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From the Editor

It's a transition period as an RFP for the Editor position has just come out. Under the circumstances I can hardly add much to what I wrote the last month (below)

The CFC decided that this magazine should become "more Canadian, and to comply with this decision, I either have introduced or about to introduce several significant changes.

... A new column, Canadians Abroad, has replaced the "Globe". It might be more difficult to find a replacement for major tournaments—so a lot of local help might/will be needed. To make sure, there is enough to read about in the future I would like to launch a new initiative—namely, to encourage club directors around the country to provide information about their clubs. History, membership, traditions, current events, hopes and aspiration—all that might contribute to a new column

Canadian Clubs - yesterday, today, tomorrow

I hope to be able to acquaint the readership with one of our clubs as early as the next issue.

Happy March to everybody

Edward Porper

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Battle of Hastings

By IM Deen Hergott



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Most people have heard of Hastings as a reference to the famous battle fought there in 1066 during the Norman conquest of England, in which William the Conqueror went on to become England's first Norman king. Hastings, however, also became famous in the chess world as the host of the longest series of international tournaments, relatively bloodless, but no less fiercely fought.

Located on the south coast of England, in the county of East Sussex, Hastings was once the jewel of the chess calendar in Britain. It has hosted an annual Winter congress over the Christmas and New Year holidays since 1920, with the Premier section traditionally held as a 10-16 player round-robin event. Sponsorship has become more and more of a factor in recent years, and a Swiss system has replaced the round-robin since 2005 in an effort to reduce costs. Unfortunately it, like many other round-robins, has faded from its earlier glory days, but still remains a fixture in the annual calendar, and attracts a decent international field.

Chess-wise, Hastings may be even better known for the international tournament of 1895, which featured two World Champions, Wilhelm Steinitz and Emanuel Lasker, as well as most of the other top players in the world at the time: Harry Pillsbury, Mikhael Chigorin, Karl Schlechter, and Siegfried Tarrasch among them. The American talent, Pillsbury, surprisingly won the event, his first international venture, with 16.5/21, ahead of Chigorin (16) and Lasker (15.5).

This tournament, however, was held during summer, one of a handful of events not associated with the traditional winter events of later years. It did set the stage, however, for a strong interest in chess amongst the Hastings Chess Club and aficionados, and the necessary financial support for the all-play-all that followed.

Another famous tournament held in Hastings, in September of 1922, was a double round-robin of six players, won by Alexander Alekhine. One of his two wins against Efim Bogoljubov has been acclaimed as one of the best games of chess ever played by most popular chess authors.

All World Champions prior to Garry Kasparov with the exception of Bobby Fischer played at Hastings over the course of its history, eleven in total. England's most

famous female player, Vera Menchik, also participated seven times in the Premier section, between 1929/30 and 1936/37. She was Women's World Champion at the time and bested several of the top male players in the world at the time - Max Euwe and Samuel Reshevsky were among her victims.

Hastings has even made it into chess theory and nomenclature with the following variation of the Queen's Gambit Declined: 1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.♙g5 h6 5.♙xf6 ♗xf6 6.♘c3 c6 7.♗b3 -- from the little-known game, Victor Berger vs. George Alan Thomas, Hastings 1926/27, this game nevertheless was deemed to have theoretical importance at the time, and White's 7th move was henceforth referred to as the Hastings Variation. We shall see that Mr. Thomas was hardly an amateur player, however - read on!

Bogoljubov, Efim - Alekhine, Alexander [A90]

Hastings, 1922

A famous encounter from many chess anthologies, this win from the penultimate round ultimately provided Alekhine with a half-point margin for first place.

1.d4 f5

Compared to the Classical defences, this was considered quite risky at the time, but Alekhine needed a win to fight for first place, and was never one to shy from a decisive battle.

2.c4 ♘f6 3.g3 e6 4.♙g2 ♙b4+

Early days for the Dutch, even White's ♘-side fianchetto was a relatively new treatment, though it was later determined to be White's best chance for advantage in the classical setups. 4...♙e7 is probably a bit more accurate, as the trade of bishops robs Black of some dynamic choices.

5.♙d2 ♙xd2+ 6.♘xd2?!

Nowadays we know that 6.♗xd2, reserving the more active c3-square for the knight, is a much superior choice. The text also reduces White's control over the important centre squares d4 and d5.

6...♘c6 7.♘gf3 0-0 8.0-0 d6 9.♗b3 ♖h8 10.♗c3?!

Better to centralize a rook on c1 or d1. The text fails to prevent Black's central break, and may have been a simple oversight.



10...e5! 11.e3

The d2-knight is hanging at the end of the series of

captures on e5.

11...a5 12.b3 ♖e8 13.a3 ♜h5 14.h4!?

Committal, but White needs to be aware of several attacking schemes: ...f4, ...♙h3 and ...♘g4 is certainly a dangerous option that needs to be avoided.

14...♘g4 15.♘g5 ♙d7 16.f3 ♘f6 17.f4

A bit ugly, but White simply can't allow Black the chance to play ...f4 himself.

17...e4 18.♞fd1?!

A serious slip, as we shall see shortly. 18.d5! would have given White some much-needed breathing room to fight, though Black would still have some advantage.

18...h6 19.♘h3 d5!

Increasing Black's grip on the position. White severely lacks space now.

20.♘f1 ♘e7 21.a4

Otherwise 21...a4! will give Black a great position. The trouble with the text is the loss of control of b4, which Black immediately exploits.

21...♘c6 22.♞d2 ♘b4 23.♙h1



23...♞e8!

Switching the attack to the ♜-side.

24.♞g2

White aims for a g3–g4 break, abandoning the ♜-side. 24.c5!? was the only way to avoid Black gaining a grip immediately on the ♜-side, but it leaves White with a very passive position and Black with many tries based on a timely ...b6 break.

24...dxc4 25.bxc4

Otherwise Black has a huge positional advantage with complete domination of the d5–square.

25...♙xa4 26.♘f2 ♙d7

Controlling g4 once more.

27.♘d2 b5

Continuing the ♜-side assault.

28.♘d1 ♘d3!

Compare White's knights to Black's! The lack of space is the principal cause of all of White's difficulties. The text prepares a wondrous combination.

29.♞xa5 b4 30.♞xa8

30.♞a1 ♞xa5 31.♞xa5 ♞a8! is virtually winning for Black – White would be fortunate not to lose a piece immediately.

30...bxc3 31.♞xe8



31...c2!!

Beautiful, and well-spotted. White maintains rough material equality, but his position is shown to be very poor indeed.

32.♞xf8+ ♔h7 33.♘f2 c1♞+ 34.♘f1 ♘e1!

Another great move, which eliminates a key pawn through tactical means, and sets up huge threats on the light squares. Black threatens mate in one!

35.♞h2 ♞xc4 36.♞b8

Virtually forced. White has to defuse the intended light–squared battery.

36...♙b5 37.♞xb5 ♞xb5 38.g4

What else?

38...♘f3+! 39.♙xf3 exf3 40.gxf5



40...♞e2!

Paralyzing White's forces. It soon becomes clear that White is reduced to pawn moves, and these will run out shortly as well.

41.d5 ♔g8! 42.h5 ♔h7 43.e4

White's position is falling apart, but there really are no good moves. 43.♞h4 ♘c4 44.♞h2 ♘d2! wins even faster for Black.

43...♘xe4 44.♘xe4 ♞xe4 45.d6

White could have resigned here, but allows for a cute finish for the fans.

45...cxd6 46.f6 gxf6 47.♞d2 ♞e2!

Another queen sacrifice! White is pretty much obliged to accept: 48.f5 ♔g7 only delays matters one move.

48.♞xe2 fxe2 49.♔f2

At least White can prevent this promotion, but the pawn endgame is of course a trivial win for Black.

49...exf1 ♖+ 50.♔xf1 ♕g7 51.♔f2 ♕f7 52.♔e3 ♕e6 53.♔e4 d5+

A very fine win by Alekhine, and one richly deserving its accolades.

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George Alan Thomas - Mikhail Botvinnik [B40]

Hastings (1934/35) ENG (3), 29.12.1934

Of all the memorable Hastings tournaments, this one must rank near the top for suspense and unexpected twists. The list of players was one of the most impressive in Hastings history, with former World Champion Raul Capablanca, and future champions Max Euwe and Mikhail Botvinnik in attendance. And yet after eight of nine rounds, it was the British International Master (IM), George Alan Thomas, who sat alone in first place with 6.5/8, half a point ahead of Euwe. Thomas had been having the event of a lifetime, winning against Capablanca and Botvinnik in early rounds to establish a breakneck pace. The last round, however, brought Thomas a surprise loss to his countryman, Reginald Michell. Still, the surprises were not over, as Euwe was unable to win against the event tail-ender, and Salo Flohr caught them with a last-round win to post a three-way tie at 6.5/9. Nonetheless, a British triumph on home soil, and a tremendous result for Thomas!

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♙d3 ♘c6 6.♘xc6 dxc6 7.♘d2 e5 8.0-0 ♖c7 9.b3 ♙c5 10.♙b2

White develops the ♖-side sensibly. There is little point for a knight on c3 with the c6-pawn firmly controlling d5.

10...♙g4 11.♙e2 h5 12.♘c4 ♖d8 13.♖e1 ♘d7



14.♙xg4!? hxg4 15.b4 ♙e7 16.♖d1

White should have some advantage here. Black cannot profit from the h-file, and there is some pressure against e5 and potentially g4 as well.

16...♖h5 17.f3!?

Now that Black has guarded e5 again, White decides to open some lines rather than attempt to round up the g4-pawn. This was undoubtedly another point of b3-b4, to unpin White's f-pawn.

17...gxf3 18.♖xf3 ♘f6 19.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 20.h3

20.a3!? as well. The e5-pawn is taboo: 20.♙xe5??

♖xe5 and 21...♖d4+, and 20.♘xe5? ♖b6+ hits b4.

White continues to hold some advantage after the text.

20...♘d7 21.a3 ♖c7 22.♖e2 ♖g5 23.♙c1 ♖g6

White still has a small edge, but begins to drift. Over the next dozen moves, Botvinnik manages to pretty much level the position.

24.♖d3 b5 25.♘e3 ♖d6 26.♘f5 ♖xd3 27.♖xd3 ♙f8 28.♙e3 g6 29.♘h4 ♘b6



30.♙xb6 ♖xb6+ 31.♔f1

Allowing ...♘c4 looked pretty unappetizing, still recognizing that White's knight will cause Black some concern in this position was good judgement on Thomas' behalf. Black is OK here, but the bishop will prove difficult to activate.

31...a5 32.c3 ♖c7 33.♘f3 ♙d6 34.♘d2 ♔e7 35.♘b3 a4 36.♘d2 c5

Maybe this is a bit too risky. Sitting tight with ...f6, say, or ...♖d7, anticipating an attack on b5 with c3-c4, looks roughly balanced still. The text seeks to activate the queen on the c-file, but does weaken the b5-pawn, as well as a key central light square.

37.♔e2! ♖b6 38.♘f1! ♖c6 39.♘e3 ♖b7

After this the advantage switches back to White again. 39...c4 may have been necessary, just to clarify the queenside. I'd give the nod to White then, but if the action is limited to just the kingside, Black can probably hold the position, even with the worse minor piece.

40.♘d5+ ♔f8



41.♖f3!

Threatening to infiltrate on f6, Black's in trouble.

41...♙e7 42.♖g3 ♖b8 43.♖e3

43.♘xe7 ♔xe7 44.bxc5 wins a pawn, but Thomas may

have been concerned about his queen being tied to the c5-pawn in the endgame and tries a different tack.

43...cxb4 44.cxb4 ♖e8 45.♞d3

The b5-pawn is a clear target, and Black's bishop is unable to aid in its defence.

45...♗f8 46.♗c3 ♞b6 47.♞xb5 ♞g1

Black has to search for counterplay.

48.♗f3! ♕h4

No checks, so this seems reasonable, but the trade of queens leads to a simple win for White.

49.♞c5+ ♞xc5 50.bxc5 ♖e8 51.♗xa4 ♗d7 52.♗b2 ♕e1 53.♗g4 ♕c3 54.♗d3 ♖e6 55.h4 ♕d4 56.a4 ♕c3 57.♗f3 ♕a5 58.g4 ♗f6 59.h5 gxh5 60.gxh5

The h-pawn provides a winning diversion: White's knight will either capture the e5-pawn or arrive on the key d5-square via b4 to escort the c-pawn to promotion. Thomas must have been on cloud nine after this win, having dispatched World Champion Capablanca with Black in the previous round!

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http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sir_George_Thomas,_7th_Baronet

The most recent edition of the Hastings Premier, a ten-round Swiss held over Dec 2012/Jan 2013, was won by English GM Gawain Jones, who ground out a key win in the 9th round to hang onto a half point lead with 7.5/10. Eight players, 5 GM's and 3 IM's finished at 7/10 each.

Chessbase.com provided a brief report at the halfway mark, at which point the young Italian GM, Daniel Vocaturo, was alone in front with 4.5/5 - he lost a key

game to Jones in Round 6.

Vocaturo,Daniele (2521) - Jones,Gawain B76

88th Hastings Masters ENG (6.1), 02.01.2013

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4 ♗f6 5.♗c3 g6 6.♕e3 ♗g7 7.f3 ♗c6 8.♞d2 0-0 9.0-0-0

The key alternative to the heavily analyzed Yugoslav Attack with 9.♕c4. Jones reacts in the most vigorous fashion.

9...d5 10.exd5 ♗xd5 11.♗xc6 bxc6 12.♗xd5

12.♕d4 e5 13.♕c5 ♕c6!? is a line under debate. The text is also a big test of Black's play.

12...cxd5 13.♞xd5 ♞c7!?

Naturally Black isn't going to trade queens. Now 14.♞xa8 ♕f5 15.♞xf8+ ♗xf8 has had unclear results, both over the board and in correspondence games. White chooses to keep queens on with another approach.

14.♞c5 ♞b7 15.c3

15.b3 has also been played. Black will always have some compensation in the form of activity and open lines, but is it enough? Dragon followers love the initiative, so style is certainly a big part of the equation as well.

15...♕f5 16.♞a3! ♞ab8 17.♕a6 ♞c6 18.♕d3 ♞fc8 19.♕xf5 gxf5 20.♞d3 e5 21.♞hd1 ♕f8 22.♞a5

White's done well to contain Black's play so far, but there are still a lot of heavy pieces aiming at White's king. Objectively, White looks to be doing well. Practically, I'd say it's less clear – the pressure of sustained defence is never easy to quantify. Clock times may have been an issue as well, and Jones has a lot of experience in the Dragon too.

22...♞b5 23.♞a4 f4 24.♕g1 a6



25.♞e4

25.♞d8!?, to simplify the position, has a certain logic to it. White's efforts to exchange queens is certainly sensible as well, but it's clear Black will never allow that unless absolutely forced to.

25...♞e6 26.♗b1 ♞c4 27.♞e2 ♞a4 28.b4

Finally a concession of sorts. White still has everything guarded, but the pressure continues to build, and a timely ...a5 may be in the works now as well.

28...♞c4 29.♞d2 ♗g7! 30.♞d8?

Too late. 30.♔a1 was the only real hope, and if 30...a5, 31.♙c5!? keeps a fight alive, though Black looks to be causing more problems. The text should have lost on the spot.



30...♙xb4+?

Strong, but not best! 30... ♙xb4! 31.cxb4 ♖xb4+ 32.♔a2 ♖xa2+!! leads to checkmate. With so many captures available, Jones may simply have missed the key move in one line of many, or may have forgotten that White was not obliged to capture the rook on b4. White is given a reprieve, but the position he gets is still very difficult to play despite the rough material balance.

31.♔a1 ♖b2 32.♙xb2 ♖xb2 33.♔xb2 a5!

33...♙a3+ 34.♔xa3 ♙xc3+ 35.♔a4 ♙c4+ is a draw, but Black is right to play on. The text threatens the same tactic with a mating net now, and White is forced on the defensive. The rooks aren't given much opportunity to do anything active, the queenside is weak, and White's king continues to have some difficulties.

34.♖d3 ♙b5+ 35.♔c2 ♙a3 36.♖b1 ♙c4 37.♖b3 ♙f8 38.♔d2 a4 39.♖b2 ♙a3 40.♖c2 ♔g6



White is completely tied down, while Black continues to have useful moves available. The main Black plan is ...f5 and ...e4, creating a dangerous passed pawn – there's little White can do about it as well.

41.g3 fxg3 42.hxg3 f5 43.♙f2 e4 44.fxe4 fxe4 45.♖d7?

45.♖d4 was better, but 45...♙f1 still poses White many practical problems. The text loses tactically due to the loose position of White's rook on d7.

45...♙b5!

Now 46.♖d8 ♙g5+ is a simple fork, and White must keep the check on d3 guarded, so his move is forced.

46.♖d4 ♙c5 47.c4

47.♖d5 e3+! wins. Black is just winning material now.

47...♙b1 48.♙e3 ♙b4+

It's always nice to win with Black, especially against one's main competition. Jones' choice of opening was well-suited to a decisive result.

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Gawain Jones



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Canadian IM Raja Panjwani was participating in the event, and had 3.5 points and an impressive 2500 FIDE performance rating after the halfway mark. He later withdrew from the event, with a 5/8 score, whether from illness or simply a need to be elsewhere is not clear. He did play four GM's, however, and scored two draws - speaking from experience, GM's are tough opponents, particularly without regular exposure to them on Canadian soil. Any opportunity to battle them can only be beneficial to one's game.

Panjwani's tournament began with a forfeit win, a draw with British GM Nicholas Pert, and a sound drubbing by Jones, the eventual winner. He then got paired with three lower-rated masters in the 2200 range and dispatched them easily. Rounds 7 and 8 were also against GM opposition, and again he scored one draw and one loss, subsequent to his withdrawal. Here are a few snapshots of our Canadian abroad:

Panjwani,Raja (2402) - Flear,Christine (2156) [B43]

88th Hastings Masters ENG (4.17), 31.12.2012

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 a6 5.♘c3 b5 6.♙d3 ♙b7 7.0-0 ♙b6 8.♘b3 ♙c7

The idea of driving the d4-knight away from the centre has been played before, but here Black has spent quite a lot of time on pawn moves rather than piece development. White is castled and has three pieces out; Black is yet to touch her ♖-side. Rapid and harmonious piece development, with a view to king safety is one of a handful of sound opening principles – it becomes clear in this game that this is what leads to a quick downfall for Black.

9.♖e2 d6 10.♗d2 ♟f6 11.a4! b4

11...bxa4 was possible, but White has a great position. Black's a-pawn and ♖-side in general remain very vulnerable.

12.♟a2



12...a5?!

Black's best counterstrike is 12... d5!?, now that another of White's knights has been driven offside. White stands better after capturing on b4 or simply on d5, when the f6-knight is diverted from Black's ♖-side, but it is far superior to what happens in the game.

13.c3 bxc3?

Again 13...d5!? should be considered.

14.♞fc1!? ♟bd7

A funny line is 14...cxb2 15.♞xc7 bxa1=♞+ 16.♟xa1, when White's knights are about as decentralized as one could make them! The rook on the 7th and potential check on b5 spell a quick win for White, however, so this line is simply unplayable for Black.

15.♟xc3 ♟c5 16.♟b5 ♞d8 17.♟xc5 dxc5 18.♗f4



Black is already lost. Nearly all of White's pieces are active, while Black's army is mostly sleeping still.

18...♞c8 19.♟a7!

Clears the b5-square for a bishop check.

19...♟d7 20.♗b5

The rook can wait. White focuses his attention on the d-file and Black's King.

20...♞b6 21.♟xc8 ♗xc8 22.♞d1 f6 23.♞d2 ♞d8

And Black resigned without waiting for 24.♞ad1. A simple miniature which illustrates the danger of falling behind in development.

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Eames, Robert S (2263) - Panjwani, Raja (2402) [A80]

88th Hastings Masters ENG (5.12), 01.01.2013

1.d4 f5 2.♗g5 d5 3.e3 ♟f6 4.♗xf6 exf6 5.c4 ♗e6 6.♟c3 dxc4 7.d5 ♗f7 8.♗xc4 a6 9.♟ge2 c5 10.♟f4 b5 11.♗d3 ♞d7 12.♞f3 b4 13.♟ce2 ♞a7 14.♞d1 g6 15.♗c4 ♞d6 16.♟e6 ♟d7 17.♟2f4 ♟e5 18.♞e2 g5 19.♟xf8 ♟xf8 20.♟e6+ ♟e7 21.♟g7 ♗g6 22.f4 ♟d7 23.0-0 ♞g8 24.♟e6 h6 25.♞d2 ♗f7 26.b3 ♗g6 27.a3 a5 28.♞a1 ♞ga8 29.♞da2 bxa3 30.♞xa3 ♟b6 31.♞d3 ♟f7 32.♞d1 g4 33.♞a2 h5 34.♗b5 ♞c8 35.♗c4 h4 36.♞c3 ♞ca8 37.♟f2 a4 38.♞da1 ♟xd5 39.♗xd5 ♞xd5 40.♟xc5 ♞c7 41.b4 h3 42.♟g1 ♞d8 43.♞c2 hgx2 44.♞xg2 ♟e7



A sharp Dutch went quite wrong for Raja in the middlegame, but he has fought on to this position. Still dodgy, given Black's king position, but better than it has been for some time. White must find a plan as well.

45.♞c1?!

45.e4!? looks thematic, or a move to prepare this break. 45.♞a3!? is a computer suggestion, and also looks better than the text. White fails to realize that his own king is in some potential danger as well.

45...♗e8! 46.b5?

A deadly oversight, but the need to deal with ...♗/c8-c6 is pressing. Again 46.e4! is a logical choice, and the fight continues, but Black is definitely back in the game.

46...♗xb5! 47.♞b4



White's idea, but...

47...♖d1+!

Game over. 48.♖xd1 ♖xd1+ 49.♔f2 ♖f1+ 50.♔g3 ♖f3+ 51.♔h4 ♖h3 mate is very cute, and 48.♞e1 fails to save White either, as 48...♞xc1+ wins the knight on c5.

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Vocaturio,Daniele (2521) - Panjwani,Raja (2402)
[B23]

88th Hastings Masters ENG (7.4), 03.01.2013

1.e4 c5 2.♖c3 e6 3.f4 d5 4.♖f3 ♖c6 5.♙b5 ♖f6 6.e5
♖d7 7.♙xc6 bxc6 8.d3 ♙e7 9.0-0 0-0 10.♞e1 c4 11.d4
f5 12.♖d1 c5 13.♙e3 ♞c7 14.♙f2 cxd4 15.♖xd4 ♖c5
16.♙h4 ♙xh4 17.♞xh4 ♖b8 18.♞e1 ♙d7 19.b4 cxb3
20.axb3 ♖e4 21.♖f2 ♖c3 22.♞e3 ♞c5 23.♖fe1



With 23... ♖fe8, Black could claim a small edge, definitely a success against the frontrunner of the event's first half. Chess is a long game, however, and one typically full of errors. The key is to make the second-last one!

23...♖b4?

Overlooking White's next. Raja may have been calculating 24.♖xf5? only, which fails to the intermezzo 24...d4!

24.♖xe6! ♞xe3 25.♖xe3 ♖c8 26.♖xg7!

This must have been disheartening for Black, but speaking from experience, there is nothing to motivate one like a bad position. Raja does his best to keep things murky.

26...d4 27.♖ee1

27.♖g3?? ♖c2+ is off bounds.

27...♖b7 28.♖h5 ♖d5



29.♖f6+?!

Throwing away a big part of White's advantage. White

may have feared allowing a knight on e3, but the more direct line 29.e6! ♙e8 30.♖c5 ♖c3 31.♖f6+ ♔g7 32.♖xe8+ ♖xe8, and now the simple 33.c3 or more forcefully 33.g4!? perhaps, show that Black's activity is not even close to compensation for two whole pawns.

29...♖xf6 30.exf6 ♖xc2

The passed d-pawn, bishop versus knight, and devalued f-pawns give Black some real chances to fight again.

31.♖ad1 ♖xb3 32.♖e7

32.♖xd4, followed by creating an airhole for White's King is the simplest approach, but it's tricky with those rampaging rooks. Vocaturio inverts the move order but fails to recognize the need to give his own king extra options.

32...♙b5 33.♖xd4?

Resistance is not futile. As often happens when an advantage starts to slip, so too does the concentration. 33.h4 or even 33.g4!? would keep some edge, but Black has counterchances now. The text does threaten a quick mate, but overlooks something very serious.

33...♖c1+! 34.♖d1

Best. 34.♖d1 ♖xd1+ 35.♖xd1 ♖b1, and 36...♙a4 wins a piece.



34...♖d3!

And suddenly Black is winning material – what a turnaround!

35.♖xd3 ♙xd3 36.♖xa7

36.♖c1 ♙c2

36...♖xd1+ 37.♔f2 ♙e4 38.♖g7+ ♔f8 39.♖xh7 ♖d2+ 40.♔e3 ♖d3+

40...♖xg2 looks better, but White's King runs to e5 and e6. This probably worried Black, and time may have been an issue as well.

41.♔e2 ♖d6 42.g3 ♖xf6 43.h3

With g3–g4 coming eventually, we are headed for the dreaded ♙+♖ vs. ♖ endgame. This eventually happened, and the game ended in a draw on move 102. Still, a nice save by Panjwani!

43...♖a6 44.♖d7 ♖a2+ 45.♖d2 ♖a3 46.g4 ♖xh3 47.gxf5
♔e7 48.♖d4 ♙xf5 49.♔f2 ♔e6 50.♔g2 ♖a3 51.♔f2
♙g4 52.♖b4 ♔f5 53.♖b5+ ♔xf4 54.♖b4+ ♔g5 55.♖d4
♙f3 56.♖b4 ♔f5 57.♖b8 ♙e4 58.♖f8+ ♔e5 59.♖e8+ ♔
f4 60.♖f8+ ♙f5 61.♖e8 ♖c3 62.♖e2 ♙d3 63.♖d2 ♖b3

64.♖a2 ♖b1 65.♖a4+ ♗e4 66.♖a2 ♖d1 67.♖b2 ♖h1
 68.♖d2 ♖b1 69.♗e2 ♖b4 70.♗f2 ♖a4 71.♗e2 ♖a3
 72.♗f2 ♗d3 73.♖b2 ♖c3 74.♗e1 ♗e3 75.♖e2+ ♗d4
 76.♖f2 ♖c1+ 77.♗d2 ♖a1 78.♖f4+ ♗e4 79.♖f2 ♖h1
 80.♗e2 ♖c1 81.♗d2 ♖a1 82.♗e2 ♖a3 83.♗d2 ♗f3
 84.♗e1 ♗g4 85.♖d2+ ♗e4 86.♗f2 ♗f3 87.♖b2 ♗f4
 88.♖d2 ♖a1 89.♖d4+ ♗e4 90.♖d2 ♖b1 91.♗e2 ♖b3
 92.♗e1 ♗d3 93.♖f2+ ♗e3 94.♖e2+ ♗d4 95.♖f2 ♗e4
 96.♗d2 ♖b2+ 97.♗e1 ♖b8 98.♗d2 ♖c8 99.♗e1 ♖h8
 100.♗d2 ♗d4 101.♖f4+ ♗e4 102.♖f2

The following round, Raja faced another GM, Daniel Alsina Leal, of Spain, his 4th of the event. He stood distinctly better around move 20, but an aggressive pawn sacrifice backfired, and he eventually was ground down and lost – great experience though, and so valuable for Canadians. It's good to see some of our players getting their feet wet outside the country!

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Canadians Abroad

By FM Vladimir Pechenkin



Canadian chess players have been quite active recently on international fronts. The last issue had covered several tournaments with Canadian participation, and two more such tournaments are featured in the current issue as either a separate article or a first-hand report. This month's edition of the "Canadians Abroad" column is therefore devoted to a few other events that have not received coverage so far.

The main protagonist of this article is IM Bindi Cheng who participated in the **22nd Annual North American Open** held in Las Vegas in December, 2012.



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The Open section of 84 players was quite strong featuring 16 GMs and 13 IMs. After a routine win in the first round Bindi lost to the future winner of the tournament, GM Timur Gareev. The loss did not discourage him, however, as he scored 3.5 points in the next four rounds scalping, among others, GM Mikheil Kekelidze. In the following interesting game the position became unbalanced very early on. Black's queen got trapped, yet he obtained what seemed to be more than sufficient material equivalent. In the ensuing battle Bindi outplayed his opponent in a spectacular fashion.

Cheng, Bindi (2397) - Krishnan, Varun (2217) [E04]

North American Open Las Vegas (4), 27.12.2012

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.g3 dxc4 5.♙g2 a6

Black opts for one of the principal lines of the Open Catalan intending to keep the gambit pawn on c4.

6.♗e5

This continuation has a reputation of being safer than the main line. As we are about to see, however, "safer" doesn't always imply "more boring". The most popular 6.0-0 allows 6...♗c6 when Black is likely to keep his extra pawn forcing White to prove compensation (6...b5 is also a serious option)

6...♙b4+

Black wants to take advantage of White's delayed castling. 6...c5 is also logical and scores well in practice.

7.♙d2

A rare continuation that was nevertheless tested at the highest level. 7.♗c3 is much more popular.

7...♞xd4

Black must pick up the gauntlet since the other moves are significantly worse.

8.♙xb4 ♞xe5 9.♗a3

The idea of this slightly eccentric development is to not only attack the c4-pawn but also take the b5-square away from the black queen. In the game Kamsky–Wang Hao, 2012, White tried a more normal-looking 9.♗d2 but Black played very precisely and convincingly won the opening battle: 9...♞b5 10.♙a3 ♙d7 11.♞c2 ♗c6 12.♞c1 0-0-0 13.♗xc4 ♙b8 14.b3 ♗d4 15.♞b2 ♙c6 16.f3 h5 White's compensation for the pawn is clearly insufficient.



9...♞xb2

This kind of pawn grabbing is usually not recommended for young players. Nevertheless, Bindi's 15-year-old opponent shows that he can get away with it in this particular position. A super-GM preferred a normal developing move 9...♗c6 instead. The game Aronian–Mamedyarov, 2009, then continued 10.♙xc6+ bxc6 11.♙c3 ♞d5 12.f3 e5 and here Aronian opted for a rather risky 13.e4?! (a safer but uninspiring alternative would have been 13.♞xd5 cxd5 14.♙xe5 c6 15.b3 cxb3 16.axb3 ♞) 13...♞c5 14.♞d2 ♙c6 15.0-0-0 ♞b8 16.♞g5 h6 17.♞xe5 ♞e3+ 18.♗d2 ♞xf3 19.♞e1 0-0 White is still struggling to prove compensation.

10.♞b1 ♞xa2

Black is more or less obliged to continue his dangerous

pawn hunt. In principle, the queen can go back 10...♖c5 but then White wins more time by 11.♗xc4 and his advantage in development becomes too large.

11.♖c1

The black queen is trapped and is about to be captured. However, Black finds a way to get in exchange for her more material than White was probably hoping for.

11...a5! 12.♗c5 ♗a6 13.♖b2

White has to pick up the queen immediately giving up his powerful dark-squared bishop.

13...♖xb2 14.♖xb2 ♗xc5

As a result of the forced sequence, quite an unusual material imbalance has arisen. Currently, Black has a rook, a knight and four pawns for the queen. However, he is behind in development, and his king isn't safe just yet.

15.♖e5

White correctly makes use of his biggest asset, the active queen, and wins a couple of pawns back.



15...♗a6

Black wants to keep the c7-pawn. 15...♗b3!? 16.♖xc7 0-0 17.♗xc4 ♗d7 18.0-0 a4 is an interesting alternative as the a-pawn may become very dangerous.

16.♖xa5 0-0 17.♗xc4 b6 18.♖a1 ♗d5 19.0-0 ♗b7

Both sides have completed their development, and it is now time to evaluate the position. At first glance, it seems that Black is to be preferred. He has a slight material advantage and no pawn weaknesses, while his king appears to be safe. However, there are other important factors, namely initiative and piece coordination. The outcome of the battle will thus largely depend on who will seize the initiative and how well Black will be able to coordinate his pieces.

20.♖e5 ♗ab4 21.f4

Objectively, not the best move. However, it clearly signals White's intention to fight hard for the initiative.

21...♗c6

A very logical alternative is 21...♖a2!? immediately activating one rook and intending to bring the other to the a-file as well. Play may continue 22.♗f3 (Another important point is that the b2-square is no longer available to the white queen, who suddenly starts feeling uncomfortable in the very center of the board. For example, the intended 22.f5? fails to 22...♗c6

23.♖e4 ♗c3 24.♖h4 ♗xe2+ 25.♗h1 exf5) 22...♗c6 23.♖e4 ♗ce7 24.♖c1 ♖fa8 and Black is doing well.

22.♖b2 ♖a4 23.♗e5 ♗xe5

The exchange of knights benefits White as the board is now less cluttered with pieces increasing White's queen activity. Instead, 23...♖b4!? deserves attention since White's best may be to accept a repetition after 24.♖d2 ♗d4 25.♖b2 ♖b4

24.♖xe5

Over the course of the last few moves the scale has been slightly tipped in White's favor. He is ready to strike on the kingside, while also threatening to win the c7-pawn.



24...♖c4?!

Black defends the pawn but allows White to seize the initiative. Instead, Black should give up the pawn and start playing for a draw: 24...♖a5 25.♗xd5 (25.f5 can now be met with a simple 25...exf5) 25...♗xd5 26.♖xc7 ♖a2 27.♖e1 b5 28.e4 ♗c4 Black's fortress will be very hard to crack.

25.f5

Of course! Since the d5-knight is under-protected, Black must resort to tactical means to avoid the worst.

25...♖e8?

25...♖c5 26.fxe6 ♗f6! is the trick. After 27.exf7+ ♗xf7 28.♖b2 ♗xg2 29.♗xg2 White is better but Black is very much in the game.

26.fxe6 fxe6

26...♖xe6? is elegantly refuted by 27.♖f5 ♖f6 28.♖d7 ♖xf1+ 29.♗xf1 and Black loses a piece.

27.♖h5!

The active queen causes Black a lot of trouble.

27...g6?

The only way to continue is 27...♖f8 although after 28.♖xf8+ ♗xf8 29.♖xh7 Black's pawns are weak, and his defence is going to be very difficult.

28.♖f3

Decisive. White's attack is irresistible, and he finishes off his opponent in style.

28...♗c6 29.♖f7+ ♗h8 30.h4 b5 31.h5 gxh5 32.♗xd5 exd5 33.♖f6+ ♗g8 34.♖g5+ ♗h8 35.♖f7 ♖g4 36.♖h6 ♖xg3+ 37.♗f2

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The winner: “Uzbek Dragon” Timur Gareev

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Unfortunately, two consecutive losses in rounds 7 and 8 threw Bindi off the podium, his final result being 5.5/9. He finished the tournament with a nice tactical shot that his opponent clearly overlooked.

Black, James (2163) - Cheng, Bindi (2397) [D80]

North American Open (9), 30.12.2012



The game has reached a fairly standard position that slightly favors Black. White has no attack on the kingside, while Black has a simple plan of trading pieces and then exploiting the weakness of the pawn pair c3–d4. In fact, Bindi tries to do it right away.

20... ♖f4 21. ♕g3 ♖e4?!

It seems that the mate threat forces the exchange of queens but this is not the case.

22. ♘e3!

Suddenly, Bindi's queen is almost trapped in the very middle of the board, similarly to the previous game. 22. ♖xe4? ♕xe4 is clearly in Black's favor.

22... ♘xb3

Black gets rid of one of the opponent's pieces that can attack his queen and sets up a diabolic trap in the meantime.



23. f3??

After the normal 23. axb3 Black can play 23... ♕h6 24. ♖d3 ♕xe3 25. fxc3 when the game isn't far from equality. Of course, White has much more play than in the initial position.

23... ♕b5!

White clearly missed this shot distracting his own queen and creating a safe retreat square for the black one.

24. ♖xb5

After 24. ♖f2 ♖c6 Black also wins a pawn.

24... ♖xe3+ 25. ♕f2 ♖xc3 26. ♖xb3 ♖c2

Black soon converted his material and positional advantage.

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Bindi Cheng

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Another traditional event, **Pan American Intercollegiate Chess Championship**, took place at the same time at one of the labs of the Princeton University, New Jersey. The tournament has a fairly long history as it has been regularly held since 1946. Currently, it is a six-round team competition open to any post-secondary school from North America, South America and the Caribbean. Similarly to the Olympiad, a team of four players is awarded 1 point for winning a match and half a point in case of a 2-2 tie. The 2012 edition of the Pan-Am was the strongest ever featuring 23 GMs and five schools with average USCF ratings over 2500.

Canada has been traditionally represented by the University of Toronto although other schools have also participated in the past. This year the A-team consisted of WGM Melissa Greeff, Haizhou Xu, Paul Gelis and Jonathan Yu. The squad managed to score 4 match points and tie for the sixth place out of 44, which is a very good result considering the strength of the field. The tournament itself ended in an unlikely five-way tie for the first place among the favorites: University of Texas at Dallas (UTD), University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC), Webster University A and B, as well as the University of Illinois. The winners scored 5 match points out of 6.

Another notable Canadian representative was IM Arthur Calugar who played for the B-team of the UTD. This university has a well established chess program offering major chess scholarships to promising players since 1996. Its rivalry with the UMBC has been a trademark of the Pan-Am for the last 15 years, and the two dominated the field so strongly that it prompted a few other schools to start offering chess scholarships as well.

Returning to the Canadian representation, IM Calugar's individual performance was very solid as he scored 4.5/6 and drew two GMs. One of these draws was achieved in a dramatic fashion.

Calugar, Arthur (2295) - Bachmann, Axel (2529)
Pan American Intercollegiate Champ. (6), 30.12.2012



Black has just won a piece and it seems that it's time for White to resign. However, things turn out to be far less clear than it appears at first glance.

38...Qc3?!

Apparently, Black believes that all roads lead to Rome

anyway. However, White manages to find an amazing resource. The most incisive continuation is 38...Qc7 39.f5 Qxh4+ 40.Qg1 gxf5! 41.Qxb3 Qc1+ 42.Qh2 Qf2+ 43.Qh1 f4 and the white king is in a mating net.

39.Qa7+!

It is crucial to force the black king to the h6-square.

39...Qh6 40.Qg1!

The white queen not only defends her king but also creates some very unpleasant threats. It is hard to believe that Black has the only winning move in this position.

40...Qd2?

Black must acknowledge his mistake and return the queen 40...Qc7! covering the 7th rank. Granted, it is often hard to do even for a GM.

41.Qg5+

The queen infiltrates with a check; that's why it was important to lure the black king to h6.

41...Qh7 42.Qe7+ Qg7



43.Qf7!

This is it. Now Black has to take a perpetual check to save his king.

43...Qxe2+ 44.Qg1 Qd1+ 45.Qg2 Qc2+ 46.Qh3 Qc3+ 47.Qg2 Qd2+ 48.Qg1 Qe3+ 49.Qg2 Qe4+ 50.Qf2 Qh6

This doesn't help.

51.Qf8! Qd4+ 52.Qg2 Qd2+ 53.Qg1 Qe1+ 54.Qg2 Qe2+ 55.Qg3 Qe1+ 56.Qg2 Qe2+ 57.Qg3 Qe1+ 1/2-1/2

The day before Arthur was in exactly the opposite situation and almost failed to convert an extra piece into a win. Luckily, his opponent resigned in a drawn position.

Ryba, Andrew (2186) - Calugar, Arthur (2295)

Pan American Intercollegiate Ch. (4), 29.12.2012

Black has won a piece but still needs to overcome technical difficulties. It seems that the main problem is the wrong color of his bishop. For example, the exchange of the knights would lead to a theoretically drawn position. However, it turns out that White has other ideas as well.

**66.h4! ♔d2**

Forced. 66...♔d8? 67.♔h6 and the king picks up Black's last pawn with a draw.

67.♘f6!

White comes up with an excellent practical chance.

67...♔e3?

Black finds the right idea but its execution is inaccurate. 67...♔xf6 is a stalemate! 67...h6? is no good in view of 68.♘g4! Correct is 67...♘c6! intending 68.♘h7 ♘e7! 69.♘g5 ♘g8 with inevitable checkmate. The difference from the game continuation will be seen shortly.

68.♘h7 ♘g4 69.♘g5 ♔f4

This aesthetically pleasing move appears to be winning as it puts White in zugzwang. Therefore, White resigned here even though the position is actually a draw after

**70.♔e4!**

This line explains why the black knight must be on g8 instead. 70.♘h7 doesn't help because of 70...♔d6! 71.♘g5 ♘f6+ 72.♔h6 ♔f8#

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One may add that the 2013 edition of the Pan-Am will be hosted by the Texas Tech University.

In conclusion, IM Leonid Gerzhoy participated in the 4th Annual Golden State Open held in California, January 17-21, 2013. The Open section attracted 50 players including 6 GMs and 7 IMs. The tournament was won by GM Chao Li with a score of 7.5/9, the second place went to GM Gregory Kaidanov (6.5). Leonid scored 5.5/9, which was good enough for 7-13 places yet cost him 16 FIDE rating points. Of course, such a result is hardly satisfying for Leonid whose skill

and experience entitle him for much more. Fortunately, there will be many more tournaments to come.



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a Piece of the Rock

By Steve Fairbairn



Get a piece of the Rock, looking for a fantastic chess experience, how about Gibraltar?

Strong players by the bushel, 20 Celsius in January and monkeys, what more can you ask for? The Tradewise Gibraltar chess festival has been widely touted as the best open tournament in the world and it's not just idle hype. I returned to play in the 2013 edition after skipping last year's event to play in New Zealand. Since I last played the tournament has matured and become even more slickly put together than before. It's all the more amazing since there was no significant chess community in Gibraltar to provide a foundation for the event. This brainchild of British organizer Stewart Rubin started more than a decade ago from scratch. Why is it the best open in the world today? There are a number of reasons.

First of all a very strong, professional organizing team that is constantly being rejuvenated. For example the organizers made an inspired decision two years ago in naming Grandmaster Stuart Conquest as the tournament director. Stuart is a great "people" person and being a grandmaster and of course a veteran tournament player he understands what makes a good tournament from both the perspective of a professional player and an amateur one as well. An interesting example of his skill at putting out fires was how he diffused a minor controversy when Ivanchuk and Le Quang Liem agreed to a grandmaster draw in an early round. The Gibraltar event has had a longstanding rule prohibiting draws in under 30 moves (In my view these kind of rules are stupid and little more than window dressing, but I won't get into that here) and the initial view of the arbiter was that the game should be replayed. That that went over like a lead balloon with both players. They argued, with some justification, that the rule was not widely posted or advertised this year. At this point Conquest intervened and worked out a deal where the game would stand, but in return Ivanchuk agreed to give a lecture that night (which is on video on the tournament website

and it's worth your while to spend the hour to watch it). It was a win-win and everyone went away happy.

Not all grandmasters would make good TD's, but I think Gibraltar is on to something here and surely there must be some other GM's or IM's who may not be leading active playing careers any longer to lend their experience on the organizing side. Chess tournaments would be better for it. In general Conquest provided the vision and left the nuts and bolts of things like pairings to the arbiters, one of which was Canadian expat Stephen Boyd.

Another reason for the tournament's success is that Gibraltar, a tiny British colony with a population of 30-thousand, really takes pride in hosting the tournament. The sponsors put up a fantastic amount of money. The politicians from the Lieutenant-Governor on down all troop down to the tournament for photo-ops, and the opening and closing ceremonies. The event gets prominent coverage in the local media — usually front page in the local paper and the people are friendly and really make you feel welcome.



The tournament has really embraced the internet. I don't know that they've done anything innovative, but they're doing everything right and I was bowled over by how much they've progressed in just the past two years. The hotel that hosts the event redesigned a room that serves as the commentary room. It essentially becomes a television studio during the event. In the earlier years of the event Conquest was the commentator and he still does a fair amount of commentary work. The main commentators this year were GM Simon Williams and IM Irina Krush. Leaving aside the chess side of things, I'm a professional broadcaster and from that perspective I was very impressed with all three. Conquest in particular has a natural ability for using his chess knowledge to draw things from guests in such a way that he doesn't steal the show from those he's interviewing, the afore mentioned Ivanchuk lecture being a perfect example. It also helps when the guest is someone like Nigel Short who is always entertaining.

A last reason for the tournament's success is the great

playing atmosphere. It's a very friendly enjoyable experience, with fun side-events, albeit a bit cheesy at times, but they work. At the closing dinner myself and fellow Canadian Leon Piasetski sat with the Chinese delegation. It was very interesting talking to Zhao Xue, not only one of the top women players in China, but one of the top players period. This atmosphere really lends to playing good chess.

I'll briefly mention playing conditions, which are considerably better than anything in North America, though most are quite common in Europe and would be taken for granted over there. Seven hour time controls with increments, name cards for the players at the boards and pieces and clocks supplied. The last thing is starting to creep into some major North American tournaments but nowhere near as fast as it should be. It was amusing during one lecture the topic of playing in the World Open came up and a GM was recounting how even GM's had to bring their own sets and most of the European players were listening in bemused disbelief.

Away from the chessboard, although it's small Gibraltar has a lot to offer, including centuries of history and yes the famous barbary apes that have free run of the place.

This is an event that any Canadian player could enjoy. The Open section has a limit on the number of people who can play, around 200, mostly due to space restrictions at the playing venue. However I like this better than events like say the World Open where I always felt like the organizers view the players as a herd of cattle.

The open section is probably too strong for anyone under 1900. But there are shorter side events during the day where you can play for a week and still get a good taste of the atmosphere and hobnob with many of the world's best players. Many players do both the day events and the main tournament but that would be way too much chess for me.

This year's event was won by Russian GM Nikita Vitiugov, who edged out Short in a G15 playoff.



Nikita Vitiugov receives his winners cheque for £20,000 from Tradewise CEO James Humphreys. Nikita scored 8/10 (+6,=4) and then won a play-off 1½-½ to take the title.

Ironically Short won the same way last year. This would be one of my few criticisms of the event, besides the silly no draw in less than 30 move rule. It seems unfair for a player who has worked hard to tie for first to put a 20-thousand pound first prize on a rapid game. Perhaps they could consider a slightly lower first prize that could be split and only have a smaller amount of money and the title up for grabs.

There were three Canadians playing in this year's edition. Piasetski was the top scorer at 5/10. He was frustrated at dropping a number of draws to lower rated players, which more speaks to the strength of the event than anything else. Leon has always been one of my favourite Canadian players from when I was a teenager. He was gracious enough to analyze some of my games with me, something that was a real thrill.

Toronto's Lali Agbabishvili had a very tough tournament with 3.5 out of 10. Not such a bad result in an event this strong, but I think she deserved better. I marvelled at how much effort she put into all her games, I wish I could concentrate that deeply at the board. I suspect a major reason she wasn't able to do better was that she arrived the day before the tournament, a bad idea on these foreign jaunts. I always invest an extra week of holiday time to come over early shake off the jet lag and relax before a major event like this. She also suffered from a cold during the event. I've suffered under such circumstances myself in the past.

As for myself, strange as it may seem I went into the event not all that excited on playing. I had made my holiday plans months ago and couldn't back out. Thirty straight years of playing in tournaments, the last 15 of which have been exotic foreign events has left me a bit chessed out perhaps. I never really got going until the last two rounds when I started playing well. Since I did no serious preparation beforehand, I really can't complain about 4.5/10. Since it's customary to throw in a game for these articles I won't break with tradition. Pickings are a bit slim. I'm passing over the only really good game I played because it wasn't against a titled player and when writing articles I usually I only show games I've played against titled players. Who'd want to see a game between a couple of 2000-2100 players? So here is my last round draw with a Venezuelan I.M, It illustrates some of the pre-game preparation that is a big factor to playing well in European events

Sanchez Castillo,S (2212) - Fairbairn,S (2021) [B13]
11th Gibraltar Masters Caleta ENG (10.77), 31.01.2013
1.e4 c6

One of the big differences between chess in Europe and North American chess is there is much more scope for doing real preparation. This is pretty much impossible in the weekend Swiss culture of North America, but it's a much different story in the one game a day events that dominate continental Europe. Even players like me have a large body of games in databases, largely because I've mostly played in Europe for the past 15

years. In looking at my opponent's games I found the lines she played against most of the openings I currently use against e4 were either ones I didn't feel like playing against or ones I didn't like. Then I stumbled upon a couple of her games against the Caro-Kann that piqued my interest. I used to play the Caro-Kann exclusively until about 2002 and gave it up because I was simply tired of it. Unfortunately I had no reference materials on it with me and only had access to the internet for about 20 minutes that day so I was going to have to rely on my failing memory and my practical experience with this opening. One of the things I've heard from Canadian players when we've talked about trading in their weekend Swisses for a real European tournament is adjusting to the one game a day schedule and what would they do for the rest of the day when they're not playing. In fact the preparation process can be almost like a second game as you try to figure out what your opponent is likely to play against you. It can be like detective work.

2.d4

My opponent showed a slight facial twinge when I played 1...c6 and hesitated before making the standard move. Although we didn't do a post-mortem I got the sense she looked up my games and did not foresee I would pull out something from the long forgotten past. I've been on the receiving end of the surprise treatment on many occasions

2...d5 3.exd5

Even though my opponent mostly plays dxc3 lines against the Caro, I found one exchange variation and for some reason I knew she'd play this. Possibly she felt I was better prepared than I actually was.

3...cxd5 4.♔d3 ♘c6 5.c3 g6

I started taking this line up a couple years before I gave up the Caro-Kann. I think it's superior to the main line of dxf6 6 ♔f4 , etc. which tends to be sterile and leave black struggling to reach equality. It's still seems to be a bit of a backwater theoretically. A quick online search only netted me one game in the past year. Black has some ideas, making it fairly easy to play from a strategic standpoint. One is dhh6 and ♔f5 contesting the h7-b1 diagonal. Another interesting possibility is the plan of dhh6 , 0-0, f6, dxf7 and e5. It can be very effective if played right..

6.♘f3 ♘h6



7.♘e5

White thought several minutes before she played this move and my initial thought was it was a poor move, if for no other reason than white is moving a piece twice in the opening. The game Reprun-Gunina from the 2012 European Women's Cup saw 7 0-0 and Black followed the plan mentioned above with the f6, e5 pawn advance in the centre and went on to win. I have no idea if the move in the game is known theory or not, but it isn't so bad as I initially thought.. I started to get worried about the idea of ♔b5 and ♞a4 forcing Black to either part with his light squared bishop for a knight or give up a pawn. Fritz throws cold water on this giving a slight edge to Black. However after 7...♔g7 8 ♘xc6 is possible giving white a reasonable game. Because of the unfounded concern I just mentioned I decided to exchange the knight but it has its pitfalls as well.

7...♘xe5 8.dxe5 ♔g7 9.♔b5+

Here is the problem with the knight exchange, Black won't be able to castle. At first I thought I was worse , but came to the conclusion her lack of development offsets the congestion on my kingside. I played my next move lightning fast and with great confidence to try to convey the impression I foresaw all this.

9...♔f8 10.h3

Apparently to restrict the knight but I think I'd prefer either 0-0 or ♔f4 here.

10...♔e6 11.0-0 ♞b6

The idea is a relocation of dxf5-g3-e4 if I can ever get all that in, but at least I gain a tempo to try to get my troops on some useful squares

12.♘a3 a6

12...♘f5 13.g4 ♘h4 14 ♔g5

13.♔a4 ♘f5

Now this is more palatable as after 14 g4 dhh4 15 ♔g5 the pawn on b2 is hanging giving Black a chance to scoop up at least one of the queenside pawns.

14.♞e1 h5

Not sure if this was the best move but the alternatives didn't appeal. 14...d4 I thought was unwise as the queens would come off at a time when my kingside setup is still awkward, though computer assessment suggests black would be ok. 14...♞d8 was also reasonable.

15.♘c2 ♔g8

Again I suspect there were better moves but I wanted to activate my king rook. Clearly she wasn't going to oblige me and play g4 anytime soon. In any event Black is doing alright here

16.♔b3 ♞d8 17.♘d4

A logical idea, trading off her passive knight for my active one and going into an ending where Black will

have to tread carefully to avoid slipping into a lost position

17...♖xd4

I probably don't have to exchange but I don't want to her to get the bishop pair, probably an unjustified concern in this position.

18.♖xd4 ♖xd4 19.cxd4 ♖h7

Finally

20.♕d2

I was more worried about 20 ♕g5 here, which is more active. But Black should be able to keep his head above water in either case

20...♖c8 21.♖ac1 ♖he8 22.♕b4 ♕f8

Now I didn't feel any worries. Once Black gets his king closer to the centre I would have complete comfort.

23.♖f1 ♖g8 24.♖e2 ♖ed8 25.♖f3

I must confess to have not seriously looked at this move, but it's probably the best way to make progress. Other king moves toward the centre run into bishop checks and white gets nowhere. The computer recommendation for black is 24...g5, which I didn't consider during the game as it would have weakened my kingside pawns. I decided to try to prepare the idea f6, but now White has a chance to gain an advantage

25...♖g7 26.g4 hxg4+ 27.hxg4 f6

Fritz doesn't like this at all suggesting Black mark time with ♖g8. But I liked the idea of trying to activate or exchange my dark squared bishop.

28.♕a5 ♖e8



29.♖xc8

White missed her chance here to try for a win. 29 exf6 ♖xf6 30 ♖c5 is bad for Black. All of White's pieces are better than Black's after 29...♖xc5 and Black has a bunch of pawn weaknesses. All in all a depressing struggle for a draw. After the exchange of rooks, Black keeps the c file with chances for counterplay

29...♖xc8 30.exf6+ ♖xf6 31.♖e5 ♕g7

I suspect White just thought she was winning a pawn after all of this and didn't seriously consider ♕g7 because it looks so unnatural. Now White won't hold on to her pawn for long

32.♕xd5 ♕xd5+ 33.♖xd5 ♖e6

The point. The d-pawn will fall

34.♖g5

34 ♖d8 or ♖c5 exchanging the rooks also sees Black regain the pawn and end up with a bishop ending that looks drawish

34...♕xd4 35.♖xg6+ ♖f7 36.♖h6 ♖c2

This illustrates why exchanging rooks on move 29 was not a good idea. Black's active rook will guarantee material equality



37.♕b6

An ingenious idea that I overlooked, effectively preventing 37...♖xf2

37...♕xb2

The only way to restore material equality, now the game fizzles out to a draw.

38.a4 ♖c3+ 39.♕e3 ♖a3 40.♖b6 ♕d4 41.♖b4 ♕xe3 42.fxe3 ♖f6 43.♖f4 ♖a1 44.♖b6+ ♖f7 45.♖xb7 ♖xa4+ 46.e4 ♖a1 47.♖g5 a5 48.♖a7 a4 49.♖a6 a3 50.e5 ♖e1 51.♖xa3 ♖xe5+ 52.♖h6 ♖e6+ 53.♖h5 ♖g7

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UNEARTHING THE PAST

The World Champions in Canada: Karpov

By Stephen Wright



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Anatoly Yevgenyevich Karpov (born May 23, 1951), the twelfth world champion, has visited this country on three occasions, for the Man and His World Challenge Cup in Montreal in 1979, the World Blitz Championship in Saint John in 1988, and for a WYCC training session in 2007.

As has been pointed out previously in this series, the geographic locales of the world champions and their matches have gradually shifted eastwards over the history of the title. Steinitz, Lasker, and Capablanca all resided in the Americas at various times, as were many of their championship contests. With Alekhine and Euwe in the 1930s the centre for the championship switched to Europe, while for much of the time since 1948 that centre was even further East, specifically Moscow, at least until the demise of the Soviet Union. All the champions of that era (with the exception of the American Bobby Fischer and to a lesser degree the “one-legged dissident” Boris Spassky) were representatives of the Soviet system and for political reasons if nothing else had very little reason to visit Canada. Botvinnik and Tal only came here long after their title reigns had ended, while Smyslov and Petrosian never crossed our border.

Which brings us to Karpov. He also definitely fits into the Soviet mould, but by the 1970s and 1980s Canada was managing to stage occasional events which were attractive to even the strongest players in the world for purely chess reasons – notably Montreal 1979 and the World Chess Festival at St John in 1988. Karpov attended both of these events (as did former world champion Mikhail Tal).

Karpov was the first world champion to gain the title by default when Fischer and FIDE could not come to terms in 1975. As a means of proving himself he entered practically every major competition for the next decade,

winning an amazing string of tournament victories. One of these was the Man and His World Challenge Cup in 1979, a ten-player double round robin with an \$110,000 prize fund, held at the Man and his World exhibition complex in Montreal (the former site of Expo 67). (The tournament was previously discussed in this series in the article on Tal – see *Canadian Chess News*, February 2012.) Karpov and Tal tied for first with 12.0/18, one and a half points ahead of Lajos Portisch in third place. Karpov beat Ljubojevic, Timman, and Spassky twice, Kavalek once, lost one game to tail-ender Bent Larsen, and drew the rest of his games.

Karpov’s style is positional like his idol Capablanca; he also makes much use of prophylaxis, although in a more aggressive manner than his fellow champion Petrosian. Nimzowitsch was the originator of the term prophylaxis as applied to chess, and defined it as “a measure which is taken with the aim of preventing something which is undesirable from a positional point of view.” This approach to chess has been particularly espoused by the guru of trainers Mark Dvoretsky, and the notes to the following fine Karpovian example are heavily based on those in Dvoretsky and Yusupov’s *Positional Play*; the quotations are by Karpov himself, from the same source.

Karpov, Anatoly - Timman, Jan [B07]

Montreal 1979 Montreal CAN (2), 1979

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♘f6 3.♘c3 g6 4.g3 ♙g7 5.♙g2 0-0 6.♘ge2 e5 7.0-0 ♘a6?!

The knight is better placed on c6 or d7.

8.♙e1 c6 9.h3

"A typical prophylactic in situations like this. By limiting the scope of his opponent's bishop, White is creating a no-go area on the kingside for the remaining minor pieces."

9...♙e8

"All Black's hopes of gaining counterplay are linked with pressure on the e4-pawn."

10.♙g5

Provoking Black's next, in which case ♙d2 will come with gain of tempo.

10...h6 11.♙e3 ♙c7?

As pointed out by Dvoretsky, Black's best response is the prophylactic 11...♘h7

12.♙d2 ♘h7



"On the threshold of the middlegame it is always useful to consider the resources available to both sides and reconsider your original plans. Here I had a think, and quickly came to the conclusion that straightforward play in the centre promises nothing. Now, with the aim of seizing new territory, it will be necessary to move the kingside pawns. However, I didn't want to play 14.f4 straight away. It is illogical to increase the pressure immediately as I will have to play g3–g4 later anyway, so why not use such resources as g3–g4 and ♖g3 in order to strengthen my position first? At the same time White solves his basic strategic problem – strengthening the e4–pawn in case the centre is opened up."

13.♖ad1 ♕d7 14.g4 ♖ad8 15.♗g3 ♕c8 16.f4 b5 17.a3! b4?!

An active move, but weakening the queenside structure.

18.axb4 ♗xb4 19.♗ce2

"Black's idea consisted – by playing a5, ♕a6, exd4 and c6–c5 – of somehow coordinating his pieces more harmoniously. But this is a long process, and White has time to prevent his opponent's plan." The text move prepares to evict the knight at some point.

19...exd4 20.♗xd4 a5

"White's future play effectively revolves around not allowing his opponent's pieces to enter the game."

21.c3 ♗a6



22.♖c2!!

"A fine move, which in the first place does not allow the a6–knight to jump to c5 (in view of the reply b2–b4!), and in the second case continues on the primary strategic course – strengthening the e4–pawn."

22...♕d7

Protecting the c–pawn and thus preparing 23..♗c5 24.b4 axb4 25.axb4 ♗e6, but ...

23.♗f3

Karpov finds a different way of keeping the knight at bay.

23...♖e7

23...♗c5 24.e5 ♗d5 25.♕xc5 dxc5 26.♖c1 intending 27.♗e4.

24.♕f2!

"One of the final prophylactic moves. Before the

decisive attacking operation White has arranged his forces more harmoniously, and once again strengthened his central fortress by defending the e4–pawn with another piece. 24.♖d3 is premature in view of 24...♕c8"

24...♕e8?! 25.♖d3 ♖b7 26.♖a1!

Now the a–pawn is indefensible.

26...♗c7 27.♖xa5 ♖dd7 28.b4 ♗e6



29.♕e3!

"The position is totally winning for White, but certainly demands a degree of accuracy. Thus, after 29.♖d2 d5!? Black could have achieved some sort of counterplay: 30.e5 ♗e4 31.♗xe4 dxe4 32.♗d4 c5, and things are more complicated."

29...c5 30.f5 ♗d8 31.b5 ♗h8 32.♕f2 ♖c7 33.♖a4 ♖b8 34.c4 ♖a7 35.♖xa7 ♖xa7 36.e5 dxe5 37.♗xe5 ♖a2 38.♕xc5

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A major feature of modern chess is the huge amount of opening preparation undertaken at the highest levels, and unsurprisingly this is even more true of world championship matches. Much of this analysis does not see the light of day during the actual competition, but surfaces sometimes years later as a novelty in the games of one of the match participants or their seconds against an unsuspecting opponent – witness the recent Aronian–Anand game from Wijk aan Zee, where Anand was able to employ an idea prepared for his title defence against Gelfand. Montreal 1979 was Karpov's first major tournament after his bitter and protracted world championship match against Victor Korchnoi in Baguio City the previous year. During the match Karpov had a large contingent of helpers including Mikhail Tal, and some of the fruits of their labour became known in Montreal. Karpov ventured some unusual lines (for him) in the tournament, making use of variations analyzed for the Korchnoi match but often played with the 'wrong' colour. Thus, against Kavalek Karpov opted for the Black side of an Open Ruy Lopez for the first and only time in his life, a favourite defence of Korchnoi's; Karpov assayed another Korchnoi specialty, the French, when playing Black against Tal and Hort; and with White against Spassky Karpov adopted ♕f4 against the Queen's Gambit Declined, also resuscitated by Korchnoi for the Baguio match. The

biggest novelty was unleashed on the hapless Jan Timman, who went down to defeat a second time; Karpov abhors unclear sacrificial attacks, but when given a clear objective can attack with the best:

Timman, Jan – Karpov, Anatoly [A28]

Montreal 1979 Montreal CAN (11), 1979

1.c4 ♖f6 2.♗c3 e5 3.♗f3 ♗c6 4.e3 ♕e7

A rare move, avoiding 4...♗b4 5.♖c2 0-0 6.♗d5 ♖e8 7.♖f5 which was one of the main theoretical continuations at the time, e.g., Timman–Portisch from round 17 of the same tournament.

5.d4 exd4 6.♗xd4 0-0 7.♗xc6 bxc6 8.♕e2 d5 9.0-0 ♗d6 10.b3

Later it became established that 10.cxd5 was one way of limiting Black's potential.

10...♖e7 11.♗b2



11...dxc4!

The novelty prepared for the Korchnoi match. In the stem game 11...♗d8 had been played, but after 12.cxd5 ♖c5 13.g3 ♗h3 14.♖e1 ♗b4 15.♖c2 ♗f5 16.♖c1 cxd5 17.♗f3 ♖e7 Black's initiative had run its course and White went on to win in 40 moves (Keene–Jansson, Haifa Olympiad 1976). Raymond Keene was one of Korchnoi's seconds at Baguio. The text appears anti-positional, voluntarily accepting doubled isolated pawns, but gaining either an open b-file to tie White's queen down, or deflecting White's ♗c2 away from the kingside.

12.bxc4

After 12.♗xc4 ♗g4 13.g3 Black has an immediate draw with 13...♗xh2 14.♗xh2 ♖h4+ 15.♗g1 ♗xg3 or can play for more with 13...♗e5.

12...♖b8 13.♖c1 ♗g4 14.g3

If 14.h3 ♖c5 15.g3 ♗xf2! 16.♖xf2 ♖xb2 17.♖xb2 ♖xg3+ and Black wins. After the text move Black has the same perpetual as in the previous note with 14...♗xh2, but Karpov has other ideas.

14...♖e8 15.♗d1?



15.c5 is the only way to distract Black from his objective.

15...♗xh2! 16.c5

A move too late; if 16.♗xh2 Black doesn't need to accept the perpetual any more but has the winning rook–lift ♖e8–c6–h6.

16...♗xf1 17.cxd6 ♗xg3!

Apparently overlooked by Timman in his calculations.

18.fxg3

After 18.dxc7 ♗xc2+ 19.♗f1 ♗xc1 the knight has captured half of White's army, leaving Black with a winning position.

18...♖xd6 19.♗f2 ♖h6



White's forces are in disarray, Black has a material advantage, and White's king must now go for a walk.

20.♗d4 ♖h2+ 21.♗e1 ♖xg3+ 22.♗d2 ♖g2 23.♗b2?

White is lost, but 23.♗e1 offers more resistance.

23...♗a6 24.♗d3 ♗xd3 25.♗xd3 ♖bd8 26.♗f1 ♖e4+ 27.♗c3 c5 28.♗xc5 ♖c6 29.♗b3

29.♖a3 ♖xc3+

29...♖b8+ 30.♗a3 ♖e5 31.♗b4 ♖b6

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A final example from Montreal, a purely positional effort against former world champion Boris Spassky, although admittedly this was not one of the latter's better events.

Spassky, Boris - Karpov, Anatoly [E12]

Montreal 1979 Montreal CAN (13), 1979

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗f3 b6 4.♗f4

A tame-looking continuation, brought into prominence by Tony Miles the previous year by beating Spassky with it twice in the space of a few months.

4...♗b7 5.e3 ♗e7 6.♗c3?!

A reasonable developing move, but after Black's next White will suffer because of the loss of his dark-squared bishop. 6.h3, typical of the London System, was Miles' choice here.

6...♗h5 7.♗g3 d6 8.♗d3 ♗d7 9.0-0 g6

Just because a bishop is developed on one diagonal doesn't mean it has to stay there – Black prepares to

fianchetto his now unopposed dark-squared bishop.

10.h3 ♖xg3 11.fxg3 0-0 12.♖c1 ♕f6 13.♖c2 ♕g7
14.♖cf2 ♖e7 15.♔h2 a6 16.♗e2 ♖ae8



With the two bishops and the more flexible pawn structure Black is already a little better.

17.♕b1 c6 18.a3 f5 19.e4 c5!

Reminiscent of Karpov's blockade system against the Sämisch Nimzo-Indian; White's centre now disappears.

20.exf5?!

20.♖d2

20...exf5 21.♖xe7 ♖xe7 22.dxc5 bxc5 23.♖d1



23.♔d5 ♕xd5 24.cxd5 favours Black.

23...♕xc3!

Another Nimzo-Indian strategy – the bishop is a strong piece, but the damage to White's pawn structure is irreparable.

24.bxc3 ♖f6 25.♖fd2 ♖e3 26.♔g1 ♔f7!

The pawn sacrifice leaves Black's pieces active and harmoniously placed, while White's are uncoordinated.

27.♖xd6?!

27.♔e2 followed by bringing the king to the centre is preferable.

27...♖xd6 28.♖xd6 ♔e7 29.♖d3 ♖e1 30.♕a2 ♖c1
31.♔f3 ♕xf3!

Another important exchange of bishop for knight, after which all of Black's pieces are superior to their counterparts.

32.♖xf3 ♔e5 33.♖e3 ♔f6 34.♕b3 a5



35.♕a4

White is running out of moves and is forced to give up material; 35.♕a2 a4 would complete the encirclement process.

35...♔xc4 36.♖e8 ♖xc3 37.♖c8 ♔e3 38.♕b5 c4 39.♔g1
♖c2 40.♕c6 c3 41.♕f3 g5 42.g4 f4

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After the Montreal tournament ended Karpov gave two simultaneous displays, one in Montreal to women opponents, the other in Toronto's Eaton Centre.



Karpov in Toronto 2007 (Photo by Gyan Awatramani)

In the latter he took on twenty boards, scoring +17 =2 -1. The loss was to future IM Bryon Nickoloff:

Karpov, Anatoly - Nickoloff, Bryon [A30]

Eaton Centre simul Toronto, 09.05.1979

1.c4 e6 2.♔c3 c5 3.♔f3 b6 4.g3 ♕b7 5.♕g2 ♔f6 6.0-0
♕e7 7.d4 cxd4 8.♖xd4 d6 9.♖d1

9.♕g5, a favourite of Ulf Andersson's, is an alternative, leading after 9...a6 10.♕xf6 ♕xf6 11.♖f4 0-0 12.♖fd1
♕e7 13.♔e4 ♕xe4 14.♖xe4 ♖a7 15.♔d4 to a position where Black has to be careful about his sensitive c6 square. 15...♖c8 was played by Kasparov against Karpov in one of the earliest meetings between the two perennial adversaries (Moscow 1981, drawn in 41

moves) while 15...♖d7 was seen in Spraggett–Nickoloff, Canadian Championship 1984 (1-0 in 58).

9...a6



10.♘g5

A more common approach against the Hedgehog involves playing the moves e4, ♖e3, b3, ♙b2, ♘d4 in some order, followed by centralizing the rooks with a long manoeuvring game ahead. Perhaps Karpov preferred to avoid that type of position while playing nineteen other boards at the same time.

10...♙xg2

10...♘c6 was assayed by Nickoloff against Bruce Harper at the 1978 Canadian Championship, but that was mainly conditioned by the tournament standings – Nickoloff needed a win to obtain the IM title and was avoiding the simplification associated with the game move. (He later overpressed and lost in 37 moves.)

11.♙xg2 ♘c6

Again avoiding the likes of 11...0-0 12.♘cc4±.

12.♖d2

A little passive, the queen would be more active on f4.

12...♖c7 13.b3 ♖b7 14.f3 ♖d8 15.♙b2?!

A standard move, but ineffective against Black's coming central initiative. 15.♘ge4 would at least bring the knight back from no man's land.

15...d5 16.cxd5 exd5 17.♖f4?!

The queen arrives on the square it should have taken on move twelve, but presumably missing the power of Black's next. 17.e3 is in order, with an inferior but defensible position.



17...h6! 18.♘xf7

Retreating with 18.♘h3 allows 18...d4 19.♘e4 ♘d5 and Black wins an exchange with a subsequent ♘e3+, therefore White is forced to sacrifice his knight for two

pawns. 18.♘xd5 hxg5 19.♖c7 ♖xc7 20.♘xc7+ ♔f8 21.♖xd8+ ♘xd8 22.♙d4 is another way of doing this.

18...♙xf7 19.♘xd5 ♖b8 20.♖xb8?!

White's position is not good, but given the exposed nature of Black's king it seems better to keep the queens on the board with 20.♖c4.

20...♖xb8 21.♘xe7 ♘xe7 22.e4 ♖hd8 23.♙f2 ♖bc8 24.♖xd8 ♖xd8 25.♙e3 ♖c8 26.♙d2 g5 27.♖f1 ♙e6 28.♙d4 b5



29.a4?

Attempting to exchange off the queenside to increase his drawing chances, but once the rook gets access to the c4 square White will lose more material.

29...bxa4 30.bxa4 ♖c4 31.♙e3

31.♙xf6 ♙xf6

31...♖xa4 32.♖b1 ♘d7 33.f4 ♘c6 34.f5+ ♔d6 35.♙c3 ♘c5 36.e5+ ♘xe5 37.♖d1+ ♙c6 38.h3?

Losing another piece; relatively best was 38.♙xc5 ♖c4+ 39.♙d2 ♖xc5 but White is lost anyway.

38...♖a3 39.♙d4

39.♖c1 ♘ed3 40.♖c2 ♘b4 41.♖c1 ♘d5+

39...♘f3+ 40.♙c4 ♖a4+

and resigns in light of 41.Bb4 a5. "I knew I was going to win. I just defended the position accurately." – Nickoloff, quoted in the *Globe and Mail*.

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Karpov's second visit to Canada came nine years later, in 1988. In January and February of that year the World Chess Festival took place in Saint John, New Brunswick. The festival was comprised of numerous events, including round one of the Candidates' Matches for that cycle and two International Opens, but Karpov was there for one event only, the World Blitz (five minute) Championship; as the (unsuccessful) challenger in the previous world championship against Kasparov in Seville, Karpov was seeded into the quarterfinal round of the Candidates' and did not play in Saint John.

The World Blitz Championship was the last event of the festival, held on February 19-20. Thirty-two players participated in the knockout format, beginning with four-game matches – for more details see the previous article on Tal, who was a participant and who ended up winning the event. Among the favourites were current

world champion Garry Kasparov and his predecessor Anatoly Karpov, but neither player made it to the finals. Karpov overcame Kamran Shirazi easily enough in round one by the score of 3.0-0.0, but nerves got the better of him in round two as he lost to Alexander Chernin 1.5-2.5. Kasparov survived a difficult match against Maxim Dlugy to reach the final eight, but was then eliminated by Kiril Georgiev. The vicissitudes of blitz contests should not be examined too closely, but here are a couple of Karpov's games with light notes:

Karpov, Anatoly - Shirazi, Kamran [A53]

Wch-blitz Saint John CAN (1), 1988

1.c4 ♟f6 2.♟c3 d6 3.d4 ♟f5 4.f3 e5 5.e4 exd4 6.♞xd4 ♟e6 7.b3 a5 8.♟ge2 ♟c6

Black's unusual opening has led to a Maroczy Bind-type structure where he has reasonable activity.

9.♞d2 a4 10.♞b1 axb3 11.axb3 g6 12.♟f4 ♟g7 13.♟e2 0-0 14.0-0 ♟d7



15.♟cd5?!

White shouldn't allow the Black knight into d4 – 15.♟b5.

15...♟d4 16.♟d1 c6 17.♟b2 cxd5

17...♞a2

18.♟xd4 dxe4 19.♟xg7 ♟xg7 20.♞xd6 ♞a6

20...♟f6 21.♞c5 ♞c8 22.fxc4 ♟xc4 23.♟h5+ gxh5 24.♞g5+ ♟h8 25.♞xf6+ ♞xf6 26.♞xf6 ♟d3 with equality.

21.♟xe6+ fxe6 22.♞d4+ ♟f6 23.♞e3



23...♞d6?

23...♞d3 24.♞xd3 exd3 is much stronger.

24.♟e2 ♞d4 25.f4 ♞d6 26.♞bd1

Shirazi has lost his chances for active play, now Karpov can settle down to exploit the pawn weaknesses.

26...♞d8 27.♞xd4 ♞xd4 28.♞xd4 ♞xd4 29.♞d1 ♞xd1+ 30.♟xd1 e3 31.♟f3 b6 32.♟f1 e5 33.fxe5 ♟d7 34.♟e2 ♟xe5 35.♟xe3 ♟f6 36.♟d4 ♟e6 37.b4 g5 38.♟d5+ ♟d6 39.c5+

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Against Chernin things did not go well; with the Black pieces Karpov blundered his queen to a discovered attack in one game and lost a defensible position on time in a second. His sole win was with the White pieces, but only occurred when Chernin traded down an equal position into a lost pawn ending.

Karpov, Anatoly - Chernin, Alexander [C07]

Wch-blitz Saint John CAN (2), 1988

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♟d2 c5 4.exd5 ♞xd5 5.♟gf3 cxd4 6.♟c4 ♞d6 7.0-0 ♟f6 8.♟b3 ♟c6 9.♟bxd4 ♟xd4 10.♟xd4 a6



11.a4

A typical Karpovian choice, depriving Black of the opportunity of playing b5 rather than seeking immediate threats with say 11.♞c1.

11...♞c7 12.b3 ♟d6 13.h3 0-0 14.♟b2 e5

14...b6 is another option, completing development before undertaking anything active in the centre.

15.♟e2 ♟f5 16.♟g3 ♟g6 17.♞e2 ♞fe8 18.♞ad1 ♞ad8 19.♞fe1 e4 20.♟xf6 gxf6 21.♞g4



21...♟xg3?

21...♞e5 gives White far more problems to solve.

22.♞xg3 ♞xg3 23.fxg3 ♞xd1 24.♞xd1

The exchanges have led to an ending which is a shade better for White but perfectly defensible.

24...e3 25.c3 ♟c2 26.♞e1 ♞e5 27.a5 ♟f8 28.b4 f5 29.♟e2 ♟e4 30.♞d1 ♟e7

With equality.

31.♔f1



31...♞d5??

But this is one exchange too many, now Black is lost. Better is 31...♞e6 intending ♞g6.

32.♞xd5 ♞xd5 33.♞f3 ♔d6 34.♔e2 ♞xf3+ 35.gxf3 ♔d5 36.♔xe3 ♔c4 37.♔d2

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Karpov in Saint John, 1988 (uncredited photo in the Word Chess Festival tournament book)

Since 1995 Karpov has increasingly withdrawn from serious tournament practice, preferring to concentrate on exhibition play. He did successfully defend his FIDE world title against Kamsky in 1996 and Anand in 1998. The latter event was the first of FIDE's large-scale knockout championships and Karpov was seeded directly into the finals, but the following year he lost that privilege and refused to play; Khalifman was the eventual winner. Karpov has been active in politics, both Russian and FIDE, and has lent his name to a series of chess schools in at least fifteen countries, although information on these schools is not readily available on the internet. The most prominent is the Anatoly Karpov International School of Chess in Lindsborg, Kansas; in October of 2007 the Anatoly Karpov Chess Academy launched its debut event in Canada, consisting of a three-day training camp for those participating in the subsequent WYCC. Held in

Toronto, faculty for the camp included internationals Emil Sutovsky (Israel) and Ni Hua (China), and Canadians Mark Bluvshtein, Pascal Charbonneau, and Yan Teplitsky. Karpov himself was also on hand, giving a speech, lecture, and simultaneous display. The camp was apparently a success, with funding provided by the Chess Federation of Canada, Chess'n Math Association, and Telus, but despite this promising start the dream of a permanent Canadian Karpov Academy did not materialize and no further events took place.



Bobby Fischer Teaches Chess

By Bobby Fischer, Stuart Margulies, Don Mosenfelder

This book is essentially a teaching machine. The way a teaching machine works is: It asks you a question. If you give the right answer, it goes on to the next question. If you give the wrong answer, it tells you why the answer is wrong and tells you to go back and try again. This is called "programmed learning". The real authors were experts and authorities in the field of programmed learning. Bobby Fischer lent his name to the project. Stuart Margulies is a chess master and also a recognized authority on programmed learning. He is a widely published author of more than 40 books, all in the field of programmed learning, especially in learning how to read. For example, one of his books is "Critical reading for proficiency 1 : introductory level". Donn Mosenfelder is not a known or recognized chess player, but he was the owner of the company that developed and designed this book. He has written more than 25 books, almost all on basic reading, writing and math.

<http://astore.amazon.ca/chesfedeofcan-20/detail/0553263153>



This famous piece by Saavedra was created long before there appeared any scientific concepts of the game of chess – yet such is the power of a genius that his creation would anticipate and even determine in a way how the game is to develop in centuries to come. Under normal circumstances, a single pawn is no match for a rook – even when well advanced. Yet in this case it is both advanced AND supported by the ♔ – and suddenly a ♖ is helpless against a combined strength of two active pieces. The pawn just marches on...

1.c7

...and all the mighty ♖ can do is to hope for a perpetual

1...♖d6+ 2.♔b5

Both the 7th rank and the c-file are taboo for the ♔ as the pawn gets traded by force, and the draw becomes inevitable 2.♔b7 ♖d7; 2.♔c5 ♖d1 3.♔c6 ♖c1+ 4.♔b6 ♖xc7

2...♖d5+ 3.♔b4 ♖d4+ 4.♔b3

4.♔c3 ♖d1 5.♔c2 would transpose to the main variation

4...♖d3+ 5.♔c2

There is nowhere else to go but now Black doesn't threaten to check from below – and his cause seems to be finally lost

5...♖d4!

in our times it's nothing special any more as we are so familiar with the idea – yet for Saavedra it must have been a truly devilish trap!

6.c8♖!

This position is a true apotheosis not only of this particular piece but of the very idea of a chess endgame. The pieces on the board are identical, and there are only 4 of them, with no pawns. It's almost unimaginable that any side can have even a slightest advantage under those circumstances – and yet Black is

completely lost. Why? Because of the ♔'s abominable position in a corner! In other words, the only difference between the sides is the activity of their respective ♔s – and yet this particular factor is huge, and it fully accounts for the result of the game. 6.c8♖ ♖c4+!! if not from below, the ♖ threatens from above... 7.♖xc4 and there is a forced stalemate!

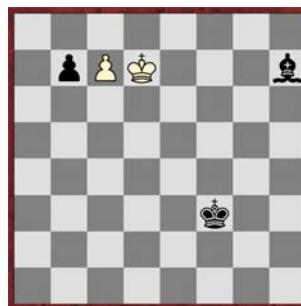
6...♖a4 7.♔b3

On the previous move the ♖ had to remain that close to the ♔ to create a stalemate threat – and now this minimal distance comes back to haunt it!

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That's probably the earliest illustration of the statement made during the last lesson—namely that “ACTIVITY is by far the most important and universal principle of the endgame”.

The following piece by Sarichev is rather an exception from this rule



White seems to be lost as Black's plan is quite simple: bring the ♔ to c8 to protect the pawn – and then come across with the ♔ to dispose of White's passed pawn.

1.♔c8!!

1.c8♖ ♖f5+ 2.♔c7 ♖xc8

1...b5

1...♔c4 2.♔b8! and a draw is inevitable

2.♔d7 b4 3.♔d6

What on Earth is the ♔ chasing from so far behind?! Here is the answer as Black's pawn is in no position to move any more for quite a while.

3...♖f5 4.♔e5 ♖c8 5.♔d4 b3 6.♔c3 ♖e6 7.c8♖=

Black would have won the game with his ♔ passive (on c8) but connected to the pawn. So this time, the key was not activity but so-to-say **(dis)coordination**.



White's above win will be the focus of our next lesson



Across



Canada

Alberta

A big tie at the 2013 Northern AB Open

By Vlad Rekhson

Going into the 2013 edition of the Edmonton edition of the Alberta Championship qualifier, it appeared that the competition at the top would be fierce. The starting list included 2 IMs, 1 FM and five National Masters.

The tournament took place as always on the February Family Day Long weekend.

With the exception of veteran Bill Bentley upsetting NM Jamin Gluckie, the first couple of rounds saw things advance according to the expectations, as the favourites won their games. This set up some interesting match-ups in round 3. IM Edward Porper was facing NM Jeff Reeve and IM Richard Wang faced off the newly resurgent NM Peter Kalisvaart. Both matches ended in draws, in fact it appeared that the lower rated players achieved the draw from the position of power, as in the case of Jeff he was up a pawn in the final position (even though it was a drawn endgame) while Peter missed some chances to achieve more than a draw.

Since quite a few of the top players took a third round bye, going into day 2, there was no one left with a perfect score. IM Edward Porper managed to obtain a quick win over "the Rocket" Rob Gardner after a peculiar looking opening, while IM Richard Wang was once again not able to win, this time against NM Jeff Reeve. With a nice win over NM Peter Kalisvaart, FM Vladimir Pechenkin joined IM Edward Porper at the lead. The two leaders would meet in round 5 to determine the champion. Only half a point behind the leaders was the pursuing pack of six players. IM Richard Wang, NM Jeff Reeve, NM Vlad Rekhson, Aaron Sequillion, Jamil Kassam and Suresh Kadavil had 3 out of 4. FM Pechenkin optically was taking over the game against Edward, but enterprising play from the IM lead to him having 4 pawns for a piece. Just as Vladimir was thinking that his position was likely losing, a surprise draw offer was extended leading to both players scoring 4/5. This meant that as many as three more players could join the winning pack! NM

Jeff Reeve had to absorb Aaron Sequillion's attack. It seemed like Aaron's attack which resulted from a pawn sacrifice had some hope, but a sacrifice of a second pawn lead to his demise. Jamil Kassam was fighting bravely against the mighty Richard Wang, and at one point it appeared as if Jamil had a chance to enter a drawing looking endgame, but a mistake caused him to miss his chance. Lastly, possibly the surprise of the tournament Suresh Kadavil, rated only 1219 was defeated by yours truly. This lead to a five way tie for first. Tie- breaks were applied after which IM Edward Porper emerged as a winner and the official qualifier for the 2013 Alberta Closed Championship. The other players who tied for first were: NM Jeff Reeve, IM Richard Wang, FM Vladimir Pechenkin and NM Vlad Rekhson.



The winners

Class prizes were fought hard for as well. The under 2000 section had a tie for first between Terry Chaisson, Dennis Bell and Chris White. All the winners scored 3/5. The best participants rated under 1600 scored 3/5 as well. The two players for best under 1600 were; tournament's only female participant: Armine Arzumanyan and Suresh Kadavil. Best Junior Prize was taken by Jamil Kassam who scored 3/5 with second junior shared by Edmonton under 10 players: Lenard Grossmann and Kaixin Wang with 2/5 each.

This year's event had a total of 36 participants hailing from: Edmonton and area, Calgary, Lloydminster, La Crete, Chateh and Dawson Creek, BC. A special thanks has to be extended to Ali Razzaq for running the event,

Terry Seehagen for helping with the organization, as well as, to Kassam and Wang families for bringing treats for the players! Selected games from the tournament are now available at:

<http://albertachess.org/2013NAopen.html>



Armine Arzumanyan, the best under-1600

Both pictures are credited to Vlad Rekhson

2013 Red Deer Open

It has been more than 15 years since the last locally organized CFC event in Red-Deer. Luckily, along came Alexey Taranik, who decided to bring change to such a misfortune. First, Alexey organized a local chess club in the fall of 2012. The club is already building up pace and while it mostly caters to kids, adults are slowly but surely making their way back to the boards in Red-Deer. The return of the Red Deer Open was scheduled for January 26-27. A total of 15 participants battled at the Red-Deer Lodge, a sight familiar to those who have attended the Battle of AB competition in recent years. With Red-Deer having such a central location, participants came from Calgary, Edmonton, Lloydminster and of course Red-Deer.

I happened to be the pre-tournament favourite, but from the get-go it appeared that this was not going to be my event as I was upset by Adam Harris already in round 1. It also became quite evident that the locals were not

going to be taken down by out-of-townners, as Harry Peralta outplayed Bill Bentley.

After day 1, the lead was shared by Experts: Lukas Beaudry, Aaron Sequillion and the surprising Adam Harris. In round 4, Lukas outplayed Adam, while Aaron defeated me. Since Aaron and Lukas already drew their game in round 3, they both played opponents ranked below them. Lukas defeated Expert Itohan Gold, while Aaron was involved in a pretty crazy looking game against Terry Chaisson. Terry's king was walking all over the board, but it wasn't clear how Aaron would finish the job. And then a disaster struck as he simply blundered a rook allowing Lukas to win the tournament with 4.5/5. Second was shared by: Aaron Sequillion, Adam Harris and Terry Chaisson with 3.5/5 each.

Terry and Adam shared the under 2000 prize. Best



under 1700 went to Atheer Jawad who scored 3/5 despite a 0/2 start.

The inaugural tournament was not too big, but I hope that it will inspire many more to come. In May, the Alberta Active will take place in the same location, which hopefully will allow for the progression of the local club. In either case, see you at the 2014 Red-Deer Open!

Report and picture by Vlad Rekhson

Ontario

Bator Sambuev came back to winning ways to sweep the **2013 Ottawa Spring Open**. Aman Hambleton also won his first 3 games but he took byes in the last 2 rounds. Yet, 4/5 was enough to come clear second, 0.5 ahead of Zi Yi Qin and Kevin Pacey who shared third. In the U-1900 Section there was a three-way tie for first: Francesco Dunne, Jacob Krolczyk and Patrick Scantland finished with 3.5/5.

The U-1600 Section was taken by David Fei who scored 4.5/5, half-a-point ahead of Curtis Barlow Wilkes. 3.5/5 was enough for Terrence Ju to come third.

CFC Special

CFC RFP: Executive Director

The Chess Federation of Canada (CFC) seeks an Executive Director to oversee general administration of the organization. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Serving as a resource to the executive in ensuring timely transmittance of communications and official documents, to both the governorship and membership, on the federation's website and, from time to time, within the federation's forums;
- Official communication with provincial affiliates, as required, especially as pertains to informing them of governor allocations;
- Coordinating annual updates to signing authority on the federation's bank account;
- Amending the Handbook in a timely fashion, whenever resolutions adopted by the assembly call for changes;
- Primary responsibility for maintaining the federation's relationship with FIDE, including the prompt payment of invoices, efficient submission of FIDE-rated events, and mailing FIDE materials as they are received by the federation;
- Distribution of advertising for national championships, on behalf of event organizers;
- Registration of Canadian participants in international events;
- Maintenance of the federation's financial records, preferably through proficient use of QuickBooks;
- Filing annual tax and information returns;
- Consistent updates of the federation's website, including club listings, historical information, etc.;
- Processing orders in conjunction with the federation's books and equipment vendor;
- Updating the membership database daily, while also backing it up daily.

The successful applicant is assumed to possess the skills necessary to carry out these duties, including proficiency in HTML, the use of Microsoft Office software applications (Excel, Word, Access, Outlook), the use of QuickBooks and, above all, excellent people skills from both a customer service and employee-to-management perspective. Terms and conditions are negotiable. The term is set to begin on May 1, 2013. Those interested in submitting an application, please do so immediately (no later than March 15, 2013), by submitting your email and RFP to: Mark S. Dutton, CFC President, at president@chess.ca.

CFC RFP: Books and Equipment Contract

The Chess Federation of Canada (CFC) seeks a vendor to handle its merchandising, including, but not limited to, the retail of books and equipment. The CFC provides prominent space on its website, logistical support in the processing of orders and its brand. The successful applicant provides a marketing strategy consistent with the CFC's goals, while offering competitive pricing to both its membership and the wider chess community. Terms and conditions are negotiable. Those interested in submitting an application, please contact Mark S. Dutton, CFC President, at president@chess.ca.

Editorship of Canadian Chess News

The Chess Federation of Canada (CFC) is currently seeking an editor for our monthly newsletter, Canadian Chess News, starting with the publication of the June 2013 issue. The editor is an independent contractor, responsible for writing, editing and layout of the newsletter, as well as dealing with contributors to the magazine. This contractor does all the work that is entailed in the preparation of a ready-to-print copy of the newsletter in Acrobat PDF format.

The CFC will evaluate proposals from contractors based on three components:

1) Editorial Proposal

The proposal will be measured against its conformity with the attached committee report.

2) Experience/Education

Chess writing (please provide samples).

Editing/magazine experience.

Education/technical know-how.

Chess strength.

Work history – coping with deadlines.

3) Economic Proposal

(a) Payment to editor per issue: \$X,xxx.

(b) Maximum payments to contributors per issue: \$X,xxx.

(c) Maximum payment to website newsfeed contributor: \$X,xxx.

The impending contract is 3)(a) \$650, 3)(b) \$550 and 3)(c) \$300. The CFC will not consider economic proposals that do not conform to section 3. The CFC reserves the right to accept or reject any bid proposal received. The CFC would like to award a two-year contract with the first 3 issues of Canadian Chess News used as a probationary period. Other terms are negotiable.

The closing date for proposals is Friday, March 15, 2013.

Please send proposals to: Mark S.

Dutton, President, Chess Federation of Canada at:
president@chess.ca.

Sincerely,

Mark S. Dutton, IA, IO

President, Chess Federation of Canada

CFC Newsletter Committee Report

The CFC President has asked our committee to provide recommendations regarding the future direction of the CFC newsletter. The committee comprises Fred McKim (Chair), Shiyam Thavandiran, Félix Dumont, Vlad Rekhson and Egis Zeromskis with ex officio member Michael von Keitz. The following is the committee's report.

Continuation of CFC Newsletter

The committee recommends that the newsletter continue to be offered as a resource to CFC members and the wider public.

Access to CFC Magazine/Newsletter Content

The committee recommends that this material be made publicly available on the CFC website. For the sake of members, however, current content, where this is defined as being less than one year from first printing, will continue to remain private. Private materials will not be password-protected, as it is the finding of the committee that this practice is simply an inconvenience to the membership.

In order to ensure the newsletter reaches the membership, the CFC should further encourage all tournament directors and organizers to properly collect contact information on-site at tournaments.

Content of CFC Magazine/Newsletter

The quality of the copy should be of a standard worthy of a traditional print publication. This includes sharp photos, a logical layout, and appropriate advertising space. On the last count, the editor should actively seek out advertisements, both for upcoming events and chess-related products.

To the fullest extent possible, the CFC should also seek to cooperate with the FQE in the production of articles, given that the FQE typically receives source materials for its own magazine in English. This would allow both organizations to stretch their budgets.

The primary focus of the CFC newsletter should be on Canadian content. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Canadian Championships*
- Canadian performances abroad*
- Profiles on new (and old) titled players in Canada*
- CFC rating lists*
- Canadian chess history*
- Presentation of interesting games/problems/educational materials from Canadian sources*

-*Book reviews of Canadian material*

-*Content produced by Canadian contributors*

Occasional exceptions should be made for top-tier events and players only, where those are understood to mean World Championships and World Championship-track events, as well as World Championship contenders.

The committee concludes that the content currently typical of the newsletter should be vulgarized in order to appeal to a wider range of players. While it is felt that the content is generally too elitist, approximately 65% of the material should continue to appeal exclusively to players at the Class A level and above, while 35% should specifically target weaker class players, including beginners.

Specific column recommendations include the continuation of "Coach's Corner," the revival of a

"New Kid on the Block" column, the inclusion of a "Canadian Profiles" column and the introduction of a series in which masters analyze amateur games.

In addition to that stated above, the committee further suggests a rebranding of the newsletter to "Chess Canada," as the final iteration of the print magazine was called.

Budget of CFC Magazine/Newsletter

The committee recommends that the budget remain at current levels, or \$18,000, with a monthly allotment as

follows:

Editor - \$650

Newsletter Contributors - \$550

Website Newsfeed Contributors - \$300

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Supplemental Offerings

The committee recommends that the CFC newsfeed be expanded to emulate ChessBase in the extensiveness of its content. If at all possible, volunteers should be sought to offer freelance materials; however, at the discretion of the governors, an honorarium for a dedicated volunteer might be advisable (see budget).

To start, the newsfeed would have one feature article each month, expanded to more regular offerings of this nature. Pending member feedback, the newsletter might eventually be phased out in strict favour of a regular ChessBase-like feed.

As an example of the advantages of this format, the committee points to the ease with which a "Best Damn Sports Show" countdown might be adopted. This might include "the top 50 Canadian chess combinations," "the top 20 all-time Canadian chessplayers," etc.

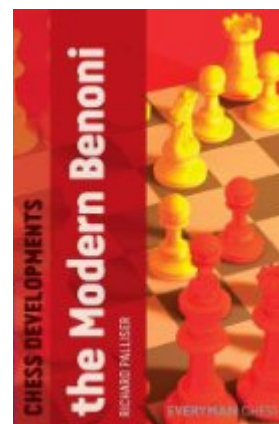
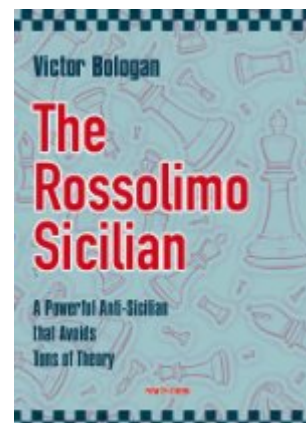
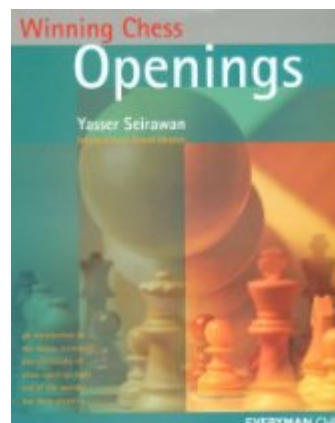
The committee further recommends against the establishment of a members-only area on the CFC website, instead favouring open access wherever possible.

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#	Name	Prov	Rtg	#	Name	Prov	Rtg
1	Kovalyov, Anton	QC	2606	1	Sambuev, Bator	QC	2685
2	Bluvshstein, Mark	ON	2590	2	Kovalyov, Anton	QC	2638
3	Spraggett, Kevin	ON	2577	3	Hansen, Eric	AB	2588
4	Hansen, Eric	AB	2557	4	Noritsyn, Nikolay	ON	2585
5	Castellanos, Renier	QC	2529	5	Hambleton, Aman	ON	2584
6	Le Siege, Alexandre	QC	2528	6	Gerzhoy, Leonid	ON	2571
7	Sambuev, Bator	QC	2513	7	Samsonkin, Artiom	ON	2564
8	Charbonneau, Pascal	QC	2505	8	Krnan, Tomas	ON	2563
9	Tyomkin, Dimitry	ON	2486	9	Panjwani, Raja	ON	2517
10	Roussel-Roozmon, Thomas	QC	2476	10	Cheng, Bindi	ON	2511
11	Gerzhoy, Leonid	ON	2469	11	Porper, Edward	AB	2492
12	Hambleton, Aman	ON	2463	12	Wang, Richard	AB	2469
13	Zugic, Igor	ON	2462	13	Qin, Zi Yi (Joey)	ON	2459
14	Noritsyn, Nikolay	ON	2456	14	Hebert, Jean	QC	2451
15	Biyiasis, Peter	BC	2450	15	Cummings, David	ON	2447
16	Teplitsky, Yan	ON	2448	16	Pechenkin, Vladimir	AB	2444
17	Quan, Zhe	ON	2431	17	Preotu, Razvan	ON	2444
18	Rabinovich, Alex	ON	2423	18	Hartman, Brian	ON	2438
19	Suttles, Duncan	BC	2420	19	O'Donnell, Tom	ON	2434
20	Porper, Edward	AB	2418	20	Calugar, Arthur	ON	2418
21	Pelts, Roman	ON	2417	21	Jiang, Louie	QC	2411
22	Krnan, Tomas	ON	2416	22	Sapozhnikov, Roman	ON	2409
23	Samsonkin, Artiom	ON	2410	23	Piasetski, Leon	BC	2405
24	Cheng, Bindi	ON	2409	24	Martchenko, Alexander	ON	2400
25	Adam, Dr. Valerian	BC	2407	25	Milicevic, Goran	ON	2390
26	Panjwani, Raja	ON	2407	26	Sasata, Robert	SK	2385
27	Kriventsov, Stanislav	BC	2406	27	Kleinman, Michael	QC	2382
28	Hebert, Jean	QC	2387	28	Szalay, Karoly	ON	2380
29	Hergott, Deen	ON	2385	29	Plotkin, Victor	ON	2371
30	Wang, Richard	AB	2376	30	Song, Michael	ON	2368
31	Hartman, Brian	ON	2374	31	Voloaca, Mihnea	QC	2361
32	Lawson, Eric	QC	2373	32	Hamilton, Robert	ON	2360
33	Pechenkin, Vladimir	AB	2357	33	Yoos, John C. (Jack)	BC	2355
34	Amos, Bruce	ON	2355	34	Gardner, Robert J.	AB	2354
35	O'Donnell, Tom	ON	2354	35	Vincent, Trevor	MB	2353
36	Glinert, Stephen	ON	2349	36	Stevens, Christian	ON	2353
37	Tayar, Jonathan	ON	2344	37	Gusev, Nikita	ON	2349
38	Doroshenko, Maxim	BC	2336	38	Leveille, Francois	QC	2344
39	Livshits, Ron	ON	2336	39	Kraiouchkine, Nikita	QC	2343
40	Cummings, David	ON	2326	40	Yuan, Yuanling	ON	2336
41	Coudari, Camille	QC	2325	41	Reeve, Jeff	AB	2326
42	Jiang, Louie	QC	2324	42	Peredun, Andrew	ON	2323
43	Stone, Raymond	ON	2321	43	Lee Jr., Vicente	BC	2321
44	Vranesic, Zvonko	ON	2320	44	Khassanov, Marat	QC	2320
45	Yoos, John C. (Jack)	BC	2313	45	Ochkoos, Jura	ON	2305
46	Jurasek, Miroslav	ON	2306	46	Valencia, Belsar	AB	2301
47	Kleinman, Michael	QC	2302	47	MacKinnon, Keith	SK	2297
48	Calugar, Arthur	ON	2299	48	Voskanyan, Vahagn	QC	2296
49	Sapozhnikov, Roman	ON	2292	49	Villavieja, Butch	BC	2294
50	Laceste, Loren Brigham	BC	2290	50	Dougherty, Michael	ON	2292

Top Women

#	Name	Prov	Rtg
1	Yuan, Yuanling	ON	2336
2	Khoudgarian, Natalia	ON	2284
3	Peng, Jackie	ON	2217
4	Zhou, Qiyu	ON	2130
5	Orlova, Yelizaveta	ON	2119
6	Agbabishvili, Lali	ON	2099
7	Du, Jasmine	NS	2084
8	Botez, Alexandra	BC	2038
9	Yun, Chang	QC	2004
10	Roy, Myriam	QC	1971
11	Kalaydina, Regina-Veronica	AB	1962
12	Xiao, Alice Huanyi	BC	1859
13	Serbanescu, Natasa	ON	1845
14	Liu, Jiaxin	ON	1742
15	Sametova, Zhanna	ON	1707
16	Foote, Joanne	BC	1697
17	Todd, Adie	ON	1697
18	Giblon, Rebecca	ON	1689
19	Tao, Rachel	ON	1627
20	Peng, Janet	ON	1613

Top Seniors

#	Name	Prov	Rtg
1	Voskanyan, Vahagn	QC	2296
2	Prahov, Valentin	QC	2204
3	Kiviaho, Robert	ON	2204
4	MacLeod, David	ON	2084
5	Zybura, Andre	ON	2067
6	Kaptsan, Aron	MB	2040
7	Dimitrijevic, Darko	BC	2028
8	Frilles, Ruperto	ON	2026
9	Doubleday, William	ON	2025
10	Auger, Bertrand	QC	1969

Top Under-20

#	Name	Age	Prov	Rtg
1	Calugar, Arthur	19	ON	2418
2	Jiang, Louie	20	QC	2411
3	Sapozhnikov, Roman	19	ON	2409
4	Martchenko, Alexander	20	ON	2400
5	Kleinman, Michael	19	QC	2382
6	Szalay, Karoly	20	ON	2380
7	Yuan, Yuanling	19	ON	2336
8	MacKinnon, Keith	20	SK	2297
9	Xiong, Jerry	19	ON	2291
10	Laceste, Loren Brigham	20	BC	2280

Top Under-18

#	Name	Age	Prov	Rtg
1	Qin, Zi Yi (Joey)	17	ON	2459
2	Gusev, Nikita	18	ON	2349
3	Kraiouchkine, Nikita	18	QC	2343
4	Zhang, David	18	AB	2283
5	Semianiuk, Konstantin	17	ON	2279
6	Sohal, Tanraj S.	17	BC	2251
7	Cheng, Jack (Kun)	18	BC	2237
8	Marinkovic, Mate	18	ON	2224
9	Ivanov, Mike	18	ON	2221
10	Inigo, Aquino	18	ON	2211

Top Under-12

#	Name	Age	Prov	Rtg	#	Name	Age	Prov	Rtg
1	Wang, Richard	15	AB	2469	1	Zhang, Yuanchen	12	ON	2225
2	Knox, Christopher	16	ON	2287	2	Wan, Kevin	12	ON	2162
3	Fu, James	16	ON	2257	3	Zhao, Yuetong (Davy)	11	ON	1957
4	Li, Kevin	16	MB	2224	4	Zotkin, Daniel	12	ON	1944
5	Peng, Jackie	15	ON	2217	5	Xu, Jeffrey	12	ON	1936
6	Lin, Tony (Juntao)	15	ON	2204	6	Chen, Richard	12	ON	1855
7	Nasir, Zehn	15	ON	2201	7	Doknjas, Joshua	11	BC	1832
8	Dorrance, Adam	15	NS	2162	8	Gedajlovic, Max	12	BC	1813
9	Plotkin, Mark	15	ON	2157	9	Liu, Jiaxin	12	ON	1742
10	Kalra, Agastya	16	ON	2101	10	Wolchock, Theo	11	MB	1706

Top Under-14**Top Under-10**

#	Name	Age	Prov	Rtg	#	Name	Age	Prov	Rtg
1	Preotu, Razvan	14	ON	2444	1	Noritsyn, Sergey	10	ON	2043
2	Song, Michael	14	ON	2368	2	Ming, Wenyang	10	ON	1784
3	Awatramani, Janak	14	BC	2240	3	Richardson, Kai	10	BC	1605
4	Chiku-Ratte, Olivier Kenta	14	QC	2236	4	Pulfer, Luke	10	BC	1595
5	Cao, Jason	13	BC	2208	5	Hua, Eugene	10	ON	1590
6	Zhu, Hong Rui	14	QC	2157	6	Zhu, Harmony	8	ON	1583
7	Zhou, Qiyu	13	ON	2130	7	Guo, Thomas	10	ON	1573
8	Yu, Zong Yang	14	QC	2107	8	Liu, Daniel	10	ON	1526
9	Doknjas, John	14	BC	2094	9	Lin, Benjamin	9	ON	1488
10	Kong, Dezheng	14	BC	2090	10	Washimkar, Arhant	9	ON	1487

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154938	Abad, Arjay	512	5	155086	Lacourse, Nelson J	1445	4	121623	Stone, Stephen	1587	1674
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154622	Adagha, Ovo	1833	4	155084	Laventure-Miller, Grayson	733	2	100070	Taylor, William P.	1844	2022
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154618	Almanza, Bismarck	1284	12	154907	Lerner, Kfir	800	4	149030	Tolentino, Patrick Angelo	1235	1235
153506	Almasso, Hanna	1700	10	147840	Li, Zeling	1058	1058	154937	Tolentino, Khino	978	5
154619	Arzumanyan, Armine	1586	1586	154755	Limareva, Oxana	1621	5	122065	Toth, Brian	1888	1888
105243	Asquith, Tom	1650	1845	154933	Limpin, Elvin	729	5	154889	Tran-Ly, Tristan	1354	10
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128809	Beaudin, Jesse	1934	1994	107443	Ludwig, David	1713	1825	110246	Viminitz, Paul	1495	1710
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128141	Beebe, Greg	1715	1833	105024	Lynn, James P.	1939	1983	120071	Wallbank, Andrew	1746	1820
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142452	Berntsson, Kurt	1265	1322	152895	Majaducon, Willy	1943	1999	151676	Wang, Kaixin	1475	1496
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154942	Bui, Quang	578	5	152289	McMahon, Nolan	589	10	154302	Wong, Wilson	1100	3
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152394	Bustos, Jyaree (Chantel)	671	671	150440	Mihulescu, Andu	1302	1540	152649	Wu, Chen	1229	1229
152416	Carlson, Andrew	1002	17	145711	Miller, David	2133	2202	144573	Wu, Anthony	xxxx	1812
101988	Chaisson, Terry	1916	1916	102547	Miller, Brian	1839	1996	138357	Yam, Alex	2380	2396
154934	Chen, Leo	800	3	101874	Milne, Arthur	1766	2068	155081	Yang, Steven	1100	3
151745	Chernetsov, Makar	1278	17	155080	Morley, Lucas	867	2	152081	Yao, David	1503	1614
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153931	Chitrakar, Siddhartha	1229	24	154943	Munoz, Sam	845	5	154887	Yee, Vincent	1068	9
149079	Daher, Nayef	1777	1841	154932	Munoz, Shekinah	548	4	154366	Young, Joseph	1657	14
105606	Daniluk, Jim	2093	2193	154931	Munoz, Shaira	548	4	144013	Zeggelaar, Mike	1927	2079
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141520	Davies, Jack	1572	1681	107501	Neven, Knut	2258	2327	152329	Zhang, Xuyuan	940	948
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111604	Dunn, Garth	1674	1775	111962	Nguyen, Kim	2204	2228	151899	Zhao, Ian	1310	1314
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154469	Elchoufi, Louay	1563	5	154298	Oba, Josh	1573	3				
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153872	Faraji, Jafar	1707	19	105047	Panteluk, Steven	1759	1835				
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109303	Frewin, Steve	1590	1628	143057	Pedersen, Rick	1935	2126				
139691	Frier, Ken	1374	1508	155087	Peralta, Harry A	xxxx	5				
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152295	Gagne, Rachel	1062	22	155227	Poldas, Jonathan	xxxx	4				
108323	Gardner, Robert J.	2354	2387	136955	Porper, Edward	2492	2556				
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145861	Gold, Itohan	1996	2187	131213	Pua, Richard	2043	2050				
153157	Grossmann, Lenard	1441	1478	100329	Purewal, Sardul	1944	2217				
112476	Haessel, Dale	2272	2332	106052	Quiring, John	1760	2078				
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153230	Kassam, Nabil F.	xxxx	1026	154676	Rousseau, Namu	1050	4				
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103459	Kubik, Cameron	1055	1055	149883	Situ, Dennis	1333	1333				
101953	Kuczaj, Chris	1786	2171	154495	Smith, Steve	1644	12				
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				154680	Somera, Carlito	1484	3				
				146025	Sponga, George	1532	1785				
				108646	Stacey, George	873	1035				

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120112	Angelvette, Duane	1578	1795
142084	Awatramani, Janak	2240	2241
155054	Baptiste, Raymond	461	5
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124308	Bates, Darren	1824	1864
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150537	Brewster, Paula	1311	1337
154679	Briner, Jullius	1264	5
101468	Broz, Peter	1558	1804
152096	Butchart, Brian	821	821
152099	Butchart, Kevin	805	852
104730	Caluza, Severo (Juni)	1825	1911
106967	Camphaug, Lincoln	1491	1721
102330	Campos, Eugenio Alonso	1912	2084
149413	Cao, Jason	2208	2223
112795	Catona, Dan	1889	1950
128285	Chan, James	2184	2184
150247	Chen, Samuel	1370	1370
150072	Chen, Philip	1157	1226
153148	Chen, Harrison	961	24
140851	Chen, Clyde	1886	1886
121485	Cheng, Clement	1427	1451
151630	Cheng, Derrick	636	636
120825	Cheng, Louis	1922	2070
151692	Cheng, Tony	1159	1207
155058	Cheng, Declan	900	3
133192	Cheng, Jack (Kun)	2237	2237
151939	Chung, Alec	916	916
135013	Cosenza, Aaron	1265	1485
101743	Cronin, Kent	1732	1824
149897	Cruden, Neil	1827	1886
146369	Cui, Karl (Lizhe)	1758	1758
111363	Daswani, Benedict	1983	2154
110646	Davidson, Brian	1732	1853
110614	Davies, Lucas	2233	2244
149957	Dawson, Jeffrey	1268	1286
106163	Deimert, Elroy	1742	1783
104350	Dimitrijevic, Darko	2028	2147
150221	Ding, Dazhong	719	18
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141225	Doknjas, John	2094	2097
151621	Du, Daniel	1046	1046
122461	Enns, Edward	1110	1472
137035	Escandor, Manuel Omana	1622	1824
104431	Fodor, John	1925	2093
143555	Foote, Joanne	1697	1725
150623	Fox, Dylan	747	747
149515	Ge, Alex	989	1026
153166	Gedajlovic, Max	1813	1818

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146782	Aghamalian, Derick	1737	1737	108085	Chidley-Hill, John W	1833	2002	145458	Fraser, Kyle	1027	1027
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154982	Liu, Zhan He (Lambert)	974	15	152587	Oganesyan, Hayk	1927	1964	105208	Rutherford, William	1761	1915
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101686	Loadman, Ian	2102	2218	155049	Okoli, Chinedu	1730	5	155132	Ryan, Nolan	577	1
154994	Loe, Evan	880	11	146103	Olden-Cooligan, Ben	1958	2014	139655	Sadeghi, Saied	2028	2179
154471	Loken, Andreas	1670	5	101400	Olheiser, Gordon	2157	2214	106541	Sadoway, Steven	1970	2037
135360	Longo, Tyler	2005	2115	155278	Olheiser, Aaron	774	5	151262	Sakka, Louay	1685	1783
155047	Lossier, Pierre	xxxx	4	147001	Omar, Sofwat	1411	1424	148267	Salgeuro, Francisco	1428	1443
155075	Love, Olivia	727	3	138247	Orlova, Yelizaveta	2119	2119	145911	Sametova, Zhanna	1707	1707
155014	Love, Dave	1481	7	103144	Ortiz, Hugo	xxxx	1807	146305	Samsonkin, Artiom	2564	2624
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152502	Lu, Leo	1015	1015	103715	Pacey, Kevin	2208	2406	151208	Schneider, Corin	1687	1687
146765	Lukezich, John I.F.	1381	1512	153153	Pakerathan, Thurvan	952	1020	142900	Scott, Matthew G	1591	1596
152497	Luo, Ricky	697	10	127560	Palmer, Jordan	1947	2035	146856	Sekar, Varun	1259	1294

148383	Selmani, Sam	1329	23	128800	von Keitz, Michael	1841	1843	151750	Zhou, You	xxxx	1050
144290	Semianiuk, Konstantin	2279	2279	154381	Vukosavljevic, Sanja	1230	4	153602	Zhu, Richard	1355	2
143374	Semyonov, Vladimir	2025	2188	147070	Vyrvanathan, Sobiga	xxxx	1632	151635	Zhu, Harmony	1583	1618
155016	Shafiee, Amir Mohammad	1773	5	147460	Wan, Kevin	2162	2162	150847	Zhu, Jeffrey	xxxx	1334
149741	Shamroni, Dennis	1469	1494	151267	Wang, Edward	1354	1371	154492	Zhu, Jeffrey Wang	864	7
100280	Sharpe, Michael D.	1520	1849	150777	Wang, Frank	1365	1412	103094	Zuccano, John	xxxx	1930
100349	Sharpe, Sam	2180	2184	152494	Wang, Kevin Kai	928	936	146857	Zotkin, Daniel	1944	1966
148432	Shebetah, Wajdy	2168	2246	150068	Wang, Michael	1029	1171	149510	Zubieta, Carlos	1709	1712
155133	Shen, Thomas	1011	5	149398	Wang, Eric Zechen	1898	1898	151849	Zuniga, Dante	2276	22
150566	Shen, David	1077	1077	146295	Wang, Justin	807	835	107851	Zybura, Andre	2067	2094
151104	Sheynzon, Ariel	1084	1084	143998	Wang, Frank T.	1322	1389				
145245	Singh, Raymond	1950	2002	151867	Wang, Jack	1348	1411				
145096	Sirkovich, Daniel	1782	1782	149379	Wang, Dinny	1618	1618				
154791	Sivapathasungram, Manojh	961	961	149748	Wang, Constance	1493	1521	CFC#	Name	Rtng	High
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101793	Smith, Maurice	1461	1967	155033	Wang, Yikang	1083	8	100145	McKim, Fred	1918	2132
154995	So, Ethan	768	9	153279	Wang, Sophie	1237	1248	154413	Randolph, Paul	1315	14
152976	Sobrepere, Josep	1670	1670	153773	Wang, Collin	328	6				
102297	Solis, Jaime	1621	2011	152485	Warburton, Brian	1217	1304				
146052	Song, Guannan Terry	2077	2077	102060	Ward, Dean	1654	1842				
144418	Song, Eric	1703	1775	153286	Washimkar, Arhant	1487	1487	148297	Ah-Lan, Kenny	2034	23
146772	Song, Lin (Xin)	1898	1954	153285	Washimkar, Atharva	1573	1587	155018	Albarao, Daniel	1712	5
144236	Song, Michael	2368	2368	107494	Wasmund, Miles	1675	1675	154475	Alcantara, Maximo	1546	8
145490	Souchko, Larissa	1029	1258	112715	Wasserman, Jerry	2000	2018	111927	Allard, Dominic	1159	6
102535	Southam, David	2178	2347	154089	Waye, Tyler	892	6	131940	Amesse, Louis Philippe	1925	20
106383	Spicer, Christopher	2001	2018	151679	Wehrfritz, Chris	1622	1688	105909	Auger, Bertrand	1969	1973
151471	Spiliotopoulos, Yakos	1642	1778	154091	Wen, Leslie	618	24	154254	Ayotte, Dany	1621	9
138240	Springett, Paul	1180	1193	154587	Wichrowski, Jeremy Stefan	1060	7	148333	Baran, Marius	1572	13
146416	Sreeraman, Shreyas	1275	20	132137	Wiebe, Daniel	1986	2097	138940	Barre, Michel	1872	1872
154500	Stefanovic, Miroslav	2007	5	102934	Wight, Keith	1988	2208	155042	Baser Celal, Kaan	1600	4
105756	Stein, Mickey	1857	2042	102713	Wilker, Marcus	1609	1875	155038	Bathaie, Sina	1618	5
120171	Stevens, Christian	2353	2408	105942	Williamson, James	1147	1637	128277	Beaulieu, Pierre	1906	2035
112436	Stroeml, Hedi	xxxx	1079	103265	Wing, Richard	1681	1978	154896	Beaumier, Marc	917	3
151677	Strugach, Alexander	1965	1965	141177	Wong, Nicholas	1137	1214	154477	Bedard, Michel	1631	5
110170	Struthers, Matthew	2018	2178	151781	Wood, Monika	1107	1206	148040	Bellemare, Regis	1751	1796
109346	Sukuluk, Roger	1702	1978	126475	Woolner, Nicholas	1538	1554	111867	Bleau, John	1899	1929
154996	Sultanov, Farrukh	1123	5	153578	Wu, Stanley	1540	1540	102959	Bolduc, Steve	2247	2292
142224	Sun, Mike	2121	2121	154991	Wu, Nicholas	896	22	155271	Bolduc, Olivier	1412	4
136893	Sundar, Avinaash	2118	2254	151052	Wu, Mark	988	1053	103565	Bouchard, Jean Marc	1956	2003
108550	Super, Russell	1409	1800	155076	Wu, Dee	933	5	155263	Boudreault, Charles	1619	5
152286	Supol, George	1485	1514	155077	Wu, Alexander	658	10	120272	Boutin, Andre	1435	1478
153755	Surya, Benito	1485	1542	152951	Wu, Edward	751	20	154480	Brule, Daniel	1539	5
153882	Suthaharan, Anojan	702	17	155064	Xiang, Calvin	826	9	131934	Campbell, Martin-Alexandre	1678	1678
151225	Sutton, Michael	1783	1783	147814	Xie, Patrick	905	948	125462	Cardin, Guillaume	1879	1879
143414	Svensson, Andrew	1200	1220	133929	Xiong, Sonja	xxxx	1933	154484	Cardona, Misael	2056	10
154383	Swaine, Justin	1521	22	133928	Xiong, Jerry	2291	2306	153481	Chang, Michael	1748	9
134902	Szalay, Karoly	2380	2395	150199	Xu, Bill	737	737	154895	Charron, Michel	917	3
150843	Talukdar, Rohan	1458	1458	148513	Xu, Jeffrey	1936	1972	155269	Chelkowski, Szczepan	1300	3
153607	Tan, Kylie	1120	1120	148673	Xu, William	991	1068	155270	Chelkowski, Jan	1133	2
151102	Tao, Ellen	1080	1080	149638	Xu, Andrew	xxxx	24	148376	Chiku-Ratte, Olivier Kenta	2236	2236
146055	Tao, Rachel	1627	1631	131035	Yam, Richard	1946	1946	142404	Cloutier, Mathieu	2051	2051
107314	Teram, Eli	1211	1539	154826	Yan, Kayton	832	12	155264	Cote, Marcel	1553	5
155174	Thamarappillil, Matthew	618	3	153606	Yang, Kai Wen	711	18	148237	Cote-Lalumiere, Tristan	1942	1942
150302	Thanabalachandran, Luxiga	1052	1057	151429	Yang, Ryan	1844	1918	150905	Dagenais, Olivier	1046	8
150303	Thanabalachandran, Kajan	1742	1787	151154	Yang, Frank Guizhen	1748	1748	131936	Desjardins, Michel	1987	2094
155187	Thomas, Matthew	904	5	144844	Ye, Hanyuan	1617	1733	154476	Desmarais, Serge	1496	5
106868	Thompson, Ed G.	1511	1545	149965	Ye, Stephen	2051	2051	134166	Dominique, Vladimir	1856	13
131181	Thornton, Bill	1472	1658	125441	Yee, Bradley	1303	7	155266	Douyere, Nicolas	1563	5
148985	Tismenko, Dennis	1551	1635	148223	Yie, Kevin Yi-Xiao	1658	1698	148330	Dumont, Felix	2071	2071
125156	Todd, Adie	1697	1778	154591	Yin, William	1042	17	128278	Dumouchel, Alain	1924	1924
153616	Todi, Johan	867	7	155009	Ylipelkola, Thomas	1677	5	122035	Duplessis, Jean Roch	1708	1765
153615	Todi, Kris	1132	24	112186	Young, John	1561	1800	107083	Dupuis, Stephane	2104	2124
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126875	Tolnai, David	1592	1592	144094	Yu, Stephen	1324	1334	154481	Fiouzi, Chahin	1587	3
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150629	Tonakanian, Stephan	2136	2140	151454	Yu, Xiao Tian	984	1002	142032	Forget, David	1955	2095
154588	Tremblay, Steven	895	4	148962	Yusuf, Magas	xxxx	1885	105070	Gagnon, Serge	2010	2145
155096	Turnbull, Bob	1368	3	147050	Zeromskis, Egidijus	2213	2248	155272	Galindo, Gabriel	1215	3
150779	Twesigye, Derick Joshua	2122	2164	154697	Zhang, Joel	1178	9	101089	Gauthier, Denis	1854	1962
152024	Uddin, Mohammad Zaki	1816	1837	152491	Zhang, Jia Yuan	728	16	101277	Gilbert, Erick	1730	1948
155000	Udrea, Chris	1952	7	155095	Zhang, Boya	1001	5	110935	Girouard, Michel	1851	1867
146626	Ugodnikov, Arkadiy	1713	1902	150339	Zhang, John	1803	1973	108936	Giroux, Robert	1906	1935
154894	Vaillancourt, Rejean	xxxx	3	151184	Zhang, Jeannie	xxxx	1309	148294	Gueorguiev, Valentin	1877	1877
101864	Valdizon, Armando	xxxx	2341	146811	Zhang, Zhiyuan	1958	2169	151350	Guo, Forest	1897	22
154730	Valery, Krasnosheky	1888	7	155063	Zhang, Kevin	541	8	148358	He, Shao Hang	1633	1633
148446	Vasquez, Jose Luis	1903	22	150826	Zhang, Zhehai	1500	1500	101280	Hebert, Jean	2451	2534
151904	Vasquez, Michel	1531	1634	151543	Zhang, Michael	1196	1206	110380	Ibrahim, Anthony	2211	2243
150327	Vaxman, Daniel	1037	22	148924	Zhang, Jeff	1587	1617	133987	Jiang, Louie	2411	2421
154789	Vaz, Jake	1014	5	147276	Zhang, Kevin Z.	xxxx	2041	148308	Joanis, Marc-Andre	1575	14
112357	Veacock, Carl	1228	1678	148449	Zhang, Yuanchen	2225	2225	151351	Johnson, Nicholas	1782	12
148344	Velle, Maurice	1327	17	150152	Zhang, Taylor	1201	1217	155218	Johnson-Constantin, Matthieu	1680	5
107979	Vera, Jesus	1193	1675	155003	Zhang, Manxuan (Rebecca)	792	11	143568	Jureidini, Gabriel	1552	8
108688	Verde, Pino	1703	2014	148512	Zhao, Yuetong (Davy)	1957	1966	155040	Kazi, Manju	1356	1
132685	Vergara, Isaiah	1891	1907	154456	Zhao, Jonathan	1001	1001	132631	Kleinman, Michael	2382	2415
151783	Vermont, Michael	1149	5	152353	Zhao, Yanchun	1514	1616	142449	Kovalyov, Anton	2638	2654
146760	Verny, Thomas R.	1822	1822	152354	Zhao, Harry	1587	1642	135223	Kraiochukine, Nikita	2343	2367
154199	Vettese, Nicholas	1072	1072	154318	Zhao, Yinfeng	1545	7	101285	Lacroix, Serge	1995	2206
154792	Viado, Adrin	1235	8	146770	Zhao, Jim	xxxx	2083	155037	Laferriere, Samuel	1356	1
153006	Vignarajah, Muralie	1330	1330	151103	Zheng, Ethan	1126	1126	110489	Lalonde, Paul	2032	12
153938	Vigneswaramoorthy, Vinorth	1337	24	151234	Zhong, Joey	2070	2072	103222	Lalumiere, Claude	1859	1923
154795	Vlasenko, Konstantin	1624	17	152984	Zhou, Jiehan	1832	1832	151870	Landry, Guillaume	1272	1272
154508	Vlasenko, Ksenia	1294	21	151707	Zhou, Qiyu	2130	2177	151345	Langlois-Remillard, Alexis	1619	10
153541	Vo, Long	1573	1573	151749	Zhou, Lily	1589	1620	110358	Larochelle, Martial	2209	2282

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111891	Keunecke, Ed	1560	1774
100145	McKim, Fred	1918	2132
154413	Randolph, Paul	1315	14

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148297	Ah-Lan, Kenny	2034	23
155018	Albarao, Daniel	1712	5
154475	Alcantara, Maximo	1546	8
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131940	Amesse, Louis Philippe	1925	20
105909	Auger, Bertrand	1969	1973
154254	Ayotte, Dany	1621	9
148333	Baran, Marius	1572	13
138940	Barre, Michel	1872	1872
155042	Baser Celal, Kaan	1600	4
155038	Bathaie, Sina	1618	5
128277	Beaulieu, Pierre	1906	2035
154896	Beaumier, Marc	917	3
154477	Bedard, Michel	1631	5
148040	Bellemare, Regis	1751	1796
111867	Bleau, John	1899	1929
102959	Bolduc, Steve	2247	2292
155271	Bolduc, Olivier	1412	4
103565	Bouchard, Jean Marc	1956	2003
155263	Boudreault, Charles	1619	5
120272	Boutin, Andre	1435	1478
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125462	Cardin, Guillaume	1879	1879
154484	Cardona, Misael	2056	10
153481	Chang, Michael	1748	9
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150905	Dagenais, Olivier	1046	8
131936	Desjardins, Michel	1987	2094
154476	Desmarais, Serge	1496	5
134166	Dominique, Vladimir	1856	13
155266	Douyere, Nicolas	1563	5
148330	Dumont, Felix	2071	2071
128278	Dumouchel, Alain	1924	1924
122035	Duplessis, Jean Roch	1708	1765
107083	Dupuis, Stephane	2104	2124
151392	Fan, Run Kun	1364	12
154481	Fiouzi, Chahin	1587	3
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142032	Forget, David	1955	2095
105070	Gagnon, Serge	2010	2145
155272	Galindo, Gabriel	1215	3
101089	Gauthier, Denis	1854	1962
101277	Gilbert, Erick	1730	1948
110935	Girouard, Michel	1851	1867
108936	Giroux, Robert	1906	1935
148294	Gueorguiev, Valentin	1877	1877
151350	Guo, Forest	1897	22
148358	He, Shao Hang	1633	1633
101280	Hebert, Jean	2451	2534
110380	Ibrahim, Anthony	2211	2243
133987	Jiang, Louie	2411	2421
148308	Joanis, Marc-Andre	1575	14
151351	Johnson, Nicholas	1782	12
155218	Johnson-Constantin, Matthieu	1680	5
143568	Jureidini, Gabriel	1552	8
155040	Kazi, Manju	1356	1
132631	Kleinman, Michael	2382	2415
142449	Kovalyov, Anton	2638	2654
135223	Kraiouchkine, Nikita	2343	2367
101285	Lacroix, Serge	1995	2206
155037	Laferriere, Samuel	1356	1
110489	Lalonde, Paul	2032	12
103222	Lalumiere, Claude	1859	1923
151870	Landry, Guillaume	1272	1272
151345	Langlois-Remillard, Alexis	1619	10
151348	Larochele, Martial	2209	2282

154563	Latreille, Etienne	1046	2				
100337	Laurin, Marcel	1707	1978				
102780	Lavergne, Daniel	1683	1869	CFC#	Name	Rtng	High
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152640	Lavoie, Felix	1213	21	155191	Biswas, Subinoy	1722	1766
144425	Le Duin, Thierry	2069	2113	155017	Castaneda, Jhon David	xxxx	2183
153694	Legare, Gilles	1056	8	149909	Courson, Wade	xxxx	6
144456	Lepine, Cedric	1882	1882	153723	Deatrick, Alexander	2110	10
151346	Leung, Chin	1519	11	151296	Enkhamar, Galbadrakh	xxxx	2199
107085	Leveille, Francois	2344	2442	155011	Govindarajan, Sankar	1726	1726
155046	Li, Adam	1756	4	153598	Greeff, Melissa	xxxx	2115
122046	Libersan, Thierry	2113	2146	154504	Havik, Victor	xxxx	2149
144511	Lopez Linares, Lizandro Fernando	2032	154855	Johnson, Frank B	xxxx	2374	
	2142		110329	Morabito, Matthew	1884	2046	
120108	Luksza, Arkadiusz	2119	2233	154687	San Cristobal, Mario	xxxx	2200
146419	Luo, Alan	1249	1285	153722	Sanetullaev, Alisher	2158	2169
148373	Ma, Indy	1602	1614	139796	Smith, Catherine	1644	1671
155036	Marcaida, Ren Lionel	1907	5	153485	Sturt, Raven	2331	2332
125461	Masse, Hugues	2264	2329	151907	Suire, Benjamin	xxxx	1756
134178	Mathews, Theotra	1657	1657	154454	Tarwid, Jan	xxxx	3
154478	Medawar, Jean Marc	1890	5	153521	Valencia, Adrian David	1958	20
154586	Mesly, Olivier	1295	9	143973	Vavrak, Peter	2506	2506
127203	Miron, Francois	2059	2059	155190	Velazquez, Hector	2060	2060
112538	Moore, Ronald	1801	1850	155010	Verdiyev, Gorkhmaz	1860	1860
107464	Morin, Louis	1998	2022	138986	Xu, Haizhou	2347	2347
154404	Nardone, Raul	1862	14				
154482	Nazarian, Ara	1488	5				
155048	Ndambakuwa, Victor	1593	5				
128271	Nicula, Marius	2213	2228				
150073	Nikulich, Oleksandr	1887	1887				
151330	Ouellet, Maili-Jade	1188	12				
148321	Parenteau, Francois	1621	13				
155050	Patel, Dhanesh	1526	5				
153477	Perma-Fraser, David	1713	9				
101378	Piche, Guy	1653	1834				
110659	Pichette, Mickaelin	1718	1718				
134187	Pilote, Benoit	1645	1645				
135176	Poulin, Mathieu	1954	1970				
101347	Prahov, Valentin	2204	2245				
151344	Qin, Kai Long	1479	11				
126039	Ramaswamy, Kiran	1962	2019				
155051	Rashidi, David	1737	4				
155265	Restrepo, Edison	1600	1				
153502	Reynaud, Frederic	1553	9				
105065	Robichaud, Louis	2034	2143				
152966	Rondon, Luciano	1879	16				
139360	Roy, Myriam	1971	2060				
154892	Sabourin, Pierre-Olivier	1165	3				
155219	Saha, Ananda	1712	5				
151391	Saine, Zachary	1263	10				
146462	Sambuev, Bator	2685	2753				
154890	Sass, Andrew	1406	3				
154162	Savard, Francois	1037	9				
106803	Scantland, Patrick	1837	1837				
148247	Shi, Ling Yun	1406	1441				
155268	Sirois, Marco	1092	4				
155267	Soskic, Milan	1410	5				
155019	Soumare, Rahim	1522	5				
148348	Sprumont, Oscar	1928	1928				
125740	St. James, Sonny	2014	13				
153505	Szasz, Alex	1528	8				
154479	Tchakmakchian, Soren	1293	3				
130071	Tomb, Maroun	2202	2216				
154893	Tremblay, Martin	1009	3				
154483	Trottier, Luc	1299	4				
148314	Turcotte, Jonathan	2027	19				
101925	Upper, John	2233	2347				
155217	Utepova, Alik	1431	4				
155262	Valiquette, Simon	1467	5				
131240	Varfalvy, Peter	1406	23				
101284	Villeneuve, Robert	2045	2200				
123745	Villeneuve, Luc	1764	1798				
120516	Voloaca, Mihnea	2361	2361				
131324	Voskanyan, Vahagn	2296	2315				
155039	Wang, Bing Kun	1381	5				
145866	Wang, Kelly	1504	1506				
111572	Weston, Paul	2041	2078				
148361	Wu, Qi You	1987	1987				
148234	Yang, Marguerite	1561	1592				
148322	Yao, Houji	1848	23				
151387	Yip, William	1346	12				
153480	Yu, Zong Yang	2107	2123				
149639	Yun, Chang	2004	2033				
151390	Zhang, Evan	1721	12				
153492	Zhou, David	1630	9				
148238	Zhu, Hong Rui	2157	2188				

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133701	MacKinnon, Keith	2297	2353
111334	Robertson, Trevor	1548	1706