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HERE AND THERE

Maurice Ashley/Amy Lee Visit (August 10)



In Bulletin #288 we reported on the Millionaire Chess Open in Las Vegas and mentioned the two main personalities behind the event, grandmaster Maurice Ashley and Vancouver-based entrepreneur Amy Lee. Both visited Vancouver recently and a friendly evening of socializing and blitz chess was organized by Ashley/Sophia Tapp and Maxim Doroshenko at the Vancouver Chess School. A good time was had by all. [Report](#)

Bowser Builders Supply Tournament (August 9)

Now in its seventh year, this annual event in the community of Bowser on Vancouver Island is organized by the Bishops of Bowser chess club and sponsored by Bowser Builders Supply, who this year provided for the purchase of two premium wood chess sets from [Chess Bazaar](#) in India. Topping the ten-player field was current B.C. Champion Jason Cao, who incidentally also played in the first Bowser tournament seven years ago. Roger Patterson and Nick Peters tied for second, while the women's prize went to Lucette Fuerst. [Tournament website](#)

Westbank Peterson Active (August 9)

A recent residential development in Vancouver's West End is [The Lauren](#) at 1051 Broughton Street. The complex includes three outdoor chess tables, and to promote their use an active chess tournament was organized by [chess2inspire](#), sponsored by two of The Lauren's companies, Westbank and Peterson. Attracted by the \$1,600 in guaranteed prizes (both cash and gift cards from local merchants), forty-two players entered the competition. The time control was game in 15

minutes with a 5-second increment, with four boards inside, six on a sheltered terrace next to the building, and the rest at street level next to the chess tables.



The overall winners were Jack Cheng, Madiyar Amerkeshev, and Brian McLaren, the top juniors were John Doknjas, Joshua Doknjas, and Michael Su, and the top players in the lower half were Marionito Jose and Brian Sullivan. The crosstable, a complete list of winners, more photos and links to media can be found [here](#).

FIDE Kitchener Masters (July 31 – August 4)

The first in an intended series of Canadian norm events, the Kitchener Masters employed a modified Scheveningen format (two teams of five players but only nine rounds) to maximize the number of norm possibilities. The teams were as follows:

Team 1

GM Evgeny Bareev (RUS)
GM Bator Sambuev (CAN)
GM John Fedorowicz (USA)
FM Jason Cao (CAN)
FM Michael Song (CAN)

Team 2

IM Razvan Preotu (CAN)
IM Tomas Krnan (CAN)
IM Raja Panjwani (CAN)
IM Kesav Viswanadha (USA)
Navid Chaichi (IRI)

Each team member played everyone else on the other team in a series of mini-matches, once with white, once with black, with the exception of the ninth round where the players met only once. This meant that all the norm requirements, including number of players from different federations and number of titled players, could be met while only needing three grandmasters; a ten-round event would have necessitated a fourth grandmaster and one less norm possibility on team 1. Opponents and colours for the final 'single' round were determined by lot, with the proviso that all the Canadians had to play each other (to limit the number of opponents they would meet from the same federation). The norm requirements were as follows: for the FMs, 6.0/9 would give them an IM norm; for the IMs, 6.5 points was necessary for a GM norm; but for lowest-rated and untitled Navid Chaichi, the GM norm was 7.0 points (he only played highest-rated Bareev once) and an IM norm 5.0.



Facing the camera, left to right: Cao, Sambuev, Song, Bareev, Fedorowicz (photo by John Upper)

Given the strength of the opposition achieving a norm was always going to be a tall order, highlighted for the IMs when team 1 won round one with a 5-0 score. Razvan Preotu kept his chances alive by defeating Fedorowicz twice on the third day, which meant after the sixth round three players could still achieve a norm – Preotu, Jason Cao, and Michael Song – but only by winning their remaining games. As Preotu met Song in rounds seven and eight one of them would be eliminated from contention; they traded wins, extinguishing each other's hopes. This left Cao, who won in round seven but whose norm chances ended in round eight when he hung his queen.

The overall winner was Evgeny Bareev, former number four in the world, who is currently in the process of changing his federation to Canada. He claimed to be a little rusty, but still scored 8.0/9, 2.5(!) points ahead of second-placed finishers Bator Sambuev and Razvan Preotu. The only people to achieve norms were the two arbiters, your editor and Michael von Keitz (Bareev scored the equivalent of an eleven-round IM norm). [Standings](#) along with link to games

Preotu, Razvan - Cao, Jason [B90] FIDE Kitchener Masters (4.3), 01.08.2015

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.h3 e5 7.Nde2 h5 8.g3 Be6 9.Bg2 Nbd7 10.0-0 b5 11.Be3 Be7 12.Qd2 0-0 13.a4 Nb6 14.b3 b4 15.Nd1 a5 16.c4 Bc8 17.f4 Nbd7 18.Nf2 Bb7 19.Rad1 Qc7 20.g4 hxg4 21.hxg4 Nc5 22.Qc2 Nh7 23.Ng3 exf4 24.Bxf4 Ne6 25.Bc1 Bg5 26.Nf5 Rad8 27.Bb2 g6 28.Nd4 Nc5 29.Rde1 Rfe8 30.Re2 Bf6 31.g5 Bxg5 32.Nf3 Bf4 33.Ng4 Bxe4 34.Qd1 Bd3 35.Rxe8+ Rxe8 36.Re1 Qd7 37.Bh3 Qc6 38.Nf2 Rxe1+ 39.Nxe1 Be4 40.Ng4 Ng5 41.Nf6+ Kf8 42.Bg2 Bxg2 43.Nxg2 Be5 44.Bxe5 Nf3+ 45.Kh1 Nxe5 46.Qd2 Kg7 47.Qg5 Ne6 48.Nh5+ Kf8 49.Qh6+ Ke7 50.Nhf4 Nxf4 51.Qxf4 Qf3 52.Qh4+ Kd7 0-1

Canadian Senior (July 31 – August 3)

Held in Kitchener, Ontario as part of the Kitchener Chess Festival, the Canadian Senior is now held in two sections, over 50 and over 65. The over 65 category attracted fifteen players, including our own Paul Leblanc; he finished in a tie for fifth place with 4.0/7. Tied for first were husband and wife Sasha and Nava Starr with 5.0 points – despite having just a half-point each after the first two rounds due to byes, they won the rest of their games and drew with each other in the last round. Michael Barron won the thirteen-player over 50 division with 6.5/7. Big news – a bid had been submitted to hold the Canadian Senior in B.C. next year in June. We will announce further details as they become available. [Festival website](#)



(photo by John Upper)

Leblanc, Paul - Wingrove, William [D85] CAN sen 65+ Kitchener (3.2), 01.08.2015

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.Nc3 d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.e4 Nxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 c5 9.0-0 Nc6
 10.Bb2 Qc7 11.Qc2 Bg4 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 Rac8 14.Bg4 Rcd8 15.d5 Ne5 16.c4 a6 17.Be2 e6
 18.f4 Nd7 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.e5 exd5 21.cxd5 Nxe5 22.fxe5 Qxe5 23.Bf3 Qe3+ 24.Qf2 Qe7
 25.Rac1 b6 26.Qb2+ Kh6 27.Qxb6 Qe3+ 28.Kh1 Rc8 29.Qxa6 Ra8 30.Qc4 Qd2 31.Qxc5 Rfc8
 32.Qxc8 Rxc8 33.Rxc8 Qd3 34.Rd1 Qa6 35.Rc6 1-0

Calgary International (July 29 – August 3)



Now in its eighth year, the 2015 Calgary International attracted a field of twenty-one players, including four grandmasters. Unsurprisingly they took the top four places, with Alex Lenderman coming first with 7.5/9, a full point ahead of Michael Roiz, Alexander Shabalov, and Victor Mikhalevski. There were two players from B.C.; Leon Piasetski finished with 5.0 points, while junior Kai Richardson (rated 1775) didn't play anyone below 2000 until the last round but scored 4.5 points. [Tournament website](#)

Richardson, Kai - Humphreys, Michael [E14] Calgary int (1.8), 29.07.2015

1.d4 e6 2.c4 b6 3.Nc3 Bb7 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.e3 d5 6.b3 Bd6 7.Bb2 0-0 8.Bd3 Nbd7 9.0-0 a6 10.a4 Ne4 11.Qc2 f5 12.Rfc1 Nxc3 13.Qxc3 dxc4 14.Bxc4 Qf6 15.Ba3 Bxf3 16.gxf3 Bxa3 17.Rxa3 Qg5+ 18.Kf1 Rf6 19.Ke2 Kh8 20.Bd3 c5 21.b4 cxb4 22.Qxb4 e5 23.Qe7 e4 24.Qxd7 exd3+ 25.Rxd3 Rff8 26.Rdc3 h6 27.Rc8 Raxc8 28.Rxc8 Qf6 29.Rc6 Qh4 30.Qd6 Rd8 1-0

Piasecki, Leon David - Lenderman, Aleksandr [A04] Calgary int (2.1), 30.07.2015

1.Nf3 e6 2.g3 b6 3.Bg2 Bb7 4.0-0 f5 5.d3 Nf6 6.e4 fxe4 7.Ng5 Bc5 8.Nc3 0-0 9.Ngxe4 Bc6 10.d4 Nxe4 11.Nxe4 Be7 12.c4 d5 13.Nc3 dxc4 14.Qe2 Qd6 15.Ne4 Qd7 16.Bh3 Kh8 17.Nc3 Qxd4 18.Qxe6 Qf6 19.Nd5 Qxe6 20.Bxe6 Bd6 21.Bf4 Bxf4 22.Nxf4 b5 23.a4 a6 24.Nd5 Bxd5 25.Bxd5 c6 26.Be4 Ra7 27.Rad1 g6 28.Rd6 Rc7 29.Rfd1 Kg7 30.h4 Re8 31.f3 bxa4 32.R6d4 Rb7 33.R1d2 Rb4 34.Rc2 a5 35.Rdxc4 Rd8 36.Rc5 Rb5 37.Kf2 Rd7 38.Ke2 Rdb7 39.Rxb5 Rxb5 40.Kd2 h5 41.Kc1 g5 42.hxg5 Rxg5 43.g4 hxg4 44.fxg4 Rxg4 45.Bxc6 Kf6 46.Bb5 Rg1+ 47.Kd2 Rg2+ 48.Kd3 Rxc2 49.Kxc2 ½-½

Susan Polgar Foundation Girls' Invitational (July 25-30)



(photo by Sophia Tapp)

The 12th edition of the SPFGI, held at Webster University in St. Louis, Missouri, for the first time formally allowed for entrants from other countries, in addition to those from the United States as previously. Three Canadian representatives participated: Andrea Botez (currently residing in Oregon), Rachel Tao of Windsor, Ontario, and from this province, Ashley Tapp. They finished with 3.5, 3.5, and 4.0 points respectively in the six-round competition, although Tapp lost on time in a winning position in the last round. The overall winner was twelve-year-old Thalia Cervantes with 5.5 points; in addition to the FIDE-rated tournament there was training along with blitz, bughouse, and tactics competitions. [Report](#)

North American U20 (July 26-30)

Last year forty-nine juniors travelled to Kitchener for the inaugural North American U20 Championship. This year Kitchener again hosted the event, this time with sixty-four players in Open and Girls Sections. Unfortunately again this year there were only participants from two federations (Canada and U.S.), no players from Mexico or Bermuda made the trip. At stake in both

sections were (W)GM norms and (W)IM titles to those finishing first, and (W)IM norms and (W)FM titles for second and third places. As a result competition was intense, and a number of the top seeds found the going too tough. In the end all the prizes went to our American visitors with one exception. First in the Open was IM Kasev Vaswanadha, followed by Varun Krishnan and Canadian Guannan Terry Song, while WFM's Agata Bykovtsev, Jennifer Yu, and Kimberly Ding were the top three in the Girls' Section. The same two B.C. players who participated last year also took part again this year: Tanraj Sohal scored 6.0/9, Jason Cao a half point less. [Open standings](#), [Girls' standings](#), [ChessBase report](#) by Qiyu Zhou, [Games](#)

He, Daniel Ming - Cao, Jason [B53] North American jun ch 2nd Kitchener (2.6), 27.07.2015

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4 Nc6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.Qd3 Nf6 7.c4 g6 8.Nc3 Bg7 9.0-0 0-0 10.h3 Rc8 11.Be3 a6 12.Bxc6 Bxc6 13.Rac1 Qa5 14.Nd4 Bd7 15.f3 Rfd8 16.Rc2 e5 17.Nde2 b5 18.b3 bxc4 19.bxc4 Qb4 20.Nb1 Be6 21.Nd2 Nd7 22.Rb1 Qa4 23.Qb3 Qc6 24.Rbc1 Nc5 25.Qa3 f5 26.Nc3 Rf8 27.Nd5 Rf7 28.Nb4 Qd7 29.Nd5 Qd8 30.Rf1 fxe4 31.Bxc5 Rxc5 32.Nxe4 Rc6 33.Qd3 Qc8 34.g4 Qd8 35.Kg2 a5 36.Rb1 Qh4 37.Rb8+ Bf8 38.Qd2 h5 39.Rc3 hxg4 40.fxg4 Rc8 41.Rxc8 Bxc8 42.Qe2 Be6 43.Rf3 Rxf3 44.Qxf3 Qe1 45.Ndf6+ Kh8 46.Nd5 Bg7 47.Qe3 Qd1 48.Ndc3 Qc2+ 49.Qd2 Qxd2+ 50.Nxd2 Bh6 51.Nde4 Bxc4 52.Nxd6 Be6 53.Nde4 Be3 54.a4 Kg7 55.Kg3 Bd4 56.Nb5 Bb2 57.Nc5 Bd5 58.h4 Kf6 59.Nd6 Bc1 60.Nde4+ Kg7 61.h5 g5 62.Nd6 Bf4+ 63.Kf2 Bd2 64.Nf5+ Kh7 65.Nd7 Bb3 66.h6 Bxa4 67.Nf6+ Kh8 68.h7 Bc2 69.Ke2 Bxf5 70.gxf5 Bb4 71.Ng4 Kxh7 72.Nxe5 a4 73.Kd3 a3 74.Kc2 a2 75.Kb2 Bc3+ 0-1

Sohal, Tanraj - Ghatti, Sanjay [E05] North American jun ch 2nd Kitchener (8.7), 30.07.2015

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Ne5 Nc6 8.Bxc6 bxc6 9.Nxc6 Qe8 10.Nxe7+ Qxe7 11.Qa4 e5 12.dxe5 Qxe5 13.Nc3 Be6 14.Bf4 Qc5 15.Rad1 Rab8 16.Rd2 a5 17.e4 Rfd8 18.Rfd1 Rxd2 19.Rxd2 h6 20.Qc2 Re8 21.Kg2 Qh5 22.f3 Bh3+ 23.Kf2 Be6 24.g4 Qc5+ 25.Kg2 c6 26.h3 Qb6 27.Qd1 Re7 28.Na4 Qb5 29.Rd8+ Kh7 30.Qc2 g6 31.Rb8 Rb7 32.Rxb7 Qxb7 33.Qc3 Nd7 34.Qxa5 g5 35.Bd2 Qb8 36.Bc3 Qf4 37.Nb6 Nf8 38.Qe5 Qxe5 39.Bxe5 Nd7 40.Nxd7 Bxd7 41.Bf6 Kg6 42.e5 Be6 43.a4 Bd5 44.Kg3 h5 45.gxh5+ Kxh5 46.f4 gxf4+ 47.Kxf4 Bg2 48.h4 c5 49.a5 Bb7 50.Be7 Bc6 51.Kg3 Kg6 52.Bxc5 Kf5 53.Bd4 Bb7 54.Bc3 Bc6 55.Kf2 Kf4 56.Ke2 Bf3+ 57.Kd2 Kg4 58.Ke3 Bg2 59.Be1 Bf1 60.Ke4 Bd3+ 61.Kd4 Bf1 62.Kc5 Kf3 63.Bc3 Kg4 64.a6 Bg2 65.a7 Kxh4 66.Kb6 1-0

33rd Andorra Open (July 18-26)



Winner of the 160-player Andorra Open was veteran Peruvian GM Julio Granda Zuniga with 8.0/9; Canadian Max Gedajlovic finished with 5.0 points. [Standings](#) [ChessBase report](#)

Quebec Open (July 17-25)

The joint Quebec Open/Championnats individuels d'échecs de la Francophonie was won by French GM Romain Edouard with 8.0/9, GM Samy Shoker (Egypt) was second and GM Francois Fargere (France) tied for third with top Canadian Steve Bolduc, the latter the recipient of a full point when GM Bator Sambuev misunderstood the time of the last round. The large trailing group on 6.5 included Maxim Dlugy, Slim Bouaziz, Eric Hansen, Aman Hambleton, Alexandre Le Siège (returning to tournament chess after a long break), and Olivier Kenta Chiku-Ratte, the latter gaining the FM title as a consequence. Of the five B.C. players in the field the best results were put up by Kevin and Ethan Low, who gained 120 and 200 rating points respectively for their scores of 5.0 and 4.5 points. [Standings](#)

Canadian Closed (July 10-16)

Not mentioned in our report on the Canadian Closed Championship was the fact there was a \$1,000 brilliancy prize on offer, generously donated by IM Brian Hartman's company Business Improvement Group Inc. Three games were to be submitted for consideration, with the judging done by B.C. icon Duncan Suttles. Suttles came to a decision, and the brilliancy prize goes to GM Bator Sambuev for his impressive round four victory over IM Raja Panjwani:

Sambuev, Bator - Panjwani, Raja [E14] CAN ch zt Guelph (4.1), 12.07.2015

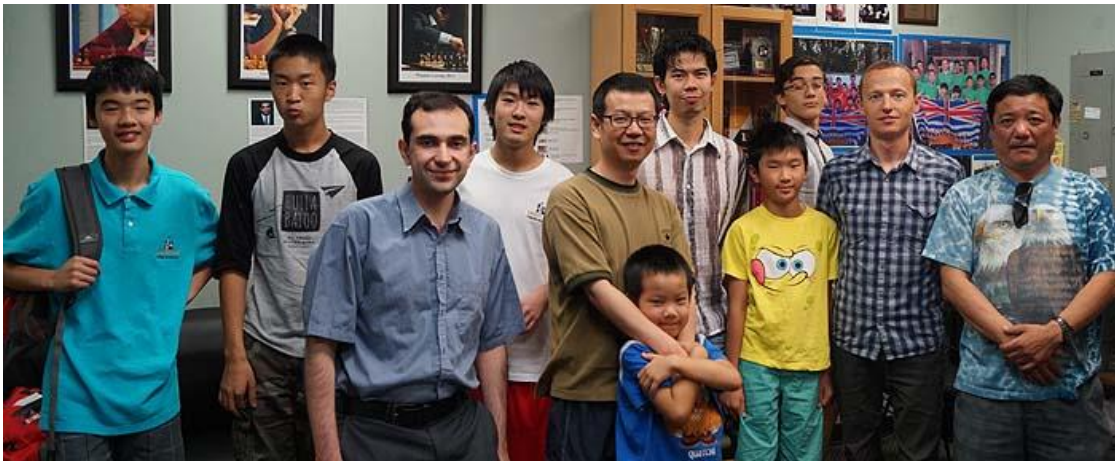
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3 b6 4.Bd3 Bb7 5.0-0 d5 6.b3 Bd6 7.Bb2 0-0 8.c4 Nbd7 9.Nc3 a6 10.a3 Ne4 11.Qc2 f5 12.Ne2 c5 13.Nf4 Qe8 14.cxd5 exd5 15.Rad1 Rc8 16.Qe2 g5 17.dxc5 bxc5 18.Nxd5 Bxd5 19.Bxe4 Qxe4 20.Rxd5 Qxd5 21.Rd1 Qc6 22.Nxg5 Nb6 23.Qh5 Rc7 24.Nxh7 Bxh2+ 25.Qxh2 Rxh7 26.Qg3+ Kf7 27.Rd6 Qe4 28.Rf6+ Ke8 29.Qb8+ 1-0

Vancouver West Open (August 1-2) by Joe "Throwback" Roback

This August's CFC-rated Vancouver West Open #6 marked the return of the elusive Madiyar Amerkeshev (2209 FIDE) who won the guaranteed \$600 first prize. This was Madiyar's second appearance in a BC tournament, the first being the July Active last weekend which he also placed clear first. In the first round alone, practically every national master in the tournament had either a disadvantageous or outright losing position against their lower rated opponents. Study your endgames, kids!

Even scathed with a first round half point bye from the ferry trip to the mainland, Madiyar (pictured in the striped white shirt by the trophies) was calmly accumulating points against Vancouver's finest (I'm not talking about the police). NM Alfred Pechisker (2266 CFC) and NM Tanraj Sohal (2358 CFC) are two of the hardest guys to beat in the province with their deep positional understanding and endgame proficiency (also based on their ratings and my personal experience).

I didn't see Tanraj's game but Madiyar played a flexible ...e6 and ...b6 setup against Alfred which transposed into a KID of sorts.



Also, congratulations to NM Mayo Fuentebella who placed clear second for \$200 (a clever Mayo tactic is posted). James Li is making a part time job out of chess tournaments with his most recent \$100 U1800 prize. The second U1800 section was split between Nathaniel Knox, Daniel Chen, Kai Wang, and Andrew Hemstapat.

Also congratulations to our exuberant neighbouring winners next door in the Junior Section: Daniel Wang first place trophy, and other Open Section trophy winners: Jemelyn Reyes, Jason Qian, Marc Yuan, Borna Amjadi.



Our two-day event trophy winners included Jeremy Reyes, Ryan Yang, Jocelyn Reyes, Jacob McBride, Brian Shao, Gloria Yu, Kiran Sun, Matthew He, BiaoBiaoBoyong Guo. Also congrats to our medalists Matthew Ji, and Stephanie Gu who won a medal in her first tournament.

Shoutouts to visiting player Jerry Kobalenko who commuted from Canmore, AB. Jerry seemed to be channeling BC's Duncan Suttles' unique style in a hypo-rat chimera where he nearly beat a NM.

We wish a fond farewell to Peter Kalisvaart who proved his chops game after game. One such notable game was this year's Grand Pacific Open where Peter drew and nearly beat BC's highest rated player.

Special thanks to Beau Pulfer, Alfred, Maxim, and of course Vivien for whom this event would not have taken place. See you at the next one!

Roback, Joe - Fuentebella, Mayo [C02] Vancouver West op #6 (2), 01.08.2015

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 I have tried several moves here against Mayo: 3.Nd2, Nc3, and even 3.exd5. The French Advance, while it may not be the most challenging variation, suits my style. **3...c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Nge7!**? This allows white to advance the pawn to b5 and leave enough time to guard the d pawn at the same time. **6.a3 Nf5 7.b4 b6** Mayo might have been guarding his c-pawn but this doesn't help his structure or development. **8.Be2** I'd like to play 8.Bd3 immediately but my queen needs to guard the d pawn. **8...a5** Mayo entombs his light square bishop and knight with his own pawns. **9.b5 Nb8 10.a4 Nd7 11.0-0 Bb7 12.Re1** I anticipate that Black's counter-play might involve an ...f6 break to attack my central pawn chain. This rook move is supporting the e-file and possibly putting pressure on e6 if the position opens up. **12...cxd4 13.cxd4 Bb4 14.Bd2** Offering a trade of Black's good bishop for White's bad one. I wasn't really sure what to do with this bishop anyway. Typically White's dark bishop develops to b2 to guard the d-pawn. **14...Qe7 15.Bd3 0-0 16.Nc3 Rfc8 17.Ne2** Migrating my minor pieces to the king-side where I anticipate most of my play will be generated. **17...Nf8** Black is offering me to trade bishop to capture with an a-pawn. This would give black a passed pawn and a target on the a-file for his rooks. **18.Rb1 Bxd2 19.Qxd2 Nh4 20.Nxh4 Qxh4** I assume that Mayo is trying to provoke pawn weaknesses by luring his queen into my camp. **21.Rb3** Hopefully a multi-purpose move. The rook may swing to the king-side, it guards the c3 square from invading rooks, and it potentially keeps the queen out of a3. **21...Rc7 22.f4** Gaining space and threatening an f5 pawn break. **22...g6 23.Rf1 Rac8 24.Qe1 Qe7 25.g4 f5 26.g5 Rc4!**? Offering an exchange sacrifice. Mayo's minor pieces are restricted and he's trying to generate play. My engine says that it's winning if I take right away but I wanted to prepare the capture first. **27.Qa1 h6 28.Qa3 Qd8 29.h4 R8c7 30.Qd6 Rd7 31.Qa3 hxg5 32.hxg5 Rh7 33.Bxc4 dxc4 34.Rh3 Qd5 35.Qg3** Guarding ...Qg2# **35...Rc7 36.Rh2 c3 37.Rc1 Qb3 38.Rxc3 Qd1+ 39.Kf2 Rd7 40.Rb3** This protects the base of my a3 pawn chain. from the queen. **40...Bd5 41.Ra3 Qd2 42.Qc3** Trying to trade down queens to convert safely. **42...Qd1 43.Ra1 Qb3 44.Qxb3 Bxb3 45.Ra3 Bc4 46.Ke3 Kf7 47.Rh1 Rc7 48.Rd1 Ke8** Before white's next move, Fritz 11 evaluates this position as + 4.33 for white likely due to the extra d-pawn, the restricted dark knight, and the rook, pair. **49.Rc3??**



A deadly oversight in time trouble. Mayo is quite resourceful tactically and an endgame marksman. **49...Bxe2! 50.Rxc7 Bxd1 51.Rc6 0-1**

BRUCE HARPER ANNOTATES

Opponent - Harper,B [A10] ICC 3 0 Internet Chess Club

1.Nf3 [0:03:00] 1...g6 [0:03:00] 2.c4 [0:02:58] 2...Bg7 [0:02:59] 3.Nc3 [0:02:58] 3...d6 [0:02:59]
4.e4 [0:02:56]



A finesse of some sort. But since I always answer 4.d4 with 4...Bg4, and have played many games with 4.d4 Bg4 5.e4 Nc6, it wasn't hard to decide what to play here. No King's Indian Defence today!
4...Bg4 [0:02:56] 5.Be2 [0:02:52] 5...c5 [0:02:53] 6.h3 [0:02:49] 6...Bxf3 [0:02:52] 7.Bxf3 [0:02:46]
7...Nc6 [0:02:51] 8.d3 [0:02:45]



8...e6 [0:02:50] 8...Nf6 was perfectly playable, but I've always had a fondness for this setup. 9.0-0 [0:02:44] 9...Nge7 [0:02:49] 10.g3 [0:02:43] 10...0-0 [0:02:48] 11.Bg2 [0:02:43] 11...Rb8 [0:02:44] 12.Be3 [0:02:42] 12...a6 [0:02:43] 13.a4 [0:02:40] 13...Nd4 [0:02:41] 14.f4 [0:02:37] 14...f5! [0:02:34]



The game has developed as expected. I like Black's position, especially in a 3-minute game, because Black has no bad pieces and has clear plans, while White's compensating bishop pair is a long way from doing anything. **15.g4** [0:02:19] **15...Kh8** [0:02:31] **16.Rf2** [0:02:11] **16...Qd7** [0:02:26] **17.Rc1** [0:02:02] **17...b5?!** [0:02:19] Breaking prematurely. It would have been better to have sat on the position with 17...Nec6. **18.axb5** [0:01:59] **18...axb5** [0:02:18] **19.cxb5** [0:01:58] **19...Nxb5** [0:02:16] **20.Nxb5** [0:01:51] **20...Qxb5** [0:02:13]



21.d4?! [0:01:50] **21...cxd4?!** [0:02:03] It seems that White's last move can be refuted with 21...fxe4! 22.dxc5 Nd5, although that didn't occur to me at the time. **22.Bxd4** [0:01:49] **22...e5** [0:02:02] This was my bright idea, but it isn't that good. **23.fxe5** [0:01:47] **23...dxe5** [0:02:01] **24.Bc3?** [0:01:45] After 24.Bc5!, White is on top. Black's problems on the light squares are worse than White's problems on the dark squares. **24...f4** [0:01:57]



This, on the other hand, is the position Black had in mind. White's c3-bishop is ineffective and Black plans to mate. **25.Bf1** [0:01:42] According to the engine, 25.g5!? isn't the best move, but I think it's definitely the most annoying. **25...Qb6** [0:01:55] **26.Kg2?** [0:01:40] **26...g5!** [0:01:49] Speaking only for myself, I like this move. Black's e7-knight is about to enter the game. **27.Be2?!** [0:01:37] **27...Ng6** [0:01:47] **28.Bf3** [0:01:36] **28...Nh4+** [0:01:45] **29.Kf1** [0:01:35] **29...Rfd8** [0:01:39] I'm not quite sure why I moved this rook. **30.Qa4?** [0:01:32]



White seems unaware that his King is about to get attacked. White's queen should stay near his king with 30.Qe2. **30...Rd3** [0:01:21] My first thought was to play 30...Qe3!, but I missed 30.Re1 Qd3+! 31.Be2 Qxh3+. The rook invasion is strong as well, though. **31.Bg2?** [0:01:15] 31.Ba5 was better. White took 17 seconds for 31.Bg2, confirming that Black's attack took him by surprise. Maybe that's why I moved the f8-rook off the f-file... **31...Rbd8?** [0:00:51] This is really bad - I took 30 seconds and didn't play the obvious 31...Nxg2 32.Kxg2 Qe3, which levels White's position. **32.Kg1?** [0:01:11]



Fortunately for Black, 32.Ba5 can be met with 32...Qa7, pinning White's a5-bishop to his a4-queen. 32.Qa5 might have been the best chance. Neither player is covering him (her?) self with glory in terms of accuracy. **32...Rg3!** [0:00:35] A good move! **33.Kf1** [0:00:58] **33...f3** [0:00:30] 33...Nxg2 34.Rxg2 Rf3+ mates, but the move played proves that White has a bad bishop. So you tell me - which move is REALLY better for Black? **34.Bh1** [0:00:56] **34...Rxh3** [0:00:28]



White resigns See? White has a bad bishop on h1. Even when I have a mating attack I end up playing positionally. Sigh. **0-1**

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