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HERE AND THERE

Philadelphia Open (April 4-8)

Last year at tis time Dezheng Kong was competing in the grade six section of the B.C. Chess Challenge; this year he played in a slightly stronger event, the Philadelphia Open. Among the eighty players in the Open Section were fourteen GMs; GM Magesh Panchanathan of India was the overall winner with 7.0/9, while his fellow title-holders Akobian, Erenburg, Hammer, Shankland, Stripunsky, Bachmann and Kekelidze tied for second. Dezheng finished with 50%, including draws against IMs Mauricio Santana and Jay Bonin. Top Canadian was Leonid Gerzhoy, who is seeking GM norms these days and therefore was likely not happy with his total of 5.0 points, just outside the money prizes - he didn't play the last round. [Crosstable](#)

San Sebastian International Open (March 31 - April 7)

San Sebastian, Spain (or Donostia in the Basque language) was the site of two important tournaments in 1911 and 1912, won by Capablanca and Rubinstein respectively, but for the past thirty-four years has been the location of an open tournament. This year's edition attracted 159 players; the top seed was Canadian GM Kevin Spraggett (a long-time resident of Portugal), while Igor Rausis and Oleg Romanishin were other well-known names in the field. In the end Rausis took the top prize with 7.5/9, while Spraggett was part of a six-way tie for second. Also participating, for the third year in a row, was B.C. IM Leon Piasetski, who finished with 5.5 points.

[Crosstable](#)

Piasetski,L - Elsness,F [A20] 35th San Sebastian Open Donostia ESP (3), 01.04.2012

1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Nc3 Nb6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.0-0 Be7 8.b3 0-0 9.Bb2 Bg4
10.d3 f5 11.b4 Bf6 12.b5 Nd4 13.Nxd4 exd4 14.Na4 Re8 15.Re1 Rb8 16.Qb3+ Kh8 17.Nc5 c6
18.bxc6 bxc6 19.Na6 Rc8 20.Rac1 Nd5 21.Bxd5 cxd5 22.f3 Bh5 23.Qb7 Rxc1 24.Rxc1 Qa5
25.Nb4 h6 26.Rc8 Rxc8 27.Qxc8+ Kh7 28.a3 Bg6 29.Qd7 Qc5 30.Nxd5 Be5 31.f4 Qd6 32.Qxd6
Bxd6 33.Bxd4 Bxa3 34.Bxa7 Bf7 35.Ne3 Be6 36.Nc4 Bb4 37.Kf2 Kg8 38.Ke3 Bc3 39.Bd4 Bb4
40.Ne5 Bd6 41.Nf3 Kf7 42.Kf2 Bd5 43.Bc3 Bc5+ 44.e3 Bb7 45.Ke2 Ba6 46.Kd2 Bb7 47.Nh4 g6
48.Ke2 Ba6 49.Nf3 Bd6 50.Nd2 Bc7 51.Nc4 Kg8 52.Be5 Bd8 53.Kd2 Be7 54.Kc3 Bb7 55.Bd4 Bg2
56.Nd2 Bd8 57.Kc4 Kf7 58.Nb3 Bf1 59.Nc5 Be7 60.Nd7 g5 61.Kd5 gxf4 62.gxf4 Bh4 63.Ne5+ Kg8
64.Ke6 Bh3 65.Ng6 Bd8 66.Ne7+ Bxe7 67.Kxe7 Bf1 68.e4 Bxd3 69.e5 h5 70.h4 Be2 71.e6 Bc4
72.Kf6 Bd3 73.Bc5 Bc2 74.Kg6 Bd3 75.Kxh5 Bc4 76.e7 Kf7 77.Kg5 Be6 78.h5 Bd7 79.h6 Kg8
80.Kg6 Be8+ 81.Kxf5 Bb5 82.Ke6 Be8 83.f5 Kh7 84.Be3 Kg8 85.f6 Kh8 86.f7 Kh7 87.Bd4 1-0

Magistral GM March 2012 (March 18-24)



(Piasecki is in the front row on the far right)

1	GM	Petkov Vladimir	2509	BUL	*	½	½	1	½	1	½	½	1	1	6.5
2	GM	Del Rio De Angelis Salvador G	2533	ESP	½	*	½	1	0	½	1	1	1	½	6.0
3	IM	Arnold Marc T	2502	USA	½	½	*	½	1	0	½	1	1	1	6.0
4	IM	Vishnu Prasanna V	2406	IND	0	0	½	*	1	½	1	½	1	½	5.0
5	IM	Skytte Rasmus	2376	DEN	½	1	0	0	*	½	½	1	½	½	4.5
6	IM	Piasecki Leon	2287	CAN	0	½	1	½	½	*	0	½	½	½	4.0
7	GM	Bakre Tejas	2513	IND	½	0	½	0	½	1	*	0	1	½	4.0
8	IM	Lammers Markus	2384	GER	½	0	0	½	0	½	1	*	0	1	3.5
9		Brih Said	2395	FRA	0	0	0	0	½	½	0	1	*	1	3.0
10	FM	Anton Guijarro David	2476	ESP	0	½	0	½	½	½	½	0	0	*	2.5

Before heading to San Sebastian Piasecki also played in a GM norm event in Can Picafort on the Spanish island of Mallorca, scoring minus one; Bulgarian GM Vladimir Petkov was the winner. Unfortunately no games seem to be available from the tournament.

6th ANNUAL GRAND PACIFIC OPEN (April 6-9)

Another record attendance at the Grand Pacific Open to go with this year's record guaranteed prize fund of \$5000. 120 entries flew by last year's record of 104 with players from five countries, seven states, and three provinces. An added attraction was the participation of GM Hikaru Nakamura, sixth ranked in the world. It is not common for a weekend tournament such as the GPO to have such a high profile name - this was a rare opportunity for BC players to see one of the best in the world in person in action. As always, there were a number of side events starting with the BC Chess Challenge with 174 players and a four round Active for the adults. The traditional midnight blitz tournament was held on Saturday and a bughouse event closed out the tournament. The location was the superb Hotel Grand Pacific situated in downtown Victoria on the waterfront, next to the BC legislature. Next year's event is already booked for Easter 2013, March 29-April 1.

Make your plans now! More details will be forthcoming soon on this website, www.grandpacificopen.com.

Many thanks to our Sponsors and to those who have donated: [Hotel Grand Pacific](#), [Goddess Chess](#), Yaron Gvili, [Bernard Callebaut Chocolates](#), [Bard & Banker](#) Scottish Pub.

Photos: lots posted on [Facebook](#) (mostly untitled). Also see the links to Chess Challenge photos below, some of which include shots from the GPO. Video: there are a number of videos on [Youtube](#) courtesy of Ajay Grover, including WGM Nino Maisuradze taking on two of our juniors in blitz.

The TD and most of the organizers along with Nakamura at the prize giving ceremony:



IA Mark S. Dutton (TD), Paul Leblanc (organizer), Hikaru Nakamura, Brian Raymer (organizer)



and the last organizer, Roger Patterson (playing Nakamura)

Side event TD: Elliot Raymer

Results:

BC Chess Challenge - see below

GPO Active: (10 players) Winner James Chan. [Full crosstable](#) (rated by the Victoria Chess Club)

Midnight Blitz: Midnight Blitz was a popular event again this year with thirty players taking part in a five double-round tournament that finished just after midnight. Janak Awatramani was first with a score of 8.5/10. Alice Xiao and Ray Wu shared first in the U1800 class with a score of 6.0/10. Jill Ding was first with 6.5/10 in the U1500 class. [Full results](#)

GPO Bughouse: The 2012 Grand Pacific Bughouse was a hotly contested event. An array of crazy teams battled it out in a five-round swiss with three minutes on the clock. In the end the Old Married Couple (Noam and Ben) took first with a score of 4.0/5 after a playoff with Magical Starfish (Jeremy and Janak). Laser Team (Joshua and Neil) took first in the U12 class. [Full results](#)

Grand Pacific Open

OPEN SECTION

To no one's surprise, GM Hikaru Nakamura took home first place with last year's champion, WGM Nino Maisuradze finishing in clear second.

1st: GM Hikaru Nakamura \$1150 + Trophy 6.0 points

2nd: WGM Nino Maisuradze \$700 5.0 points

3rd: Nicolas Haynes, Lucas Davies, Alisher Sanetullaev, FM Jack Yoos, Jamin Gluckie, Howard Wu: \$75 each, 4.5 points

Top BC Player (qualifies for BC Closed): Lucas Davies.

U2100: Benedict Daswani (Trophy), FM Jason Cao, CM Janak Awatramani, James Chan, \$200 each. 4.0 points.

Top Women (Courtesy of Goddess Chess): WGM Nino Maisuradze \$80 5.0 points, Becca Lampman \$70 3.0 points, Lan Ma \$70 3.0 points, Alice Xiao \$60 2.5 points, Polly Wright \$50 2.5 points, Jill Ding \$40 2.0 points.

Top Junior (Courtesy Yaron Gvili): Tanraj Sohal, Lionel Han \$50 each 4.0 points.

Furthest travelled: Adrian Check (Australia!)

U1800 Section:

1st: Joshua Doknjas \$400 + Trophy 5.5 points

2nd: Mihai Ganea, David Hendricks \$150 each 5.0 points.

U1500: Luke Pulfer (Trophy), Yekta Saremi, Samuel Chen \$200 each 4.0 points

Top Unrated: Kelsey Hannan \$100 4.5 points

Biggest Upset: Neil Doknjas (673 point difference) \$100

[Crosstables](#)

[This report](#) (with more photos)

[PGN file](#) of games

Maisuradze, Nino - Sanetullaev, Alisher [A68] Grand Pacific op 6th Victoria (3), 07.04.2012

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f4 0-0 6.Nf3 c5 7.d5 e6 8.Be2 exd5 9.cxd5 Bg4 10.0-0 a6 11.e5 Ne8 12.Ng5 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Qe7 14.e6 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Nc7 16.Nxf7 Nxd5 17.f5 Nc6 18.fxg6 Qh4 19.gxh7+ Qxh7 20.Rf3 Rxf7 21.exf7+ Kf8 22.Qe6 1-0

Nakamura, Hikaru - Maisuradze, Nino [B23] Grand Pacific op 6th Victoria (5), 08.04.2012

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nge2 e5 4.Nd5 Nge7 5.Nec3 Nxd5 6.Nxd5 Ne7 7.Ne3 d6 8.Bc4 Be6 9.d3 Qd7 10.0-0 g6 11.a4 Bg7 12.Bb5 Nc6 13.Nd5 0-0 14.a5 Kh8 15.a6 b6 16.c3 Qc8 17.f4 f5 18.Qa4 Nd8 19.Bd2 Nf7 20.Rae1 Qd8 21.Kh1 g5 22.Bc6 Rb8 23.exf5 Bxf5 24.fxg5 Bxd3 25.Rf6 Bxf6 26.Nxf6 Nxg5 27.Nd7 b5 28.Qd1 Rg8 29.Nxb8 Bf5 30.Bd5 Rg7 31.Nc6 Qf6 32.Rf1 Qg6 33.Bxg5 Qxg5 34.Qf3 1-0

	Year	Date	#	Winner(s)	Score
1st	2007	April 7-9	41	Hanneign Pitre	4.5-0.5
2nd	2008	March 21-24	83	Bindi Cheng	6.0-0.0
3rd	2009	April 10-13	76	Leon Piasetski*, Valeria Gansvind, Lawrence Day, Vicente Lee Jr.	5.0-1.0
4th	2010	April 2-5	87	Lawrence Day	5.5-0.5
5th	2011	April 22-25	104	Nino Maisuradze	6.0-0.0
6th	2012	April 6-9	119	Hikaru Nakamura	6.0-0.0

* Tie-break winner

B.C. CHESS CHALLENGE

The Chess Challenge finals, normally the largest junior event of the year in these parts, was held at the Grand Pacific Open in Victoria on April 6, just before the start of the GPO. One hundred and seventy-four players from all over the province competed in grade sections to determine who will represent B.C. at the National Chess Challenge, coming up in Halifax on the May long weekend. Perhaps because the nationals are being held so far away the competition in some grades was not quite as stiff as usual, although all the sections were hard fought.

An event like this could not happen without dedicated organizers and volunteers, notably Brian Raymer and Howard Wu but also many others - a big thank you to these and all the other helpers who ensured the event ran so smoothly. [Full results](#) [Links to photo galleries](#) Here is a list of all the prize winners - congratulations to all, and thanks to everyone for participating.

Kindergarten

- 1 Aiden Zhou
- 2 David Jiang
- 3 Ben Pulfer

Grade 1

- 1 Kevin Low
- 2 Neil Doknjas
- 3 Patrick Huang

Grade 2

- 1 Victor Zheng
- 2 Daniel Du
- 3 Benjamen Dou

Grade 3

- 1 Philip Chen
- 2 Luke Pulfer
- 3 Kai Richardson

Grade 4

- 1 Joshua Doknjas
- 2 Brian Butchart
- 3 Matthew Geng

Grade 5

- 1 Samuel Chen
- 2 Max Gedajlovic
- 3 Brendan Wu

Grade 6

- 1 Lionel Han
- 2 Tristan Taylor
- 3 Robin Yu

Grade 7

- 1 Janak Awatramani
- 2 John Doknjas
- 3 Kevin Hu

Grade 8

- 1 Karl Cui
- 2 Jeremy Hui
- 3 Sam Baker

Grade 9

- 1 Ryan Lo
- 2 Andrew Lee
- 3 Rick Yang

Grade 10

- 1 Tanraj Sohal
- 2 Conrad Burgert
- 3 Alice Xiao

Grade 11

- 1 Jack Cheng
- 2 Farley Cannon
- 2 Darren Venables

Grade 12

- 1 Joshua Wild
- 2 Roger Luo
- 3 Bobson Lee

JOSEF VAROSI OPEN (March 15-18) by Michael Yip

Yip, Michael - Jeszenszky, Jozsef [E62] Josef Varosi Open (5), 18.03.2012

This interesting fight was a very hard game to win. **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 0-0 5.g3 d6 6.Bg2 Nc6 7.0-0 Bf5** Black plans to use pieces to control e4. **8.Ne1** Is a quiet line, consistent with my style. Bg2 is release to support e4 while Ne1 can be regrouped via c2. 8.d5!? is the repertoire of Wojo's Weapons 2 (Mongoose Chess 2011). The authors, Ippolito and Hilton, believe that this is the best line. 8...Na5 9.Nd2 c5 (9...c6 10.b4 Nxc4 11.Nxc4 Nxd5 12.Nxd5 Bxa1 13.Bh6 Bg7 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.Nde3 Be6 16.Qd2 f6 17.Rc1 Rc8 18.Na5 Qd7 19.Qd4 c5 20.bxc5 Rxc5 21.Rxc5 dxc5 22.Qxd7 Bxd7 23.Bxb7 Bb5 24.Kf1 Rd8 25.Bd5 e6 26.Bb3 Rd2 27.Nec4 Rd7 28.Na3 Ba6 29.Ke1 e5 30.Nb1 f5 31.f3 h5 32.Nc3 Rd6 33.Bd5 g5 34.Nb3 h4 35.Nxc5 Bc8 36.Kf2 hxg3+ 37.hxg3 Rh6 38.Nb5 Rh2+ 39.Ke1 g4 40.Nxa7 gxf3 41.Bxf3 e4 42.Bxe4 fxe4 43.Nxc8 e3 44.Kd1

Rh1+ 45.Kc2 Ra1 46.Kb2 Re1 47.Ne6+ Kf6 48.Nf4 Rd1 49.Nb6 Ke5 50.Nbd5 Kd4 51.g4 1–0
 Gyimesi,Z-Brenjo,S /Bihac 2010) 10.e4 Bd7 11.Qc2 a6 12.a4 Ne8 13.Rb1 Nc7 14.b4 cxb4
 15.Rxb4 Rc8 16.Bb2 Bd4 17.Ba1 e5 18.dxe6 fxe6 19.Nf3 Bc5 20.Rbb1 e5 21.Qd3 Qf6 22.Nxe5
 dxe5 23.Qxd7 Nxc4 24.Rxb7 Nb6 25.Qd1 Qc6 26.Qb3+ Rf7 27.Ra7 Nc4 28.Qb7 Qe6 29.Nd5 Bxa7
 30.Qxa7 Nxd5 31.exd5 Qd6 0–1 Gajewski,G-Socko,B /Warsaw POL 2012 **8...a6** A slow way to
 continue. Other ways include. 8...Qc8 9.e4 Bh3 10.Nc2 (10.f4 Bxg2 11.Kxg2 e5 12.d5 Nd4 13.fxe5
 dxe5 14.Bg5 Nd7 15.Qd2 Re8 16.Nf3 c6 17.Bh6 Bxh6 18.Qxh6 f6 19.Rad1 c5 20.h4 Qc7 21.h5
 Nf8 22.Nh2 Qg7 23.Qxg7+ Kxg7 24.h6+ Kf7 25.Ng4 Nd7 26.Rf2 Rf8 27.Rdf1 Ke7 28.d6+ Ke6
 29.Nd5 f5 30.Nc7+ Kxd6 31.Nxa8 Rxa8 32.exf5 gxf5 33.Ne3 f4 34.gxf4 Rg8+ 35.Kh3 Rg6 36.fxe5+
 Kxe5 37.Ng4+ Kd6 38.Rf7 Ne6 39.Rxd7+ 1–0 Dautov,R-Wahls,M /Germany 1991) 10...Bxg2
 11.Kxg2 a6 (11...Nd7 12.Be3 e5 13.f3 Now is a better time for f3. 13...exd4 14.Nxd4 Nde5 15.b3 f5
 16.exf5 Nxd4 17.Bxd4 Qxf5 18.Nd5 Rf7 19.Qe2 c6 20.Ne3 Qh5 21.Rad1 Re8 22.Ng4 Ree7
 23.Bxe5 Bxe5 24.Rfe1 Bf6 25.Qd2 Bg7 26.Qxd6 Rxe1 27.Rxe1 h6 28.Qb8+ Kh7 29.Qxa7 Qf5
 30.Qe3 h5 31.Nf2 Rd7 32.Ne4 Bh6 33.Qe2 h4 34.gxh4 1–0 Dautov,R-Reeh,O /Hamburg GER
 2010) 12.f3 Nd7 13.Be3 Rb8 14.Qd3 Na7 15.a4 c5 16.d5 b6 17.Na3 Rb7 18.Qd2 Re8 19.Bh6 Bh8
 20.Rae1 Bxc3 21.Qxc3 f6 22.b3 b5 23.axb5 axb5 24.Nb1 bxc4 25.bxc4 Ne5 26.Be3 Qd7 27.Nd2
 Reb8 28.f4 Nf7 29.e5 fxe5 30.fxe5 Nxe5 31.Bh6 Qg4 32.Rf4 Qh5 33.Rh4 Qf5 34.Rf1 Qc8 35.Rhf4
 Qe8 36.Qa1! Rd8 37.Ne4 Nc8 38.Ng5 Nb6 39.Rf7 Nbxc4 40.Rg7+ Kh8 41.Nf7+ 1–0 Dautov,R-
 Timoscenko,G /Yerevan 1996; 8...Na5 9.e4 Bg4 10.f3 The f3 advance seems more appropriate
 when provoked by ...Bg4. 10...Bd7 11.Qe2 Nc6 12.Nc2 e5 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.b3 a6 15.Bb2 c5
 16.Rad1 Qb8 17.Ne3 b5 18.f4 Nc6 19.e5 Ne8 20.Ne4 Ra7 21.Nxd6 Nxd6 22.Rxd6 Ne7 23.g4 bxc4
 24.bxc4 Nc8 25.Rd2 Nb6 26.Bc3 Qc8 27.Rd6 Na4 28.Ba1 Re8 29.Qc2 Bf8 30.Rxd7 1–0
 Tregubov,P-Kurnosov,I /Krasnoyarsk 2003 **9.e4 Bd7=** 9...Bg4 10.f3 Bd7 11.Nc2 Rb8 12.Bg5 b5
 13.cxb5 axb5 14.b4! Holding up Black's queenside play. 14...e5 15.dxe5 Nxe5 16.f4 Bg4 17.fxe5
 Bxd1 18.Raxd1 h6 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.exf6 Qc8 21.Nd5 Qa6 22.a3 Kh7 23.Rf2 c5 24.h4 h5 25.Kh2
 Qa4 26.Rd3 Rfe8 27.Ne1 Qa7 28.Rfd2 c4 29.Rc3 Kh8 30.Ne7 Rxe7 31.fxe7 Qxe7 32.Nc2 g5
 33.Rd5 Qf6 34.Rf3 Qb2 35.Rf2 gxh4 36.gxh4 Kg7 37.Rg5+ Kh6 38.Bf3 f6 39.Rxh5+ Kg6 40.Rg2+
 Kf7 41.Rh7+ Ke6 42.Rh5 Qc3 43.Rd5 Rh8 44.h5 Kf7 45.Rf2 1–0 Barsov,A-Pham Guerrero,S /Sort
 2009 **10.f3?! Not really needed right now. There were more useful moves. 10.Nc2!?** 10...Rb8
 11.Rb1 This is the same type of position as the main game but with Nc2 instead of the less useful
 f3. 11...Na5 12.Qe2 e5 13.d5 c5 14.b4 The normal way to break down the c5-d6-e5 pawn wall.
 14...cxb4 15.Rxb4 Qc7 16.Bd2 Rfc8 17.Na3 Be8 18.Rfb1 Nd7 19.Bh3 Nc5 20.Bxc8 Rxc8 21.Nd1
 Nd7 22.Ne3 b6 23.f3 Nb7 24.Kg2 Nbc5 25.Rc1 h5 26.Nb1 Nf6 27.Nc3 h4 28.Rcb1 Rb8 29.Be1
 Bd7 30.a4 a5 31.Nb5 Qd8 32.R4b2 Nxa4 33.Ra2 Bxb5 34.Rxb5 Nc5 35.Rab2 Nfd7 36.Nc2 f5
 37.Bf2 Kh7 38.Ne1 Na4 39.R2b3 Nac5 40.Rb1 Qg5 41.Nd3 Rf8 42.Nxc5 dxc5 43.Rxb6 Nxb6
 44.Rxb6 Ra8 45.Bxc5 a4 46.Ba3 Qh5 47.c5 h3+ 48.Kf2 Qg5 49.exf5 gxf5 50.c6 e4 51.f4 Qg6
 52.Rb7 1–0 Nediilko,V-Dziuba,M (/Warsaw POL 2010 **10...Rb8** Going for Panno style queenside
 counterplay with ...b5. 10...b5!? is an interesting pawn sacrifice. 11.cxb5 axb5 12.Nxb5 Qb8 13.a4
 (13.Nc3? Qb6 14.Nc2 e5 15.Ne2 exd4 16.Nexd4? Nxe4! 17.Be3 Nc5=+/) 13...Na5 with
 compensation. **11.Rb1?! A bit too fancy. White is trying too hard to restrain Black's queenside
 initiative with the b4 idea and neglects normal development. 11.Be3 is more to the point and the
 game is roughly balanced. 11...b5 12.cxb5 axb5 13.Nd3 b4 14.Ne2= 11...Na5 12.Qd3** The queen
 is a bit exposed here but compared to Qe2, Nc3 remains protected which may be important in ...c5
 lines. 12.Qe2 should be considered. **12...c5** This lets White back into the game. 12...b5 is more
 thematic. 13.cxb5 axb5 14.b4 The basic idea of Rb1. 14...Nc4 15.Nc2 c6 16.a4 Qc7 17.Rd1
 unclear. **13.dxc5** White is obligated to make a radical change to the pawn structure as the normal
 d5 space-gaining plan is a poor choice because of White's poor piece development. 13.d5? b5=+/ White
 is too far behind in development to fight effectively against the queenside expansion plan.
13...dxc5 14.Bf4! Rc8 15.Nc2?! Not answering the concrete needs of the position. 15.Rd1 Qb6
 (15...Be6 16.Qxd8 Rcx d8 17.Rxd8 Rxd8 18.Bc7+/-) 16.b3 Nc6 17.Qe3 e5 18.Bg5 Nd4 19.Nd3=

15...Be6! 16.Nd5 Bxd5? 16...Nxd5 17.cxd5 Bd7 unclear. 17.exd5 e6 17...Qd7 18.Rfe1+/-
 18.Rfd1?!= Too wimpy. Better is 18.Bh3! 18...exd5 19.cxd5 b5 20.Bh3 Ra8



21.b3= Continuing in prophylactic style. 21.d6! Now is the time to push. 21...Nd7 22.Re1 Nc6 23.Qd5 Nd4 24.Nxd4 Bxd4+ 25.Kh1+/- 21...Nh5!? 21...Ne8? 22.d6± 22.Be3 Qc7?± Better is 22...Qd6= 23.f4? 23.d6! Qc6 24.Qe4 f5 (24...Qxe4? 25.fxe4 Nb7 26.d7 Rad8 27.b4!+-) 25.Qxc6 Nxc6 26.Bxc5± 23...Qd6 24.Bf2 Rad8 25.Qf3? Starting some superficial and time-wasting maneuvers with the queen. 25.Qe3 Nb7 26.b4+/- 25...f5 26.Bg2 Nf6 27.Qe3 Nb7 28.h3?=/+ Completely losing control of the position. 28.Qe6+! Rf7 (28...Kh8 29.b4!+/-) 29.Bf3 Bf8 (29...Re8 30.Qxd6 Nxd6 31.Bxc5 Nde4+/-) 30.a4 Re8 31.Qxd6 Nxd6 (31...Bxd6?! 32.axb5 axb5 33.Na3 b4 34.Nc4+/-) 32.Bxc5+/- 28...Rfe8 29.Qd3 Ne4+/-



Black is now strategically dominating the position and White can only grovel. 30.Be1?-/+ 30.Bxe4 Rxe4 31.Kg2+/- 30...Qf6?!=/+ 30...Qb6!-/+ 31.Bxe4 Rxe4 32.Bf2+/- For now White is hanging on. 32...Bf8 33.Ne3 Rd4 34.Qc2 Rxd1+ 35.Rxd1 Nd6?! Time trouble; 35...Qf7!? 36.Qxc5 Ne4 37.Qc6 Rd6 37...Bd6 leads to tough resistance. 38.Rc1 (38.Qxa6 Qb2 with compensation; 38.Rc1 g5!? unclear; 38.Nf1 with compensation) 38...Qe7 39.Ng2= 38.Qc2 Nc3 38...Rd7 with compensation. 39.Rd3 Bg7 39...Ne4 with compensation. 40.Be1 Ne4 The strong knight gives some compensation for the pawn but White must still work for the win. 41.Kg2+/-



41...Qd8?± Only now does Black really start to lose control. 41...Rd7+/- 42.Bb4 Rd7 43.a4 a5 44.Be1 b4 45.Qc6 Kh8 46.Nc4 Rc7 47.Qb5 Rc5 48.Qa6 Rxd5 49.Rxd5 Qxd5 50.Qc8+ Qg8 51.Qxg8+ Kxg8 52.Nxa5 Bc3 53.Bf2 Nxf2 54.Kxf2 Bd4+ 55.Kf3 Kf7 56.Nc6 Bg1 57.Nxb4 1-0

VANCOUVER VERSUS VICTORIA (May 24-25, 1905)

Board	Vancouver	2½	3½	Victoria
1	B.H. Hurst	1	0	Archibald F. Gibson
2	J. McA. Cameron	0	1	William Marchant
3	Arthur Quinton	½	½	John T.L. Meyer
4	William Francis	1	0	Capt. Charles Clarke
5	Arthur C. Brydone-Jack	0	1	Aaron Gonnason
6	Edmund Francis	0	1	Capt. J. Berkeley Michell

From the Vancouver *Daily World*:

"A few days ago the Victoria Chess Club sent an invitation to the Vancouver Chess Club suggesting a friendly match during the Victoria Day celebrations. The members of the Vancouver club being unable to go to Victoria in sufficient numbers proposed a match by telegraph, and the C.P.R. promptly offered to place their wires gratuitously at the disposal of the clubs. The ever-obliging manager, W. Christie, presided over the operations at the Victoria end, and E. Haughton handled deftly the work. A splendid service was given, and the company is to be congratulated upon the skillful handling of the complicated work of transmitting the hieroglyphics of chess notation.

The players faced each other as follows:

The captains of each team, Messrs. Cameron and Marchant, played at board No. 2. T.H. Piper, who is acknowledged to be the strongest player in the West, and possibly in Canada, officiated as umpire. Messrs. Perry, Lombard and Benson were scorers and timekeepers.

The first blood fell to Victoria. Mr. Marchant defeated the rival captain in twenty-two moves at 11:58, Mr. Cameron resigning at the threatened loss of his queen.

The second game fell to Vancouver, Captain Clarke resigning at the thirty-fourth move at 12:30 a.m.

The third game was won by A. Gonnason, of the Victoria team, who secured a well-earned victory at the twenty-ninth move.

The fourth game also was gathered in by Victoria, Captain Michel winning on the thirty-eighth move.

At two o'clock the Victoria captain suggested that the two umpires adjudicate upon the two remaining games. This however, was not accepted, the answer coming "play it out."

At the forty-seventh move at board No. 3 the Victoria player, Mr. Myer, offered a draw, but the Vancouver player preferred to play on a little longer, and announced his move. This game, however, was finally declared drawn.

Considerable interest was shown in the game at board No. 1. The Vancouver player, B. Hurst, very early in the game developed a strong attack, which was warded off successfully by his astute and experienced opponent, who safely [e]merged out of the opening moves with a pawn to his credit, and a good safe position. Becoming, however, very weary of the prolonged conflict he permitted the establishment of his opponent's rook at a strong strategical point, and finally succumbed to his younger and vigorous opponent. It was a fine exhibition of chess, and players are invited to visit the club rooms where the whole of the games as recorded may be seen.

Mr. Schmerl acted as umpire at Vancouver. It is hoped that the friendly contest will become an annual event. Mr. Harrison very readily placed the spacious rooms of the Driard at the disposal of the tournament players and visitors, and endeavored to make the players as welcome as possible. The net results of the game[s] are as follows:

Victoria	+3 =1	3.5
Vancouver	+2 =1	2.5

The tournament thus terminated in a win for Victoria."

Free Interactive Lecture from BC Champ Max Doroshenko: "Positional Sacrifices"

Reason: In promotion of his upcoming chess academy and in collaboration with the SFU Chess Club, Max is hosting another free interactive presentation.

Date: Saturday April 21st, 3pm-7pm

Location: SFU Burnaby Campus (8888 University Drive) V5A 1S6, Room Maggie Benson Center: MBC 2290 (same room) is just opposite the Bennett library, in the Maggie Benson Center. It is one floor below ground level through the copy center (beside the Mr Sub).

Registration: (optional-Facebook) [Facebook page](#)

Email: contact Joe Roback at chess@sfu.ca

Paul Keres Memorial

The Keres is approaching fast - full details at

<http://keresmemorial.pbworks.com/w/page/1785469/FrontPage>

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

Paul Keres Memorial

May 19-21, Richmond

June Active 1

June 3, Vancouver Bridge Centre

June Active 2

June 17, Vancouver Bridge Centre

Canadian Open

July 8-13, Victoria

U.S. Open

August 4-12, Vancouver WA