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ARTHUR DAKE MEMORIAL

As reported last time, Jonathan Berry and Mike Stanford played in the Dake Memorial in Oregon; the 10-player round robin was won by GMs Vitali Golod and Emil Anka with 7.5/9, ahead of David Roper with 5. Complete results and games can be found at <http://www.aboutchess.org/>. Thanks to Jonathan Berry for providing a report and Mike Stanford for annotating some of his games:

"The Arthur Dake Memorial was an IM-norm event put on by many-times Oregon State Champion, Clark Harmon. The travel and expenses+ of two GMs and an IM were covered by entry fees of the other players on a sliding scale: the higher your FIDE rating, the lower your entry fee. Clark Harmon's business also sponsored the event.

We were well cared for, the playing conditions were fine, so we have only ourselves to blame ... actually, Mike performed quite a bit above his FIDE rating, and I was only marginally below. Half a point more would have been above. [Mike scored 4/9, Jonathan 3.5 - ed.]

Golod and Anka deservedly dominated the field. The third star, who was actually rated #2, made nine draws. In the first round I prepared carefully for him, but was surprised in the opening. I gained an advantage and could have gone into an ending a passed pawn ahead but with only opposite bishops it seemed a hopeless draw, so I tried something else. It wasn't all that great and Andrianov offered a draw. I was moderately happy with that and figured I was a step ahead of the field. How wrong I was! [For the statistically minded, Mr. Andrianov played a total of 132 moves in the tournament, averaging just under 15 moves a game - ed.]

I found that I would look at a position for a long time but still miss something obvious. Sure, it's going to happen in time trouble or in a sudden death finish, but should it happen when you look at a move for 20 minutes? Yikes. Maybe this has been a feature of my play for a long time but I just haven't noticed it.

Thanks to Clark Harmon for a great event, and also to his co-organizer, Emil Anka. Clark and I were the only ones who had played Arthur Dake in tournament games." [Jonathan Berry]

Harmon,C (2184) - Stanford,M (2178) [E10] Dake mem McMinnville (1), 05.06.2004
[Mike Stanford]

Before I annotate the games I'd just like to say thanks to Clark Harmon for arranging this event, it was without question one of the strongest tournaments I've ever played in! Oh, I'd also like to thank him for letting me play in it!!! **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4** [2.Nf3 e6 3.Bf4 is what Clark has played many times before.]
2...e6 3.Nf3 a6 4.Nc3 c5 5.e3 [5.d5 exd5 6.cxd5 d6 is actually the kind of stuff I thought he'd play

for.(6...b5 looks like more fun though.)] **5...b6 6.a3 Bb7 7.Bd3 d6** My plan after 5.e3 was to steer the game into a Sicilian Kan-type position. **8.0-0 Nbd7 9.b4 Qc7** [9...cxb4 10.axb4 d5 11.c5 a5 12.bxa5 bxc5 13.Qa4 is a very interesting position for me. Probably a little =, but I like Black's chances here.] **10.Bb2 Be7 11.Rc1 0-0 12.dxc5 dxc5 13.b5** This's a very interesting position. I spent a fair amount of time trying to decide how I should continue. **13...Rad8** [13...Bd6 is stronger than the text 14.h3 Bxf3 15.gxf3 Be5 16.bxa6 Rxa6 with a slight advantage for Black.; 13...a5 is probably one of the weaker of the 'decent' looking moves because it'll give Clark all the time he needs to build up an attack on the kingside (since the queenside's locked up).] **14.bxa6 Bxf3 15.gxf3** [15.Qxf3 which, at first glance looks pretty terrible, is actually quite good! I missed move 16 in my calculations. 15...Ne5 16.Qg3! Rxd3 17.Nb5 Qc8=] **15...Qa7** [15...Ne5 looks good, but sadly it loses to 16.Nb5 Qb8 17.a7+-] **16.Qe2** [Better is 16.Qa4 Ra8 (16...Nb8!/? 17.Nb5 Qxa6 18.Qxa6 Nxa6 19.Rfd1 g6 20.Be5 Rd7) 17.Nb5 Qxa6 18.Qxa6 Rxa6 19.Rfd1 Rd8 20.Rd2 Nb8 21.Be5 Nc6 22.Bc7 Rd7 23.Rcd1 g6=] **16...Qxa6 17.f4** I believe that this's a good move because White is in a situation where he must act quickly and prevent me from repositioning my pieces too easily and quickly... [17.Nb5!/?] **17...g6** [17...Nb8 18.Nb5 Rd7 19.Rcd1 Rfd8 20.f5+=] **18.Qf3 Nh5 19.Rfd1 Qc8 20.e4 Qc6 21.Be2 Ng7** [21...Bf6 is a move I hadn't really thought about because my idea behind these last few moves was to play f5 at some point.] **22.Nb5 Nf6** I don't remember why I wimped out and didn't play f5, I guess I figured this was decent. [22...f5 23.e5 Nb8!/?] **23.Bxf6=** [23.Bd3 might offer White a few more winning chances.] **23...Bxf6 24.e5 Qxf3 25.Bxf3 Be7 26.Na7 Rxd1+ 27.Rxd1 Rd8 28.Nb5 Rxd1+ 29.Bxd1** I think Black has the better chances in this position, but it's not so easy to win because White has such a strong knight and my bishop is kinda stuck (b and c pawns in the way). **29...Kf8** [29...Nf5 30.Bg4 Nd4 31.Kg2 (31.a4 h5 32.Nxd4 cxd4 33.Be2 f6 34.Kg2=) 31...Nxb5 32.cxb5 c4 33.a4 is likely a draw, but looks like an interesting endgame to try out. I opted to avoid this cause of the drawish look.] **30.Kg2 Ke8 31.Kf3 Kd8 32.Ke4 Ne8 33.Ba4 Bh4 34.Kf3** ½-½

Berry,J (2255) - Stanford,M (2178) [A03] Dake mem McMinnville (5), 09.06.2004
[Mike Stanford]

1.f4 A good surprise! I figured that he'd go QG since my Nimzo vs. Zilberstein was quite the disaster. I like the Nimzo, but it don't like me! **1...d5 2.Nf3 c5** [2...Nf6 is a better move since it doesn't leave my light squares on the queenside vulnerable.] **3.e3 g6 4.c3 Nf6 5.d4** On the plus side 2..c5 got him to not play the Leningrad structure (which I believe was his prep). **5...Nbd7 6.Bd3 e6?!** Now I'm in serious trouble. I will have to suffer for a long time because of these last few moves... **7.0-0 Bg7 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.Ne5 Nxe5 10.fxe5 Nd7 11.Nf3** At this point I was almost in desperation mode. I had no idea how I was going to combat White's attack, and it seemed like only a matter of time before White ran my king over. **11...b6 12.e4 Bb7 13.Bg5 Qe8** Not such a good move by me. [Much better is... 13...f6 14.exf6 Bxf6 15.Bxf6 (15.Bh6?! dxe4 16.Bxf8 Nxf8-/+) 15...Nxf6 16.e5 Nh5 with a much better position than the one I got myself into.] **14.Qe2 Rc8 15.Rad1 Rc7 16.Nd2 cxd4 17.cxd4 Nb8 18.exd5** I was happy to see this move during the game, since it does free up my game a little. Of course, it helps him as well. [18.Qf2 Qa4 19.b3 Qb4 (19...Qxa2? 20.Ra1 Qb2 21.Rxa7 Nc6 22.Ra4 Na5 well, this isn't as bad as I had initially thought - maybe slightly better for White.)] **18...exd5** [18...Bxd5 19.Nc4 Qd7 20.Nd6 There was no way I was going to give his knight this square...] **19.Nf3 Bc8 20.Rc1 Rxc1 21.Rxc1 Bg4** This move was played very quickly during the game. I remember thinking how lucky I was to last this long. [Better is 21...Bd7] **22.Bb5** A good move, but it'd hard to say whether it's the best... there are so many good looking moves in his position. [22.Rc7 looks quite strong.] **22...Qe6 23.h3 Bxf3 24.Qxf3 f6 25.exf6 Bxf6 26.Bxf6 Rxf6 27.Rc8+!** I believe we were both in time trouble at this point (maybe I arrived there first), and this move really shocked me. **27...Kg7 28.Rc7+ Rf7 29.Qg3 a6 30.Rxf7+ Kxf7 31.Qc7+ Kf6 32.Qd8+ [32.Bf1+-] 32...Kg7 33.Qc7+ Kf6 34.Qf4+ Ke7 35.Bd3??** This mistake really saved me. After the game Jonathan suggested Bf1, and I believe that gives him a good advantage (like Bf1 earlier) . **35...Qf6 36.Qc7+ Nd7=** I believe I offered a draw here. He of course declined. **37.Bxa6 Qxd4+ 38.Kh2 Qxb2** Jonathan sighed after this move, kicking himself for pooching a great position. **39.Qc6 Qe5+** So we've reached TC after a semi-mad time scramble,

and I 'should' win this endgame. **40.Kg1 Qe3+ 41.Kh1 Qc5 42.Qb7 Kd6 43.Be2 Qd4** [43...d4!? is the exact opposite of my plan in the game, which's to bring my king to the White side of the board, and then advance the pawn. This plan might be better, but it's complicated. **44.Qf3 Ne5] 44.Bf3 h5 45.Qa8 Ne5 46.Qf8+ Kc6 47.Qe8+** [47.Be2 is what I thought he'd play during the game - it prevents my king from advancing.] **47...Kc5 48.Qe7+ Kc4 49.Be2+ Kc3 50.Qg5** Dang, I felt this was the best move for him, and was now using a lot of time to figure out how I can make progress... move 53 is what I thought was the answer... **50...Kb2 51.a4 Kb3 52.Bb5 Qa1+?! 53.Kh2 Qe1??** Bah what a dumb move. For some reason I thought that when he'd play Qd8, he'd only be attacking one of my pawns (giving me a chance to reposition and protect everything). And it is the answer to the question: What's a really bad move in this position? **54.Qd8 Qe4 55.Qxb6 Qf4+ 56.Kg1 d4 57.a5 Qe3+ 58.Kh1 Qe1+?** [58...Nc4 Is a much better move, offering better drawing chances.] **59.Kh2 ½-½** Here's where the game ended. Jonathan offered a draw here because of a perpetual - but he should've let me play it. Maybe I'd miss it? **59...Nf3+** I most likely would've played this, but Jonathan has too much respect for my play *laughs*, and should've made me go through with it. What else is there in this position other than Nf3 that offers good chances? Qe3? Nah. **60.gxf3 Qf2+ 61.Kh1 Qxf3+ 62.Kg1 Qg3+ 63.Kf1** as long as Black doesn't let White block the check with his bishop, it's a perp. **63...Qf4+ [63...Qf3+ 64.Ke1 Qc3+ 65.Ke2 Qc2+= (65...Qe3+?? 66.Kd1+-)] 64.Ke2 Qe4+ 65.Kf2 Qf5+ [65...Qf4+ 66.Ke1 Qc1+ 67.Kf2 also perps.] 66.Kg1 Qg5+ 67.Kf1 Qf5+ 68.Ke2 Qe4+ 69.Kd2 Qc2+ 70.Ke1 Qb1+ 71.Ke2 Qe4+** etc.

Stanford,M (2178) - Andrianov,N (2446) [B36] Dake mem McMinnville (6), 10.06.2004
[Mike Stanford]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.c4 Nf6 6.Nc3 d6 7.Be2 Nxd4 8.Qxd4 Bg7 9.Bg5 0-0 10.Qd2 Be6 11.Rc1 Qa5 12.f3 If you do a search in your database for this opening, and Andrianov, you'll find that in Chicago he drew a 2200 player with it :). **12...a6 13.b3 Rfc8 14.Nd5** [14.Na4 I spent much of my time trying to convince myself to play this move. I chickened out and played Nd5 because if he was going to offer me such an easy draw (all my other previous games went the distance), I was going to take it. This's also a very complicated position that is not so easy to play vs an IM. It's possible (likely?) that he would've offered a draw here anyways.] **14...Qxd2+ 15.Kxd2 Nxd5 16.cxd5 Bd7 ½-½** He offered a draw here because it's easy for White to draw this. **Rxc8 Rxc8 Rc1** and the position becomes completely dry. **17.Rxc8+ Rxc8 18.Bxe7** If I went for this stuff, Black can get some compensation after... **18...Bh6+ 19.Ke1 Rc1+ 20.Bd1**. At first glance it looks easy win for White, but the more you look at it, the less you'll want to be White... **Ra1 a4 f5** (b5 could also be nasty) and Black is swarming --- I looked at this semi closely before the game, and disliked it so much that it almost pushed me to play Na4 instead of Nd5. Of course I figured the exchange of rooks was an easy draw, so I was going to go for that.

Stanford,M (2178) - Van Meter,L (2240) [B42] Dake mem McMinnville, OR (8), 12.06.2004
[Mike Stanford]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Bc5 Before this game I was really worried about what I'd play vs his Bc5 Kan. Partly because I also play this, but mainly because it's so incredibly strong! ;) **6.Nb3 Be7 7.Nc3 Nc6 8.f4 d6 9.Qf3 b5 10.Be3 Bb7 11.0-0-0** So I opted to play the structure that Jack Yoos played vs me. **11...Rc8** [11...Qc7 12.g4 Nf6 13.g5 Nd7 14.Kb1 Nb4 15.Rhf1 Yoos-Stanford 2002 BC ch 1/2-1/2] **12.Kb1 Na5!?** So Black's last two moves pretty much reveal what he's going for... my king **13.g4** [13.Qg3!? g6 Since he plays the Bc5 line, he'd likely be happy to play this type of structure (and still have the attacking chances).] **13...Nf6 14.g5 Nd7 15.Qh3** [15.Qh5!? is something that I had briefly considered. 15...g6 16.Qh3 b4 creates some serious complications after... 17.Ne2 Nc4 18.Bd4 (18.Bxc4!? Rxc4 19.Nd2 Rc7 20.c4±) 18...e5 forced 19.Bxc4 Rxc4 20.fxe5 Bxe4 (20...dxe5? 21.Bxe5+-) 21.exd6 Bxc2+ 22.Ka1 Bxd1 23.Rxd1 Rxd4 24.Nexd4!+- (24.Rxd4 Bxg5 25.Re4+ Kf8 26.Rxb4) 24...Bxd6 25.Nc6 Qc7 26.Qe3+ Ne5 (26...Kf8 27.Qd4) 27.Nxe5 Bxe5 28.Rd5+-

] **15...Nxb3** [Better is 15...b4 16.Ne2 Nxb3 17.cxb3 (17.axb3 is actually what I was going to play. 17...Nc5 18.Bxc5 Rxc5 19.g6 reaches the previous var, but with axb instead.) 17...Nc5 18.Bxc5 Rxc5 19.g6 (19.Nd4 0-0) 19...fxg6 20.Nd4 e5 21.Ne6 Bc8 22.Bc4 Bxe6 23.Bxe6 exf4] **16.axb3 Qa5** After the game Lester told me that he was thinking about doing Rxc should the opportunity present itself, and that is why he played all these moves (Rc8,Na5-b3, Qa5...) **17.g6 Bf6!?** [17...fxg6 is what I spent most of my time calculating during the game... 18.Qxe6 Nc5 19.Bxc5 Rxc5 20.Nd5 Bxd5 (20...Qd8 21.b4 Rc8 22.Rhe1±) 21.exd5 Rc7 but wasn't sure whether this was a strong enough attack or not. **A)** 22.Rde1 is what I thought about playing when considering 17.g6 22...Kd8 23.Re3 (23.f5!?) 23...Qb6 24.Rh3 (24.Rhe1 Bh4 25.R1e2 Re7 26.Qh3 Rxe3 27.Rxe3 Kc7 and Black should survive this.) 24...Bf6 25.Bxg6 Re7 26.Qg4 Qd4 27.c3 Qf2 28.Qg3 looks pretty good, but I think Black has good drawing chances...; **B)** 22.Rhg1! a Fritz move. Idea: crack open the g-file with f5. 22...Kd8 23.f5 g5 (23...gxf5?? 24.Rxg7+-) 24.h4, +/-] **18.gxf7+ Kxf7?** [18...Ke7 is what I thought he'd play. Now I hadn't decided what course I'd take vs this; but whichever one I chose, I am certain it would involve a sacrifice of some sort. 19.Rhg1 looks like a good try, as it brings the rook out of the light diagonal and into the fray. 19...Rxc3 doesn't look like it works because of... 20.Bd2 Rxd3 21.Qxd3 Qc7 22.e5!+- opening up lines for all my pieces. 22...dxe5 23.Bb4+ Nc5 24.Bxc5+ Kxf7 25.Qd7+-] **19.Nd5 Nc5** [19...g6 Just holding tight looks to be stronger. 20.Rhf1 step 1: point pieces at king, step 2: crush crush crush.] **20.Bxc5+- Bxd5 21.exd5 Rxc5 22.Qxe6+ Kf8 23.Qxd6+ Be7 24.Qe6 Qd8 25.Qxa6** [25.c4!?] **25...b4** [Better, but still losing, is... 25...Rxd5 26.Be2 b4 27.Rxd5 Qxd5 28.Rd1 Qf7 29.Qc8+ Qe8 30.Qf5+ Qf7 31.Qe5+- all Black's pieces are tied up. 31...Bf6 32.Qc5+ Qe7 33.Rd8+-] **26.Bb5 Bd6 27.Rhe1 Kf7 28.Re6 Bxf4 29.Rf1 g5 30.Rd6 1-0**

Roper,D (2292) - Berry,J (2255) [C54] Dake mem McMinnville (7), 11.06.2004

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d3 Nc6 4.Nf3 Bc5 5.0-0 d6 6.c3 Bb6 7.b4 Ne7 8.Re1 0-0 9.a4 c6 10.Bb3 Ng6 11.Nbd2 Bc7 12.Nf1 Be6 13.d4 exd4 14.Nxd4 Bxb3 15.Qxb3 d5 16.Bg5 dxe4 17.Rad1 Qe7 18.Ng3 Qe5 19.Ndf5 Rfe8 20.Bh6 Nh4 21.Nxg7 Red8 22.h3 Rxd1 23.Rxd1 Rd8 24.Rxd8+ Bxd8 25.Qd1 Be7 26.Qd2 Nd5 27.c4 e3 28.Qe2 exf2+ 29.Qxf2 Nxb4 30.Kh1 Bc5 31.Bf4 Qa1+ 32.Qf1 Qxf1+ 0-1

Raptis,N (2262) - Berry,J (2255) [D11] Dake mem McMinnville (9), 13.06.2004

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.g3 Bf5 5.Nc3 e6 6.Qb3 Qb6 7.c5 Qc7 8.Bf4 Qc8 9.Qa4 Nbd7 10.Bg2 b5 11.cxb6 axb6 12.Qb3 Be7 13.0-0 0-0 14.Rfc1 Qa6 15.Nh4 Rfe8 16.Nxf5 exf5 17.f3 b5 18.Qc2 g6 19.e4 fxe4 20.fxe4 b4 21.Nd1 dxe4 22.Qxc6 Qd3 23.Be3 Qe2 24.Bf2 Ra6 25.Bf1 Rxc6 26.Bxe2 Rxc1 27.Rxc1 Nd5 28.Bb5 Rd8 29.Ne3 Bg5 30.Bxd7 Bxe3 31.Rc8 Rxc8 32.Bxc8 Bxf2+ 33.Kxf2 Nb6 34.Bb7 f5 35.Bc6 Kf7 36.a4 bxa3 37.bxa3 Ke6 38.a4 Kd6 39.Bb5 Kd5 40.a5 Nc8 41.Ke3 Na7 42.Be8 g5 43.Bf7+ Kd6 44.g4 Ke7 45.Bg8 1-0

GM CHESS FEST

N.B. some of the details for these events have changed - please read carefully!

World class Grandmasters don't come to town every day. On July 4 and 7, 2004, you will have an opportunity to take part in several chess events with four famous chess Grandmasters.

Information and pre-registration: Bruce Harper (604) 263-8264 bruce54321@shaw.ca

Entry/spectator fees: \$20 per simul; \$30 for both simul; \$10 for the Pairs Exhibition; \$40 for all three events. Participants in the Western Canadian Open and juniors receive a 50% discount. These discounts are cumulative, for a maximum discount of 75%.

Parking: Free parking in the lot just West of St. John's School.

July 4, 2004 - Simuls

Location: St. John's School, 2215 West 10th Ave. (10th & Yew), Vancouver

1:00 pm: GM Cramling simultaneous exhibition.

GM Pia Cramling will simultaneously play all challengers. This event is open to all players.

3:30 pm: GM Bellon simultaneous exhibition.

GM Juan Bellon will simultaneously play all challengers. This event is open to all players.

Registration Deadline: 15 minutes before each event. Pre-registration is encouraged, as the number of players in the simultaneous exhibitions is limited.

Equipment: Boards and sets will be provided.

Prizes: Donated by Chess First Enterprises - eight prizes in total; maximum four per simul. Prizes go to winners first, then players who draw. Retail values are indicated:

GM Cramling simul:

First successful player: Shredder 7 engine-many-times world champion (\$65).

Second successful player: ChessBase 87 magazine (400 annotated games, endings, strategy, theory, multimedia and tactics, total 5,300 games) (\$30).

Next two successful players: ChessBase Extra 91, 94, 97 and 97 database CDs, each with 2000-5000 games. (\$20 each).

GM Bellon simul:

First successful player: Fritz 7 engine (\$45).

Second successful player: ChessBase 86 magazine (1,802 games in main database, endings, strategy, theory, tactics and multimedia) (\$30).

Next two successful players: ChessBase Extra 91, 94, 97 and 97 database CDs, - each with 2000-5000 games. (\$20 each).

July 7, 2004 - Pairs Tournament

Location: St. John's School, 2215 West 10th Ave. (10th & Yew), Vancouver

7:00 pm: Pairs Exhibition tournament (spectators welcome).

GMs Cramling, Bellon, Seirawan and Suttles will play three 30-minute Pairs exhibition games, rotating partners each game. In each game, one player makes the first move for White, then the players alternate, each making two moves in a row. Partners may not talk about the game while playing or otherwise give hints or advice to their partner. They may tell their partner to move ("It's your move.") and tell them to move quickly ("Hurry up, we have 20 seconds left!!"). Profanity and physical violence is not allowed except under extreme circumstances.

[For player biographies, see the last Bulletin.]

We should also point out that the current time deadline for entries to the **Western Canadian Open** is June 30th - after that date it will cost you \$25 more. If you are thinking about playing but have not yet registered, now is the time to do so - <http://www.chessbc.com/>

CHESS IN BRAZIL

From Eduardo Moura: "Mr. Mauro Amaral - an acquaintance of mine - chess arbiter and organizer from Sao Paulo, Brazil, has asked me if I could help him publicize his chess tournaments and web page among the

Canadian chess public. Mr. Amaral regularly organizes IM and GM tournaments in Sao Paulo. In June he is running two closed tournaments with IM norms and in July one tournament with GM norms! His web address is: www.comunic.com.br/xadrez/ Perhaps in the future we could have Canadians playing in his tournaments. I see at Mr Amaral's web page that he already has some US players playing this year, so why not Canadians?! Anyway this may be a good opportunity to strengthen the ties between Canadian and Brazilian chess players."

[Unless I am missing something the website is only in Portuguese (I think!), so any interested parties might want to contact Eduardo first - let me know if you wish to do this - ed.]

CHESS IN CUBA by Tom Robertson

I'm trying to get a small group of avid chess players to come to Cuba for a week of playing chess in Havana as well as discovering the countryside and culture. The tour program can be found at www.ottawachessclub.com or www.cuba1tours.com. The fam trip price is slightly lower than shown on the program, \$1000 + Air. This will be the first of a series of Cuban chess programs planned for 2004/2005. Please pass this information on to local club members and hope to have you along. Thanks.

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PORT COQUITLAM CHESS CLUB by Len Molden

This is to inform all of you that I've created a page for the Port Coquitlam Chess Club at:

<http://www.chessmastery.com/pococheessclub>

I would really appreciate if you can please publicize this URL whenever, wherever, and however you can, as our club is in dire need of members to attend on a regular Thursday basis.

ROOM AT WCO

Dale Gustafson, a friend of Jack Yoos from Minnesota, will be playing in the Western Canadian Open and is looking for someone to share a hotel room with. Interested parties should contact Dale at sirgusf@aol.com

ALCAN ANNIVERSARY TOURNAMENT by Mike Bateman

Alcan has asked me to organize a chess tournament for their 50th anniversary celebration here in Kitimat, on the 31st of July. It will be a 15 minutes per game per side, clocked event with 5 rounds. It will start at 13:00 hours, (1 in the afternoon) and go till 17:00 hours (or 5 in the afternoon). It will be held in the main ceremonies tent at the Riverlodge Rec Center. This is not a rated event because it is open to all persons partaking in the Alcan celebrations. I will be purchasing 10 new sets and 10 new clocks which I hope to be using as prizes. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. This is a free event.

[The person who is now looking after the Alcan tournament is Al Annett, aannett@telus.net]

ANNOTATIONS BY SHAKESPEARE

Tired of all those funny little arrows and mathematical symbols that pass for annotations in the informants? Here are some prose annotations by the Bard of Avon - well, actually he didn't write these lines specifically to accompany a game of chess. The various quotations were chosen by Victoria player Cyril F. Davie (see Bulletin #35 for his biography) to illustrate one of his own games; they were first published in the July 1916 issue of *The British Chess Magazine*.

Davie,C - York,J [C39]

1.e4 "Take a trumpet, herald; ride thou unto the horsemen on yon hill: if they would fight with us, bid them come down, or void the field." [*Henry V*: IV, vii]

1...e5 "The sum of all our answer is but this: we would not seek a battle, as we are; nor, as we are, we say we will not shun it: so tell you master." [*Henry V*: III, vi]

2.f4 "If guilty dread have left thee so much strength as to take up mine honour's pawn, then stoop!" [*Richard II*: I, i]

2...exf4 "And I accept the combat willingly." [*Henry VI/2*: I, iii]

3.Nf3 "To horse, you gallant princes! Straight to horse!" [*Henry V*: IV, ii]

3...g5 "Let's consult together against this greasy knight." [*Merry Wives of Windsor*: II, i]

4.h4 "How now, young man! Mean'st thou to fight today?" [*Troilus and Cressida*: V, iii]

4...g4 "Pursue him, ho! Go after!" [*King Lear*: II, i]

5.Ng5 "The Prince of Cumberland! That is a step on which I must fall down, or else o'erleap, for in my way it lies." [*Macbeth*: I, iv]

5...h6 "...you waste the treasure of your time with a foolish knight." [*Twelfth Night*: II, v]

6.Nxf7 "For thousand Yorks he shall not hide his head, but boldly stand and front him to his face." [*Henry VI/2*: V, i]

- 6...Kxf7** "...the extreme peril of our case, the peace of England and our person's safety, enforced us to his execution." [*Richard III*: III, v]
- 7.d4** "We will have vengeance for it, fear thou not." [*Romeo and Juliet*: III, v]
- 7...d5** "'Tis not sleepy business, but must be looked to speedily and strongly." [*Cymbeline*: III, v]
- 8.Bxf4** "The archbishop is the King's hand and tongue, and who dare speak one syllable against him?" [*Henry VIII*: V, i]
- 8...dxe4** "Such noble fury in so poor a thing." [*Cymbeline*: V, v]
- 9.Bc4+** "An't please your grace, the two great cardinals wait in your presence." [*Henry VIII*: III, i]
- 9...Kg7** "I do not like their coming. Now I think on't, they should be good men, their affairs as righteous; but all hoods make not monks." [*Henry VIII*: III, i]
- 10.Be5+** "I advise you ... that you read the cardinal's malice and his potency together; to consider further that what his high hatred would effect wants not a minister in his power. You know his nature, that he's revengeful, and I know his sword hath a sharp edge; it's long and 't may be said it reached far, and where 'twill not extend thither he darts." [*Henry VIII*: I, i]
- 10...Nf6** "You, Lord Archbishop, whose see is by a civil peace maintained, whose head the silver hand of peace hath touch'd, whose white vestments figure innocence the dove and very blessed spirit of peace, wherefore do you so ill translate yourself out of the speech of peace that hears such grace, into the harsh and boisterous tongue of war; turning your books to graves, your ink to blood, your pens to lances, and your tongue divine to a loud trumpet and a point of war?" [*Henry IV/2*: IV, i]
- 11.0-0** "Up to the eastern tower whose height commands as subject all the vale, to see the battle." [*Troilus and Cressida*: I, ii]
- 11...Be7** "Call forth the holy father." [*Richard III*: V, i]
- 12.d5** "Hath no man's dagger here a point for me?" [*Much Ado About Nothing*: IV, i]
- 12...Rf8** "Hang out our banners on the outward walls; the cry is still 'They come': our castle's strength will laugh a siege to scorn." [*Macbeth*: V, v]
- 13.Qe2** "I would remove these tedious stumbling-blocks and smooth my way upon their headless necks; and, being a woman, I will not slack to play my part in Fortune's pageant." [*Henry VI/2*: I, ii]
- 13...Bc5+** "Look, when the holy legate comes apace, to give us warrant from the hand of heaven, and on our actions set the name of right with holy breath." [*John*: V, ii]
- 14.Kh1** "How much, methinks, I could despise this man, but that I am bound in charity against it!" [*Henry VIII*: III, ii]
- 14...e3** "There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy." [*Hamlet*: II, i]
- 15.Qd3** "Why appear you with this ridiculous boldness before my lady?" [*Twelfth Night*: III, iv]

- 15...h5** "So that, by this, you would not have him die." [*Henry VIII*: III, i]
- 16.Rf5** "... there stand I in much peril." [*Othello*: V, i]
- 16...Bxf5** "I shall deal with him that henceforth he shall trouble us no more." [*Henry VI/2*: III, i]
- 17.Qxf5** "Ay, my lord cardinal, how think you by that? Were it not good your grace could fly to heaven?" [*Henry VI/2*: II, i]
- 17...Qe8** "Woman, do what thou canst to save our honours." [*Henry VI/1*: I, ii]
- 18.Bd3** "Stand thee by, friar." [*Much Ado About Nothing*: IV, i]
- 18...Kg8** "I should think this a gull, but that the white-bearded fellow speaks it: knavery cannot, sure, hide himself in such reverence." [*Much Ado About Nothing*: II, i]
- 19.Qg5+** "No devil will fright thee as much as she." [*Love's Labour's Lost*: IV, iii]
- 19...Kh8** "Then come, o'God's name, I fear no woman." [*Henry VI/1*: I, ii]
- 20.Bxf6+** "Certainly the cardinal is the end of this." [*Henry VIII*: II, i]
- 20...Rxf6** "Now, by God's mother, priest, I'll shave your crown for this, or all my fence shall fail." [*Henry VI/2*: II, i]
- 21.Qxf6+** "Hamlet, thou art slain; no medicine in the world can do thee good, in thee there is not half an hour of life." [*Hamlet*: V, ii]
- 21...Kg8** "Upon his royal face there is no note how dread an army hath enrounded him." [*Henry V*: IV, pro]
- 22.Nc3** "Give me another horse." [*Richard III*: V, iii]
- 22...Nd7** "Let's raise the siege. Why live we idly here?" [*Henry VI/1*: I, ii]
- 23.Qg5+** "And, when I spy advantage, claim the Crown, for that's the golden mark I seek to hit." [*Henry VI/2*: I, ii]
- 23...Kh8** "Foul wrinkled witch, what makest thou in my sight?" [*Richard III*: I, iii]
- 24.Qh6+** "I'll do, I'll do, and I'll do." [*Macbeth*: I, iii]
- 24...Kg8** "Have done thy charm, thou hateful withered hag!" [*Richard III*: I, iii]
- 25.Qh7+** "Here must I kill King Pericles." [*Pericles*, I, iii]
- 25...Kf8** "I pray you all, tell me what they deserve that do conspire my death with devilish plots of damned witchcraft, and that have prevailed upon my body with their hellish charms?" [*Richard III*: III, iv]
- 26.Rf1+** "But yet, poor Claudio! There is no remedy, come, sir." [*Measure for Measure*: II, i]

1-0 "All good people, pray for me! I must forsake ye. The last hour of my long weary life is come upon me. Farewell." [*Henry VIII*: II, i]

NEW EXPERT EVENT

Paul Burke has returned to chess after a long absence and has started to organize pre-master tournaments again:

Summer Pre-Master

Dates: July 31, August 1

Location: Room 421, Henry Angus Building, UBC

Type: 4-round Swiss

Times: 10:30, 4:30 / 10:00, ASAP

Time control: 40/120, SD/60

Entry fee: \$35, \$30 for UBC Chess Club members and juniors

Prizes (based on 14 entries): 1st - \$250 + trophy, 2nd - \$125 + trophy

Registration: July 31, 9:30 – 10:15 am

Organizer and TD: Paul Burke, (604) 874-1374

Misc.: **Restricted** to experts rated 2000-2199, as well as those U2000 players who have had a rating above 2000 in the past. Please bring sets and clocks. No byes.

Watch for more pre-master events in the upcoming year!

UPCOMING EVENTS

To save space, from now on I will only give basic information for events - date, place, and type. Full details for all the events listed here may be found on the BCCF site, www.chess.bc.ca.

Vancouver League: Class Round Robins

In these Round Robins players will be grouped according to their class or within a rating spread of no more than 200 or 300 points. The games will take place at the Vancouver Bridge Centre (2776 East Broadway) during the evening on Saturdays and/or Wednesdays. If you are interested in participating on these events please send an e-mail to the following address: azmitia@interchange.ubc.ca

For more information visit: <http://www3.telus.net/chessvancouver/>

SUPER Vancouver Saturday Night Chess (3)

Dates: Saturdays June 5, 12, 19, 26 and July 3.

Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre, 2776 East Broadway (at Kaslo), Vancouver

Type: 5-round Swiss

First prize - \$400!!

UBC Tuesday Night Swiss June/July

Dates: June 29, July 6, 20, 27, August 3

Place: UBC Henry Angus Building, room 309

Type: 5-round Swiss

[Western Canadian Open](#)

Date: July 9-18

Place: Vancouver Airport Conference Resort

Type: 10 round single-section Swiss

Vancouver Saturday Night Chess (4)

Dates: Saturdays July 24, 31, and August 7, 14, 21

Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre, 2776 East Broadway (at Kaslo), Vancouver

Type: 5-round Swiss

Rod Planas Memorial Chess Tournament

Dates: August 7-8, 2004

Place: Sandman Inn, 2130 Harvey Avenue, Kelowna

Type: 5-round Swiss

UBC Tuesday Night Swiss August

Dates: August 10, 17, 24, 31

Place: UBC Henry Angus Building, room 309

Type: 5-round Swiss

[Marathon Chess Madness](#)

Dates: August 28-29

Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre

Type: various

Vancouver League Qualifier #1

Dates: September 18, 25 & October 2, 9, 16

Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre

Type: 5-round Swiss

Silver Star Challenge (Interior Qualifier)

Date: Nov. 13 & 14

Place: Holiday Inn Express, 4716 34th St., Vernon

Type: 5-round Swiss

Vancouver League Qualifier #2

Dates: November 20, 27 & December 4, 11, 18

Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre

Type: 5-round Swiss

Vancouver League Qualifier #3

Dates: January 8, 15, 22, 28 & February 5, 2005

Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre

Type: 5-round Swiss

Vancouver League Qualifier #4

Dates: March 19, 26 & April 2, 9, 16, 2005

Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre

Type: 5-round Swiss