhaps White can trade under better circumstances.



61. $\mathbb{Q}e4$

BH: Threatening 62. $\mathbb{E}c7$ mate ☺

JH: ! Black probably missed this tricky move. He was planning on capturing h2 into a drawn endgame but now there is a devastating mate threat on e7!

JH: Forcing the \mathbb{Q} trade because mate is threatened. 61.h4 $\mathbb{E}xa2$ 62.h5 $\mathbb{E}h2$ is harmless.

61... $\mathbb{Q}d6$ 62. $\mathbb{Q}xd6$ $\mathbb{Q}xd6$

EH: All of a sudden, White is up a full pawn.

63.a4

JH: ?! 63.h4!?! $\mathbb{E}xa2$ 64.h5 $\mathbb{E}h2$ 65. $\mathbb{Q}f5$ seems far more likely to keep the fight going.

63... $\mathbb{E}b2$ 64. $\mathbb{E}h3$

JH: Not a natural square for the \mathbb{E} , but 64. $\mathbb{E}b7$ $\mathbb{Q}c6$ is dead even.

64... $\mathbb{Q}c5$

EH: Black wants to put his King on b4 so he can permanently pester the a and b pawns and free his Rook for King harassment. It should be enough to hold.

65. $\mathbb{E}h4$

JH: 65. $\mathbb{Q}f5$ $\mathbb{E}f2$ + 66. $\mathbb{Q}e6$ $\mathbb{Q}b4$ would be no improvement.

65... $\mathbb{Q}b4$ 66. $\mathbb{E}h8$

EH: Hoping Black takes on b3 with either piece. Then the h-pawn will just push to Queen first. 66. $\mathbb{Q}f5$ + $\mathbb{Q}xb3$ 67. $\mathbb{Q}xf6$ a5= 68.h3 $\mathbb{E}f2$ + 69. $\mathbb{Q}g5$ $\mathbb{E}f3$ 70. $\mathbb{E}h8$ $\mathbb{Q}xa4$ 71.h4 $\mathbb{Q}a3$ 72.h5 a4 73.h6 $\mathbb{E}g3$ + 74. $\mathbb{Q}h5$ $\mathbb{Q}a2$ 75. $\mathbb{E}a8$ a3 76.h7 $\mathbb{E}h3$ + 77. $\mathbb{Q}g6$ $\mathbb{Q}b2$ 78.h8 $\mathbb{Q}+ \mathbb{E}xh8$ 79. $\mathbb{E}xh8$ a2=.

66... $\mathbb{B}a2$ 67. $\mathbb{B}h3$

JH: 67. $\mathbb{B}b8+$ $\mathbb{Q}c3$ 68.h4 $\mathbb{B}h2$ 69. $\mathbb{Q}f5$ $\mathbb{B}xh4$ 70. $\mathbb{Q}xf6$ $\mathbb{B}b4$ =; 67.a5 $\mathbb{Q}xb3$; EH: 67.h4 $\mathbb{Q}xb3$ 68.h5 $\mathbb{B}xa4+$ 69. $\mathbb{Q}f5$ $\mathbb{B}b4$! 70.h6 a5 71.h7 $\mathbb{B}b7$ =.

67...a5 68. $\mathbb{Q}d5$ $\mathbb{B}e2$ 69. $\mathbb{Q}d6$ f5 $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$.

BH: Although White set a few tricks, Black rightly kept improving his Rook/King and secured the draw. I enjoyed playing over the game, as it influences me on how I would approach this opening. I maintain that the $\mathbb{B}c1-c2-d2$ idea was too slow and I would study $\mathbb{B}c2$. Earlier, I would play b3 versus f4. As to the overall level of play, it appeared high to me. Clearly both players are versed in the opening (at least in the time period the game may have been played), strategy/tactics and endgames. I realize it is the punch line in Masters' Forum to guess the players/strength – I would guess Eastern European/Russian players, with White being the higher rated player, but having underestimated his opponent (i.e., thinking he could outplay him with a quieter line).

JH: These players have a solid strategic base, but limited tactical abilities (and inclinations) which is what makes the difference at the upper echelons of chess. I would rate these players between 2150 and 2300 CFC.

EH: Overall it was a well played game. Neither side made any big errors. White didn't ever let himself get into big trouble. The opening wasn't successful for him as he didn't get anything out of it and it seemed Black was a little more familiar with what to do. Black missed his one chance to get a pretty strong position and after that, the balance was mainly kept. The endgame was pretty well played for the most part too so a draw was a pretty logical result. I would predict that both players were around 2100-2200. I would also guess that it was played under a classical time control.

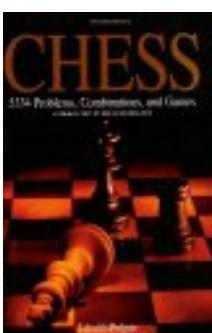
Moment of Truth

Choosing a game proved to be more difficult than I thought it would be. If I selected something too recent from a high profile tournament, there was a chance that at least one of the 3 panelists would be familiar with it. I decided to go back in time, over 35 years and selected an interesting game I had played over in *En Passant* from the June 2003 issue.

The game in question was played between Kevin Spraggett, with the white pieces against Milan Vukadinov in 1976 at the first Keres Memorial in Vancouver. The time control used was the classical 40/2 hours followed by 20 moves per hour. Kevin annotated this game for *En Passant* which was part of a larger article paying tribute to Milan who passed away in 2002 at the age of 66. At the time, Kevin's CFC rating was 2380 and Milan's was 2309 (based on just 15 CFC games). Kevin was a rising star at the time and had

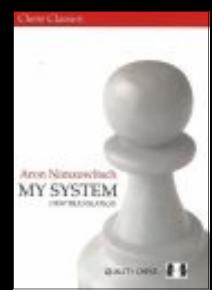
not yet earned his IM title, but that honour was not far off. He earned the GM title in 1985 and has won a number of strong international events throughout his career. This was the only time the two would meet over the board, but they became friends and Milan hosted Kevin at his home on several occasions in Windsor, Ontario. Milan was a native of Yugoslavia but eventually moved to Germany, finally settling in Canada in 1965. Milan was a member of the Windsor Chess Club and provided instruction to a number of local players who would become strong players in their own right. Among them are Ray Stone, Vlado Drkulec, Dennis Hart, Brian Profit, Meng Lou and Hans Jung. Milan was a member of the Canadian Olympic team in Malta in 1980 where he scored a very respectable 5/9. Milan was also a guest panelist for Masters' Forum going back as far as 1976 (see *CFC Bulletin* #18, September-October, 1976). If you enjoyed this article, let me know. Maybe we will do it again. Send me an email.

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Move By Move

By IM Deen Hergott



Not much has happened on the international chess scene in the past month, but the event in the headlines currently is the famous Melody Amber Blindfold and Rapidplay tournament in Monaco, making its final swan song after twenty years of sponsorship by the Association Max Euwe, spearheaded by Mr. Joop van Oosterom.

This year's event features twelve of the world's best Grandmasters (GMs), battling in the usual split format of Blindfold games (a true rarity until this event in top chess circles) and Rapidplay games. Both formats begin with 25 minutes for each player. In the Blindfold games, increment per move is 20 seconds; in the Rapidplay, it is ten.

After seven of eleven rounds, the top standings were:

Blindfold: 1. Levon Aronian, 5.5; 2-4. Magnus Carlsen, Viswanathan Anand, Alexander Grischuk, all with 4.

Rapidplay: 1. Carlsen, 5.5; 2. Aronian 4.5; 3-4. Anand, Ivanchuk, both with 4.

Combined: 1. Aronian 10, 2. Carlsen 9.5, 3. Anand 8.

Of some note is the poor performance of Vladimir Kramnik, who with a combined score of 6, holds second last place at the moment.

Naturally, with this type of chess, more errors than usual are common, and it is possible that he will rebound somewhat in the final four rounds - the event will be long finished by the time you are reading this article in your e-zine!

There has been a generous 1000 Euro prize given out to the game of the day and two games in particular made a strong impression on me, one from each type of event. Neither features the 7th round leader, Levon Aronian, but his games were either too lengthy, or reliant on swindles in tricky positions (by his own admission) and therefore less suitable. One can't argue with his success though and it is certainly not my claim that his games should be overlooked. He has been posting consistently excellent results for quite some time now.

Here are the two I have chosen, however. The first comes from the Blindfold half of the event:

□ Gashimov, Vugar (2746)

■ Giri, Anish (2690)

20th Amber Blindfold, Monaco, (3), 14.03.2011

Sicilian Scheveningen: Keres Attack [B81]

1.e4 c5 2.♘c3 e6 3.♘f3

Some players use transpositional move orders to avoid certain lines. The game soon re-enters the normal Open channels.

3...d6 4.d4 cxd4 5.♘xd4 ♘f6 6.g4!?

Probably White's sharpest available option.

6...h6 7.h4 ♘c6 8.♗g1 d5

A thematic Sicilian counterpunch, here meeting play on the flank with action in the centre.

9.exd5 ♘xd5

This seems logical, opening an attack on the h4-pawn and getting the Knight out of the way of the impending g4-g5. 9...exd5, activating the c8-♗ also looks possible, though 10.♗b5 looks annoying then, as 10...♗d7 11.g5! leaves Black's Knight without a decent square.

10.♘xd5 ♘xd5!?



11.♗g2! ♘e5+

I hope you weren't considering taking the free Knight for too long: 11...♘xd4?? 12.♗xc6+, winning the Queen.

12.♗e3 ♘h2 13.f4

According to Giri, who played Black in this game, his opponent Gashimov was at the end of his theoretical knowledge with this move. Black wins a pawn now, but White has a significant edge in development and activity.

13...♘xd4 14.♗xd4 ♘xh4+ 15.♗f2 ♘d8 16.♗xd8+ ♘xd8
17.0-0-0+ ♘c7



18.♗d3!

A very strong move, making room to double on the d-file or harass Black's King along the 3rd rank. Note that all of Black's pieces are still on their original squares – until they are out and fulfilling active duty, there is little reason to celebrate the token one pawn advantage.

18...♗d6 19.♗g3 ♘d8

Square d6 is becoming a focal point as the following ac-

tive bid for counterplay illustrates: 19...g5? 20.♗xd6! ♗xd6 21.fxg5+, with 22.♗e5! to follow, dominating Black's Rook.

20.♗gd1 f6

Playing to avoid 21.♗xd6 and 22.f5, as now ...e5 will be possible.

21.f5 e5 22.♗e1!

Now that Black has erected a barricade on one diagonal, White switches to the other side. 23.♗b4 is the main threat, but 23.♗a5!? is annoying as well. Giri plays to prevent both.

22...a5 23.♗d5 e4

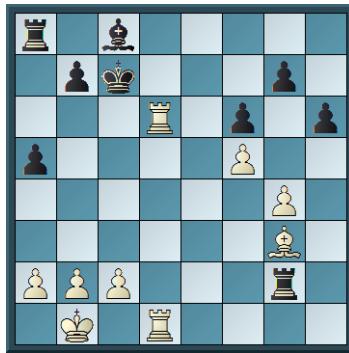
A good practical try, banking on a check on f4 in some lines. White wisely steers clear.

24.♗b1 e3 25.♗f1!

Nice calm play. The impetuous 25.♗xd6? ♗xd6 26.♗g3 allows 26...e2!, with counterplay. Preventing the further advance of the e-pawn maintains all of White's trumps.

25...♗e8 26.♗xd6 e2 27.♗xe2 ♗xe2 28.♗g3 ♗g2

Black's position looks dangerous, but it has been for awhile. It takes some precise play to put Black away and let's not forget the Blindfold aspect – mistakes are far from uncommon!



29.♗f4! ♗xg4 30.♗d7+ ♗c6

30...♗b6 31.♗e3+ certainly is no better. The ♗ on f4 is more active than it was on g3 and participates in mating nets in many lines.

31.♗d6+ ♗b5

White concludes elegantly.

32.a4+ ♗xa4 33.♗b6!

Here's a case in point: 33...♗xd7 34.b3+ ♗a3 35.♗c1#.

33...♗xf4 34.♗a2 1-0.

And 35.b3 is coming next. A fine win by Gashimov and an even more impressive one given their lack of a physical board to play the game – these guys are good!

The Rapidplay game was played between the mercurial Vassily Ivanchuk and Alexander Grischuk and was the third consecutive award to Ivanchuk in as many rounds:

□ Grischuk, Alexander (2747)

■ Ivanchuk, Vassily (2779)

20th Amber Rapid, Monaco, (7), 19.03.2011

Bogo-Indian [E11]

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗f3 ♗b4+ 4.♗d2 ♗e7 5.g3 ♗c6!?

Ivanchuk is truly capable of playing anything and everything. I have played the Black side of this line of the Bogo-Indian myself, so the game holds some personal interest. Strategically, the idea behind Black's last slightly odd move is to force the play against routine development, to wit: 6.♗g2 ♗xd2+ 7.♗bxd2 (*the point, as 7.♗xd2 ♗e4!, with 8...♗b4+ to follow causes trouble on the ♗-side*) 7...d6 and Black plays for ...e5 while having coerced White's ♗-Knight to a less active post.

6.♗c3

Grischuk goes for another line.

6...♗xc3 7.♗xc3 ♗e4 8.♗c1 0-0 9.♗g2 d6 10.d5 ♗d8 11.♗d2

I suppose White could try keeping the Bishop pair at this precise point, but there would be a consequent loss of time involved.

11...♗xc3 12.♗xc3 e5



13.c5!?

This pawn offer is seen in many positions in this line, aiming to exploit the long diagonal through tactics.

13...dxc5?! 14.♗c2 c6

Ivanchuk's approach in this game is very interesting. Naturally 14...b6 15.d6! cannot be considered, but the text introduces some complications.

15.♗xc5 ♗f5! 16.e4 ♗g6

Having induced e2-e4, the influence of White's Bishop has been markedly reduced and the d4-square is a potential concern for White should Black's Knight escape the back rank. Now the idea is simply ...b6 and ...cxd5, exploiting the pin on White's e-pawn.

17.♗c3 b6 18.♗c4 c5

Planning a new home for Black's Knight on the wonderful d6-square.

19.b4



19...a5!

An excellent retort, forcing White's hand as 20.bxc5 b5! leaves White's Rook trapped midboard.

20.b5 ♜b7 21.0-0 ♜d6 22.a4! ♜ae8

Grischuk would gladly give up the exchange on c4 to rid himself of his awkwardly placed Rook and Black's superior Knight, but Ivanchuk has no such intentions.

23.♗b3 f5 24.♗c3 f4

Gaining useful space, far more relevant than a capture on e4 which would be a very temporary win of a pawn.

25.♘c4 ♜xc4

Taking on e4 is too risky with White's Queen sitting opposite the King on g8. Black's Knight has done its job and is content to trade now.

26.♗xc4 ♜d7 27.♗e2 ♜f6 28.g4

An attempt to seal the ♜-side, but it never gets very far. Black's game is very comfortable in any case.

28...♗f7 29.f3 g5

Now if White does nothing, Black can play ...♗h6–h4 and then quietly prepare a break with ...h7–h5. White has no active counterplay available.

30.h4

Hoping to stir something up before Black clamps down on the ♜-side completely, but again this doesn't really help.

30...gxh4 31.♗h3 ♜g6 32.♗f2 h5 33.♗h1 ♜e7 34.♗cc1 ♜h7 35.♗cg1 ♜eg8 36.♗f1 ♜h6 37.♗g2



37...c4!

White was hoping to hold the fort on the g–file but now

disaster strikes from the other flank. The c–pawn is being offered for a noble cause.

38.♗xc4 ♜a3! 39.♗f2 hxg4 40.♗xg4 ♜xg4! 41.♗xg4 ♜xg4
The exchange proves to be useless at generating counter-chances or defending against Black's sudden piece activity.

42.♗e2 ♜h5

The last piece enters the fray.

43.♗f3 ♜c1+ 44.♗e1 ♜c4+ 45.♗f2 ♜c2+ 0-1.

Winning the house. A great game by Ivanchuk, who has arguably played the best chess so far at the Amber tournament.

Next month the U.S. Championship will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, with a very sizeable prize fund at stake. To whet your appetite, witness this little gem from an invitational qualifier, won by GM Gregory Kaidanov, features the youngest competitor, 16-year-old GM Ray Robson, who finished 2nd in the qualifier on tiebreak to gain a spot.

□ **Robson, Ray (2522)**

■ **Khachian, Melikset (2511)**

Saint Louis Invitational, (4), 06.03.2011

Sicilian Dragon: Yugoslav Attack [B35]

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♜c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 g6 5.♘c3 ♜g7 6.♗e3 ♜f6 7.♘c4 0-0 8.♗b3 d6 9.f3 ♜d7 10.♗d2 ♜c8 11.0-0-0 ♜e5 12.♗b1 ♜c4 13.♗xc4 ♜xc4 14.g4 ♜e8 15.h4 a6 16.h5 e5 17.♗b3 ♜c6 18.♗d5 ♜e6 19.hxg6 fxg6 20.♗h2 ♜xd5 21.exd5 ♜c7 22.♗d2! ♜d7 23.♗g5 ♜h8 24.♗xf6!? ♜xf6 25.♗e4

I like White's approach. The Knight on e4 is a huge piece and the h–file is a constant source of worry to Black.

25...♗f8 26.♗e2 ♜d8 27.♗h3 ♜g5 28.♗dh1 ♜cf7 29.♗d3 ♜e7 30.c4 b6 31.♗e3 ♜c7 32.♗h6



32...♗g7 33.♗xg7+ ♜xg7 34.♗xh7+ ♜g8 35.♗g5!

A great final point, denying the Black King the f7–square.

35...♗xg5 36.♗h8+ 1-0.

This succeeds in trading a pair of Rooks and winning the Queen: 36...♗f7 37.♗h7+ ♜e8 38.♗xf8+ ♜xf8 39.♗xc7, with a trivial win.

Mainstream Praxis: Open Ruy Lopez

By NM Kevin Pacey

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This article presents several games from my career in which I played on the Black side of a mainstream defence, namely the Open Ruy Lopez. I invite the reader to follow my interpretation of this opening as one of the players and as a master and annotator at present. The following game is one of my earliest experiences with the Black side of the Open Ruy Lopez, which I took up playing only a few years after the last of the Karpov-Korchnoi matches that featured a number of games involving Korchnoi on the Black side of this defence.

□ Morrison, Robert (2371)

■ Pacey, Kevin (2220)

Ontario Team Championship, Scarborough, (1), 08.11.1985
Open Ruy Lopez [C83]

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♗f6 5.0-0 ♗xe4 6.d4
b5 7.♗b3 d5 8.dxe5 ♗e6 9.♗bd2 ♘c5 10.c3 ♗e7
11.♗d4??



Not a good move objectively, but it had an unsettling effect on me, especially since it was played by a strong master whom I'd had poor results against previously.

11...♗d7

I could well have played 11...♗xe5 but without knowing theory regarding White's last move, I was afraid that taking the pawn might be a serious mistake, so I choose what looked like a viable alternative and hoped that it wasn't too bad. In double King Pawn openings, it's a common theme for Black to decide (or preferably know) whether or not taking a White e-pawn is safe. Here theory assumes that White would have been worse had I captured this one, e.g., after 12.f4 ♘c4 13.f5 (13.♗e2, Bryson-Flear, Dundee, 1991; 13...g6!?, Flear) 13...♗d7 14.♗h5 c6 15.♗2f3 ♗e4 16.♗c2 ♗f6 (16...0-0!?, Korchnoi) 17.♗h3 0-0 (=/+ ECO) ½-½, Lobron-Hort, Biel, 1981.; 11...♗xd4 12.cxd4 ♗b7 has in fact been played with success in the past, but I don't like the look of Black's position somehow.

12.f4

A precedent here is 12.♗e2 0-0 13.♗c2 ♗g4 14.♗e3 ♗xd4 15.cxd4 ♗e6 16.♗d3 g6 17.♗b3 ♗f5 18.♗e2 ♗xc2 19.♗xc2 a5 20.♗e3 a4 21.♗c1 b4 22.♗d3 ♗b5 23.f4 ♗c4 24.♗d2 f5 25.exf6



25...♗xf6 (after this recapture, Black loses a pawn, but in spite of this the game fizzles out to a draw eventually)
26.♗fc1 ♗b5 27.♗xb4 ♗ab8 28.a3 c5 29.dxc5 d4 30.♗f2 ♗xc5 31.♗xc5 ♗xc5 32.♗a6 ♗b6 33.♗xb8 ♗xb8 34.♗d1 ♗xb2 35.♗xb2 ♗xb2 36.♗xd4 ♗xd4+ 37.♗xd4 ♗b1+ 38.♗f2 ♗b2+ 39.♗f1 ♗b1+ 40.♗e2 ♗b2+ 41.♗d2 ♗b3 42.♗d3 ♗b2+ 43.♗f3 h5 44.h4 ♗f7 45.g3 ♗e6, ½-½, Michel-Piazzini, Buenos Aires (ol), 1939.

12...♗xb3

12...♗xd4 13.cxd4 ♗g4 14.♗e1!?, 15.♗e3 c5 16.h3 ♗f5 17.g4 cxd4 18.♗f3 ♗e4 19.♗xe4 dxe4 20.♗xe4∞; 12...♗g4 13.e6! ♗xe6 14.f5 ♗xd4 15.cxd4 ♗xf5 16.dxc5 ♗xc5+ 17.♗h1 and White is better to some degree.

13.♗2xb3 ♗xd4 14.cxd4 a5 15.♗e3 a4 16.♗d2 0-0
17.♗f3 f6



Now, in a roughly even position, White initiates a series of exchanges which should have led by force to an advantage for Black.

18.f5?! fxe5 19.fxe5 ♗xf3 20.exd7 ♗xe3 21.♗ac1



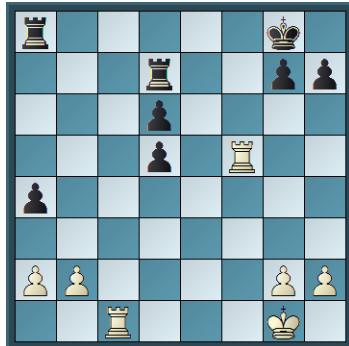
21...d6?

This allows my opponent to obtain a drawish ending. Even worse than my chosen move is 21... $\mathbb{Q}d8?$ 22. $\mathbb{Q}f3$ (*not* 22. $dxe5?$!) 23. $\mathbb{Q}c5$ $\mathbb{Q}e7$ 24. $\mathbb{Q}xd5$ c6) 22...e4?
 $(\square 22...a3 \Delta 23.\mathbb{Q}xe5 axb2 24.\mathbb{Q}c2 \mathbb{Q}ea3 25.\mathbb{Q}xb2 \mathbb{Q}xa2$
 $26.\mathbb{Q}xb5 \mathbb{Q}c2; 22...exd4 23.\mathbb{Q}xd4 \pm \Delta \mathbb{Q}e7 24.\mathbb{Q}ce1)$
 $23.\mathbb{Q}f2 \mathbb{Q}d3 24.\mathbb{Q}e2 \pm$; Correct is 21... $exd4!$ 22. $\mathbb{Q}xc7$ $\mathbb{Q}d8$
 $23.\mathbb{Q}f3$ (23. $\mathbb{Q}c8$ g6 24. $\mathbb{Q}f3$ d3 *transposes*) 23...d3 \mp e.g.,
 $24.\mathbb{Q}c8$ (or 24. $\mathbb{Q}d4$ d2 25. $\mathbb{Q}f3$ *{no better is* 25. $\mathbb{Q}c2$ $\mathbb{Q}e4$ *[/*
 $\backslash... \mathbb{Q}c4]$ 26.b3 d4} 25... $\mathbb{Q}b4$ $\Delta 26.\mathbb{Q}c8$ $\mathbb{Q}a5$ 27. $\mathbb{Q}d1$ $\mathbb{Q}e7$)
 $24...g6$ 25. $\mathbb{Q}d4$ d2 26. $\mathbb{Q}f2$ (26. $\mathbb{Q}c6?$ $\mathbb{Q}e1$ 27. $\mathbb{Q}xe7+$ $\mathbb{Q}g7$
 $28.\mathbb{Q}xd8$ $\mathbb{Q}xf1+$ *{not* 28...d1 $\mathbb{Q}??$ 29. $\mathbb{Q}d8}) 29. $\mathbb{Q}xf1$ d1 $\mathbb{Q}+$
 $30.\mathbb{Q}f2$ $\mathbb{Q}d4+$ *and regardless of White's reply, Black will*
be able to play a check that wins the Knight) 26... $\mathbb{Q}e4$
 $27.\mathbb{Q}f3$ (27. $\mathbb{Q}c6??$ $\mathbb{Q}f4+$ $\Delta 28.\mathbb{Q}e3$ $\mathbb{Q}xf1-+)$ 27... $\mathbb{Q}f7$
 $28.\mathbb{Q}xd2$ $\mathbb{Q}b4$ $\backslash...$ $\mathbb{Q}e6.$$

22.♘f3 exd4

22... $\mathbb{Q}d8$ 23. $dxe5$ $\mathbb{Q}xe5$ 24. $\mathbb{Q}xe5$ $\mathbb{Q}xe5$ 25. $\mathbb{Q}xc7$ $\mathbb{Q}e7$ 26. $\mathbb{Q}b7=$; 22... $e4?$ 23. $\mathbb{Q}e5$ $\mathbb{Q}d8$ 24. $\mathbb{Q}f2+-$.

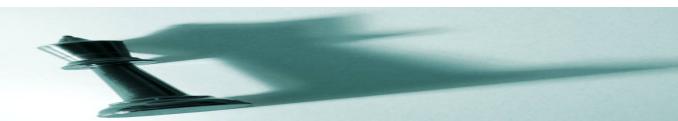
23. $\mathbb{Q}xd4$ $\mathbb{E}e7$ 24. $\mathbb{Q}xb5$ $\mathbb{E}xd7$ 25. $\mathbb{Q}xd6$ $cxd6$ 26. $\mathbb{E}f5$



26...♝b7 27.♝c2 ½-½.

Now after 27. $\mathbb{B}c2$ if 27... $\mathbb{B}ab8$, White can play simply 28. $\mathbb{B}xd5$ $\mathbb{B}xb2$ 29. $\mathbb{B}xb2$ $\mathbb{B}xb2$ 30. $\mathbb{B}xd6$ and the Black Rook will end up in front of a passed Black a-pawn, while White's Rook can get behind it. Consequently this particular ending ought to be drawn. I explained this to my Brampton team captain, who wondered if I had accepted a draw prematurely. Against a seasoned master, I saw little point in playing out such an ending rather than conserving my energy. To my consternation, Rob was initially reluctant to agree that he would have played this way, but then he soon decided that this continuation was satisfactory for White.

In the second game of this article, I walked into a line known to be dubious if White plays exactly, which fortunately for me did not occur. White eventually gave away a pawn and I ended up winning a somewhat quirky endgame in which both sides made errors.



□ Hubley, Roger (2080)

■ Pacey, Kevin (2222)

RA Chess Club Championship, Ottawa, (4), 30.01.1997
Open Ruy Lopez [C83]

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.0-0 ♘xe4 6.d4
b5 7.♗b3 d5 8.dxe5 ♘e6 9.♗e3 ♘e7 10.c3 0-0 11.♗d2



11...g4

11... $\mathbb{W}d7$ is the main choice here.

12.♘xe4 dxe4 13.♗d5



13...exf3

ECO gives 13... $\mathbb{W}xd5$ 14. $\mathbb{Q}xd5$ $exf3$ 15. $\mathbb{Q}xc6$ $fxg2$ when 16. $\mathbb{Q}xg2$ ultimately leads to a slight edge for White.

14. $\mathbb{W}xc6$ fxg2 15. $\mathbb{W}xg2$



15...d7

Here 15... $\mathbb{W}c8$ has also been played, though White also gains an edge with 16... $\mathbb{Q}h6$!.

16. $\mathbb{W}g3$

Roger could have set me greater difficulties had he played 16.♗h6! gxh6 17.f3 as in Kasparov–Yusupov, Minsk, 1979, which continued 17...h5 (17...♝ae8 18.♝ae1 h5 19.♗h1 ♘h8 appears to minimize White's advantage {19...♝c6 [Nunn–Heidrich, Bundesliga 1985] 20.fxg4 ♘xg2+ 21.♗xg2 is good for White, in view of 21...hxg4 22.♗e4 h5 23.♗ef4}) 18.♗ad1 ♘f5 19.fxg4 ♘xe5 20.♗de1 ♘c5+ 21.♗h1 ♘ad8? 22.♗f5 ♘d6 23.♗d5 when White won the ♘/e7 and eventually the game as well.

16...♝f5

Tarrasch played 16...c5 and 16...♗ad8 in two games from this position in 1923, scoring a win and a draw against Vecseg and Wolf respectively. Fritz considers the position after White's sixteenth move to be equal in any case.

17.f3 ♘h5 18.♗ad1 ♘ad8 19.♗d5 ♘g6



20.♗d2

□ 20.♗fe1.

20...c6? 21.♗e4 ♘e6 22.♗xg6 hxg6



23.♗fd1??

It was better not to abandon the a–pawn. Now Black will have a large advantage.

23...♝xa2

Now if 24.♗d7 then Black simply takes on b2.

24.♗g4 ♘e6?!

A bit of a slip. Better was 24...♝b3 or 24...♗xd2.

25.♗xe6 fxe6



26.♗g2??

White returns the favour. 26.♗d7 ♘xd7 (26...♝h4?!)

27.♗xd7 ♘xf3 28.♗xe7 ♘xe3 29.♗xe6??; 26.♗xd8 ♘xd8 27.♗a1??.

26...♗d5

Correct is 26...♗xd2+! 27.♗xd2 ♘f5 with a large advantage since f3–f4 can be met by ...g5.

27.f4?

27.♗xd5 cxd5 28.♗a1 leaves White just slightly worse. Now Black is much better again.

27...a5 28.b3

Better is 28.♗a1 (or 28.♗xd5 first).

28...♝f7

□ 28...g5! with a won ending.

29.c4 ♘xd2+ 30.♗xd2 ♘d8 31.♗xd8

If 31.cxb5 (or first, 31.♗a2) 31...cxb5 32.♗a2 ♘b4 and Black keeps a large advantage. With the Rooks now being exchanged, Black should have less trouble winning.

31...♝xd8 32.cxb5 cxb5 33.♗f3 ♘e8 34.♗e4 ♘d7 35.♗c5 ♘e7 36.♗b6 a4 37.bxa4 bxa4 38.h3 ♘c6 39.♗a7?

A final error that hastens resignation.

39...♝c5 0-1.

The next game features a novelty by yours truly in a well-known position, which I then failed to follow up well. I managed to escape losing the full point, after missing out on ways to even obtain an advantage of one sort or another.

□ Djerkovic, Mladin (2354)

■ Pacey, Kevin (2278)

RA Spring Frost, Ottawa, (1), 25.02.1999

Open Ruy Lopez [C80]

1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.0-0 ♘xe4 6.d4 b5 7.♗b3 d5 8.dxe5 ♘e6 9.♗bd2 ♘c5 10.c3 d4 11.♗g5





Karpov's prepared novelty, which he sprung against Korchnoi in their 1978 match in Baguio City.

11... $\mathbb{W}d7$

The main moves here are 11... $\mathbb{W}xg5$, 11... $\mathbb{Q}d5$ and 11... $\mathbb{Q}xc3$. I came up with my chosen move at the board and it seems to have been a novelty, which was used independently on the other side of the world a few months later.

12. $\mathbb{W}f3$ $d3??$

Mate-G.Szabo, Hajduboszormeny Cup, 1999, went 12... $\mathbb{Q}xb3$ 13. $\mathbb{Q}xb3$ (*Fritz prefers 13.axb3 and rates the position about equal*) 13... $\mathbb{Q}d5$ 14. $\mathbb{W}f4$ and now 14... $\mathbb{Q}xc3$ (*rather than 14...h6*) gives Black a slight advantage, according to Fritz, though this would require testing to be sure.

13. $\mathbb{Q}xe6$ $fxe6$



14.b4

White's chosen move is attractive, but simpler was 14. $\mathbb{Q}de4!$ $\mathbb{Q}xe4$ 15. $\mathbb{W}xe4\pm$.

14... $\mathbb{Q}a4$ 15. $\mathbb{Q}de4$ $\mathbb{Q}xe5$ 16. $\mathbb{Q}d6+$ $\mathbb{Q}xd6$ 17. $\mathbb{W}xa8+$ $\mathbb{W}d8$



18. $\mathbb{W}xd8+$

Also good for White is 18. $\mathbb{W}xa6$ $\mathbb{Q}xc3$ 19. $\mathbb{Q}d2$ (19. $\mathbb{Q}xe6$ $\mathbb{W}h4\infty$; 19.f4 $\mathbb{Q}e2+ 20.\mathbb{Q}h1 0-0\infty$) 19... $\mathbb{Q}e2+$ 20. $\mathbb{Q}h1 0-0$ 21. $\mathbb{W}xb5\pm$ (*or even 21.f4*).

18... $\mathbb{Q}xd8$ 19. $\mathbb{Q}f4?$

□ 19.f4 $\mathbb{Q}c4$ (*no better is 19... $\mathbb{Q}g6$ 20. $\mathbb{Q}f7+$*) 20. $\mathbb{Q}d1$ (20. $\mathbb{Q}f7+$ $\mathbb{Q}e7$ 21. $\mathbb{Q}xh8$ $d2$ 22. $\mathbb{Q}xd2$ is less clear.) 20... $\mathbb{Q}xc3$ (*no better is 20... $d2$ 21. $\mathbb{Q}xd2$ $\mathbb{Q}e7$ 22. $\mathbb{Q}e4$*) 21. $\mathbb{Q}xd3$ and White will finish up a clear exchange for a pawn.

19... $\mathbb{Q}e7$ 20. $\mathbb{Q}fe1$



20... $\mathbb{Q}f3+?!$

□ 20... $\mathbb{Q}c4\mp$.

21. $\mathbb{Q}xf3$ $\mathbb{Q}xf4$ 22. $g3$ $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$.



Relieved after my narrow escape, I thought the game was now going to fizzle out to a draw and I thus decided to give Mladin a draw offer without testing him by playing a few more moves. In fact, Black has an edge here. 22.g3 $\mathbb{Q}h6$ (22... $d2$ 23. $gxh4$ (*or 23. $\mathbb{Q}ed1$ $\mathbb{Q}h6$ transposing to 22... $\mathbb{Q}h6$ etc.*) 23... $\mathbb{Q}xe1\mathbb{W}+$ 24. $\mathbb{Q}xe1$ $\mathbb{Q}f8\mp$) 23. $\mathbb{Q}ed1$ (*not* 23. $\mathbb{Q}ad1$ $\mathbb{Q}b2$ 24. $\mathbb{Q}b1$ $d2\mp$) 23... $d2$ 24. $\mathbb{Q}xd2$ (*or 24. $\mathbb{Q}e5$ $\mathbb{Q}xc3$ 25.f4 $\mathbb{Q}xd1$ 26. $\mathbb{Q}xd1$ $\mathbb{Q}c8$ 27. $\mathbb{Q}xd2$ $c5\mp$) 24... $\mathbb{Q}xc3$ 25. $\mathbb{Q}b3$ $\mathbb{Q}xd1$ 26. $\mathbb{Q}xd1$ $\mathbb{Q}d8$ 27. $\mathbb{Q}xd8$ $\mathbb{Q}xd8\mp$).*

In the final game of this article, Black plays incisively against an innocuous simplifying line by White versus the 9.c3 $\mathbb{Q}c5$ variation of the mainline Open Ruy Lopez and he is fully rewarded.

□ Yao, Sammy (1956)

■ Pacey, Kevin (2174)

Ottawa Futurity, (1), 09.08.2004

Open Ruy Lopez [C82]

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.0-0 ♘xe4 6.d4
b5 7.♗b3 d5 8.dxe5 ♘e6 9.c3 ♘c5 10.♗bd2 0-0



11.♗xe4

Possibly unfamiliar with the Open Ruy Lopez, Sammy eschews the prescribed 11.♘c2. After his chosen move, White will need to walk a tightrope over the next few moves in order to obtain approximate equality, if Black plays accurately.

11...dxe4 12.♗g5!



12.♘xd8 ♘axd8 (12...♘fxd8! 13.♗g5 ♘xb3 14.axb3 ♘xe5 15.♗xe4 ♘b6 Δ16.♗e3 ♘d3! when Black has quite a reasonable hope of winning.) 13.♗g5 ♘xe5 14.♗xc6 fxe6 15.♗xe4 (15.♗xe6? ♘xf2+ 16.♗h1 e3-+) 15...♗b6 16.♗e3 ♘xe3 17.fxe3 ♘d3 (17...♗c4 18.♗c5=) 18.b3 (18.♗g5=) 18...♗f5 19.♗ad1 ♘e5 20.♗f2 ♘xe3 (20...♗ed5 21.♗d2= Δ ♘xf2 22.♗dx2 ♘d3 23.♗f7 ♘xc3 24.♗e7) 21.♗g4 ♘e2 22.♗f2 ♘e3 23.♗g4 ♘e2 24.♗f2 ♘e3, ½-½, De Souza Mendes–Charlier, Brazil (ch), 1943.

12...♘xb3!

This gives White the chance to select one of three inferior moves out of four candidates. If Black doesn't care to test his opponent first, then he can proceed with 12...♘xd1 13.♗xd1 ♘xb3 14.axb3 and now most promising attempt to keep Black's winning chances alive could be the untested 14...♗fe8!?

14...♗xe5 15.♗xe4 ♘b6 ½-½, Ibrahimoglu–Cassidy, Ha-

vana (ol), 1966, may hold some faint winning chances for Black after the possible sequel 16.♗e3 (16.h3 can be met by 16...f5! but not 16...♗fe8 17.♗e3 ♘xe3 18.♗xe3 ♘g4 19.♗xg4 ♘xe4 20.♗xa6) 16...♗xe3 17.♗xe3 ♘g4!?

14...e3 appears to allow White to keep the draw in hand: 15.♗xe3 ♘xe3 16.♗xe3 ♘xe5 17.h3 h6 18.♗e4 ♘fd8!? 19.♗f1 (19.♗xd8+ ♘xd8 20.♗xa6 ♘d1+ 21.♗f2 ♘b1→ e.g., 22.♗a2 ♘d3+ 23.♗f3 f5) 19...♗xd1+ 20.♗xd1 ♘f8 21.♗c5 ♘e7 22.♗e2 a5 23.e4 ♘d8? 24.♗xd8 ♘xd8 25.♗b7+ ♘d7 26.♗xa5 and White managed to win eventually in Weerakoon–Bauza Mercere, Philadelphia World Open, 1991; 15.♗xe4 ♘b6 Δ16.♗f4 ♘xe5 17.♗xe5? ♘xe5 18.♗xa6 ♘ae8 19.♗g3 ♘e1+ 20.♗xe1 ♘xe1+ 21.♗f1 f5†.

13.♘xb3?

White chooses the worst of his plausible alternatives.

13.♗h5?! h6 14.♗xe4 ♘c4 15.♗xh6 ♘e7 16.♗g4 g6 17.♗xf8 ♘xf8†; 13.♗xd8 ♘fxd8 transposes to the variation 12...♘fxd8! etc. in the note to White's twelfth move.; 13.axb3! and now Black can once again test his opponent here with the move 13...♗d3! (13...e3 14.♗xe3 ♘xe3 15.♗xd8 ♘fxd8 16.♗xe3 ♘xe5 produces a drawish endgame; 13...♗xd1 14.♗xd1 transposes to the note to Black's twelfth move) and now correct is 14.♗e1! 14.♗xd3?! (or 14.e6?! f6) 14...exd3 is somewhat pleasant for Black.; 14.♗h5? h6! Δ15.♗d1 ♘xf2+! 16.♗xf2 ♘c2+ and if 17.♗d2 (or 17.♗g1 g6) 17...e3+ 18.♗xe3 ♘f5 and Black regains his piece with interest.; 14.♗g4? e3 15.♗xe3 ♘xe3 16.♗xe3 ♘xe3+ lets Black gain a pawn for next to nothing.; 14...♗xd1 (14...♗xe5?! 15.♗h5 e3 16.♗xe3 Δ ♘d6 17.♗d4 ♘c6 18.♗xf7! ♘xd4 {18...♗xf7? 19.♗d5; 18...♗xh2+? 19.♗xh2 ♘xd4 20.♗h6++-} 19.♗xd6±}) 15.♗xd1 transposing at last to the note to Black's twelfth move, with each side having spent an extra move.

13...e3! 14.♗e4 exf2+ 15.♗xf2

15.♗h1 ♘d3-+ 16.♗g3 ♘xe5 17.♗f4 ♘fe8 18.♗ad1 ♘c4 19.♗xc4 ♘xc4 20.♗d7 ♘e1 21.♗xc7 ♘d6 (Δ 21...g5!) 22.♗xd6 (22.♗xc4 is better, though hopeless.) 22...♗d2, 0-1, Van Rijn–Bootsma, NED junior (ch), 1994.

15...♗xe5



16.♗h1

16.♗f4 ♘g4 17.♗g3 ♘d2 (17...♗e3! 18.♗fe1 ♘f6 19.♗e4? ♘c6, 0-1, Dolezal–So. Polgar, Mlada Boleslav open, 1994) 18.h3 ♘e3 19.♗h4 ♘h6 20.♗g3? (Δ 20.♗d5)

20... $\mathbb{Q}e3$ 21. $\mathbb{Q}h2$ $\mathbb{Q}xf1+$ and Black won eventually in Tindall-Korreev, World Cities, 1997.

16... $\mathbb{W}f6$ 17. $\mathbb{W}d1$ $\mathbb{Q}xf2$ 18. $\mathbb{W}e2$



18... $\mathbb{W}ad8$

At least as strong is 18... $\mathbb{W}ae8$ 19. $\mathbb{W}xf2$ $\mathbb{W}xf2$ 20. $\mathbb{W}xf2$ $\mathbb{Q}d3$ but this would end Black's hopes of a victory in the mid-dlegame.

19. $\mathbb{Q}e3$

No better is 19. $\mathbb{W}xf2$ $\mathbb{Q}d1+$ 20. $\mathbb{W}xd1$ $\mathbb{W}xf2$.

19... $\mathbb{Q}d3$ 20. $\mathbb{Q}ad1??$

Now Black stays a piece ahead in addition to his extra pawn. After 20. $\mathbb{Q}xf2$ $\mathbb{Q}fe8$, Black naturally should win.

20... $\mathbb{W}e6$ 21. $\mathbb{Q}xd3$ $\mathbb{Q}xd3$ 22. $\mathbb{W}xd3$ $\mathbb{W}xe3$ 23. $\mathbb{W}f5$ $\mathbb{Q}h4$
24. $\mathbb{W}d7$ $\mathbb{W}e2$ 0-1.



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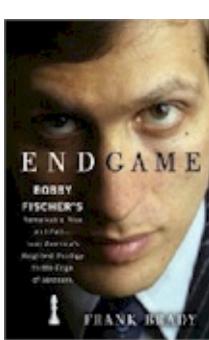
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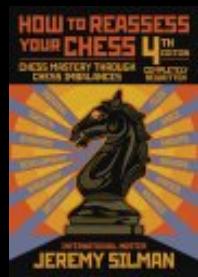
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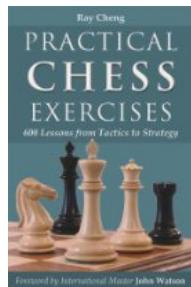
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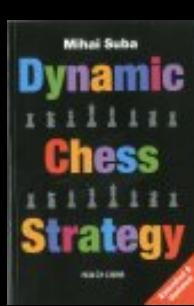
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The Most Famous Game in Canadian Chess History

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What is the most famous game in Canadian Chess history? For this talk, I'm going to exclude from consideration games played in Canada by two non-Canadians. We'll leave these possibilities for future talks: World Chess Championship Match, Montreal, 1894; 4th World Junior Chess Championship, Toronto, Ontario, 1957; Centennial Grandmaster Chess Tournament, Winnipeg, Manitoba, 1967; World Chess Championship Candidates Match, Vancouver, British Columbia, 1971; 2nd World Computer Chess Championship, Toronto, Ontario 1977; David Levy - Chess 4.7 computer program, Toronto, Ontario, 1978; Terre des Hommes, Montreal, Quebec, 1979; World Chess Festival, Saint John, New Brunswick, 1988; World Championship Candidates Match, Quebec, Quebec, 1989; 6th World Computer Chess Championship, Edmonton, Alberta, 1989.

I will consider games with at least one Canadian. So, the Canadian's opponent can be non-Canadian. Who are the most famous non-Canadian chess players? The World Champions, of course. So, let's consider games where Canadians beat future, reigning or past World Champions. Abe Yanofsky's win over future champion Mikhail Botvinnik in 1946 comes immediately to mind. In recent years, we are well aware of Pascal Charbonneau's win over Viswanathan Anand at the 2006 Olympiad; and Mark Bluvshtein's win over Veselin Topalov at the 2010 Olympiad.

I think games where players are representing Canada, such as at the Olympiads, are the most memorable. Let's take a look at a few of these situations from the beginning of Canada's chess history. We will see from this how my choice came to be so memorable.

In 1886, Nicholas MacLeod became the youngest ever Canadian Champion, when he was just past his 16th birthday - a record which still stands. He tied for first in 1887 and won the title again in 1888. In 1889, MacLeod played in the New York tournament, held to select a challenger to World Champion Wilhelm Steinitz. This marked the first time that a Canadian had unofficially represented us at a world event. It was a memorable occasion, although for the wrong reason: MacLeod set a record for most losses in one tournament, 31. By the way, you might think this was a very long time ago, but history is surprising: his daughter is still alive!

A Canadian representative was formally entered in an international event for the first time in 1895. The prestigious Hastings International Congress sent out invitations to the leading players in nations around the world. William Pollock represented Canada and he impressed with wins over Steinitz, Tarrasch and Gunsberg.

Stephen Smith represented Canada at the Olympic Games Tournament, held in Paris, 1924. On behalf of Canada, he signed the document founding the World Chess Federation, FIDE.

In the 1930s, the driving force for chess in Canada was Bernard Freedman, a Toronto diamond merchant. He re-organized the CFC and became Canada's representative to FIDE. In 1936, the Canadian Championship was held at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto. Freedman sponsored 11 year old Daniel Abraham Yanofsky to attend. 'Dan' or 'Abie,' as he was known then, cleaned up in the junior and amateur side events and made newspaper headlines. He was clearly playing well above the level of all other children. Yanofsky, still a child, was ready to compete in a world dominated by older men.

Finally, in 1939, Canada officially entered two FIDE events, thanks to the organizational efforts and financial support of Freedman. Buenos Aires, Argentina, hosted the Olympiad team tournament among nations. Concurrently, the Women's World Championship tournament was held.

For Canada's Olympiad team, Freedman gave up his place as reserve board in favour of the 14-year old Abe Yanofsky. Further changes in the line-up moved Yanofsky up to Board 2, after 5-time Canadian Champion John Morrison. Canada's final Olympiad team was John Morrison, Abe Yanofsky, Haakon Opsahl, Walter Holowach and Abraham Helman.

The team met in New York for the trip south by boat. They were joined by Annabelle Lougheed, who was competing in the Women's Championship. She would later marry Freedman. Yanofsky warmed up by winning a tournament in New York.

The team enjoyed their trip as a vacation, stopping off in the Caribbean for a holiday. Two surprises awaited Abe in Argentina. First, immigration authorities would not let him in without a guardian. Luckily, an Argentine Chess Federation official took on this job. Second, he met an older brother living there, whom he didn't know existed!

In the final round of the preliminary round-robin, Canada's Board 1, John Morrison, sat out while Abe moved up.

Notes from [4] which uses [1], [2] and [3] as sources. Chess - Canadian Supplement by Dudley LeDain, December, 1939 [3]; *Chess the Hard Way* by Daniel Abraham Yanofsky, 1953 [1]; Chess Olympiads, 1927–1968 by Arpad Foldeak, 1969 [2]; *The Games of D.A. Yanofsky* compiled and edited by David J. Ross, 1985 [4].

□ Yanofsky, D. Abraham

■ Dulanto, Alberto I

Olympiad, Preliminaries, Board 1, Buenos Aires, Argentina (7), 30.08.1939

French Defence [C10]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♗g5 dxе4

The two Bishops that Black has in this variation do not compensate for White's greater freedom of action [2].

5. $\mathbb{Q}xe4$ $\mathbb{Q}bd7$

A better continuation for Black is 5... $\mathbb{Q}e7$ 6. $\mathbb{Q}xf6$ $\mathbb{Q}xf6$, followed by developing the Knight at c6 [2].

6. $\mathbb{Q}f3$ $\mathbb{Q}e7$ 7. $\mathbb{Q}xf6+$ $\mathbb{Q}xf6$

Simpler is 7... $\mathbb{Q}xf6$ as 8. $\mathbb{Q}xf6$ $\mathbb{Q}xf6$ gives Black a level game [1].

8. $\mathbb{Q}d3$ c5

The immediate 8...0-0 gives White an advantage after 9. $\mathbb{W}e2$ c5 (9...b6 is prevented because of 10. $\mathbb{Q}xf6$ $\mathbb{Q}xf6$ 11. $\mathbb{W}e4$ double attack on h7, a mate threat and a8, where the Rook is unprotected) 10.dxc5 $\mathbb{W}a5+$ 11.c3 $\mathbb{W}xc5$ 12.0-0 $\mathbb{Q}d8$ 13. $\mathbb{Q}e5$; 8...b6 9. $\mathbb{Q}e5$ $\mathbb{Q}b7$ (9... $\mathbb{W}d5$ 10.f3) 10. $\mathbb{Q}xf6$ $\mathbb{Q}xf6$ 11. $\mathbb{Q}b5+$ [1].

9. $\mathbb{d}xc5$ $\mathbb{W}a5+$ 10. c3 $\mathbb{W}xc5$ 11. 0-0 0-0 12. $\mathbb{W}e1$

12. $\mathbb{W}e2$ is an excellent alternative [1].

12... $\mathbb{Q}d8$ 13. $\mathbb{Q}e5$ b6

13... $\mathbb{Q}d7$ and ... $\mathbb{Q}e8$, which would give Black a solid position, are stopped [4]; Overlooking White's threat. 13...h6 was essential, though after 14. $\mathbb{Q}xf6$ $\mathbb{Q}xf6$ 15. $\mathbb{Q}g4$, White still retains the initiative, e.g., 15... $\mathbb{Q}g5$ 16. $\mathbb{W}f3$ [1].

14. $\mathbb{Q}xf6$

Yanofsky thought for a half-hour on this move and calculated the subsequent play to after move 22 [1].

14... $\mathbb{Q}xf6$

Not 14...gxf6 15. $\mathbb{W}h5$ [2].

15. $\mathbb{Q}xh7+$ $\mathbb{Q}f8$

15... $\mathbb{Q}xh7$ 16. $\mathbb{W}h5+$ $\mathbb{Q}g8$ 17. $\mathbb{W}xf7+$ $\mathbb{Q}h7$ 18. $\mathbb{Q}e3$ and White mates quickly [1] [2], e.g., 18... $\mathbb{Q}g5$ 19. $\mathbb{Q}h3+$ $\mathbb{Q}h6$ 20. $\mathbb{Q}xh6+$ $\mathbb{Q}xh6$ 21. $\mathbb{W}g6\#$.

16. $\mathbb{W}h5$ $\mathbb{Q}xe5$

16... $\mathbb{W}c7$ allows White to win either the exchange or two pawns by 17. $\mathbb{Q}e4$ $\mathbb{Q}b7$ (17... $\mathbb{Q}b8$ 18. $\mathbb{Q}c6$) 18. $\mathbb{Q}xf7$ $\mathbb{Q}xe4$ 19. $\mathbb{Q}xd8$; If Black plays the natural 16...g6 he loses after 17. $\mathbb{Q}xg6$ fxg6 (17... $\mathbb{Q}xe5$ 18. $\mathbb{Q}xe5$) 18. $\mathbb{W}f3$ $\mathbb{Q}g7$ 19. $\mathbb{Q}g4$ [1].

17. $\mathbb{Q}xe5$ $\mathbb{W}c7$ 18. $\mathbb{Q}e4$ $\mathbb{Q}b7$ 19. $\mathbb{Q}xb7$ $\mathbb{W}xb7$ 20. $\mathbb{W}h8+$ $\mathbb{Q}e7$ 21. $\mathbb{W}xg7$ $\mathbb{Q}g8$

Black had gone this far in his calculations and felt quite happy since White is faced with mate or the loss of the Queen [1][2].



22. $\mathbb{Q}xe6+!!$

A direct hit from a well camouflaged piece [4].

22... $\mathbb{Q}xe6$ 23. $\mathbb{Q}e1+$ $\mathbb{Q}d6$

Black has three other plausible continuations: 23... $\mathbb{Q}f5$ 24. $\mathbb{Q}e5+$ $\mathbb{Q}f4$ 25. $\mathbb{Q}g3+$ $\mathbb{Q}f3$ 26. $\mathbb{Q}e3\#$; 23... $\mathbb{Q}d7$ 24. $\mathbb{W}xf7+$ $\mathbb{Q}c6$ 25. $\mathbb{Q}e6+$ $\mathbb{Q}d5$ 26. $\mathbb{Q}e7+$ discovered check winning the Queen; 23... $\mathbb{Q}d5$ 24. $\mathbb{W}d4+$ $\mathbb{Q}c6$ 25. $\mathbb{W}c4+$ $\mathbb{Q}d6$ (25... $\mathbb{Q}d7$ 26. $\mathbb{W}xf7+$) 26. $\mathbb{W}f4+$ $\mathbb{Q}c6$ (26... $\mathbb{Q}d5$ 27. $\mathbb{W}f3+$ wins the Queen by a skewer; 26... $\mathbb{Q}c5$ 27. $\mathbb{Q}e5+$ $\mathbb{Q}c6$ 28. $\mathbb{W}f6+$ $\mathbb{Q}c7$ 29. $\mathbb{W}xf7+$; 26... $\mathbb{Q}d7$ 27. $\mathbb{W}xf7+$) 27. $\mathbb{W}f3+$ $\mathbb{Q}c7$ 28. $\mathbb{W}xf7+$ [1].

24. $\mathbb{W}f6+$ $\mathbb{Q}c5$

24... $\mathbb{Q}d5$; 24... $\mathbb{Q}d7$ both lose the Queen quickly [1].

25. $\mathbb{Q}e5+$ $\mathbb{Q}c4$

25... $\mathbb{W}d5$ 26.b4+ $\mathbb{Q}c4$ 27. $\mathbb{W}f4+$ wins the Queen [1].

26. $\mathbb{b}3+$ $\mathbb{Q}d3$

26... $\mathbb{Q}xc3$ loses the Queen [4] on 27. $\mathbb{Q}e7+$.

27. $\mathbb{W}d6+$ $\mathbb{Q}c2$

27... $\mathbb{Q}xc3$ 28. $\mathbb{Q}e3+$ $\mathbb{Q}c2$ 29. $\mathbb{Q}e2+$ $\mathbb{Q}c1$ (29... $\mathbb{Q}b1$ 30. $\mathbb{W}d1\#$; 29... $\mathbb{Q}c3$ 30. $\mathbb{W}d2\#$) 30. $\mathbb{W}d2+$ $\mathbb{Q}b1$ 31. $\mathbb{W}b2\#$ [1].

28. $\mathbb{Q}e2+$ 1-0.

White mates [4].

This game attracted the attention of World Champion Alexander Alekhine, who followed all of young Yanofsky's remaining games and analyzed them with him!

Canada scored 11/24 in the 7 team Group 1 Preliminary, with Yanofsky going 4.5/7 (+3 =3 -1) on Board 2. Canada finished 5th, with only the top 4 qualifying for Group A in the Finals.

In the Group B Finals for the Copa Argentina, Canada scored 28/40 in the 11 team Round-Robin, tied with Iceland for first place. Canada was 2nd on tie-break. Yanofsky was the only Canadian to play every round. His result of 9.5/10 (+9 =1), including 9 wins in a row to finish the event, won him the prize for best individual result on Board 2 in the Group B Finals! Yanofsky went on to become Canada's first Grandmaster. Game notes are from [4] which uses [1], [2] and [3] as sources.

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Chess Globe

French players found guilty of cheating

GMs Sébastien Feller and Arnaud Hauchard, along with IM Cyril Marzolo were found guilty of cheating at the 2010 Olympiad in Khanty-Mansiysk last September. A Disciplinary Committee, appointed by the French Chess Federation, said there was ample evidence to suggest the three players in question exchanged text messages during several rounds of the Olympiad. The committee pointed out that Cyril Marzolo sent almost 200 messages to Feller and Hauchard during the rounds. A witness for the French federation, who had access to phone bills also suggested that cheating may have also taken place earlier at the 2010 Paris Championship.

The defendants argued that the texts did not prove cheating and that there was no proof that any computer was used to analyse at any time. At the same time, they argued that the communication between the players could not be used as evidence, citing privacy laws.

The committee deliberated for 2 hours and found the three players guilty of violating sporting ethics. Marzolo has been suspended from play for 5 years. Feller was banned for 3 years of play to be followed by 2 years of community service with the federation or another organization. Hauchard has been banned for life as captain of the Olympic team.

MP Reykjavik Open 2011

This strong event took place from March 9th through 16th. 6 players finished on top of a field of 155 players, with 7/9: Yuriy Kuzubov, Ivan Sokolov, Vladimir Baklan, Kamil Miton, Jon Ludvig Hammer and the emerging superstar, Illya Nyshnyk.

Canadian IM Leon Piasetski finished with 5/9.



72 Fischer-Spassky board sold in auction

The chess board and pieces used in game 3 of the famous Fischer-Spassky match has been sold at a New York auction for the tidy sum of \$76,275 (US). The board was given to one of the organizers of the most famous match in chess history, Guðmundur G. Þórarinsson, president of the Icelandic Chess Federation at the time.

Linares 2011 Cancelled

There will be no super-tournament in Linares, Spain this year. The event had been delayed until fall of this year, but organizational efforts could not come up with a suitable venue and dates to make it happen. Watch for Linares 2012 in the later half of March next year.

European Individual Chess Championship

Held from March 21st through April 3rd in Aix les Bain, France, the 12th edition of this tournament was decided by tie-breaks. Vladimir Potkin had the best tie-breaks after this 11 round swiss. Vladimir tied with Radoslaw Wojtaszek (POL), Judit Polgar (HUN) and Alexander Moiseenko (UKR) with 8.5/11. Judit made history by becoming the first women to finish in one of the top 3 spots.

Of the 407 players, 172 were GMs! Up for grabs were 23 qualification spots for the World Cup 2011 in Khanty-Mansiysk this August/September.

1st Metropolitan Chess

Los Angeles will play host to this international tournament from August 17th to August 21st, 2011. The 9 round swiss tournament will feature such stars as Mickey Adams, Loek van Wely, Ilya Smirin, Timur Gareev, just to name a few. GM, IM, WGM and WIM norms will be possible and will be open to players 2200+ FIDE.

4 Canadians have already registered: IM Raja Panjwani, IM Leon Piasetski, IM Jonathan Tayar and Michael Kleinman. The prize fund will be at least \$14,000 (US).

Website: <http://metrochessla.com/index.php>

Amber Chess Tournament

The 20th and final Amber Blindfold and Rapid tournament was played March 11-24 in Monte Carlo, Monaco. This year the total prize fund was € 227,000. The 12 players in the field were among the best in the world with the likes of Anand, Carlsen, Kramnik, Nakamura and Topalov. The format has each player playing two blindfold games and two rapid games per day. Time control is 25 minutes per player with a 20 second increment for the blindfold session and a 10 second increment for the rapid session.

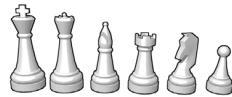


Lev Aronian of Armenia won overall. Aronian finished on top in the blindfold section scoring 8.5/11, a full point and a half ahead of Anand. Gashimov, Gelfand and Grischuk were next with 6 points. This marks the 3rd time Aronian has taken first overall, having won in 2008 and 2009. Carlsen won the rapid section with 9.5/11, a whopping two and a half points ahead of second place finisher Aronian. Anand, Ivanchuk and Topalov were next with 6 points.

Website: <http://www.amberchess20.com/index.html>



Across Canada



British Columbia

EAC Chess Arts #5

February 26-27

Tanraj Sohal won clear first in the latest Swiss tournament organized and run by Eugenio Alonso Campos. His 4.5/5 score was sufficient to push his rating over 2200 for the first time and thus at the age of fourteen he becomes B.C.'s newest master - congratulations! Brian McLaren was second and Darren Bates third in the nine-player event. See the coming events section below for information on the next tournament.

Source: *BCCF Bulletin #210*

EAC Chess Arts #6

March 19-20

For the second time in a row, Tanraj Sohal has won clear first in an EAC tournament and with the same score as last time - 4.5/5. Also winning prizes were Joe Roback (U2000), Darren Bates (U1800) and Joanne Foote (U1600)

Source: *BCCF Bulletin #211*

Wanted - Chess Players

Brock House Society, 3875 Point Grey Road, Vancouver, Activity Centre for Seniors, has a Chess Club which meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 1 o'clock. We welcome anyone to join our group. Brock House has many other activities also - including an inexpensive cafeteria. For all information email Bill Fry frysinfo@shaw.ca. Look forward to hearing from you!!

Source: *BCCF Bulletin #211*

Alberta

Northern Alberta Open

February 19-20

A total of 37 players entered the Northern Alberta Open. In the end, Richard Wang, FM Vladimir Pechenkin, Nic

Haynes and Rob McCullough (!) finished on top with 4/5. Alberta tie-breaks were applied and Richard Wang won the qualifying spot in the upcoming Alberta Closed.

TD: *Rick Pedersen*

March of Kings

March 5-6

Attendance this year was down slightly over last year, however a last minute flood at the door made the turnout respectable. 18 players registered and I had 2 players fill in the byes to make sure nobody got a forced bye. We made the split at 1700, exactly half of the paid entries. Edmonton was kind enough to lend their DGT boards and our new ACA Executive Director got his first lesson on how to use them. I think he passed with flying colours. Although I wasn't slated as organizer or arbiter, I did TD 4 of the rounds.

It seems these days that Roy can't lose. So far this year, Roy has won the Trumpeter Classic and he also tied for



Roy also donated a bottle of wine and a bottle of ice wine to be raffled off during the tournament. Here, Vlad Rekhsen receives his prize. The ice wine was won by Roy himself, which will be donated back at the next event.

first with Knut Neven at the Schleinich Memorial A. The only wrinkle so far this year was his performance at the Northern Alberta Open. Roy managed to go undefeated with 4.5/5, giving up just one half point to the tournaments second ranked player, Martin Robichaud. If you go back a little further in time, you will notice that Roy also tied for first at the 2010 Southern Alberta Open. 2nd place went to Martin Robichaud with 4/5 and third was taken by a returning Thomas Kaminski at 3.5/5. It was good to see Thomas back in the saddle again. Edmonton's Richard Pua made a brief appearance and played round 2, thanks for showing up Richard, although your opponent might not feel the same way?!

In the Under 1700 section, junior Chenxi Zhao finished with 3/5 to claim top prize. Had Arthur Milne sandbagged a little more (rated 1704), he might have shared that honour.

Mike Scholz took 2nd with 2.5/5 and it should be mentioned that Mike brought food for all of the players who participated. Mike always does this and it is always very much appreciated. Thank you once again Mike for not letting me starve! George Stacey won the U1200 prize as well as the biggest upset in the tournament for his win over Dewees Wood in round 2 (400 rating points). Gentleman George still needs to claim his prize! Honourable mention goes to Brady Jahruas, a new player at the Calgary Chess Club who was playing in his first ACA weekend event. Brady is an up and coming junior player who shows real promise and passion for the game. I guarantee this will not be the last time you read about him.

Thanks to Vlad, Roy, Dewees and anyone who I might have forgotten for their help in running this event.

TD: *Vlad Rekhson & Tony Ficzere*, Report: *Tony Ficzere*

Calgary vs. Saskatchewan Internet Match

March 12

Saskatchewan defeated Calgary in style by scoring 5.5-2.5 in the 8 games played. In the first round things looked to be going well for Calgary. On board one, Dale Haessel held a slight advantage with the black pieces over Robert Sasata but when it came down to the crunch and both players were playing on increment only, Robert scored the full point. I didn't see the game between Vlad and Jamin but I understand it was a strange draw. MacKinnon easily put the boots to Roy and our only bright spot was Krishneel Singh who won over Jason Xiao.

I was pre-occupied with the junior classes that I run here at the club on Saturdays and was unable to watch much of the match. The only game I did see was Krishneel's and he easily won over his opponent. The rest of our team all lost their second round games.

The Calgary team was plagued with connection problems throughout. I think we should look at purchasing a new wireless router to lessen this problem in future matches.

Congratulations to Saskatchewan on their excellent performance. There are rumblings about a re-match in the future.

Report: *Tony Ficzere*

Calgary International Active Fundraiser #1

March 13

The first fundraiser is over and a total of 12 players entered. The exciting last round went down to the wire. Perron vs. Neven saw Sean better, up two pawns and both players on increment. Perron's e-pawn was on the 7th, allowing him to sac a rook for a mating attack. Nice game Sean. But 1st place went to Alex Yam and Diwen Shi with 4/5. Diwen defeated Sean in an earlier round and put in a

performance rating of 2115. He just keeps getting stronger. So Alex and Diwen split most of the money and Krishneel Singh took the Top U1700 prize with 2.5/5.

Thanks to everyone who showed up to play. Hope to see you in a couple of weeks for Fundraiser #2.

TD, Organizer & Report: *Tony Ficzere*

Calgary Regional Chess Challenge

March 19

We see a wide range of talented chess players at this year's Calgary Regional Chess Challenge open to Grade 1 to 12. The challenge attracted 50 scholastic players to a new tournament venue, Cardel Place, in Calgary on March 19th. This was the first time in the Calgary Junior Chess Club's history to have 50 scholastic players in our regional challenge. This was possibly due to good advertising to



public, private, and catholic school boards. The advertising was done by NM Dan Kazmaier, National Expert Angelo Tolentino, and Simon Ong. Also, we had players from out-of-Calgary, for instance, Cochrane, participating in this event. There were a total of seven former Alberta Chess Challenge champions competing in this event.

The challenge featured not only the chess competition, but also the Chess-in-the-library program which attracted young players battling against each other on the giant chess board. The Calgary Junior Chess Club (CJCC) had recently started the Chess-in-the-library program where we provide chess tournaments, lessons and fun games in the public library. If you are interested in receiving our Chess-in-the-library program schedule, then please email any of our CJCC executive board members.

Again, this event was a huge improvement considering we went from 21 players from last year's regional to 50. This year's regional challenge was organized and directed by Simon Ong, Angelo Tolentino, and Roy Yearwood. We also had parents and teachers, including Paul Gagne and Gordon Lee, who helped throughout the event. Tony Ficzere had kindly helped us with the ordering of trophies. I would like to thank Angelo Tolentino, Roy Yearwood,

Paul Gagne, Gordon Lee, and Tony Ficzere for their contribution in making this event so successful.

I would also like to thank all the players and parents for taking their weekend time to participate in this event. I hope to see all of you in the Alberta Chess Challenge held in Red Deer on April 9th.

The champions and runner-ups of the Calgary Regional Chess Challenge were as followed (all champions will receive partial funding from the Calgary Chess Club to play in the Alberta Chess Challenge):

Grade 1. Ian Zhao (1st), Jennifer Tabbay (2nd)
 Grade 2. Staurt Chen (1st), Wayne Babiu (2nd), Zehan Li (3rd)
 Grade 3. Patrick Angelo Tolentino (1st), Jared Molina (2nd), Jacob Kerslake (3rd)
 Grade 4. Andre Angelo Tolentino (1st), John Vaganov (2nd), Seth Lalla (3rd won on tie-break), Simon Bollivar (3rd lost on tie-break)
 Grade 5. Zeling Li (1st), Raphael Libre (2nd won on tie-break), Garrick Bracken (2nd lost on tie-break)
 Grade 6. Diwen Shi (1st), Nicholas Lee (2nd won on tie-break), Lee Ma (2nd lost on tie-break)
 Grade 7. Chenxi Zhao (1st), Al Parikh (2nd), Derek Zhang (3rd)
 Grade 8. YueKai Wang (1st), Kevin Zhao (2nd), Nolan McMahon (3rd), Zachary Brad (3rd), Daniel Kostek (3rd)
 Grade 9. Krishneel Singh (1st), Nicka Kalaydina (2nd)
 Grade 10. David Zhang (1st), Brady Jahraus (2nd)
 Grade 11. Lucas Otani (1st), Mark Ting (2nd)
 Grade 12. Raymond Ong (1st won on tie-break), Yaroslav Babich (2nd)

Organizer: *Angelo Tolentino & Simon Ong*, Report: *Simon Ong*

Calgary International Active Fundraiser #2

March 27

With 15 players participating, 3 more than the previous event, the fundraiser was a success. Competition was tight with 3 masters taking part. Roy Yearwood just keeps on winning and today was no exception. Nobody could beat him and Roy finished with 4.5/5 to take first place all alone. Roy clinched top spot in the last round with a convincing win over Alex Yam. Along with his cash prize, Roy gets a paid entry into the Calgary International Reserve Section. Thomas Kaminski returned to the club and grabbed clear second with 4/5. Best Under 1700 was split between Tom McKay and the ever improving Krishneel Singh at 3/5. Deweese Wood grabbed the Biggest Upset prize for his win against Tom McKay. Special thanks to Jim Daniluk who intended to play, but even when he couldn't make the tournament, still donated \$20 to the cause! Two book draws were done. Krishneel Singh and Bob Macfie were the lucky winners of the

draws.

The next Active Fundraiser takes place on Sunday, April 10. We will be offering the same prizes with the exception that instead of the winner also winning a paid entry to the Calgary International Reserves, this prize will go to the player with the best performance Under 1800. If there is a tie, that prize will be decided by a 2 game blitz playoff.

TD, Organizer & Report: *Tony Ficzere*

2011 Calgary Closed and Reserves

February 15-March 29

Congratulations to IM Eric Hansen on winning the 2011

Calgary Closed. His opponent in the final round, Erik Tam, did not show so Eric won on forfeit. Eric went undefeated, scoring 6.5/7 to take clear first.

Eric picks up \$125 in cash plus \$400 towards expenses

to the tournament of his choice. Alex Yam finished alone in second with 5/7, drawing with Sean Perron in the final round from a slightly worse position. I think Alex called it the Yam Gambit!

Congratulations to Ivan Kornilo who finished on top in the Reserve Section with 5.5/7.

Arthur Milne and Belly Cacho split the 2nd place prize at 5/7. Things might have been different had Diwen Shi not missed round 6. As it was, Diwen captured the Top U1700 prize with his undefeated 4.5/7 and he also won the Biggest Upset prize for his round 4 victory over Belly Cacho (350 pt difference). Tom McKay and Ted Borowski split the 2nd U1700 prize. Brady Jahraus won the Top U1500 prize with 3/7.

We were fortunate to have the use of the DGT boards throughout most of this event. Our internet audience was considerable in the last 2 rounds and proved to be a popular edition to the tournament.

TD, Organizer & Report: *Tony Ficzere*

Lethbridge Open

April 2-3

Roy Yearwood continues his winning ways and finished tied for first with FM Vlad Pechenkin in Lethbridge, both scoring 4/5. He managed to draw with Pechenkin and also drew his last round game with Micah Hughey, sacking the exchange on the way. That game was quite interesting and it is still available on the ACA site for viewing. Greg Holmes and Joshua Willie split top honours in the U1700 section with 3/5. Mike Scholz and Yaroslav Ilnytskyy took all the money in the U1500 section. Biggest upset in the tournament went to Lethbridge player, Jack Davies, for his first round draw with Pechenkin.

After round 3, everyone was invited back to Paul's place for wine, cheese and beer. Since I was the tournament director, I was the last guy to make the party, but was able to extract the last piece of cheese before Art Milne could snatch it up. There was no shortage of beverages and I even managed to slip in a few shots of some very good scotch. I think all but 2 players from the tournament stopped by to enjoy Paul's hospitality. Paul is a class act all the way.

The turnout was a respectable 24 players (ok, 23 really as one player had to withdraw before he could make the trip). There is no doubt that the weather kept at least 3 others from attending as well and it would have been a record showing. The tournament has been gaining in popularity over the past 3 years and I am certain that 2012 will produce the largest one yet. Of note this year was the considerable improvement of the tables and chairs provided by the Lethbridge Lodge. Very comfortable high back office chairs and new tables gave the tournament a luxurious feel. The players really appreciated these new additions.

The local newspaper sent a photographer on Saturday and Paul Viminitz also did an interview with them on Sunday which appeared in Monday's paper in Lethbridge. The DGT boards also attracted a wide internet audience with over 150 different people checking out the games throughout the weekend.

So, thanks to Paul, Mike Sholz for providing transportation to Lethbridge, Stephen Stone for getting me home, Roy Yearwood for getting all the equipment back to Calgary and anyone else who pitched in to make the tournament a success.



Dr. Paul Viminitz, Lethbridge Open Organier, fine wine and beer maker and owner of fine scotch

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2011 Ottawa Spring Open



March 5-6

One of the good things about inclement weather is when you have a passion about something special indoors! Over 60 people thought the same way on the first weekend of March, to come together for the Ottawa Spring Open. The weather was a little strange at times, but no one was more than just a few minutes late to any of their games.

Also, once you were onsite, you were all set: the RA Centre in Ottawa provides many recreational options and a full restaurant/bar.

The players were split up quite evenly across 5 sections: Masters-U2200-U2000-U1800-U1600. All of them are being rated CFC and the top 3 (formerly 2) sections are also being rated FIDE. The CFC crosstables are being separated along the lines of the top 3 sections vs. the last 2 sections. By sheer luck, there was almost no need for floating amateur players up, nor even using odd-number floaters. For the next Ottawa event, the section rating cut-offs will be shaken up, not just for opponent variety, but also to help inject more FIDE rating performances, especially by U2000 players.

To the results. We started with 63 players and ended with \$2,600 in prizes! The Masters Section started with 2 FIDE title players: GM Bator Sambuev and IM Tom O'Donnell and by the end, young Roman Sapozhnikov was within reach of the FM title! Bator and Roman clearly owned this tournament, only losing a half-point to each other, en route to identical scores of 4.5-0.5, thus sharing the 1st and 2nd place prizes to the tune of \$400 each. A full point behind them, for \$200, was Tom, who battled back very professionally from a loss and a draw in his first 2 games, to finish with a score of 3.5-1.5, which was another full point ahead of the rest of the section. All 3 of these top section winners continually demonstrated the grinding edge that make them elite players!

In the U2200 Section, local veteran player, William Doubleday, took the clear lead by the 3rd round and never looked back. Bill earned \$300 for finishing with a score of 4-1. Right behind him at 3.5-1.5, was another experienced local player, Saeid Sadeghi, who grabbed \$200 for his result. For the first time with these particular section rating cut-offs (U2200, U2000, etc), we also had a \$100 U2200 3rd place prize. A 50% score was enough to get a piece of this, which was split by yet another local veteran player, Halldor Palsson, and by the very young and impressive Olivier-Kenta Chiku-Ratte.

The U2000 Section was a very friendly collection of good players playing battling chess and it also ended with by far

the closest in terms of results. 4 out of the 14 players scored 3.5-1.5 to tie for all \$500 in section prizes. In rating order, congratulations are in order for Emil Smilovici, Danail Donev, Stuart Brammall (amateur, no prize) and Robert Laszlo. This was a close section, with many final round games impacting the distribution of prizes.

Moving along to CFC rated only sections, the U1800 section also wrapped up dramatically across several boards in the last round. Both Luc Villeneuve and Francesco Dunne finished very strongly, to leap-frog into a tie at the top with scores of 4-1. They split the \$300 in prizes.

Finishing off with the U1600 Section, 2 young lads, Emil Levkovsky and David Zhang, scored 3.5-1.5 to top everyone else. However, Emil was playing as an amateur and so David grabbed the \$200 prize all for himself. David and his brother Kevin, were students of mine for a brief period a few years ago and it is great to see both of them rising up the chess ranks. Their parents are also the nicest chess parents, always very appreciative of the efforts of Organizers, TDs, etc.

Finally, I would like to thank some key people, without whom this tournament would not have gone so well. It is very often the same names, but I believe very deeply that these people deserve our appreciation for making these events so enjoyable. First up, Billy Carroll went out at his own expense and purchased hundreds of carbon copy scoresheets to donate to my Ottawa events. John Upper also donated some and he collected the submitted ones to write an article for the CFC newsletter. In addition, John is entering all the games collected to be forwarded to Hugh Brodie for his database. John also volunteered to be our FIDE sections floater, ensuring no forced byes for anyone and even though he was nursing a bad cold, he posted a phenomenal performance rating over 2600! Norman Devine also volunteered as a floater for the CFC-only sections. Guys, thank you so very much!

Even though the floaters are critical, often on very short notice, the hard-working guys who help me set-up and wrap-up save me hours of time. So special thanks to Billy Carroll and Halldor Palsson, especially in cleaning up, which helped me make it home, not too late for a mini family reunion. In other words, my wife says thanks too, LOL! Finally, it was great to see Stuart Brammall and Michael VonKeitz. These young men seem to know everything that is happening in our chess community, we could just talk for hours! It really is impressive how engaged Michael is at so many levels of chess governance and for a relatively youthful arbiter, Stuart is remarkably insightful, demonstrating very clear thinking when evaluating/comparing pairing system variations.

To all of you named in the previous 3 paragraphs, I tip my hat to you! Thanks!

TD, Organizer & Report: Aris Marghetis, FIDE Arbiter

John Upper has provided the following annotated games from this event.

Notes by NM John Upper

□ O'Donnell, Tom (2451)

■ Voloaca, Mihnea (2318)

Ottawa Spring Open, (1), 04.03.2011

Semi-Slav: Meran [D49]

First rounds usually produce one big upset. This time is wasn't Bator.

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 c6 4.e3 ♘f6 5.♘f3 ♘bd7 6.♘d3 dxc4 7.♘xc4 b5 8.♘d3 ♘b7 9.0-0 a6 10.e4 c5



The Meran system is the reason Black doesn't worry that ...e6 + ...c6 will leave the ♘c8 shut in and it is one of the main attractions of playing the Semi-Slav.

11.e5

More popular recently is 11.d5 ♘c7 12.dxe6 fxe6 13.♘c2 c4∞.

11...cxd4 12.♘xb5 axb5

12...♘xf3! is the equalizer and is recommended in Vigorito's *Play the Semi-Slav* (Quality, 2008) 13.♘xf3 ♘d5! {13...♘xe5? 14.♗xa8! ♘xa8 15.♘c7+ ♘d7 16.♗xa8 ♘xd3 17.♘d1 ♘c5 {17...♘b4 18.♘xd4+ ♘bd5 19.♘b6+-} 18.♘xd3 ♘xa8 19.♘f4± and White has strong pressure against the ♘d4 and exposed ♘d7} 14.♘xd4 ♘xe5 15.♗e4 ♘xd3 16.♘xd3 ♘c5 17.♗c4 {17.♗f3 0-0 18.♘d2 ♘b6 19.♘ac1 ♘fd8± *Piket, J 2570–Kramnik, V 2775, Monte Carlo {blindfold}*, 1996, 0-1, 41.} 17...♗d6 18.♘b3 ♘b6 19.♗a4+ ♘d7 20.♗a3 ♘e7 21.♗a4+ ♘d7 22.♗a3= *Nyzhnyk, I 2563–Gustafsson, J 2647, Reykjavik ISL, 2011, 1-0, 48*, was played a week after this game.

13.exf6 ♘b6

"From the perspective of the year 2000 it is clear that this is a second-rate choice, since 13...gxf6! gives Black far better practical results." – Kasparov, *MGP v2*, p.162.

14.fxg7 ♘xg7 15.♘f4 ♘c5

15...0-0! 16.♗e1 b4 {16...♘d5 17.♘e5 ♘xe5 {17...♗a7 18.♗g4 ♘c5 19.♘c2 f5! 20.♗d1 ♘e4± *Nogueiras Santiago, J 2575–Beliavsky, A 2640, Barcelona, 1989, 1-0 33.♗xe5 ♘xe5 19.♘xh7+ ♘xh7 20.♗h5+ ♘g7*}

21. $\mathbb{W}g5+$ $\mathbb{Q}h7$ 22. $\mathbb{W}h5+$ $\mathbb{Q}g8$ 23. $\mathbb{B}xe5$ $\mathbb{B}fb8\Box$ = {23... $\mathbb{B}fc8$ 24. $\mathbb{W}h6$ f5 25. $\mathbb{B}xf5+-$ } 24. $\mathbb{W}h6$ f5 \Box 25. $\mathbb{W}g6+$ $\mathbb{Q}f8$ 26. $\mathbb{W}f6+$ $\mathbb{Q}g8$ 27. $\mathbb{W}g6+$ $\mathbb{Q}f8$ 28. $\mathbb{W}f6+$ $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$, Matlak, M 2480–Bobras, P 2561, Karpacz, 2008) 17. $\mathbb{Q}e5$ $\mathbb{Q}c5$ 18. $\mathbb{W}g4$ f5 19. $\mathbb{W}g3$ $\mathbb{Q}d5\infty$, Brodsky, M 2524–Bruno, F 2441, Brescia, 2009, 0-1, 53.

16. $\mathbb{B}e1$ $\mathbb{Q}xd3$ 17. $\mathbb{W}xd3$ $\mathbb{B}d8$ 18. $\mathbb{B}ac1$ $\mathbb{B}d5$ 19. $\mathbb{B}e5$ $\mathbb{Q}xe5$



Up until now, both sides have been playing like World Champions.

20. $\mathbb{Q}xe5$

20. $\mathbb{B}xe5$ 21. $\mathbb{Q}xe5\pm$ f6? 22. $\mathbb{W}g3!+-$ fxe5 23. $\mathbb{W}g7$ $\mathbb{B}f8$ 24. $\mathbb{B}c7$ $\mathbb{W}xc7$ (24... $\mathbb{W}d6$ 25. $\mathbb{B}xb7$ d3 26. $\mathbb{B}a7$ $\mathbb{W}d8$ 27. $\mathbb{W}xh7+-$ Black can't simultaneously defend a8, d7, e7, f7 and stop $\mathbb{W}g6+.$) 25. $\mathbb{W}xc7$ $\mathbb{Q}d5$ 26. $\mathbb{W}xe5$ d3 27. $\mathbb{W}e3$ $\mathbb{Q}c4$ 28. b3 $\mathbb{W}f7$ 29. f3! $\mathbb{B}d7$ 30. $\mathbb{W}d2+-$ Botvinnik, M–Euwe, M, WCh, The Hague, Moscow, 1948, 1-0, 36.

20... $\mathbb{W}f6??$

20... $\mathbb{W}d6$ 21. $\mathbb{W}g3$ $\mathbb{B}f8\pm$.

21. $\mathbb{Q}g6!+-$

As in the Botvinnik–Euwe game above, $\mathbb{W}g3$ is also winning.

21... $\mathbb{B}g5!$

21... $\mathbb{W}xg6$ 22. $\mathbb{W}xg6+$ $\mathbb{Q}f8$ 23. $\mathbb{W}xf6+$ $\mathbb{Q}g8$ 24. $\mathbb{W}g6+$ $\mathbb{Q}f8$ 25. $\mathbb{B}xe6$ $\mathbb{W}d8$ 26. $\mathbb{B}c7!+-$.

22. $\mathbb{Q}f4?!$

Enough to keep an advantage, but missing the win.

22. $\mathbb{W}h3\Box+-$ $\mathbb{W}xg2+$ (22... $\mathbb{Q}d5$ 23. $\mathbb{Q}xh8+-$; 22... $\mathbb{W}xg2$ 23. $\mathbb{B}xe6+$ is mating, for example: 23... $\mathbb{Q}d8$ 24. $\mathbb{B}d6+$ $\mathbb{W}xd6$ 25. $\mathbb{B}c8\#$) 23. $\mathbb{Q}f1$ $\mathbb{W}xg6$ 24. $\mathbb{B}xe6!+-$.

22... $\mathbb{B}e5$ 23. $\mathbb{W}h3??$

23. $\mathbb{W}b3!+-$ $\mathbb{B}g7$ 24. $\mathbb{Q}d5$ $\mathbb{W}d6!$ 25. $\mathbb{W}xb5+$ $\mathbb{Q}f8$ 26. $\mathbb{B}c5\pm$.

23... 0-0 \Box 24. $\mathbb{W}d7$ $\mathbb{B}g7\Box+-$

24... $\mathbb{W}xf4??$ 25. $\mathbb{B}c7$ $\mathbb{W}xc7$ 26. $\mathbb{W}xc7$ $\mathbb{Q}xg2$ 27. $\mathbb{B}h4!+-$.

25. $\mathbb{W}e6+$

25. $\mathbb{Q}d5$ $\mathbb{B}xd7$ 26. $\mathbb{Q}xb6$ $\mathbb{B}d6+-$ traps the $\mathbb{Q}b6$.

25... $\mathbb{W}xe6$ 26. $\mathbb{Q}xe6$ $\mathbb{W}xg2+$ 27. $\mathbb{Q}f1$

Of course not 27. $\mathbb{Q}h1$ $\mathbb{B}g3+$ 28. f3 $\mathbb{Q}xf3\#.$

27... $\mathbb{Q}f3!$ 0-1.

27... $\mathbb{Q}f3$ 28. $\mathbb{B}c7$ $\mathbb{W}xh2$ Black has other ways to win, but this

is the most direct (28... $\mathbb{B}a8$ is simpler but 28... $\mathbb{B}e8??$ doesn't cut it: 29. $\mathbb{Q}xd4\infty$) 29. $\mathbb{B}g7+$ $\mathbb{Q}h8$ 30. $\mathbb{B}c1$ (30. $\mathbb{B}g3$ $\mathbb{B}h1$ 31. $\mathbb{B}g1$ $\mathbb{W}xg1$ 32. $\mathbb{Q}xg1$ $\mathbb{B}g8+-$) 30... $\mathbb{B}e8+-$ (30... $d3+-$).

Notes by NM John Upper

□ Sambuev, Bator (2718)

■ Kraiouchkine, Nikita (2332)

Ottawa Spring Open, (2), 05.03.2011

Slav Defence [D16]

1. d4 d5 2. $\mathbb{Q}f3$ $\mathbb{Q}f6$ 3. c4 c6 4. $\mathbb{Q}c3$ dxc4 5. a4 e6 6. e3 c5 7. $\mathbb{B}xc4$ cxd4 8. exd4



Black has transposed to a QGA where taking two moves to get in ...c5 gave White the extra move a2–a4. Black's idea is that White's $\mathbb{A}a4$ doesn't really help White and may actually be a weakness, since Black can use b4 for a \mathbb{Q} or \mathbb{B} . A quick database check suggests that this isn't true: over the last ten years, in games between 2300+ ELO players, White has scored -20 ELO with the pawn still on a2, but +60 ELO with the pawn on a4.

8... $\mathbb{Q}c6$ 9. 0-0 $\mathbb{Q}e7$ 10. $\mathbb{W}e2$ 0-0

It's worth seeing exactly why White can afford to "hang" the $\mathbb{Q}d4$: 10... $\mathbb{Q}xd4$? 11. $\mathbb{Q}xd4$ $\mathbb{W}xd4$ 12. $\mathbb{Q}b5!$ $\mathbb{W}b6$ (12... $\mathbb{W}d8$ 13. $\mathbb{Q}f4!$ 0-0! 14. $\mathbb{Q}c7\pm$ transposes) 13. $\mathbb{Q}e3$ $\mathbb{W}a5$ 14. $\mathbb{Q}d2!$ $\mathbb{W}d8$ (14... $\mathbb{W}b6$ 15. a5 $\mathbb{W}c6$ 16. $\mathbb{Q}xa7\pm$ threat: $\mathbb{Q}b5$) 15. $\mathbb{Q}f4$ 0-0 (15... $\mathbb{Q}d5?$ 16. $\mathbb{Q}xd5+-$ $\Delta\mathbb{Q}c7+$) 16. $\mathbb{Q}c7\pm$ $\Delta\mathbb{B}b8?$ 17. $\mathbb{B}fd1!$ $\mathbb{Q}d7$ 18. $\mathbb{Q}xe6!+-$ is the point: White wins way more than an exchange.

11. $\mathbb{B}d1$ $\mathbb{Q}b4$

11... $\mathbb{Q}d5$ 12. $\mathbb{Q}b3$ $\mathbb{Q}a5$ 13. $\mathbb{Q}a2$ $\mathbb{Q}b4?$ led to one of Shirov's most pathetic losses 14. d5! $\mathbb{Q}xa2$ 15. $\mathbb{B}xa2$ $\mathbb{Q}f6$ 16. $\mathbb{B}xe6$ $\mathbb{W}e7$ 17. $\mathbb{Q}d5\pm$ $\mathbb{W}xe6$ 18. b4 $\mathbb{Q}c6$ 19. b5 $\mathbb{Q}e5$ 20. $\mathbb{Q}c7$ $\mathbb{Q}xf3+$ 21. $\mathbb{Q}xf3$ $\mathbb{W}xe2$ 22. $\mathbb{B}xe2$ $\mathbb{Q}e6$, Kramnik–Shirov, Bilbao, 2010, 1-0, 41. (22... $\mathbb{B}b8$ 23. $\mathbb{Q}a3$ wins the other exchange.).

12. $\mathbb{Q}g5$ h6

12... $\mathbb{Q}d7$ 13. d5 exd5 14. $\mathbb{Q}xd5$ $\mathbb{Q}bxd5$ 15. $\mathbb{Q}xd5$ $\mathbb{Q}xd5$ 16. $\mathbb{B}xd5$ $\mathbb{Q}xg5$ 17. $\mathbb{Q}xg5$ h6 18. $\mathbb{B}ad1$ $\mathbb{W}xg5$ 19. $\mathbb{B}xd7$ $\mathbb{W}b6$ 20. g3±, Ivanchuk, V 2729–Svidler, P 2765, Monte Carlo (rapid), 2006, $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$, 46.

13. $\mathbb{Q}xf6$

13. $\mathbb{Q}h4$ $\mathbb{Q}d7$ 14. $\mathbb{Q}e5$ $\mathbb{Q}c6$ 15. $\mathbb{Q}g3$ (if 15. $\mathbb{Q}xc6$, ... $\mathbb{B}xc6!$ is the odd-looking but typical recapture: White's IQP will never go anywhere and Black's $\mathbb{Q}c6$ is very hard to attack.) 15... $\mathbb{Q}bd5$ 16. a5 $\mathbb{Q}c8$ 17. $\mathbb{Q}b3$ a6 18. $\mathbb{B}dc1$ $\mathbb{Q}b4$ 19. $\mathbb{Q}h4$ $\mathbb{W}d6$

20. $\mathbb{W}d1$ $\mathbb{Q}b5$ 21. $\mathbb{Q}xb5$ $axb5$ 22. $\mathbb{Q}xc8$ $\mathbb{Q}xc8$ 23. $\mathbb{W}f3$ $\mathbb{W}c7$
 24. $h3$ $\mathbb{Q}a8$ 25. $\mathbb{W}d1$ $\mathbb{Q}d6$, $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$, Ivanchuk, V 2748–
 Tkachiev, V 2639, France, 2010.

13... $\mathbb{Q}xf6$ 14. $\mathbb{W}e4N$

Simple but good. White makes it hard for Black to finish developing.

14... $\mathbb{W}a5$ 15. $\mathbb{Q}e5$ $\mathbb{Q}d8$ 16. $\mathbb{Q}e2$



16... $\mathbb{Q}d7?!$

This pawn sac doesn't get Black enough play. Here are two other options: 16... $\mathbb{Q}c6!$ 17. $\mathbb{Q}xc6$ (17. $\mathbb{Q}b5$ $\mathbb{Q}e7\infty$)
 17... $bxcc6$ 18. $\mathbb{W}xc6$ $\mathbb{Q}b8!\nexists$; 16... $\mathbb{Q}d5?!$ Δ 17. $\mathbb{Q}d3$ $\mathbb{Q}xc3$
 (17... $\mathbb{Q}f8?!$) 18. $bxcc3$ (18. $\mathbb{W}h7+$ $\mathbb{Q}f8$ 19. $bxcc3$ $\mathbb{Q}e7\infty$ is either crazy or inspired, depending on whether White can find some way to break the position open, I haven't.)
 18... $g6$ (18... $\mathbb{W}d5?!$ 19. $\mathbb{W}h7+$ $\mathbb{Q}f8$ 20. $\mathbb{Q}e4f$; 18... $\mathbb{Q}xe5$ 19. $dxe5C$) 19. $\mathbb{Q}xg6?!$ $fxg6$ 20. $\mathbb{W}xg6+$ $\mathbb{Q}g7$ 21. $\mathbb{Q}c2\infty$.
 Probably the critical variation. White threatens $\mathbb{W}h7+$ $\mathbb{Q}d3$ which will certainly win at least one more pawn; it wouldn't surprise me if White had a forced win here.

17. $\mathbb{W}xb7$ $\mathbb{Q}xe5$ 18. $dxe5$ $\mathbb{Q}c6$ 19. $\mathbb{W}e7$ $\mathbb{Q}d5$

Houdini suggests the unnatural-looking 19... $\mathbb{Q}f8$ 20. $\mathbb{Q}b5$ $a6$ 21. $\mathbb{Q}d4$ $\mathbb{Q}ab8$ 22. $\mathbb{W}d6$ $\mathbb{Q}d5\pm$.

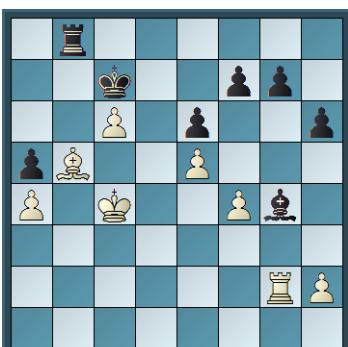
20. $\mathbb{Q}xd5$ $\mathbb{Q}xd5$

20... $\mathbb{Q}xd5$ 21. $b4$ $\mathbb{W}b6$ 22. $\mathbb{Q}ac1$ $\mathbb{Q}e8$ (22... $\mathbb{Q}ab8$ 23. $\mathbb{Q}c7$ $\mathbb{Q}f8$ 24. $\mathbb{Q}h5\pm$) 23. $\mathbb{Q}h4\pm$. Black doesn't have any compensation for the pawn.

21. $\mathbb{Q}xd5$ $\mathbb{Q}xd5$ 22. $b4$ $\mathbb{W}b6$ 23. $\mathbb{Q}c5$

23. $\mathbb{Q}c1!$ $\mathbb{W}d4$ 24. $\mathbb{Q}c7$ $\mathbb{Q}f8$ 25. $a5$ $\mathbb{W}xe5$ 26. $\mathbb{Q}f1$ $\mathbb{W}e1$ 27. $a6$ $\mathbb{W}d1$ 28. $h3\pm$ (28. $\mathbb{Q}c5? \mathbb{Q}xg2\infty=$).

23... $\mathbb{W}xc5$ 24. $bxcc5$ $\mathbb{Q}c8$ 25. $\mathbb{Q}c1$ $a5$ 26. $f4$ $\mathbb{Q}f8$ 27. $\mathbb{Q}a6$ $\mathbb{Q}c7$ 28. $\mathbb{Q}f2$ $\mathbb{Q}e7$ 29. $g4$ $\mathbb{Q}c6$ 30. $\mathbb{Q}b5$ $\mathbb{Q}d7$ 31. $\mathbb{Q}d1+$ $\mathbb{Q}e7$ 32. $\mathbb{Q}b1$ $\mathbb{Q}b7$ 33. $\mathbb{Q}e3$ $\mathbb{Q}d8$ 34. $\mathbb{Q}d4$ $\mathbb{Q}c7$ 35. $\mathbb{Q}c4$ $\mathbb{Q}f3$ 36. $\mathbb{Q}b2$ $\mathbb{Q}xg4$ 37. $c6$ $\mathbb{Q}b8$ 38. $\mathbb{Q}g2$



38... $\mathbb{Q}h5$

38... $\mathbb{Q}f3?!$ is a bit trickier, but White should still win:

39. $\mathbb{Q}xg7$ $\mathbb{Q}xc6$ 40. $\mathbb{Q}c5!$ (40. $\mathbb{Q}xf7+?$ $\mathbb{Q}b6$ 41. $\mathbb{Q}xc6$ {41. $\mathbb{Q}f6$ $\mathbb{Q}xb5$ + 42. $axb5$ $\mathbb{Q}c8+$ 43. $\mathbb{Q}d4$ $\mathbb{Q}xb5$ 44. $\mathbb{Q}xe6$ $a4\nexists$ })
 41... $\mathbb{Q}xc6$ 42. $\mathbb{Q}e7$ $\mathbb{Q}b4+=$ 40... $\mathbb{Q}xb5$ 41. $axb5$ $\mathbb{Q}f8$ 42. $b6+$ $\mathbb{Q}b7$ 43. $f5\Box+-$ Δ $exf5$ 44. $e6+-$.

39. $\mathbb{Q}c5\Box+-$

With the threat $\mathbb{Q}d2-d7+$; Bator plays the ending very accurately.

39... $\mathbb{Q}d8$ 40. $\mathbb{Q}c4!$ $\mathbb{Q}d1$ 41. $\mathbb{Q}b2$ $\mathbb{Q}c1$ 42. $\mathbb{Q}b7+$ $\mathbb{Q}c8$ 43. $\mathbb{Q}xf7$ $\mathbb{Q}f3$ 44. $\mathbb{Q}b6!$ $\mathbb{Q}xc6$ 45. $\mathbb{Q}c7+$ 1-0.

Notes by NM John Upper

□ Sapožnikov, Roman (2433)

■ Sambuev, Bator (2718)

Ottawa Spring Open, (3), 05.03.2011

Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack [C89]

1. $e4$ $e5$ 2. $\mathbb{Q}f3$ $\mathbb{Q}c6$ 3. $\mathbb{Q}b5$ $a6$ 4. $\mathbb{Q}a4$ $\mathbb{Q}f6$ 5. 0-0 $\mathbb{Q}e7$ 6. $\mathbb{Q}e1$ $b5$ 7. $\mathbb{Q}b3$ 0-0 8. $c3$ $d5$ 9. $exd5$ $\mathbb{Q}xd5$ 10. $\mathbb{Q}xe5$ $\mathbb{Q}xe5$ 11. $\mathbb{Q}xe5$ $c6$ 12. $d3$



This move could almost be considered the main line for White in the Marshall since it has been impossible to prove an advantage with 12. $d4$. It became especially popular after Shirov won two critical games with it during the 2007 FIDE Candidates matches. Its tactical justification can be seen in the note to Black's move 15.

12. $\mathbb{Q}d6$ 13. $\mathbb{Q}e1$ $\mathbb{Q}h4$

With 13... $\mathbb{Q}f5$, Shirov has had this position seven times as White. Here's the most important theoretical game: 14. $\mathbb{Q}f3$ $\mathbb{Q}h4$ 15. $g3$ $\mathbb{Q}h3$ 16. $\mathbb{Q}xd5$ $cxsd5$ 17. $\mathbb{Q}xd5$ $\mathbb{Q}ad8$ 18. $\mathbb{Q}g2$ $\mathbb{Q}xg2+$ 19. $\mathbb{Q}xg2$ $\mathbb{Q}xd3\pm$. White has an extra pawn and if this was a Capablanca game, the annotation would be "the rest is a simple matter for the Cuban genius's masterful technique." But Aronian isn't a 1920s master and he knows how to use the Bishop pair for (almost) full compensation. 20. $\mathbb{Q}e3$ $\mathbb{Q}fe8$ 21. $\mathbb{Q}d2$ $b4$ 22. $\mathbb{Q}b6$ $\mathbb{Q}xe1$ 23. $\mathbb{Q}xe1$ $\mathbb{Q}b8$ 24. $\mathbb{Q}a5$ $bxcc3$ 25. $\mathbb{Q}xc3$ $f6$. Aronian held on for a draw in Shirov–Aronian, Morelia/Linares, 2008, $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$, 77.

14. $g3$ $\mathbb{Q}h3$ 15. $\mathbb{Q}e4$

White stops ... $f5$, since $\mathbb{Q}h4$ would trap the $\mathbb{Q}h3$. 15. $\mathbb{Q}xd5$ $cxsd5$ 16. $\mathbb{Q}f3$, Shirov, A 2722–Arsenau, P, Ottawa, 2011, RACC Shirov Simul, 1-0, 33.

15... $\mathbb{Q}f6$

If White had played 12.d4 instead of 12.d3, then Black could now play: 15...g5!f since 16. $\mathbb{Q}xg5$? $\mathbb{W}f5$ would win by forking the $\mathbb{Q}g5$ and the undefended $\mathbb{E}e4$.

16. $\mathbb{Q}h4$ $\mathbb{W}f5$ 17. $\mathbb{Q}d2$ $\mathbb{Q}g4$

Black has several options here. Unbalanced but heavily analyzed: 17...g5!f? 18. $\mathbb{E}h6$ $\mathbb{Q}g4$ 19. $\mathbb{Q}e4$ $\mathbb{Q}xh6$ 20. $\mathbb{Q}xd6$ $\mathbb{W}g6$ 21. $\mathbb{Q}e4$, computers prefer White, but Black scores OK from here; Suicidal is 17... $\mathbb{W}xd3$? 18. $\mathbb{Q}d4$ — forks the $\mathbb{Q}d3$ and $\mathbb{Q}d6$; The rare 17... $\mathbb{Q}c7$ 18. $\mathbb{Q}f3$ c5 19. $\mathbb{Q}g5$ $\mathbb{Q}b7$ 20. $\mathbb{Q}f4$! $\mathbb{W}g6$ 21. $\mathbb{Q}xf6$ $\mathbb{Q}xf6$ 22.d4 (22.a4!?), Stellwagen, D 2616–Beliavsky, A 2606, Paks, 2008, $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$, 43.

18. $\mathbb{W}f3$ N

Here's the line I would study if I expected to play this opening: 18.f3!f? $\mathbb{Q}e3$ 19. $\mathbb{W}e2$ $\mathbb{Q}d5$ 20.c4 (20. $\mathbb{Q}e4$ $\mathbb{Q}e7$ 21. $\mathbb{Q}g4$ $\mathbb{Q}f4$ 22. $\mathbb{Q}xf4$ $\mathbb{W}xf4$ 23. $\mathbb{Q}h3$ ±) 20... $\mathbb{Q}b4$ 21. $\mathbb{Q}e4$ $\mathbb{Q}e7$ 22.a3! $\mathbb{Q}xh4$ 23.gxh4±, the $\mathbb{Q}b4$ has no escape.

18... $\mathbb{Q}e7$ 19. $\mathbb{W}xf5$ $\mathbb{Q}xf5$ 20.h3 $\mathbb{Q}e5$ 21. $\mathbb{Q}f4$ $\mathbb{Q}xd3$ 22. $\mathbb{Q}f3$ =
 $\mathbb{Q}g6$

22...g5? 23. $\mathbb{Q}xe5$ gxf4 24. $\mathbb{Q}xd3$ +=.

23. $\mathbb{Q}d4$ $\mathbb{Q}f5$ 24.g4 $\mathbb{Q}e6$ 25. $\mathbb{Q}xe6$ fxe6 26. $\mathbb{Q}g2$ $\mathbb{Q}f7$ 27. $\mathbb{Q}g5$!
e5 28. $\mathbb{Q}d3$ $\mathbb{Q}f4$ 29. $\mathbb{Q}e6$ $\mathbb{Q}f6$ 30. $\mathbb{Q}g5$ $\mathbb{Q}af8$ 31. $\mathbb{Q}e4$ $\mathbb{Q}f4$
32. $\mathbb{Q}e3$ $\mathbb{Q}h4$ + 33. $\mathbb{Q}g3$

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33... $\mathbb{Q}xe4$!! 34. $\mathbb{Q}xe4$ $\mathbb{Q}f3$ + 35. $\mathbb{Q}h2$ $\mathbb{Q}xf2$ + 36. $\mathbb{Q}g1$

36. $\mathbb{Q}h1$?? $\mathbb{Q}f3$, #3.

36... $\mathbb{Q}c5$ 37. $\mathbb{Q}e3$ $\mathbb{Q}e2$ 38. $\mathbb{Q}xc5$ $\mathbb{Q}xe4$ ±

Black has won a pawn and now White has to prove that the \mathbb{Q} is enough compensation.

39. $\mathbb{Q}f2$ $\mathbb{Q}f4$ + 40. $\mathbb{Q}g3$ $\mathbb{Q}g6$

40...g5!± seems to me to give Black more fixed targets and good squares for his \mathbb{Q} . Critically, White doesn't have time to win the $\mathbb{Q}e5$: Δ 41. $\mathbb{Q}e1$? (41. $\mathbb{Q}d6$? $\mathbb{Q}f3$ + 42. $\mathbb{Q}h2$ $\mathbb{Q}d3$ 43. $\mathbb{Q}xe5$ $\mathbb{Q}f3$ +-) 41... $\mathbb{Q}f3$ + 42. $\mathbb{Q}h2$ $\mathbb{Q}xc3$!+-.

41. $\mathbb{Q}e1$ e4 42. $\mathbb{Q}e3$ $\mathbb{Q}f7$ 43. $\mathbb{Q}d4$ $\mathbb{Q}e6$ 44.h4!=

44. $\mathbb{Q}xg7$ $\mathbb{Q}d5$ 45.b4 (45.h4 $\mathbb{Q}f7$ 46. $\mathbb{Q}d4$ c5 wins the \mathbb{Q})
45... $\mathbb{Q}f1$ ±.

44... $\mathbb{Q}f3$ + 45. $\mathbb{Q}xf3$ exf3 46. $\mathbb{Q}xg7$

46.h5 $\mathbb{Q}e5$ 47. $\mathbb{Q}xe5$ $\mathbb{Q}xe5$ 48. $\mathbb{Q}xf3$ a5 49. $\mathbb{Q}e3$ =.

46... $\mathbb{Q}xh4$ 47. $\mathbb{Q}d4$ $\mathbb{Q}g6$ 48. $\mathbb{Q}xf3$ $\mathbb{Q}e5$ + 49. $\mathbb{Q}f4$!?
 $\mathbb{Q}d3$ + 50. $\mathbb{Q}g5$ $\mathbb{Q}f7$ 51.b4 $\mathbb{Q}c1$ 52.a3 $\mathbb{Q}d3$ 53. $\mathbb{Q}h6$ $\mathbb{Q}g8$ 54. $\mathbb{Q}g5$
 $\mathbb{Q}f7$ 55. $\mathbb{Q}h6$ $\mathbb{Q}g8$ 56. $\mathbb{Q}g5$ $\mathbb{Q}b2$ 57. $\mathbb{Q}f6$ $\mathbb{Q}c4$ 58. $\mathbb{Q}e7$ $\mathbb{Q}xa3$
59. $\mathbb{Q}d7$ $\mathbb{Q}f7$ 60. $\mathbb{Q}xc6$ $\mathbb{Q}g6$ 61. $\mathbb{Q}e3$ $\mathbb{Q}b1$ 62. $\mathbb{Q}b6$ $\mathbb{Q}xc3$
63. $\mathbb{Q}xa6$ $\mathbb{Q}d5$ 64. $\mathbb{Q}d2$ $\mathbb{Q}xb4$ + 65. $\mathbb{Q}xb4$ h5 $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$.

Notes NM by John Upper

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Ottawa Spring Open, (4), 06.03.2011

[C06]

1.d4 e6 2.e4 d5 3. $\mathbb{Q}d2$ $\mathbb{Q}f6$ 4.e5 $\mathbb{Q}fd7$ 5. $\mathbb{Q}d3$ c5 6.c3 $\mathbb{Q}c6$
7. $\mathbb{Q}e2$ cxd4 8.cxd4 f6 9. $\mathbb{Q}f4$!?



I was playing as a "floater", but I had to take Saturday off because of a fever. Since I hadn't eaten much the day before, one of my main goals was to finish this game fast enough to get to the RA's Sunday Brunch Buffet (\$13.50 all you can eat and free coffee!). That's why I played $\mathbb{Q}f4$: like a lot of super-sharp lines, with best play it's probably a perpetual. So if we both know what we're doing it's a quick draw and if one of us doesn't then it's a quick win. Either way, time for the buffet!

9... $\mathbb{Q}xd4$ 10. $\mathbb{Q}h5$ + $\mathbb{Q}e7$ 11. $\mathbb{Q}g6$ + hxg6 12.exf6+ $\mathbb{Q}xf6$
13. $\mathbb{Q}xh8$ $\mathbb{Q}f7$ 14.0-0

14. $\mathbb{Q}h4$ is the more popular continuation, but requires more manoeuvring than my appetite would allow. 14...e5 15. $\mathbb{Q}f3$ $\mathbb{Q}xf3$ + (15...e4!?) 16.gxf3 $\mathbb{Q}f5$ 17. $\mathbb{Q}xf5$ gxf5 18. $\mathbb{Q}g5$ $\mathbb{Q}a5$ + 19. $\mathbb{Q}f1$ g6 20. $\mathbb{Q}h8$ $\mathbb{Q}a6$ + 21. $\mathbb{Q}g2$ $\mathbb{Q}e8$ 22. $\mathbb{Q}ac1$ $\mathbb{Q}e7$ 23. $\mathbb{Q}h6$ $\mathbb{Q}d6$ ∞, Rublevsky, S 2702–Volkov, S 2594, Dagomys, 2009, 1-0, 51.

14...e5 15. $\mathbb{Q}f3$

It looks ridiculous to allow Black to destroy the pawns in front of my own King, but this trades off Black's $\mathbb{Q}d4$ (as would 15. $\mathbb{Q}b3$) and by opening the g-file, White gets a second line for his Rooks. 15. $\mathbb{Q}b3$ $\mathbb{Q}xb3$ 16.axb3 $\mathbb{Q}f5$ 17. $\mathbb{Q}xf5$ gxf5 18. $\mathbb{Q}g5$ $\mathbb{Q}c5$ 19. $\mathbb{Q}h3$ g6 20. $\mathbb{Q}ac1$ $\mathbb{Q}b6$ =. White's problem is that he has only one file for the Rooks and Black has it covered, Istratescu, A 2610–Bartel, M 2634, Peristeri, 2010, $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$, 35.

15... $\mathbb{Q}xf3$ + 16.gxf3 $\mathbb{Q}h5$



17. $\mathbb{Q}xg6+$!

I spent a while trying to make sure I knew what was going on, but this is all still theory.

17... $\mathbb{Q}xg6$ 18. $\mathbb{Q}h1$ $\mathbb{Q}f6$?

White remembers more than Black. Horay for homework!! 18... $\mathbb{W}h4$! 19. $\mathbb{W}xf8$ computers prefer White here, but Black has a long-lasting initiative: 19... $\mathbb{W}h3$ (19... $\mathbb{Q}h7$ 20. $\mathbb{Q}g1$ $\mathbb{W}xf2$ 21. $\mathbb{W}f7$?? $\mathbb{Q}g4$! Again, 0-1 Pirrot, D 2355 – Hertneck, G 2475, Germany, 1989, GER–chT. {This is actually a very cute mating combo: 21... $\mathbb{Q}g4$ 22. $\mathbb{Q}xg4$ $\mathbb{W}f1$ + 23. $\mathbb{Q}g1$ $\mathbb{Q}g3$!+ 24. $\mathbb{Q}xg3$ $\mathbb{W}h3$ #}) 20. $\mathbb{Q}g1$ + $\mathbb{Q}h7$ 21. $\mathbb{W}a3$! (21. $\mathbb{Q}h6$?? $\mathbb{Q}g4$!+ 22. $\mathbb{Q}g3$ $\mathbb{W}xf8$ 23. $\mathbb{Q}xh3$ $\mathbb{Q}xh3$ 0-1, Illan Garcia, F 2005–Casas Mor, C 2055, Castelldefels, 2001, EXT, 2002) 21... $\mathbb{Q}f5$ 22. $\mathbb{Q}d2$ ∞, Lettieri, G 2202–Luther, T 2540, Verona, 2005, 1-0, 43.

19. $\mathbb{Q}g1$ + $\mathbb{Q}g4$??

□ 19... $\mathbb{Q}f7$ 20. $\mathbb{Q}xg7$ + $\mathbb{Q}e6$ 21. $\mathbb{Q}g5$ $\mathbb{Q}e7$ 22. $\mathbb{W}h6$ f; □ 19... $\mathbb{Q}g4$ 20. $\mathbb{Q}xg4$ $\mathbb{Q}d4$ 21. $\mathbb{W}h3$ ±.

20. $\mathbb{Q}xg4$ +– $\mathbb{Q}f7$

When he played 19... $\mathbb{Q}g4$, Black overlooked that the counter-attack after 20... $\mathbb{Q}f6$ is very short-lived:

21. $\mathbb{W}h5$ #; We both saw this: 20... $\mathbb{Q}e7$ 21. $\mathbb{W}h5$ + $\mathbb{Q}f6$ 22. $\mathbb{Q}g5$ + $\mathbb{Q}e6$ 23. $\mathbb{W}g6$ + $\mathbb{Q}d7$ 24. $\mathbb{W}xg7$ –, White's up a pawn and an exchange and there's no stopping the $\mathbb{Q}g5$.

21. $\mathbb{W}h5$! $\mathbb{Q}e6$ 22. $\mathbb{Q}f4$ $\mathbb{Q}e4$ 23. $\mathbb{Q}e3$ $\mathbb{Q}b6$ 24. $\mathbb{Q}ac1$ $\mathbb{W}d6$!

Subjectively the best: Black is lost no matter what he does and this move leaves more time for the buffet! 24... $\mathbb{Q}b7$ 25. $\mathbb{W}e5$ + $\mathbb{Q}d7$ 26. $\mathbb{Q}f5$! (threatens $\mathbb{W}e6$ #) 26... $\mathbb{Q}e7$ 27. $\mathbb{Q}g5$!–.

25. $\mathbb{W}e8$ + $\mathbb{Q}e7$ 26. $\mathbb{Q}c6$ # 1-0.

This is the first time my opening prep has paid off with a quick win OTB. Having spent hundreds of hours studying opening lines, I can finally say that the marginal utility of opening preparation is at least very slightly greater than zero. Of course, my opponent and I went over the game in the restaurant :–)

Notes by NM John Upper

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 ■ Kraiouchkine, Nikita (2332)
 Ottawa Spring Open, (5), 06.03.2011
 Ruy Lopez [C63]

Going into the last round, White was tied for the lead. But

with Sambuev paired against an opponent 400 points lower rated, the pressure was on to win to keep pace.

1. $\mathbb{Q}e4$ $\mathbb{Q}e5$ 2. $\mathbb{Q}f3$ $\mathbb{Q}c6$ 3. $\mathbb{Q}b5$ $f5$ 4. $\mathbb{Q}c3$ $fxe4$ 5. $\mathbb{Q}xe4$ $d5$ 6. $\mathbb{Q}xe5$

This seems to be Black's main choice against the Lopez. Twice last year in Ottawa, Black faced the less popular 6. $\mathbb{Q}g3$ $\mathbb{Q}g4$ 7. $\mathbb{Q}h3$ $\mathbb{Q}xf3$ 8. $\mathbb{W}xf3$ $\mathbb{Q}f6$ 9. 0-0 (9. $\mathbb{Q}d3$ $\mathbb{Q}c5$ 10. $\mathbb{Q}e3$ $\mathbb{Q}xe3$ 11. $\mathbb{W}xe3$ 0-0 12. $\mathbb{Q}xc6$ $bx6$ 13. 0-0 $\mathbb{Q}e8$ 14. $\mathbb{Q}fe1$ $\mathbb{W}d6$, ½-½, Levkovsky, A–Kraiouchkine, N 2355, National Capital Open, 2010) 9... $\mathbb{Q}d6$! 10. $\mathbb{Q}h5$ $\mathbb{Q}xh5$ 11. $\mathbb{W}xh5$ + $g6$ 12. $\mathbb{W}c2$ 0-0=, Arsenault, N 2254–Kraiouchkine, N 2350, RA Fall Open, 2010, 1-0, 38.

6... $\mathbb{Q}xe4$ 7. $\mathbb{Q}xc6$ $\mathbb{W}d5$

The main line goes: 7... $\mathbb{W}g5$ 8. $\mathbb{W}e2$ $\mathbb{Q}f6$ 9. $\mathbb{Q}f4$ $\mathbb{W}xf4$ 10. $\mathbb{Q}e5$ + $c6$ 11. $\mathbb{Q}d4$ $\mathbb{W}h4$ + 12. $\mathbb{Q}g3$ $\mathbb{W}h3$ 13. $\mathbb{Q}c4$ $\mathbb{Q}e6$ 14. $\mathbb{Q}g5$. Despite the burst in popularity of this line after Radjabov started playing it regularly in 2007, this position is over 100 years old: 14... 0-0-0 (14... $\mathbb{Q}d6$ 15. $\mathbb{Q}xe6$ $\mathbb{W}xe6$ 16. $\mathbb{Q}c4$ 0-0-0 17. 0-0-0 $\mathbb{Q}c7$ =, Von Bardeleben, C–Spielmann, R, Berlin, 1909, ½-½, 44) 15. 0-0-0 $\mathbb{Q}d6$ 16. $\mathbb{Q}hf1$ $\mathbb{W}e8$ 17. $\mathbb{Q}xf6$ $gxf6$ 18. $\mathbb{Q}xf6$ $\mathbb{Q}xe5$ 19. $\mathbb{Q}xe6$ 20. $\mathbb{Q}xe6$ + $\mathbb{W}xe6$ 21. $\mathbb{Q}dx5$ $\mathbb{W}h6$!=, Carlsen, M 2813–Nisipeanu, L 2672, Medias, Bazna Kings, 2010, ½-½, 32.

8. $\mathbb{Q}c4$ $\mathbb{W}d6$

8... $\mathbb{W}g5$? 9. $\mathbb{Q}d4$!± $\mathbb{W}xg2$? 10. $\mathbb{W}h5$ ++–. White has a winning attack.

9. $\mathbb{Q}xa7$ + $\mathbb{Q}d7$ 10. $\mathbb{W}h5$ + $g6$ 11. $\mathbb{Q}xd7$ + $\mathbb{W}xd7$ 12. $\mathbb{W}e5$ + $\mathbb{Q}f7$ 13. $\mathbb{Q}b5$!

Black has had this position before and White erred with 13. $\mathbb{W}xh8$? $\mathbb{Q}f6$ 14. 0-0 $\mathbb{Q}d8$! (14... $\mathbb{Q}xa7$? {allows the $\mathbb{W}h8$ to escape} 15. $\mathbb{Q}d4$ $exd3$ 16. $\mathbb{Q}g5$ –) 15. $\mathbb{Q}b5$ $\mathbb{Q}c5$ 16. $\mathbb{W}xd8$ $\mathbb{W}xd8$ ∞ 17. $\mathbb{Q}a3$ (17. $\mathbb{Q}b4$?? $\mathbb{Q}xb4$ 18. $\mathbb{Q}b1$ $\mathbb{Q}c5$ 19. $\mathbb{Q}b3$ ∞) 17... $\mathbb{Q}g4$ 18. $\mathbb{Q}h3$ $\mathbb{Q}e5$ 19. $\mathbb{Q}b4$ $\mathbb{Q}d4$ 20. $\mathbb{Q}xd4$ $\mathbb{W}xd4$ 21. $\mathbb{Q}b1$ $\mathbb{Q}d3$ ∞, Libersan, T 2206–Kraiouchkine, N 2089, Trois Rivieres, 2006, 0-1, 35.

13. $\mathbb{Q}c6$ 14. $\mathbb{Q}c3$

14. $\mathbb{W}d4$ $\mathbb{Q}d8$ 15. $\mathbb{W}xd7$ + (ChessBase databases have a suspicious game score: 15. 0-0?? $\mathbb{Q}f6$?? 16. $\mathbb{W}xd7$ ± Shirov, A 2726–Becx, C 2250, Dordrecht, 1999, 1-0, 35) 15... $\mathbb{Q}xd7$ 16. $\mathbb{Q}c3$ $\mathbb{Q}f6$ 17. $\mathbb{Q}b3$ $\mathbb{Q}c5$ It's hard to believe Black has full compensation for two pawns, but White has to be careful: 18. $\mathbb{Q}b2$? $\mathbb{Q}xf2$ +, Keith–Jacques, L 2040–Kraiouchkine, N 2235, Québec, CAN, 2008, ½-½, 28.

14... $\mathbb{Q}e8$ 15. $\mathbb{W}f4$ +

15. $\mathbb{W}xh8$? $h5$ ± Δ ... $\mathbb{Q}g7$.

15... $\mathbb{Q}f6$ 16. $\mathbb{Q}h3$ $\mathbb{Q}c5$ 17. $\mathbb{Q}b4$!? $\mathbb{Q}xb4$ 18. $\mathbb{Q}b2$ $\mathbb{Q}d6$

18... $\mathbb{Q}hf8$ 19. $\mathbb{Q}d5$! $\mathbb{Q}xd2$ + 20. $\mathbb{W}xd2$ (20. $\mathbb{Q}xd2$ $\mathbb{Q}g8$ ∞) 20... $\mathbb{Q}xd5$ 21. $\mathbb{Q}xf6$ $\mathbb{Q}xf6$ 22. $\mathbb{W}d4$ ±.

19. $\mathbb{Q}e3$ $\mathbb{Q}e6$ 20. $\mathbb{W}e2$ $\mathbb{Q}hf8$ 21. 0-0-0 $\mathbb{Q}g8$ 22. $\mathbb{Q}d3$ $\mathbb{Q}b4$ 23. $\mathbb{Q}he1$ $\mathbb{Q}f7$ 24. $\mathbb{Q}c2$ $\mathbb{Q}h5$?

Black mixes up his move-order. 24... $exd3$! 25. $\mathbb{W}xd3$ $\mathbb{Q}xe1$ 26. $\mathbb{Q}xe1$ $\mathbb{Q}h5$ ∞.

25. $\mathbb{Q}xe4$! $\mathbb{Q}a8$

25... $\mathbb{Q}xe4$ 26. $\mathbb{Q}xe4$ defends f2, while 25... $\mathbb{Q}xc3$ 26. $\mathbb{W}xc3$ gives White a colossal attack.

26. $\mathbb{W}b3$ $\mathbb{Q}d6$ 27.d4 $\mathbb{Q}f4$ 28.c5 $\mathbb{Q}c7$ 29. $\mathbb{E}e7$ $\mathbb{W}xb3$ 30.axb3 $\mathbb{E}f7$ 31. $\mathbb{E}xf7$ $\mathbb{Q}xf7$



32.d5!?

32.g3! $\mathbb{Q}d5$ (32... $\mathbb{Q}xh3?$ 33. $\mathbb{E}h1!$ wins the $\mathbb{Q}h3$ or the $\mathbb{E}h7$ and $\mathbb{Q}c7$.) 33. $\mathbb{Q}xd5$ cxd5 34. $\mathbb{E}e1+$.

32... $\mathbb{Q}xg2$ 33.dxc6 $\mathbb{Q}f4+$ 34. $\mathbb{Q}c2$ bxc6 35. $\mathbb{Q}e2$ $\mathbb{E}e8\pm$ 36. $\mathbb{Q}d4$ $\mathbb{Q}e3!$ 37.fxe3 $\mathbb{Q}xe3+$ 38. $\mathbb{Q}d2$ $\mathbb{Q}xd1$ 39. $\mathbb{Q}xd1$ $\mathbb{E}c8$ 40. $\mathbb{Q}e2$ $\mathbb{Q}e7$ 41. $\mathbb{Q}d3$ $\mathbb{Q}d7$ 42. $\mathbb{Q}f3$ $\mathbb{E}f8$ 43. $\mathbb{Q}e5+$ $\mathbb{Q}c7$ 44. $\mathbb{Q}c1$ $\mathbb{E}f5$ 45.h4 $\mathbb{Q}b7$ 46. $\mathbb{Q}d4$ $\mathbb{E}h5$ 47. $\mathbb{Q}f3$



Bator wasn't enjoying this at all. He had already won his last-round game and waited for this game on Board 2 to see if he would have to split the 1st place prize.

47...h6

47... $\mathbb{E}d5+$ 48. $\mathbb{Q}c4$ $\mathbb{E}f5$ 49. $\mathbb{Q}d4$ $\mathbb{E}h5$ 50. $\mathbb{Q}g5$ h6 51. $\mathbb{Q}f6$ g5 52.hxg5 hxg5 \Rightarrow .

48.b4 $\mathbb{E}d5+$ 49. $\mathbb{Q}e4$ g5?

49... $\mathbb{E}h5!$? 50. $\mathbb{Q}f4$ $\mathbb{Q}a6$ 51. $\mathbb{Q}g3$ $\mathbb{Q}b7$ (51... $\mathbb{Q}b5?$ 52. $\mathbb{Q}e1+$ – $\Delta\mathbb{Q}d4$ or $\mathbb{Q}e5$) 52. $\mathbb{Q}e5$ g5 53.hxg5 (53. $\mathbb{Q}f5?$ gxh4+ \square 54. $\mathbb{Q}g4$ hxg3!) 55. $\mathbb{Q}xh5$ g2 56. $\mathbb{Q}f3$ $\mathbb{Q}a6=$) 53... $\mathbb{E}xg5$ 54. $\mathbb{Q}f4$ $\mathbb{E}h5$ again, Black has an outside pawn to worry White.

50.hxg5 hxg5 51. $\mathbb{Q}xg5+$ $\mathbb{E}d1$ 52. $\mathbb{Q}d4$ $\mathbb{Q}c7$ 53. $\mathbb{Q}f4+$ $\mathbb{Q}b7$ 54. $\mathbb{Q}e3$ $\mathbb{Q}c7$ 55. $\mathbb{Q}f3$

55.b5! wins, but there's no hurry, so before playing the break, White prudently brings his King where it touches all his other pieces.

55... $\mathbb{E}e1$ 56. $\mathbb{Q}f2$ $\mathbb{E}b1$ 57. $\mathbb{Q}d2$ $\mathbb{E}h1$ 58. $\mathbb{Q}e2$ $\mathbb{E}h4$ 59. $\mathbb{Q}d3$ $\mathbb{E}h1$ 60. $\mathbb{Q}c4$ $\mathbb{Q}d7$ 61. $\mathbb{Q}c3$ $\mathbb{E}h4$



White is winning of course, but an interesting practical question for the upcoming ending is whether or not Black should give up his \mathbb{Q} for the \mathbb{Q} early, while his \mathbb{Q} is still in the centre and one slip in the $\mathbb{Q}+\mathbb{Q}+\mathbb{Q}$ v \mathbb{Q} ending would reach a 50-move-rule draw. The problem is that if, as in the game, he plays for tricks and White successfully supports the passer, by the time Black plays ... $\mathbb{E}x\mathbb{Q}$ his King will already be on the edge. BTW, White was on the wrong side of this ending in the last round of the Canadian U2200 in Kitchener in 2007 — he "drew" — so he'd have no excuse not to know the winning technique.

62.b5 cxb5+ 63. $\mathbb{Q}xb5$ $\mathbb{E}h1$ 64. $\mathbb{Q}b4$ $\mathbb{E}b1$ 65.c6+ $\mathbb{Q}c7$ 66. $\mathbb{Q}e6+$ $\mathbb{Q}c8$ 67. $\mathbb{Q}c4$ $\mathbb{E}c1+$ 68. $\mathbb{Q}d5$ $\mathbb{E}d1+$ 69. $\mathbb{Q}d4$ $\mathbb{Q}c7$ 70. $\mathbb{Q}a5+$ $\mathbb{Q}c8$ 71. $\mathbb{Q}b6$ $\mathbb{E}b1$ 72. $\mathbb{Q}c5$ $\mathbb{E}c1$ 73. $\mathbb{Q}b5$ $\mathbb{E}d1+$ 74. $\mathbb{Q}d4$ $\mathbb{E}c1$ 75. $\mathbb{Q}d6$

Maybe I have a table-base problem: Fritz says both #33 and #31 while Rybka says #28 and #30.

75... $\mathbb{E}xc6+$ 76. $\mathbb{Q}xc6$ $\mathbb{Q}d8$ 77. $\mathbb{Q}f6+$ $\mathbb{Q}c8$ 78. $\mathbb{Q}c7$ $\mathbb{Q}b8$ 79. $\mathbb{Q}d4$ $\mathbb{Q}c8$ 80. $\mathbb{Q}a7!$

#17!

80... $\mathbb{Q}d8$ 81. $\mathbb{Q}d5$ $\mathbb{Q}e8$ 82. $\mathbb{Q}d6$ $\mathbb{Q}f7$ 83. $\mathbb{Q}e7$ $\mathbb{Q}f6$ 84. $\mathbb{Q}e3!$ $\mathbb{Q}f7$ 85. $\mathbb{Q}g5$ $\mathbb{Q}e8$ 86. $\mathbb{Q}c7$ $\mathbb{Q}f7$ 87. $\mathbb{Q}d7$ $\mathbb{Q}f8$ 88. $\mathbb{Q}g6+$ $\mathbb{Q}f7$ 89. $\mathbb{Q}e5+$ $\mathbb{Q}f8$ 90. $\mathbb{Q}d8$ [90. $\mathbb{Q}h6+!$] 90... $\mathbb{Q}g8$ 91. $\mathbb{Q}e8$ $\mathbb{Q}g7$ 92. $\mathbb{Q}e7$ $\mathbb{Q}g8$ 93. $\mathbb{Q}h6$ $\mathbb{Q}h7$ 94. $\mathbb{Q}f8$ $\mathbb{Q}g8$ 95. $\mathbb{Q}e8$ $\mathbb{Q}h8$ 96. $\mathbb{Q}f7$ 1-0.

96. $\mathbb{Q}f7$ $\mathbb{Q}h7$ 97. $\mathbb{Q}g4$ $\mathbb{Q}h8$ 98. $\mathbb{Q}g7+$ $\mathbb{Q}h7$ 99. $\mathbb{Q}f6\#$ A hard-fought game and a good win for Roman, who tied for first with 4.5/5 and had a 2693 performance rating!

GM Wesley So Simul & Blitz Tournament

March 19

Toronto



Thirteen players aged 11 – 65 years old braved the cold weather to test their skills against super GM Wesley So (FIDE rated 2667). Side by side, they struggled to find their moves as the GM moves rapidly. The young GMs experience and expertise was too much to handle for John Orenbach (CFC 1800) barely 30 minutes into the simul.

Next to finish was Andrew Picana, who played quickly like a GM and struck back with a quick and unbelievable victory in 25 moves with a Sicilian Najdorf with the black pieces. Andrew successfully waded through against the f6 of the GM and played 14... $\mathbb{E}fb8$ instead of the normal

14... $\mathbb{R}fc8$. This game is presented below.

However, in succession, Razvan Preotu (2073), NM Jeffrey Nool (2300) and Ferdinand Cale (1900) lost to

the GM. The Sicilian Najdorf game between Preotu – So featured the thematic rook sacrifice ... $\mathbb{R}xc3$ and is interesting had the young Canadian continued with 16. $\mathbb{R}h3$ or 16. $\mathbb{R}e2$ instead of the optimistic 16. $\mathbb{R}xb5$.

Shortly after this, Erwin Casareno (2165) took the draw by repetition (despite being a pawn up) in an Italian game that went into a $\mathbb{R} + \mathbb{Q} + 5\mathbb{A}$ ending. The score then stood at +4 = 1 - 1 in favor of the GM.

Mikhail Egorov (2109) employed the English attack in another Sicilian Najdorf opening. In the middlegame, he sacrificed quality to create 2 passed pawns on the \mathbb{W} -side. But the pawns never got promoted and Mikhail resigned after 59 moves.

Ferdinand Supsup (1835), Manuel Balboa (2300) and Jingle Kho (2088) lost before Pepin Manalo (1762) got the draw. Pepin had a good opening in a Ruy Lopez, playing 5.d4 instead of the normal 5.0-0 and was rewarded with the half point when moves were repeated in a $\mathbb{R} + \mathbb{Q} + 6\mathbb{A}$ ending.

The GM then collected 2 more points from Gil Bince (1844) and Owen Qian (1461) to complete his triumph +10 = 2 - 1. This simul jump starts the official chess campaign of GM So in Canada.

We thank our host, Andrew Picana, our wives Blanche Casareno and Celeste Picana, Ferdinand Supsup, Rene Preotu, our friends, especially the Filipino chess community, who helped during the simul, refreshment and blitz tournaments and to everyone who contributed to make this event a fun and happy event. We also thank Mr. Francis Rodrigues, Regional Director of the Chess and Math Association who offered for free the “resources” of the Strategy Games Store. We thank our GM Wesley So who came to play despite jet lag, but most especially to his family, mom Eleanor and dad William. We thank everyone for participating in the simul despite a 26 hour notice on a 48 hour organization time frame.



GM Wesley So and Jeffrey Nool



Razvan Preotu (foreground) and Mikhail Egorov

Simul Results

1	Razvan Preotu	2073	Burlington	Loss
2	Mikhail Egorov	2109	Burlington	Loss
3	John Orenbach	1800	Toronto	Loss
4	NM Jeffrey Nool	2041	Scarborough	Loss
5	Andrew Picana	2182	Scarborough	Win
6	Erwi Casareno	2165	Scarborough	Draw
7	Ferdinan Supsup	1835	Mississauga	Loss
8	Jingle Kho	2088	Mississauga	Loss
9	Gil Bince	1844	Port Coquitlam, BC	Loss
10	Owen Qian	1461	Mississauga	Loss
11	Manuel Balboa	2015	Toronto	Loss
12	Pepin Manalo	1762	Scarborough	Draw
13	Ferdinand Cale	1900	Scarborough	Loss

Note: All of the players had white except Andrew Picana and Gil Bince.

Blitz Tournament

After the simul exhibition and refreshments, we held a six double-round 5 minute SD blitz tournament. Two new players joined: Bobby Palacios and Rene Preotu, whose goodness was very much appreciated as they both decided to play to make the field even.

In round 1, Manny Balboa (2015) showed why the Filipino players recognize his strength at 2300, by defeating the GM Wesley So in the first game. However, in the second game, Manny expressed his admiration of the GM when his king was mated on the 6th rank with only 4 seconds remaining on the GM's clock.

The ensuing rounds were bloody. All the players suffered defeat except for the GM, who went on to win all his games. The winner was without doubt, GM Wesley So with 11 points out of 12.

The top 3 finishers won cash prizes, but everyone knows that everybody is a winner by just playing in a tournament with Wesley.

Blitz Tournament Final Standings

1	GM Wesley So	2667	Scarborough	11.0
2	NM Jeffrey Nool (2300)	2041	Scarborough	8.5
3	Erwi Casareno	2165	Scarborough	8.0
4	Manuel Balboa (2300)	2015	Toronto	7.0
5	Jingle Kho	2088	Mississauga	7.0
6	Razvan Preotu	2073	Burlington	6.5
7	Bobby Palacios	2300	Scarborough	6.0
8	Andrew Picana	2182	Scarborough	6.0
9	Pepin Manalo	1762	Scarborough	6.0
10	Mikhail Egorov	2109	Burlington	5.5
11	Ferdinan Supsup	1835	Mississauga	4.5
12	Owen Qian	1461	Mississauga	4.5
13	John Orenbach	1800	Toronto	2.0
14	Rene Preotu	1840	Burlington	1.0

The organizers would like to thank Rene Preotu for helping Erwin in TDing the blitz tournament. Also, we thank our wives, Blanche Casareno and Celeste Picana for assisting us with the food and refreshments. We also thank all our friends who made this day a day of fun and happiness.

You will find several of the simul games in the pgn section. Report: Erwin Casareno

Coming Events



British Columbia

For complete information on chess in BC visit...

www.chess.bc.ca

BC Chess Challenge

Date: April, 9th 2011 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

NEW LOCATION! Executive Airport Plaza 7311 Westminster Hwy, Richmond

Qualification: Players must qualify to register in this event by playing in a Regional. You can qualify in any regional event. It does not need to be your home event. Any player who is unable to qualify at a regional can apply for qualification by writing a letter to the Qualification Review Board explaining why they should be allowed to participate. There is a \$10 fee for a review. Email ChessBC@shaw.ca for details.

Format: Players will compete in 5 games with kids in the same grade. Grades may be combined to form tournament sections as required, but will score separately.

Time: First game starts at 10:00, the event should finish around 4:00. Check in before 9:30 or forfeit the first round.

Prizes: Individual Trophies for First, Second and Third place finishers in each grade, including Kindergarten.

Registration: Preregister online or email the information on the attached form to ChessBC@Shaw.ca

Cost: Entry fee of \$30 must be cash or cheque payable to Chess for Children.

Canadian Chess Challenge: The Provincial Champions for grades 1 to 12 earn the right to represent BC at the National Chess Challenge, to be held in Victoria on May 22-23. Kindergarten Champions will join team BC in the Annual BC-Wa International match.

BC Junior Chess Membership: BC Junior Chess Association membership is required. The cost is \$10 for the school year or \$5 for a single event. Membership is free for unrated players, or players on a school team with a participating teacher at the event.

Accomodations: A special chess rate of \$109 has been negotiated with the host Executive Inn. Mention BC Chess Challenge when booking. On-line registration: <http://bccchesschallenge2011.eventbrite.com/>

April Active

Date: Sunday April 10, 2011

Location: Vancouver Bridge Centre, 2776 East Broadway (at Kaslo), Vancouver

Rounds: 4

Round Times: Rd1: noon Rd2: 1:30 Lunch Rd3: 3:30 Rd4: 5:00

Type: Regular Swiss.

Time Controls: G/30 + 10 sec. increments or G/35.

Entry Fee: \$15, Free coffee and tea.

Prizes: 1st \$100 2nd \$70 BU2000 \$60 BU1700 \$60 Upset \$10 based on 30 entries. The Vancouver Active rating will be used or CFC regular.

Registration: On site at 11:30am or contact Luc Poitras at (778) 846-0496

Email: lucque@shaw.ca

Bring set and clock if you have one. No membership required

For information on junior chess in BC visit
www.juniorchess.ca/index.html

Chess Federation of Canada Discussion Board

General chess discussion, Free Tournament Ad placement
 CFC Governors Forum
 Visit www.chesscanada.info/forum/

The 5th Annual Grand Pacific Open

6 round FIDE and CFC rated Swiss

\$4000 Guaranteed Prize Fund

Dates: April 22-25, 2011

Registration: On line registration to be posted starting Sept. 2010. You can also contact us at: grandpacificopen@gmail.com. A hard copy of the registration form (and cheque) can be mailed to: Victoria Junior Chess Society, 2386 Dalhousie St. Victoria, BC V8R 2H6, payable to Victoria Junior Chess Society. Do not mail cheques or registration after April 8. Onsite registration is from 4:00-5:30 Friday April 22.

Registration after 5:30 does not guarantee a Swiss pairing.

Sections: Open (FIDE and CFC rated); U1400 (CFC rated)

Round Times Rd 1 6 pm Friday April 22; Rds 2 and 3 at 12 noon and 6 pm Saturday April 23; Rds 4 and 5 at 12 noon and 6 pm Sunday April 24; Rd 6 at 10 am Monday April 25

Prize Fund: \$4000 Guaranteed: Open Section: \$1000+Trophy, \$600, \$400 U2000 \$400, \$300 U1700 \$350, \$250; Top BC Player qualifies for BC Closed. U1400 Section: \$300, \$200; Top Unrated (Highest score in either section) \$100 Biggest Upset \$100 Top BC Resident in the Open qualifies for the BC Closed.

Entry Fee (Open) \$75 registered and paid on or before March 15, \$85 registered on or before April 15, \$95 on site. Non CFC members add \$16 (adult) or \$8 (junior).

Entry Fee (U1400) \$55 registered and paid on or before March 15, \$65 registered on or before April 15, \$75 on site. Non CFC members add \$16 (adult) or \$8 (junior).

Misc: Unrated players not eligible for class prizes. The 'Unrated' prize is won by the unrated player with most points in either section. U1400 players may play in Open but are then not eligible for the U1400 prize. 1st tiebreak for non cash prizes is individual cumulative score. 2nd tiebreak is cumulative score of opponents. Biggest upset prize may be in addition to any other prize won. Half point byes for rounds 1-5 if requested before the start of round 1. Prize ceremony at 2:15 on Monday, April 25. BCCF membership is included in entry fee. All chess equipment provided.

Side Event Details:

Side Event Entry Fee: For all side events, FREE if registered in the main event, the Grand Pacific Open. Otherwise, \$10 gets you a pass to all side events. CFC membership not required for any side events.

Side Event Registration: On line registration to be posted starting Sept. 2010. Onsite registration 1 hour to 15 minutes before the event.

Grand Pacific Scholastic: 5 round active junior event: April 22 10am - 4pm, G/25min+5 sec increment, CMA rated Two sections only Gr. K-3 and Gr. 4-7 Medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each section

Grand Pacific Active: 4 round active event open to all: April 22 12 noon - 5pm, G/25min+5 sec increment, Rated by Victoria Chess Club.

Midnight Blitz: April 23 10pm or ASAP to midnight, G/5min, 5 double round swiss, 1st \$50, U1700 \$25, U1400 \$25

Grand Pacific Bughouse April 25 2:30pm-4pm, G/5min, 5 rnd swiss

Accomodation: Same great location at the Grand Pacific Hotel! \$99 room rate available. Quote APR11GRAND for this great rate.

www.grandpacificopen.com Toll Free: 1-800-663-7550 Phone: 250-386-0450 Email: reserve@hotelgrandpacific.com

Contact us at: grandpacificopen@gmail.com

TD: Mark S. Dutton, IA

Organizers: Brian Raymer, Paul Leblanc, Roger Patterson

Website: <http://www.grandpacificopen.com>

Richmond Friday Chess Gathering

When: Every Friday starts at 7pm (until you want to leave, usually lasts till 12am)

Where: McDonald's Restaurant at 7120 No 3 Road, Richmond (near Southeast corner of No. 3 Road & Granville Ave)

Transportation: Free parking on site, or 7 mins walk from the Richmond Brighouse Canada Line Station

Type: Casual - pick your time control and opponent

Misc: Free. Everyone Welcome. No Equipment provided, bring your chess set & clock

Contact: richmondchess@gmail.com

BC Youth Chess ChampionshipDate: April, 30th 2011 3:00 pm - May, 1st 2011 11:00 pm**Location:** TBA

Time: Check in onsite between 9:00 and 9:30 with your signed form and pay your fees. If you arrive after 9:30, go to the Late Registration desk to check in. You may make the first round but be prepared to miss it.

Time Control: Games are long and thoughtful with a time control of 90 min per player.

Sections: (By Age – Girls and Boys)

U8 (Born in 2003 or later) U10 (Born in 2001, 2002)

U12 (Born in 1999, 2000) U14 (Born in 1997, 1998)

U16 (Born in 1995, 1996) U18 (Born in 1993, 1994)

Prizes: Separate prizes for girls and boys. Distinct medals are awarded for the top three finishers in each section. The winner of each age group gets the honour of keeping the Champion's trophy for the year and financial support to attend the Canadian Youth Chess Championship in Richmond Hill, ON in July.

Fees: The registration fee is \$30. Cheques should be made payable to "BC Junior Chess."

Membership: Current Chess Federation of Canada and BC Junior Chess membership is required. CFC Membership can be purchased or renewed on site when you check in or online at www.chess.ca

Concession: A lunch pre-order service will be available at check in. Coffee and snacks are offered on site.

Volunteer: The event is entirely parent volunteer driven. Please help out by volunteering for one of the event tasks indicated on the bottom of form. Email ChessBC@shaw.ca for more information.

36th Annual Paul Keres Memorial**7 round FIDE and CFC rated Swiss****May 20-23, 2011****\$4000 in prizes guaranteed****Where:** River Rock Casino Resort, 8811 River Road, Richmond, BC**Sections:** Open (FIDE and CFC rated), U2000 (CFC rated), U1600 (CFC rated)**Time Control:** Game/80 minutes + 60 sec. increment**Rounds:** Friday May 20 6:30pm, Saturday 10am 5pm, Sunday 10am 4pm, Monday 10am 3pm**Prizes:** \$4000 Guaranteed. Open Section: \$1000, \$600, \$400; Top U2200 \$300 Top BC player qualifies for the BC Closed U2000 Section: \$600, \$400; Top U1800 \$200 U1600 Section: \$300, Top U1400 \$100 Top Scoring Unrated (any section) \$100**Entry Fees:** GMs, IMs, WGMs free if preregistered on or before May 17, otherwise EF deducted from prize, if any.

Open U2000 U1400 Early Bird (paid by Friday, April 8) \$120 \$100 \$80 Registered on or before Tuesday, May 17 \$130 \$110 \$90 On Site \$140 \$120 \$100

Accommodation: At the River Rock Casino Resort \$129 single/double, 8811 River Road, Richmond BC. 1-866-748-3718.

Reservations must be made by April 20 to guarantee this rate.

Transportation: By car; Free parking. By Skytrain or bus to Bridgeport station. By Air; the River Rock Hotel is 5 minutes from the Vancouver International Airport by skytrain or taxi. By boat to River Rock marina

Registration: Online registration to be enabled September 2010. Or by mail to Keres Memorial Chess, 4381 Wildflower Lane, Victoria, BC. V8X 5H1. *Make cheques payable to:* Roger Patterson Or on site 5pm-6pm Friday May 20.

Misc: All sections are 7 rounds

BCCF dues included in entry fee

Up to 3 half point byes in rounds 1-6 if requested in advance

Free parking on site

All equipment provided

Unrated players not eligible for class prizes

For non cash prizes, 1st tiebreak is individual cumulative score. 2nd tiebreak is cumulative score of opponents.**Contact us at:** victoriachessclub@gmail.com**TD:** Stephen Wright swright2@telus.net**Organizing Committee:**Roger Patterson: bccf.president@gmail.com

Brian Raymer, Paul Leblanc

Website: <http://keresmemorial.pbworks.com>**June Active**

Date: Sunday June 05, 2011

Location: Vancouver Bridge Centre, 2776 East Broadway (at Kaslo), Vancouver**Rounds:** 5**Round Times:** RD1: 11:00 Rd2: 12:30 Lunch Rd3: 2:20 Rd4: 3:40 Rd5: 5:00**Type:** Regular Swiss.**Time Controls:** G/25 + 10 sec. increments or G/30.**Entry Fee:** \$15, Free coffee and tea.**Prizes:** 1st \$100 2nd \$70 BU2000 \$60 BU1700 \$60 Upset \$10 based on 30 entries. The Vancouver Active rating will be used or the CFC regular.**Registration:** On site at 10:30am or contact Luc Poitras at (778) 846-0496**Email:** lucque@shaw.ca

Bring chess set and clock if you have one. No membership required

2011 BC Open

Date: July 30- Aug. 1, 2011

Location: Executive Airport Plaza Hotel, 7311 Westminster Hwy. Richmond, BC V6X 1A3**Format:** 6 six round CFC rated Swiss**Sections:** Open, U1800**Time Control:** Game/80 + 1 minute increment>**Round Times** Sat. July 30: 12:00 noon, 5:pm; Sun July 31 10:00am, 3:00pm, Mon. Aug 1 10:00am, 3:00pm**Entry Fee:** \$60 (Early Bird on or before June 24), \$65 (not so Early Bird on or before July 26), \$70 on site; \$20 to play up a section**Prizes:** \$1000 Guaranteed: Open Section:\$300, \$150 U2100 \$150 Top BC finisher qualifies for BC Closed. U1800 Section: \$175, \$100 U1500 \$75 Top Unrated (any section) \$50**Accommodation:** Executive Airport Plaza Hotel, 1-888-388-3932, \$119/night single/double, Free parking for hotel guests Reservation code is 'BCopen'. Please book by June 1.**Transportation:** - by car; parking \$10/day (must purchase ticket from organizer) - by Skytrain to Brighouse station, then ~10 minute walk.**Misc:** - Parking free for hotel guests. \$10 otherwise (purchase ticket from organizer on site). Some parking on local streets may be available.

- BCCF dues included in entry fee. - All equipment provided. - Unrated players not eligible for class prizes. - BC tournaments use a 1 hour grace rule for players late for the game before forfeiting.

TD: Stephen Wright**Registration:** Online (will be set up May 1), email to:**victoriachessclub@gmail.com**, mail (*Make cheques payable to:* Roger Patterson 4381 Wildflower Lane, Victoria BC, V8X 5H1), onsite from 10:30am-11:30am Sat. July 30.**Organizing Committee:** Roger Patterson: bccf.president@gmail.com Brian Raymer, Paul Leblanc**Website:** <http://victoriachessclub.pbworks.com/w/page/35682117/BC-Open>**UBC Thursday Night Swiss****Time:** 6:30pm, Thursdays**Site:** Irving K Barber Learning Center room 191, University of British Columbia, 1961 East Mall V6T 1Z1**Contact:** Aaron Cosenza: xramis1@yahoo.ca**Register your tournament
on the CFC website****Its FREE!****Go to****www.chess.ca/tournaments.htm****to submit your event**



Alberta

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www.albertachess.org

Calgary International Active Fundraiser #3

Sunday, April 10

5 round swiss system

TC: Game in 25 minutes + 10 second increment

Not CFC rated so CFC membership is not required

Games start at 11 am

Registration: \$20 per player. Email calchess@telus.net to get on the list of entries or show up between 10:30 am and 10:55 am at the door. You can also register at the club any time we are open. We will allow late entries to the 2nd round with a half point bye for round 1.

Prizes: 50% of entries to prize fund, 50% of entries to Calgary International. Top player Under 1800 wins free entry to Calgary International Reserve Section! 2 book draws will be done during the event.

Visit website for details: www.calgarychess.com/Tournaments.html

2011 Alberta Closed

Dates: April 22-24

Calgary Chess Club

#274 3359 27 St. NE, Phone: 403-264-9498

Tournament Director: TBA

Tournament Organizer: Vlad Rekhson

6 player Round Robin, CFC & FIDE rated

CFC membership is required and available at the door

Time controls: 40/90 minutes, then game in 30 minutes with a 30 second increment for each move from move 1.

Prize fund: Guaranteed \$600 in prizes

First place also receives a spot in the 2011 Canadian Closed. If no Canadian Closed is held, the winner may play in the 2011 Canadian Open. The ACA will cover expenses for any one of these tournaments up to \$2,000! Who Qualifies:

The winners of the following events qualify:

2010 Alberta Open: IM Edward Porper

2010 Southern Alberta Open: Vlad Rekhson

2011 Northern Alberta Open: Richard Wang

2010 Alberta Closed Champion: FM Dale Haessel

Two players by rating as of the: April 6 rating list.

Replacements would be taken from the same rating list.

All participants must meet the Alberta Closed participation requirements.

Default late time is 60 minutes

This is a Road Warrior event!



2011 Alberta Reserve Championship

Dates: April 23-24

Calgary Chess Club, #274 3359 27 St. NE

Phone: 403-264-9498

Tournament Director: TBA

Tournament Organizer: Vlad Rekhson

5 round swiss, CFC & FIDE rated, CFC membership is required

Prize Fund: Sum of entry fees less expenses.

Time Control: Game in 90 + 30 seconds

Round Times: Sat. 10 am, 2 pm, 7 pm; Sunday 10 am, 2 pm or ASAP.

Entry Fee: \$30

Byes: A minimum of two 1/2 point byes available in the first three rounds if notified before the start of round 1.

Registration: Email Vlad Rekhson to get on the list at vrekhson@yahoo.ca

Onsite registration Saturday, April 23 from 9 am to 9:45 am

Note: All email registered players must check in at the registration desk by 9:45 am on Saturday to be paired for round 1.

You can pay your entry on any Tuesday at the Calgary Chess Club.

This is a Road Warrior event!



2011 Alberta Women's Championship

Dates: April 23-24

Calgary Chess Club, #274 3359 27 St. NE

Parma Tech Centre North Building

Phone: 403-264-9498

Format: Depends on number of entries

Prize Fund: Sum of entry fees less expenses

Time Control: Game in 90 + 30 seconds

Entry Fee: \$30

Registration: Email Vlad Rekhson to get on the list at vrekhson@yahoo.ca.

Registration closes April 16, 2011.

CFC Rating list of April 6 will be used.

This is a Road Warrior event!



Calgary International Active Fundraiser #4

Sunday, May 8

5 round swiss system or round robin, depending on entries

TC: Game in 25 minutes + 10 second increment

Not CFC rated so CFC membership is not required

Games start at 11 am

Registration: \$20 per player. Email calchess@telus.net to get on the list of entries or show up between 10:30 am and 10:55 am at the door. You can also register at the club any time we are open. We will allow late entries to the 2nd round with a half point bye for round 1.

Prizes: 50% of entries go to prize fund, 50% of entries go to Calgary International. Other prizes will be announced soon.

Calgary International Active Fundraiser #5

Sunday, May 15

5 round swiss system or round robin, depending on entries

TC: Game in 25 minutes + 10 second increment

Not CFC rated so CFC membership is not required

Games start at 11 am

Registration: \$20 per player. Email calchess@telus.net to get on the list of entries or show up between 10:30 am and 10:55 am at the door. You can also register at the club any time we are open. We will allow late entries to the 2nd round with a half point bye for round 1.

Prizes: 50% of entries go to prize fund, 50% of entries go to Calgary International. Other prizes will be announced soon.

4th Calgary International Chess Classic



May 19th to May 23rd, 2011

Calgary Chess Club, #204-3359 27 St. NE

International Section, By invitation only, May 19-23

10 player round robin, CFC & FIDE rated

IM norm opportunity guaranteed,

All games will be broadcast live

Contact Tony Ficzere for info

Phone 403.971.2437, tficzere@telus.net

Reserve Section, May 21-23

6 round open swiss, CFC & FIDE rated

\$40 entry fee. **Space is limited to 32 players, register early**

Contact Tony Ficzere for registration info

Phone: 403.971.2437, tficzere@telus.net

Website will be available by March 7, 2011

Visit www.calgarychess.com for updates

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Calgary International Speed Championship TBA

Calgary International Active Fundraisers

played at the Calgary Chess Club

\$20 entry fee, 50% returned as prizes

5 Sunday events, all start at 11 am

Sundays, March 13, March 27, April 10, May 8, May 15

Sponsored by the Calgary Chess Club and the Alberta Chess Association

This is a Road Warrior event

Website: <http://www.calgarychess.com/2011CICC/>





Manitoba

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2011 Albert Boxer Memorial

May 14-15

University of Winnipeg

Five Round Swiss Style Tournament

Saturday May 14, 10 am - 2:30 Pm - 6:30 pm

Sunday May 16, 10 am - 2:30 PM

Time Control - TBD

2 sections, Open and U1800

Open Section FIDE rated



Ontario

For complete information on chess in Ontario visit...

www.chessontario.com

2011 Niagara Falls Open

City: Niagara Falls, ON

Contact: jeswifty@hotmail.com

Dates: April 9-10, 2011

Place: Niagara Shrine Club, 5621 North Street (next to Greater Niagara General Hospital)

Rds: 5

Times: Saturday 9am, 1pm, 5pm. Sunday 10am, ASAP

Type: Swiss

TC: Rounds 1-3: G/90. Rounds 4-5: 30/90, SD/60.

EF: Seniors (65+) and Juniors (<18) \$40, rest \$45.

Prizes: \$\$BEN\$\$, Unrated participants only eligible for unrated prize if applicable.

Reg: Send entries by email up to April 8th, 2011 to jeswifty@hotmail.com. Registration by regular mail to; John Erickson, 4-6453 Colborne Street, Niagara Falls, ON L2J 1E7, also to be received by April 8th, 2011. Onsite registration between 8am and 8:45am on April 9th, late fee of \$5. Cash only at site.

Misc: Bring sets and clocks. Proof of age required if applicable. 2 half point byes available for rounds 1-3 only.

A SWOCL GRAND PRIX EVENT.

2011 Kitchener Waterloo Spring Active

City: Kitchener

Contact: edthompson@netflash.net For info call 519-893-1920.

Date: Saturday April 23, 2011

Place: Kitchener City Hall, 200 King St., Kitchener, ON (Learning Room and Conestoga Room)

Rds: 5

Times: 9:30am, 10:30am, Lunch, 1:00pm, 2:15pm, 3:30pm

Type: Active, Swiss system, each player plays five games.

TC: Game in 25 min plus 10 seconds added per move (Bronstein - time does not accumulate)

EF: \$30 all players, \$5 discount for juniors (under 17 years) and seniors (65 years or older). Cash only at site (ATM available).

Sections: Open and Reserve (players with a CFC rating U1700 or new members.) or Depending on entries, one combined section with section prizes.

Prizes: \$\$BEN\$\$, Trophies and cash.

Reg: 9:00am

Misc: Byes 1-4 as requested in advance. Clocks and sets will be provided. Several restaurants are near the site. Parking near site or underground at City Hall (\$8). Free weekend parking in lot at Water street and Charles street one block from site

2011 Canadian Junior Championship (Under 20)

City: Mississauga, ON

Dates: April 21st to 25th, 2011

Place: University of Toronto Mississauga Campus, Room 3141 Faculty Lounge, 3rd Floor, 3359 Mississauga Road, Mississauga, Ontario

Rds: 9

Times: Round 1 - April 21st, 6pm; Rounds 2-9 - April 22-25, 10am and 3pm each day.

Format: Two sections - Open & Girls. 9 round swiss, max 3 byes. CFC and FIDE rated.

Sections: Open, U2000, U1600

TC: G/90 + 30 sec inc.

EF: \$150 (early bird discount), \$200 at the door.

Prizes: Winners will represent Canada at the World Junior Championships in India. 1st Open section - \$2,000 towards travel costs. 1st Girls section - \$ (girls entry fees paid) towards travel costs.

Misc: Watch for updates at <http://www.mississaugachessclub.ca/>

London April Open

City: London, Ontario

Dates: Saturday, April 30th, 2011

Place: Hillside Church (250 Commissioners Rd. East, parking in back)

Rds: 4

Start Time: 10am

Type: Swiss, Standard Rated

TC: 1 hour SD

EF: \$20

Prizes: \$\$BEN\$\$

Contact: chesslessons@mail.com

Reg: On site from 9:30am to 9:55am.

Misc: Non Smoking, CFC Membership required, Bring sets and clocks.

30th Annual Arnprior Open since 1981

An EOCA Grand Prix Event

This will be the final Arnprior Open that I plan to organize. Thank you to the EOCA and all the supporters over the years who helped make the Arnprior Open the longest running, annual small-town tournament in Canada. *H. Langer*

Date: April 30-May 1, 2011

Place: Nick Smith Centre, 77 James St., Arnprior

Rounds: 5

Type: Regular Swiss

Section: One section for the purposes of pairings, accelerated in the first round, if possible. Prizes awarded in three sections. Sections will be determined by entries. Open: all eligible, Intermediate: only bottom two thirds eligible, Recreational: only bottom third eligible

Times: Sat 9/2/7, Sun 9/2

Time Control: G/90 + 30 seconds or SD/120 with analog clock.

Entry Fee: \$40 if pre-registered, \$50 at site; Amateur \$30 (not eligible for prizes) C.F.C. membership required.

Prizes: \$\$BEN

Registration: Cheque by April 15, 2011, to Herb Langer, 45 Sleepy

Pines Street, Arnprior, ON K7S 3E3

or register at the RA Chess Club on 28 April, 2011, 6:30-7:30pm

Please bring your own equipment

Pinnacle 48th
Canadian Open
Chess Championship 2011
Saturday, July 9 - Sunday, July 17
\$30,000 Prize Fund
Base on 300 entries

www.canadianchess.info/2011canadianopen
2011CanadianOpen@canadianchess.info



3rd Canadian Forces CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Kingston, Royal Military College of Canada
6 to 8 May 2011, Senior Staff Mess

- Open to CF Military and DND Civilians (active or retired)
- 6 rounds, CFC rated, 90 min + 30 sec per move
- Information & registration: regis.bellemare@forces.gc.ca



2011 Guelph Spring Pro-Am (New Dates)

City: Guelph, Ontario
Contact: halbond@sympatico.ca

Dates: May 6-8, 2011
Place: Peter Clark Hall, Guelph University Centre
Rds: 5

Times: Saturday 10am, 1:30pm, 6pm. Sunday 10am, 2pm

Type: Swiss

TC: Rd 1 G/60 + 30 sec inc, Rds 2-5 G/90 + 30 sec inc.

EF: \$60, U2000 and U1600 \$40

Prizes: \$55 per Pro player returned as prizes. Trophies for U2000 and U1600.

Reg: Send entries to Hal Bond, #205-105 Conroy Crescent, Guelph, ON N1G 2V5, or email halbond@sympatico.ca and pay cash on site. \$10 late fee for unannounced onsite registration.

Misc: All sections FIDE rated where possible. Eligibility: Players to play in the section of their rating. Players within 100 points of section rating floor may play up for an extra \$20. Equipment, snacks and refreshments provided by organizer.

2011 Canadian Closed and Zonal Championship

May 7-11, 2011, Guelph, Ontario
See ad on page 21

2011 ONTARIO OPEN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

WHEN: May 21st to May 23rd, 2011.

WHERE: Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School
1715 Main Street East, Hamilton, Ontario

ENTRY FEE: \$60 with cheque received by mail by May 1st.
\$70 if cheque received by mail after May 1st and by May 20th.
Otherwise \$80 at the door. Cash only at the door.

ALLOW AT LEAST ONE WEEK IF MAILING A CHEQUE

Special discount to FMs, IMs and GMs if contacted before March 5th

SECTIONS: Open, Under 2000 and Under 1600.

PRIZES: \$5,000 total prize fund (based on 125 entries)

TIME CONTROL: 90min with 30sec increment.

ROUNDS: 10am and 4pm each day.

REGISTRATION: at site 9am-9:45am

CFC membership required. No last round byes. Bring sets and clocks.

ORGANIZERS: Joe Ellis, Mike Egorov of the Hamilton City Chess Club (HCCC), Bob Gillanders and Gordon Gooding of the HCCC and the Milton Junior Chess School

CONTACT: miltonchess@hotmail.com and mail entry cheques
(with contact info please) to:

Gordon Gooding, 1101 McClenahan Crescent, Milton, ON, L9T 6P1

London May Open

City: London, Ontario

Dates: Saturday, May 28th, 2011

Place: Hillside Church (250 Commissioners Rd. East, parking in back)

Rds: 4

Start Time: 10am

Type: Swiss, Standard Rated

TC: 1 hour SD

EF: \$20

Prizes: \$\$BEN\$\$

Contact: chesslessons@mail.com

Reg: On site from 9:30am to 9:55am.

Misc: Non Smoking, CFC Membership required, Bring sets and clocks.

London June Open

City: London, Ontario

Dates: Saturday, June 25th, 2011

Place: Hillside Church (250 Commissioners Rd. East, parking in back)

Rds: 4

Start Time: 10am

Type: Swiss, Standard Rated

TC: 1 hour SD

EF: \$20

Prizes: \$\$BEN\$\$

Contact: chesslessons@mail.com

Reg: On site from 9:30am to 9:55am.

Misc: Non Smoking, CFC Membership required, Bring sets and clocks.

2011 Canadian Youth Chess

Championships

City: Richmond Hill, Ontario

Contact: 2011cycc@gmail.com

Dates: July 6-9, 2011

Place: Sheraton Parkway Toronto North, 600 Highway 7 East, Richmond Hill, ON L4B 1B2

Rds: 7

Times: See website for schedule

Type: Swiss

TC: G/90 + 30 sec inc

EF: \$175 before June 1st, \$225 on and after June 1st

Website: More details at www.2011cycc.ca



Québec

Pour de l'information sur les échecs
au Québec, consultez
<http://fqechechs.qc.ca/index.php>

Montréal Open

Chess Championship

September 9-11, 2011

Organized by Club d'échecs Ahuntsic

Details at:

<http://www.chess.ca/misc2010/2011MontrealCh.pdf>

<http://www.echecsmontreal.ca/chom>



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<http://annexchessclub.com>

info@annexchessclub.com

For more info call

647.727.3776

Annex Chess Club



Prince Edward Island

Charlottetown Open

City: Charlottetown

Contact: fred_mckim@hotmail.com

Dates: May 7-8, 2011

Place: UPEI, Main Bldg, Rooms 420/211

Rds: 5

Type: Round Robin

Times: Sat 9:30am, 1pm, 6pm; Sun 9am, 2pm

TC: Round 1, G/90. Rounds 2-5, 40/2, SD/30

EF: \$40, \$30 (jr), \$20 (elementary school)

Prizes: Cash for 1st, 2nd, most improved, top junior, etc. (all entry fees less rating fees)

Reg: Pre-register on-line (before May 7) and save \$5 on entry fee. On-site registration/check in 9am to 9:20am Saturday.

Online Site: <http://reallyhightech.com/chess/charop11.html>

Misc: Chess PEI Annual Meeting, Saturday at 5:30pm



Nova Scotia

For information on chess in Nova Scotia, visit <http://www.chebucto.ns.ca/Recreation/NSChess/nschess.html>

Halifax Sunday Actives

May 1, 2011

Rosaria Student Centre, Don MacNeil Room (4th floor), Mount Saint Vincent University, 166 Bedford Hwy., Halifax

Four round swiss

Registration: 10am-10:30am

Entry Fee: \$10

Organizer/TD: Kim Tufts, 902.429.8959 tuftsk@eastlink.ca

Attention Tournament Directors

When collecting and submitting CFC memberships, please ensure you collect the following information:

CFC # (or state new for first time members)

Full Name, Address with postal code,

Email address

If you do not collect their email address, members will not receive the monthly edition of CCN

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info@chess.ca

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CANADIAN CHESS CLUB TEAM CHALLENGE

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My name is Uwe. I am a blind chess player. I am living in Toronto and I play tournaments here in Toronto, e.g., for my chess club, the Scarborough chess club.

I need your help. I am searching for other blind and partially sighted chess players in Canada. I would like to build a network or community of and for blind Canadian chess players. We might possibly organize the first championship for the blind. It might also be an idea to establish a Canadian Chess Association or Club for the Blind.

If you have information about blind and partially sighted players in Canada, please send me their contact details so I can get in contact with them. Please share this information with as many people as you can. Email me at uwe.hahnewald@gmail.com.

RATINGS

Top Canadian FIDE Ratings

1	Kovalyov, Anton	QC	2629
2	Bluvshtein, Mark	ON	2589
3	Spraggett, Kevin	ON	2576
4	Le Siège, Alexandre	QC	2528
5	Charbonneau, Pascal	QC	2517
6	Sambuev, Bator	QC	2511
7	Gerzhoy, Leonid	ON	2497
8	Tyomkin, Dmitry	ON	2495
9	Roussel-Roozmon, Thomas	QC	2491
10	Zugic, Igor	ON	2462
11	Biyasis, Peter	BC	2450
12	Teplitsky, Yan	ON	2448
13	Porper, Edward	AB	2437
14	Suttles, Duncan	BC	2420
15	Noritsyn, Nikolay	ON	2419
16	Pelts, Roman	ON	2417
17	Hébert, Jean	QC	2414
18	Panjwani, Raja	ON	2413
19	Hansen, Eric	AB	2412
20	Quan, Zhe	ON	2412
21	Adam, Dr. Valerian	BC	2407
22	Kriventsov, Stanislav	BC	2406
23	Krnan, Tomas	ON	2390
24	Hartman, Brian	ON	2388
25	Samsonkin, Artiom	ON	2387
26	Hergott, Deen	ON	2385
27	Yoos, John C. (Jack)	BC	2382
28	Cheng, Bindi	BC	2380
29	Lawson, Eric	QC	2373
30	Micic, Chedomir	ON	2366
31	O'Donnell, Tom	ON	2363
32	Thavandiran, Shiyam	ON	2362
33	Cummings, David	ON	2360
34	Amos, Bruce	ON	2355
35	Glinert, Stephen	ON	2349
36	Livshits, Ron	ON	2336
37	Tayar, Jonathan	ON	2335
38	Gicev, Blagoj	AB	2325
39	Coudari, Camille	QC	2325
40	Stone, Raymond	ON	2321
41	Vranesic, Zvonko	ON	2320
42	Stevens, Christian	ON	2310
43	Pechenkin, Vladimir	AB	2307
44	Piasetski, Leon	BC	2299
45	MacKay, Ian	BC	2289
46	Vaingorten, Yaaqov	ON	2289
47	Sapozhnikov, Roman	ON	2279
48	Duong, Thanh Nha	QC	2278
49	Nurmi, Peter	ON	2275
50	Selick, Paul	ON	2275

Top Canadian CFC Rated

1	Sambuev, Bator	QC	2718
2	Kovalyov, Anton	QC	2638
3	Gerzhoy, Leonid	ON	2629
4	Charbonneau, Pascal	QC	2585
5	Noritsyn, Nikolay	ON	2584
6	Samsonkin, Artiom	ON	2558
7	Hansen, Eric	AB	2537
8	Porper, Edward	AB	2530
9	Cheng, Bindi	BC	2500
10	Roussel-Roozmon, Thomas	QC	2500
11	Thavandiran, Shiyam	ON	2492
12	Hébert, Jean	QC	2486
13	Teplitsky, Yan	ON	2473
14	Krnan, Tomas	ON	2470
15	Sapozhnikov, Roman	ON	2462
16	Cummings, David	ON	2459
17	Hartman, Brian	ON	2453
18	Yoos, John C. (Jack)	BC	2452
19	Panjwani, Raja	ON	2450
20	O'Donnell, Tom	ON	2449
21	Piasetski, Leon	BC	2416
22	Plotkin, Victor	ON	2409
23	Martchenko, Alexander	ON	2395
24	Pechenkin, Vladimir	AB	2391
25	Szalay, Karoly	ON	2390
26	Calugar, Arthur	ON	2379
27	Stevens, Christian	ON	2378
28	Gicev, Blagoj	AB	2374
29	Vaingorten, Yaaqov	ON	2367
30	Micic, Chedomir	ON	2362
31	Yuan, Yuanling	ON	2352
32	MacKinnon, Keith	SK	2349
33	Hambleton, Aman	ON	2349
34	Qin, Zi Yi (Joey)	ON	2346
35	Fuentebella, Mayo	BC	2342
36	Barron, Michael	ON	2340
37	MacKay, Ian	BC	2340
38	Kraiouchkine, Nikita	QC	2336
39	Lee Jr., Vicente	BC	2331
40	Vincent, Trevor	MB	2329
41	Voloaca, Mihnea	QC	2323
42	Reeve, Jeff	AB	2322
43	Dougherty, Michael	ON	2322
44	Gansvind, Valeria	BC	2318
45	Bailey, Doug	ON	2318
46	Aronov, Yuri	ON	2313
47	Haynes, Nicolas	AB	2311
48	Wang, Richard	AB	2310
49	Mai, Lloyd	ON	2309
50	Chung, Kevin	ON	2309

Top Female

1	Yuan, Yuanling	ON	2352
2	Gansvind, Valeria	BC	2318
3	Khoudgarian, Natalia	ON	2248
4	Kagramanov, Dina	ON	2142
5	Starr, Nava	ON	2138
6	Khaziyeva, Dinara	QC	2110
7	Lacau-Rodean, Iulia	ON	2091
8	Orlova, Yelizaveta	ON	2073
9	Du, Jasmine	NS	2066
10	Kagramanov, Dalia	ON	2027
11	Botez, Alexandra	BC	1994
12	Agbabishvili, Lali	ON	1954
13	Peng, Jackie	ON	1951
14	Xiong, Sonja	ON	1888
15	Kalaydina, Regina-Veronica	AB	1880
16	Serbanescu, Natasa	ON	1871
17	Xiao, Alice	BC	1769
18	Fang, Tina	ON	1755
19	Todd, Adie	AB	1736
20	Zhou, Qiyu	ON	1728

Top Under 20 years

1	Kovalyov, Anton	19	QC	2638
2	Noritsyn, Nikolay	20	ON	2584
3	Hansen, Eric	19	AB	2537
4	Thavandiran, Shiyam	19	ON	2492
5	Hambleton, Aman	19	ON	2349
6	Chung, Kevin	19	ON	2309
7	Pace, Christopher	19	ON	2224
8	Oussedik, Elias	20	NB	2192
9	Me, Kevin	19	SK	2191
10	Du, Jasmine	20	NS	2066

Top Under 18 years

1	Sapozhnikov, Roman	17	ON	2462
2	Martchenko, Alexander	18	ON	2395
3	Szalay, Karoly	18	ON	2390
4	Calugar, Arthur	17	ON	2379
5	Yuan, Yuanling	17	ON	2352
6	MacKinnon, Keith	18	SK	2349
7	Mai, Lloyd	18	ON	2309
8	Xiong, Jerry	17	ON	2296
9	Kleinman, Michael	17	ON	2260
10	Sundar, Avinaash	18	ON	2242

Top Under 16 years

1	Qin, Zi Yi (Joey)	15	ON	2346
2	Kraiouchkine, Nikita	16	QC	2336
3	Kaminski, Thomas	16	AB	2224
4	Gusev, Nikita	16	ON	2216
5	Semianuk, Konstantin	15	ON	2205
6	Sohal, Tanraj S.	15	BC	2203
7	Marinkovic, Mate	16	ON	2195
8	Itkin, David	15	ON	2139
9	Zhang, David	16	AB	2138
10	Zhang, Zhiyuan	15	ON	2101

Top Under 14 years

1	Wang, Richard	13	AB	2310
2	Knox, Christopher	14	ON	2040
3	Fu, James	14	ON	2028
4	Lo, Ryan	14	BC	1988
5	Peng, Jackie	13	ON	1951
6	Lin, Tony (Juntao)	13	ON	1936
7	Song, Guannan Terry	13	ON	1930
8	Plotkin, Mark	13	ON	1929
9	Kalra, Agastya	14	ON	1927
10	Lai, Jingzhou (Peter)	14	BC	1918

Top Under 12 years

1	Song, Michael	12	ON	2228
2	Kong, Dezheng	12	BC	2089
3	Preotu, Razvan	12	ON	2073
4	Bellissimo, Joseph	11	ON	2012
5	Doknjas, John	12	BC	1926
6	Cao, Jason	11	BC	1921
7	Kassam, Jamil F.	11	AB	1847
8	Zhu, Hong Rui	12	QC	1806
9	Kuttner, Simon	12	ON	1765
10	Chiku-Ratte, Oliver Kenta	12	QC	1729

Top Under 10 years

1	Zhang, Yuanchen	10	ON	1890
2	Wan, Kevin	10	ON	1745
3	Zotkin, Daniel	10	ON	1671
4	Wolchock, Theo	9	MB	1635
5	Zhao, Yue Tong (Davy)	9	ON	1574
6	Noritsyn, Sergey	8	ON	1509
7	Gugel, Brett	10	ON	1454
8	Doknjas, Joshua	9	BC	1450
9	Liu, Jiaxin	10	ON	1435
10	Chen, Richard	10	ON	1404

CFC Ratings (March 23, 2011)

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Alberta				British Columbia				Ontario				Quebec			
CFC#	Name	Rtg	High	CFC#	Name	Rtg	High	CFC#	Name	Rtg	High	CFC#	Name	Rtg	High
124059	Adolph, Joel	1723	1809	147840	Li, Zeling	1026	1026	151431	Vaganov, John	967	19	151153	Valencia, Belsar	2296	23
151895	Alcantara, Rod	786	2	149423	Lin, Kaining	447	16	151153	Viminitz, Paul	1604	1710	110246	Virji, Naveed	1393	1439
151898	Alcantara, Jonas	817	3	145256	Louise, Samer	1725	1780	150879	Wang, Kaixin	xxxx	11	149879	Wang, Hong Yu	xxxx	2
122879	Ali, Abdelmanan	1530	1545	148096	Ma, Lee	799	803	151676	Wang, Stanley	1112	1113	1101	Macfie, Bob	1788	1492
111585	Allen, Ted	1564	1636	145880	Macfie, Bob	1788	1816	145477	Wang, Yuekai	1787	1981	149077	McCullough, David	1418	1492
145857	Amasaib, Magdi	1796	1933	111989	MacKay, Jody	1307	13	147140	Wang, Harris	1867	1892	149294	McCullough, Damon	1830	1492
152079	Apostolu, Alex	xxxx	6	148804	McCullough, Damon	1307	13	147881	Wang, Richard	2310	2324	142946	McCullough, Ian	1912	1492
140600	Apotre, Justin	xxxx	1110	145962	Mawani, Adam	1144	17	125727	Wanless, Michael	1492	1492	142949	McCullough, Robert	1912	1492
105243	Asquith, Tom	1686	1845	101731	McCullough, Robert	1101	1136	127483	Watson, Walter	1934	2071	142949	McCullough, Ian	1101	1492
128331	Babich, Yaroslav	1303	1303	149066	McCullough, Ian	1418	1502	100276	Wen, Jean-Francois	2166	2260	145476	McCullough, David	1418	1492
126054	Beaudry, Lukas	2003	2060	145880	McKay, Tom	1597	1743	101495	White, Chrixxxx	1847	1981	145476	McKay, Arnold	1941	1492
148040	Bellemare, Regis	1709	1709	145860	McMerci, Chris	1715	11	144573	Wihnon, Jason	1934	1934	144573	Merkerowsky, Mark	1527	1492
149350	Bellemare, Marc	1806	1806	102547	Mihulescu, Andu	1423	1540	138357	Wong, Ford	1820	2040	144573	Milne, Arthur	1745	1492
103443	Bentley, Bill	1861	2000	101874	Miller, David	1944	1965	152081	Wood, Deweese	1230	1320	152081	Miller, Brian	1951	1492
151200	Bezjack, Robert	1118	1118	150596	Milne, Brian	1662	1700	152081	Wu, Anthony	xxxx	1537	152081	Minchau, Brian	1662	1492
104604	Bist, Kent	1486	1806	151766	Morales, Pedro	1358	1	102743	Yam, Alex	2256	2256	152081	Morimoto, Kotaro	1276	1492
150292	Blyznyuk, Vladimir	1599	1614	151198	Neane, Alex	1967	2	144013	Yao, David	xxxx	5	151198	Morimoto, Kotaro	1276	1492
121267	Booth, Shandy	xxxx	1601	152016	Neven, Knut	2268	2327	149958	Yearwood, Roy	2198	2286	149958	Pasco, Alvin	1883	1492
146339	Borger, Rock	1420	1452	107501	Newton, Geoff	2050	2105	152019	Zeggelaar, Mike	2009	2009	152019	Pivovarov, Juraj	2019	1492
151537	Borja, Manuel	1669	10	109724	Nguyen, Vinh	xxxx	4	149934	Zhang, Derek	847	847	152019	Nguyen, Vinh	xxxx	1492
120375	Borowski, Ted	1614	1682	152083	Nie, Mark	1402	1425	151899	Zhang, David	2138	2158	151899	Pedersen, Rick	2074	1492
125400	Braitenbach, Rick	1337	1337	151488	Nolan, Pat	1538	1589	151899	Zhang, Tong Jun	xxxx	2	151899	Perez, Sean	1885	1492
152011	Brewin, Kendra	xxxx	2	144016	Ong, Simon	1885	1927	151899	Zhao, Chenxi	1271	1271	151899	Ong, Raymond	1742	1492
151729	Broughton, Alexander	1055	12	144017	Panteluk, Steven	1721	1835	151899	Zhao, Ian	1271	1271	151899	Panteluk, Steven	1721	1492
144570	Cai, Tony	xxxx	1802	105047	Pascos, Pasco	1883	1883	151899	Zhao, Ian	1271	1271	151899	Pasco, Alvin	1883	1492
129419	Caughlin, Wade	1964	1971	127776	Pechenkin, Vladimir	2391	2452	147663	Ziegelaar, Mike	1924	2009	147663	Pechenkin, Vladimir	2391	1492
101988	Chaisson, Terry	1814	1823	135188	Pedersen, Rick	2074	2126	152130	Zhang, Derek	847	847	152130	Pedersen, Rick	2074	1492
151894	Chan, Jason	1399	2	143057	Perron, Perron	2210	2210	151925	Zhang, David	2138	2158	151925	Perron, Edward	2556	1492
151673	Clapham, John	629	5	107746	Persaud, Hemant	1784	1784	151716	Zhang, Tong Jun	xxxx	2	151716	Persaud, Hemant	1784	1492
151487	Cormeau, Daniel	1653	4	133670	Pivovarov, Juraj	2019	2019	150821	Zhao, Chenxi	1271	1271	150821	Pivovarov, Juraj	2019	1492
151973	Cuellar, Chris	1852	1855	132527	Porper, Edward	2530	2556	151935	Zhao, Ian	1271	1271	151935	Porper, Edward	2530	1492
133667	Cui, Maylin	xxxx	1398	136955	Radulescu, Adrian	1415	1415	152256	Zhao, Ian	1271	1271	152256	Radulescu, Adrian	1415	1492
149079	Daher, Nayef	1838	1841	101588	Radulescu, Adrian	1415	1415	152256	Zhao, Ian	1271	1271	152256	Radulescu, Adrian	1415	1492
105606	Daniluk, Jim	2007	2193	149419	Rapchuk, Tim	1960	1989	152256	Zhao, Ian	1271	1271	152256	Rapchuk, Tim	1960	1492
109618	Davies, Robert	1649	1808	131213	Reichert, Wayne	1193	1312	150825	Zhao, Ian	1271	1271	150825	Reichert, Wayne	1193	1492
106163	Deimert, Elroy	xxxx	1783	100329	Rekhson, Vladislav	2102	2217	124308	Zhao, Ian	1271	1271	124308	Rekhson, Vladislav	2102	1492
143147	Després, Sébastien	xxxx	5	141908	Ristovic, Nenad	2252	2365	151633	Zhao, Ian	1271	1271	151633	Ristovic, Nenad	2252	1492
149876	Ebrahim-Shirazi, Behrooz	2061	15	106052	Roberts, Richard	1391	1600	149252	Zhao, Ian	1271	1271	149252	Roberts, Richard	1391	1492
104137	Ficere, Tony	1864	1929	149146	Robertson, Archie	xxxx	1932	150246	Zhao, Ian	1271	1271	150246	Robertson, Archie	xxxx	1492
102103	Flemming, James	1784	2056	148420	Robichaud, Martin	2220	2272	152154	Zhao, Ian	1271	1271	152154	Robichaud, Martin	2220	1492
125888	Fox, Tom	xxxx	21	148100	Roddmond, Brian	1376	11	150884	Zhao, Ian	1271	1271	150884	Roddmond, Brian	1376	1492
108323	Gardner, Robert J.	2295	2387	151544	Regimbald, Adrien	1996	1996	152162	Zhao, Ian	1271	1271	152162	Regimbald, Adrien	1996	1492
152012	Gebra, Daniel	1749	2	106711	Reichert, Wayne	1193	1312	150825	Zhao, Ian	1271	1271	150825	Reichert, Wayne	1193	1492
139341	Gicev, Blagoj	2374	2386	104612	Rekhson, Vladislav	2102	2217	124308	Zhao, Ian	1271	1271	124308	Rekhson, Vladislav	2102	1492
127161	Gluckie, Jamin	2148	2148	135072	Ristovic, Nenad	2252	2365	152262	Zhao, Ian	1271	1271	152262	Ristovic, Nenad	2252	1492
109051	Grumic, Sasa	2231	2276	110140	Roberts, Richard	1391	1600	149252	Zhao, Ian	1271	1271	149252	Roberts, Richard	1391	1492
112476	Haessel, Dale	2255	2332	104026	Robertson, Archie	xxxx	1932	150246	Zhao, Ian	1271	1271	150246	Robertson, Archie	xxxx	1492
151981	Hammel, Alexander	807	2	127787	Rozhman, Sardul	2085	2217	151983	Zhao, Ian	1271	1271	151983	Rozhman, Sardul	2085	1492
139386	Harris, Adam	1833	1905	106788	Rubin, Rory	1893	1922	152154	Zhao, Ian	1271	1271	152154	Rubin, Rory	1893	1492
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Nova Scotia											
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Ontario											
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