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WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

The World Junior Championship, held in the Armenian capital of Yerevan, ended on October 16. The new World Junior Champion is IM Zaven Andriasian of Armenia, who managed to finish clear first with 9.5/13. The girls' section resulted in a four-way tie for first on 9/13, with WGM Yang Shen of China taking the title on tiebreaks. Canadian Junior Champion Bindi Cheng had a poor start likely due to jet lag (as Jonathan Berry pointed out, the time difference between Yerevan and Vancouver is twelve hours, the maximum possible differential), but had a better second half to finish with a solid 50%, tied for 39th in the 83-player field. Fellow Canadian Nikita Kraiouchkine ended the tournament with 5.5 points.

We hope to have comments and games from Bindi next issue.

Pairings, results, photos, and some games can be found at <http://www.armchess.am/>.

GM SLUGFEST

The Slugfest tournaments have been the brainchild of Washington organizer Clint Ballard. Distressed with the number of short draws in chess, Ballard has proposed a radical new scoring system to enliven the game, the Ballard Anti-draw Point system (BAP):

Black win: 3 points

White win: 2 points

Black draw: 1 point

White draw: 0 points

Any loss: 0 points

Not content with merely theorizing, Ballard has run tournaments using this method and recently tested the system in a GM event, organized and sponsored by Ballard himself. Recruiting players via invitation and qualifying events and with a first prize of \$5,000 (US), the GM Slugfest attracted a total of fifteen players (some were substitutes); among them was newly-crowned B.C. co-champion Jonathan Berry. After six rounds of play the standings of those who completed all their games were:

1. GM Victor Mikhalevski (4.5) -10
- 2-3. GMs Gregory Serper (4) and Lubomir Ftacnik (4) - 9
- 4-7. GM Alexander Shabalov (3.5), GM Varuzhan Akobian (4), IM Josh Friedel (3.5), and FM Jonathan Berry (3.5) - 8
- 8-9. GM Julio Becerra (3) and FM John Readey (2.5) - 7
10. IM David Pruess (2.5) - 6

(Bracketed numbers indicate scores using the regular system, the final number is the BAP score.)

Despite being exhausted from the B.C. Championship the previous weekend and sick during the event, Jonathan had an excellent result, substantially better than pre-tournament expectations. Furthermore, the event also has a \$1,000 best game prize, to be determined by online voting; of the seven games under consideration, Jonathan was involved in no less than four of them, and at the time of writing his game against Preuss has a large lead in the voting.

Without going into detail, it appears that BAP fulfilled its mandate - the games in the tournament were noticeably more exciting, and the "correct" people finished at the top of the cross table. For much more discussion on the BAP system, along with more detailed reports on the Slugfest and the online voting, see the following websites:

<http://www.slugfest7.com/public/department2.cfm>

http://beta.uschess.org/frontend/news_7_154.php

Berry,J - Shabalov,A [D47] GM Slugfest Bellevue (1), 13.10.2006

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 b5 8.Be2 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.e4 e5 11.Bg5 Qe7 12.a3 a6 13.Rd1 Re8 14.0-0 Bb8 15.Rd2 h6 16.Bh4 exd4 17.Nxd4 Bf4 18.Rdd1 Ne5 19.Bg3 Bxg3 20.hxg3 c5 21.Nf5 Bxf5 22.exf5 Rac8 23.a4 Nc6 24.Bf3 Nd4 25.Qd3 b4 26.Nd5 Nxd5 27.Bxd5 Ne2+ 28.Kh2 c4 29.Bxc4 Qg5 30.Qxe2 Rxe2 31.Bxe2 Rc2 32.Bxa6 Rxb2 33.Rd7 Rd2 34.Rb7 Rd4 35.Rb5 h5 36.a5 h4 37.Bb7 hxg3+ 38.fxg3 Qh6+ 39.Kg1 Qe3+ 40.Kh2 Qh6+ 41.Kg1 Qe3+ 42.Kh2 Qe2 43.Ba6 Kh7 44.Rb6 Qe5 45.Bb5 Rh4+ 46.Kg1 Qe3+ 47.Rf2 Rd4 48.Be2 Rd2 49.Kf1 Rc2

50.Rd6 b3 51.f6 b2 0-1

Peres,I - Berry,J [C60] GM Slugfest Bellevue (2), 13.10.2006

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 a6 6.Ba4 d6 7.h3 Nf6 8.d4 0-0
9.Nbd2 Bd7 10.Re1 Nh5 11.Nf1 Qe8 12.Bb3 Kh8 13.Ne3 f5 14.dxe5 dxe5
15.Nd5 Rc8 16.Be3 f4 17.Bc5 Rg8 18.Nb4 Be6 19.Ng5 Bxb3 20.Qxb3 Bf6
21.Nxc6 Qxc6 22.Nf7+ Kg7 23.Rad1 Rgf8 24.Bxf8+ Rxf8 25.Nxe5 Bxe5
26.Qd5 Qxd5 27.Rxd5 Kf6 28.Red1 Ke6 29.Rd8 Rxd8 30.Rxd8 Nf6 31.f3 Ke7
32.Rb8 b6 33.Kf1 Nd7 34.Ra8 a5 35.Ke2 Nc5 36.b4 Nb7 37.Kd3 Kd7 38.Kc4
Nd6+ 39.Kb3 axb4 40.cxb4 b5 41.Ra5 Ke6 42.a4 bxa4+ 43.Rxa4 h5 44.Ra7
Nf7 45.Ra8 Nd6 46.Rg8 Kf7 47.Ra8 g5 48.Ra5 Ke6 49.Rc5 g4 50.fxg4 hxg4
51.hxg4 Nxe4 52.Rc2 Kd5 53.Rc1 Kd4 54.Rd1+ Ke3 55.Re1+ Kd3 56.g5 f3
57.gxf3 Nd2+ 58.Ka4 Nxf3 59.Rd1+ Kc4 60.g6 Nd4 61.Rc1+ Kd5 62.Rxc7
Ne6 63.Rc2 1-0

Berry,J - Readey,J [B07] GM Slugfest Bellevue (3), 14.10.2006

1.d4 d6 2.e4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be3 c6 5.Qd2 b5 6.f3 Nbd7 7.a4 b4 8.Nd1 a5
9.c3 bxc3 10.Nxc3 Bg7 11.h4 Nb6 12.Bh6 Bxh6 13.Qxh6 e5 14.dxe5 dxe5
15.h5 Qe7 16.Rd1 Be6 17.hxg6 fxg6 18.Nh3 Bb3 19.Rd2 Nxa4 20.Nxa4 Bxa4
21.Bc4 Qb4 22.Qg5 Nd7 23.Be6 Nc5 24.Qf6 Rf8 25.Bf7+ Rxf7 26.Qxe5+ Kf8
27.Qh8+ Ke7 28.Qxa8 Nb3 29.Qd8+ Ke6 30.Ng5+ Ke5 31.Nxf7+ Ke6
32.Qd7+ Kf6 33.e5+ 1-0

Friedel,J - Berry,J [C60] GM Slugfest Bellevue (4), 14.10.2006

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.d4 exd4 5.Bg5 Be7 6.Bxe7 Qxe7 7.0-0 Nf6
8.e5 Nh5 9.Bxc6 dxc6 10.Qxd4 0-0 11.Nc3 Bf5 12.Qe3 f6 13.h3 fxe5 14.g4
Nf4 15.gxf5 Nxh3+ 16.Kh2 Rxf5 17.Kxh3 Raf8 18.Nh2 Rh5+ 19.Kg2 Qh4
20.Rh1 Rxf2+ 21.Qxf2 Qh3+ 0-1

Berry,J - Akobian,V [C11] GM Slugfest Bellevue (5), 15.10.2006

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3 a6 8.Qd2 b5
9.Bd3 b4 10.Nd1 Be7 11.0-0 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Nc5 14.Nf2 a5
15.Qe3 Qc7 16.Nh1 Ba6 17.Ng3 g6 18.Rac1 Na4 19.Ne2 Bc5 20.b3 Bxd4
21.Qxd4 Nc3 22.Nxc3 bxc3 23.Rcd1 Ke7 24.Rf3 Rhc8 25.Bxa6 Rxa6 26.Rdd3
Rc6 27.g4 Qb6 28.Qxb6 Rxb6 29.Rxc3 Rxc3 30.Rxc3 Rb4 31.Rc7+ Ke8 32.c4
a4 33.Kf2 axb3 34.axb3 Rxb3 35.cxd5 exd5 36.f5 gxf5 37.gxf5 Rb4 38.Kf3
Re4 39.e6 fxe6 40.fxe6 h6 41.Rd7 Rxe6 42.Rxd5 ½-½

Pruess,D - Berry,J [C60] GM Slugfest Bellevue (6), 15.10.2006

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.d4 exd4 5.Bg5 Bb4+ 6.Nbd2 f6 7.Bf4 a6 8.Bc4
d6 9.0-0 Ne5 10.Bxg8 Rxg8 11.Nxd4 Bc5 12.c3 Qe7 13.Bg3 Bg4 14.Qc2 g5
15.Rfe1 h5 16.f3 Bd7 17.Nf1 h4 18.Bf2 h3 19.Ne3 hxg2 20.Nd5 Qd8 21.Qb3

Rh8 22.Qxb7 Rb8 23.Nxc7+ Kf7 24.Qd5+ Kg6 25.Nce6 Qg8 26.Kxg2 Bxe6
27.Nxe6 Bxf2 28.Kxf2 Rxb2+ 29.Ke3 Rhxh2 30.Nd4 Qc8 31.c4 Nxc4+
32.Kd3 Ne5+ 0-1

B.C. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

The crosstable for the B.C. open is now available at the CFC site:
<http://www.chess.ca/xtable.asp?TNum=200610107>. Also, see the
tournament report on the BCCF website.

B.C. - WASHINGTON ADULT MATCH

This weekend sees the renewal of formal chess competition between the province of British Columbia and the state of Washington. The match, to be played over ten boards in Bellingham on Saturday, is the fourth in the modern series (the main matches were held 1944-1963). B.C. won in both 2003 and 2004 with identical 6-4 scores, but were trounced 1.5-8.5 last year. The B.C. team has an average rating ten points higher than last year, but the Washington squad has also "bulked up," with the result that B.C. has its work cut out for it in attempting to avenge last year's loss. Good luck to all.

Washington

1. Loren Schmidt 2430 (W)
2. Marcel Milat 2354 (B)
3. Nat Koons 2283 (W)
4. Elliott Neff 2268 (B)
5. John Graves 2254 (W)
6. David Roper 2247 (B)
7. William Schill 2242 (W)
8. Harley Greninger 2240 (B)
9. Curt Collyer 2213 (W)
10. Bill McGearry 2210 (B)

British Columbia

1. Dan Scoones 2284 (B)
2. Alfred Pechisker 2278(W)
3. Roman Jiganchine 2227 (B)
4. Brian McLaren 2220 (W)
5. Lucas Davies 2178 (B)
6. Bindi Cheng 2173 (W)
7. Roger Patterson 2165 (B)
8. Nigel Fullbrook 2147 (W)
9. Dragoljub Milicevic 2118(B)
10. Noam Davies 2109 (W)

Full historical results can be found at
<http://www3.telus.net/public/swright2/bcwam.html>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Junior Events

Oct 28-29 BC Junior Qualifier, New Westminster -
http://www.bjdy.com/juniorchess/BC_QUALIFIER.html

Nov 11-13 BC Junior Championship, Vancouver

Nov 19 Island Junior Open #3, Victoria

Dec 10 Greater Victoria City Championship

UBC Tuesday Night Swiss

Date: Tuesdays

Location: Room 211, Student Union Building, UBC
Format: 5-round Swiss
Time control: 2 hours sudden death
Time: 6:30 pm sharp
Entry fees: \$20 for adults, \$15 for juniors and UBC club members
TD info.: Aaron Cosenza, 604 327-4714, xramis1@yahoo.ca

Right to Play flex RR

Date: 1 November 2006 - 31 January 2007
Location: flexible
Type: Round Robin, 6-10+ players
Details: www.chessfirst.com

Silver Star Classic

Date: 11-13 November
Location: Vernon
Type: 6-round Swiss

Jack Taylor Memorial

Date: 25-26 November
Location: University of Victoria
Type: 5-round Swiss

2007 BC Correspondence Chess Championship

Start: January 15, 2007
Type: round robin
Mode: all games are played on the ICCF webserver (no e-mails, no postcards!)
EF: \$25
Prizes: 1st software prize from chessfirst.com
Registration: Vas Sladek, vas@chessfirst.com, 604-562-3736
Notes: BC residents ONLY and CCCA membership required \$30/year