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Stephen Wright

HERE AND THERE

CYCC (Richmond Hill, July 6-9)

Sixteen juniors from this province (Harmony Zhu, Luke Pulfer, Neil Doknjas, Patrick Huang, Andrea Botez, Joshua Doknjas, Cassidy Fu, John Doknjas, Jason Cao, Joanne Foote, Tanraj Sohal, Jingzhou Lai, Alexandra Botez, Jill Ding, Nicholas Peters, and Loren Laceste, sorry if I missed anyone) are currently competing against their peers for national honours and the chance to represent Canada at the upcoming WYCC in Brazil later this year. Pairings, standings, and much more can be found at the [event website](#), while many games are being broadcast courtesy of [Monroi](#). (The games page requests a username and password but access is granted just by clicking on the login button, at least for this author.)

Yun, Chang - Ding, Jill [B92] CYCC U16G Richmond Hill (1), 06.07.2011

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Be3 Nbd7 10.f4 Qc7 11.f5 Bxb3 12.axb3 0-0 13.Bf3 b5 14.Rf2 Nb6 15.g4 Rfd8 16.g5 Ne8 17.Bg2 Bf8 18.Qh5 b4 19.Bxb6 Qxb6 20.Nd5 Qb7 21.Rf3 Nc7 22.Rh3 h6 23.gxh6 Nxd5 24.hxg7 Bxg7 25.exd5 f6 26.Kh1 Kf8 27.Rg1 Qf7 28.Qh7 Ke7 29.Be4 Rg8 30.Rhg3 Kf8 31.R1g2 a5 32.h4 Ra7 33.h5 Rh8 34.Qg6 Qxg6 35.Rxg6 Rxh5+ 36.Rh2 Rxh2+ 37.Kxh2 Kf7 38.Kg3 Ra8 39.Bf3 Rh8 40.Rg4 Rc8 41.Be4 Bh6 42.Rh4 Rg8+ 43.Kf2 Bc1 44.Rh7+ Rg7 45.Rxg7+ Kxg7 46.Ke2 Kf7 47.Kd3 Ke7 48.Kc4 Kd7 49.c3 Bxb2 50.cxb4 axb4 51.Kxb4 Kc7 52.Kb5 Bd4 53.Bd3 Kb7 54.Be2 e4 55.Bh5 e3 56.Kc4 Bb6 57.Kb5 Ba7 58.Be2 Bb6 59.b4 Ba7 60.Bd3 Bb6 61.Be2 Ba7 62.Bf1 Bb6 63.Kc4 Ba7 1/2-1/2

A tough draw with the current Canadian Junior Champion:

Sapozhnikov, Roman - Laceste, Loren [B12] CYCC U18 Richmond Hill (1), 06.07.2011

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Be2 Nd7 6.0-0 Ne7 7.Nh4 Bg6 8.Nd2 c5 9.c3 Nc6 10.Nxg6 hxg6 11.Nf3 Be7 12.Be3 a6 13.g3 b5 14.h4 Qb6 15.Kg2 c4 16.Ng5 Bxg5 17.Bxg5 f6 18.Be3 Ne7 19.h5 g5 20.f4 Nf5 21.Bf2 gxf4 22.gxf4 Kf7 23.Bg4 Nh6 24.Bh4 f5 25.Bf3 Rag8 26.Bg5 Kf8 27.Rh1 Nf7 28.Qd2 Qc6 29.Kf2 Rh7 30.Rag1 Nb6 31.Bh4 Qd7 32.Rg3 a5 33.Rhg1 Nh6 34.Rg6 Nc8 35.Ke1 Ne7 36.Bxe7+ Qxe7 37.Qg2 Qd7 38.b3 Nf7 39.bxc4 bxc4 40.Qb2 Nd8 41.Qa3+ Kf7 42.h6 Qe7 43.Qxe7+ Kxe7 44.Rxg7+ Rhxg7 45.hxg7 Nc6 46.Bd1 Kf7 47.Bh5+ Ke7 48.Kf2 Na7 49.Rg3 Nb5 50.Ke2 a4 51.Kd2 a3 52.Rg1 Nc7 53.Ke3 Ne8 54.Rb1 Nc7 55.Rg1 Ne8 56.Rb1 Nc7 57.Rb7 Kd7 58.Ra7 Rxg7 59.Bf3 Rh7 60.Rxa3 Rh2 61.Bd1 Kc6 62.Ra5 Kb6 63.Rc5 Rxa2 64.Bh5 Ra8 65.Bf7 Na6 66.Bxe6 Nxc5 67.dxc5+ Kxc5 68.Bxf5 Ra3 69.Kd2 d4 70.cxd4+ Kxd4 71.Bc2 Re3 72.Bg6 c3+ 73.Kc2 Re2+ 74.Kd1 Re3 75.Kc2 Re2+ 76.Kd1 Re3 1/2-1/2

PanAmerican Youth Championships (Cali, Colombia, July 3-8)

A continental youth championship is also currently taking place in Cali, Colombia. Since it overlaps with the CYCC (great planning by someone) only two Canadians have chosen to participate, B.C.'s Dezheng Kong and Jackie Peng, whose hometown ironically is Richmond Hill, site of the CYCC. Top ranked in his U12 section, Dezheng currently has 5.0/6 and is tied for third, a half point behind the leaders; Jackie has 4.0 points in the U14 girls but is one and a half points off the pace.

[Results](#) (click on the appropriate section)

[Reports](#) (in Spanish)

[ChessBase report](#) (in Spanish)

The one that got away:

Kong, Dezheng - Marquez, Juan [D07] PanAm YC U12 Cali (2.1), 04.07.2011

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.d4 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nf6 6.Nc3 Bg4 7.d5 Ne5 8.Be2 Nxf3+ 9.Bxf3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 c6 11.dxc6 bxc6 12.0-0 e5 13.Be3 Qc7 14.Rac1 Rd8 15.Bg5 Be7 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Nd5 Qd6 18.Nxf6+ gxf6 19.Rfd1 Qe6 20.Rxd8+ Kxd8 21.g3 Kc7 22.Qa3 Kb7 23.Rd1 Rc8 24.b3 c5 25.Qa4 Rc7 26.Rd8 a6 27.Qc4 Qxc4 28.bxc4 Rc8 29.Rxc8 Kxc8 30.a4 Kd7 31.g4 Ke7 32.Kg2 Kf8 33.Kg3 Kg7 34.Kh4 Kg6 35.a5 Kh6 36.Kg3 Kg6 37.h4 h6 38.f4 Kg7 39.h5 Kh7 40.Kh4 exf4 41.Kh3 Kg7 42.Kg2 f5 43.exf5 Kf6



44.Kf2?? [Distant opposition but losing, White had to play the temporary pawn sacrifice 44.Kf3! Kg5 45.f6! Kxf6 46.Kxf4, which wins.] 44...Kg5 45.Kf3 f6 0-1

World Open (June 28 - July 4)

Five players from B.C., James Chan, Sean McLaren, Jofrel Landingin, Alonso Campos, and Juni Caluza, joined the massed throngs in the World Open, traditionally the largest Swiss on the North American continent. None of them managed to take home a share of the lucrative prize fund; of the five, the highest scorer was Jofrel Landingin with 5.0/9 in the U2000. Of the other Canadians Leonid Gerzhoy was among the leaders for the first few rounds but faded at the end - presumably exhaustion was a factor after playing eighteen tournament games in a row (see below). The highest-finishing Canadians were Victor Plotkin and Arthur Calugar with 5.5, a half point ahead of Gerzhoy and Mark Bluvshtein. Overall winners were Michael Adams and Gata Kamsky, with Kamsky winning the Armageddon blitz playoff game. [Standings](#)

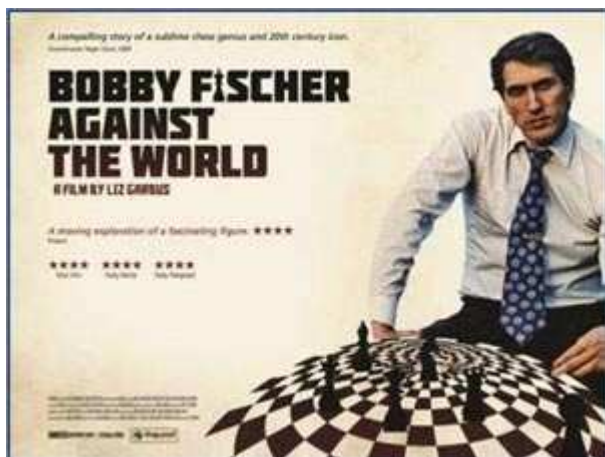
Philadelphia International (June 24-28)

Now in its eighth year, the Philadelphia International is a small norm tournament which serves as a warm-up to the much larger World Open, held at the same site immediately thereafter. This year's version attracted thirty-three players, including three Canadians. B.C.'s James Chan and Leon Piasetski scored 4.5 and 5.5 points respectively, good enough for a tie for fourth in Piasetski's case, but the big winner was Toronto's Leonid Gerzhoy, who took the first prize of \$3,000 with an undefeated 8.0/9. [Standings](#)

CFC website

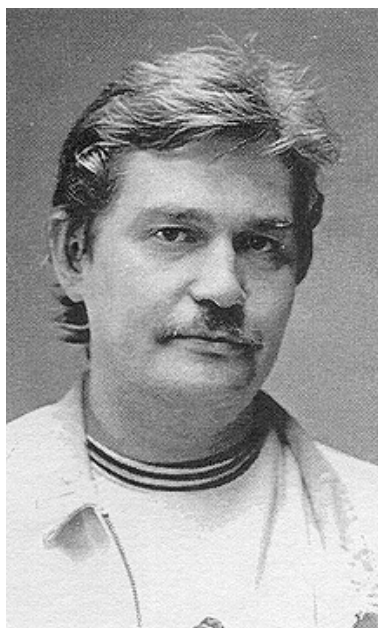
It has been a long time in coming, but the CFC website has received a complete redesign/ makeover. There have been the usual bugs one associates with such a venture, but at the moment the site is stable and operational. Explorer the CFC's new look at chess.ca.

Bobby Fischer Against the World



Liz Garbus's documentary film on the tragic life of Robert James Fischer, the "pride and sorrow of chess" to appropriate a phrase applied to an earlier American champion, is being screened in Vancouver later this month at the Vancity Theatre. The showings are taking place on the evenings of July 22nd, 23rd, 26th, and 28th. Further details can be found at the [Vancity](#) website, also Jonathan Berry interviewed the film's director for the [Globe and Mail](#).

IN MEMORIAM JÜRI VETEMAA (26 August 1956 - 16 July 2003)



[This is rather old news, at least in some areas of the world, but is apparently not widely known in these parts - my thanks to Jonathan Berry for bringing it to my attention.]

It is my sad duty to note the passing of Jüri Vetemaa at the relatively young age of forty-seven. An Estonian master and chess journalist, Vetemaa came to the attention of the B.C. chess community via the YMCA chess club in Vancouver in late March, 1989. He was visiting an uncle who resides here and dropped by the club. Vetemaa subsequently played in four area tournaments that year: he placed third in the Northwest Invitational but won the other three events, including the 14th Paul Keres Memorial and the Vancouver Invitational. The latter was the strongest round robin held in B.C. up to that point, but Vetemaa sailed through the tournament.

Vancouver, 15 - 23 April 1989			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	
1	Vetemaa, Juri	2520	*	1	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	8.5
2	O'Donnell, Tom	2517	0	*	½	1	½	1	½	1	1	1	6.5
3	Dubisch, Ralph	2243	0	½	*	0	1	1	1	1	½	½	5.5
4	Moore, Harry	2315	½	0	1	*	½	½	1	0	1	½	5.0
5	Joyner, Lionel	2301	0	½	0	½	*	0	1	1	½	1	4.5
6	Macskasy, Elod	2264	0	0	0	½	1	*	½	0	1	1	4.0
7	Fullbrook, Nigel	2314	0	½	0	0	0	½	*	½	1	1	3.5
8	Basanta, Gary	2332	0	0	0	1	0	1	½	*	½	0	3.0
9	Morin, Glenn	2309	0	0	½	0	½	0	0	½	*	1	2.5
10	Brown, Paul	2302	0	0	½	½	0	0	0	1	0	*	2.0

Source: *Counterplay* November 1991

Vetemaa's total score in that first visit to B.C. was +21 =7 -1, while all except three of his opponents were masters. He played in other events on subsequent visits to this province but came to be particularly associated with the Keres Memorial, not surprising since he was a compatriot of that tournament's commemerate. Vetemaa tied for first in the Keres tournaments of 1994 and 1995, and tied for third in 1990 and 1996. His last Canadian event was the 2000 Keres where he finished sixth.

Details about the rest of Vetemaa's life are not easy to come by. After the fall of the Soviet Union he lived in or had an association with Belgium; in 1997 he played in both the Estonian and Belgium championships, tying for first in the latter. His best results in the Estonian championship were in the early 1980s - bronze in 1981 and 1983, silver in 1982. A remembrance of Vetemaa can be found on this [Estonian website](#) (in Estonian, but Google does a fair job of translating it); there is no mention of the cause of his premature demise.

Vetemaa, Jüri - Tseitlin, Mark D. [B03] Parnu, 1973

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 Nb6 5.f4 dxe5 6.fxe5 Bf5 7.Nf3 e6 8.Nc3 Bb4 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 c5 11.0-0 cxd4 12.Ne4 N8d7 13.a3 Nc5 14.Nxc5 Bxc5 15.Ng5 Rf8 16.Nxh7 Rh8 17.Ng5 Rf8 18.Ne4 Be7 19.c5 Nd7 20.Nd6+ Bxd6 21.exd6 Rc8 22.b4 b6 23.Qxd4 bxc5 24.Qxg7 cxb4 25.axb4 Qb6+ 26.Kh1 Rc4 27.Bh6 a6 28.Rae1 Rxb4 29.Rxe6+ Kd8 30.Rc1 Rb5 31.Bg5+ Rxc5 32.Qxg5+ f6 33.Qg7 1-0

Yermolinsky, Alex - Vetemaa, Jüri [E94] Parnu, 1982

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.d4 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.Be3 Nbd7 8.0-0 c6 9.d5 cxd5 10.cxd5 Ng4 11.Bg5 f6 12.Bd2 a5 13.Ne1 Nh6 14.Nd3 f5 15.Rc1 Nf6 16.f3 Qb6+ 17.Kh1 Bd7 18.Qb3 Qd4

19.Qxb7 fxe4 20.fxe4 Bg4 21.Nb5 Qxe4 22.Rc7 Nd7 23.Rxd7 Bxd7 24.Nc3 Rxf1+ 25.Bxf1 Rf8
26.Be2 Qf5 27.h3 e4 28.Ne1 Be5 29.Be3 Bc8 30.Qa7 Nf7 31.g4 Qf6 32.Nxe4 Qh4 33.Nf2 Ng5 0-1

Macskasy, Elod - Vetemaa, Jüri [E70] Northwest inv Vancouver (8), 13.05.1989

1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e4 d6 5.Nge2 0-0 6.f4 e5 7.fxe5 dxe5 8.d5 Nh5 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2
Nd7 11.0-0-0 Nhf6 12.h3 a6 13.d6 c6 14.Qc2 f4 15.Bf2 c5 16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.Rxd5 b6 18.Nc3 Bb7
19.Rd1 Bh6 20.Kb1 Nf6 21.Be2 Qd7 22.Bg4 Nxc4 23.hxc4 Bg5 24.Qe2 Rf6 25.Nd5 Bxd5 26.Rxd5
Rxd6 27.Rhd1 Rxd5 28.Rxd5 Qc7 29.b4 cxb4 30.c5 bxc5 31.Rxc5 Qf7 32.Qc2 Rb8 33.Ka1 Rb7
34.Rc8+ Kg7 35.Bc5 Be7 36.g5 a5 37.Bxe7 Qxe7 38.Qc4 Qxc5 39.Rg8+ Kh6 40.Qc6 f3 41.gxf3
Qd2 42.Kb1 b3 0-1

Vetemaa, Jüri - Milicevic, Dragoljub [B01] Keres mem 22nd Burnaby (2), 17.05.1997

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Nxd5 4.c4 Nb6 5.Be3 e5 6.Nf3 exd4 7.Qxd4 Bb4+ 8.Nc3 Qxd4 9.Bxd4 0-0
10.a3 Re8+ 11.Kd2 Bxc3+ 12.Kxc3 c5 13.Be3 Bg4 14.b3 N6d7 15.Rd1 a5 16.h3 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Re7
18.Bxc5 Re8 19.Be3 Ne5 20.f4 Nec6 21.Bg2 g6 22.Rd5 Re7 23.Rhd1 Kg7 24.f5 f6 25.h4 Ne5
26.Rd8 Rc7 27.Bd5 Nf7 28.Bxf7 Rxf7 29.Bf4 1-0

Vetemaa, Jüri - Fullbrook, Nigel [B53] Keres mem 25th Vancouver (9), 21.05.2000

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4 Bd7 5.c4 Nc6 6.Qd2 Nf6 7.Nc3 g6 8.b3 Bg7 9.Bb2 0-0 10.h3
Qa5 11.Bd3 Rac8 12.0-0 Qh5 13.Be2 Bh6 14.Qd3 Nb4 15.Qb1 Bxh3 16.gxh3 Qxh3 17.Bc1 Rc5
18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.exd5 Nxd5 20.cxd5 Bxc1 21.Rxc1 Rxd5 22.Qe4 Rh5 23.Ne1 Qh2+ 24.Kf1 Rg5
25.Bf3 Qg1+ 26.Ke2 Re5 27.Qxe5 dxe5 28.Ng2 Qh2 29.Rh1 Qxh1 30.Rxh1 Rc8 31.Rd1 Rc7
32.Ne3 e6 33.Nc4 f6 34.Nd6 b6 35.Nb5 Rc5 36.Nxa7 Ra5 37.Rd8+ Kg7 38.Rd7+ Kh6 39.a4 Rc5
40.Nb5 f5 41.Rc7 1-0

UKSE 'B' RR (Budapest, June 18-26) by Michael Yip

I enjoyed my best success in Hungary to date by sharing first place with 6.5/9 (+4=5) playing in group B in this three-group RR tournament. Young Georgy Grimm had a great tournament as well as Mr. Sandor Kun who shared first place with me.

The venue was a non-air conditioned school where the heat was unbearable at times. I conserved aggravation and energy by taking quick draws and fought on when the weather was cooler.

The tournament started on my birthday so I got a lot of B-day wishes (thanks to Facebook everyone knows everything). Highlights of the tournament included meeting new people. In round seven I won against Istvan Vinnay who turned out to be a former nuclear physicist specializing in nuclear power plants and also was GM Peter Ac's first chess teacher. We continued to chat during the course of the tournament. One day I was given a gift, a small plastic souvenir uranium pellet and received an explanation going like ...'4.2 million of these are in each uranium rod....'

The hospitality of Hungarian people continues to impress me. I was unsure of how to get to the tournament so my Rakosliget team captain, Attila Balla escorted me to the site to ensure that I arrived without incident. During the tournament The First Saturday (FS) organizer, Mr. Laszlo Nagy, also dropped by. He had previously registered for the tournament but never showed up, the reason remains a mystery.

The July FS was coming soon so players were being offered various EFs (from free entry to 10,000 HUF) which were lower than the 12,000 HUF (C\$63/45 EUR) which I understood to be the standard price for Hungarian players. This was still far lower than the C\$246 that I last paid as a 'tourist'. Relations between Mr Nagy and I continue to be frosty as we made eye contact and casually ignored each other.

Now that a few days have passed since the end of the tournament, I tried to understand the reason for my success. This continues to be a puzzle as during the last month I solved no tactics, played no online chess and did not use any line/opening that I had reviewed. The only thing close to useful was reading the two volume set of *Karpov's Strategic Wins*. So perhaps I will read them again for next tournament.

Zoldy, Robert - Yip, Michael [A08] UKSE 'B' RR Budapest (5), 26.06.2011

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 Nc6 5.g3 Bd6 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.0-0 Qc7 Here is a good example from Karpov. 7...0-0 8.Re1 (8.Nh4) 8...Qc7 9.b3 Bd7 10.Bb2 d4 11.Nc4 e5 12.a4 b6 13.Qd2 f6 The big pawn wedge is formed. 14.h4 Qb8 15.Ba3 Bc7 16.Reb1 Be6 17.Kh2 Qc8 18.Qe2 Bg4 19.Qf1 f5 20.Ncd2 f4 21.Bh3 h5 22.Qg2 Ng6 23.Ng5 Bd8 24.Ngf3 Be7 25.Rg1 Qe6 26.Raf1 Rf7 27.Rh1 Raf8 White is out of squares for maneuvering and suffocates. 28.Kg1 Qd6 29.Kh2 a6 30.Kg1 Rf6 31.Bxg4 hxg4 32.Ng5 f3 33.Qh2 Nh8 34.Rc1 Rh6 35.Nc4 Qc7 0-1 Calvo Minguez, R - Karpov, A /Madrid 1973 **8.c3 0-0 9.Re1 Bd7 10.a3** Intending b4 expansion perhaps? 10.Qe2 f6 11.a3 d4 Trying to form a wedge. 12.cxd4 cxd4 13.Nc4 e5 14.Bd2 b5 15.Nxd6 Qxd6 A half-wedge is formed. 16.Rec1 a5 17.Nh4 Rac8 18.f4 Rc7 19.Bf3 b4 20.axb4 Nxb4 The knight is strong. It is securely anchored and has a stationary target. 21.Qd1 Rxc1 22.Rxc1 Be6 23.Be2 Na2 24.Ra1 Qb6 25.Qb1 Nb4 26.Qd1 Qb5 27.Nf3 Nbc6 28.fxe5 fxe5 29.Ng5 Bb3 30.Qc1 h6 31.Nh3 Kh7 32.Nf2 Be6 33.Qc2 White's bishops are not a factor. 33...Rb8 34.Bf1 Rc8 35.Rc1 a4 36.Re1 Nb4 37.Qd1 Nc2 38.Re2 Qxb2 39.Bc1 Qb3 40.Bh3 Bxh3 41.Nxh3 Nb4 42.Qf1 Nxd3 43.Bxh6 Kxh6 44.Kg2 Rc2 0-1 Mencinger, V - Farago, I /Bled 1998 **10...b5** A natural space grab but Houdini1.5 does not like it. 10...Rac8 11.b3= **11.b3 Rac8** 11...Rab8 12.Bb2= ; 11...f6 12.Bb2 Rae8 13.exd5 exd5 14.c4! unclear. **12.Bb2= f6**



13.c4 bxc4 14.bxc4? This allows Black to close the centre and get a space advantage. Better is 14.exd5! White must open lines. 14...exd5 15.bxc4 d4 16.Ne4 Rfe8= **14...d4=/+ 15.Nh4 e5** Routine and normal. 15...Rb8 is concrete and possibly better. 16.Rb1 Ne5! 17.Qe2 (17.Qc2 Qa5³=/+) 17...Nf7=/+ The knight finds a new and better home while the bishops have more scope on the queenside. **16.g4 g6** It makes prophylactic sense to deny the knight access to f5. **17.Qf3 Rb8** Taking the file with tempo. **18.Bc1 Kg7 19.Qg3 Kh8** Ultra conservative. **20.Ndf3 Rf7 21.Kh1Nd8! 22.g5 Ne6** 22...f5! -/+ **23.gxf6 Rxf6 24.Bh6 Nf4** 24...Rb3! 25.Red1 Ng8 26.Bc1 Nf4 -/+ **25.Bxf4 Rxf4 -/+ 26.Qg5?**



26...Bg4!? -/+ 26...Rg4! 27.Qd2 Rf4—+ 28.Rg1 Ng8 29.Bf1 Be7 Nh4 is lost. 27.Qh6 Bh5! —+ After g6 is secured, White just falls apart. 28.Qg5 Rbf8 29.Qg3 Nc6! 30.Ng5 Qe7 31.Nhf3? h6 —+ 0-1

BROWSING FOR ENDGAMES by Dan Scoones

The last-round encounter between FM Bindi Cheng and NM Butch Villavieja at the recent Paul Keres Memorial in Richmond was a dramatic one. Whoever won would finish in a tie for first place, so both players were seeking a positive result. There were complications throughout, and eventually a very sharp and unclear endgame was reached. The large crowd of spectators had to struggle to maintain absolute silence!

In the first diagram it is White (Cheng) to play. Some moves ago, White had enjoyed a clear advantage – he was up the exchange in fact – but he has since gone wrong and now stands somewhat worse. This is not to say that he should play passively – far from it. His next move is part of a plan to either weaken Black's pawn position or exchange one of Black's bishops, thus improving his defensive chances.

Before getting to the actual play, a word or two about the clock situation. The time control in this tournament was 80 minutes for all moves plus a bonus of 1 minute per move. The bonus was applied to a player's clock *after* his opponent had moved. At this point Cheng was down to less than a minute, while Villavieja had seven minutes on his clock. As play went on, Villavieja's time advantage gradually disappeared and both players were on increments. Not exactly the best conditions for playing out a complicated endgame!



Cheng – Villavieja, White to play

46.f5! gxf5!

Much stronger than 46...Bxf5 47.Bxf5 gxf5 48.Nh3! followed by Nf4. If 48.Rxd5?! (instead of 48.Nh3) then 48...Rd5! and after the exchange of rooks, Black's bishop will dominate White's knight.

47.Nh3?!

Played immediately, but not the best. Stronger was 47.Kf4; for example, 47...Rc6 48.Bd1! (attacking Black's h-pawn) 48...Bxf2 49.Rxf2 Rb6 50.Bxh5 Rxb3 51.Bf3 Rb4+ 52.Kg3 f4+ 53.Kg2 d4 54.h5, with counterplay for White.

47...Bc7

Black could try 47...Bd4! here, when a possible continuation is 48.Rxd4 Rxc2 49.b4 a4 50.b5 Rxb2 51.Rxa4 Rb3+ 52.Kg2 Rxb5 53.Nf4 Bd7 54.Ra2 Bc6 55.Nxh5 d4+ 56.Kf2 Ke6 57.Nf6 Kxe5 58.h5 Rb3 59.h6 Rh3 60.Ra8 Kf4 61.h7 Kxg5 62.h8Q Rxh8 63.Rxh8 Kxf6. Black has four pawns for the exchange but they are all doubled and isolated, which greatly improves White's defensive chances.

48.Kf4

Unfortunately for White, his king has to occupy the square that was intended for his knight. Black now finds a clever way to activate his pieces, which Bindi later admitted he had overlooked.



48...a4!? 49.Bxf5?

Despite the obvious risks, White should instead fall in with Black's idea and play 49.bxa4, allowing 49...Ba5 50.Re2 Rc4+. After 51.Kf3! Rxh4 52.Nf4! Rg4 53.Nxh5 Rxg5 54.Nf4 Rg1 Black has a definite advantage but not a forced win.

49...axb3 50.Bxe6

If White tries to bail out with 50.Rxd5 Bxd5 51.Bxb8, Black has the resource 51...Be6! 52.g6!? fxg6 53.Bxe6 Kxe6 54.Ng5+ Kd5 55.Nf3 Bd8! After this move White is badly tied up and will not be able to hold onto all his pawns. Try playing this out with a worthy opponent and you will soon agree.

50...Kxe6 51.Re2 Bb8 52.g6!?

This shot is White's only chance to confuse matters. Luckily for him, it works.

53...f6?

Black wants to set up two connected passed pawns in the centre, but allowing the creation of a passed g-pawn gives White too much counterplay. Much, much stronger was 52...fxg6!; for example 53.Kg5 Bxe5 54.Kxg6 Rg8+ 55.Kxh5 d4 56.Ng5+ Kf5 57.Nf7 Bf4! and Black has a winning advantage.

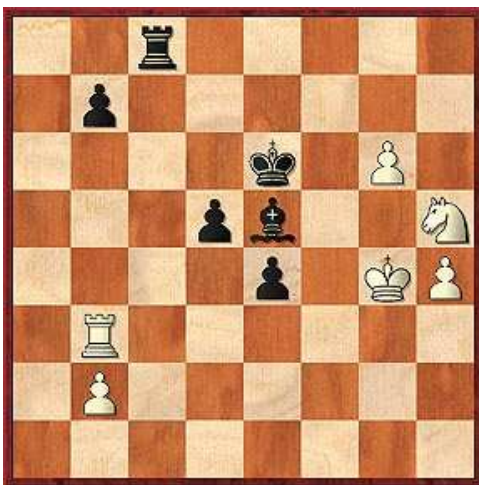
53.Kf3 fxe5 54.Nf4+ Kd6 55.Nxh5 e4+ 56.Kg4 Ke6 57.Re3 Be5

During the game a number of spectators – this writer included – thought that 57...Rc2! would turn out well for Black. He is attacking the b-pawn and has the resource ...Rg2+ to keep White's g-pawn under control. But White can go ahead and play 58.Rxb3! because after 58...Rg2+ 59.Ng3 b5 he has the further resource 60.Kh3!, when 60...Rg1 61.h5 is quite equal. In fact after 61.h5 Black can force a draw with 61...Bxg3 62.Rxg3 Rxg3+ 63.Kxg3 d4!, when both kings are tied to each other's passed pawns. It should be noted that 63...Kf6?? (instead of 63...d4!) is a terrible blunder on account of 64.Kf4! with a winning pawn ending for White. Black is short of spare moves and cannot prevent White from playing an eventual Kg5 followed by a mating attack.

Instead of 57...Rc2, another idea is 57...Rc1, and if 58.Nf4+ Bxf4 59.Kxf4 then 59...Rh1 60.Kg4 Rg1+ 61.Rg3 Rxg3+ 62.Kxg3 e3 63.Kf3 d4 64.h5 Kf6 with a drawn pawn ending as in the previous note.

58.Rxb3

White could also consider 58.Nf4+ since 58...Bxf4 59.Kxf4 leaves Black with a difficult defensive task. Liquidating the pawns will leave White with a better-placed king and a potential target on b7. If Black avoids 58...Bxf4 and plays instead 58...Kd6, then White has the advantage after 59.Rxb3.



58...Rc2?

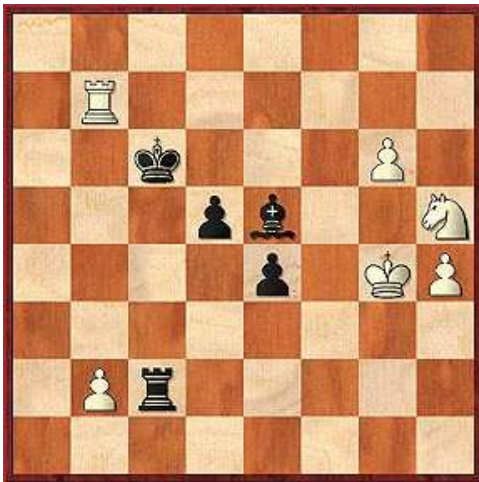
This doesn't accomplish much because the rook was already covering the potential queening square g8 and the threat to White's b-pawn will turn out to be hollow. Much stronger was 58...d4!, setting Black's pawns in motion and giving him enough counterplay to hold the draw without

difficulty. A sample line then is 59.Rb6+ Kd5 60.Rb5+ Ke6 61.Nf4+ Bxf4 62.Kxf4 d3 63.Kxe4 Rd8 64.g7 Kf7 65.Rg3 d2 66.Rg1 d1Q 67.g8Q+ Rxc8 68.Rxd1 Rg4+ 69.Ke5 Rxc4 and the best White can get is an ending of rook and pawn vs rook that cannot be won with best play. As the old timers used to say, passed pawns must be pushed!

59.Rb6+ Kd7 60.Rxb7+?!

It may be hard to believe, but this natural-looking move is an inaccuracy. Instead of winning Black's b-pawn, which is not especially dangerous at the moment, White should be trying to promote his own g-pawn. From that perspective a much stronger idea is 60.Nf4!, preventing ...Rg2 and underlining the drawback of the rook's expedition to c2. White is clearly winning after 60...d4 (or 60...Bxf4 61.Kxf4 Kc7 62.Rb3, etc.) 61.Rxb7+ Kd6 62.Rb6+ Kd7 63.Kf5 Bxf4 64.g7 Rc8 65.Kxf4 e3 66.Rb4.

60...Kc6



61.Re7?!

Stronger is 61.Ra7! and now:

A. 61...Rh2 62.g7 Rg2+ 63.Kf5 Bd4 64.Ra6+ Kc5 65.Rg6 Rxc6 66.Kxc6 Bxc7 67.Nxc7 and wins;
 B. 61...Rxb2 62.Ra6+ Kc5 63.Re6 Rg2+ 64.Kf5 Bd4 65.Nf4 Rf2 66.Kg4 Be3 67.Nh5 Rg2+ 68.Kh3 Rg1 69.Ng3 Bf4 70.Ne2 Rh1+ 71.Kg4 Bh6 72.Re7 Ra1 73.Ng3 Kc4 74.g7 Bxc7 75.Rxc7 e3 76.h5 and wins.

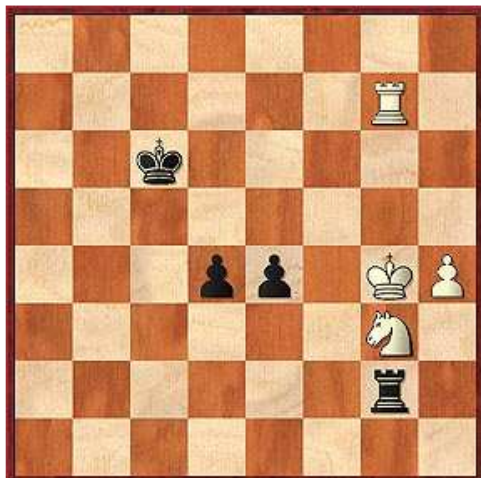
61...Bxb2?

Black can thread his way to a draw with 61...Kd6!, which gains time by hitting the rook. After 62.Re8 Rg2+ 63.Kf5 Rf2+ 64.Kg5 Rg2+ 65.Kf5 (if 65.Kh6 then 65...e3) 65...Rf2+ is an immediate draw. After 61...Bxb2 White is able to win the bishop for his g-pawn and the action shifts to Black's attempts to make something of his own passed pawns.

62.g7 Rg2+

After 62...Bxc7 63.Nxc7 Rg2+ 64.Kf4 d4 White handles Black's pawns as follows: 65.Nf5 d3 66.Rxe4 Rf2+ 67.Kg4 Kd5 68.Rf4 Rg2+ 69.Kf3 Rh2 70.Ne3+ Kc5 71.Rc4+ Kb5 72.Rd4 d2 73.Ng2 and wins.

63.Ng3 Bxg7 64.Rxg7 d4



65.Re7?!

More direct is 65.Kh3! Ra2 (65...Rg1 66.Rg6+ Kd5 67.Rg5+ Kc4 68.Nxe4 Re1 69.Nd2+ Kc3 70.Nf3 Re3 71.Kg3 d3 72.h5 d2 73.Rd5, etc.) 66.Nxe4 Re2 67.Ng5 d3 68.Nf3 d2 69.Nxd2 Rxd2 70.h5, with a winning rook and pawn ending for White since Black's king is too far away.

65...e3 66.Kh3

Or 66.h5 Kd6 67.Re8 Rh2 68.Nf5+ Kd5 69.Rd8+ Kc5 70.Nxd4 e2 71.Nxe2 Rxe2 72.h6, etc.

66...Rf2 67.h5 Kd6 68.Re8 Kd5 69.Kg4 Kc4 70.h6 d3 71.Re4+ Kc3 72.Rxe3?!

White has a fairly simple win after 72.h7 Rf8 73.Rxe3 Rh8 74.Re7 d2 75.Ne4+ Kc2 76.Nxd2 Kxd2 77.Kg5 since Black's king is completely cut off.

72...Kc2 73.Ne4?

White has failed to spot Black's clever defensive resource. He could still have won by force with 73.h7 Rh2 (or 73...d2 74.Rc3+ Kxc3 75.Ne4+ Kc2 76.Nxf2) 74.Nh5 d2 75.Rc3+! Kxc3 76.h8Q+, although after 76...Kc2, superior technique is required: 77.Qc8+ Kb2 78.Qb8+ Kc1 79.Qc7+ Kb1 80.Qd6 Kc1 81.Qc5+ Kb2 82.Qg1! Kc3 (or 82...Re2 83.Qd4+ Kc2 84.Qc4+ Kd1 85.Ng3 Re3 86.Kf4 Re7 87.Ne4 Ke1 and now 88.Nxd2 is a technical win, but there are other ways as well) 83.Qb1 Rg2+ 84.Kf5 Rf2+ 85.Nf4 Rh2 86.Ke4 Kc4 87.Qc2 Kb5 88.Kd5 with an unstoppable mating attack.

73...Re2! 74.Kf4 Rh2! 75.Kg5 Re2! 76.h7 Rxe3 77.h8Q Rxe4

The analysis engines like White here, but the tablebases recognise that it's a dead draw. From here on both players are up to the task of holding the balance.

78.Qh7 Rc4 79.Qf5 Kc3 80.Qa5+ Kc2 81.Qa2+ Kc3 82.Qa5+ Kc2 83.Qa2+ Kc3 84.Qa5+ 1/2-1/2

An extraordinarily complicated game, and especially difficult to play at modern time controls with their unrelenting demands for speed and accuracy.

July Active

Date: Sunday, July 10, 2011

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

Rounds: 5; Round Times: RD1: 11:00 Rd2: 12:30 Lunch Rd3: 2:20 Rd4: 3:40 Rd5: 5:00

Type: Regular Swiss; Time Controls: G/25 + 10 sec. increments or G/30.

Entry Fee: \$15

Prizes: 1st \$100 2nd \$70 BU2000 \$70 BU1600 \$50 Upset \$10 based on 30 entries. The Vancouver Active rating will be used or the CFC regular

Registration: On site at 10:30am or contact Luc Poitras at (778) 846-0496

Email: lucque@shaw.ca

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

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<http://www.bcjuniorchess.com/calendar/>

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B.C. Open

July 30 - August 1, Richmond

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3rd Bishops of Bowser Tournament

August 14, Bowser, Vancouver Island

Details: <http://bowserchess.pbworks.com/w/page/40199252/2011-Tournament>

Portland Chess Club Centennial Open

August 12-14, Portland, Oregon

Details: http://www.nwchess.com/calendar/PCC_Centennial_Open_201108.pdf

Labour Day Open

September 3-5, Langley

Details: <http://www.langleychess.com/2011-Open.htm>