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Stephen Wright

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HERE AND THERE

New Year Open (January 23-24)

The latest open event at Sprott-Shaw College in New Westminster attracted a total of eighteen players, including at least two who were returning to tournament chess after a long absence. With five players over 2000 and six "A" players the competition for the \$250 guaranteed first prize was fierce, but it was fifth-ranked Joe Soliven who brought home the bacon with 4.5/5. He was favoured by the pairings: the other contenders gave up too many full and half points, so Joe was never paired up. Also having a strong event was twelfth-ranked Joe Roback, who tied for second with junior stars Dezheng Kong, Jack Cheng, and Tanraj Sohal on 3.5. Ken Jensen was the organizer, Ben Daswani the TD.

Crosstable

K-12 (January 24)

Sixty-four (an auspicious number!) players took part in the adjunct scholastic tournament at the same site. The sections were organized by grade, although occasionally grades were combined due to low or odd numbers of participants. Here are the grade winners:

- K Mattias Parker
- 1 Philip Chen
- 2 Kevin Meng
- 3 Alex Ge and Henrik Parker
- 4 Jonah Lee
- 5 Andy Qian
- 6 Hector Rathburn-Mackay
- 7 Kevin Wang
- 8 Jun Tao He
- 10 David Dong

Full standings

UBC January Open (January 16-17)

Despite a disappointing turnout of only eight participants this event was nevertheless competitive, with three "A" players and two "B"s. Dezheng Kong took the first prize with 3.5/4, Donovan Zhao was second and Sylvain Gaudreau was the top U1600. Stephen Wright was the organizer and TD.

Crosstable: <http://www.chess.ca/xtableSQL.asp?TNum=201001029>

Richmond Chess Club

The Richmond Chess and Games Club has a new interim home at the Wave Coffee House in Steveston, Tuesday evenings starting 7:00pm. No fee but players are expected to make purchases in the coffeehouse. Please bring equipment. Contact: Norm Conrad at hormcc@hotmail.com

Chess Cafe

Vancouver now has a downtown chess cafe, appropriately named **Vancouver's Only Chess Cafe & Creamery**, 1342 Hornby near Burrard bridge. Open seven days a week. Information: Henry 604.688.2155 hendrixfuentes@gmail.com

Canadian Chess New

A reminder that editor Tony Ficzero of Calgary is seeking content for the new CFC newsletter from players and organizers across the country; if you have a contribution, his email address is tficzero@telus.net. Deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month, with issues appearing on the 21st. If you are a CFC member and have yet to receive a copy, contact CFC executive director Gerry Litchfield at info@chess.ca.

PERÉNYI MEMORIAL by Michael Yip

[Budapest, January 8-16. Béla Perényi was a talented IM who was killed in a car accident in 1988 while travelling to the Thessaloniki Olympiad.]

My score of 4.5/9 does not sound impressive but there were some reasons to be happy. I again added two new defences to my black repertoire, the Stonewall Dutch and the French Defence. The experience-getting mission with 1.c4 as a backup to 1.d4 continued but I was not able to make any noticeable headway against players higher rated than me. I played one forgettable game but the others were good learning experiences.

I started on board 47 after some jittery moments at registration. I was player #111 to register but places were limited to the first 100 registrants. After looking at the advertisement (in Hungarian), it was not clear that early registration was a requirement. The top players were IM Kovacs (2516) and IM Galyas (2487). I was #47 seed with 2023 Elo.

Lazslo Tegzes (also ex-Vancouver) also played. I was quite surprised to see another former Vancouver player here.

The pairings were done in advance which I would have known if I knew any Hungarian. The locals have a large advantage over the foreigners here. I remained in the dark for 2/3 of the tournament.

After round 6, my opponent told me that the pairings were posted in advance late in the evening or by early morning on chess.hu or the First Saturday site. This was a big surprise to me. I just had to laugh it off.

Overall this was an enjoyable and cheap way to open the new year despite the mediocre result.

Engel, Ferenc - Yip, Michael [C07] Perényi Memorial (6), 13.01.2010

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ngf3 cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Nb3 Nc6 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 a6 11.a4 Qc7 12.Qe2 Bc5!? 12...Bd6 is more normal: 13.h3 0-0 14.c3 h6 15.Re1 b6 16.Bd3 Bb7 17.Bd2 Rfd8 18.Rad1 Bc5 19.Nf3 Bd6 20.Bc2 Rd7 21.Be3 Rad8 22.Bd4 Bc5 23.Bxf6 Rxd1 24.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 25.Qxd1 gxf6 26.Nd4 Qe5 27.Bd3 Bd6 28.Nf3 Qf4 29.Be2 Kg7 30.Kf1 Bc7 31.Ne1 a5 32.Qd7 Bd5 33.Nd3 Qh2 34.Bf3 Bxf3 35.gxf3 Qxh3+ 36.Ke2 Qh2 37.b4 h5 38.bxa5 bxa5 39.c4 h4 40.c5 h3 41.c6 Bb6 42.Qb7 Qg1 43.Qxb6 h2 44.c7 h1Q 45.Qb3 Qf1+ 46.Ke3 Qh6+ 0-1 Short,N-Ivanchuk,V /Montreal 2007 13.Be3?! A bit passive. The bishop is more actively placed on g5 as in these examples: 13.Rd1 0-0 14.Bg5 e5 15.Bxf6 Bxd4 16.c3 Bxf2+ 17.Qxf2 Qxc4 18.Bxe5 f6 19.Rd4 Qf7 20.Bd6 Re8 21.Qf3 Be6 22.Rad1 Bb3 23.Rc1 Rad8 24.a5 Qe6 25.Bc5 Rxd4 26.Bxd4 Bd5 27.Qg3 Qe4 28.Bxf6 Qxg2+ 29.Qxg2 Bxg2 30.Kxg2 gxf6 31.Kf3 Rd8 32.Rg1+ Kf7 33.Rg4 Rd2 34.Rb4 Rxh2 35.Rxb7+ Kg6 36.Rb6 Kf5 37.b4 Rh3+ 38.Ke2 Rxc3 39.Rxa6 Rb3 40.Rb6 h5 41.a6 Ke4 42.Rb5 Rb2+ 43.Kd1 Kd3 44.Rd5+ Kc4 45.a7 Kxd5 46.a8Q+ Kc4 47.Qe4+ Kb5 48.Qf5+ Kxb4 49.Qxf6 1-0 Tolnai,T-Thesing,M /Dortmund 1987/; 13.Nf3 0-0 14.Bg5!? Be7 15.Rfe1 Bd7 16.Ne5 Rac8 17.Bb3 Rfd8 18.Nxd7 Rxd7 19.Rad1 Rcd8 20.Rxd7 Qxd7 21.g3 Nd5 22.Bxe7 Nxe7 23.c3 Qc7 24.Bc2 g6 25.h4 Qc5 26.Rd1 Rxd1+ 27.Qxd1 Nf5 28.Qf3 Nd6 29.b4 Qe5 30.a5 Kg7 31.Kg2 h5 32.Qd3 Nb5 33.c4 Nd4 34.Qe4 Qd6 35.Ba4 b5 36.cxb5 axb5 37.a6! Qb6 38.Bxb5!+- Nxb5 39.Qb7 Qd4 40.Qxb5 Qe4+ 41.Kg1 Qe1+ 42.Qf1 Qxb4 43.Qa1+ 1-0 Sulskis,S-Zakharov,A /St Petersburg 1996 13...0-0



14.Rad1?+- This should lose immediately. 14...Bd7? Not spotting the tactic. 14...e5! Black could have ended the game here with this blow. 15.Nb3 Bxe3 16.fxe3 Bg4+- 15.b3?! e5!? Better late than never but now this continuation is not as effective. 16.Nf3 e4 17.Ng5? [17.Nd4 is the better way to run. 17...Bg4 18.f3 exf3 19.gxf3 Bh3 20.Rfe1-/+ White's poor structure will have him suffering for the duration of the game. 17...Bg4 18.f3 exf3 19.gxf3 Bh5?-/+ Too safe. Black is too happy to remove f7 tactics and release the f8 rook from guard duty. 19...Rae8! is more forceful. 20.Rd3 Bf5! 21.Rc3 Rxe3 22.Rxe3 Qf4 23.Re1 Qxg5+ 24.Kh1 Bxe3 25.Qxe3 Qxe3 26.Rxe3 Bxc2 - + 20.Qf2 Bxe3 21.Qxe3 Rfe8-/+ 22.Qc3? Drops a piece. 22...Qc5+ 23.Kh1 Qxg5 24.Rg1 Qe5 25.Qd2 Bxf3+ 0-1

The following spectacular win in round 2 deserves mention. Annotations are by the winner.[Yip]

Orfei, Rolando - Pasztor, Ferenc [C26] Perényi Memorial (2), 09.01.2010

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 Well... maybe not the most active way to handle the White side, but there is nothing wrong with this opening... is just out of fashion, but for facing stronger White opponents, in my humble opinion, is a GOOD ONE... **3...Bb4 4.Nge2 d6 5.Bg2 Be6 6.0-0 Qd7 7.d4 Bh3** Maybe the good Hungarian player underestimated his opponent. Better is 7...0-0 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Qxd7 Nbx d7 10.Rd1= **8.dxe5 Bxg2** At this point I was sure that my opponent was not very careful playing the first moves, as he confessed in the post-mortem game analysis. The combination that will start at the eleventh move was already in my mind from now, truthfully, not in an absolutely clear way, just that I saw, like through the smoke, the main idea. But somehow I couldn't believe my eyes: "C'mon! ..he's a Fide Master! How could he miss my following two moves?... Maybe there's a hole somewhere?!" Must confess I re-checked the whole line two-three times. Thank God I found the strength to go on... :) 8...Bxc3 9.Nxc3 Bxg2 10.Kxg2 dxe5 11.Bg5 Qc6 12.Qd3 0-0 13.Qb5 Qxb5 14.Nxb5 Nbd7 15.Rad1 h6 (15...a6 16.Nc3 h6 17.Bxf6 Nxf6 18.f4 exf4 19.gxf4 Rad8 20.Kf3) 16.Bxf6 Nxf6 17.Kf3; 8...dxe5 9.Bg5 Bxg2 10.Kxg2 Be7



9.exf6!! There is a reason why I wrote "exNf6!" and not "exf6" like normal...I always dreamed to play this move in a serious game, since I saw for the first time the renowned Q sacrifice "exNf6!", Lilienthal's move against Capablanca! [1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.a3 Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 b6 6.f3 d5 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 Ba6 9.e4 Bxc4 10.Bxc4 dxc4 11.Qa4+ Qd7 12.Qxc4 Qc6 13.Qd3 Nbd7 14.Ne2 Rd8 15.0-0 a5 16.Qc2 Qc4 17.f4 Rc8 18.f5 e5 19.dxe5 Qxe4 20.exf6 Qxc2 21.fxg7 Rg8 22.Nd4 Qe4 23.Rae1 Nc5 24.Rxe4+ Nxe4 25.Re1 Rxg7 26.Rxe4+ 1-0, Lilienthal-Capablanca, Hastings 1934/35] He was just a 23 year old good player, but after that move, his name was on everybody's mind. Of course I didn't have the same expectation...mainly for three reasons: 1): after all my (beside this game the usually very good) opponent isn't the great Cuban: 2): he sacrificed a Queen; I'm just offering an exchange: 3): the Hungarian player this time is on the wrong side of the board... (As I'm Italian, this time the good luck is for the Latin one) **9...Bxf1 9...Bxc3 10.fxg7 Bxg7 11.Kxg2 Nc6 12.Qd5+/- ; 9...Qh3?? 10.fxg7 Rg8 11.Nf4 Bxc3 (11...Qh6 12.Kxg2 Bxc3 13.Nd5 Qg6 14.Nxc7+ Kd7 15.Nxa8 Bxg7 16.Qd5+-) 12.Nxh3 Bxh3 13.bxc3 Bxf1 14.Kxf1 Rxg7 15.Qd4+- (15.Rb1+-) 10.fxg7 Rg8?!** Better is 10...Bxc3 11.Nxc3 Rg8 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.Kxf1 Nd7+- **11.Nd5!+/- Qd8 12.Kxf1 Bc5** My first idea was to play now Bh6, that was good enough, must confess that I was in a combinative mood, so the positional very strong 13.b4 Bb6 14. Bb2 line, with a winning position was in a first moment undeservedly underestimated by my side... but I thought: "After his pawn c6 moves, I'll be forced to retreat the pride of my position, the Knight on d5.... what a pity. But he's behind in development with a cramped position, could I exploit that further loss of tempo?"

I must confess that I was proud of myself when I found the following: **13.Nef4!** Worse is 13.Bg5 Qxg5 14.Nxc7+ Ke7 (14...Kd7 15.Nxa8 Nc6 16.c3 Rxa8 17.Qb3 Bb6 18.Qxf7+ Ne7 19.Nf4+/-) 15.Nxa8 Na6 16.b4 Nxb4 17.c3 Na6 18.Qb3 Rb8+/- **13...c6?** 13...Rxc7 14.b4 Bb6 (14...c6 15.Bb2+/-) 15.Bb2 Rg6 16.Nxg6 hxg6+/-



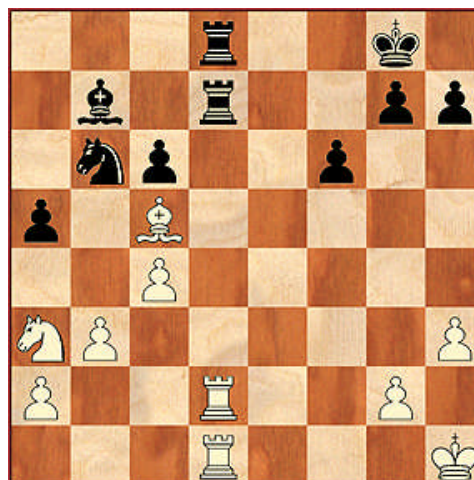
14.Ne6!! cxd5 14...fxe6 15.Qh5+ Kd7 16.Qf7+ Kc8 17.Ne7+ Kc7 18.Nxg8+ Qd7 19.Qf8 Na6 20.Nf6 Rxf8 21.gxf8Q Qd8 22.Qf7+ Kb8 23.Bg5+/-; 14...Qa5 15.Nf6+ Ke7 16.Nxg8+ Kd7 (16...Kxe6 17.Qg4+ Ke5 18.c3 Qb5+ 19.Kg2 d5 20.Qf5+ Kd6 21.Bf4#); 14...Qc8 15.Nec7+ Qxc7 16.Nxc7+ Kd7 17.Nxa8 Rxc7 18.b4 Bb6 19.Nxb6+ axb6 **15.Nxd8 Kxd8 16.Qxd5 Nd7 17.Qxf7** From now till the end both players missed same defensive and offensive best moves, but nothing changed. Further comments are useless. **17...Kc7 18.Bh6 Rae8 19.c3 a5 20.e5 Kc6 21.exd6 Bxd6 22.Rd1 Nb6 23.Bf4 Bxf4 24.Qxf4 Nc8 25.Qf7 Ne7 26.Qe6+ Kb5 27.a4+ Kc5 28.Qd6+ Kc4 29.Rd4+ Kb3 30.Rd2 Kc4 31.Qd4+ 1-0**

BROWSING FOR ENDGAMES by Dan Scoones

R. Fischer – J. Witeczek, Fischer tour simul Detroit, 09.02.1964

Today we are going to look at a little-known endgame played more than 40 years ago by the late, great Bobby Fischer. I believe that Fischer's opponent, Jack Witeczek, was at one time the Connecticut state champion. So... decent opposition for the future World Champion.

In the first diagram, Black's last move was 25...Rad8. After the rooks come off, Fischer will try to make something of his superior pawn structure.



26.Rxd7 Rxd7 27.Rxd7 Nxd7 28.Bd6 Ne5 29.Bc7 Nd3

Black's decision to counterattack the pawn on a2 will get him into a difficult situation. Another plan was 29...a4!? 30.Bxe5 fxe5 31.bxa4 Kf7 with compensation for the pawn.

30.Bxa5 Nc1 31.Bd2 Nxa2

Black's knight is stuck out of play and White has two ways to take advantage. First, he can try to win the knight by sending over his king. He can also treat the position as a knight vs bishop ending where he has a potential outside passed pawn.

32.Kg1 Kf7 33.Kf2 Ke6

Here Black missed an opportunity: 33...c5 34.Be3 Nc3, making a square for the knight on e4.

34.b4! Kd6 35.g3 Bc8 36.h4 Bf5 37.Ke3 Ke5 38.b5!

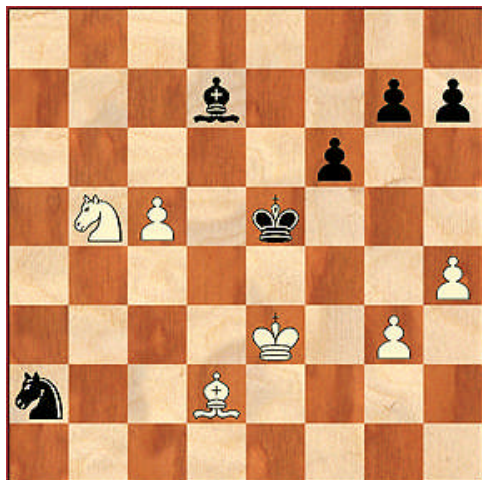
White begins the standard plan of advancing his outside pawn majority in order to deflect Black's pieces away from the kingside. Meanwhile, Black's knight is still out of play.

38...cxb5 39.Nxb5

If White retakes with the pawn, he will find it difficult to make progress after 39.axb5 Kd5 40.b6 Kc6 41.Nc4 Bd7! 42.Kd3 Bf5+ 43.Kd4 Bd7!

39...Be6 40.c5 Bd7

Not, of course, 40...Kd5? 41.Nc7+ and wins.



41.Nd4!

The obvious 41.Nc7 is weaker: 41...g5! 42.hxg5 fxg5 43.Kd3 Kf5 44.Kc2 h5! and White will have to give up one of his pieces for Black's pawn. However, even after the text move Black should not lose.

41...Kd5 42.c6 Bc8

The point of Fischer's play is that the passed pawn cannot be captured just yet: if 42...Bxc6 43.Nxc6 Kxc6 44.Kd4 Kb5 45.Kd5 h5 46.Ke6 Kc4 47.Kf7 Kd3 48.Bf4 Ke4 (or 48...g5 49.Bxg5 Ke4 50.Kxf6 Kf3 51.Bd2 Kxg3 52.Kg5+-) 49.Kxg7 Kf5 50.Bd2 Ke5 51.Kg6 and wins.

43.c7 Kc5

One of the challenges of defending such positions is keeping an eye open for hidden resources. Here Black can safeguard his pawns with 43...g6!?, because if White switches to the plan of picking up the knight with 44.Nb5 Kc6 45.Na7+ Kxc7 46.Nxc8 Kxc8 47.Kd4, then Black can then draw by liquidating the kingside pawns. As is well-known, a lone bishop cannot checkmate a king!

44.Ne2 Kb6 45.Nf4 Kxc7 46.Nh5 Bg4 47.Nxg7 Kd8 48.Kf4 Bd7

Another possibility is 48...h5 49.Nf5 Ke8 50.Nh6 Be6 51.g4!? hxg4 52.Nxg4 Bxg4 53.Kxg4 Kf7 54.Kf5 Kg7 55.h5 Kh7 56.Kxf6 and now Black can rescue his knight with 56...Nc3! since 57.Bxc3 Kh6 is an immediated draw.

49.Nf5 Ke8 50.Nd4 Kf7 51.Ke4 Kg6 52.Kd5 Be8 53.Ke6 Bf7+ 54.Ke7 Bd5 55.Ne6 Bc4?!

The strain of defending takes its toll. Black of course loses after 55...Bxe6 56.Kxe6 h5 57.Ke7 Kf5 58.Kf7, but he can make White's task extremely difficult by first activating his king: 55...Kf5! 56.Nf8 h5 57.Nd7 Bf3 58.Nxf6 Be2. White is now stuck defending his g-pawn, and in order to make any progress at all he will have to let Black's knight back into the game. After the text move things take an unexpected turn.

56.Nf8+

Also strong was 56.g4! h6 57.h5+ Kh7 58.Nf8+ followed by 59...Nd7, attacking the f-pawn.

56...Kg7 57.h5

The last critical moment of the game. Black can still fight with 57...h6 58.Ne6+ Kh7 59.Nf4 f5 60.Kf6 Bb3 61.Kxf5 Bc2+ 62.Ke6 Bb3+ 63.Ke5 Bd1 but White is winning after 64. Nd5 Kg7 65.Nf6 Kf7 66.g4 Kg7 67.Ke6 Bb3+ 68.Ke7 Ba4 69.Ne8+ Kh7 70.Kf8

57...Bb3?!

After this natural move Black's king runs perilously short of squares.

58.h6+ Kg8 59.Nd7 f5 60.Nf6+ Kh8 61.Kf8 Be6 62.Nd5! 1-0

Mate cannot be averted. Black resigned.

International Chess Jam (Ferndale, WA)

K-12 tournament, February 7, five round swiss. Details: <http://mysite.verizon.net/kaech/jam10.html>

Victoria Active Fundraiser for the 2010 Olympiad

Date: February 20

Place: Victoria Chess Club 1724 Douglas St, Victoria, BC.

Rounds: 5

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

Type: Swiss (Active)

Time Controls: Game/25 with 5 sec. increment.

Entry: \$10 if registered and paid by Monday Feb. 15, \$11 if registered only by Feb 20, \$13 otherwise

Registration: Register on line at the website or contact us at VictoriaChessClub@gmail.com. You can also register in person at the Victoria Chess Club with Roger Patterson. On site registration ends at 9:30 on Saturday. Registering after 9:30 does not guarantee a normal Swiss Pairing.

Organizer: Paul Leblanc and Roger Patterson, TD: Paul Leblanc

Misc.: Rated by the Victoria Chess Club. No chess membership fees required. Equipment provided. At least 85% of entries go to the 2010 Olympiad Team

[More information](#)

Spring Open

Dates: March 20-21

Place: t.b.d., University of British Columbia

Rounds: 4

Times: 9:30 am and 2 pm

Type: regular Swiss

Time controls: game/90 with a 30 second increment (digital), or game/120 (analog)

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

Prizes: \$\$BEN

Registration: in advance or at site 9:00 – 9:20 am, March 20

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,

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Junior events

February 6 International Chess Jam, Ferndale (WA)

February 21 Chess Challenge Vancouver Regional

February 27 Chess Challenge Fraser Valley Regional

February 28 Victoria Regional CYCC

UBC Thursday Night Swiss

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

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Olympiad Active Fundraiser

February 20, Victoria

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

Spring Open

March 20-21, Vancouver

Details: see above

March Active

March 28, Vancouver

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

4th Grand Pacific Open

April 5-7, Victoria

Details: <http://grandpacificopen.pbworks.com/>

Frozen Custard Active

April 18, Vancouver

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

May Active

May 16, Vancouver

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

35th Paul Keres Memorial

May 22-24, Richmond

Details: <http://keresmemorial.pbworks.com/>

June Active

June 6, Vancouver

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