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HERE AND THERE

World Senior Championship (November 12-23)



No juniors at this event; that's Leon Piasetski, second in on the right

The World Senior Championship is currently taking place in Opatija, Croatia. There are five Canadians participating, including two from this province, Leon Piasetski and Brian McLaren. After four of eleven rounds they are also the leading Canadians, with 3.0 and 2.5 points respectively. [Tournament website](#)

Ramos, Cesar - Piasetski, Leon David [B06] Wch Seniors 23rd Opatija (1.33), 12.11.2013

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nf3 d6 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.e5 dxe5 6.Nxe5 0-0 7.0-0 c5 8.dxc5 Qc7 9.Qe2 Qxc5 10.Nc3 Nbd7 11.Nf3 a6 12.Bb3 b5 13.Ne4 Qc7 14.Bg5 Bb7 15.Nxf6+ exf6 16.Be3 Rfe8 17.Nd4 Nc5 18.Rad1 Bh6 19.Qd2 Bxe3 20.fxe3 Qe5 21.Rde1 Ne4 22.Qd1 f5 23.Nf3 Qe7 24.c3 Rad8 25.Qe2 Nf6 26.Nd4 Ng4 27.Rxf5 gxf5 28.Nxf5 Qg5 29.Qxg4 Qxg4 30.Nh6+ Kg7 31.Nxg4 Rd2 32.Nf2 Rxb2 33.e4 Rd8 34.Nd1 Rb1 35.Kf2 a5 0-1

Mclaren, Brian - Norman, Dinah [A00] Wch Seniors 23rd Opatija (1.88), 12.11.2013

1.g3 d5 2.Bg2 Nf6 3.d3 c6 4.Nd2 Bg4 5.h3 Bh5 6.Ngf3 Bxf3 7.Nxf3 e6 8.0-0 Be7 9.b3 0-0 10.Bb2 a5 11.a3 Nbd7 12.Qe1 Re8 13.e4 Nc5 14.e5 Nfd7 15.Qe2 Qc7 16.Rae1 Na6 17.Nh2 b5 18.f4 Bc5+ 19.Kh1 b4 20.a4 Qd8 21.Qh5 Nf8 22.Nf3 Ra7 23.g4 Nb8 24.f5 exf5 25.gxf5 d4 26.Re4 Rd7 27.Rg4 Bb6 28.f6 g6 29.Qh6 Ne6 30.Ng5 1-0

October VCS Open (October 25-27)

The monthly open at the Vancouver Chess School for October was an opportunity to get a FIDE-rated performance but entries to the Open were lacking, so the rating floor was dropped from 1800 to 1600 to produce an eight-player section. Matthew Herdin powered his way through to take first prize and push his rating over 2200 for the first time with a perfect picket fence of ones, Butch Villavieja was second, while Luke Pulfer won the U1800 prize. In the twenty-four player Reserve Section Kevin Low came out on top, ahead of George Kim, Ethan Low, and Aiden Zhou in second. Maven Zheng, Annika Zhou, Alec Chung, and Danny Liu split the U1300 prize, while David Jiang was the sole winner of the U1000. [Results](#)

October Active (October 20)

Another monthly active, another tournament win for Butch Villavieja, although he was top-ranked in the twenty-five player field. James Chan placed second, losing to Butch but winning the rest of his games. The other prizes winners were Luke Pulfer (U1800), Brian Sullivan and Stephen Brock (U1500), Cindy Zhao and Ryan Leong (U1200), and Neil Doknjas (biggest upset). The organizer was Maxim Doroshenko and the event was held at the Vancouver Chess School. [Results](#)

Unive Open (October 18-26)

GM Maxim Rodshtein won the 17th Unive Open, held at Hoogeveen in the Netherlands, with 7.5/9, just ahead of Viktor Moskalenko and Erwin L'Ami. Leon Piasetski finished on plus one (5.0 points) in the seventy-seven player, nine-round event. [Tournament website](#)

Piasetski, Leon - Gieben, Stijn [A21] Unive op 17th Hoogeveen (9.18), 26.10.2013

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Bb4 3.Nf3 Bxc3 4.bxc3 d6 5.g3 Nc6 6.d3 h6 7.Bg2 Be6 8.Rb1 Rb8 9.e4 Nge7 10.Nh4 0-0 11.g4 Kh7 12.Nf5 Ng8 13.h4 g6 14.Ng3 Nce7 15.f4 f5 16.h5 fxe4 17.hxg6+ Nxg6 18.f5 Nf4 19.Bxf4 exf4 20.Nxe4 d5 21.fxe6 dxe4 22.Bxe4+ Kg7 23.Qf3 Qf6 24.Kd2 Qxe6 25.g5 hxg5 26.Rh7+ Kf6 27.Qh5 Qe8 28.Qh1 Qe5 29.d4 Qa5 30.Qh5 Qxa2+ 31.Bc2 Ke6 32.Qg4+ Kd6 33.Qd7# 1-0

UBC Fall Round Robin Chess Championship

From Paul Burke: "The UBC Fall Round-Robins scheduled for the November 30 - December 1 weekend are cancelled due to no advance entries."

BCCF Junior Championship (November 8-10)

This year's junior championship was hotly contested; half of the twenty-player field was rated over 2000, with four over 2200 and including current (adult) B.C. Champion Tanraj Sohal. There were also a couple of dark horses, Davaa-Ochir Nyamdorj and his sister Uranchimeg, newly emigrated from Mongolia. Uranchimeg has played in the Mongolian women's championship, but the only information we had on Davaa-Ochir was a national rating on 2037. After three rounds five players were tied for first with 2.5 points: Sohal, Jason Cao, Ray Wu, Matthew Herdin, and Jermey Hui. In round four Sohal and Cao defeated Hui and Herdin respectively, while Wu was held to a draw by Ryan Lo. This left Sohal and Cao tied for the lead going into the last round, with only Wu and Davaa-Ochir capable of catching them (the latter had gotten his queen trapped against Ethan Low in the first round but then won his next three). To the surprise of many Sohal and Cao agreed to a very quick draw; Davaa-Ochir and Wu had a long, tense battle with Black being up the exchange in a blocked position but he eventually allowed White a decisive pawn breakthrough.



Thus Davaa-Ochir Nyamdorj joined Tanraj Sohal and Jason Cao as co-champions for 2013; the qualification spot for the 2014 BC Closed went to Cao on tiebreak (Sohal is already qualified as defending champion). An indication of how hard-fought the event was is the fact the average length of game was forty-eight moves, with two reaching the ninety-move mark (although admittedly there were a few in the field with a propensity for playing on almost to mate). In the thirty-two player Reserve Section the "A"s came out on top – Alex Reny was first with a perfect 5.0/5, followed by Alec Chung on 4.5 and Annika Zhou with 3.5, the latter finishing third on tiebreak ahead of five other players. The tournament was held at the Vancouver Chess School and organized by Maxim Doroshenko. [Results](#) [A history of the championship](#)

Sohal, Tanraj - Doknjas, John [A61] BCCF jun Vancouver (2.1), 09.11.2013

1.d4 c5 2.d5 e6 3.c4 Nf6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.Nf3 g6 7.Bf4 a6 8.a4 Bg7 9.h3 0-0 10.e3 Ne8 11.Be2 Nd7 12.0-0 Qe7 13.a5 Rb8 14.Nd2 Ne5 15.Bg3 f5 16.Kh2 Nf6 17.f4 Ned7 18.Re1 Ne4 19.Ndx4 fxe4 20.Ra4 Bxc3 21.bxc3 b5 22.axb6 Nxb6 23.Ra1 h5 24.Kh1 Ra8 25.Rb1 Nd7 26.Rf1 h4 27.Bf2 Kg7 28.Qa4 Rh8 29.Qc6 Ra7 30.Bg4 a5 31.Qa4 Ba6 32.c4 Nf6 33.Be6 Qc7 34.Be1 Bc8 35.Bc3 Bxe6 36.Bxf6+ Kxf6 37.Qa1+ Kf5 38.Qxh8 1-0

Herdin, Matthew - Cao, Jason [E52] BCCF jun Vancouver (4.2), 10.11.2013

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 d5 6.Nf3 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Ne5 Nbd7 10.f4 Bd6 11.Qf3 Qe7 12.a3 a6 13.Bd2 c5 14.g4 h6 15.Nxd7 Qxd7 16.g5 hxg5 17.fxg5 Ne4 18.Nxe4 dxe4 19.Bxe4 Bxe4 20.Qxe4 Rfe8 21.Qg2 cxd4 22.exd4 Rad8 23.Rf2 Bc7 24.Bc3 Re3 25.Raf1

Rh3 26.Qe4 Re8 27.Qf5 Qxf5 28.Rxf5 Re2 29.R1f2 Bxh2+ 30.Kg2 Rxf2+ 31.Rxf2 Rh4 32.Rf5 Bd6 33.Rd5 Be7 34.Bd2 Kf8 35.Kf3 Rh2 36.Ke3 Ke8 37.Kd3 g6 38.a4 Rf2 39.b3 Rf3+ 40.Kc2 Rg3 41.a5 b5 42.Rxb5 Rg2 43.Rd5 Bb4 44.Kd3 Rxd2+ 45.Kc4 Be7 46.Re5 Kd7 47.b4 Bd6 48.Re3 Rb2 49.Rb3 Rxb3 50.Kxb3 Kc6 51.Kc4 Bf4 52.d5+ Kd6 53.Kd4 Bxg5 54.b5 axb5 55.a6 Bd8 0-1

Nyamdorj, Davaa-Ochir - Wu, Ray [B12] BCCF jun Vancouver (5.2), 10.11.2013

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Be2 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.0-0 cxd4 8.cxd4 Nge7 9.Nc3 Nc8 10.Be3 Nb6 11.Ne1 Be7 12.g4 Bg6 13.f4 Be4 14.Bf3 Nc4 15.Bc1 Bxf3 16.Nxf3 h5 17.g5 Bb4 18.Qd3 g6 19.a3 Bxc3 20.Qxc3 Qa5 21.Qd3 Qc7 22.b3 Nb6 23.Bd2 a5 24.a4 0-0 25.Rac1 Qd7 26.Rc5 Nc8 27.Rfc1 N8e7 28.Qb5 Rfd8 29.Kf2 Nf5 30.Qd3 Rdc8 31.Qb5 Rd8 32.Qd3 Kg7 33.Rb5 Nfe7 34.Rcc5 Na7 35.Bxa5 Rdc8 36.Rb6 Rxc5 37.dxc5 Nec8 38.Rd6 Nxd6 39.exd6 Nc6 40.Bc3+ Kh7 41.Ne5 Nxe5 42.Bxe5 Ra5 43.Qd4 Ra8 44.Qb4 Ra6 45.Qb5 Rc6 46.a5 Kg8 47.b4 Kf8 48.Qd3 Ke8 49.Bc3 Kd8 50.Qd4 Qe8 51.Qh8 Qxh8 52.Bxh8 Kd7 53.Ke3 Rc8 54.Bf6 Ra8 55.Kd4 Ra6 56.h4 Ra8 57.Be7 Re8 58.b5 Ra8



Black is winning a pawn, but ... 59.a6 bxa6 60.c6+ Ke8 61.b6 1-0

BROWSING FOR ENDGAMES by Dan Scoones

Today's browsing takes us back to the 2013 Grand Pacific Open in Victoria, and to the fourth-round encounter between **Dan Erichsen** (White) and **Alfred Pechisker** (Black). We pick up the action with White to play his forty-third move. It should not take more than a brief glance at the diagram to see that White has a big advantage. The winning plan must involve pushing the queenside pawn majority and White correctly starts off this plan by centralising his king. This is a good policy in practically all endgames but here it has the added benefit of releasing White's knight from the task of watching Black's advanced f-pawn. Black for his part follows the corresponding strategy of bringing up his king and hoping for the best.



43.Kc2 Kf7 44.Kd3 Kg6 45.c4 Kf5 46.Kd4

White is winning by force after the direct 46.b5!? axb5 47.cxb5 Bd8 48.Nxd6+ Kg4 49.Nc4 f3 50.b6 Kh3 51.b7 Bc7 52.Ke3 Kg2 53.d6 f2 54.dxc7 f1Q 55.c8Q. Although Black has managed to promote a pawn and now has few checks, it should be clear that as soon as they run out White will immediately obtain a second queen. That is bound to conclude matters fairly quickly.

46...f3

A desperate bid for counterplay that is, however, more-or-less forced.



47.c5?!

Analysis demonstrates that White should keep Black on the rack for one more move by playing 47.g6! This move does three things: 1) it fixes a target on g7; 2) it could draw Black's king away from his f-pawn; 3) it passes the move to Black and puts him in a state of near-zugzwang. White wins after 47...Kf4 (or 47...Kxg6 48.c5 Kf7 49.Ke3 Ke8 50.Kxf3 Kd7 51.c6+ Kc7 52.Kg4 g6 53.Nd2

and White wins) 48.Kd3 Bf8 (or 48...Bh4 49.Nxd6 Be7 50.Ne4 Bxb4 51.Kd4 Bd6 52.c5 Be5+ 53.Kd3 Kf5 54.c6 a5 55.Ke3 f2 56.Nxf2 Kxg6 57.Ke4 and White is winning) 49.b5 axb5 50.cxb5 Be7 51.b6 Bd8 52.b7 Bc7 53.b4 Bb8 54.b5 Ke5 55.Ng3 Kf4 56.Nh5+ Kf5 57.Nxg7+ Kxg6 58.Ne6 Kf6 59.Ke3 Ke5



60.Nf8! Kxd5 61.Nd7 Bc7 62.Kxf3 Ke6 63.b8Q Bxb8 64.Nxb8 d5 65.b6 Kd6 66.Ke3! Kc5 67.Nd7+ Kc6 68.Kd4! Kxd7 69.Kxd5 Kd8 70.Kd6 Kc8 71.Kc6 Kb8 72.b7 and White mates in a few moves.

47...dxc5+?!

Black can stay in the game with 47...Kf4! 48.c6 (or 48.b3!? g6!? 49.Kd3 f2 50.Nxf2 dxc5 51.bxc5 Bxc5 52.Ne4 Bb6) 48...Bd8 49.Kd3 Bc7 50.g6 Kg4 51.Kd2 Kf4 52.Nf6 Kg3 53.Nh5+ Kh2 54.Ke3 Kg2 55.Nf4+ Kg3 56.Nd3 Bd8 57.Ke4 Kg4 58.Nf2+ Kg3 59.Nd1 Kg4 60.Ne3+ Kg3 61.Nf5+ Kg4 62.Nxd6 f2 63.Nc4 Bc7 64.Nd2 Bb8 65.Ke3 Kf5 66.Kxf2 Ke5 67.Nc4+ Kxd5 68.Na5 Kd4



Perhaps Black is still losing but at least he has avoided immediate disaster. Back to the game...

48.bxc5 Bxc5+



49.Kxc5?

An incomprehensible error. White is clearly winning after 49.Nxc5! f2 50.Ne4! f1N (50...f1Q? 51.Ng3+ and wins) 51.Kc5!; for example, 51...Ne3 (or 51...Kxe4?! 52.d6! and White wins) 52.d6 Ke6 53.Kc6 Nc4 54.Nc5+ Kf5 55.Nxa6 Kxg5 56.b4 since Black will soon have to give up his knight for one of White's pawns.

49...Kxe4 50.d6 f2 51.d7 f1Q 52.d8Q Qb5+

Black has promoted first and White's advantage has completely disappeared.

53.Kd6 Qd5+ 54.Kc7 Qc5+!?

Or:

a) 54...Qe5+ 55.Qd6 Qxb2 56.Qxa6 Qe5+ 57.Kd7 Qxg5 58.Qc4+ and draws; or

b) 54...Qxd8+ 55.Kxd8 Kf5 56.b4 Kxg5 57.Kc7 Kf5 58.Kb6 g5 59.Kxa6 g4 and the draw is clear.

55.Kb7 Qb5+ 56.Qb6 Kd3!?



Setting one last trap...

57.Qxb5+??

Completing the incredible turnaround. White should draw fairly easily after 57.Ka7! Qxg5 58.Kxa6, etc.

57...axb5 58.Kb6 b4 59.Kb5 b3 60.Kb4 Kc2 61.Ka3 g6



The so-called “trebuchet” in its purest form. White is losing his b-pawn and there is nothing left but resignation (0:1).

I suspect that Dan Erichsen was rather shell-shocked after this game. However, he is a creative player with many interesting ideas so this game will have to go into his storehouse of experience and help him in his future encounters.

Taylor, John ("Jack") Monteith (July 11, 1907 - September 9, 1974)

The Jack Taylor Memorial is this weekend in Victoria; this is the player the tournament honours:

Born in Glasgow, Scotland. The Taylor family immigrated to Canada when Jack was fourteen, arriving at Quebec aboard the S.S. Cassandra on July 1, 1922. They first lived in Regina, Saskatchewan, but settled permanently in Vancouver a few years later. After graduating from UBC Jack worked as a traffic manager, initially for the David Spencer Department Store (bought by Eatons in 1948), later for Forsts Ltd. Jack Taylor did not learn to play chess until he came to Vancouver, but progressed so rapidly that only five years later, in 1929, he won the B.C. Championship:

"The victory of Mr. J.M. Taylor by 5-0 proclaims the appearance of a new star in the British Columbia chess firmament. The new champion is a British Columbia University man, twenty-one years of age, and is evidently modest and unassuming, for he asks for explanatory notes to the game and helpful information. His opening is scholarly with considerable combinative power in the middle game, is our verdict." [Thomas Piper, *Daily Colonist*, 14 April 1929]

"Mr. J.M. Taylor gave us the pleasure of his company for a few days. The new champion is well versed in the learning of chess, plays over the classical examples from memory, and has a sound position judgment with combinative powers of a high order. He is a most pleasant opponent, courteous and unassuming in manner, and is a valuable acquisition to British Columbia in general and Vancouver in particular." [Thomas Piper, *Daily Colonist*, 4 August 1929]

Taylor repeated as B.C. Champion in 1930, 1938, and 1945, and tied for first in 1953; he was also Vancouver Champion on numerous occasions. Jack never made much of a mark nationally, always finishing in the lower half of the Canadian Championships he played in (Saskatoon 1945, Vancouver 1951, Winnipeg 1953, Vancouver 1957). However, he did win a number of miniatures in these competitions due to his sharp eye for tactics; he won games in 12 and 10 moves respectively in the 1945 and 1953 competitions. Jack was a very popular player, and was instrumental in the development of the City Chess Club when it was formed as an offshoot of the Vancouver Chess Club in 1948.



"We note with regret the passing of Jack Taylor. Jack loved chess and played a very good game. In 1929, Jack won the B.C. Championship. In his last tournament, Jack came second in the 'A' Section of the B.C. Class Championships in April. However Jack will be remembered most for his candour and cheerfulness; whenever you wanted to see somebody enjoying himself, all you had to do was go and watch Jack Taylor, the man with the smile." [*CFC Bulletin*, January/February 1975]

Taylor, Jack - Hall, Leonard [C15] CAN ch Saskatoon (6), 1945

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bd3 Ne7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.0-0 Bxc3 7.bxc3 dxe4 8.Bxe4 c6 9.Bxh7+ Kxh7 10.Ng5+ Kg8 11.Qh5 Re8 12.Ba3 1-0

Doe, Raymond - Taylor, Jack [A16] CAN ch Winnipeg (9), 09.1953

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.cxd5 Nxd5 4.e4 Nb4 5.Qa4+ N8c6 6.d4 Bd7 7.a3 Nxd4 8.Bb5 Bxb5 9.Nxb5 Ndc2+ 0-1

BI-WEEKLY BAFFLER by Valer Eugen Demian



Baffler #19:

A simple question needing a simple answer and a bit of careful calculation: can Black play and win? This was not an endgame between patzers, but between 2 GMs...

#18 Answer:



The first rule to look for in any King and pawns endgame is the square rule. Black's main threat is **1... fxg3** and White is way out of the square; if it tries to prevent that with **1.Kd3 fxg3 2.Ke3 gxh4** Black gets two connected passed pawns and an easy win. It is clear White must take care of the g3-pawn. Here we have 2 options:
1.gxf4 gxh4 Now White cannot catch the h4-pawn and trying to run the f4-pawn down the board fails immediately: **2.f5 Kc5** Black is in the square and wins with the h4-pawn **0-1**

The only remaining option is (main line): **1.g4 gxh4** The f4-pawn can be caught by the Kc3 as of now, while Black has no time to move the King closer to the pawns. A pawn race follows:
2.g5 h3 3.g6 h2 4.g7 h1=Q 5.g8=Q Qf3+ 6.Kd2

The extra pawn Black has is not enough for a win given the exposed position of the Black King. White would have no trouble checking to perpetuity; if Black exchanges Queens, White could easily hold the opposition.

UPCOMING EVENTS

UBC Thursday Night Blitz (note the change of format)

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Henry Angus Building, University of British Columbia
Entry fee \$10+, depending on number of players and whether rated or not
Contact Aaron Cosenza, xramis1@yahoo.ca, or see <https://www.facebook.com/UBCChess>

Vancouver Rapid Team Ch. 2013-14

September 2013 - April 2014
Details on web-site
www.VancouverRapid.ca

November Active

November 16, Vancouver Chess School
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Jack Taylor Memorial

November 16-17, Victoria
[Details](#)

Fraser Heights Chess Challenge K-12

November 17, Surrey
[Details](#)

November VCS Open

November 22-24, Vancouver Chess School
[Details](#)

December Active

December 8, Vancouver Chess School
[Details](#)

Knightmare Junior Quads

December 8, Burnaby
[Details](#)

December VCS Open

December 13-15, Vancouver Chess School
[Details](#)

Greater Vancouver Class Championship

December 14-15, Surrey
[Details](#)

Knightmare Junior Hexagonal

December 28, Burnaby
[Details](#)