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HERE AND THERE

Canadian Open (July 8-13)

Canada's premier annual open event is upon us, and begins at the Grand Pacific Open in Victoria tomorrow morning. There is still time to enter, see the upcoming events section near the end of this issue. And if you cannot attend in person, live games and results will be available during the week at <http://monroi.com/2012-cocc-home.html>.

Philadelphia International (June 29 - July 3)

James Chan participated in this nine-round event with seventy-six other players; he scored 4.0/9. The tournament was won by Indian GM Abhijeet Gupta with 7.5 points, a half point ahead of his compatriot Marani Venkatesh. [Standings](#)

Edmonton International (June 27 - July 2)



Beginning of the last round: Piasetski and Short, with Krush and Porper in the background

The seventh edition of the Edmonton International ended with the top ranked player, Nigel Short of England, coming back from a first-round loss to Victor Mikhalevski to take first place with 20 points (3 points for a win, 1 for a draw). Mikhalevski came second with 17; he was leading for much of the tournament but had a black Canada Day, losing both his games to Dale Haessel and Irina Krush.

Anton Kovalyov placed third, losing only to Rob Gardner, who tied for fifth with Edward Porper for his fine result; Irina Krush was fourth. B.C.'s Leon Piasetski kept getting favourable openings but was unable to capitalize on them - he finished with five draws and four losses. [Festival website](#), including standings, photos, and PGN files.

Gardner, Robert - Kovalyov, Anton [E44] 7th Edmonton int CAN (5), 30.06.2012

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 b6 5.Nge2 c5 6.a3 Ba5 7.Rb1 Na6 8.Bd2 0-0 9.d5 d6 10.Nf4 e5 11.Nh5 Bf5 12.Nxf6+ Qxf6 13.Rc1 Qg6 14.h4 h5 15.Be2 Qxg2 16.Bf3 Qg6 17.Bxh5 Qh7 18.Be2 Bd7 19.f3 f5 20.Kf2 Nc7 21.Qg1 b5 22.b4 cxb4 23.Nxb5 Bxb5 24.cxb5 Bb6 25.Rc6 Rf6 26.Qc1 g6 27.Bxb4 f4 28.Kg2 Qd7 29.exf4 Re8 30.Qc2 Kh7 31.h5 Kg7 32.hxg6 Rxg6+ 33.Qxg6+ Kxg6 34.Rxd6+ Qxd6 35.Bxd6 Nxd5 36.Bd3+ Kg7 37.Bxe5+ Rxe5 38.fxe5 Nf4+ 39.Kg3 Nxd3 40.f4 Kf7 41.Rd1 Nf2 42.Rd7+ Ke8 43.Rb7 Ne4+ 44.Kg4 Nc3 45.f5 Nxb5 46.f6 Nd4 47.e6 Nc6 48.Rh7 Bc5 49.Rc7 1-0

Porper, Edward - Piasetski, Leon [D43] 7th Edmonton int CAN (6), 30.06.2012

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.cxd5 exd5 7.e3 Be7 8.Qc2 Nh5 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.0-0-0 Ndf6 11.Ne5 g6 12.Be2 Ng7 13.g4 Be6 14.f4 0-0-0 15.Kb1 Kb8 16.Ka1 h5 17.h3 Rh7 18.Bf3 Rdh8 19.g5 Nfe8 20.e4 Nc7 21.Rhe1 Rd8 22.f5 gxf5 23.exf5 Nxf5 24.Qxf5 Bxf5 25.Nxc6+ bxc6 26.Rxe7 h4 27.Rc1 Ne6 28.Na4 Nxd4 29.Nc5 Rg8 30.Na6+ Kc8 31.Bxd5 Nc2+ 32.Rxc2 Bxc2 33.Bxc6 f6 34.Re3 Rd8 35.b3 Bd3 36.Nb4 Rc7 37.gxf6 Bg6 38.Bd5 Rd6 39.Be6+ Kb7 40.Bd5+ Kc8 41.Bc4 ½-½

EAC Chess Arts #12 (June 30, July 1)

Maybe the long weekend or the upcoming CYCC/Canadian Open kept people away, but the twelfth EAC tournament attracted just six players in total. Peter Yee and Luke Pulfer tied for first with 3.5/5, a half point ahead of Darren Bates in second. The event was organized, hosted and TDed by Eugenio Alonso Campos. [Crosstable](#)

CYCC (July 3-6)

The 2012 Canadian Youth Chess Championships took place at the Sheraton Vancouver Guildford Hotel in Surrey over the past four days. The event attracted 193 players, the vast majority of which were from B.C. and Ontario but with none from Quebec. Whether this bodes well for the new YCC qualification system and questions of quantity versus quality, the chess politicians will have to decide. One highlight was the attendance of Hikaru Nakamura, who gave a simultaneous display; precise results are hard to obtain, but it appears he gave up two draws in almost forty games played.

The eventual CYCC trophy winners in the various age groups and categories were as follows:

U8

- 1 Neil Doknjas (BC)
- 2 Arhant Washimkar (ON)
- 3 Daniel Du (BC)

U8G

- 1 Kylie Tan (ON)
- 2 Sasha Chertkow (ON)
- 3 Sarah Murray (BC)

U10

- 1 Joshua Doknjas (BC)
- 2 Wenyang Ming (ON)
- 3 Thomas Guo (ON)

U12*

- 1 Jason Cao (BC)
- Joseph Bellissimo (ON)
- 3 Richard Chen (ON)

U14

- 1 Richard Wang (AB)
- 2 Diwen Shi (AB)
- 3 Dezheng Kong (BC)

U16

- 1 Konstantin Semianiuk (ON)
- 2 Alexandru Florea (ON)
- 3 David Itkin (ON)

U18

- 1 Arthur Calugar (ON)
- 2 Jack Cheng (BC)
- 3 Benjamin Blium (ON)

U10G*

- 1 An Nguyen (NB)
- Lily Zhou (ON)
- 3 Andrea Botez (BC)

U12G

- 1 Qiyu Zhou (ON)
- 2 Ashley Tapp (BC)
- 3 Yekta Saremi (BC)

U14G

- 1 Agniya Pobereshnikova (ON)
- 2 Melissa Giblon (ON)
- 3 Rachel Tao (ON)

U16G

- 1 Regina-Veronicka Kalaydina (AB)
- 2 Alice Xiao (BC)
- 3 Joanne Foote (BC)

U18G

- 1 Alexandra Botez (BC)
- 2 Melissa Lee (ON)

*These sections may have required playoffs for first place, but the results are not to hand as we go to press. There were also trophies for the best scores by players in their 'junior' year, i.e., the first year of the two-year age categories, but these winners aren't apparent on the crosstables.

All these players now qualify for the World Youth Championships in Maribor, Slovenia in November; additionally those who lost tiebreaks for third place also qualify, including B.C. player Kevin Low. Congratulations to all, and thanks to Ken Jensen, BC Junior Chess and all the volunteers who helped organize and run the event. For complete results, photographs, and games, see [BC Junior Chess](#) or [Monroi](#).

Kobanya Open (June 1-3) by Michael Yip

Koczko, Kristof won with a perfect score while the best I could do was tie for third after having an accident against Furedi, Erik. The high rated players, except for Koczko, suffered some form of underperformance or another. I started the suffering in round 3 conceding a draw against Lakat (1849) before giving a piece and the game to young Furedi (1593 - age 9). My poor form carried over to round 5 where I just managed to win and then finally in round 6 I played a nice game against Lajtos, Levente who unfortunately gave me a pawn very early in the game. From then I

developed a big attack to win. The entry fee was 3,000HUF for >2000 (10.3Euro/13.3USD /13.4CAN) for a nice weekend of chess.

Lajtos, Levente - Yip, Michael [A41] Kobanya Open (6), 03.06.2012

This was my best game of the tournament but my young opponent started off with a gift very early. **1.d4 d6 2.c4 e5** For this must win last round game, I had no objection to a queenless game. **3.d5** This releases the tension early and Black has no worries. **3.dxe5** The ending is harmless for Black. Here is an example from Canadian master Scoones at a fast G/15 time control. **3...dxe5 4.Qxd8+ Kxd8 5.Nf3 f6 6.Nc3 c6 7.e4 Nd7 8.Be3 Bc5 9.Bxc5 Nxc5 10.0-0-0+ Kc7 11.h3 a5 12.b3 Be6 13.Be2 Ne7 14.Rd2 Ng6 15.Rhd1 Nf4 16.Bf1 g5 17.Kb2 g4 18.hxg4 Bxg4 19.a3 Bxf3 20.gxf3 Rad8 21.Rxd8 Rxd8 22.Rxd8 Kxd8 23.Kc2 h5 24.b4 axb4 25.axb4 Nce6 26.Ne2 Nxe2 27.Bxe2 Nf4 28.Kd2 h4 29.Bf1 h3 30.Bxh3 Nxh3 0-1 Kokorev,E-Scoones,D/ChessAssistantClub 2012 **3...f5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Bg5 Be7** Black can be completely happy with the position even at this early stage. **6.f3?-/+** An early blunder costs White a pawn and essentially the game. **6.e3 Nxd5** a similar tactic to the game. **7.Nxd5 Bxg5 8.h4 Be7 9.Nf3 c6 10.Nc3 Nd7 11.Qc2 Nf6 12.0-0-0 Qa5 13.Nd2 0-0 14.Nb3 Qc7 15.h5 Be6 16.Kb1 Rac8 17.f3 d5 18.c5 Nd7 19.Ne2 a5 0-1 Profazer,G-Tseshkovsky,V /Gmunden 2007; 6.h4 0-0 7.Nf3 Na6 8.Qc2 e4 9.Nd4 h6 10.Bd2 Ng4 11.g3 Bf6 12.Be3 Be5 13.Bh3 Nxe3 14.fxe3 h5 15.0-0-0 Qe7 16.Rdf1 g6 17.Rhg1 Bd7 18.Bg2 Kg7 19.Bh3 Rf6 20.Rd1 c5 21.Nb3 Nc7 22.Na5 Rb8 23.Bf1 Qe8 24.Nb3 b5 25.Nd2 Rf7 26.Bh3 bxc4 27.Nxc4 Nb5 28.Nxe5 Qxe5 29.Nxb5 Bxb5 30.Rd2 Rfb7 31.Bf1 Be8 32.Bh3 a5 33.a3 Rb3 34.Bf1 Rxe3 0-1 Handke,H-Ubilava,E /Benasque 1998; 6.Qc2 Nxd5 A similar tactic to the game. **7.Bxe7 Nxe7 8.e4 0-0 9.Bd3 Nbc6 10.0-0-0 Nd4 11.Qd2 Nec6 12.Nd5 a5 13.Ne2 Nxe2+ 14.Qxe2 Nd4 15.Qd2 c6 16.Ne3 fxe4 17.Bxe4 Be6 18.f3 d5 19.Bd3 Qh4 20.Kb1 a4 21.Qc3 a3 22.b4 Qe7 23.Nc2 Nxc2 24.Kxc2 d4 25.Qd2 b5 26.c5 Bxa2 27.Ra1 Qe6 28.Kd1 Bc4 29.Re1 a2 30.Qe2 0-1 Oyaga Valencia,J -Strikovic,A /Pamplona 2007; 6...Bxf6 giving up the bishops so early is fine for Black. **6...Bxf6 7.e4 0-0 8.Bd3 Na6 9.a3 Nc5 10.Bc2 a5 11.b4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 fxe4 13.Bxe4 g6 14.Ne2 Bf5 15.Nc3 Bg5 16.b5 Qb8 17.0-0 Qa7 18.Qd3 Kh8 19.Ra2 a4 20.Ne2 Rf7 21.Nc3 Bd7 22.Rb2 Raf8 23.Qc2 Be3 24.Nd1 Bc5 25.Ra2 Bd4 26.Kh1 Rf4 27.f3 Qc5 28.Qd3 Kg7 29.Nc3 Bxc3 30.Qxc3 Rxe4 0-1 Borrego Gil,D-Arizmendi Martinez,J /Malaga 2008 **6...Nxd5** A simple tactic that wins a pawn but I checked it very carefully just to be sure. **7.Bxe7 Nxe7 8.Qd2 Be6 9.e4 Nbc6 10.Bd3 0-0 11.a3 Nd4-+** 11...Na5!-+ is also strong. **12.Rd1** So far Black has not had to do anything special but the conversion of the extra pawn needs some care and concentration which I did not show at this critical point in the game. Black can point to numerous advantages but will not be able to win the game without coming up with a logical and well execute plan. The first thing Black must do is make an unbiased inventory of imbalances for each side. Black has********

- (1) An extra pawn
- (2) A temporary lead in development
- (3) A well placed Nd4
- (4) A better bishop that complements the pawn structure.

White has

- (1) An uncastled king
- (2) A worse bishop
- (3) An undeveloped kingside
- (4) Some influence over d5.

Ideally Black would like to catch White's king in the centre with an attack by opening the position up quickly to exploit the temporary lead in development. White would like to play Nge2 and 0-0 to get to safety and then try to trade off the bishop for its counterpart. White also has potential counterplay based on the Qd2/Rd1 alignment of major pieces which could be exploited if Black was careless and White could force open the d-file with c5. Black now focuses on the plan of fully utilizing the extra pawn with ...c6 and ..d5. For now Black does not consider trying to attack White's uncastled king. **12...Qd7-/+** Black proceeds at a leisurely pace. From now on, Black is very casual and a large part of the initial positional advantage slips away. 12...Ng6! Black can speed up the winning process by allowing the queen quick access to the kingside. However, Black sticks to the plan formed and does not consider candidates that do not help the ..c6/..d5 plan. 13.Nge2 Qh4+ 14.Kf1 Nxe2 15.Kxe2 Nf4+ 16.Kf1 fxe4 17.Nxe4—+ **13.Nge2 Nxe2** Black willingly parts with the strong knight so as to speed up the ...c6/d5 plan. **14.Nxe2 c6** Planning for the ...d5 push. **15.exf5 Bxf5 16.Ng3 Bxd3** To a certain extent the bishop for bishop trade helps White, but Black stubbornly sticks to the plan. **17.Qxd3 Rad8** Continuing with the simple plan of pushing ..d5. **18.Qb3 Kh8=/+**



Black still has an extra pawn and has the clear plan of ...d5 but a quick knockout is not in the cards any more. **19.Qa4?** White seeks activity and gives Black a chance to press again. For no good reason, White leaves his king in the centre and invites Black to consider attacking plans. The time has arrived again for Black to think of a plan. First an inventory must be taken. Black has

- (1) An extra pawn
- (2) A slight lead in development.

White has

- (1) An uncastled king which may castle to safety at any time.
- (2) An exposed Qa4
- (3) Temporarily ineffective pieces (Rh1/Ng3)

Black now switches plans from pushing ...d5 to trying to exploiting White's uncastled king/queen. **19...b5!** Tempo play begins and now Black plays with more energy. I was at maximum

concentration now as opposed to the previous 5 games where my brain was on a summer holiday and in a daze. **20.cxb5 cxb5** White's queen is getting chased around and the burden is on White to find the best defence. **21.Qc2 d5** Things are going well for Black and the plan is to push the d-pawn while hoping to catch White's king. **22.Ne4** White played this quickly but it looked suspicious. I did not expect White to leave his king uncastled. Probably White was dreaming of Ng5 getting some counterplay. 22.0-0, castling to safety, was expected. **22...Qf5-/+** Concrete play begins. The emphasis is now on threat making and anticipating/preventing White's tactical shots. I thought this was the killing move. 22...Nf5! Houdini 2.0 finds this quickly but it never occurred to me. 23.Qc5 Nd4 24.Nc3 Nc2+ 25.Kf2 d4 26.Qxe5 Rde8 27.Qxb5 Qe6 28.Qe2 Qb6!-+ **23.Qc5 Qe6 24.Nc3?--+** Now White get overrun. 24.Nf2 This retreat keeps White in the game with a bad position. 24...d4-/+ **24...d4** Now Black pushes forward with tempo and White gets no time to castle. In order to press the attack on White's still uncastled king, Black is willing to return the extra pawn. **25.Ne4 Nd5 26.Rd2** 26.0-0? Castling is prevented with tactics. 26...Ne3-+ **26...Ne3**



Now White is permanently prevented from castling to safety. **27.Qxb5** White regains the pawn but Black gets to make immediate tactical threats. Although material equality has been restored, White is playing without Rh1. Black must approach the next phase with some urgency as White can quickly bring the Rh1 into play. The priority for Black is to make threats that also improve Black's overall position so that the lead in development will grow to decisive proportions. **27...Rc8** Material is even but Black has a winning attack. The threat is now ...Rc1+ winning the Rh1. Starting from here, Black makes concrete threats whenever possible. **28.Kf2** Now White's king is the primary target and Black sets about trying to get in the killing tactical blow(s). **28...Qg6!** After deep thought Black finds a good attacking line. The queen hits g2 and Ne4 which in turn forces White to retreat the active Ne4. 28...Qg4 is also strong. 29.Ng3 Nxe2 30.Kxe2 Qxf3+ 31.Kh3 Rf6!-+ **29.Ng3 Qh6** Now Black x-rays Rd2 and threatens ...Ng4+ to start with. 29...Ng4+ 30.Ke2 Nxe2-+ **30.h3** 30.Qxe5? Ng4+ **30...Nxe2** Good enough. White's pawn cover is broken and ...Qxd2 threatened. 30...Ng4+! is also strong. 31.Ke1 Qe3+ 32.Qe2 (32.Re2 Rc1#; 32.Kd1 Nf2+ 33.Rxf2 Rc1#) 32...Rc1+ 33.Rd1 Rxd1+ 34.Kxd1 Nf2+ **31.Qa5 Nh4** Black makes another threat and White gave up after this. The rook is attacked and ...Rxf3+ is also threatened. 31...Nh4 32.Rd3 Rc2+ 33.Ne2 Qg6-+ is an example of what could happen. **0-1**

49th Canadian Open Chess Championship

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About GM Alonso Zapata: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alonso_Zapata

Date: Sunday July 15, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Location: 14524-91B Avenue, Surrey

Topic: "The avalanche of pawn weaknesses"

Cost: \$20.00

Registration in Advance: Alonso Campos, 604-767-5153, 777-ac-888@live.com

EAC Open #13

Date: Saturday-Sunday, July 21-22, 2012

Location: 14524-91B Avenue, Surrey

Rounds: 5

Time Control: 65 Min / 30 Sec. Delay OR Increment

[Details](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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July 8-13, Victoria

EAC Open 13

July 21-22, Surrey

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August 4-12, Vancouver WA

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