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Stephen Wright

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HERE AND THERE

Vancouver Regional Chess Challenge (February 21)

Held at the New Westminster High School, this scholastic event decided some of the qualifiers for the upcoming B.C. Chess Challenge.

Standings: <http://www.juniorchess.ca/news.html>

Victoria Olympiad Fundraiser (February 20)



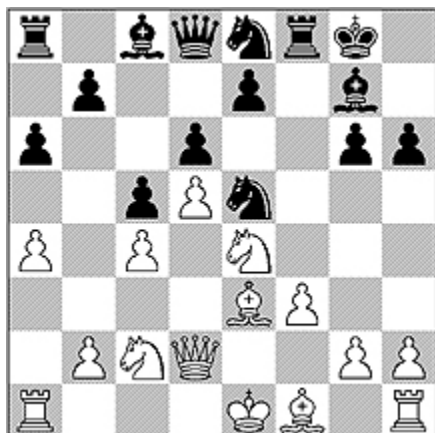
Philip Boyle plays Gavin Steininger

The Victoria Chess Club held an active tournament to support the Canadian team that will participate in the chess olympiad later this year in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia. \$300 was raised.

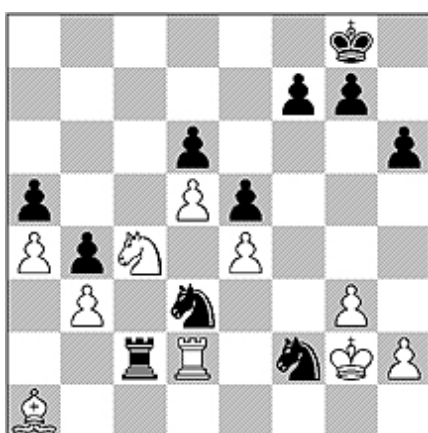
Full report: <http://victoriachessclub.pbworks.com/Active-Fundraiser-For-the-2010-Olympiad>

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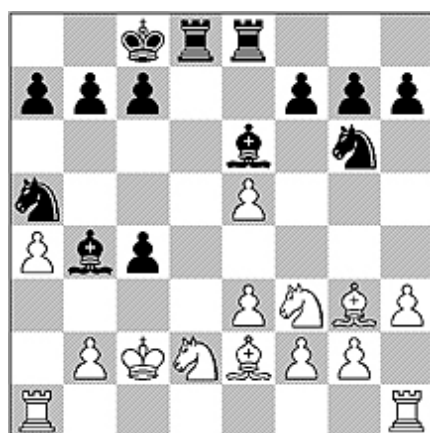
The following positions are all from games played in last year's B.C. Championship.



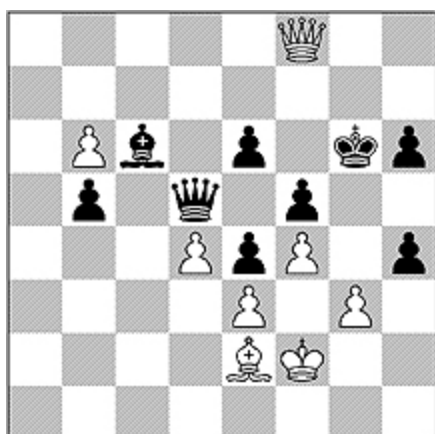
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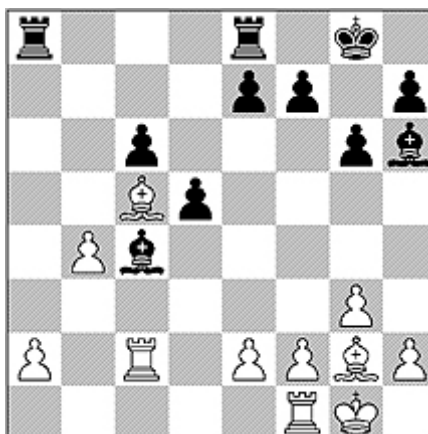
2. Black to play



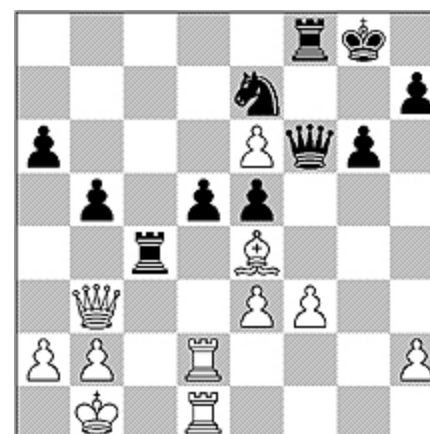
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4. White to play



5. White to play



6. White to play

B.A. YATES (November 23, 1868 - March 6, 1953)

John M. Ewing was the first B.C. Chess Champion and went on to win the title a total of seven times, but one of his major rivals was B(ertram) A(rthur) Yates, a first teller with Lloyd's Ltd., England, who emigrated to this province in 1911. The following article on Yates appeared in the first issue of the *B.C. Chess Magazine* (December 1918), and although unsigned was presumably the work of the magazine's editor, John Ewing. In subsequent years Yates tied for first in the championship in 1921 and 1940 and authored at least two chess columns, in the *Daily News Advertiser* (February 1913 - March 1915) and the *Vancouver Sun* (April 1930 - April 1931).

"Mr. Yates was fortunate in the choice of his father, who was a strong player, and the advantage of this early start was speedily apparent. At the age of fifteen he won his first tournament in Newcastle under Lyme, his birthplace, receiving pawn and move from scratch players and winning all his games.

When about eighteen he gave up chess and devoted his spare time to billiards, where he scored several successes, and to other games of a more exciting nature. After twelve years or so he was tempted to play a young man who was freely issuing a challenge to all comers in a hotel where he

chanced to be staying. The challenge was accepted upon the sound principle that strong players seldom advertise themselves, and the result of the game was as such things should be.

The St. George's Club then called upon Mr. Yates, and his chess emerged from its chrysalis to prove the strength of its wings. He played second board for the Westminster C.C. in the second division of the Birmingham Chess League without losing a game, and greatly assisted his team to gain the championship. He also won the brilliancy prize for the best game played in the league during the season.

He now joined the Birmingham C.C. and was selected to play for the County of Warwickshire, later playing three years for the combined Counties of Warwickshire and Staffordshire. During the seven years of his county chess his worst score was a draw - surely a wonderful record. At this time he also played one season for the Sparkhill Club in the Birmingham first division, and won all his games.

The fitting climax of his English career came when he was invited to play for the Individual Championship of the Midlands in 1910, the tournament being limited to twelve players. Unfortunately he was unable to accept this flattering invitation, as he was bound for B.C.

Mr. Yates' British Columbian career would occupy more space if given in detail than this entire issue could afford, so we shall give the main events only. In 1913-14 he was second to Stark in the Vancouver C.C. Championship. In 1914-15 he was third, equal with Ewing in the same event, ranking below Dr. Smith, former City of London Champion, and Stark. In 1915-16 he won the Vancouver C.C. Championship, and was third in the Provincial Tournament, below Ewing and Stark. In 1916-17 he won the Provincial Championship but lost that of the Vancouver C.C. to Butler; in 1917-18 he retained the former title, regained the latter, and also won the Individual Championship of the new Greater Vancouver League - a truly splendid performance.

No article upon Mr. Yates as a chess player would be complete without some comments upon his personality and style of play. As an opponent his courtesy is complete, and his attitude in all the vicissitudes of the game is one upon which young players might well model themselves. He is a man of quiet, yet strong personality, depending vastly more on the solid argument of play than on the insecure support of verbal theory. His nerves are of that highly efficient variety known as the nonexistent, which condition is a splendid basis for match play.

Concerning his style, his own appended games will afford the safest clue. He himself is afraid that as he grows older his caution becomes too greatly developed, but a few games with him will quickly dispel any such notion from the over-confiding chess player. In a word, Mr. Yates is a fitting champion both in himself and in his skill over the board."

Stark, R.J. - Yates, Bertram A. [B01] VCC Vancouver, 1913

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd8 4.d4 Nf6 5.Bc4 Bf5 6.Nf3 e6 7.0-0 Bg4 8.Be3 Bd6 9.Be2 c6
10.Ne5 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 Nbd7 12.Rad1 Nd5 13.f4 g6 14.Ne4 Be7 15.c3 f6 16.Nc4 Qc7 17.Bc1 b5
18.Ne3 0-0-0 19.Nxd5 exd5 20.Nf2 Bd6 21.Nd3 h5 22.h3 Rde8 23.Qc2 Rhg8 24.Rde1 Re4
25.Rxe4 dxe4 26.Ne1 f5 27.c4 Re8 28.Qe2 a6 29.cxb5 axb5 30.Be3 Nb6 31.Nc2 Nd5 32.Qd2 g5
33.g3 gxf4 34.gxf4 Rg8+ 35.Kh2 Qe7 36.Qf2 Qg5 37.Rg1 Qxg1+ 38.Qxg1 Rxg1 39.Kxg1 Nxf4
40.Bxf4 Bxf4 41.Nb4 Kd7 42.Kf2 h4 43.Na6 Bc1 44.Nc5+ Ke7 45.b3 Bb2 0-1

Hidwell, H.E. - Yates, Bertram A. [C52] 1918?

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 exd4 7.0-0 dxc3 8.Qb3 Qf6 9.e5 Qg6
10.Nxc3 Nge7 11.Ba3 0-0 12.Rad1 b5 13.Nxb5 Rb8 14.Bd3 Qh5 15.Qa4 Re8 16.g4 Qh3 17.Qe4
Bb7 18.Ng5 Nxe5 19.Qxb7 Qxf1+ 20.Bxf1 Rxb7 21.h3 N7g6 22.Rc1 h6 23.Bd6 Rxb5 0-1

Smith, D. - Yates, Bertram A. [A46] 1918?

1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 c5 3.e3 Nf6 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.c3 d5 6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.Nbd2 0-0 8.Nb3 Bd6 9.Nbd4 e5
10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Be2 Ne4 12.Bd2 Rb8 13.Qc2 Qe7 14.0-0 f5 15.c4 Rf6 16.Ne1 Rh6 17.f4 exf4
18.exf4 Bc5+ 19.Kh1 Ng3# 0-1

Burrell, Herbert H. - Yates, Bertram A. [B12] 10.10.1952

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 dxe4 4.fxe4 e5 5.Nf3 exd4 6.Qxd4 Qxd4 7.Nxd4 Nf6 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.0-0 h6
10.Nd2 Nbd7 11.Nc4 Bc7 12.Nf5 0-0 13.Ne7+ Kh8 14.Nxc8 Raxc8 15.Bf4 Bxf4 16.Rxf4 b5 17.Nd6
Rcd8 18.Nf5 Ne5 19.Rd1 Rd7 20.Nxh6 Ng6 21.Rff1 Rfd8 22.Rde1 Ne5 23.h3 Kh7 24.Nf5 Nxd3
25.cxd3 Rxd3 26.e5 Nd5 27.Nd6 f6 28.exf6 Nxf6 29.Nf7 R8d5 30.Ne5 Rd2 31.Rf2 Rxf2 32.Kxf2 c5
33.Nf3 a5 34.Re5 c4 35.Rxd5 Nxd5 36.Nd4 b4 37.Ke2 1/2-1/2

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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Answers:

1. Pechisker-Davies: 14...Rxf3.

2. Sohal-Yoos: 32...Nxe4 33.Rxc2 Ne1+.

3. Pechisker-Jiganchine: 14...Nxe5 15.Bxe5 Bf5+ 16.e4 Rxe5.

4. Milicevic-McLaren: 36.Qg8+ Kf6 37.Bh5 and mates.

5. McLaren-Wu: 24.Rxc4 dxc4 25.Bxc6.

6. Pechisker-Sohal: 27.Rxd5 Nxd5 [27...Qxe6 28.Rd6] 28.Bxd5.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Junior events

February 27 Chess Challenge Fraser Valley Regional
February 28 Victoria Regional CYCC
March 7 Mid-Island Junior

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

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>