

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #286

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Stephen Wright

HERE AND THERE

WYCC (September 20-29)

This year's WYCC is about to begin in Durban, South Africa, with the first game at 4 pm local time on Saturday, September 20 (which equates to 7 am on the same day for those of us in B.C.). The previous event, in the United Arab Emirates last December, set a new record for participation and Canada also sent its largest team ever, forty-one players. This time only sixteen Canadian players, possibly influenced by the expense or the Ebola scare, have made the trek but this includes two from this province, Davaa-Ochir Nyamdorj and his sister Uranchimeg. Good luck to them and to all our Canadian representatives! Normally at least some games are broadcast live; there is no indication of this yet on the [official website](#), but presumably details will appear there when and if the broadcasts start. News from the Canadian team will appear on their [blog](#).

Vancouver Rapid Team Championship

We gather that round 1 of this year's Vancouver rapid team championship was played on Tuesday, September 16 at the Vancouver Chess School. Team results can be found on the [event website](#) but other details, such as individual results, team rosters, or the event rules, have yet to be made public. The next round is scheduled for October 21.

NATO Championship (September 8-12) Paul Leblanc

Former Canadian Forces Champion Paul Leblanc was a participant in the 25th NATO Chess Championship, held this year in Quebec City. The championship, held as a seven-round Swiss, is both an individual and team event; players from the same country may not be paired together, and the best four individual scores for each team determine the team standings. Paul made the following comments on the [Chesstalk](#) discussion board: "This was the best organized chess event that I have ever played in. Although nominally a chess tournament, it provides an opportunity for NATO allies to bond, so to speak. The event was held at the wonderful Citadelle du Quebec and included tours of fortified Quebec, the Governor General's Citadelle residence and the Plains of Abraham. The opening ceremony was highlighted by a demonstration by the Van Doos Regimental Band and Honour Guard. The Colonel commanding the regiment gave the opening address and made the honorary first move at the tournament. The awards banquet was held in the magnificent dining room of l'Assemblée Nationale. A nice touch was the frequent presence of Bernard Labadie, President of the FQE who gave two nice speeches and played in the blitz tournament.

The Germans won, as they have in twenty of the twenty-five times this event has been held. Canada Team 1 consisted of currently serving members of the Canadian Armed Forces and Canada Team 2 was comprised of Canadian Armed Forces veterans. Both teams were heavily out-gunned by their competition but acquitted themselves very well in terms of performance ratings. Military Chess in Canada has been growing steadily in the past five years and represents a

promising niche in Canadian chess. Congratulations to Major Regis Bellemare and his team for putting this very impressive event together - the first time the NATO Championship has been held in North America." As noted Germany won the team component ahead of Poland and the United States; the winner of the individual competition was German IM Lorenz Drakbe, who came ahead of Pole Dariusz Sycz on tiebreaks after both scored 6.0/7. [Event website](#)

VCS September Active (September 7) by Joe Roback



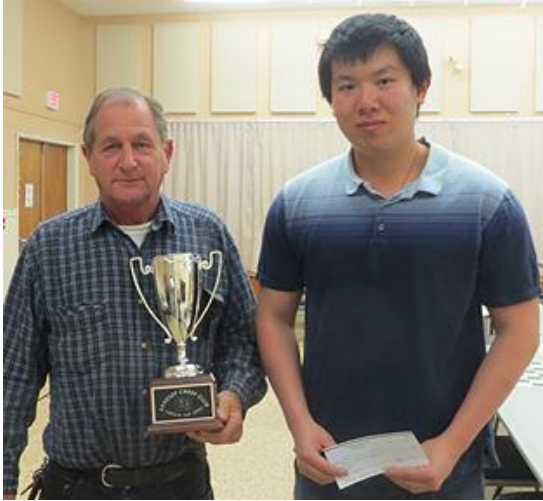
This month's winner was Davaa-Ochir Nyamdorj who is making a name for himself in B.C. He won the 2014 September Active with a clear 5.5/6 and was awarded \$120. Typically, tournaments try to avoid pairing siblings but Davaa was forced to play his sister, Uranchimeg in the last round due to the strong performances of the siblings-Nyamdorj. This case of assigned sibling rivalry occurred in last week's Langley Open where John was forced to play Joshua in round 5. There was a three-way tie for second place with Max Gedajlovic, James Chan, and John Doknjas and the \$90 prize was split three ways. It looks like John Doknjas will qualify for the Rapid Grand Prix this month due to tie breaks (posted in the cross-table). He narrowly missed qualifying in March due to tie breaks behind Davaa who both scored an undefeated 5.0/6.



The U1900 section was also split between Richard Ingram, Nathan Shao, and Nathaniel Knox (\$70 split). The U1500 section prizes also ended up in a three-way split between Neil Doknjas, Victor

Zheng, and Alec Chung (\$16.50 each). Kevin (Qiwen) Tang was clear first under 1300 for \$60 and Ping Yu and Jim Guo won the second U1300 prize for \$20 per player. [Crosstable](#)

Langley Open (August 30 – September 1) by Joe Roback



(photos by Victoria Jung-Doknjas)

This year's Langley Open (forty-six players) marked the return of the BC's highest rated player: Bindi Cheng (2497 CFC). Bindi won clear first (5.5/6) conceding a single draw to the positionally-gifted Karl Cui. The elder Doknjas', John and Joshua, dominated the first four rounds with perfect scores and, thus, were forced to play each other on board one in the fifth round.



Luke Pulfer, Robin Yu, Paul Leblanc, and Karl Cui tied for the U2000 split prize of \$120. Hugh Long, Robert Hamm, Robert L Barron, and Matthew Geng were awarded the U1800 split prize of \$100/each.

Cheng, Bindi - Cui, Karl (Lizhe) [A11] Langley op (2), 30.08.2014

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 Bf5 4.c4 c6 5.0-0 e6 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.Qb3 Qc7 8.Nc3 a6 9.d3 Bd6 10.Qa4+ Qd7 11.Nd4 Bg6 12.Ndb5 0-0 13.Nxd6 Qxd6 14.Bg5 Nbd7 15.Rac1 b5 16.Qa5 h6 17.Bd2 Rfc8 18.a3 Nc5 19.Bf4 e5 20.d4 Nb3 21.dxe5 Qd7 22.Qb4 Nxc1 23.exf6 Rc4 24.Qe7 Qxe7 25.fxe7

Rxc3 26.bxc3 Nxe2+ 27.Kh1 Nxf4 28.gxf4 Re8 29.Re1 Be4 30.Bxe4 dxe4 31.Rxe4 g6 32.Kg2 Kg7 33.a4 Kf6 34.axb5 axb5 35.Re5 Rxe7 36.Rxb5 Rc7 37.Rb3 Rc4 38.Kg3 Kf5 39.f3 Rc5 40.h4 h5 41.Rb7 Kf6 42.Rb6+ Kf5 43.Rb3 Kf6 44.Kf2 Kf5 45.Ke3 Rc4 46.Rb5+ Kf6 47.Rb6+ Kf5 48.Rb3 Kf6 ½–½

Villavieja, Butch - Cheng, Bindi [B85] Langley op (5), 01.09.2014

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.a4 Nc6 7.Be2 e6 8.0–0 Be7 9.Be3 0–0 10.f4 Qc7 11.Nb3 b6 12.Bf3 Bb7 13.g4 Nd7 14.Bg2 Rfe8 15.g5 Bf8 16.Rf3 Nb4 17.Rh3 g6 18.a5 b5 19.Rc1 Bg7 20.Qe1 Rac8 21.Qh4 Nf8 22.Bb6 Qd7 23.Bd4 e5 24.fxe5 Bxe5 25.Qf2 Qe7 26.Rf1 Ne6 27.Be3 Nxc2 28.Qxc2 b4 29.Qf2 bxc3 30.bxc3 Rxc3 31.Bd2 Rxh3 32.Bxh3 Nxc5 33.Bg2 Nxe4 34.Qb6 Nxd2 0–1

Doknjas, John - Cheng, Bindi [D93] Langley op (6), 01.09.2014

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bf4 Bg7 5.Nf3 0–0 6.e3 c5 7.dxc5 Ne4 8.Rc1 Nd7 9.cxd5 Qa5 10.Be2 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Nxc5 12.0–0 Qxa2 13.Be5 Bxe5 14.Nxe5 Qa5 15.Nd3 Bf5 16.Nxc5 Qxc5 17.c4 a5 18.Bg4 Bxg4 19.Qxg4 a4 20.Qd4 Rfc8 21.Qxc5 Rxc5 22.Rb1 Rxc4 23.Rxb7 a3 24.Ra1 a2 25.g3 Rc2 26.Kg2 Kf8 27.g4 Ra5 28.e4 Ra4 29.Kf3 Ra3+ 30.Kg2 Re3 31.Rb4 Ree2 32.Ra4 Rxf2+ 0–

Oregon Open (August 30 – September 1)

While most players in these parts headed east to Langley for competitive chess on the Labour Day weekend, a few souls instead headed south across the border to Portland for the annual Oregon Open. The six-round Swiss event attracted one hundred and thirty players in two sections, open and reserve; from B.C., Roger Patterson, Ryan Lo, Darren Bates, and Severo Caluza played in the open, Alex Reny in the reserve. Roger was the highest scoring Canadian – his 4.0 points left him tied for ninth. Overall winners were Nick Raptis, Daniel He, and Micah Smith, tied with 5.0/6.

[USCF crosstable](#)

European Adventures

Ashley Tapp and her younger brother Jacob have now returned to Canada, but they finished the [4th Budapest Open](#) (August 16-24) before leaving Europe, scoring 4.0 and 2.0 points respectively. This was sufficient for Ashley to receive the top female prize (other women with higher scores won place prizes). And Max Gedajlovic had to miss the last two rounds of the [Eretria International Open](#) (Greece, August 26 – September 2) but had a strong tournament in scoring 4.0 points from the seven games he did play, including a first-round draw with eventual overall winner IM Mishra Swayams of India. He also tied for second with Igor Yakimkin of Russia in the eighteen-player [blitz event](#) with 7.0/9

Bartok, David Dominik - Tapp, Ashley [B22] Budapest op 4th (3.29), 18.08.2014

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 e6 6.Bd3 Be7 7.Be3 cxd4 8.cxd4 Nc6 9.Nc3 Qd8 10.a3 0–0 11.0–0 a6 12.Ne4 Nd5 13.Bg5 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Bxg5 15.Qh5 h6 16.Nxc5 Qxc5 17.Qxg5 hxg5 18.Nf3 f6 19.Bc4 Rd8 20.Rfd1 Kf7 21.Rd2 b5 22.Bxd5 Rxd5 23.Rxd5 exd5 24.Rd1 Be6 25.Nd4 Rc8 26.Kf1 Rc4 27.Ke2 Ke7 28.h3 Kd6 29.g4 g6 30.Ke3 f5 31.b3 Rc3+ 32.Kd2 Rxh3 33.Rc1 Bd7 34.gxf5 gxf5 35.Rg1 Ke5 36.Nc2 g4 37.Re1+ Kd6 38.Re3 f4 39.Rd3 Rxd3+ 40.Kxd3 Bf5+ 41.Kd2 Bxc2 42.Kxc2 g3 43.Kd3 g2 0–1

Swayams, Mishra - Gedajlovic, Max [E46] Eretria op 1st (1), 26.08.2014

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Nge2 d5 6.a3 Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.h3 c6 9.g4 Nbd7 10.Bg2 Re8 11.0-0 Bd6 12.f3 Nb6 13.e4 c5 14.Bg5 cxd4 15.Nxd4 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Be5 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Nb5 Bxb2 19.Rb1 Qxd1 20.Rbxd1 Be5 21.f4 Bb8 22.Ned6 Bxd6 23.Nxd6 Rd8 24.Nxb7 Bxb7 25.Bxb7 Rab8 26.Ba6 Rxd1 27.Rxd1 Kf8 28.Bb5 Ke7 29.a4 a6 30.Re1+ Kf8 31.Bc6 Rc8 32.Bb7 Rb8 33.Bc6 Rc8 34.Bb7 Rb8 35.Bxa6 Nxa4 36.Rc1 Nb6 37.f5 Ra8 38.Bb7 Rb8 39.Bg2 Nd7 40.Rc7 Ne5 41.Be4 f6 42.Bd5 Re8 43.Bb3 Re7 44.Rc3 g5 45.Kg2 Kg7 46.Rc8 Nf7 47.Be6 Ra7 48.Kf2 Ne5 49.Rg8+ Kh6 50.Rb8 Nd3+ 51.Kf3 Ra3 52.Ke4 Nf2+ 53.Kd4 Rxh3 54.Rb7 Rd3+ 55.Kc5 Rd8 56.Rf7 Nng4 57.Bd5 Rc8+ 58.Kd6 Rb8 59.Kc5 Rc8+ 60.Kd6 Rd8+ 61.Kc5 Rc8+ ½-½

VCS August Active (August 17)

A game from the previous VCS active:

Sohal, Tanraj - Stephen, Axel [D80] VCS August Active Vancouver (5), 17.08.2014

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Ne4 5.Bh4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 dxc4 7.e3 c5 8.Bxc4 Bg7 9.Nf3 0-0 10.0-0 Nc6 11.Rc1 Na5 12.Bd3 Be6 13.Qe2 Rc8 14.h3 Re8 15.Ng5 Bd7 16.Ne4 cxd4 17.cxd4 Rxc1 18.Rxc1 Bc6 19.Nc3 Qd7 20.Bg3 e5 21.d5 Bxd5 22.Rd1 Bc6 23.Bxg6 Qe6 24.Bb1 e4 25.Nb5 Bxb5 26.Qxb5 b6 27.Rd6 Qe7 28.Qd5 Qb7



White to Play and Win

29.Bxe4 wins a pawn and is guarded tactically. For example, if Black replies with the eye-pleasing 29...Rxe4 then White has a forcing mate-in-three: 30.Rd8+ Bf8 31.Qg5+ Kh8 32.Rxf8# 1-0

B.C. Closed Championship

The [99th B.C. Championship](#) will take place this year in Victoria at the Howard Johnson on Elk Lake Drive on the Thanksgiving Weekend, October 10-13. The field has now been determined, and the eight players who accepted invitations are as follows:

Tanraj Sohal (defending champion)
Jason Cao (B.C. Junior Championship)
Howard Wu (B.C. Open)
Jack Yoos (Keres Memorial)
John Doknjas (Langley Open)
Butch Villavieja (ratings list)
Roman Jiganchine (ratings list)
Joshua Doknjas (ratings list)

Good luck to all!

EACH PIECE TELLS A STORY by Nathan Divinsky

The Story of the Black King Knight

He was massive, with a flowing cape. If it were not for the simple expression on his face, he would have seemed like some dark Mephistopheles. He exuded a sense of battle and this was underlined by his many scars, his powerful hands and legs. But the whole grim appearance was significantly softened by his innocent face. I had a feeling that he would find it difficult to verbalize. After this first impression I began to examine him more carefully as he approached. The plume in his helmet was inscribed with bold letters, spelling out A L E K H I N E and as he bowed to me I noticed a large picture of Alekhine directly over his heart. When he turned to bow to the black king I caught a glimpse of Petrov and a lovely panoramic view of Berlin. On his forehead was stamped a large K and on his sword was etched the single word Marshall. He looked me over inquisitively and a very faint smile appeared for a moment on his face. I began to feel uncomfortable because I had never played either the Petrov or the Berlin defence. Suddenly his words brought me back from my own thoughts. I was surprised by the beauty of his voice as he said "Good evening, sir." He clapped his hands and the king knight pawn ran out to take his cloak, helmet and gloves. "You mortals have a pointed expression," he began, "for someone who can and who does labour for a long period of time, more or less unassisted. You call such a person a 'work horse.' Though this implies that the work involved is of a menial kind, it nevertheless applies somewhat to me. Perhaps my companions take advantage of my good nature, but I like to think that a task is entrusted to someone because he can do it best. I want to make myself quite clear to you for in spite of my good nature I feel that I am the most underrated officer in the land of Caissa." This brought forth a mixed reaction from the others. The king knight pawn clapped vigorously throughout the commotion. 'Mephisto' was affected by the reaction and looked about trying to discover who supported him and who disagreed. After what seemed to be a rather long time he turned back to me and with a broader smile than before, continued in a slow but sonorous and pleasant voice. "My one ambition is to prove that regardless of white's first move, Black's best reply is 1...Nf6. We spirits are sensitive and being used first is a great honour for us. There is now little doubt that after 1.d4, Nf6 is best. It is more elastic, more forward going. It took a great deal of time before you mortals even considered 1...Nf6 as an answer to 1.e4, however. True, it doesn't suit everyone's temperament, and there is only one Alekhine! However the mediocre, the passive player, who selects 1...e5 and is met with 2.Nf3 invariably selects 2...Nc6, that dreadful move allowing the powerful Ruy Lopez. What a shame to be influenced by fashion, by fear of symmetry, when 2...Nf6! the mighty Petrov is so sound, so exciting. Only the American Marshall seriously espoused my cause. And he was well served by me, not only in his Petrov's but under all circumstances. Let me show you the sort of dedicated activity I can offer when I fight passionately for one I love." My

guilt feelings increased as the magnificent tones of his voice grew more excited. "It was the third round of the great Carlsbad tournament of 1907. Marshall had begun poorly, losing to Mieses in the first round and only drawing with Salwe in the second round, when he had the white pieces. Here he also began badly but I was determined to be a 'work horse.'

Berger, Johann Nepomuk - Marshall, Frank James [B01] Karlsbad (3), 23.08.1907

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 This is much stronger than the simpleminded 2...Qxd5. **3.Nf3 Nxd5 4.d4 e6 5.Bd3 Nd7 6.0-0 Be7 7.c4** It is clear that my presence in the centre so dominates the board that the entire white army must be used to drive me back. But I press on! **7...Nb4 8.Be2 0-0 9.a3 Nc6 10.Nc3 Nf6 11.Be3 b6 12.Qc2 Bb7 13.Rad1** In spite of my activity Marshall has a difficult position. This is entirely due to the second rate opening he selected. I now lead the reorganization of our forces.



13...Nb8 14.Ne5 Nbd7 15.Bd3 h6 16.Rfe1 Bd6 17.f4 Rc8 18.b4 Kh8 White's forces dominate the board and we continue to be pressed. **19.Qa4 Bxe5 20.dxe5 Ng4 21.h3** Notice the interesting variation 21.Qxa7? Bc6! (threatening to win the queen with 22...Ra8) 22.Nb5 Qh4 23.h3 Qg3 winning. Yes, my brother knight also has some good qualities. **21...Nxe3 22.Rxe3 Qe7!** Setting a subtle trap in which I play the main role. **23.Qxa7?** Correct was 23.Be4 with an attack on me - the heart of our position. **23...Bc6 24.Be4**



24...Nxe5! Renewing the threat of 25...Ra8, winning the queen. **25.Bxc6 Nxc6 26.Qa4 Nb8** On almost every multiple of 13 I return to the square b8, as if some higher power than all of us prearranged this game. Notice that I have made 9 out of the 26 moves so far, an average of almost 35%. Now with my graceful pirouettes, Marshall takes new hope. **27.Qc2 Qf6! 28.Qe4 Rcd8** Now Marshall can neutralize the open queen file. This would not have worked at move 27 for then 27...Rcd8 28.Red3 Rxd3 29.Qxd3. Now it is a different story. **29.Red3 Rxd3 30.Rxd3 Rd8 31.Rxd8+ Qxd8 32.Nb5 c6 33.Qd4 Nd7** Marshall is so confident having me about, that he refuses to

exchange queens and obtain equality. He wants to try for a win! **34.Nd6 Kg8 35.Ne4 Qc8 36.Qd6 Nf8 37.a4** With the ominous threat of a passed pawn. **37...Qa8 38.Nc3 Ng6 39.g3 c5! 40.Kf2 cxb4 41.Qxb4 Qd8 42.Ne2 e5 43.Qc3 Qd7 44.fxe5 Qxh3 45.Qd4 Qf5+ 46.Ke1 Nxe5** My pressure on

the kingside together with her majesty`s energetic action has finally won material, but our dangers are not over. **47.Qxb6 Nxc4 48.Qb5 Ne5 49.Kd1 Kf8 50.a5 Qd7+ 51.Qxd7 Nxd7 52.Nd4 Nb8** My third and final visit to this mystic square. Thus I came at moves 13, 26 and 52, clearly a geometric progression and I hope it pleases you." Here such a kind smile came over Mephisto`s face that I was deeply touched. He had especially saved up a touch of mathematics to brighten his `work horse` story. I mouthed the words `A plus` and he beamed. **53.Ke2 Ke7 54.Kd3 g6 55.Kc4 Kd6 56.Nf3 Nc6 57.a6 Na7 58.Nd4 h5 59.Nf3 f6 60.Kd4 Nc6+ 61.Kc4**



It may seem strange but Marshall dare not give me up to play for a win. For example, 61.Kc4 Ke6? 62.Kc5 Na7 63.Kb6 Nc8+ 64.Kc7 Na7 65.Nd4+ Kd5 66.Kb7 Kxd4 67.Kxa7 g5 68.Kb6 and White wins. Thus we must quietly play 61...Na2. 1/2-1/2

Only my strength held the position together and now when things seem advantageous it is in fact lost without me. I made twenty of the sixty moves, or one full third of the action!"

I was about to applaud when Mephisto held up his hand – a knobby hand, well used and weathered. "Though this is the main course, the entrée as you call it, I also have some things for dessert. You will perhaps doubly enjoy this next one because it was played by a very close friend of yours, a great lover of Caissa, Lothar Schmid of Bamberg:

Bogoljubow, Efim - Schmid, Lothar [C47] GER-ch 13th Bad Pyrmont (8), 09.05.1949

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 Better late than never. But I made up for it here.

4.d4 exd4 5.Nxd4 Nxe4!? An exciting line.

6.Nxc6 We have nothing to fear from 6.Nxe4 Qe7 . But now I fought like I never fought before. I became absolutely drenched in chess blood.

6...Nxc3 7.Nxd8 Nxd1 8.Nxf7 Nxf2 9.Nxh8 Nxh1 10.Bd3 Sharper is 10.Be3 to cut off the retreat of that grim reaper - me!

10...Bc5 11.Bxh7 Nf2 12.Bf4 d6 13.Bg6+ Kf8 14.Bg3 Ng4 15.Nf7 It was better to bring the knight out via g6.

15...Ne3 16.Kd2 Bf5 17.Ng5? A faulty combination. Better was 17.Bxf5 Nxf5 18.Ng5 Nxg3 19.hxg3 and though White is essentially a pawn down, I am off the board and White would have some faint drawing chances.



17...Bxg6 18.Ne6+ Ke7 19.Nxc5 Nxc2 20.Bh4+ Ke8 21.Ne6 Kd7 22.Nf4 Nxa1 23.Nxg6 Re8 24.Bf2? Allowing me to escape easily, but White was lost in any case. **24...Nc2 25.Nf4 Nb4 0-1** Notice that I captured seven men and made thirteen out of twenty-five moves, more than 50%. And again the mystic 13 appears.

But let me tell you more, Dr. D., for you seem to be enjoying these encounters very much. The XXVIIth USSR Championship was a very bitterly contested struggle.

With only two rounds left, E. Geller led the field with 12.5-4.5, followed closely by Korchnoi and Petrosian, each with 12-5. Polugaevsky was a distant fourth with 11-6. In the 18th round Petrosian with black had a quick draw against Bagirov. The centre of the stage was the Geller-Korchnoi battle. Geller needed only a draw to maintain his lead, and he had the white pieces.

Geller, Efim P - Korchnoi, Viktor [B03] URS-ch27 Leningrad (18), 1960

1.e4 Nf6 What a beautiful, graceful, powerful move! **2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 Nb6 5.f4 Bf5 6.Nc3 dxe5 7.fxe5 e6 8.Nf3 Be7 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 f6 11.Bf4** Slightly better may be 11.exf6 Bxf6 12.Be3 Nc6 13.Qd2 as in Suetin-Korchnoi, XXth USSR Championship 1952. **11...Nc6 12.exf6 Bxf6 13.d5 Na5 14.Ne5 Bxe5** Better here was 14...Qe7 threatening 15...Naxc4 and 16...Qc5+. **15.Bxe5 Naxc4 16.Bxc4 Nxc4**



17.Bxg7 Now if 17...Kxg7 18.Qd4+ wins me and gives White a fine game. On the hand if 17...Nxb2 18.Qd4 Rf7 19.Bh6 when I am out of play and our black monarch is uncomfortable. **17...Ne3! 18.Qe2** The point is that 18.Qd4 Nc2 19.Qe5 Rf7 20.Bh6 Qf6 gives us a win. **18...Nxf1 19.Bxf8 Nxf2!** I have cut my way through the white army and now I should have been removed with 19...Nxf2 20.Kxf2 Qxf8 21.g4 Qh6+ 22.Kg3 Qg5 23.Rh1 with equality, as the tournament book suggests. Geller takes a wrong view. **20.Bc5? Ng4 21.dxe6 Qh4** Now I support her majesty in a direct assault on the white king. **22.e7 Qh2+ 23.Kf1 Qf4+ 24.Kg1?**

Korchnoi gives 24.Ke1 Qg3+ 25.Kd2 Qf4+ 26.Kd1 Nf6 27.g3! (not 27.Nd5 Qa4+ 28.b3 Qd7) 27...Qg4 with only a draw. **24...Re8 25.Qf3** As the tournament book points out, if 25.Rd1 b6 26.Rd8 Kf7 27.Qb5 Rxe7! 28.Bxe7? Qf2+ 29.Kh1 Qe1+ and mates. **25...Qh2+ 26.Kf1 Qh5** And I threaten 27...Nh2+. **27.Qd5+ Kg7 28.Qd4+ Kg6 29.Ne2 Qh1+ 30.Ng1** If 30.Qg1 Qh4 threatening 31...Nh2+. **30...b6 31.Qd8**



31...Nf6 Notice how I switch from attack to defence. If 31...Kf7 32.Qd5+ Be6 33.Qf3+ and if 33...Kg8 34.Qf8+. **32.Ba3 Be4 33.Qd2 c5 34.b4 c4! 35.b5** The king pawn lives, but... **35...Bd3+ 0-1** After 36.Kf2 Ne4+!
 With this win Korchnoi went on to win the XXVIIth USSR Championship while Geller had to be content with a tie for second (with Petrosian), half a point behind.

To conclude Dr. D., I cannot resist reminding you of a wonderful game that you yourself watched:

Tal, Mihail - Keres, Paul [C96] Candidates Tournament Curacao (16), 02.06.1962

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 Nd7 Why such a natural, effective move is not more popular is a mystery to me. **12.Nbd2** Sharper is 12.dxc5, though 12.Bd3 and 12.b3 are also reasonable alternatives. **12...cxd4 13.cxd4 Nc6 14.a3** This is a bit passive, but as you recall Tal was not at his best at this time, in fact he was quite ill. Better is 14.Nb3 or 14.Nf1. **14...exd4 15.Nb3 Nde5 16.Nfxd4 Bf6 17.Bd2 Nxd4 18.Nxd4**



18...Nd3!? A fine complex move, just the kind I like to make. I remember how surprised you were when Keres played it. You went rushing off to the press room to see what Boleslavsky thought of it.
19.Nc6 Tal loves complications and besides, 19.Bxd3 Bxd4 gives White nothing. **19...Nxf2!** Tal expected 19...Qb6 20.Bxd3 Qxc6 21.Rc1 and 22.Bc3 with a slight edge for White.
20.Qf3 Tal selects an inferior move. After this White has a difficult choice and your Dutch archives gave this analysis: If 20.Kxf2 Qb6+ and 21...Qxc6 when Black is a pawn up.; if 20.Nxd8 Nxd1 21.Nxf7 Nxb2 22.Nxd6 Nc4; The main line is 20.Qh5 and now 20...Nxb3+

21.Kh2 and Black is in trouble. If 21...Be5+ (21...Qc7 22.e5 g6 23.Qf3 Bg5 24.Ba5 wins; 21...Qd7 22.e5 g6 23.exf6! gxh5 24.Ne7+ Kh8 25.Bh6 Rg8 26.Nxg8 Kxg8 27.Re7 Qd8 28.gxh3 wins) 22.Qxe5 dxe5 23.Nxd8 Rxd8 24.Ba5!; Thus we would have to try (after 20.Qh5) 20...Qb6 21.e5 Ne4+ 22.Kh2 g6 (another try is 22...Bxe5+ 23.Nxe5 Nf6 24.Qh4 dxe5 25.Rf1 though White has good attacking chances.) 23.exf6 gxh5 24.Bxe4 Bb7 25.Ba5 with chances, for example 25...Qf2 26.Ne7+ Kh8 27.Bxb7. **20...Nxb3+! 21.Kh2** If 21.gxh3 Qb6+ and 22...Qxc6 with two pawns up.; If 21.Kf1 Qb6 22.e5 Bg4!; And if 21.Kh1 Qb6 22.e5 Bg4! The basic difference between 20.Qf3 and 20.Qh5 is control of the g5 square. **21...Be5+ 22.Nxe5** If 22.Kh1 Ng5 (not 22...Qh4 23.gxh3 Bxh3

24.Bg5!) 23.Qh5 Qc7! as given in the archives. **22...dxe5 23.Red1 Nf4 24.g3** There is nothing in 24.Bxf4 Qh4+. **24...Ne6** I have completed my grand tour, deep in enemy territory, and we are two healthy pawns up. **25.Bc3** If 25.Bb4 Nd4. **25...Qg5 26.Rd6** An oversight, but White is lost in any case. **26...Qh6+ 27.Kg1** If 27.Kg2 Nf4+. **27...Nd4!** My final thrust. **28.Rxh6 Nxf3+ 29.Kf2 gxh6 30.Kxf3** The rest needs no further comment. **30...Re8 31.Rh1 Kg7 32.Bb3 Bb7 33.Bd2 f5 34.Rxh6 Rad8 35.Rb6 Bxe4+ 36.Ke2 Bf3+ 37.Ke1 f4 38.Bc3 fxg3 39.Rxa6 Rd4 40.Ra7+ Kh6 41.Rf7 0-1** Everyone applauded, including myself. Mephisto bowed to all, took his things from the king knight pawn who had rushed out with them, gave me a special salute and somewhat wearily I thought, returned to his comrades. I had the curious desire to hear him sing.

BI-WEEKLY BAFFLER by Valer Eugen Demian



Baffler #26:

The previous baffler presented a great opportunity to practice our endgame knowledge. Here is the position after 1...Qe8 and we said here White has the option of choosing what to do. The question goes on like this: how would you take the g6-pawn?

Options:

a) 2.Qxg6+ b) 2.Rxg6+

Dust off your real board and pieces and shuffle them around!

#25 Answer:



We saw Black's resource of 1... Qe8 as a good starting point in taking care of both attacks on the g6-pawn and e1-Rook. Of course this would give White the option of choosing what to do next: move the Queen, or take on g6. This we are going to look into with the above baffler #26.

One interesting aspect to look at is the critical g6-pawn and its pinning. Qf5 puts a lot of pressure on that pawn but it also is under attack by it. A sudden removal or even deflection of Rg4 could have tragic consequences for the White Queen. Poking around at possible moves to take advantage of that we come across:

1...Qg3+! Now things are forced and easy to calculate: 2.Rxg3 hxg3+ 3.Kxe1 gxh6 0-1
Basic King and pawn endgame theory decides it now.

UPCOMING EVENTS

UBC Thursday Night Blitz (note the change of format)

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Henry Angus Building, University of British Columbia
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