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HERE AND THERE

World Youth Chess Championship (September 22 – October 3)



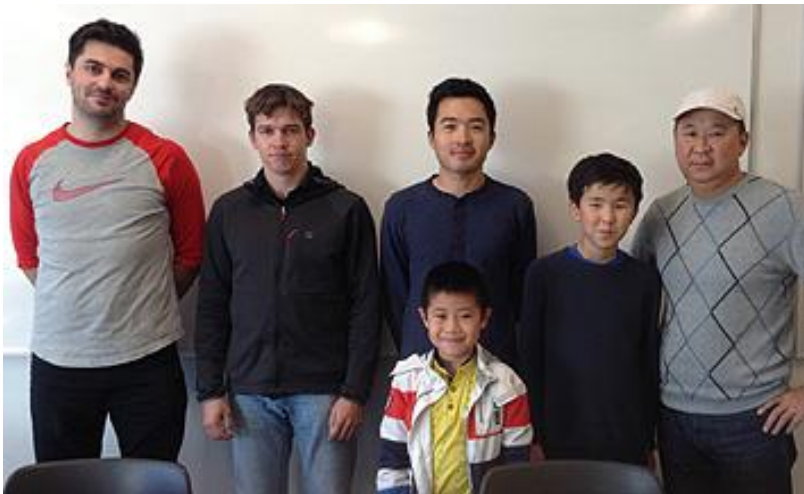
Last year the WYCC was held in Greece and Canada sent its largest delegation ever, fifty-six players. This year for the first time the tournament has been split into two, with the World Youth (the U14, U16, U18 sections) happening now in Khanty Mansiysk, Russia, while the World Cadet (the younger sections) will take place in Batumi, Georgia in the second half of October. Splitting the tournament into two is problematic for those families with players who now have to attend two different events, and perhaps the locations are not as attractive as last year, but the Canadian contingent in Khanty Mansiysk is just six players, including James Li from BC. The winner of the U1800 Section at the World Open, James has some stiff opposition in the eighty-seven player U16 Section, including one of Iran's stars from the recent Olympiad, Parham Maghsoodloo; Bryce Tiglon from Washington is also a participant. After three rounds James has one win. [Canadian results](#)

Li, James - Mustafin, Andrey [A69] WYCC U16 Khanty Mansiysk (1.42), 22.09.2016

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f4 0-0 6.Nf3 c5 7.d5 e6 8.Be2 exd5 9.cxd5 Re8 10.e5 dxe5 11.fxe5 Ng4 12.e6 fxe6 13.Bg5 Qb6 14.Qd2 Nf6 15.d6 Nd5 16.0-0 Qxd6 17.Bc4 Nc6 18.Ne4 Qc7 19.Bxd5 exd5 20.Qxd5+ Be6 21.Qxc5 Rf8 22.Kh1 Qa5 23.Qd6 Qd5 24.Rfe1 Qxd6 25.Nxd6 Bd5 26.Nh4 Rf2 27.Red1 Bxb2 28.Kg1 Rc2 29.Rxd5 Bxa1 30.Ne4 Re8 31.Ng3 Bd4+ 0-1

September Active (September 17)

The September edition of the VCS monthly active at Columbia College (near Terminal and Main) attracted thirty-one players in two sections. Grigorii Morozov and Davaa-Ochir Nyamdorj were the only two players rated over 2000 and unsurprisingly took the first two places, Grigorii with a perfect 6.0/6 and Davaa only losing to Grigorii. Ulvi Ibrahimov beat Davaa's sister Uranchimeg in claiming the first U1700 prize, while two Mongolian newcomers, father Sanjjav Purevjav and son Bilguun tied for the second U1700 prize with Ryan Yang – they all scored 3.0 points.



In the Junior Section there was a four-way tie for first; it looked like Andrew Xu was going to walk away with the tournament but he lost in the last round to Yawen Zheng, setting up the tie. Andrew won the U1300 Trophy, Yawen the U1000, and Raymond Yao and Alex Yu were awarded medals. The U600 Trophy went to newcomer Aaron Vickers, and Eric Jiang, Gurbaz Singh, and Borna Amjadi also won medals. Watch for the next event on October 15. [Standings](#)



Montreal Open (September 9-11) by Paul Leblanc

I travel to Ontario regularly to visit family and often try to fit in a chess tournament as part of my itinerary. In September of this year I decided to take part in the Montreal Open. This was a five-round event with a game on Friday night, which I prefer over the alternative of playing three games on Saturday. I decided to travel by rail from Pearson International to Montreal including a recently

installed direct rail link between the airport and Union Station. It was a delightful experience compared to the hassles and expense of air travel. I was met at the train station in Montreal by a chess friend, Hugh Brodie, who was kind enough share the fifteen-minute walk to my hotel in Old Montreal, three blocks from the chess tournament. The hotel was quite modern and offered a chess tournament rate.

The tournament turned out to be the largest non-junior event in Canada this year with two hundred and thirty-six entries. It was held in a technology school located at the corner of Notre Dame and Peel in the heart of Montreal. Amazingly, the school donated the site for free with the understanding that some of the students were participating and that it was considered part of the school's sports and recreation program. This allowed the organizers to guarantee a \$10,000 prize fund and keep entry fees quite modest. The tournament hall did have some shortcomings with poor lighting augmented by blinding spotlights and hard plastic chairs. The organizers were able to provide all equipment except for clocks. Being used to a sea of juniors and a handful of old guys at BC and Washington State tournaments, I was surprised to see the vast majority of players were in the twenty-fifty year old range with a smattering of juniors. This is a good sign for chess in Quebec. The organizers and players were very friendly. After a 45 minute delay at the beginning of round one caused by a flurry of late registrations things ran quite smoothly. We mortals were given the opportunity to follow the four GMs on the top boards via large projection screens fed by DGT boards. The time control for the event was game in 1 hr 45 minutes with a 30 second increment. I found that I liked this better than the Game in 1 hr 30 minutes that is common in BC.

I had a reasonable result and made it to Board 2 in the 1800-2000 Section for the last round but lost to a young Russian player recently moved to Montreal who seems to be on his way up. All in all, a great chess experience. [The overall winners were FM Yang Yu Zong and GM Thomas Roussel-Roozman with 4.5/5. Paul scored 3.5/5 in the "B" Section, which was won by Alexis Langlois-Rémillard with a perfect score.] [Crosstable](#)

Leblanc, Paul - Ivakhin, Mikhail [A84] Montreal op B (5), 11.09.2016

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 f5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bf4 Bd6 6.Bxd6 Qxd6 7.Nc3 Nf6 8.e3 c6 9.Bd3 0-0
10.Qc2 Ne4 11.Ne5 11.0-0 Be6 12.Ne5 Nd7 13.f3 was possibly a bit better. 11...Nd7 12.f4 Qe7
13.0-0-0 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Nc5 15.Be2 b5 15...Be6 16.Kb1=



16.Bf3 I missed 16.Bxb5! Bd7 (16...cxb5? 17.Nxd5 Qb7 18.Qxc5+-) 17.Kb1 Rab8± 16...Be6 17.Rhg1 Ne4
18.g4 Nxc3 19.Qxc3 b4 20.Qd2 a5 21.Kb1 a4 22.Rc1 Rac8 23.Ka1 A lost tempo that I would regret later.
23...a3 24.b3 Rfd8 25.gxf5 Bxf5



26.Bg4 26.Rg5!? Rf8 27.Qd4 Be6 28.Rc5 and White retains a small plus. **26...Bxg4 27.Rxg4 c5 28.Rcg1 Rc7 29.h4 Qe6 30.h5 d4 30...c4 31.Qg2** White starts to slip a little. Better was 31.Qd3 Rdc8 32.Kb1 c4 33.bxc4 dxe3 34.h6] **31...Qe7 32.h6 g6 33.Qe4 dxe3 34.f5?** White is in trouble but 34.Qxe3 Rcd7 35.Rc1 puts up more resistance. **34...Rcd7—+ 35.Kb1 Rd1+ 36.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 37.Kc2 Rd2+ 38.Kc1 Qd8 39.Qxe3 Rxa2 40.Rg1 Ra1+ 41.Kc2 Rxg1 42.Qxg1 Qd4 43.Qxd4 cxd4 44.e6 gxf5 0–1**

European Excursions

The [9th Sabadell Open](#) (September 1-9) finished in a tie between GM Karen Grigoryan (Armenia) and IM Luis Lazaro Aguero Jimenez (Cuba) with 7.0/9. James Chan had a disappointing event, scoring just 3.0 points; there were only thirty-nine players in his group which meant he ended up playing (and losing) to two of the three other Canadians participating, Mike Ivanov and Daniel Wiebe.

Oregon Open (September 3-5)

Several BC players took the opportunity on the Labour Day long weekend to play in an event out of province, namely the Oregon Open in Portland, OR. John, Joshua, and Neil Doknjas along with Darren Bates made the journey; John tied for third in the Open Section with Justin Sarkar (New York), James Tarjan (winner of the first Paul Keres Memorial in 1976), Nick Raptis, and Josh Sinanan, all scoring 4.5/6. The overall winner was Christopher Chase (Massachusetts) with 5.5 points, a half-point ahead of Oregon's Jason Cigan. In the U2000 Section Neil Doknjas gave up but one draw in claiming the first prize with 5.5 points. [Crosstables](#)

Langley Open (September 3-5)



(photo by Dave Bowers, lensonsport.com)

Now in its eleventh year after moving to Langley from Victoria, this traditional Labour Day weekend event is the last qualifying event for the upcoming provincial championship. As a result the competition is perhaps a bit keener than in the average event. This year there was a record turnout of sixty-one players, up from the previous record of sixty in 2012. Among them were nine players over 2000, including former BC Champions Tanraj Sohal, Mayo Fuentebella, and Brian McLaren, 2015 Manitoba Closed Champion Kevin Gentes who has been living in Surrey since February, and more recent arrivals Javier Cortes and Xie Qiu. After five rounds Tanraj and Kevin were leading, having drawn with each other and beaten everyone else. Gentes defeated Joe Roback in the last round but Sohal lost to Cortes, leaving Gentes the sole winner. Cortes, the only other undefeated player (he gave up two draws) tied for second on 5.0 points with two juniors who had excellent events, Andrew Hemstapat and Michael Su. Somewhat surprisingly the qualifying spot for the BC Closed went to the sixth-placed player, Daniel Salcedo; everyone ahead of him had either already qualified or didn't meet the residency or rating requirements for the Closed. There was a four-way tie for the U1700 prizes between Callum Lehingrat, Elliot Lupini, Ulvi Ibrahimov, and Daniel Wang, all with 4.0 points; Lupini and Wang are actually only rated 1090 and 1360 respectively. Finally Joshua Imoo was recipient of the upset prize for beating Xie Qiu in the first round, a difference of some 823 points. The tournament was organized by the Langley Chess Club (Hugh Long, President), promoted by Andrew Hoyer, and directed by Brian Davidson. [Standings](#)

Chess goes to the movies

Last year there was *Pawn Sacrifice*, the biographical film starring Tobey Maguire about the 1972 Fischer-Spassky match; this year there are at least two chess movies to look forward to. The first is *Magnus*, a documentary on the life of current world champion Magnus Carlsen. It will be screened as part of this year's [Vancouver International Film Festival](#) on October 6, 9, and 13. And the other is [Queen of Katwe](#), based on the true story of Phiona Mutesi's journey from the slums of Uganda to representing her country at the chess Olympiad. The film premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival last week and advanced screenings should be happening in Vancouver shortly – consult your local listings. *Magnus* [trailer](#); *Queen of Katwe* [trailer](#)

2016 Closed Championships

The BC Closed and Women's Championships will take place at the [Irving K. Barber Learning Centre](#), 1961 East Mall, UBC, room 185 on the Thanksgiving weekend, October 7-10. Spectators are welcome. Here are the fields:

Jason Cao	Women's
John Doknjas	
Joshua Doknjas	Valeria Gansvind
Kevin Gentes	Stephanie Gu
Jason Kenney	Veronica Guo
Grigorii Morozov	Sherry Tian
Daniel Salcedo	Anna Van
Tanraj Sohal	Annika Zhou

Rook Endings (from Nick Beqo)

I have created an album of 477 positions on Facebook for those wishing to test their skills in Rook Endings Area. Here is the [link](#)

BRUCE HARPER ANNOTATES

Harper, Bruce - Opponent [B24] ICC 3 0 Internet Chess Club

Every now and then it's fun to look at a game that is completely crude. Today's game has very little subtlety or finesse to it. **1.g3** [0:03:00] **1...d5** [0:03:00] **2.Bg2** [0:02:59] **2...c5** [0:02:59] **3.d3** [0:02:59] **3...Nc6** [0:02:58] **4.Nc3** [0:02:58] **4...Nf6** [0:02:57] **5.Bg5** [0:02:58] **5...e6** [0:02:56] **6.e4** [0:02:57]



A position I have played many times. **6...dxe4**, **6...Be7** and **6...d4** (the move chosen by Black in this game) all lead to completely different types of positions. **6...d4** [0:02:53] **7.Nce2** [0:02:55] **7...Be7** [0:02:51] **8.Bd2** [0:02:54] White retreats his g5-bishop to prepare f2-f4. **8.Bc1** is also possible, but White hopes that his bishop will be happy to be developed on d2. **8...e5** [0:02:50] **9.h3** [0:02:53] Slow on the board, but fast on the clock. White prevents ...Ng4 in answer to f2-f4. **9...Nd7?!** [0:02:48] This gives away what is arguably a slight edge for Black. **10.f4** [0:02:52] **10...0-0** [0:02:47] **11.Nf3** [0:02:52] **11...b5** [0:02:42]



12.f5 [0:02:49] I warned you this game was crude. White has used just over 10 seconds to this point. **12...Nb6?!** [0:02:37] Why? Black could, and should, play **12...c4** immediately, after which he has the option of bringing his d7-knight to c5. **13.g4** [0:02:48] The computer still likes Black here, but White has a simple plan, which is worth time on the clock. **13...f6** [0:02:27] **14.h4** [0:02:46] **14...c4** [0:02:23] **15.g5** [0:02:35]



15...cxd3? [0:02:17] This is a mistake, both strategically (it releases the tension on the queenside, making it easier for White to defend) and tactically (in many variations, White can play Qb3+). **16.cxd3** [0:02:33] **16...a5** [0:02:16] **17.Ng3** [0:02:30] White could have checked on b3, but instead single-mindedly pursues his advance on the kingside. **17...a4** [0:02:14] **18.h5** [0:02:16]



The moment of truth has arrived. **18...Bb4?** [0:02:11] Black should accept White's pawn sacrifice with 18...fxg5, and leave it up to White to demonstrate the soundness of his idea (White would continue with 19. h6, but things are far from clear). **19.h6!** [0:02:13]



It is a basic rule of chess annotation that an attack on the base of a pawn chain always deserves an exclamation mark and a diagram. **19...fxg5** [0:02:03] **20.Bxb4** [0:02:10] Not bad, but maybe not the best either. **20...Nxb4** [0:02:02] **21.Qd2** [0:02:08] **21...Qe7** [0:01:55] **22.hxg7** [0:02:05] **22...Rf7** [0:01:40] **23.Nh5** [0:01:57] **23...h6** [0:01:39] **24.f6** [0:01:51] **24...Qc5** [0:01:35]



25.Ke2? [0:01:33] I only thought about this move and considered the engine's whimsical recommendation - 25.0-0! I didn't see that after 25...Bg4 26.Nxg5! wins (26... Bxh5 27.Ne6!, followed by 28.Qxh6). **25...Qc2?** [0:01:28] Black returns the favour. He is so concerned about avoiding mate that he forgets that material is actually even. **26.Nxe5** [0:01:17] **26...Be6** [0:01:03] **27.Qxc2** [0:01:09] **27...Nxc2** [0:01:02] **28.Rac1** [0:01:07] **28...Ne3** [0:00:59] **29.Rc6** [0:01:04]



Everything goes. Black resigns **1-0**

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Vancouver Open

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October Active

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