

# BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #344

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Stephen Wright

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## HERE AND THERE

### 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Washington International (August 12-16)

Held at the Hilton Washington DC in Rockville, Maryland(!), the 6<sup>th</sup> Washington International attracted a number of Canadians in its three sections, including Michael Song, Raja Panjwani, Olivier-Kenta Chiku-Ratte, Yuanchen Zhang, Dale Haessel, Ferdinand Supsup, Kaiqi Yang, and from this province Jason Cao, Leon Piasetski, and Severo Caluza. Chasing an elusive third IM norm, Jason lost his first two games and finished with what must have been a disappointing 4.0/9; Leon scored a half point more and tied with Yuanchen Zhang and four others for the U2300 prizes. The big Canadian monetary winner was Ferdinand Supsup in the Contender Section – he won \$2,000. Others in the winner's circle were Kaiqi Yang, who tied for second in the Masters Section with GMs Josh Friedel and Eugene Perelshteyn, and Michael Song, part of a large tie for fifth. The overall winner was Filipino GM Oliver Barbosa with 7.0/9. [Final standings](#)



The only games available to us are Jason and Leon's first-round losses to their respective grandmaster opponents.

#### **Sevian, Samuel - Cao, Jason [E15] Washington int 6th Rockville (1.3), 12.08.2017**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Nf3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 0–0 7.0–0 c6 8.Qc2 b6 9.Rd1 Ba6 10.b3 Nbd7 11.a4 Rc8 12.a5 c5 13.axb6 Qxb6 14.Qa2 Nb8 15.Bf4 Bd6 16.dxc5 Qxc5 17.Bxd6 Qxd6 18.Nbd2 Rfd8 19.Rdc1 Rc7 20.e3 Rdc8 21.Qa3 Qxa3 22.Rxa3 dxc4 23.bxc4 Nd5 24.Bf1 Nb6 25.h4 Kf8 26.Kh2 h6 27.Ne5 Ke7 28.Rb1 f6 29.Nef3 N6d7 30.Nd4 Nc5 31.Rba1 Rd8 32.N2b3 Nxb3 33.Rxb3 e5 34.Nf5+ Kf7 1–0

#### **Postny, Evgeny - Piasetski, Leon [E15] Washington int 6th Rockville (1.7), 12.08.2017**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.Qc2 Be7 6.e4 d5 7.cxd5 Bxf1 8.Kxf1 exd5 9.e5 Ne4 10.Nc3 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Qd7 12.Kg2 Nc6 13.Re1 Na5 14.Bg5 0–0–0 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Nh4 g6 17.f4 Rhe8 18.f5 Kb8 19.Re2 Qa3 20.Rae1 c5 21.e6 fxe6 22.fxg6 hxg6 23.Nxg6 cxd4 24.cxd4 Rc8 25.Qd2 Nc4 26.Qf4+ Kb7 27.h4 Rc7 28.Qf3 Qa5 29.Nf4 Nd2 30.Qh5 Rec8 31.Nxe6 Rc2 32.Qh7+ Ka6 33.Nc5+ R8xc5 34.dxc5 Ne4 35.Rxc2 Qxe1 36.Qg8 Nd2 37.Qc8+ Ka5 38.Qf5 Nc4 39.Rxc4 1–0

## **9<sup>th</sup> Bowser Builders Supply Tournament** (August 13) by Robert McFetridge



(photo by Dave Doknjas)

The 2017 Bowser Builders Chess Tournament was successfully begun on Sunday at the Bowser Legion Hall starting at 9 o'clock in the morning. There were twenty-five contestants from as far as Campbell River to Victoria on the Island and Surrey and Burnaby on the Mainland and one contestant returning from New Zealand.

After four rounds there was a tie for first place between two brothers from Surrey John and Joshua Doknjas. They played a sudden-death blitz round of five minutes each to break the tie. That game was a draw so they played a second blitz game that the eldest brother John finally won. There was a tie too for the junior prize between William Landstrom and Neil Doknjas. A blitz game between those two settled Neil Doknjas as the winner of the Under 16 section. Victoria Doknjas won as the top lady in the tournament making a clean sweep of the tournament by the Doknjas family of Surrey. Organizers wish to thank Bowser Builders for the tournament prizes and many volunteers who helped to set up and take down the tournament equipment and the running of the tournament.

Revenues from this tournament have been used to donate \$100 US to the [Queen of Katwe college fund](#) (see [Bulletin #340](#) for the story) in the name of the Bishops of Bowser and Bowser Builders Supply. [Report, standings, and photos](#)

### **August Active** (August 12)

As has become a tradition of late, most of the entrants to the August monthly active signed up at the last minute. Overall numbers were down by about a dozen from the July event – perhaps the three days of chess at the Semiahmoo Open the previous weekend left some players sated. For a while it looked like the Open Section would have to be some sort of round robin; eventually ten players registered, producing a viable Swiss. The top two by a considerable margin were Mayo Fuentebella and Davaa-Ochir Nyamdorj, so their



third-round pairing unsurprisingly decided the final standings. Mayo won and took first with a perfect score, Davaa was second. Brian Yang claimed the first U1500 prize, while William Bremner, Tristan Taylor, and Henry Yang tied for second U1500.



Ties were the order of the day in the seventeen-player Junior Section as Alex Zhou, Bill Wang, and Alexander Jin all scored 4.0/5. After computer tiebreaks were applied Alex was awarded the U1000 trophy, Bill the U1300, and Alexander received a medal. Other medal winners were Gillian Mok, Yakov Reznikov, Matthew He, Borna Amjadi, Rohan Wessels, and Justin Jin, while the U600 trophy went to James Zhang. Watch for the next event at Columbia College on [September 23](#). [Standings](#)

### **10<sup>th</sup> Calgary International** (August 2-7)

Now in its tenth year, the Calgary International is one of only two regular events in Western Canada where norms are available (the other is the Edmonton International, see below). As such it made (theoretically at least) an ideal tournament for Jason Cao to seek his third IM norm. The thirty-four player field included six grandmasters; however, the event had no players in the 2350-2500 range (i.e., IMs), beatable opponents with relatively high ratings. The other problem was a lack of foreign players (other than those from the States): for a norm result a player requires opponents from at least two federations other than their own. Realistically this meant that any norm seeker had to play Israeli GM Victor Mikhalevski. Unfortunately Jason met Albertan Omid Malek instead which killed his norm chances – he won the game, but Malek was Jason’s sixth Canadian opponent (in a nine-round tournament a norm seeker can only play five opponents from their own federation). So no norm, but Jason did score 1.5 against the four GMs he faced. His final result was 5.5 points; the overall winner was Mikhalevski with 7.5, ahead of Canadian champion Bator Sambuev on 7.0 and Razvan Preotu and world blindfold record holder Timur Gareyev with 6.5 points each. [Tournament website](#)





## **Cao, Jason - Becerra, Julio [C77] Calgary int 10th Calgary (2.2), 03.08.2017**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.c3 g6 7.0-0 Bg7 8.Re1 0-0 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4 b5 11.Bc2 Nb8 12.Nbd2 Nbd7 13.a4 Bb7 14.Nf1 c5 15.Ne3 Qc7 16.h3 d5 17.exd5 Nxd5 18.Nxd5 Bxd5 19.Bb3 Qb7 20.Bxd5 Qxd5 21.Qe2 f5 22.Bg3 f4 23.Bh2 b4 24.Nd2 Rfd8 25.Nc4 Rab8 26.a5 g5 27.f3 Nf8 28.Red1 bxc3 29.bxc3 Rb3 30.Qc2 Rdb8 31.Rab1 Rxb1 32.Rxb1 Rd8 33.Rd1 h5 34.Kh1 Ng6 35.Qe2 Qb7 36.Bg1 Qd5 37.Bf2 Bf8 38.Kg1 Bg7 39.Qb2 g4 40.hxg4 hxg4 41.fxg4 e4 42.Nb6 Qe6 43.Bxc5 Qxg4 44.Rf1 exd3 45.Bd4 Re8 46.Nc4 Bxd4+ 47.cxd4 Re2 48.Qb8+ Kg7 49.Qb7+ Kh6 50.Ne5 Nxe5 51.dxe5 d2 52.Qxa6+ Kh5 53.Qb7 Rxd2+ 54.Qxg2 d1Q 55.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 56.Qf1 Qg4+ 57.Qg2 Qd1+ ½-½

## **Cao, Jason - Moradiabadi, Elshan [C77] Calgary int 10th Calgary (4.2), 04.08.2017**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.d3 b5 6.Bb3 Be7 7.Nc3 d6 8.a3 0-0 9.0-0 Be6 10.Nd5 Nb8 11.Nxe7+ Qxe7 12.Bxe6 Qxe6 13.Ng5 Qe7 14.f4 Nc6 15.fxe5 dxe5 16.Nf3 Nd7 17.Be3 g6 18.Qe1 f6 19.Qg3 Kh8 20.Nh4 Rf7 21.Rf3 Rg8 22.Qh3 Nd4 23.Bxd4 exd4 24.Raf1 c5 25.R3f2 Ne5 26.Nf3 Rgf8 27.Qg3 Nc6 28.h4 Qe6 29.h5 gxh5 30.Qh4 Ne5 31.Nxe5 fxe5 32.Rxf7 Rxf7 33.Rxf7 Qxf7 34.Qd8+ Qg8 35.Qf6+ Qg7 36.Qd8+ Qg8 37.Qe7 Qg7 38.Qe8+ Qg8 39.Qxe5+ Qg7 40.Qe8+ Qg8 41.Qxg8+ Kxg8 42.Kf2 a5 43.Kf3 Kf7 44.b3 a4 45.bxa4 bxa4 46.Kf4 Kf6 47.g3 1-0

## **European Excursions**

Max Gedajlovic returned to Europe for a series of summer tournaments, but his results were generally not encouraging. First up were two events in the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region of south-eastern France. The [14<sup>th</sup> Villard de Lans Open](#) (July 1-8) occurred in the town of the same name situated to the southwest of Grenoble; Max had 3.0/5 in the seventy-eight player event but then withdrew. The tournament was won by GM Alexei Gavrillov (Russia) and IMs Piotr Brodowski (Poland) and Sebastien Joie (France) with 7.0/9. Then it was off to Vaujany to the east of Grenoble for the [8<sup>th</sup> Vaujany Festival](#) (July 13-21). Here Max performed to his rating, scoring 5.5/9; the overall winner of the fifty-five player tournament was GM Christian Bauer (France) on tiebreak over GM Maxime Lagarde (France) and IM Viktor Gazik (Slovakia) – each scored 7.0 points. His next event was on the French Riviera, the [29<sup>th</sup> Cannes Summer Open](#) (July 24-30). Max had an excellent start with 4.0/5 and found himself playing board 1 in round six; unfortunately he lost all his remaining games, finishing with minus one for the tournament. Untitled Armenian Harutyun Barseghyan (but still rated 2446 FIDE) defeated top-ranked GM Alexander Cherniaev (Russia) to claim the first prize with 7.5/9 in the forty-two player field. Finally the Czech capital of Prague was the destination for the [4<sup>th</sup> Prague Summer Open](#) (August 4-11), a familiar event for Max – he has played there twice before. But this time the visit was not happy; Max withdrew after scoring 50% in the first three rounds. GM Zaur Mammadov topped the one hundred and thirty-five player field with 8.0/9.

## **Godart, Francois - Gedajlovic, Max [E60] Vaujany op 8th (5.8), 17.07.2017**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.g3 0-0 5.Bg2 c6 6.Nc3 d5 7.Qb3 dxc4 8.Qxc4 b5 9.Qb3 Be6 10.Qc2 Qb6 11.0-0 Na6 12.Ng5 Bd7 13.Rd1 Rac8 14.a4 Qa5 15.Nce4 Nxe4 16.Nxe4 Bf5 17.Bg5 b4 18.Qc1 Bxe4 19.Bxe4 e5 20.Bh6 exd4 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Rxd4 Qe5 23.Qc4 Nc5 24.f4 Qe7 25.Qxb4 Rb8 26.Qc3 Rb3 27.Qc2 Re3 28.Bd3 Rxd3+ 29.hxg3 Qe3+ 30.Kg2 Qxd4 31.Rc1 Qd5+ 32.Kh2 Nxd3 33.Qxd3 Rb8 34.Kg1 Qxd3 35.exd3 Rxb2 36.Rxc6 Rd2 ½-½

## 12<sup>th</sup> Edmonton International (June 20-25)



Sohal



Reeve and Villavieja

And a tournament we overlooked at the time: the other norm event in Western Canada is the Edmonton International, which served as a warm-up for Tanraj Sohal on his way to the Canadian Closed. Tanraj scored 5.0 points to tie with IM Edward Porper for fifth place in the eighteen-player tournament. The winner was GM Alexander Shabalov, who gave up but a single draw and finished 1.5 points ahead of GM Enrico Sevillano in second place; also in the field were recent and distant BC residents Butch Villavieja and Jeff Reeve. [Final standings](#)

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## **SEMIAHMOO OPEN** (August 5-7)



Normally long weekends throughout the year are prime candidates for major chess events, but apart from an occasional BC Open the August long weekend has not attracted much attention. Until now – welcome to the (first annual?) Semiahmoo Open, organized by Jeffrey Street:

Hi everyone! It was a pleasure to organize the Semiahmoo Open! I'm pretty new to the chess scene, although I've been around the Langley Chess Club on and off for the past

twenty-five years. I played in my first ever rated chess tournament this past January (the Victoria Open) and had so much fun that I immediately signed up for more tournaments! Then I noticed that there were a lot of players from Surrey yet no scheduled tournament in Surrey this year. So I figured, why not organize one?! I've never done anything like this before, and I'm so grateful to other organizers who gave me plenty of advice and encouragement along the way. I followed the advice, and people signed up! It turned out great! I didn't plan on playing, but then, when there turned out to be an odd number in the U2000 section, I played as a floater to ensure everyone had a pairing. What a blast! I'm very grateful to Stephen Wright for directing the tournament, to Paul Leblanc for his many emails and helping clear up CFC memberships on day one, for my mom and step-dad, Sandi and Lawrence, for helping bring in extra tables, setting up tables, boards, pieces, and clocks, writing receipts for late entries, getting hotel staff to bring water, and cleaning up after the tournament. Michael and Lara Lo, of [Chess2Inspire](#), also were tremendous help in setting up and cleaning up, as were Paul and Stephen. I now know how much work goes into running a serious chess tournament, and I certainly will consider doing it again! Thank you to all who participated, and to the many parents who brought their children to play! And congrats to all the winners! See you all at the twelfth annual Langley Labour Day Tournament! Kindest regards, Jeffrey Street

Hats off to Jeffrey, whose hard work and enthusiasm attracted ninety-eight players, a fabulous turnout for a first-time event. The tournament was held at the Pacific Inn Resort on the outskirts of White Rock, a Caribbean-themed hotel whose one major flaw was subpar disabled access – our thanks to Norm Kunc for accepting the make-shift arrangements with grace and equanimity.

There were four sections, a format which has become fashionable of late to deal with the burgeoning number of scholastic players in the old U1600 sections. The Premier was a little on the small side at eighteen players but featured thirteen players over 2000 and three IMs, including Brian Hartman from Ontario and a rare appearance by Vicente Lee Jr. Hartman was rusty (this was his first event in five years) and Lee was handicapped by taking two byes on the first day; in the end it was the third IM, Raymond Kaufman, who took first place with 5.0/6 despite sporting his pursuers a half-point bye in the fifth round. Tied for second were John and Joshua Doknjas; Joshua could have tied for first by beating Vicente Lee in the last round but a favourable yet complex ending eventually fizzled to a draw as they played on the increment alone. And Brian McLaren lost his first two games but came back with four straight wins to take the U2200 prize.



Jeffrey Street, Joshua Doknjas, Raymond Kaufman, John Doknjas



Paul Leblanc showed the form of his halcyon days of old in winning the U2000 Section with 5.0/6. Louis Cheng, Jose Kagaoan, and Deepanshu Dhall tied with 4.5 points and split the second and U1800 prizes between them. An identical situation occurred in the U1600 Section, where Jonathan Steif came out on top and Ethan Su, Leo Chung, and Tristan Taylor divided the second and U1400 prizes. And in the U1200 Section Andrew Yu Qiu was first, Taylor Gower was second, Miles Hamilton-Sommer and Peter Yong Qiu split the U1000 prize and Avi Kay was awarded Top Unrated.

In addition to the main prizes there were also door prizes (chess pieces, bags, books, clocks, DVDs, bookends, cookies) awarded by randomly-chosen board number and colour, and two side events. These were a lecture on three historical BC chess vignettes by your editor and a blitz tournament. The latter attracted thirty-nine entrants including some non-tournament players. After five rounds Raymond Kaufman was alone in first with a perfect score, but the tournament was six rounds long. Kaufman lost to Peter Ferguson in the last round, resulting in a five-way tie for first: Kaufman, Ferguson, Vicente Lee, Kevin Goodman, and Leo Qu. Each received \$15 for their efforts, while the play-off game between Kaufman and Lee for bragging rights was drawn. It was intended that the results from the blitz event be used as one of the tiebreaks for the trophies in the main event, but as it happened such tiebreaks were not needed. Curiously Peter Ferguson lost all his regular games (night shift work is not conducive to good chess), but with the exception of missing the first round due to a misunderstanding won all of his blitz games. The [tournament website](#) has complete standings, lists of prize winners, acknowledgements, photos, and games from the Premier Section (use the Standings and Pairings link).

**Hartman, Brian - Doknjas, Joshua [B23] Semiahmoo op Premier Surrey (3.2), 06.08.2017**

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 a6 3.f4 b5 4.Nf3 Bb7 5.d3 e6 6.Be2 d5 7.e5 Nc6 8.0-0 h5 9.f5 exf5 10.Ng5 Nd4 11.Bxh5 g6 12.e6 Nxe6 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.Bxg6+ Kd7 15.Bf4 d4 16.Nb1 Nf6 17.g3 Ng4 18.Nd2 Qf6 0-1

**Kaufman, Raymond - Hartman, Brian [C84] Semiahmoo op Premier Surrey (6.1), 07.08.2017**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.c3 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Re1 b5 9.Bc2 Re8 10.a4 Bd7 11.Nbd2 Bf8 12.Nf1 h6 13.h3 g6 14.N3h2 Bg7 15.Qf3 b4 16.Ng4 Nxc4 17.hxc4 bxc3 18.bxc3 Qh4 19.Ne3 Rab8 20.g3 Qd8 21.Kg2 Na5 22.Rh1 Nb3 23.Bxb3 Rxb3 24.Nd5 c6 25.Bxh6 Bxc4 26.Qxc4 cxd5 27.Bg5 Qb6 28.Qh4 Rb2 29.Raf1 Re6 30.exd5 Qb7 31.c4 f5 32.Qh7+ Kf8 33.Kg1 Re8 34.Qxc6 Qf7 35.Qxd6+ Kg8 36.c5 f4 37.Qc6 e4 38.Bxf4 exd3 39.d6 d2 40.Kg2 Qe6 41.Qf3 Bd4 42.Rh6 Qc4 43.Rg6+ Kf7 44.Be5+ 1-0

**Doknjas, Joshua - Lee Jr., Vicente [B81] Semiahmoo op Premier Surrey (6.2), 07.08.2017**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.h3 e6 7.g4 b5 8.Bg2 Bb7 9.0-0 Qc7 10.g5 Nfd7 11.f4 b4 12.Nce2 Nc5 13.Ng3 Nc6 14.Nxc6 Bxc6 15.b3 Rd8 16.Bb2 Qb7 17.Re1 h6 18.Qh5 g6 19.Qh4 e5 20.fxe5 Bg7 21.gxh6 Rxh6 22.Qg4 dxe5 23.Nf5 gxf5 24.Qxc7 Rg6 25.Qh8+ Ke7 26.Qh4+ Ke8 27.Rad1 Rxd1 28.Rxd1 Ne6 29.Qh8+ Ke7 30.Bxe5 Qb6+ 31.Kh1 f6 32.Qh7+ Rg7 33.Bd6+ Kf7 34.Qh5+ Kg8 35.Qxf5 Kf7 36.Qh5+ Rg6 37.Rf1 Ng7 38.Qh8 Qb7 39.Qf8+ Ke6 40.Bxb4 Ne8 41.Qc5 Kf7 42.Qf8+ Ke6 43.Bc3 Qb5 44.Qb4 Qg5 45.Qc4+ Kd7 46.Rd1+ Nd6 47.Qe2 Kc7 48.Qd2 Qxd2 49.Rxd2 Nxe4 50.Bxe4 Bxe4+ 51.Kh2 Kc6 52.Bd4 f5 53.Be3 Kb5 54.a3 a5 55.c4+ Kc6 56.b4 a4 57.b5+ Kb7 58.c5 Re6 59.Bf4 Re7 60.c6+ Kb6 61.c7 Bb7 62.Rc2 Bc8 63.Rb2 Re4 64.Bd6 Rd4 65.Bg3 Rd3 66.Ra2 f4 67.Bxf4 Rxh3+ 68.Kg2 Kxb5 69.Bg3 Rh8 70.Rb2+

Ka6 71.Rb4 Bd7 72.Rb8 Bc8 73.Kf2 Re8 74.Bh4 Rh8 75.Bd8 Bf5 76.Ke1 Rh1+ 77.Kd2 Rh2+ 78.Kc3 Rc2+ 79.Kd4 Bh3 80.Ke5 Rc3 81.Kd4 Rc1 82.Rb4 Bd7 83.Kd5 Rd1+ 84.Kc5 Rc1+ 85.Kd6 Bb5 86.Bf6 Rc6+ 87.Kd7 Rxf6+ 88.Rxb5 Rf7+ 89.Kd6 ½–½

## BRUCE HARPER ANNOTATES

### Opponent - Harper, Bruce [A41] ICC 3 0 u Internet Chess Club

Occasionally a game qualifies for this column because such an unusual position arises that it is worth looking at. That's the case today - it isn't the quality of play or the depth of the ideas that make the game worthwhile, but rather the strange and amusing (to me) pawn structure that Black manages to obtain.

**1.d4** [0:03:00] **1...g6** [0:03:00] **2.Bf4** [0:02:58] **2...Bg7** [0:02:59] **3.e3** [0:02:58] **3...d6** [0:02:59] **4.Nf3** [0:02:57] **4...Nc6** [0:02:58] **5.c3** [0:02:56] **5...Bd7** [0:02:58]



**6.d5!?** [0:02:54] Since White has gone to a lot of effort to create a strongpoint on d4, it seems wrong to give it up voluntarily. But of course 6.d5! has its positive aspects as well. **6...Ne5** [0:02:56] **7.Nxe5?!** [0:02:52] This is probably the wrong way to capture on e5, however, because Black gains time by chasing White's dark-squared bishop. **7...dxe5** [0:02:56] **8.Bg5?!** [0:02:52] **8...f6** [0:02:54] **9.Bh4** [0:02:50] **9...Nh6** [0:02:54] **10.Bc4** [0:02:44] **10...Nf5** [0:02:52] **11.Bg3** [0:02:42] **11...h5** [0:02:51]



**12.Nd2?** [0:02:39] An obvious, and somewhat inexplicable, blunder - since Black has spent the last five moves going after White's dark-squared bishop, how could White possibly overlook Black's threat to just win it? **12...h4** [0:02:49] **13.e4** [0:02:37] The only move to avoid the immediate loss of a piece. **13...hxg3!?** [0:02:45] Not bad, although 13...Nd6! would leave White's g3-bishop trapped. **14.exf5** [0:02:36] **14...gxf2+** [0:02:44] Objectively the materialistic 14...Rxf2 was better, but I couldn't resist playing "positionally." **15.Kxf2** [0:02:35] **15...gxf5** [0:02:42]





The position for which Black was aiming. He is starting to develop an imposing pawn mass, which is way more fun than pure material gain (although Black is a pawn up, just in case). **16.h3** [0:02:31] **16...c6** [0:02:39] with the threat of 16...Qb6+, but the real idea is to increase Black's control of the centre. **17.Qb3** [0:02:26]



**17...b5** [0:02:30] The engine suggests a move that at first seems like a typo - 17...Be6!? (18.dxe6 Qxd2+). **18.Be2** [0:02:21] **18...Qb6+** [0:02:26] **19.Ke1** [0:02:19] **19...cxd5** [0:02:23] **20.Qc2?** [0:02:08] White should recapture with 20.Qxd5, after which Black would still have a significant advantage. **20...e4!** [0:02:14] **21.Nb3** [0:02:07] **21...e5** [0:02:18]



And here's the photogenic position alluded to in the introduction to this game. Black is two pawns up, and they form part of the enormous clump of pawns that dominates the center of the board. **22.Rd1** [0:02:03] **22...Be6** [0:02:10] Black even has a plan if White continues to resist - he can bring his dark-squared bishop and his rooks into the game. **23.Kd2?** [0:01:54] **23...Bh6+** [0:02:07] **24.Ke1** [0:01:53] **24...Bf4** [0:02:05]



25.Rg1? [0:01:51] 25...Qxg1+ [0:02:02] White resigns.  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Woodpushers' Challenge

August 20, Burnaby

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### Langley Open

September 2-4, Langley

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### September Active

September 23, Columbia College

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### New West Open

October 7-9, New Westminster

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### Woodpushers' Challenge

October 15, Burnaby

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### October Active

October 21, Columbia College

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### Jack Taylor Memorial

November 17-19, Victoria

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### November Active

November 18, Columbia College

[Details](#)