

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #173

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HERE AND THERE

First Saturday (September 5-14)

After an excellent start (2/2 in his first games played) in the FM-A Section of the September First Saturday tournament in Budapest, the wheels came off for Michael Yip. Apart from a last-round win by forfeit against the tournament tailender he only scored a single draw from his remaining games, resulting in a final score of 3.5/9. This wasn't for lack of trying, but things just didn't go Michael's way.

<http://www.firstsaturday.hu/>

Letay, Gyula - Yip, Michael [C54] First Saturday September FM-A Budapest (4), 08.09.2009

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.h3 a6 7.b4 Ba7 8.0-0 0-0 9.a4 Ne7 10.Re1 Ng6 11.d4 c6 12.Bb3 Qc7 13.Ra2 h6 14.Rc2 Re8 15.Rce2 Nh5 16.Nh2 Nhf4 17.Bxf4 Nxf4 18.Re3 Qe7 19.Na3 b5 20.Nc2 g6 21.Rg3 Kh7 22.c4 Be6 23.d5 cxd5 24.cxd5 Bd7 25.a5 Rac8 26.Qd2 Rc7 27.Ne3 Rec8 28.Bd1 Bd4 29.Qa2 Bc3 30.Rf1 Bxb4 31.Bg4 Bc5 32.Nf3 Rf8 33.Bxd7 Rxd7 34.Kh2 Rc7 35.Qa1 Rfc8 36.Rg4 f6 37.g3 Nh5 38.Nh4 Rg8 39.Qd1 g5 40.Nhf5 Qf7 41.h4 Ng7 42.hxg5 fxg5 43.Kg2 Nh5 44.Rh1 b4 45.Rh3 Bxe3 46.fxe3 b3 47.Qh1 Rc2+ 48.Kf3 1-0

September Active I (September 13)

The first of Luc Poitras' new season of active events attracted a field of twenty-seven to the Vancouver Bridge Centre. The winner was B.C. active champion Vicente Lee Jr. with 5.0/6, closely followed by Dan Scoones, David Chang, and Luc Poitras. Butch Villavieja and Janak Awatramani split the U2100 prizes, Joe Roback and Sylvain Gaudreau the U1900, and Lionel Han took the U1600 prize all by himself. Jonah Lee had the biggest upset, beating Luc Poitras in round 2. It should be noted that Awatramani, Han, and (Jonah) Lee are all preteens who are certainly not over-awed by their elders...

#	Name	Rtng	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
1	Vicente Lee Jr.	2328	W17	W13	W 6	D 7	W 9	D 2	5.0
2	Dan Scoones	2256	W18	W12	L 7	W 6	W 5	D 1	4.5
3	David Chang	2149	D 0	D 0	W23	W13	D 7	W 9	4.5
4	Luc Poitras	2147	D19	L21	W26	W14	W16	W 7	4.5
5	Dragoljub Milicevic	2141	W20	L 7	W15	W 8	L 2	W12	4.0
6	Butch Villavieja	2057	W15	W23	L 1	L 2	W21	W14	4.0
7	Janak Awatramani	1985	W 8	W 5	W 2	D 1	D 3	L 4	4.0
8	Max Doroshenko	unr.	L 7	W20	W12	L 5	W13	W11	4.0
9	Ben Daswani	2095	D21	W10	W14	W19	L 1	L 3	3.5
10	Lionel Han	1236	D16	L 9	W17	L12	W23	W18	3.5
11	Jack Cheng	2059	W26	L14	D18	D21	W19	L 8	3.0
12	Dale Haukenfrers	2037	W24	L 2	L 8	W10	W15	L 5	3.0
13	Joe Soliven	2024	W22	L 1	W25	L 3	L 8	W16	3.0
14	Joe Roback	1686	W27	W11	L 9	L 4	W22	L 6	3.0
15	Sylvain Gaudreau	1667	L 6	W22	L 5	W20	L12	W24	3.0
16	Dejan Radic	1648	D10	L19	W27	W18	L 4	L13	2.5
17	Ryan Lo	1642	L 1	L25	L10	W27	D20	W26	2.5
18	Jun Bandong	1632	L 2	W24	D11	L16	W25	L10	2.5
19	Duane Angelvette	1602	D 4	W16	W21	L 9	L11	L 0	2.5
20	Jeremy Hui	1580	L 5	L 8	W24	L15	D17	W25	2.5
21	Jonah Lee	1507	D 9	W 4	L19	D11	L 6	D22	2.5
22	Jack Qian	1422	L13	L15	W 0	W23	L14	D21	2.5
23	Jofrel Landingin	1901	W25	L 6	L 3	L22	L10	W27	2.0
24	Roberto Zentino	1467	L12	L18	L20	W 0	W27	L15	2.0
25	Gyan Awatramani	1394	L23	W17	L13	W26	L18	L20	2.0
26	Adam Kirk	1469	L11	D27	L 4	L25	W 0	L17	1.5
27	Triston Shayler	unr.	L14	D26	L16	L17	L24	L23	0.5

(Ratings are Vancouver active ratings)

If you have a desire to play some active chess there are active fundraisers in both Vancouver and Victoria this coming Sunday (September 27) - details elsewhere in the Bulletin.

Canadian Chess News

The first issue of the CFC's new newsletter, *Canadian Chess News*, was published on Monday, September 21. A .pdf file which can also be printed out if required, this inaugural issue contains articles by Lawrence Day and Kevin Spraggett amongst its twenty-seven pages. If you are a CFC member and have yet to receive a copy, contact CFC executive director Gerry Litchfield at info@chess.ca. As mentioned last time, editor Tony Ficzero of Calgary is seeking content for the newsletter from players and organizers across the country; if you have a contribution, his email address is tficzero@telus.net.

(The saga of the CFC website continues - apparently it was repaired but has now been hacked again. User beware.)

BROWSING FOR ENDGAMES by Dan Scoones

Dr. Nathan Divinsky has kindly allowed me to revive his occasional endgame column under its original title. For the first installment I have chosen a little-known masterpiece from the 1937 Moscow Championship.

**Fogelevich, F. - Yudovich, M.
Moscow (ch) 1937**



When White exchanged queens on h6, it was not with the idea of establishing a winning pawn structure. That particular battle has already gone against him.

18...Na5 19.Nh4!?

White intends to open the f-file with a quick f4-f5 and get his rooks into action against Black's king. This is a creative idea which is also somewhat forced. If 19.Rd2 Nxb3 20.axb3 Rd7 and White is completely on the defensive.

19...Nxb3 20.axb3 Rac8 21.f4 Rc3 22.f5 Rxb3 23.Rf4 a5 24.Rg4+ Kh8!

Much stronger than 24...Kf8? 25.fxe6, when Black is forced to defend with 25...Bc8 26.d5 Bxe6 27.Rgd4 Bc8 because 25...fxe6 26.Rf1+ Ke8 27.Rg8+ Kd7 28.Rf7+ Kc8 29.Rxd8+ Kxd8 30.Rxb7 a4 31.Rxh7 a3 32.Ra7 Kc8 33.d5 Kb8 34.Ra4 b5 35.Ra5 exd5 36.Nf5! is winning for White.

25.Rc1 Rc8 26.Rxc8+ Bxc8 27.d5!

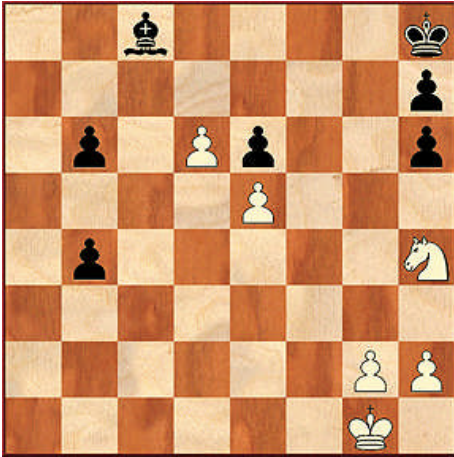
Unavailing is 27.f6 Rc3 28.Rg7 Rc7.

27...Rb4!

Yudovich dismisses 27...exd5 with 28.e6 fxe6 29.f6, etc. It is not clear if he noticed the defence 29...Ba6!, which prevents 30.f7 on account of 30...Rb1+ and 31...Rf1+, and which

also clears the square c8 for Black's rook. But the move in the game is much stronger, although it appears to give White substantial drawing chances.

28.Rxb4 axb4 29.fxe6 fxe6 30.d6



I suspect White was in fairly good humour after this move. Black's queenside pawns are doubled and because his bishop is stuck defending d7 it is difficult to see how he can make significant progress.

30...b3 31.Nf3 Kg7 32.Kf2 Kg6 33.Ke3 b2 34.Nd2 Kf5 35.Kd4 h5!

Black has managed to tie up both of White's pieces with defensive tasks and he now switches his attention to opening another front. The advance ...h5-h4-h3 will force a weakening of White's kingside pawn structure and allow Black's king to move in.

36.Nb1 Kf4 37.Nd2 h4 38.Nb1 h5 39.Nd2 Bd7 40.Nb1 Bc6 41.Nd2 Be8 42.Nb1 h3 43.g3+

If 43.gxh3 h4 44.Nd2 Bc6 45.Nb1 (or 45.Kc3 Kxe5 46.Kxc3 Kxd6, etc.) 45...Kf3 and Black wins both h-pawns (Yudovich).

43...Kf3 44.Kd3

If 44.Nd2+ Ke2 45.Kc3 Kd1 46.Kd3 b5 (also possible is 46...Kc1 47.Nb3+ Kb1 48.Nd2+ Ka2, etc.) 47.Kc3 b4+ and wins the knight.

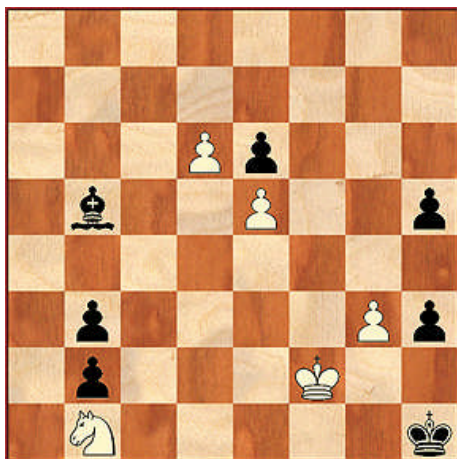
44...Kg2! 45.Ke2 Kxh2 46.Kf2 b5

Yudovich comments that it now seems impossible for Black to win because all his pieces are tied up.

47.Nd2 b4 48.Nf1+

If 48.g4!? then 48...b1Q! 49.Nxb1 hxc4 and Black wins – but certainly not 48...hxc4? 49.Nf1+ Kh1 50.Ng3+ and White draws by repetition.

48...Kh1 49.Nd2 b3 50.Kf1 Bc6 51.Kf2 Bb5 52.Nb1



52...Bd3!!

An astonishing conception. Black can allow White to promote his d-pawn because his remaining pieces are perfectly placed to dominate White's new queen.

53.Nd2 b1Q 54.Nxb1 Bxb1 55.d7 b2 56.d8Q Bc2!

Taking control of the queening square and simultaneously preventing 57.Qd1+ followed by 58.Qg1#.

57.Qh4

If 57.Qa8+ Kh2 and Black's h-pawn is right on the spot to prevent 58.Qg2#.

57...Bf5!

Accurate to the end. If Black protects his h-pawn with 57...Kh2? then White can turn things around completely with 58.g4! followed by mate.

58.g4 hxc4 59.Qg3 b1Q

Just in time to prevent mate. White properly resigned here.

0-1

CHES CHARIVARI

Speaking of Dr. Divinsky, just over forty-five years ago he was writing a chess column in the Saturday edition of the *Vancouver Province*. At the time the *Province* carried a syndicated column by Al Horowitz, the owner and editor of *Chess Review*. Perhaps seeking more Canadian and local coverage, the Horowitz column was replaced in November 1963 by "Chess Charivari" authored by Nathan Divinsky. Divinsky had previously written a column of the same name in the *Winnipeg Tribune* some ten years earlier (October 1953 - June 1964) which "focused primarily on international news, but national and local events were also covered. A typical column featured a chess problem, news and one or two annotated games - often in great depth. Books reviews and the occasional photo rounded things out." [John Donaldson, Mechanics' Chess Club [Newsletter #374](#)] Unsurprisingly Divinsky's B.C. "Chess Charivari" was very much in the same mould, although the title was sometimes prefaced by "The Professor's" or "Divinsky's." It ran for six months until May 1964, when for reasons not explained it was superceded by the Horowitz column again. During the change-over periods some columns were unattributed, making it hard to determine who wrote what. After the reintroduction of Horowitz's column local news was occasionally appended, but there is no indication of whether Divinsky or another author wrote those sections.

Below are the three local games which were published during the column's short existence, along with a game between two ex-world champions which does not seem to be available elsewhere.

Neufahrt, Gerhard - Anderson, Timon [C02] Vancouver ch Vancouver, 22.12.1963

We are taught to be careful about taking rook pawns with bishops - in this game that move occurs three(!) times.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 e6 4.d4 d5 5.e5 Qb6 6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.Qc2 f6 8.Bd3 fxe5 9.Bxh7 Nge7 10.Ng5 e4 11.b4 Bxb4 12.Qe2 Ne5 13.0-0 Bd6 14.Be3 Qc7 15.Bd4 g6 16.Nd2 Bd7 17.c4 0-0-0 18.Rfc1 N7c6 19.cxd5 exd5 20.Bxa7 Bg4 21.Qb5 Rdf8 22.Qxd5 Nd3 23.Ndxe4 Bxh2+ 24.Kf1 Be2+ 25.Kxe2 Nf4+ 26.Kf1 Nxd5 "White played on for a while and then resigned." 0-1

Botvinnik, Mikhail - Euwe, Max [E43] Blindfold television game Amsterdam, 28.12.1963

Played while Botvinnik was visiting Amsterdam - on television, with both players blindfolded, at a time control of ten minutes per player.

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 c5 5.Nf3 b6 6.Bd3 Bb7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Na4 Qe7 9.a3 Ba5 10.dxc5 bxc5 11.Nxc5 Qxc5 12.b4 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 Qe5 14.bxa5 Qxa1 15.Qxa8 Qc3 16.Be2 Nc6 17.Qb7 Rb8 18.Qc7 Qc2 19.Bf3 h5 20.Bxc6 Rb1 21.Bf3 Rxc1 22.g3 Ng4 23.Bxg4 Rxf1+ 24.Kxf1 hxg4 25.Qxa7 Qd1+ 26.Kg2 Qf3+ 1/2-1/2

Macskasy, Elod - Divinsky, Nathan [D00] Interclub team Vancouver, 24.02.1964

Played on board 1 in a team match between the Hungarian and Vancouver chess clubs.

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nd2 d5 3.e3 g6 4.Bd3 Bg7 5.f4 c5 6.c3 cxd4 7.exd4 Qc7 8.Ne2 Bf5 9.Bxf5 gxf5
10.Nf3 e6 11.0-0 Ne4 12.Ng5 Nd7 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.Ng3 Nf6 15.Nh5 Nxh5 16.Qxh5 0-0-0
17.Be3 Rdg8 18.Rad1 Bf8 19.Rf2 Rg6 20.d5 Rhg8 21.Qe2 Bc5 22.Kh1 Rd8 23.c4 Kb8
24.Bxc5 Qxc5 25.dxe6 Rxd1+ 26.Qxd1 Rxe6 27.Qd8+ Qc8 28.Qxc8+ Kxc8 29.Re2 Kc7
30.Kg1 Kc6 31.Kf2 Kc5 32.b3 Kb4 33.h3 h5 34.Rc2 White offered a draw. 34...Rd6 35.c5 Rd5
36.Rc4+ Kb5 37.a4+ Kc6 38.b4 a6 39.g4 fxg4 40.hxg4 hxg4 41.Rxe4 f5 42.Re6+ 1/2-1/2

Macskasy, Elod - Kahn, Larry [E81] CNIB Simul Vancouver, 30.04.1964

1.c4 Nf6 2.d4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Bg5 Nbd7 7.Qd2 e5 8.Nge2 Nb6 9.b3 c6 10.d5
cxd5 11.cxd5 Bd7 12.g3 Rc8 13.Bg2 Rc7 14.0-0 Qc8 15.Rac1 a6 16.Rfd1 Bh3 17.Bh1 Ne8
18.Na4 Nxa4 19.bxa4 f5 20.Rxc7 Qxc7 21.Rc1 Qd7 22.Nc3 fxe4 23.fxe4 Qf7 24.Bg2 Bxg2
25.Qxg2 Qf3 26.a5 h6 27.Be7 "An unfortunate blunder, but quite common in simultaneous
play." 27...Qe3+ 0-1

September Active II (Fundraiser for the BCCF)

Date: Sunday September 27, 2009

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

Rounds: 5

Starting Time: noon

Type: Regular Swiss.

Time Controls: G/25 + 5 sec. increments or G/30 .

Entry Fee: \$12

Come to encourage your Chess Federation. All the money collected that day will go to different BC Championships

Registration: From 11:30am or contact Luc Poitras at (778) 846-0496 email queluc@lynx.net

Bring your chess set and clock if possible. Not CFC Rated but you get a Vancouver Active rating

BC Championships Active Fundraiser (Victoria)

Dates: Sunday September 27, 2009

Place: Victoria Chess Club, 1728 Douglas Street

Rounds: 5

Times: 10:00am, 11:15am, 1:30pm, 2:45pm, 4:00pm

Type: Swiss

Time Controls: Game in 25 minutes plus 5 second increment

Entry: \$10 paid by September 21st, \$11 registered by Sept 21st, but paid at the door, \$13 paid at the door.

Registration: Victoria Chess Club, Monday evenings or by [e-mail](mailto:)

Prizes: 1st Trophy, U1700 Trophy, U1400 One Hour Lesson from local master.

Organizer: VictoriaChessClub@gmail.com

Misc: 85% of entries go towards supporting provincial championships.

UBC Thanksgiving Open

Dates: October 10 – 12, 2009

Place: Irving K. Barber Learning Centre room 260, 1961 East Mall, University of British Columbia

Rounds: 6

Times: 10 am and 3:30 pm

Type: regular Swiss

Time Controls: game/90 with a 60 second increment (digital), or game/150 (analog)

Byes: Rds. 1-5

Entry Fee: adults \$35, juniors/seniors \$25 (CFC membership required)

Prizes: \$\$BEN

Registration: in advance or at site 9:30 – 9:50 am, October 10

Tournament Director: Stephen Wright

Miscellaneous: two sections as numbers permit; BCCF membership included in entry fee

For more information please contact the organizer: Stephen Wright: 604-221-

7148, swright2@telus.net

UPCOMING EVENTS

Junior events

October 2 Island Junior Open #1, UVic
October 18 Junior Open, New Westminster
November 8 St. George's Junior, Vancouver
November 13-15 BC Junior, New Westminster

UBC Thursday Night Swiss

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Irving K. Barber Learning Centre room 191, 1961 East Mall, University of British Columbia

Contact Aaron Cosenza, xramis1@yahoo.ca

September Active II

September 27, Vancouver Bridge Centre

Details: <http://chess.bc.ca/events.shtml#SepActive2>

B.C. Championships Active Fundraiser

September 27, Victoria Chess Club

Details: <http://victoriachessclub.pbworks.com/BC-Championships-Active-Fundraiser>

UBC Thanksgiving Open

October 10-12, Vancouver

Details: see above

Silverdale Beach Hotel Classic

October 10-11, Silverdale, WA

Details: http://www.nwchess.com/calendar/Silverdale_Beach_200910_details.pdf

October Open

October 17-18, New Westminster

Details: <http://www.bjdy.com/juniorchess/events.html>

Jack Taylor Memorial

November 21-22, Victoria

Details: <http://victoriachessclub.pbworks.com/2009-Jack-Taylor-Memorial>