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Stephen Wright

HERE AND THERE

World Youth Chess Championship (November 17-27)

This year's WYCC is taking place at Caldas Novas, Brazil, a region noted for its thermal hot springs. Among the forty players making up the Canadian team are three from this province: Luke Pulfer (U8 Open), Joanne Foote (U14 Girls), and Loren Laceste (U18 Open) - good luck to these and to all our Canadian representatives. The first round is tomorrow (November 18); there doesn't seem to be any immediate capacity on the official website for live games, but results, standings, and (eventually) PGN files should be available. [Tournament website](#) [Canadian team blog](#)

FM Loren Laceste

In tying for first in the recent B.C. championship Loren Laceste also pushed his FIDE rating over 2300, which qualifies him for the title of FIDE Master - congratulations! [FIDE profile](#)

2011 B.C. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (November 12-13)



This year's edition of the B.C. Junior Championship was the strongest in recent memory, with five of the twelve players rated over 2000 (the last time that happened was in 1999). One notable player who chose not to participate was B.C. co-champion Loren Laceste, who at eighteen is still eligible for the (under twenty) junior title. In his absence the only master in the field was defending two-time junior champion Tanraj Sohal, who held a 150-point rating advantage over his next closest competitor, world under-10 champion Jason Cao. The first two rounds went according to script, with the higher-rated winning all but one of the games. However, high drama occurred in the game Cao - Matthew Herdin in the first round, with Herdin being up three pawns in a queen ending but having only the increment to play on (the time control was game/80 with a 10 second increment). After a further fifty(!) moves Matthew tragically blundered into a mate, although he still retained a one-pawn advantage at that point.

Round three saw the first draws of the event, leaving three players tied for first with 2.5/3 after the first day: Sohal, Cao, and John Doknjas. The tournament was largely decided by two games in the fourth round, both of them King's Indians. On board one Doknjas - Cao saw a sharp but balanced Sämisch; Jason ventured a risky sacrifice to open the position but blundered a rook shortly

thereafter and resigned. Against Jack Cheng on board two Sohal played an Exchange Variation but reached a rather passive middlegame; Jack obtained a passed pawn which proved decisive in the mutual time scramble which ended the game. This left John with 3.5 points and Jack with 3.0 going into the last round. In a Najdorf Sicilian Jack had the better minor piece but could make no progress against John's kingside counterplay and a draw was agreed, thus assuring Doknjas of first place. Congratulations to our new BC junior champion! Jack Cheng and Tanraj Sohal tied for second with 3.5, while Matthew Herdin, Jeremy Hui, and Lionel Han shared the U2000 prizes.

The Reserves were limited to those players rated below 1500, but strangely there were actually no players above 1350 in the section (the championship had a similar gap from 1850-2000). Four 1300s headed the twenty-five players in the section, but none of them finished in the top three places. Instead it was Jingzhi (Edwin) Xu who deservedly took the first prize with 4.5/5, a half point ahead of Michael Su and Samuel Chen. The U1200 prizes were won by Conrad Burgert, Paula Brewster, Kevin Hu, and Algerd Karavai. And in the Booster section Alex Datcu-Romano, Daniel Du, and Maven Zhang came out on top with 4.5/5, while Kevin Low, Brenden Wu, and Milton Jang received medals for scoring four points each. The total number of participants in all sections was eighty-one, which meant space was at a premium at the Vancouver Bridge Centre (obtained on short notice after other sites fell through), but playing conditions were generally good. Ken Jensen was the organizer - many thanks to him and to all the volunteers, especially Beau Pulfer and Kapila Jayaweera. A file containing all available games from the championship section will be available at the <http://www.bcjuniorchess.com/> website in the next few days. [Crosstables](#)

Cao, Jason - Herdin, Matthew [B08] BC jun Vanouver (1.2), 12.11.2011

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Be2 0-0 6.0-0 c6 7.Be3 Qc7 8.h3 b6 9.Qd2 Rd8 10.Rad1 Ba6 11.Bxa6 Nxa6 12.Bh6 e5 13.Qg5 Bxh6 14.Qxh6 exd4 15.Rxd4 Nc5 16.Ng5 Ne6 17.Nxe6 fxe6 18.f4 Qg7 19.Qh4 Nd5 20.Rd3 Nxc3 Black offered a draw. 21.bxc3 d5 22.f5 exf5 23.exf5 Rf8 24.f6 Qf7 25.Rdf3 Rae8 26.Qh6 Re4 27.h4 Rfe8 28.Rg3 Re1 29.Rgf3 Rxf1+ 30.Rxf1 Re5 31.g4 Re4 32.Qg5 h6 33.Qxh6 Rxc4+ 34.Kh1 d4 35.Rf3 c5 36.Kh2 dxc3 37.Re3 Qf8 38.Re8 Rxh4+ 39.Qxh4 Qxe8 40.Qc4+ Qf7 41.Qxc3 Qxa2 42.Qd3 Kf7 43.Qd7+ Kxf6 44.Qd8+ Kg7 45.Qe7+ Qf7 46.Qe5+ Kh7 47.Kg1 Qg7 48.Qh2+ Qh6 49.Qc7+ Kg8 50.Qd8+ Qf8 51.Qd5+ Qf7 52.Qd8+ Kg7 53.Qd6 Qf6 54.Qd7+ Kh8 55.Qe8+ Kh7 56.Qd7+ Qg7 57.Qh3+ Kg8 58.Qc8+ Kf7 59.Qd7+ Kf6 60.Qd6+ Kf5 61.Qd3+ Ke6 62.Qh3+ Kd6 63.Qg3+ Kd5 64.Qf3+ Kd6 65.Qg3+ Kc6 66.Qf3+ Kc7 67.Qf4+ Kb7 68.Qe4+ Kb8 69.Qf4+ Kc8 70.Qg4+ Kd8 71.Qg5+ Kc8 72.Qg4+ Qd7 73.Qxg6 Qd1+ 74.Kf2 Qd2+ 75.Kf1 Qf4+ 76.Ke1 Qe3+ 77.Kd1 c4 78.Qc6+ Kb8 79.Qxc4 Qc5 80.Qg8+ Kb7 81.Qf7+ Qc7 82.Qd5+ Qc6 83.Qf7+ Kb8 84.Qg8+ Kc7 85.Kc1 b5 86.Qf7+ Kb6 87.Qf2+ Ka6 88.Qe3 Qh1+ 89.Kb2 Qh8+ 90.Kb1 Qh1+ 91.Kb2 Qd5 92.Qa3+ Kb6 93.Qe3+ Ka5 94.Qxa7+ Kb4 95.Qa3+ 1-0

Doknjas, John - Cao, Jason [E88] BC jun Vanouver (4.1), 13.11.2011

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 e5 7.d5 c6 8.Qd2 cxd5 9.cxd5 Nbd7 10.0-0-0 a6 11.Kb1 b5 12.Rc1 Bb7 13.g4 Rc8 14.Nge2 Nb6 15.Ng3 Nc4 16.Bxc4 Rxc4 17.h4 Qa5 18.h5 Rfc8 19.Qh2 b4 20.Nce2 Nxd5 21.exd5 Bxd5 22.Rxc4 Bxc4 23.Nc1 g5 24.Nf5 e4 25.Ne7+ 1-0

Sohal, Tanraj - Cheng, Jack [E92] BC jun Vanouver (4.2), 13.11.2011

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.dxe5 dxe5 8.Qxd8 Rxd8 9.Bg5 Re8 10.0-0-0 Na6 11.Nd2 c6 12.Be3 Ng4 13.Bxg4 Bxg4 14.f3 Be6 15.a3 b6 16.b4 Rad8 17.Kc2 f5 18.Bg5 Rd7 19.exf5 gxf5 20.Rde1 h6 21.Bh4 Rd4 22.Bf2 Rd7 23.Bh4 Rd4 24.Bf2 Rd7 25.Re2 Nc7 26.Bh4 b5 27.cxb5 Nxb5 28.Nxb5 cxb5 29.Bf2 Red8 30.Bc5 Rd3 31.Nb1 Bb3+ 32.Kc1 e4 33.Rd2 h5 34.f4 a6 35.Re1 R8d5 (remaining moves currently unavailable) 0-1

Cheng, Jack - Doknjas, John [B92] BC jun Vanouver (5.1), 13.11.2011

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e5 7.Nb3 Be7 8.Bg5 0-0 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.Nd5 Bg5 11.0-0 f5 12.Bf3 Nc6 13.Qd3 Ne7 14.Rad1 Kh8 15.a4 f4 16.a5 Nxd5 17.Qxd5 Be7 18.Nd2 Rf6 19.b4 Qc7 20.c4 Be6 21.Qd3 g5 22.h3 Rg8 23.Qe2 Qc8 24.Bg4 Bxg4 25.Qxg4 Qe8 26.Qe2 h5 27.g4 hxg4 28.hxg4 Rg7 29.Kg2 Rh7 30.Rh1 Rfh6 31.Rxh6 Rxh6 32.Nb1 Qa4 33.Nc3 Qxb4 34.Nd5 Qa3 35.Rd3 Qa1 36.Rd1 Qa3 1/2-1/2

JACK TAYLOR MEMORIAL (November 12-13) by Roger Patterson

Twenty players turned up for this version of the Jack Taylor Memorial, the 26th annual. This year the format was that CFC membership was not required but games between CFC members would be rated. Nine of the players, or nearly half, were not CFC members. All games were rated by the Victoria Chess Club rating system. Heading the field for first place were Ray Wu, one of our local juniors, and James Chan from Vancouver. Fortune was smiling on Ray though as he managed to hold a draw in a difficult endgame against the top rated Roger Patterson and drew James Chan as James decided to catch the early ferry rather than play on in a winning position. There was a four-way tie for the U1800 prize between Ken Forman, Deron Stewart, and relative newcomers from Vancouver Constantin Rotariu and Mihai Ganea. James Chan, Deron Stewart, Constantin Rotariu, and Mihai Ganea donated their prize money to Victoria Chess. Many thanks! Organizer: Roger Patterson, TD: Mark S. Dutton, IA. See the [tournament website](#) for this report, standings, photos.

Patterson, Roger - Forman, Ken [B82] Jack Taylor mem 26th Victoria (5), 13.11.2011

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f4 e6 7.a4 Normally, I would play 7.Qf3 here followed by queenside castling. **7...Be7 8.Bd3 Nbd7 9.Nf3 Qc7 10.0-0 Qc5+** Black chooses to play an unconventional series of moves to place his pieces on the kingside. They are badly placed there and rather than push them back I resolved to just continue normally with the expectation that sooner or later an accident will happen to them. **11.Kh1 Ng4 12.Qe1 Qh5 13.Qg3 0-0** And now I should have played more decisively with either 14.Be2 with an X-ray on the queen or 14.h3 Ngf6 15.e5, both of which I looked at but failed to realize how strong they were. **14.Bd2 Nc5 15.Rae1 Bd7** Black wants to capitalize on the loose a4 pawn but really, he should content himself with snapping the Bd3 off before it is too late. **16.Be2 Qg6?** Walks into a long winded combination. A good position to practice your "Find the combo" skills!



17.f5 A better implementation of the same idea is 17.b4 when Nxa4 18.Nxa4 Bxa4 19.f5 wins a piece fairly cleanly. **17...exf5 18.exf5 Qxf5** 18...Bxf5? 19.Nd4 Bd7 20.Bxg4 Bxg4 21.Rxe7 loses a piece. **19.Nd4** and now Rybka tells me the best move is the surprising 19.Ng1 Qxc2 20.Bxg4 Qxd2 21.Rxe7 Bxg4 22.Qxg4 Qxb2 23.Ne4 Nxe4 24.Qxe4 which it evaluates as winning. **19...Qe5 20.Bxg4 Qxd4 21.Bxd7 Bh4 22.Qh3 Bxe1** 22...Nxd7 23.Rd1 and White will wind up a piece; 22...Qxd2 23.Qxh4 Nxd7 24.Re2 Qh6 25.Qxh6 gxh6 26.Re7 with advantage. **23.Bxe1 Nxd7 24.Qxd7**



If you practice point count chess you might think Black was better with R and two pawns for the B+N but actually the pieces are much stronger than a rook in general and in this position in particular Black is passive and White is very active. Drumming up an attack on the Black king is pretty straightforward. **24...b6 25.Bg3 Rad8 26.Qf5 Qb4** During the game I thought Black had to play 26...d5 in order to stop the knight from swinging over the kingside but it fails tactically to 27.Bc7. But now with the knight coming to e4, it's all over. **27.Ne4 d5 28.Ng5 g6 29.Qf6 Rde8 30.Nxf7 1-0**

Bill Tate also submitted notes to one of his games - many thanks, Bill!

Tate, Bill - Geng, Matthew [D30] Jack Taylor mem 26th Victoria (4), 13.11.2011

1.d4 e6 Inviting me to play the French with 2. e4, which I thought he would prefer. **2.c4** Let's try what he doesn't prefer. **2...d5 3.Nf3 c5 4.Bg5 Qa5+ 5.Bd2 Qb6 6.Bc3 Nf6 7.Nbd2** To prevent Ne4. **7...Be7 8.e3 0-0 9.Bd3 Nc6 10.0-0 cxd4 11.exd4** Already planning to control e5 so that he couldn't free himself and his white bishop by e5. **11...Bb4 12.c5** Choosing a plan of queenside pawn majority, and seeing where this will lead. **12...Qc7 13.Qc2** To keep the queenside pawn structure intact, but also to keep control of e4 and e5. **13...a5 14.a3** Forcing the bishop to take. **14...Bxc3 15.Qxc3 Bd7 16.b4** Sticking to the plan.



16...Ra7? A hasty move, perhaps planning to double rooks on the a-file, but it loses material, and the game. **17.b5** And so I win a piece, and the game. Now it's just a matter of bringing it home. I must confess I felt a little like Capablanca from here on, controlling the board, just working out the details. Ho-hmm. A pleasant, relaxing change for me, as my games seem to always be on the edge of madness most of the time. **17...Nxd4 18.Qxd4** Keeping control of e5, of course. **18...Raa8 19.Ne5 Rfc8 20.Rfc1 Qd8 21.a4** A useful move, as there is no rush in this type of position. **21...Rab8 22.Ra3 Ne8** As there is no hope on the queenside, a kingside attack is the only try, which should fail, with proper play. **23.Nxd7** Trading pieces and keeping the queen at home. **23...Qxd7 24.Rac3 Qe7 25.Nf3** Bringing up the knight and keeping the queen out. **25...f5**

26.c6 bxc6 27.Rxc6 Rxc6 28.Rxc6 Rb7 29.h3 I may need an escape square, and bought some more time to look at the position. **29...Rc7 30.Rxc7 Qxc7 31.b6** Passed pawns must be pushed. **31...Qc1+ 32.Kh2 Qc6 33.Ne5 Qb7 34.Qc5 Qb8 35.f4 g5 36.g3 h5 37.Qe7 1-0**

KOBANYA SC OPEN (Budapest, October 7-9) by Michael Yip

I won with 5.0/6 and took first on tiebreak after getting off to a fast 3-0 start and going 2.0/3 against 2000+ players in the last three rounds with plenty of luck in all three games. A high rating is no guarantee of success in these small tournaments. Luck played a big part but my work on solving

tactical problems seems to be having some unexpected dividends as I get a steady stream of tactical chances even when I don't really deserve them. The event was organized by the Kobanya Sports Club and had plenty of representatives from their club at the tournament.

Yip, Michael - Biro, Zsolt [D78] Kobanya Open (5), 09.10.2011

I came back from a lost position a pawn down to pull off a satisfying swindle:

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 c6 5.d4 0-0 6.0-0 d5 7.b3 Ne4 8.Bb2 Qa5 9.Nfd2!?= After considerable thought I came up with a plan that is strategically justified, however unnatural looking it may appear. White undevelops just to keep c3 covered and have the option of f3/e4. 9.Nbd2 is quite normal and completely logical. 9...Bf5 (9...Nc3? I was afraid of this move but really it does nothing. 10.Qe1 White can follow up with Nb1 or a3/b4 and Black has nothing but misplaced pieces.) 10.e3 Nd7= 11.Re1 Rfe8 12.g4 Nxd2 13.Qxd2 Qxd2 14.Nxd2 Be6 15.h3 Nb6 16.Rac1 Rac8 17.c5 Na8 18.b4 Nc7 19.Nb3 Rcd8 20.f4 f5 21.Bf3 Kf7 22.Kf2 h6 23.Na5 Bc8 24.gxf5 Bxf5 25.Nxb7 Rb8 26.Na5 Rxb4 27.Bc3 Ra4 28.Nxc6 Rxa2+ 29.Re2 Rxe2+ 30.Kxe2 Bxh3 31.Ba5 Bd7 32.Nxa7 Ra8 33.Bxc7 Rxa7 34.Bxd5+ e6 35.Bb6 Bb5+ 36.Kf2 Ra4 37.Bb7 Bc4 38.Be4 Bd5 39.Bxd5 exd5 40.c6 Ra8 41.c7 Rc8 42.Rc6 Bf8 43.Kf3 Be7 44.Kg4 h5+ 45.Kg3 Kg7 46.Re6 Kf7 47.Re5 Bd6 48.Rxd5 Ke6 49.Rg5 Rg8 50.Kf3 Kd7 51.f5 Rf8 52.Rxg6 Rxf5+ 53.Ke4 Rf8 54.Rxd6+ 1-0 Shengelia,D - Kratschmer,H /Oberwart 2005 **9...f5 10.e3 Nd7 11.a3!?** White begins concrete play to exploit the precarious position of Qa5. **11.Qe2= 11...Qb6 12.f3 Nef6 13.b4** Grabbing useful space but neglecting development. **13.Nc3** is more normal and White can be happy with a mild slight advantage. **13...Rd8 14.c5?!** Just greedy. I did not see the downside to the tempo gaining space grab. **14.Nc3!** e5 This was the move I feared and now of course dxe5 fails but White has other viable options. **15.cxd5 exd4 16.Na4!** A key intermediate move that kicks the queen off the checking diagonal. **16...Qb5 17.dxc6!** Clearing the a2-g8 diagonal with tempo. **17...dxe3 18.Qb3+** The point of White's play. The e3-pawn can be rounded up. **18...Kh8 19.c7!** Another key intermediate move that saves the pawn with tempo. **19...Re8 20.Nc4** Again with tempo. Nd6 is threatened. **20...Qc6 21.Rac1!+- 21...e2 22.Rfe1 Qe6 23.f4** White can play Rc2-e2 if nothing else. **14...Qc7 15.Nc3 b6** I had neglected to consider this move and now Black can successfully undermine White's precious pawns. **16.Nb3?** Now White begins to slip downhill as holding onto c5 is just the wrong plan as White is poorly placed to support this advanced post. **16.cxb6 axb6 17.Rc1 Qd6 18.Qb3 e6= 16...bxc5 17.Nxc5 Nxc5 18.bxc5 Rb8=/+**



Now Black has excellent prospects and White will have a miserable time trying to survive. **19.Qd2 Ba6 20.Rfd1 Bh6 20...e5** The immediate central break is a strong plan. **21.dxe5 Qxe5 22.Nb5 Qe7 23.Nd4 Rdc8 24.Rac1 Bc4 25.Ba1=/+ 21.f4** At least ...e5 has been ruled out. **21...Rb3** There is no way to oppose the plan of doubling on the b-file. **22.h3** Preventing ...Ng4 so Kf2 is possible if needed to guard e3. **22...Rdb8 23.Bc1-/+** Retreating is the only reasonable defence. **23...Bc4 24.Bf3 Bg7 25.Re1 Nd7!-/+** Now White is completely lost. Black can just win the c-pawn and the game with it. **26.g4 e6 27.Qc2 Nxc5 28.Rd1**Nd3 is prevented but now all White can really do is wait to see how White will win. **28...Nd7 29.gxf5 gxf5-/+ 29...exf5?** would be a welcome miracle.

30.Nxd5 cxd5 31.Bxd5+ Kh8 32.Qxc4 Qd6 33.Bg2+/- **30.Kh1** Hoping for some action on the g-file. **30...Kh8 31.Rg1 Bf6 32.a4!?** Hoping to muck things up with Ba3. **32...c5** Now White gets some hope. **33.Nb5!?** At last White has a micron of activity. **33...Qb6 34.Ra3 a6?=/+** Now Black loses the thread of the game. 34...Rxa3 is correct. 35.Bxa3 Bxb5 36.axb5 cxd4 37.exd4 Bxd4 38.Bb2 Rg8 39.Rxg8+ Kxg8 40.Qc8+ Nf8 41.Ba3 Bg7-/+ **35.dxc5 Nxc5 36.Nd4?-/+** White in turn slips up. 36.Rxb3 This is best but would have been too hard for me to calculate out. 36...Bxb3 37.Bb2! The mate threat is the key move to find. 37...d4 38.Qg2 Now a series of forcing moves follow to force equality. 38...axb5 39.Bxd4 Bxd4 40.exd4 Qc7 41.dxc5 bxa4 42.Qb2+ e5 43.Qc3 Rg8 44.fxe5 Rxg1+ 45.Kxg1= **36...Rxa3 37.Bxa3-/+**



37...Ne4? This looks strong but allows White back into the game. Better is 37...Nb3=/+ **38.Bxe4** The knight must be removed and now White is able to swing over to the kingside quickly catching Black unprepared. **38...fxe4 39.Qg2 Bd3??** Time trouble. Presenting White a chance to win which I took almost instantly. 39...Qc7, getting the queen to the kingside, allows Black to hold. 40.Nxe6 Qf7 41.Qg4= **40.Be7!+-** Now there is no defence. **40...Bxd4 41.exd4 Qxd4 42.Qg5! Qxg1+ 43.Kxg1** I was happy with the result but really this was just plain luck. 43.Kxg1 Rg8 44.Bf6+ Rg7 45.Qxg7# **1-0**

December Open

Dates: Saturday December 3rd & Sunday December 4th.

This event is run by BC Junior Chess but is Open to All.

Place: Lansdowne Centre, 5300 #3 Road. Richmond. (#428 by Zellers.)

Prizes: **\$250 Guaranteed first place**, rest based on entries.

Time Control: G75 for rounds 1 to 3 on Saturday, G90 for rounds 4 & 5 Sunday.

Format: 5-round Swiss.

Round Times: Saturday 9:15, 12:30 and 3:15 or ASAP, Sunday 10:00 and 2:00

Half Point byes are available by request before the close of registration.

Entry Fee: \$35 includes BCCF membership.

CFC Regular rated. CFC membership required.

Register at www.bcjuniorchess.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Junior

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

<http://victoriajuniorchess.pbworks.com/Tournament-Schedule>

UBC Thursday Night Swiss

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Irving K. Barber Learning Centre room 158, 1961 East Mall, University of British Columbia; entry fee \$21 adult, \$16 junior; Contact Aaron Cosenza, xramis1@yahoo.ca

For details of the following see www.chess.bc.ca

December Open

December 3-4, Lansdowne Centre, Richmond

December Active

December 11, Vancouver Bridge Centre

December Active (2)

December 18, Vancouver Bridge Centre

B.C. Active Championship

January 28-29, 2012, Vancouver Bridge Centre

Grand Pacific Open

April 6-9, 2012, Victoria

Paul Keres Memorial

May 19-21, 2012, Richmond

Canadian Open

July 8-13, 2012, Victoria

U.S. Open

August 4-12, 2012, Vancouver WA