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Stephen Wright

HERE AND THERE

World Youth and Cadet Chess Championship (October 24 – November 6)



This year's WYCCC is taking place at the Greek resort Porto Carras in Macedonia, which also hosted the tournament in 2010. Note the extra "C" in the acronym, rather than the previous WYCC; beginning next year the event will be split into two, the Cadet (U8/10/12) being in Batumi, Georgia and the Youth (U14/16/18) in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia. This will cause families with children in the different categories to potentially travel to two international locations in a year rather than one; as a consequence many are taking the opportunity to play in this year's single event, resulting in the largest number of Canadian participants ever – fifty-six, including fourteen from this province.

After five rounds the highest-scoring Canadians are Nameer Issani (U10) and last year's U14 Girls' Champion Qiyu Zhou (U16G) with 4.0 points; the top B.C. scores are held by Aiden Zhou (U10), 3.5, and Neil Doknjas (U10), Anna Van (U10G), and Veronica Guo (U8G) with 3.0 points, but the competition is not yet half over. The [tournament website](#) has live games, results, standings, and links to many photos; photos can also be found on the CFC's [facebook](#) page. ChessBase [report](#). Unfortunately the only B.C. games currently available are losses; this one occurred after Aiden won his first three games:

Wang, Justin - Zhou, Aiden (1870) [B22] WYCC Open 10 Porto Carras (4.4), 28.10.2015

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Be2 cxd4 7.cxd4 e6 8.0-0 Qa5 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nc3 Bb4 11.Bd2 Nge7 12.a3 Bxc3 13.Bxc3 Qd5 14.g4 Bg6 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Qxd1

17.Rfxd1 Be4 18.Bb4 Bc6 19.Bd6 Nd5 20.Rac1 Kd7 21.Rd4 Rac8 22.f4 g6 23.Bd3 Rhg8 24.Kf2 a6
25.a4 f5 26.Ra1 Ra8 27.Rg1 Rac8 28.h4 Rh8 29.gxf5 gxf5 30.Rg7+ Ke8 31.Ke2 Rd8 32.Rxd5
Bxd5 33.Re7+ Kf8 34.Rxe6+ Kg7 35.Rf6 Be4 36.Bxe4 fxe4 37.Ke3 h5 38.Kxe4 Rh6 39.Rxh6 Kxh6
40.Kf5 Kg7 41.Ke6 Re8+ 42.Be7 Rc8 43.f5 Rc6+ 44.Bd6 Rxd6+ 45.exd6 b5 46.d7 b4 47.d8Q b3
48.Qg5+ Kh7 49.Kf7 Kh8 50.Qxh5# 1-0

Lake City Chess Open (October 24) by Scott Richardson



This year's Lake City Chess Open saw some great games in both the Open and Youth sections. Five players came down from Quesnel. Jared Martin won six straight, taking first in the Youth section; his father, Andrew Martin, took second in the Open but not without making Kai Richardson sweat. Kai won first by 1/2 a point. Nicholas Campbell took third in the Open. Andrew's youngest son Matthew is an up and coming youth chess combatant and the fifth wheel from Quesnel, George Cooper, is one of the old timer chess players who caused grief in the Open. Ralph Potkowski from Mahood Lake bush drew George playing right to the last seconds on the clock. Nick F. Weber, a retired Williams Lake teacher and chess instructor, won three games, two of which were against Williams Lake chess players Bill Dawes and Ben Shoults but lost his match to long time Williams Lake player Ken Mitchell. Father and daughter participation: Glen Burrill played in the Open, while Amelia Burrill placed fourth ahead of tough player Gabrielle Chauvette in the Youth section.

The Youth section was dominated by Jared Martin with Timu Kruus coming a close second losing only to Jared. The first youth battle between Quesnel and Williams Lake. Nick Gysel, eight years old, had pre-registered in the Open section, fought a good battle before opting to play in the Youth section. Special thanks to our volunteer floater, Nick Maviglia, the young lawyer from 100 Mile House, who all the youth enjoyed playing against.

We would like to thank our sponsors because everyone went home with something they can use. We are one of a kind because of our sponsors: Red Shreds, Barking Spider, Adventure Games, The Gecko Tree, The Open Book, Realm of Toys, Taylor Made and Do-More Promotional. Special thanks to Safeway for providing us with lunch and not much at all could happen without the librarians, thank you. [Results](#) and [pictures](#) of the event, pictures were taken by Aki Yamamoto.

Millionaire Chess (October 7-12)

Millionaire Chess finished in Las Vegas with Millionaire Monday: the top four finishers in each section (except Unrated), as determined by the main seven-round Swiss, participated in a knockout format to decide their final placing. One of the finalists was B.C.'s Davaa-Ochir Nyamdorj in the U2200; as in some of the other sections, Davaa was involved in a tie after the regular seven games and had to play an active playoff of another three games to earn his place in the final four. The U2200 prizes ranged from \$38,000 for first to \$8,000 for fourth; hard to say at a distance, but it seems nerves and fatigue were not kind to Davaa, who lost both his knockout matches and thus finished fourth. Elsewhere Kai Wang tied for second in the Unrated section and won \$1,500, while his son Daniel was awarded the \$1,000 biggest upset prize in the U1600 section. Other participants from this province included Jofrel Landingin (U2000), Doug Sly (U1800), and Andrew Hemstapat (Unrated). Overall there were more entrants than last year but still not sufficient to support the \$1,000,000 prize fund without the sponsorship of Vancouver-based entrepreneur Amy Lee. [Tournament website](#)



Kai and Daniel

Nyamdorj, Davaa-Ochir - Reyes, Virgilio T. [B52] Millionaire Chess - U2200 Las Vegas (7.2), 11.10.2015

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.Bxd7+ Qxd7 5.d4 cxd4 6.Qxd4 Nc6 7.Qd3 g6 8.c4 Bg7 9.Nc3 Nf6 10.0-0 0-0 11.h3 Rac8 12.Rb1 Nb4 13.Qe2 Qc7 14.b3 Rfe8 15.Bb2 Nh5 16.Qd2 a6 17.a3 Nc6 18.Nd5 Qb8 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Nh2 b5 21.Qc3+ f6 22.g4 e6 23.Nxf6 Nxf6 24.g5 e5 25.gxf6+ Kxf6 26.f4 Qa7+ 27.Kh1 Kg7 28.f5 Rf8 29.Ng4 Qd4 30.Qf3 gxf5 31.exf5 e4 32.Qf4 Qd3 33.f6+ Kh8 34.Rb2 Ne5 35.Nxe5 dxe5 36.Qf5 Rc7 37.Rg2 Rcf7 38.Rg7 Qxf1+ 39.Qxf1 Rxf6 40.Qg2 e3 41.Rxh7+ Kxh7 42.Qe4+ Rf5 43.Qxe3 bxc4 44.bxc4 Kg6 45.c5 R8f6 46.Qe4 Kf7 47.Kh2 Ke6 48.Qd3 Ke7 49.c6 Rf3 50.Qd5 Rf2+ 51.Kg3 R2f5 52.c7 Rg6+ 53.Kh4 Rf8 54.Qc5+ 1-0

Nyamdorj, Davaa-Ochir - Prachura, P.P. [B30] Millionaire U2200 Semi Finals Las Vegas (1.2), 12.10.2015

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.Nc3 Qc7 5.0-0 Nd4 6.Bc4 Ng4 7.Bxf7+ Kd8 8.e5 Nxf3+ 9.Qxf3 Nxe5 10.Qf4 g5 11.Qf5 d6 12.Be6 Bxe6 13.Qxe6 Qd7 14.Qxd7+ Kxd7 15.d4 cxd4 16.Nb5 d3 17.cxd3 Nxd3 18.Bxg5 Bg7 19.Rab1 Nxb2 20.Rfe1 e6 21.Re4 d5 22.Rf4 Rhf8 23.Rxf8 Rxf8 24.Nxa7 Ra8 25.Be3 d4 26.Rxb2 Rxa7 27.Bd2 Kc6 28.Kf1 b5 29.Ke1 Kc5 30.Rc2+ Kd5 31.Bb4 d3 32.Rd2 Kc4 33.a3 Bc3 34.f4 Bxd2+ 35.Kxd2 Kd4 36.Kd1 Rc7 37.g3 Ke3 38.g4 Kxf4 39.Bd6+ Kxg4 40.Bxc7 Kf3 41.Kd2 Ke4 42.Bg3 e5 43.Bxe5 Kxe5 44.Kxd3 Kd5 45.Kc3 Kc5 46.Kb3 Kc6 47.Kb4 Kb6 ½-½

Victoria vs the World

Victoria Chess will be hosting a rather unusual form of chess event from January 15th to 17th – a Scheveningen style match. The five top-rated Victoria players will play each player on a team of five top rated Vancouver area players. This event will be held in conjunction with the First Annual Victoria Open, an event that is open to everyone. Both tournaments will feature the usual high standards you have come to expect at a Victoria Chess event. For details visit the [Victoria Chess Club](#) website.

100th B.C. CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP by Joe “Throwback” Roback



(photos by Victoria Jung-Doknjas)

The 100th anniversary B.C. Closed took place in the shiny cafeteria of the Guru Angad Dev Elementary School in the heart of Surrey, B.C. It was truly a pleasure to take part in hosting the Closed this year as I have followed this tournament ever since I started competing in chess. For the second year in a row Jason Cao (CFC 2403) won the B.C. Closed Championship (an undefeated 5.0/7), the most prestigious honour in B.C. chess. In 2010, Jason won the U10 World Championship and has achieved a peak rating of 2439 CFC. Other notable performances in the B.C. Closed included Howard Wu who had an amazing start and Tanraj Sohal who placed clear second (4.5/7) and nearly tied for first but couldn't break through Alfred Pechisker's stonewall in the last round, despite sacrificing an exchange.

Surrey, 9-12 October 2015	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
1 Cao, Jason	2402	*	½	½	½	1	½	1	1	5.0
2 Sohal, Tanraj	2359	½	*	½	1	1	½	½	½	4.5
3 Doknjas, John	2279	½	½	*	½	½	0	½	1	3.5
4 Wu, Howard	2223	½	0	½	*	0	1	½	1	3.5
5 Doknjas, Joshua	2160	0	0	½	1	*	½	½	1	3.5
6 Moore, Harry	2204	½	½	1	0	½	*	½	0	3.0
7 Chan, James	2208	0	½	½	½	½	½	*	½	3.0
8 Pechisker, Alfred	2258	0	½	0	0	0	1	½	*	2.0

Guru Angad Dev Elementary School
Average rating 2261

A B.C. Woman's Open also took place along-side the B.C. Closed. A similar event hasn't been hosted since 2011. Junior Andrea Botez took top honours this year with a perfect 6.0/6 result. Coincidentally, Andrea's older sister Alexandra also won last time in 2011 at SFU, Burnaby. Andrea

now lives in Portland, Oregon but is loyal to her old province of B.C. and has also competed in the Keres Memorial as well. Thank you to Victoria Jung-Doknjas for the pictures and making the Women's Open possible this year.



In the third event that took place at the same site this weekend, Luke Pulfer took top honours in the Vancouver Open. Neil Doknjas placed clear second and nearly tied for first, conceding a draw in the last round. Special thanks to Alonso Campos, Victoria Jung-Doknjas, Jason Kenney, and all our visitors throughout the weekend.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 Cao, Jason	1.0	1.5	2.5	3.0	4.0	4.5	5.0
2 Sohal, Tanraj	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	3.0	4.0	4.5
3 Doknjas, John	0.5	1.0	2.0	2.5	2.5	3.0	3.5
4 Wu, Howard	0.5	1.5	2.5	3.0	3.5	3.5	3.5
5 Doknjas, Joshua	1.0	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.0	2.5	3.5
6 Moore, Harry	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.5	3.0
7 Chan, James	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0
8 Pechisker, Alfred	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.5	2.0

[The above table shows that Jason led from start to finish; Howard made it a two-man race with his excellent start but could not maintain the pace. And Tanraj began slowly with four draws, brought himself into contention with wins in rounds five and six, but was unable to overcome tail-ender Alfred in the last round. The tournament could be seen as a victory for youth, with four competitors under the age of twenty taking the top spots, although Howard gave them a run for their money. The average game length was 39 moves, although significantly the four younger players averaged 44 moves compared to 34 moves for their elders – the youth were hungrier, or did not have the experience (or necessity) to know when to conserve energy?]

Wu, Howard - Pechisker, Alfred [B94] BC ch 100th Surrey (2.4), 10.10.2015

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 Nbd7 7.Bc4 Qc7 8.Bb3 e6 9.Qd2 Nc5 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.0-0-0 Nxb3+ 12.Nxb3 Bd7 13.Rhe1 0-0-0 14.Qd4 Be7 15.Rd3 Kb8 16.Nd5 exd5

17.Rc3 Qxc3 18.bxc3 Bc8 19.exd5 Rd7 20.Na5 Bd8 21.Nc4 Rg8 22.g3 Be7 23.Qh4 Rh8 24.Qh6 Rc7 25.Qg7 Rd8 26.Qxf7 Rxc4 27.Rxe7 Rxc3 28.Qxf6 Rc7 29.Rxh7 1–0

Cao, Jason - Pechisker, Alfred [B80] BC ch 100th Surrey (5.2), 11.10.2015

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 Nc6 7.f3 Qc7 8.Qd2 e6 9.g4 h6 10.0–0–0 Ne5 11.h4 Nfd7 12.Kb1 b5 13.Be2 Nb6 14.f4 Nec4 15.Bxc4 Nxc4 16.Qd3 b4 17.Nce2 Nxe3 18.Qxe3 Bb7 19.Ng3 Be7 20.f5 e5 21.Nb3 f6 22.Nd2 d5 23.exd5 Bxd5 24.Nde4 0–0–0 25.Rd2 Kb7 26.Rhd1 Bc4 27.g5 hxg5 28.hxg5 f5 29.Nxg5 Rxd2 30.Rxd2 Bxg5 31.Qxg5 e4 32.b3 Bb5 33.Qe3 Bc6 34.Rd4 a5 35.Nxe4 Kb8 36.Nc5 Bb5 37.Rd7 Qc6 38.Qe5+ Ka8 39.Qxg7 Qh1+ 40.Kb2 Bxd7 41.Qxd7 Qf3 42.Na4 Qb7 43.Qd4 Re8 44.Nb6+ Kb8 45.Nc4 Qc7 46.a3 Rd8 47.Qf6 Ka7 48.axb4 axb4 49.Qe6 Qc5 50.f6 Rd1 51.Qe7+ Qxe7 52.fxe7 Re1 53.Nd6 1–0

Sohal, Tanraj - Pechisker, Alfred [D11] BC ch 100th Surrey (7.3), 12.10.2015

[Joe Roback]

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 c6 4.Bg2 Bf5 5.Nbd2 h6 6.c4 e6 7.0–0 Nbd7 8.b3 Be7 9.Bb2 0–0 10.Ne5 Qb6 11.c5 Qc7 12.Nxd7 Nxd7 13.b4 a5 14.a3 b5 15.Bc3 a4 16.f4 Bh7 17.Nf3 f5 18.e3 Rf7 19.Ne5 Nxe5 20.dxe5 g5 21.Qh5 Kg7 22.Qe2 g4 23.Rad1 Rff8 24.e4 dxe4 25.Rd6 Kf7 26.h4 (26.Bxe4 {A risky side line that Tanraj was considering during the game.} fxe4 27.f5 Bxf5 28.Qxg4 Ke8 (28... Bxd6 29.exd6 Ke8) 29.Qh5+ Rf7 30.Rxf5 exf5 31.e6 Bxd6 32.cxd6) Bxd6 27.exd6 Qd7 28.Qd2 Ke8 29.Be5 Qf7 30.Rc1 Kd7 31.Bf1 Rfb8 32.Be2 Rb7 33.Bd1 h5 {=} 34.Bc2 Bg8 35.Bb1 Qg6 36.Ba2 Bf7 37.Qd4 Rc8 38.Kf2 Re8 39.Bb1 Ra8 40.Bc2 Bg8 41.Bd1 Bf7 42.Be2 Rc8 43.Qd1 Be8 44.Qf1 Kd8 ½–½

Moore, Harry - Cao, Jason [B26] BC ch 100th Surrey (6.4), 12.10.2015

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6 6.Be3 e6 7.Qd2 Rb8 8.Nge2 Nd4 9.0–0 b5 10.Nc1 Ne7 11.Nd1 b4 12.c3 bxc3 13.bxc3 Ndc6 14.Bh6 0–0 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Ne3 Ba6 17.Ne2 Ne5 18.f4 Nxd3 19.c4 Nb4 20.f5 Ng8 21.fxe6 fxe6 22.Rxf8 Qxf8 23.e5 d5 24.Nf4 Re8 25.cxd5 exd5 26.Nexd5 Rxe5 27.Qc3 Qd6 28.Re1 Nc6 29.Nc7 Nd4 30.Rxe5 Qxe5 31.Nxa6 g5 32.Nxc5 gxf4 33.Ne6+ Qxe6 34.Qxd4+ Qf6 35.Qxa7+ Kh8 36.gxf4 Qxf4 37.Qf2 Qc1+ 38.Bf1 Qg5+ 39.Qg2 Qe3+ 40.Kh1 Nf6 41.Qa8+ Kg7 42.Qb7+ Kh8 43.Qb8+ Ne8 44.Qb2+ Ng7 45.Qb8+ Ne8 46.Qb2+ Ng7 47.h3 h5 48.Qe2 Qf4 49.Qg2 Nf5 50.Qa8+ Kg7 51.Qb7+ Kf6 52.Qc6+ Ke7 53.Qc5+ Kf6 54.Qf8+ Kg5 55.Qd8+ Kg6 ½–½

BRUCE HARPER ANNOTATES

Opponent (1928) - Harper, B (2129) [A42] ICC 3 0 Internet Chess Club

Occasionally a game is played that has so many twists and turns, mainly because of stupid mistakes, that you just have to share it.

1.d4 [0:02:57] **1...g6** [0:02:57] **2.c4** [0:02:56] **2...Bg7** [0:02:56] **3.Nc3** [0:02:56] **3...d6** [0:02:56] **4.e4** [0:02:55] **4...Nc6** [0:02:55] This opening should be familiar to regular readers of this column. **5.Be3** [0:02:53] **5...e5** [0:02:54] **6.Nge2** [0:02:49] **6...Nh6** [0:02:52] **7.d5** [0:02:47] **7...Ne7** [0:02:51] **8.f3** [0:02:44] **8...f5** [0:02:51] **9.Qd2** [0:02:43] **9...Nf7** [0:02:50] **10.0–0–0** [0:02:40] **10...0–0** [0:02:49] **11.Kb1** [0:02:36] **11...c5** [0:02:47]



A tabiya, if that term can be used with respect to this opening. White can now play 12.dxc6, but instead he decides to let the queenside be blocked in the hope of starting a kingside attack. **12.exf5!?** [0:02:27] **12...gxf5** [0:02:45] **13.Rg1!?** [0:02:18] 13.f4! is more positionally sound. **13...a6** [0:02:43] **14.g4** [0:02:17] **14...f4** [0:02:42] **15.Bf2** [0:02:15] After 15.Bxc5!? Black responds 15...b5!? **15...Bd7** [0:02:38] It was more accurate to play 15...b5! right away, as 16.cxb5 axb5 17.Nxb5 Ng5! favours Black. But soon we will leave such subtleties behind. **16.Nc1!?** [0:02:10] **16...Ng5** [0:02:30] **17.Be2!?** [0:02:06] **17...Nh3** [0:02:27] **18.Bh4** [0:02:03] **18...Nxc1** [0:02:25] **19.Rxg1** [0:02:03]



Now Black is up the exchange and about 20 seconds. That should makes things simple, right? **19...Qe8** [0:02:24] **20.Ne4** [0:02:01] **20...Ng6** [0:02:12] **21.Bg5!?** [0:01:54] **21...Qb8?** [0:02:04] 21...h6! 22.Nxd6 Qb8 won more material. **22.h4** [0:01:52] **22...h6!?** [0:01:58] **23.h5** [0:01:42] **23...hxg5** [0:01:57] **24.hxg6** [0:01:41]



24...Be8? [0:01:56] Black has let his opponent back into the game. After 24...Qe8!, answering both 25.Nxd6 and 25.Nxc6 with 25...Qxc6+, Black would still have a slight edge. **25.Nxc6** [0:01:37] **25...Bxc6+** [0:01:55] **26.Bd3** [0:01:36] **26...Qe8** [0:01:53] **27.Qc2!** [0:01:33] **27...Rf6** [0:01:50] **28.Rh1!?** [0:01:26] **28...Bxd3** [0:01:44] **29.Qxd3** [0:01:23] **29...Qg6** [0:01:42] **30.Ne4** [0:01:21] **30...Rff8** [0:01:37]



The position has now settled down to one of its rare moments of true equality, which White could demonstrate with 31.Rh5!, followed by 32.Rg5 Qh6 33.Rh5 Qg6 34.Rg5, with a draw by repetition.
31.Ne2 [0:01:08] **31...Rab8** [0:01:31] **32.Nf2c3** [0:01:04] **32...Kf7** [0:01:29]



33.Rh7?! [0:00:40] After more than twenty seconds thought, White can't resist making this showy move (33...Qxh7? 34.Ng5+). 33.Rh5 was still right. **33...Rh8** [0:01:23] **34.Nxd6+?** [0:00:37] This was White's idea, but it's unsound. **34...Qxd6** [0:01:19] **35.Qf5+** [0:00:35] **35...Qf6** [0:01:16] **36.Qd7+** [0:00:31]



36...Kg6?? [0:01:14] After 36...Kg8! 37.Ne4 Qg6, the rooks come off and it's over. **37.Ne4?** [0:00:26] **37.Rxg7+!** Qc7 **38.Qf5+ Kh6** **39.Qh5** is mate!
37...Rxh7 [0:00:47]



37...Qg7 38.Qd6+ Kxh7 39.Ng5+ is a better way for Black to give up his queen. **38.g5??** [0:00:24]
38...Qf5 [0:00:38] 38...Rh1+ 39.Kc2 Rh2+ 40.Kd1 Qf5 was more accurate, as after 41.Qd6+ Kh7 42.Qxb8 Qh3! mates quickly. **39.Qd6+** [0:00:20] **39...Kh5!?** [0:00:35] Black begins a kingwalk, although 39...Bf6!? was also sufficient. **40.Qxb8** [0:00:17] **40...Kh4!?** [0:00:33] **41.Qe8** [0:00:16] **41...Kh3** [0:00:30] **42.d6** [0:00:15] **42...Kg2** [0:00:28]



The culmination of Black's idea - he attacks White's key f3-pawn with his king, which finally is completely safe. White's only chance is to queen his d-pawn. Both players had less than 30 seconds left. **43.d7** [0:00:14] **43...Kxf3** [0:00:26]



Undermining White's strong e4-knight and, the engine tells us, forcing mate. **44.d8Q** [0:00:13] **44...Qxe4+** [0:00:25] **45.Kc1** [0:00:11] **45...Rh1+?** [0:00:23] 45...Qxc4+ forced mate in three, although now White had to interpose his new queen on d1 to continue. **46.Kd2?!** [0:00:10] **46...Rh2+** [0:00:11] 46...Qe3+ 47.Kc2 Rc1 also mated. **47.Kc3** [0:00:09]



47...Qd4+? [0:00:09] 47...Qc2 mate was a lot easier!
 Now each player had less than 10 seconds...
48.Qxd4 [0:00:07] **48...cxd4+** [0:00:06] **49.Kb3?!**
 [0:00:07] After 49.Kd3! - and many adventures - the engine evaluates the position as very close to being equal! But as we approach the 5-second mark, it isn't appropriate to be too critical. **49...e4** [0:00:05]



Black's king is strangely safe, but this might change as he advance his central pawns. A very odd position, all things considered. **50.Qe6?** [0:00:06] White should have attacked Black's g7-bishop. **50...d3** [0:00:04] **51.Qd5** [0:00:05] **51...Ke3** [0:00:02] 51...Rxb2+ was good too. But now Black is down to two seconds, while White still has five seconds left. Surely Black must lose... **52.Qxe4+?** [0:00:05] Probably a mistake, because now Black can pre-move. **52...Kxe4** [0:00:01] **53.c5** [0:00:04] **53...d2** [0:00:01]



54.c6?! [0:00:04] After 54.Kc2 Black had pre-moved 54...d1=Q+, in order to force mate after 55.Kxd1 Kd3 56.Ke1 Bd4 57.Kf1 f3 and 58...Rh1 mate. But would Black have had enough time to carry out this plan? For those who don't play on ICC, a "pre-move" is a move that is entered before the opponent has moved. A pre-move will be executed by the computer in 0.1 seconds, provided it is still legal. Even so... **54...d1Q+** [0:00:01] **55.Kc4?** [0:00:01] Why the question mark? Because White took three seconds for this move, trying to find a way to avoid mate for as long as possible. The flaw in this plan was that ... White lost on time! **55...Qd6** [0:00:01] White forfeits on time. **0-1**

BROWSING FOR ENDGAMES by Dan Scoones

Today's browsing takes us back to a 1967 issue of the Latvian chess magazine popularly known as *Shakhmaty Riga*. Founded in the late 1950s by future World Champion Mikhail Tal, this publication had a light, breezy editorial style – in contrast to its more serious Moscow rivals *Shakhmaty v SSSR* and *Shakhmatny Bulletin*.

At the conclusion of the Havana 1966 Olympiad, Mikhail Tal and Leonid Shamkovich were invited to the traditional off-season tournament on the Spanish resort island of Palma de Mallorca. This was to be the first-ever appearance of Soviet chess players in Spain – not really surprising, considering the long-standing political situation in both countries.

Tal's most difficult game was his fifth-round win over Yugoslav grandmaster Petar Trifunovic, who had already acquired a reputation as a difficult man to beat. Before the game, Trifunovic's personal score against the ex-World Champion was one win, three draws, and no losses. Tal was out to level things.

Tal, Mikhail - Trifunovic, Petar [E18] Palma de Mallorca (5), 1966

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.g3 b6 4.Bg2 Bb7 5.0–0 Be7 6.d4 0–0 7.Nc3 Ne4 8.Bd2 d5 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Ne5 Nxc3 11.Bxc3 Nd7 12.Nd3 Bd6 13.b4 c6 14.a4 a6 15.Qb3 Re8 16.Ra2 b5 17.Nc5 Nxc5 18.dxc5 bxa4 19.Qb2 Bf8 20.Rxa4 Bc8 21.Rfa1 Rb8 22.Bd4 h5 23.h4 Re6 24.Bf3 g5 25.hxg5 Qxg5 26.Qc1 Qf5 27.Qf4 Qxf4 28.gxf4 Bg7 29.Bxg7 Kxg7 30.Kh2 Rg6 31.Rg1 Rxg1 32.Kxg1 h4 33.e3 Kf6 34.Be2 Ra8 35.Kg2 Ke7 36.Bd3 Kf6



White to play

With more active pieces and a superior pawn structure, White stands clearly better. As the active side, he must look around for a plan to improve his position and put himself in sight of a win. Mikhail Tal finds the best way forward: create a pawn duo in the centre to restrict Black's king, alternate attacks against Black's two wing pawns, and then aim to simplify into a winning rook ending.

37.f3 Ra7 38.e4 h3+ 39.Kg3 dxe4 40.fxe4 Ra8 41.Bf1 Bd7

Alternatives: a) 41...Rb8 42.Bxh3 Bxh3 43.Kxh3 and White is winning; b) 41...Ra7 42.Ra3!? Ra8 43.Bxh3 Bxh3 44.Kxh3 Rb8 45.Kg4! Rxb4 46.e5+! Ke6 47.Rxb6 Kd5 48.Ra7 Ke6 49.Rc7 and again White is winning.



42.e5+? A misstep by Tal. With this move White unnecessarily exposes his pawns to later counterattack, and also gives away the possibility of f4-f5, which in some lines is necessary to cut off the action of Black's bishop and insure the capture of the pawn on h3. Likewise unavailing was 42.Bxh3 Rg8+! 43.Kh2 Rh8 44.f5 (or 44.Ra3 Rb8) 44...Ke5 45.Rxa6 Kxe4 and Black is defending successfully, but 42.Rxa6! was quite promising; for example 42...Rh8 43.Ra2! (and not 43.Kh2? Rh4!)=) 43...Be6 44.Rd2 Rg8+ 45.Kh2 Ra8 46.Bxh3 Rh8 47.Rd3 Bxh3 48.Rxh3 Rb8 49.Rh6+! (49.e5+?! Kg6 50.Rd3 Rxb4 51.Rd6+ Kf5 52.Rf6+ Kg4 53.Rxf7 Rb2+ 54.Kg1 Re2=) 49...Kg7 50.Rxc6 Rxb4 51.Kg3 Rxe4 52.Kg4 and White must be winning.

42...Ke7 43.Rxa6 Rh8 44.Ra2 f6!?

Some annotators recommended the waiting move 44...Rh7!? Although White keeps an edge with 45.Bd3 Rg7+ 46.Kh2 Rg4 47.Rf2 f6 48.exf6+ Kxf6 49.Be4, it is difficult to see how further progress can be made. Black's vital h-pawn has survived, and White cannot attack Black's remaining pawns without abandoning his own f-pawn. **45.e6!?** The sealed move (remember those?) and the best winning try. **45...Bxe6?** Black returns the favour. He can keep the game in the drawing zone with 45...Kxe6! 46.Bxh3+ f5 47.Re2+ Kf6 48.Rd2 Ke7 49.Bf1 Ra8; for example, 50.Kf2 Ra4 51.Rd4 Ra2+ 52.Ke3 Ra3+ 53.Bd3 Be6 54.Kd2 Ra2+ 55.Kc3 Ra3+ 56.Kb2 Ra2+ 57.Kb1 Rf2, etc. After the text move Tal finds a very nice combination to simplify into a winning pawn ending.



46.Ra7+! Bd7 Or 46...Kc8 47.Ra8+ Bc8 48.Ba6 h2 49.Rxc8+ followed by 50.Rxh8 and wins. **47.Kh2!!** The charming point is that Black is now in zugzwang and must make a fatal concession. **47...Rh5** Or 47...Ke6 48.f5+ Ke7 49.b5 Rc8 50.bxc6 Rxc6 51.Bb5 Rxc5 52.Rxd7+ Kf8 53.Bd3 and the win for White is purely a matter of technique. **48.b5 Rxc5 49.Bxh3 f5** Here too Black can try to drag things out with 49...Rc2+!? 50.Kg1 cxb5, but White wins after 51.Rxd7+ Ke8 52.Be6 Rc6 53.f5 Rc2 54.Rb7 Rb2 55.Rf7 Re2 56.Rxf6 Ke7 57.Rf7+ Kd6 58.Rb7 Kc5 59.Rd7 Kc6 60.Rd3, etc. **50.bxc6 Rxc6 51.Bxf5 Rd6** If 51...Rc4 then 52.Kg3! and not 52.Rxd7+? Kf6 53.Bg4 Rxf4, which despite the extra piece is a theoretical draw. **52.Kg3 Ke8 53.Rxd7 Rxd7 54.Bxd7+ Kxd7**



The point of Tal's combination. White now has an easily-won pawn ending. **55.Kg4 Ke6 56.Kg5 Kf7 57.Kf5 1-0**

Trifunovic does not wait for the likely conclusion 57.Kg7 58.Ke6 Kf8 59.Kf6 Kg8 60.Ke7 followed by marching in the f-pawn. Mikhail Tal eventually won the Palma de Mallorca tournament, but his Yugoslav compatriot did not fare so well, finishing in a tie for seventh place among sixteen participants.

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Tal's combination has put your correspondent in mind of one of his own games, which also featured a liquidation into a winning pawn ending.

Cameron, Ross - Scoones, Dan [C00] Nanaimo op (4), 23.11.1980

1.g3 c5 2.Bg2 Nf6 3.d3 d5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.0-0 e6 6.Nbd2 Be7 7.e4 b6 8.Ne1 Bb7 9.f4 Qc7 10.e5 Nd7 11.Ndf3 0-0-0 12.Bd2 h6 13.a4 Rdg8 14.Qc1 g5 15.fxg5 hxg5 16.Nxg5 Nd4 17.Rf2 Nxe5 18.Nef3 Ndx3+ 19.Nxf3 Ng4 20.Re2 d4 21.Bf4 Bd6 22.Bxd6 Qxd6 23.Ng5 Qc7 24.Bxb7+ Kxb7 25.Qf4 Qxf4 26.gxf4 f6 27.Nxe6 Nxh2+ 28.Kf2 Ng4+ 29.Kf3 Ne3 30.c3 Re8 31.f5 Rh3+ 32.Ke4 Rh4+ 33.Kf3 Rh3+ 34.Ke4 Rg8 35.cxd4 Rg4+ 36.Nf4 cxd4 37.Rf2



Because of the pin on the knight and the White king's lack of mobility, Black is close to establishing a total bind. His task now is to increase the pressure and then open a second front on the queenside. **37...Rhh4 38.Rc1** White can escape the bind by giving up the exchange with 38.Kxd4 Ng2 39.Rxg2 Rxg2 40.Ke3, but after 40...Rxb2 41.Nd5 Rh3+ 42.Ke4 Re2+ 43.Kd4 Re5 44.Nxf6 Rxf5 Black should win easily. The alternative 38...b4 Ng2 39.Raf1 Kc6 would transpose to the game. **38...Ng2 39.Rcf1 Kc6 40.b4 a6 41.Rc1+ Kd6 42.Rcf1**

Black to play



White is now completely tied up. I was casting around for a way to break through with my king but then spotted the following knight manoeuvre: **42...Ne3!**
43.Rc1 Nd5 44.Rcf1 Nxb4 45.Kxd4 Nd5 46.Ke4



Mission accomplished. The pin has been restored but the pawn structure has altered significantly. It is time to cash in. **46...Rxf4+!** **47.Rxf4 Rxf4+** **48.Rxf4 Nxf4**
49.Kxf4 Kd5 0-1



White decided he had seen enough and threw in the towel here. Black wins easily, as the reader might verify.

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