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Stephen Wright

HERE AND THERE

Pierre et Vacances Open (February 13-19)

Continuing his European chess tour, IM Leon Piasetski is now in Cannes, France participating in the 26th edition of the Pierre et Vacances Open. After four rounds he has 2.0 points, including a first-round draw with GM Tigran Gharamian (2676) (who incidentally won the tournament two years ago). [Tournament standings](#)

Victoria Chess Club Active Fundraiser (February 12) by Paul Leblanc



Roger Patterson plays Ray Wu (photo courtesy of Mark Dutton)

On February 12th, eighteen players took part in an Active Chess tournament, primarily to enjoy a day of chess but also to raise money in support of the 2012 Grand Pacific Open. The event was held at the Victoria Chess Club and raised \$220 towards BC's largest [non-scholastic] chess tournament to be held at the Hotel Grand Pacific 6-9 April, 2012.

In addition to the entry fees, donations were received from Lynn Stringer, Nikolas Milonas, Alois Holzknecht and Duncan Haines. Somewhat rare for chess tournaments, a 50/50 draw was held with half the proceeds going toward the Grand Pacific Open and half to the winner, Bill Tate.

Roger Patterson finished clear first, giving up only half a point to the highest rated player, Gavin Steininger. Jason Cao finished second on tie break over Paul Leblanc. Top Under 1700 was rapidly improving junior Mathew Geng followed by Jill Ding. The Under 1400 prizes went to veteran Garth Edgar and newcomer Rowan James, age 6 and playing in his first adult tournament. TD: Paul Leblanc; organizers: Paul Leblanc and Roger Patterson [This report plus crosstable](#)

[Breaking news - IGM Nino Maisuradze, the winner of last year's Grand Pacific Open, will return this year to defend her title. Almost fifty players have already registered, including Nino, Jack Yoos, Loren Laceste, and Lawrence Day - come and join them in Victoria at Easter! [Tournament website](#).]

International Chess Jam (Ferndale, WA, February 4)

This annual scholastic event in Ferndale, Washington often attracts Canadians who frequently do well in the various sections, and this year was no exception. In the K-1 Section Kevin Lei won with a perfect 5.0/5 ahead of Ben Pulfer; Neil Doknjas repeated that feat in the 2-3 Section with Alex Reny and Philip Chen among those who came second; it was the same story in 4-6 as Luke Pulfer took first with Kevin Low and Thomas Chen placing second; and in the 7-12 Section John Doknjas tied for first while Max Gedajlovic was a half-point back. All the named players are from B.C. - congratulations to all! [Crosstable](#) [Photos](#)

Tradewise Gibraltar Festival (January 22 - February 2)

The big story of this year's festival was the watershed performance of Women's World Champion Hou Yifan, still only seventeen years old, who tied for first with Nigel Short on 8.0/10 after beating four 2700+ players (including Judit Polgar), although she lost the blitz playoff. This is Hou Yifan's best ever result in a mixed tournament by a considerable margin; some felt that Hou might not develop to her full potential, given that she has played predominately in women-only events of late (in contrast to Judit Polgar, who has sought out the strongest possible opposition by deliberately avoiding such competitions), but in Gibraltar at least Hou demonstrated she can compete successfully with anyone. The sole Canadian in the Masters, Leon Piasetski, finished with 5.0 points. [Tournament website](#)

Peredy, Ferenc - Piasetski, Leon [C02] Tradewise Gibraltar Chess Festival (9.66), 01.02.2012

1.e4 c5 2.c4 e6 3.d4 d5 4.e5 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.a3 dxc4 7.Nbd2 Na5 8.h4 Bd7 9.h5 0-0-0 10.g3 Nh6 11.Bh3 f5 12.exf6 gxf6 13.0-0 Rg8 14.Kg2 Nf5 15.Re1 Bd6 16.Nf1 Nb3 17.Rb1 Qc7 18.Kh1 e5 19.Bg2 e4 20.N3h2 Ne7 21.Bh6 f5 22.f4 Be6 23.Bg5 Rxc5 24.fxc5 Rg8 25.Re3 Rxc5 26.Bh3 Qd7 27.Qe2 f4 28.gxf4 Bxf4 29.Bxe6 Qxe6 30.Rf3 Qg8 31.Ne3 exf3 32.Qxf3 Bxe3 33.Qxe3 Nf5 34.Qh3 Kb8 35.Nf3 Rxh5 0-1

BC Active Championship (January 28-29)

Through the efforts of Luc Poitras Vancouver has on average an active event once a month at the Vancouver Bridge Centre; Luc is also responsible for reviving the BC Active Championship, first held in this province some twenty years ago. This year's edition had fewer rounds than previously (seven instead of nine) but a longer time control (40 + 10 rather than 25 + 10). Most of the 'usual suspects' participated, but it was Mayo Fuentesbella who repeated as BC Active Champion (he shared the honours last year with Maxim Doroshenko) with a score of 6.0/7. Mayo's lost point was to Brian McLaren, who could have tied for or won the first prize had he not lost to Butch Villavieja in

the last round - instead he came clear second. Scoring 5.0 points were Butch, Patrick Lacey, and Jack Cheng; Butch and Patrick tied for third, while Jack took the U2100 prize. The other class winners were Joe Soliven (U1900) and Omar Jessa (U1700); Nathaniel Knox won the prize for biggest upset by defeating a player over 700 points higher rated than himself. Thirty-six players took part in the two-day competition, held as usual at the Vancouver Bridge Centre.

[Crosstable and photos](#)

Previous winners:

1990 Leon Piasetski
1991 Yasser Seirawan
2000 Gary Basanta
2009 Vicente Lee Jr.
2010 Vicente Lee Jr.
2011 Mayo Fuentebella/Maxim Doroshenko

PERENYI MEMORIAL (January 6-14) by Michael Yip

I did quite badly with 4.0/9 with no draws. Although the result was disappointing my opponents had a great time. I started with two losses and had only good spirits to show for my efforts. However, my opponents were in great form and the rest of my games were all decisive, just not for me.

Grimm, G - Yip, Michael [C41] Perenyi Memorial Open (8), 13.01.2012

This was my most dramatic game of the tournament as I played for the win against another promising junior. I delayed castling to complicate the game and played 12...c5 hoping for a closed Spanish type of game with White playing 0-0-0. However, White played quite well and after 20...Rc7 I had lost a pawn and the bishop pair and could only look forward to losing. Quite surprisingly, White could not find a good plan in the ending. Black soon had a RN-RB ending with the good knight and then won back the pawn with 44...Rxc6. Black found the thematic finish with 55...e2! parting with the knight, but there was room for more drama still as both sides missed key ideas in the remaining few moves.

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nbd7 4.Be3 e5 5.f3 c6 6.Qd2 Be7 7.0-0-0 a6 Not normal and possibly suspicious. 7...0-0 8.g4 (8.Nge2 b5 9.dxe5 Nxe5 10.Nd4 b4 11.Nb1 c5 12.Nb5 Qa5 13.Nxd6 Rd8 14.Nxc8 Raxc8 15.Qe2 c4 16.Rxd8+ Bxd8 17.Qd2 c3 18.bxc3 bxc3 19.Qd6 Qxa2 20.Qa3 Qe6 21.Qb3 Qc6 22.Bb5 Qb7 23.Be2 Qc7 24.Rd1 Be7 25.Ba6 Rb8 26.Qa4 h6 27.Be2 Nfd7 28.Qxa7 Qxa7 0-1 Tristan,L-Felgaer,R /La Plata 2008) 8...b5 unclear 9.Kb1 **a)** 9.g5 Nh5 10.Nce2 Nb6 11.Ng3 (11.b3 Be6 12.Kb1 Rb8 13.Qc1 Qc7 14.Ng3 Nxg3 15.hxg3 f6 16.Bh3 Bf7 17.dxe5 fxe5 18.f4 Nc4 19.Nf3 d5 20.bxc4 bxc4+ 21.Ka1 Qa5 22.c3 Ba3 23.Rh2 Bxc1 24.Rxc1 Rb3 25.Nxe5 Rxc3 26.Nxc6 Rxc1+ 27.Bxc1 Qc3+ 28.Kb1 Qxg3 29.Rh1 Qf3 30.Rh2 Qxe4+ 31.Kb2 Bg6 32.Ka3 Be8 33.Ne5 Qe1 34.Be6+ Kh8 35.Kb2 Qb4+ 36.Ka1 Qc3+ 37.Kb1 Bh5 38.Rb2 Re8 39.Bd7 Rf8 40.Be6 Qe1 41.Bxd5 c3 42.Rb7 Rc8 43.a4 c2+ 44.Kb2 Qc3+ 45.Ka2 Qd4 46.Bb3 Be8 47.Re7 Bh5 48.Rd7 Qe4 49.Bb2 Qf5 50.Nf7+ Bxf7 51.Rxf7 Qg6 52.Rxa7 h6 53.Rxg7 Qxg7 54.Bxg7+ Kxg7 55.gxh6+ Kxh6 56.Bxc2 Rxc2+ 57.Kb3 Rf2 58.Kb4 Kg7 59.a5 Kf7 60.a6 Ke7 61.Kc5 Kd7 62.a7 Ra2 63.Kb6 Rb2+ 64.Kc5 Ra2 65.Kb6 Kd6 66.Kb7 Rb2+ 67.Kc8 ½-½ Agdestein,S-Krylov,S /Vadso 2002) 11...Nf4 12.h4 f6 13.Qh2 Be6 14.Bxf4 exf4 15.Nh5+/- Atlas,R-Nevevovskiy,G/Roslavl 1989 (46); **b)** 9.h4 b4 (9...Qa5 10.Kb1 b4 11.Nce2 Nb6 12.Nc1 exd4 13.Bxd4 c5= 14.Nb3 (14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Qxd6?—+ 15...Be6 (better is 15...Bxb2!—+) 16.Qf4 Bxb2!—+ Goh,W-Akopian,V/Paris 1995/

(21)) 14...Qa4 15.e5 dxe5 16.Bxc5 Bxc5 17.Nxc5 Qc6 18.Qd6 unclear Savushkina,N-Skripova,T/St Petersburg 2000/ (47)) 10.Nce2 d5 11.g5 Nh5 12.exd5 cxd5 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Nf4 Ng3 15.Nxd5 Nxf1 16.Rxf1 Nc4 17.Qd3 Nxe3 18.Nxe3 Qa5 19.Nd5 Bc5 20.Ne2 Ba6 21.Qf5 Bxe2 22.Rfg1 Qxa2 23.Nf6+ gxf6 24.gxf6+ Kh8 25.Qg5 Qa1+ 26.Kd2 Rad8+ 0-1 Rigopoulos Tsigkos,A-Orlov,A /Paleochora 2010; 9...Nb6 10.Qe1! A very strong move, preventing Black from playing d5. 10...b4 (10...Nfd7!?) 11.Nce2 Nc4 12.Bc1 Qa5 (12...a5? 13.Ng3 d5 ; 12...d5?! 13.b3+/=) 13.Ng3 (13.g5 Nd7 14.f4 exf4 15.Nxf4 Ndb6=) 13...Be6 14.Bxc4 Bxc4 15.a3 g6 16.Qxb4 Qxb4 17.axb4 a5 18.g5 Ne8 19.bxa5 Rxa5 20.b3 Be6= **8.Kb1** 8.g4 b5 9.Nce2 Nb6 10.Ng3 Qc7 11.Kb1 h6 12.h4 Be6 13.Nh3 0-0-0 14.g5 Ng8 15.f4 exf4 16.Nxf4 Bg4 17.Be2 Bxe2 18.Qxe2 g6 19.Nd3 Bf8 20.e5 Nd5 21.Ne4 Nxe3 22.Qxe3 d5 23.Nec5 a5 24.Qh3+ Rd7 1-0 Zatonskih,A-Ionescu Brandis,I /Bucharest 1998 **8...Qc7** Continuing the waiting policy. 8...exd4 9.Bxd4 b5 10.g4 h6 11.h4 c5 12.Be3 Ne5 13.Qg2 b4 14.Nce2+/= **9.g4 b5 10.h4 Bb7** 10...0-0 11.h5 (11.g5 Nh5 12.dxe5 Nxe5=) 11...exd4 12.Bxd4 b4 13.Nce2 c5 14.Be3 Ne5 15.Ng3 d5 unclear. **11.Nce2 Nb6** 11...d5!? 12.g5 Nh5 13.Bh3 c5 14.dxc5 d4 Creative but not enough. 15.Bg4 Nxc5 16.Bf2 g6 17.Bxh5 gxh5 18.Ng3+/= **12.Ng3**



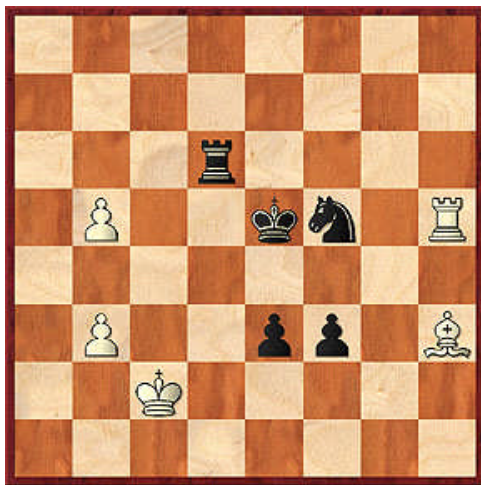
12...c5 13.dxe5! Opening lines is a good plan. **13...dxe5 14.g5 Nfd7?±** Black is in big trouble now. 14...Rd8 15.Qe1 Rxd1+ 16.Qxd1 Nfd7 17.Nf5 Bf8 18.h5+/= **15.Nf5 Bf8 16.Bh3!±** Black is just suffering without a useful way to counter White's piece pressure. **16...Bc6 16...Rd8 17.Qf2 Nc4 18.Bc1 Nb8** (18...g6?! 19.Nh6 Bxh6 20.gxh6 0-0 21.Rxd7 Rxd7 22.Bxd7 Qxd7 23.b3 Nd6 24.Qxc5+/=) 19.Ne2 Nc6 20.h5± ; 16...0-0-0 17.Qf2 Bc6 18.h5 Kb7 19.Ne2 Nc4 20.Bc1 b4± **17.Nd6+** 17.b3± is also strong. **17...Bxd6 18.Qxd6 Qxd6 19.Rxd6 Rc8 19...Nc4 20.Rxc6 Nxe3 21.Rh2 Nf8 22.Re2 Rd8 23.b3 Nd1 24.Rxc5± 20.Bxc5 20.b3!± 20...Rc7± 20...Nc4** is much better. 21.Rd1 Nxc5 22.Bxc8 Na4 23.Re1 Naxb2 24.Ne2 (24.Bxa6? 0-0=) 24...Ke7 25.Bf5 Na4+/=

21.Bxb6?!+/= 21.Bf2± 21...Nxb6 22.b3 Ke7 23.Rd2 Now the next phase has begun. The position has stabilized and Black must form a reasonable defensive plan to hold the pawn down position. **23...h6!?** Trying to activate the rook and reduce the number of pawns. **24.gxh6 Rxh6 25.Bg4 Nd7 26.Ne2 g6 27.Nc3 27.Ng3+/= 27...Nf6+/=**



28.Nd5+? A trend-changing mistake. **28...Bxd5 29.exd5 Ne8** Going for the blockade. 29...Kd6 30.Kb2 Rc5 31.a3 Nxg4 32.fxg4 f5 33.gxf5 gxf5 34.h5 Rxd5= **30.f4 e4 31.f5 Nd6=/+** Black has taken over now. 31...gxf5 32.Bxf5 Nd6 33.Rf1 Rxh4=/+ **32.fxg6 Rxd6 33.Bh3 Rh6 34.Bg4 f5 35.Bd1 Kf6-/+** Black will march the passed pawns up the board and White's extra pawn is no meaning. **36.h5 Rg7=/+ 36...Ke5 37.Rg1 f4 38.Rg5+ Kf6 39.Rg4 Kf5 40.Rf2 f3 41.Bxf3 exf3 42.Rg3 Rc3 43.Rgxf3+ Rxf3 44.Rxf3+ Ke5-/+ 37.Rf1 Ke5 38.a4 f4!?** 38...bxa4 39.bxa4 (39.c4 Rc7 40.Kb2 (40.Rc2 axb3-+) 40...axb3 41.Kxb3 Nxc4 42.Rc2 Rb6+ 43.Ka2 Rc5-+) 39...Nc4 40.Rdf2 Ne3 41.Re1 f4-+ **39.Rdf2 Rf7 40.axb5 axb5-/+ 41.Rg2 Rf5 41...f3 42.Rg5+ Kf4 43.Rg6 Rxd6 44.hxg6 Rg7-+**

42.Rg6 Rxd6 43.hxg6 Rg5 44.Kc1 Rxd6 45.Be2 b4 46.Kd2 Rg2 47.Kd1 Nf5 Seeking a tactical finish. **48.Rh1 Kxd5 48...Rxe2!-+ 49.Rh5 Ke5 49...Rg1+ 50.Kd2 Kd4-+ 50.Bf1 Rg6 50...f3 51.Bxg2 fxg2 52.Rg5 Kf4-+ 51.Bh3 Rf6 52.c3 f3** Keeping consistent. Better is 52...bxc3-+ **53.cxb4 e3 54.b5 54.Bxf5 Rxf5 55.Rxf5+ Kxf5 56.b5 Ke5-+ 54...Rd6+ 55.Kc2 55.Ke1 f2+ 56.Ke2 Rd2+ 57.Kf3 f1Q+ 58.Bxf1 Rf2+ 59.Kg4 Rf4+ 60.Kh3 Rxf1-+**



55...e2! 56.Rxf5+ Ke4? Black needs to get off the e-file to avoid the post promotion Re8 skewer. 56...Kd4! wins easily. 57.Kd2 Ke4+ 58.Ke1 Rd1+ 59.Kf2 e1Q# **57.Rf8 f2 58.Re8+ Kf3 59.Rf8+??** Time trouble, allowing the thematic finish. 59.Bg2+! manages to draw. 59...Kxg2 60.Rxe2 Rd8 (60...Kg1? 61.Rxf2 Kxf2= ; 60...Rb6) 61.b6 Kf3 62.Rxf2+ Kxf2= **59...Kg3 0-1**

THE CASE FOR CHESS IN THE CLASSROOM by Joe Roback (SFU Chess Club President)

I have been following Stephen's chess bulletin for a while now and I have been enthralled with the open source contributions of BC members. I find it inspiring that local players have become chess ambassadors for their province and other subscribers. Unfortunately, I don't yet have the technical prowess of Yoos, the endgame mastery of Scoones, the high-profile experience of Yip, the tech savvy of Bindi, or (of course) the local historical insights of Stephen Wright.

However, BC has many of the strongest juniors in Canada (and in some cases, the entire world). I decided to investigate the topic and write an undergraduate psychology term paper (review of the literature) on the case for introducing chess (and its plethora of benefits) in the BC elementary school curriculum. There is actually an impressive list of benefits for kids who play chess, many of which are pretty counter intuitive :)

Abstract

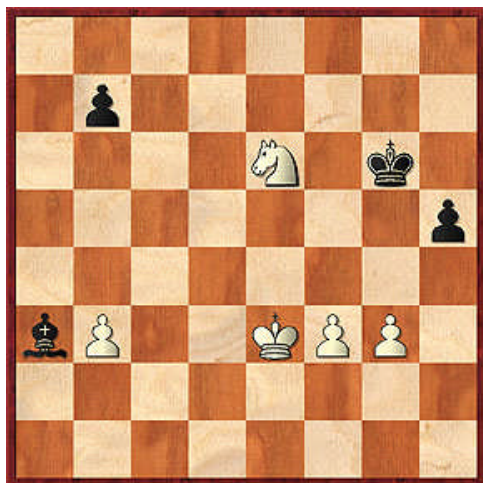
A review of the literature indicates a plethora of benefits for youngsters who play chess regularly. Researchers recommend that Canadian students receive more practice with logic and problem solving (Bell, 1993; Kajander, 2010). Fortunately, chess has been demonstrated to improve spatial and numerical ability (Frank, 1974) as well as logic and problem solving skills (Leung). Furthermore, chess exercises cognitive skills such as goal setting, visualization skills (spatial reasoning), decision making and self regulated learning (Hong et al., 2006). Chess has also been shown to improve critical thinking skills such as comprehension, analysis, and evaluation (NSCF, 2009). Researcher Robert Ferguson (2010) outlines benefits such as open-mindedness and originality which is also thought to transfer into more academic pursuits. In an age of fast-paced entertainment and highly-stimulating activities, regular practice with chess has demonstrated improved concentration, self discipline, and significantly improve cognition (Christiaen, & Verholfstadt, 1978; Ferguson, 2010). Among the most convincing evidence for the benefits of chess is its role in academic improvement over control groups (Allen L.E. & Main D.B., 1976; Bell, 1982; Christiaen & Verholfstadt, 1978; Gaudreau, 1992; Litrap, 1999; Margulies, 1996; Nurse, 1995; Rifner, 1992; Vail 1995). Though it is possible that some researchers may be biased to the benefits of chess, the overwhelmingly pragmatic findings suggest further replication and a possible shift in policy to benefit elementary school students.

Full text of Joe's [paper](#) in pdf format.

BROWSING FOR ENDGAMES by Dan Scoones

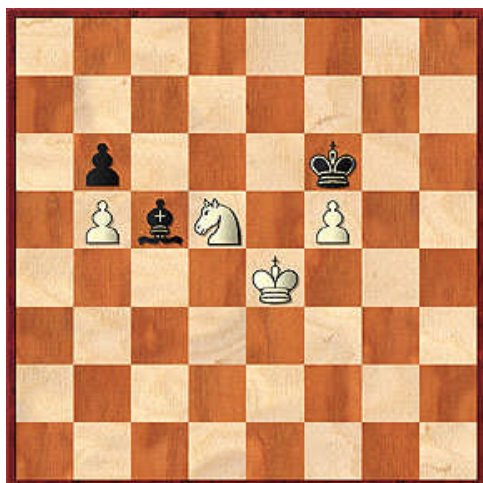
The game between masters **Ray Kerr** and **Bob Zuk** from the second round of the 1971 B.C. Championship had a big influence on the final result of the tournament. In the end, the 1970 champion Bob Zuk finished half a point behind the new champion Peter Biyiasas, largely on account of losing this game.

We pick up the action after White's (Kerr's) 45th move. Black (Zuk) is a pawn down but has a bishop against his opponent's knight, which should improve his drawing chances.



45...Bd6 46.Nf4+ Kg5 47.Ke4 Bb8?! In hindsight, Black should take the opportunity to force a drawable pawn ending with **47...Bxf4 48.gxf4+ Kf6 49.f5 Kf7**. It should have been easy to see that White's king could not accomplish much because of Black's h-pawn. **50.Ke5 b6 51.b4 b5 52.Kf4 Kf6 53.Ke4 Kg7 54.Ke5 Kf7=.** **48.Nh3+ Kf6 49.f4 Ba7 50.Ng5 Bf2 51.Kf3 Bb6 52.g4** White should consider bringing his b-pawn to a more advanced position so that it will be more dangerous later on: **52.b4 Kf5 53.b5.** **52...hxg4+ 53.Kxg4 Bd4 54.Kf3 Kf5 55.Nf7 Bc5 56.Nh6+ Ke6 57.Ke4 Bf8 58.Nf5 Bc5 59.Nd4+ Kf6 60.Kd5 Bb6 61.Ke4 Bc5 62.Kd5 Bb4 63.Ke4 Bc5 64.Nb5 Bf8 65.f5 Bc5 66.Nc3 Bd6 67.Nb5 Bh2 68.b4 Be5 69.Nd4 Bh2** Black cannot save himself by going into a pawn ending: **69...Bxd4 70.Kxd4 Kxf5** and now White shoulders off the Black king with **71.Kd5!** and wins easily after **71...Kf6 72.Kd6 Kf5 73.b5** etc.

70.b5 Bg3 71.Ne2 Bc7 72.Nf4 Bd6 73.Ne6 b6 74.Nf4 Bc5 75.Nd5+



75...Kg7?

A bad mistake, probably due to a miscalculation of some kind. There is absolutely no need for triangulation in this position! Correct was 75...Kf7 76.Ke5 Bf2 77.Nc3 (77.Kd6 Bc5+ 78.Kc7 Bg1 79.Nxb6 Kf6 80.Nd7+ Kxf5 81.Kc6 Ba7 82.Nb6 Bb8 83.Nc8 Ke6 84.b6 Bg3 85.b7 Bb8 86.Nb6 Ke7=) 77...Bg3+ 78.Kd5 Bf4 79.Kc6 Be3 80.Nd5 Bd4 81.Nxb6 Kf6 82.Na4 Kxf5 83.Nc5 Kf6 84.b6 Ke7 85.b7 Be5 86.Na6 Kd8 and Black holds the draw.

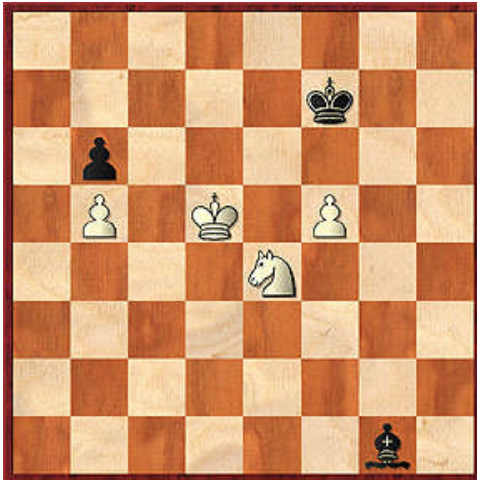
76.Ke5 Kf7 77.Nc3?!

Not the strongest idea. White is clearly winning after 77.Nf6 Bf2 (77...Ba3 78.Nd7) 78.Ne4 Be3 79.f6 Bc1 80.Nd6+ Kf8 81.Ke6 Bb2 82.Nc8 Bd4 83.Ne7 Bc5 84.Ng6+ Kg8 85.f7+ Kg7 and now simply 86.f8Q+ Bxf8 87.Nxf8 Kxf8 88.Kd6 Ke8 89.Kc7 and wins easily.

77...Bg1 78.Ne4?!

Here too it was much stronger to push the f-pawn: 78.f6 Bh2+ 79.Kf5 Bd6 80.Ne4 Bf8 81.Ng5+ Ke8 82.Ke6 Bc5 83.f7+ Kf8 84.Nh7+ Kg7 85.f8Q+ Bxf8 86.Nxf8 Kxf8 87.Kd7 Kf7 88.Kc7 Ke7 89.Kxb6 Kd7 90.Ka7 and wins.

78...Bh2+ 79.Kd5 Bg1



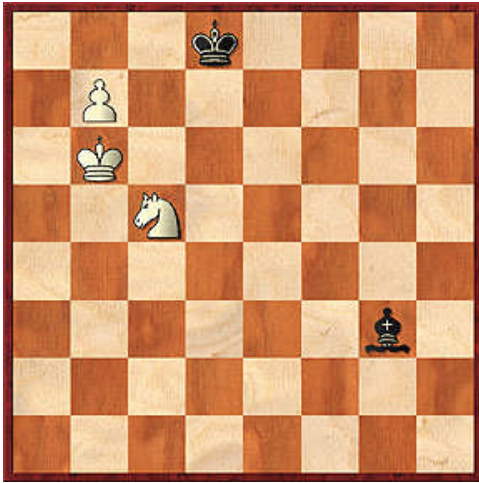
80.Nd6+? Opportunity has knocked for the third time: 80.f6! Bh2 81.Nf2 Bb8 82.Ng4 Bc7 83.Kc6 Bd8 84.Kd7 Bxf6 85.Nxf6 Kxf6 86.Kc6 and wins. Kerr seems to be playing with the fixed idea of using his f-pawn as a decoy for capturing Black's b-pawn. In fact it is much stronger to just push the f-pawn.

80...Kf6! 81.Ke4 Bc5 + Black has restored his defensive line and White can no longer win by force.

82.Nc4 Bf2 83.Ne5 Bg1 84.Ng4+ Kg5 85.Ne5 Kf6 86.Ng6 Bc5 87.Nf4 Bf2 88.Nd5+ Kg7 89.Ke5 Kf7 90.Kd6 Bg1 91.Kd7 Bd4 92.Kc6 Bg1 93.Nxb6 Kf6 94.Nd7+ Kxf5 95.Nc5 Kf6 96.b6 Ke7 97.b7 Bh2 98.Na6

If 98.Nd7 Kd8 99.Nf8 Ke7 etc.

98...Kd8 99.Kb6 Bg3 100.Nc5



100...Bb8?? A terrible move that will land Black in a bad case of zugzwang. Correct was 100...Bd6! 101.Kc6 Bb8 102.Na6 Bh2 103.Nb4 Bb8 104.Kb6 Kd7 and White cannot win.

101.Kc6! Ba7 If 101...Bh2 then 102.Ne6+ Ke7 103.Nc7 and wins.

102.Na6 Ke7 103.Kc7 Ke6 104.Nb4 Bc5 Black tries one last trick, but it is too late.

105.Kc8! Of course not 105.b8Q? Bd6+ and Black draws. After 105.Kc8 Black resigned in view of 105...Bd6 106.Na6 Ke7 107.Nc7 and wins. A long and difficult struggle! **1-0**

[For the benefit of our younger readers who may not have experience with anything except sudden-death games, it should be pointed out that a common time control of that era was 40 moves in 2 hours, followed by 20 moves per hour until the game ended, only interrupted if necessary by adjournment(s). Ray Kerr notes that it took eleven hours(!) to complete the above game, and added the following comment in his chess column in the [Victoria] *Daily Colonist*: "Incidentally, to show just how much a 105-move, 11-hour game takes out of you, I had during this struggle close to 30 coffees, three meals and close to 20 soups from the vending machine. Zuk had pretty well the same consumption rate, so at least the vending machine operator wound up happy."]

Silverdale Beach Hotel Classic

March 10-11, Silverdale, WA

http://www.nwchess.com/calendar/Silverdale_Beach_201203.pdf

March Active (actually blitz)

Date: Sunday, March 18

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

Rounds: 7

Round Times: RD1: Noon Rd2: 1:00 Lunch Rd3: 1:45 Lunch Rd4/5/6/7: 3:15/4:00/4:45/5:30

Type: Regular Swiss.

Time Controls: G/10 + 5 sec. increments or G/12

Entry Fee: \$15

Prizes: 1st \$100 2nd \$80 BU1900 \$60 BU1600 \$60 based on 30 entries. The Vancouver Active rating will be used

Registration: On site at 11:30am 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

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

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March Active

March 18, Vancouver Bridge Centre

April Active

April 1, Vancouver Bridge Centre

Grand Pacific Open

April 6-9, Victoria

Paul Keres Memorial

May 19-21, Richmond

Canadian Open

July 8-13, Victoria

U.S. Open

August 4-12, Vancouver WA