

# BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #354

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Stephen Wright

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## HERE AND THERE

### Paul Burke Online

Researching suggested that Chess.com blitz rating equals USCF and FIDE. Probably true although I have noticed some NMs and FMs in the 1900's. Two games from Chess24 Super Blitz:

#### **PNEPaul – hcth (2259) U.K.**

1.e4 d6 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.Nge2 0-0 6.0-0 c6 7.d3 b5 8.a3 Nbd7 9.f4 Bb7 10.h3 e5 11.f5 d5 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.g4 a6 14.Ng3 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Nb6 16.g5 Nd5 17.f6 Bh8 18.Bd2 c5 19.Qg4 Rb8 20.Be4 Nc7 21.Nf5 gxf5 22.Bxf5 Bc8 23.Bxf7+ Kxh7 24.Qh5+ Kg8 25.g6 1-0

#### **PNEPaul – Kongal (2355) Spain**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nxf7 Kxf7 5. Bc4+ Be6 6.Bxe6+ Kxe6 7.0-0 c5 8.d4 cxd4 9.c3 d3 10.Bg5 Qb6 11.Qxd3 Qc5 12.Be3 Qe5 13.Qc4+ Kd7 14.Nd2 Nc6 15.f4 Qe6 16.Qb5 Kc7 17.Rade1 Nxe4 18.Nc4 Rd8 19.f5 Qf7 20.Na5 Nxa5 21.Qxa5+ Kc8 22.Qxa7 Nc5 23.Bxc5 Be7 24.Bb6 Kd7 25.Qxb7+ Ke8 26.Qc6+ Kf8 27.Bxd8 Bxd8 28.Qxd6+ Be7 29.Qb8+ Qe8 30.Qxe8+ Kxe8 31.Rfe1 Kf7 32.Rd7 Re8 33.Rexe7+ Rxe7 34.Rxe7+ Kxe7 35.g4 Kd6 36.Kf2 Kc5 37.b3 Kd5 38.a3 Ke5 39.h3 h5 40.Kg3 hxg4 41.hxg4 Ke4 42.a4 Kd3 43.a5 Kxc3 44.a6 Kb4 45.a7 Ka3 46.a8Q+ Kb2 47.Qb7 Kb1 48.Qxg7+ Ka2 49.f6 Ka3 50.f7 Ka2 51.f8Q+ Kb1 52.b4 Ka2 53.b5 Kb3 54.b6 Kc4 55.b7 Kb5 56.b8Q+ Kc6 57.Qgc7+ Kd5 58.Qf5+ Kd4 59.Qce5+ Kc4 60.Qbb5#

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## **CHESS2INSPIRE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (January 26-28)**

This brand new event was modelled on the successful formula used for the last four BC Junior Championships: three sections (Championship, Reserve, and Booster) held at Lansdowne Centre in Richmond under the auspices of the [Chess2Inspire](#) organization. Intended partly as a fundraiser, its other major function was to encourage participation in the revitalized [Canadian Junior Championship](#), scheduled for Toronto next August; to this end, a large portion of the prizes were in the form of entries and travel subsidies to the Canadian Junior. In the Championship Section Rowan James and William Bremner led from beginning to end, drawing their mutual game and finishing two points(!) ahead of everyone else. On tiebreak Rowan was awarded first overall, while William was top U1800 (with the exception of two players everyone was under 1800, so the prizes were distributed in keeping with their total value, i.e., including the CJCC subsidies). Ryan Leong was second, Brian Yang third, while Aidan Madokoro and Jerry Wang were second and third U1800 respectively.



**Leong, Ryan – James, Rowan [D02] Chess2Inspire jun ch Richmond (2.1), 27.01.2018**

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 Nc6 5.c3 Qb6 6.Qb3 c4 7.Qxb6 axb6 8.Nbd2 b5 9.Be2 h6 10.Ne5 Bf5 11.g4 Bh7 12.h4 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Nd7 14.e6 fxe6 15.g5 e5 16.Bg3 Bf5 17.Nf3 Be4 18.Rg1 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 Nc5 20.Bxd5 e4 21.f3 hxg5 22.hxg5 Nd3+ 23.Ke2 exf3+ 24.Bxf3 Nxb2 25.Bxb7 Ra3 26.Bc6+ Kf7 27.Raf1+ Ke6 28.Rf4 Rxa2 29.Re4+ Kf5 30.Rf1+ Kxg5 31.Bf4+ Kf6 32.Bh6+ Kg6 33.Re6+ Kh7 34.Be4+ Kg8 35.Bd5 Na4+ 36.Kf3 Nxc3 37.Ra6+ Nxd5 38.Rxa2 Rxh6 39.Ra5 e6 40.Rxb5 Rf6+ 0–1

**Bremner, William – Yang, Brian [E81] Chess2Inspire jun ch Richmond (5.2), 28.01.2018**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0–0 6.Be3 c5 7.d5 Nbd7 8.Nh3 Ne8 9.Qd2 Qa5 10.Nf2 Nb6 11.Rc1 Na4 12.Nfd1 Bd7 13.Bd3 Nxc3 14.Nxc3 a6 15.0–0 Nc7 16.Rfe1 b5 17.b3 b4 18.Nd1 Qb6 19.Bh6 a5 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.e5 a4 22.exd6 Qxd6 23.Nf2 f5 24.Qb2+ Kg8 25.Bc2 Qf6 26.Qxf6 exf6 27.Re7 Rad8 28.Nd3 Na6 29.bxa4 Rf7 30.Rce1 Kf8 31.Rxf7+ Kxf7 32.Kf2 Re8 33.Re2 Rxe2+ 34.Kxe2 Ke7 35.Kd2 Kd6 36.Kc1 Bc8 37.Kb2 Nb8 38.a3 bxa3+ 39.Kxa3 Nd7 40.f4 Nb6 41.Bb3 Ba6 42.Nb2 g5 43.g3 Kc7 44.a5 Nc8 45.Nd3 Nd6 46.Nxc5 Bxc4 47.Bxc4 Nxc4+ 48.Kb4 Nxa5 49.Kxa5 Kd6 50.Kb4 Kxd5 51.Kb5 h5 52.h4 gxf4 53.gxf4 Kd4 54.Ne6+ Kd5 55.Ng7 Ke4 56.Nxh5 Kf3 57.Kc5 Kg4 58.Kd5 Kxh5 59.Ke6 Kg4 60.h5 Kxf4 61.h6 Kg4 62.h7 f4 63.h8Q f3 64.Qh2 f5 65.Ke5 1–0

After four rounds in the Reserve Section Veronica Guo was leading the field by half a point but was unable to hold a rook ending against Henry Yang in the last round, allowing Henry to claim first with 4.0 points. Veronica was the top girl, and Nathan Wu and Andrew Qiu were second and third – all finished with 3.5/5.

The sixty-nine player Booster Section was a one-day, five round event in which a number of participants had their first tournament experience. After the application of computer tiebreaks the trophy winners were: Daniil Polishchuk, Mike Zhu, Max Zhang, Ethan Wong, and Matthew Kofmansky (top overall); Richard Cheng, Boyong Guo, Drake Chen, William Jiang, and Leonardo Zhou (U800); Jayden Qu, Willard Mou, Neo Zhu, Daniel Chen, and Jingheng Hu (unrated). The girl's prizes were awarded to: Jessica Maizlin, Ran Guo, and Molly Zhang (overall); Eliza Tian, Julianne Xu, and Samantha Kelman (U800); and Saanvi Gupta (unrated).

The weekend also included the several times postponed **BC Women's Championship**. As it turned out all the participants were juniors, and the prizes were supplemented with subsidies for the CJCC. The favourite was Sherry Tian, but fourth-ranked Adel Talyspaeva (a student from Kazakhstan) kept pace and was even in the lead going into the last round as Sherry was unable to develop any winning chances on the black side of a Rubinstein French against the lowest-ranked and youngest player, Kate Jiang. This left the Tian vs. Talyspaeva showdown in the last round: Sherry won a tense game and claimed first prize, while Adel was second.

Richmond, 26-28 January 2018	1	2	3	4	5	6		
1 <b>Tian, Sherry</b>	2046	*	1	1	1	½	1	<b>4.5</b>
2 <b>Talyspaeva, Adel</b>	1572	0	*	1	1	1	1	<b>4.0</b>
3 <b>Gu, Stephanie</b>	1423	0	0	*	1	½	+	<b>2.5</b>
4 <b>Van, Anna</b>	1648	0	0	0	*	1	+	<b>2.0</b>
5 <b>Jiang, Kate</b>	1304	½	0	½	0	*	0	<b>1.0</b>
6 <b>Nyamdorj, Uranchimeg</b>	1912	0	0	-	-	1	*	<b>1.0</b>

**Tian, Sherry – Talyspaeva, Adel [E11] BC wom ch Richmond (5.1), 28.01.2018**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 Qe7 5.Nc3 0–0 6.e3 d6  
 7.Bd3 e5 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Be2 Rd8 10.Qc2 Bg4 11.a3 Bd6 12.h3  
 Bh5 13.Nh4 Bxe2 14.Nf5 Qe6 15.Nxe2 c5 16.b3 Nc6 17.0–0 e4  
 18.Nfg3 Bxg3 19.Nxg3 Ne5 20.Bc3 Nd3 21.Rad1 Ne8 22.Rd2  
 Rd6 23.Rfd1 Rad8 24.Ne2 Qf5 25.Nc1 f6 26.Nxd3 exd3 27.Qb1  
 Qe4 28.Re1 Nc7 29.f3 Qg6 30.b4 cxb4 31.axb4 Qf7 32.c5 R6d7  
 33.Bd4 Nb5 34.Qxd3 Nxd4 35.exd4 Rxd4 36.Qxd4 Rxd4  
 37.Rxd4 h6 38.Red1 Qb3 39.Kh1 Kh7 40.R1d2 Qb1+ 41.Kh2  
 Qb3 42.Re2 Qc3 43.Red2 a6 44.R2d3 Qb2 45.Re4 f5 46.Red4  
 Qb1 47.Re3 Qb2 48.Rc4 Qd2 49.Rec3 Qe1 50.Rc1 Qe5+  
 51.Kh1 Qb2 52.c6 bxc6 53.Rxc6 Qxb4 54.Rxa6 Qd2 55.Rac6 f4  
 56.Rg1 Qe3 [Black offered a draw.] 57.Rc4 Qd2 58.Re4 Kh8  
 59.Rge1 Kh7 60.Re7 Kh8 61.Ra1 Qc3 62.Raa7 Qd2 63.Rxg7  
 Qd4 64.Rge7 Qd5 65.Re8+ 1–0



Many thanks to all the organizers and volunteers who helped make the events happen: Glen, Peggy, Jonah, and Brianna Lee, Ron, Caroline, and Jeremy Hui, and Michael and Lara Lo. And a special thank you to site sponsors Lansdowne Centre and all the players and parents. [Standings, games, and photographs](#)

## BC AND WASHINGTON MASTERS TIE 12.5-12.5 by Paul Leblanc



NM Joshua Doknjas vs Wash. Chess Fed. President Josh Sinanan (photo: Victoria Jung-Doknjas)

The second annual BC-WA Scheveningen match took place in the lovely Topaz Room at the Comfort Inn and Suites in Victoria on the weekend of 12-14 January, 2018. The results of the match were exactly the same as last year, a 12.5-12.5 tie. In a separate match BC Team B succumbed to Washington 16-9. Each team comprised five players, each of whom played one game against each member of the opposing team.

Cash and trophy prizes were awarded to the top two players on each team as follows:

BC Team A: John Doknjas 4.5 and Jason Kenney 3

WA Team A: Nat W. Koons 4.5 and Howard Chen 3.5

BC Team B: Michael Su 3.0 and Neil Doknjas 2.5

WA Team B: Sloan Setiadikurnia 4.5 and Oscar Petrov 4

Two interesting events shared the same playing space – an invitational round-robin of six masters/experts and the 2018 Victoria Open, a 5-round Swiss with two sections. In the round-robin, Zulfikar Sali, who has resided in Victoria for three years, took first prize with a brilliant 4.5/5 result and will be Victoria's newest master. This event also featured the two top women in BC chess, WFM Valeria Gansvind of Sidney and WFM Adela Fratila of Surrey. Former BCCF President Roger Patterson (who finished clear 2<sup>nd</sup>), Victoria physician Ian Cordon and German exchange student Bennett Schnabel rounded out the field. In the Victoria Open, Nicolau Machado de Oliveira, originally from Brazil but residing in Nanaimo tied for first with George Kim - Nicolau taking the trophy on tie-break, having defeated George in the last round. The U1600 Section was won resoundingly by Shayan Rahimabadi of Victoria with a perfect 5-0 score.

National Arbiter Elliot Raymer capably directed all three events. Elliot has had lots of experience directing side events at the Grand Pacific Open and recently acquired the NA qualification after completing a TD seminar given by International Arbiter Stephen Wright and sponsored by Victoria Chess.



**A Teams:** back row: Tim Moroney (WA), organizer Paul Leblanc, Joshua Doknjas (BC), Javier Cortes (BC, a Chilean chess master attending UBC), Howard Wu (BC). Front row: Howard Chen (WA), Curt Collyer (WA), Josh Sinanan (WA), John Doknjas (BC), Jason Kenney (BC). Missing: Nat Koons (WA). (photo: Victoria Jung-Doknjas)

Organizationally, the Scheveningen matches presented great difficulty for both sides. WCF President Josh Sinanan and I both see the matches as an opportunity to have more co-operation between BC and Washington and we agreed a year ago that we would repeat the 2017 experience. All four teams and the round-robin suffered withdrawals, some with very little notice.



**B Teams:** Top row: Oscar Petrov (WA), Sloan Setiadikurnia (WA), Jacob Mayer (WA), organizer Paul Leblanc, Jamie Campbell (BC), Jason Williamson (BC). Bottom Row: Advait Vijayakumar (WA), Daniel Shubin (WA), Rowan James (BC), Neil Doknjas (BC), Michael Su (BC). (photo: Victoria Jung-Doknjas)

Several players suffered from the flu. Others just decided they didn't feel like playing. Several BC masters did not even have the courtesy to respond to their invitations, leaving me wondering whether they had received them.

As a result, team composition changed almost daily in the two weeks preceding the event. My thanks go out to the players who were "promoted" to the BC and Washington teams and the round-robin: Jason Kenney, Howard Wu, Howard Chen, Timothy Moroney, Sloan Setiadikurnia, Jacob Mayer, Rowan James, Jason Williamson, Jamie Campbell, Zulfikar Sali, Bennett Schnabel and Dr. Ian Cordon.

The event was sponsored by Victoria Chess, the BCCF, the Washington Chess Federation, the Victoria Chess Club, Thrifty's groceries, Designer Chess and several of the players. I would like to thank Roger Patterson for tremendous technical support with the website and online registration. Altogether, seventy players enjoyed a pleasant chess weekend. Stay tuned for 2019!

[This report, standings, and games](#)

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## **WILLIAM TATE:**

I take great exception to the letter written by Roger Patterson, Bulletin #352, in which he slanders my name and reputation in a most vicious manner. He calls me a "grumpy old man." Anyone who knows Roger and me knows who is really the "grumpy old man," and it isn't me. I was shocked that he would spread such slander and false reports. To review the issue, I had probably the most distasteful game in my career in the last round of the Jack Taylor Memorial, 2017. Ironically, I had met Jack Taylor in the early 70's at probably one of his last tournaments, and one of my first. A finer gentleman you would never meet. A model of friendly and cheerful behaviour.

Contrary to what Roger Patterson asserted in his diatribe, I was subjected to distracting behavior from my junior opponent from the beginning of the game, when he immediately gave me the "Tal stare", to standing behind my back while I was trying to concentrate, invading my space, to removing one of my pieces while I went to the restroom and not replacing it with his capturing piece, to the end, when he was jumping up and down in his seat in excitement of knowing he had probably a winning position. Yes, I involuntarily blurted out "Sit down!" in frustration of all that had gone on previously. I then realized that all the distraction had finally gotten to me and I immediately got up and went outside for a walk, to try to clear my head and settle my nerves. While outside, I was so fed up with this non-game, in my estimation, and the whole disgusting situation that I just left the area, knowing my opponent would win on time, and the \$100 in prize money the winner would receive.

I was prepared to chalk it up to experience and be done with it. Why didn't I approach the TD during all this? Unfortunately, I had tried to "focus on the board" and ignore the distractions. This game taught me that I can't really do that successfully. Also, as the TD was a player, I didn't want to disturb other games if I didn't have to. [According to the crosstable Roger was only a floater in round three – ed.]

So I left, and thought that was the end of it. It turns out my leaving ruffled a few feathers among a few, I don't know who. Later, I received a phone call, and emails from friends of mine who were playing in the tournament also, who wanted to know what happened. I explained the distractions, and apparently this issue struck a chord with them also. Someone, not I, wrote the article and sent

it in, attaching our names to the copy, as we all agreed this was a current issue that needs to be dealt with by the chess playing community.

Of course, Roger isn't interested in finding the truth, merely "assuming" that the distraction was minor or non-existent. His behaviour shows a prejudiced and biased mind. Whether he harbours some hidden resentment of me, and/or a special affection for juniors, I don't know, but he was not interested in finding the truth, sadly. In not seeking the truth, Roger himself has brought disrepute to chess and violated Fide A.9.2.11. Section 12.6 of the FIDE Handbook states that it is forbidden to distract or annoy an opponent in any way.

Which brings me to the real issue here for chess tournaments. I have played in many tournaments over the years, and have hardly ever had to deal with distractions. Most of my opponents were gentlemen of fine character and we have become friends through chess. In fact, nearly half the enjoyment of a tournament is comradeship with them before and after games. During the game, you try to play your best chess, making plans, feeling the excitement and tension of the game. A satisfying experience, whether you win or lose. The few times when I have had to deal with distractions, it left a bitter taste in the mouth. No one, I believe, wants to have this negative type of experience at a chess tournament.

In the last few years chess has been heavily promoted to juniors, in schools, after school in clubs, and in commercial chess clubs. There are live coaches there, and also online coaching over the internet, for those who can afford it. When juniors get together at these places and play chess, there is loud talking, lots of horseplay and laughter, which is natural, the exuberance of youth. The problem is this type of behaviour, which is acceptable at those venues, is not acceptable in a regular chess tournament, where silence is the rule, and dignified decorum is the norm, so that players can play their best chess. Not monitoring proper behaviour leads to the kind of problems recently reported in Mississauga, ON recently, where juniors misbehaving got out of hand. As reported in ChessTalk.

Of course, many, if not most juniors are well-behaved, and its not only juniors that cause distraction. I am concerned that parents and coaches be aware of this behavior. Chess for juniors can be a double-edged sword. It can teach certain mental skills and provide a venue for an intelligent mind, but for juniors, especially, without proper supervision you could end up with a warped mind like Bobby Fischer, who was great at chess, but lacked social and other skills to lead a balanced life. Parents like to see their children happy, and coaches like to see their students succeed, as it makes the coaches look good and provides money for making a living, but someone has to balance chess skills with social skills and skills in other areas of life for these young ones.

And for Roger, I would like to say, try to ascertain the truth before you go making false accusations and slandering others. As for myself, I have learned a valuable lesson — I am not at the point where I can "focus on the board totally," but can be distracted. So, any distraction in the future needs to involve the TD. As for my opponent, whether junior or senior, calling the TD should also provide a teaching moment. I hope that this whole episode doesn't lead to lingering resentments, and that we can all get back to enjoying our great game in a spirit of respect for the game and each other.

[This letter brings this episode to a close, at least in these pages. If anything further needs to be said, I suggest it be done in private between the parties concerned. Moral of the story: if you have an issue during a game, contact the arbiter, that's what they are there for – ed.]

## BRUCE HARPER ANNOTATES

Harper, Bruce - Opponent [C25] ICC 3 0 Internet Chess Club

This was a curious game, because after a few inexact moves by my opponent I obtained a clear advantage and I knew it, but I wasn't able to see quite how to exploit it. The engine shows the way.

**1.g3** [0:03:00] **1...g6** [0:03:00] **2.Bg2** [0:02:59] **2...Bg7** [0:02:59] **3.d3** [0:02:59] **3...d6** [0:02:59]  
**4.Nc3** [0:02:58] **4...Nc6** [0:02:58] **5.e4** [0:02:58] **5...e5** [0:02:57] **6.Nge2** [0:02:57] **6...h6** [0:02:57]  
**7.O-O** [0:02:56] **7...Nge7** [0:02:56] **8.f4** [0:02:55] **8...f5** [0:02:54] **9.Be3** [0:02:53] **9...O-O** [0:02:53]  
**10.Qd2** [0:02:53] **10...Kh7** [0:02:51]



Not the most riveting opening. The great chess writers would make the best of things by telling us "the battle is postponed to the middle game!" White has many ways to proceed and I decided to choose the most forcing, guessing that my opponent would go astray if the position suddenly livened up. **11.d4!** [0:02:52]

This shouldn't lead to anything, but Black has to respond correctly. The safest answer is 11...exd4.

**11...fxe4** [0:02:46] **12.d5** [0:02:49] **12...Nb8?** [0:02:38]  
12...exf4! is right. **13.fxe5** [0:02:47] **13...dxe5** [0:02:37]  
**14.Rxf8** [0:02:43] **14...Qxf8** [0:02:35] **15.Rf1**  
[0:02:41] **15...Qd8** [0:02:31]



**16.Rf7!?** [0:02:37] Going for more than the slight advantage obtained by 16.Nxe4 (16... Nxd5? 17.c4).

**16...Kg8?!** [0:02:29] Better was 16...Nf5, trapping White's adventuresome f7-rook and trading some pieces. **17.Rxg7+** [0:02:35] **17...Kxg7** [0:02:28]  
**18.Bxh6+** [0:02:34] **18...Kh7** [0:02:27] **19.Nxe4**  
[0:02:22]





This was the position for which White was aiming. For a small investment of material (the exchange for a pawn), White has a number of positional trumps, as well as a lead in development and prospects for an attack on Black's king. **19...Nf5** [0:02:23] **20.Bg5** [0:02:18] **20...Qf8** [0:02:06]



**21.g4** [0:02:07] This isn't bad, but what White really wants to do is bring his queen into the attack, before Black can mobilize. 21.g4 aims to do this by opening the third rank for White's queen, but 21.Qc3 or 21.Nf6+ and 22.Qc3 were more efficient. **21...Nd6** [0:02:07] This isn't bad, but what White really wants to do is bring his queen into the attack, before Black can mobilize. 21.g4 aims to do this by opening the third rank for White's queen, but 21.Qc3 or 21.Nf6+ and 22.Qc3 were more efficient. **22.N2g3?** [0:01:47] After 20 seconds thought - I knew I was missing something, but only now do I know just what: 22.Nf6+! Kh8 (22... Kg7 23.Bh6+ wins Black's f8-queen) 23.Qe3, eying both Black's e5-pawn and a deadly check on h3. **22...Nd7** [0:01:51] **23.Qc3** [0:01:24] Now this isn't nearly as effective, but I wasn't sure whether my advantage had entirely disappeared or not. **23...Nb5** [0:01:30] **24.Qe1?!** [0:01:15] 24.Qc4, threatening a2-a4, was better. **24...Nd4** [0:01:20] **25.Qd1** [0:01:09 A bit sad.] **25...c5?!** [0:01:02] **26.c3** [0:01:06] **26...Nb5** [0:01:01] **27.Qe1** [0:01:00]



With the same idea - hoping to pressure Black's e5-pawn and also to get the queen to the h-file. Unfortunately White's beautifully placed knights are in the way. **27...Nd6?! [0:00:59]** This helps White out by letting him get rid of his g3-knight. To be fair, Black's position is much harder to play than White's. **28.Nxd6 [0:00:55]** **28...Qxd6 [0:00:57]** **29.Ne4 [0:00:55]** **29...Qf8 [0:00:52]** **30.Qh4+ [0:00:53]** **30...Kg8 [0:00:49]**



**31.d6 [0:00:39]** After almost 15 seconds thought. I couldn't believe that the best idea for White was to open the a2-g8 diagonal and then bring the g2-bishop to c4, And sure enough, there was a much better, and somewhat surprising, idea. 31.Bh6! attacks Black's queen, and it has nowhere to go! After 31...Qe8 32.Nd6 traps Black's queen, while 31...Qf7 fails to 32.Qd8+! Kh7 33.Ng5+. Sometimes I think I should just get the winning position and then turn the game over to someone who knows what they're doing... **31...Qf7 [0:00:41]** **32.b3? [0:00:34]** Was 32.Nf6+ Nxf6 33.Bxf6 so difficult to see? 33...Qh7 is met by 34.Bd5+. **32...a5 [0:00:39]** **33.Bf1 [0:00:31]** **33...Nb6 [0:00:28]** **34.Nf6+ [0:00:29]** This I saw, at least. **34...Kf8 [0:00:27]** **35.Qh8+ [0:00:27]** Black resigns.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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