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Stephen Wright

HERE AND THERE

EAC Open #14 (August 18-19)

The big winner in Eugenio Alonso Campos's latest tournament was Alonso himself. He defeated top-ranked Brian McLaren in round 4 en route to taking clear first with four wins and a half-point bye. McLaren tied for second (he took two half-point byes) with Omar Jessa and Peter Yee on 3.0 points. Seven players participated. [Crosstable](#)

UBC Thursday Night Swiss (June 28 – August 9)

Clyde Chen won the latest UBC tournament with a perfect 5.0/5, ahead of a resurgent Peter Broz in second with 3.5 points and Constantin Rotariu on 3.0. The tournament took longer than usual to complete, rounds were suspended for two weeks to allow players the opportunity to take part in the CYCC and Canadian Open in early July. [Crosstable](#)

HAMMER TIME by Dan Scoones

The gamefile for the 2012 Canadian Open has been released, and your faithful correspondent has been browsing through it for interesting specimens of play. For this instalment of Hammer Time we will look at four whirlwind attacking games, two of which involved the eventual winner of the tournament. To start things off, a dramatic last-round encounter between two Experts.

Molden, Len - Trochtchanovitch, Pavel [D04] CAN op 49th Victoria (9.31), 13.07.2012
Queen's Pawn Game

1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.Be2 0-0 5.0-0 d5 6.b3

The Colle-Zukertort Opening is popular among club players but is rather neglected at the grandmaster level [although it forms an important part of current Canadian Champion Bator Sambuev's repertoire, e.g., Sambuev-Kovalyov, CAN ch 2012 – ed.]. White aims his pieces at Black's king and hopes that a favourable opening of lines will lead to a direct attack.

6...Bg4 7.Nbd2 Nbd7 8.h3 Bf5 9.Bb2 Ne4 10.Nh4

Here or on the previous move, g2-g4 was an interesting option.

10...e6 11.Nhf3 g5 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Nd2 Bg6 14.f4 gxf4 15.exf4 Nf6 16.Nf3 Ne4 17.Kh2 Qd6 18.g3 f6 19.Bd3 Bh5 20.Qe1 f5?

It was better to play 20...Bxf3 21.Rxf3 f5, establishing a solid defensive position. After 20...f5? White finds a long series of accurate moves and eventually obtains a strong attack against Black's king.

21.Ne5! Kh8 22.g4! fxg4 23.hxg4 Bg6 24.Qh4 Bxe5 25.dxe5 Qd8 26.Qh6 Kg8



White's buildup has reached its maximum potential. Translation: it is Hammer Time!

27.f5! exf5 28.gxf5 Rxf5 29.Rxf5 Bxf5 30.Rg1+

Every single White piece is involved in the attack. Black's passively-placed forces cannot offer any resistance at all.

30...Bg6 31.Bxe4 dxe4 32.e6!

The alternative 32.Rxg6+ also wins, but the text move is stronger because it forces mate immediately.

32...Qd6+ 33.Kh1 Qe7 34.Rxg6+! hxg6 35.Qh8# 1-0 Bravo!

McLaren, Brian - Piasetski, Leon [B25] CAN op 49th Victoria (4.5), 09.07.2012
Closed Sicilian

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6 6.f4 e6 7.Nf3 Nge7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 Nd4 10.e5!?

This interesting pawn sacrifice is known to theory. Black may have been taken by surprise because he soon runs into problems.

10...exf5 11.Bf2 Nxf3+ 12.Bxf3 Nd4 13.Bg2 dxe5 14.fxe5 Bxe5 15.Ne4 f5 16.Nxc5 Qc7 17.b4 Nc6 18.d4 Bd6 19.c3

White has emerged from the complications with a definite advantage. Black's e-pawn is a natural target and his pieces are restricted by White's central pawns. Black's next move is a radical attempt to alter the course of the game. It achieves that goal, but not the goal of improving Black's chances.

19...Bxc5 20.bxc5 Bd7 21.Re1 Rae8 22.Be3!

Thanks to Black's nineteenth move, White's dark-squared bishop is now unopposed. This is something to think about whenever you're tempted to play bishop-takes-knight.

22...e5 23.Qb3+ Kg7 24.dxe5 h6 25.Rab1 Na5 26.Qb4 Rf7 27.Red1 Bc6 28.Rd6! g5



All of White's pieces are in action and ready to strike at Black's exposed king. Hammer Time has arrived.

**29.e6! Rfe7 30.Qd4+ Kg6 31.g4! Bxg2
32.gxf5+ Kxf5 33.Kxg2 Rxe6 34.Rf1+ Kg6
35.Rf6+ 1-0**

A very strong performance by Brian McLaren, and a tough loss for Leon Piasetski.

Wang, Richard - Hansen, Eric [A47] CAN op 49th Victoria (5.1), 10.07.2012
Queen's Pawn Game

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3 b6 4.Bd3 Bb7 5.0-0 Be7 6.Nbd2 c5 7.b3 Nc6 8.a3 0-0 9.Bb2

Here too White has opted for the Colle-Zukertort setup. Perhaps this system is due for a full-scale revival! **9...Qc7 10.Qe2 cxd4 11.exd4 Qf4**

It looks more natural to occupy f4 with a knight. After 11...Nh5 12.g3 f5 the position is very double-edged but Black's chances appear to be no worse.

12.Rfe1 Rac8 13.Rad1 Rfe8 14.b4 d5 15.b5 Na5 16.Ne5 Bd6 17.g3 Qh6 18.Bc1 Qh3 19.f3



19...Qh5?!

After this move Black is stuck in a negative trend from which he does not recover. He should challenge White's knight with 19...Rc7! 20.Qf2 Nd7, meeting 21.Bf1 with 21...Qf5.

20.Qf2 g5

Or 20...Qh3 21.g4 g5 22.Nb3 Nxb3 23.cxb3 h6 24.Bf1 Qh4 25.Qxh4 gxh4 26.Bxh6 Bxa3 27.Bg5 Kg7 28.Ra1 Bb2 29.Ra4! with advantage to White.

21.h4! g4 If 21...h6 then 22.hxg5 hxg5 23.Kg2 Qh6 24.Rh1 Qg7 25.Rh2 with a continuing initiative for White. **22.Nf1 gxf3** Or 22...Nc4 23.Bg5 Nxe5 24.dxe5 Bc5 25.Ne3 d4 26.Nxg4 Nxg4 27.fxg4 Qxg4 28.Bxh7+ Kf8 29.Kh2, etc.
23.Nh2 Be7



White's preparations are complete, and it is now Hammer Time.

24.g4! Nxg4 25.Nhxg4 Kh8 26.Qxf3 f6 27.Nh6 Rg8+ 28.Kf1 Qxh4 29.Nef7+ 1-0

A very strong performance by White to hand the winner of the tournament his only defeat. Before submitting this article I learned that 14-year-old Richard Wang has just become Canada's newest International Master. Very impressive!

Hansen, Eric - Wu, Howard [A34] CAN op 49th Victoria (4.1), 09.07.2012
 English Opening

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 c5 3.g3 g6 More combative is 3...e6. The English is a slow opening that should be punished whenever possible. **4.Bg2 Bg7 5.a3! 0-0?! Black** could try 5..Nc6 6.Rb1 a5, interfering with the b4 idea. **6.b4 cxb4 7.axb4 d6 8.Rb1 Qc7 9.d3 Be6 10.e4** And now a suggestion for White: 10.Nh3!? intending Nf4. **10...Nc6 11.Nge2 Ng4 12.0-0**



Black's position has become cramped, so he decides to exchange some minor pieces. Unfortunately, the positional results are disastrous.

12...Nd4? 13.Nxd4 Bxd4 14.Nb5! Qb6 15.Nxd4 Qxd4 16.Bb2



It goes without saying that *allowing* knight-takes-bishop has the same effect as playing bishop-takes-knight. White's unopposed dark-squared bishop has now taken control of the long diagonal. The organic weakness of the kingside dark squares is going to make Black's life very difficult.

16...Qb6 17.Qd2

Interesting was 17.c5!? dxc5 18.bxc5 Qxc5 19.d4, but White prefers the consistent plan of mating Black's king.

17...Ne5 18.Kh1 f6 19.f4 Nc6 20.b5 Nb8 21.f5 Bf7 22.fxg6 hxg6 23.Qh6 Nd7 24.Bh3 Ne5



25.Rf4! Qe3 26.Rbf1! Nxd3

Black has done his best to disrupt White's attack, but it is too little, too late. Hammer Time has arrived!

27.Bc1! Nxc1 28.Be6! g5 29.Rh4! 1-0

A very nice attacking display by Eric Hansen, who is surely destined to be Canada's next Grandmaster!

[And as if to confirm the fact, Hansen just achieved his first GM norm in tying for first in the Isthmia Open last weekend – ed.]

2002 CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Just over two weeks ago this year's Canadian Championship came to a close in Montreal, with GM Bator Sambuev retaining the title with one of the most dominant performances that event has seen for a long time – he won his first eight games in a row before agreeing to an innocuous draw in the last round. We have not covered the tournament in these pages because there were no B.C. participants (although one of the players, FM Louie Jiang, formerly lived in this province), but we are reminded that ten years ago was the last time the Canadian Closed was held in British Columbia.

Previously the championship had normally been a round robin, and such was the case on the other three occasions it had been held on this coast, in 1951, 1957, and 1965. However, in 1999 the championship switched to a more open Swiss format, and it was in this form that the tournament was held at the Vancouver Airport Conference Resort Hotel in Richmond, March 21 to April 1 2002. Thirty-six players entered but the obvious favourites were GMs Kevin Spraggett and Alexandre Lesiège, who between them had won the three previous championships. However, also in the running were IMs David Cummings, Jean Hébert, Pascal Charbonneau, and Dave Ross, FM Stephen Glinert, and other strong contenders such as Jack Yoos. Being a zonal tournament one IM and two FM titles were also available to those untitled players with the highest scores equal to or above 66% or 50%, thus making the competition that much more intense.

In the end Spraggett and Charbonneau tied for first, but the lead changed hands several times:

Richmond, 21 March - 1 April 2002			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	
1	Spraggett, Kevin	2629	W23	W31	D 2	W10	W 5	L 3	D 4	W 8	D 6	W 9	W11	8.5
2	Charbonneau, Pascal	2428	W24	W15	D 1	D 6	W 4	L 5	W22	W 3	D11	W 7	W10	8.5
3	Lesiège, Alexandre	2660	W21	D11	W 4	D 5	W 8	W 1	W 6	L 2	D 7	D10	W17	8.0
4	Glinert, Stephen	2391	W12	W22	L 3	W29	L 2	W10	D 1	D 7	W 5	W 6	D 8	7.5
5	Hébert, Jean	2470	W20	W16	W10	D 3	L 1	W 2	W11	D 6	L 4	D17	D12	7.0
6	Yoos, Jack	2425	D29	W35	W26	D 2	D22	W21	L 3	D 5	D 1	L 4	W16	6.5
7	Lawson, Eric	2200	D17	D 9	D19	D31	D16	W26	W13	D 4	D 3	L 2	W22	6.5
8	Herder, Dave	2273	W28	L10	W12	W16	L 3	D 9	W21	L 1	D19	W18	D 4	6.5
9	Ross, Dave	2397	D14	D 7	D30	W15	D11	D 8	D18	D22	W13	L 1	W20	6.5
10	Cummings, David	2490	W18	W 8	L 5	L 1	W24	L 4	W19	D16	W22	D 3	L 2	6.0
11	Reeve, Jeff	2348	W25	D 3	D29	W13	D 9	D22	L 5	W18	D 2	D16	L 1	6.0
12	Roussel- Roozmon, Thomas	2207	L 4	W34	L 8	D18	D19	W30	D17	W31	D16	D20	D 5	6.0

[Full crosstable](#)

Partial cumulative crosstable:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1
Spraggett	1.0	2.0	2.5	3.5	4.5	4.5	5.0	6.0	6.5	7.5	8.5
Charbonneau	1.0	2.0	2.5	3.0	4.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	6.5	7.5	8.5
Lesiège	1.0	1.5	2.5	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	6.0	6.5	7.0	8.0
Glinert	1.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	4.5	5.0	6.0	7.0	7.5
Hébert	1.0	2.0	3.0	3.5	3.5	4.5	5.5	6.0	6.0	6.5	7.0

Spraggett and Hébert set the early pace and met in round five in something of a grudge match. Spraggett won and took the sole lead, but surrendered it when he lost to Lesiège in round six; eventual co-winner Charbonneau also lost in round six, to Hébert. Lesiège kept the lead through round seven but was brought back to the trailing pack in round eight as he was defeated by Charbonneau. This left four players tied for first with three rounds remaining. This was reduced to three in round nine as Glinert defeated Hébert to bring himself within a half-point of first. In round ten Lesiège drew with the luckless Cummings and dropped out of the lead, while Glinert improved his chances for the IM title by defeating Yoos. (Ranked third going into the event, Cummings played the top five finishers but only managed a single draw from those five games.) In round eleven Spraggett and Charbonneau maintained their lead over the rest of the field; Lesiège also won, to bring himself into clear third, a mere half-point away from the winners. Glinert won the IM title, Eric Lawson and Dave Herder the FM titles. Spraggett and Charbonneau contested two tense active games to break the tie for first place; Charbonneau drew the first with black and won the second to capture his first Canadian Championship – he was a still junior at the time.

The tournament was superbly organized by Peter Stockhausen and directed by Lynn Stringer, Mark Barnes, Lyle Craver, and Serge Archambault. We are spoiled by live coverage these days (as I write this I have another window open in which I can watch any game from the current Istanbul Olympiad in real time); ten years ago things were a little different, but the top two games were broadcast live and commented on through the agencies of the World Chess Network, itself now defunct. [Organizer's report](#)

Hébert, Jean - Spraggett, Kevin [A33] CAN ch zt Richmond (5.1), 24.03.2002

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.g3 a6 5.Bg2 Qc7 6.0–0 d6 7.b3 Be7 8.d4 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Bd7 10.Bb2 Nc6 11.Rc1 Nxd4 12.Qxd4 0–0 13.Rfd1 Rfd8 14.e3 Be8 15.a4 Rab8 16.Ba3 b6 17.e4 h6 18.h3 Rbc8 19.Kh2 Qb8 20.Qe3 Nd7 21.Bb4 Nc5 22.Rb1 Qc7 23.Qe1 Bc6 24.f3 Bf6 25.Qe3 Bb7 26.Ne2 d5 27.cxd5 exd5 28.exd5 Re8 29.Qf2 Nd3 30.Rxd3 Qc2 31.Rd2 Qxb1 32.Qxb6 Bxd5 33.Nf4 Ba8 34.Nh5 Ba1 35.Ba5 Rb8 36.Qxa6 Qxb3 37.Bc7 Rbc8 38.Bf4 Bxf3 39.Rd3 Rc2 40.Bd2 Rxd2 0–1

Spraggett, Kevin - Lesiège, Alexandre [B85] CAN ch zt Richmond (6.1), 26.03.2002

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e6 7.0–0 Be7 8.f4 0–0 9.Be3 Nc6 10.Kh1 Qc7 11.Qe1 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 b5 13.a3 Bb7 14.Qg3 Bc6 15.Rad1 Rad8 16.Bf3 a5 17.Rfe1 b4 18.axb4 axb4 19.Nd5 exd5 20.exd5 Ba8 21.Rxe7 Qxe7 22.Re1 Qxe1+ 23.Qxe1 Nxd5 24.Qg3 f6 25.Be4 Rfe8 26.Bd3 Re7 27.Qh4 h6 28.Qg3 Rde8 29.h3 Kf8 30.f5 Rd8 31.Kg1 Bc6 32.Kf2 Rb7 33.Bc4 Ne7 34.Qd3 Rbb8 35.g4 Be8 36.Qe3 Bf7 37.Bxf6 gxf6 38.Qxh6+ Ke8 39.Bb5+ Rxb5 40.Qxf6 Rc5 41.c3 bxc3 42.bxc3 Nd5 43.Qh8+ Ke7 44.Qh4+ Nf6 0–1

Charbonneau, Pascal - Lesiège, Alexandre [B12] CAN ch zt Richmond (8.1), 28.03.2002

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.a3 h6 6.Be2 Ne7 7.0-0 Nd7 8.Nbd2 Bh7 9.b3 c5 10.dxc5 Nxc5 11.b4 Nd7 12.c4 dxc4 13.Nxc4 Nd5 14.Bb2 Be7 15.Na5 Qb8 16.Bc4 N5b6 17.Bb3 0-0 18.Qe2 Rd8 19.Rad1 Kh8 20.Rfe1 Nf8 21.Nd4 Nd5 22.f4 Nxf4 23.Qf3 N8g6 24.g3 Nh3+ 25.Kg2 Nxe5 26.Qxb7 Bf6 27.Qxb8 Raxb8 28.Kxh3 Nd3 29.Rxd3 Bxd3 30.Nac6 Rbc8 31.Nxd8 Rxd8 32.Rd1 Be4 33.Bc3 Rc8 34.Be1 Rd8 35.Bf2 Bd5 36.Bxd5 Rxd5 37.Rd2 Bg5 38.Rc2 a6 39.Rc5 Rd8 40.Ra5 Rd6 41.Kg2 Kh7 42.Rc5 Bf6 43.Rc6 Rd8 44.Nc2 Rd2 45.a4 e5 46.a5 e4 47.Kf1 Be7 48.b5 axb5 49.a6 1-0

Charbonneau, Pascal - Spraggett, Kevin [B42] CAN ch zt playoff Richmond (2), 01.04.2002

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Nf6 6.0-0 d6 7.c4 Nbd7 8.Nc3 Qc7 9.b3 b5 10.Bb2 b4 11.Na4 Bb7 12.Qe2 Be7 13.f4 0-0 14.Kh1 g6 15.f5 e5 16.Nc2 a5 17.a3 bxa3 18.Nxa3 Bc6 19.Nb5 Qb7 20.Rae1 Rfe8 21.Qf3 Bf8 22.Bc1 Qb8 23.g4 Bg7 24.Ba3 d5 25.exd5 Bxb5 26.cxb5 e4 27.Bxe4 Ne5 28.Qg3 Nxe4 29.Rxe4 Qxb5 30.Rfe1 Rad8 31.d6 Qd5 32.Kg1 Rxd6 33.Bxd6 Qxd6 34.Nb2 Qb6+ 35.Kg2 Qc6 36.Kh3 f6 37.Nc4 gxf5 38.gxf5 Qd7 39.Nxe5 fxe5 40.Rxe5 Rxe5 41.Rxe5 Kf7 42.Rc5 1-0

7th Annual Langley Open

Date: September 1 to September 3, 2012 (Labour Day Weekend)

Location: Brookwood Senior Centre, 19899-36 Ave, Langley, BC

Rounds: 6 Rounds, Open Swiss

Type: Regular Swiss.

Time Controls: G/90 + 30 second increment

Entry Fee: Single Entry: \$70 Early Entry: \$60 if paid by August 22, 2012 Family Rate: Parent Pays

Full Rate, Children Pay just \$15 each

Prizes: Minimum Prize Fund is being guaranteed at \$2000, with generous prizes for Best Under 2000 rated player, Best Under 1700 rated player and biggest upset. Tournament winner qualifies for the 2012 BC Closed Championships.

Registration and full details: <http://langleychess.com/events/open-2012>

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When: Saturday Sept. 8, 2012

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Time Control: Game/25 with 5 second increment

Entry Fee: \$10 if pre-registered and paid on or before Monday, Sept. 3, \$11 if pre-registered only, \$13 at the door

Prizes: 1st - Trophy & book prize, 2nd book prize, 1st U1700 Trophy & book prize, 2nd U1700 book prize, 1st U1400 book prize

Registration: Online (enter the player's name on the next line and click "Buy Now"), by email to [Paul Leblanc](mailto:Paul.LebLANC@shaw.ca) or in person to Roger Patterson at the Victoria Chess Club on club nights, or at the door from 9:00 to 9:30. Registration after 9:30 does not guarantee a Swiss pairing

1st [Enrico Winery](#) Open Chess Tournament

Mill Bay (Vancouver Island), September 15, 16

- in conjunction with the Bishops of Bowser
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- prizes offered include same chess equipment offered at the Bowser tournament
- all chess equipment will be provided
- tournament times and rules will be the same as the Bowser tournament
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- registration is payable to Robert McFetridge at mcfetridge@shaw.ca

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

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

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September 1-3, Langley

Victoria Olympiad Active Fundraiser

September 8, Victoria

Enrico Winery Open

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September 30, Vancouver Bridge Centre

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October 21, Vancouver Bridge Centre