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Thanks to Jonathan Berry and Fanhao Meng for submitting annotations for this issue. The Bulletin normally comes out every two weeks, but if there is insufficient news in the next little while, we will see you in September.

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MACSKASY MEMORIAL



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This inaugural tournament in memory of Dr. Elod Macskasy (1919-1990) attracted a total of thirty-two players to the Mathematics Building at UBC, the place where Macskasy worked for over twenty-five years. Playing conditions were good, with lots of natural light and ventilation; the TD's main concern was the amount and loudness of talking in the adjacent corridor and skittles room. On Monday the organizers were chagrined to discover the math building is one of the few (only?) places on campus that has a class bell, which duly went off on the hour and at ten minutes to the hour (this hadn't happened on the weekend). Many thanks to the players who gamely ignored this distraction without complaint; Jonathan Berry said it woke him up a few times, which presumably was a good

The tournament, based on the Edmonton model, was structured as a series of six-player round robins, with the two "extras" resulting in an eight-player bottom section which contested a five-round Swiss. Fortune smiled on us: all the participants were supposed to preregister, and indeed the section groupings had already been published prior to the tournament. On arrival on the Saturday morning I was met by Adam Kirk, who wished to play but wasn't aware of the necessity for preregistration. While mentally restructuring groups in my head Jay Zhao received a phone message - registered player Danny Yu had a fever and would not be playing. On being told that Kirk's rating was appropriate for that group (I did not have a TD list with me) we made the substitution and the tournament began. It wasn't until I checked the CFC website later that evening that I found that Kirk's rating was only ten points away from Danny's!

The visitors we received over the weekend would have constituted a very nice top section (Yasser Seirawan, Duncan Suttles, Dave Ross, Bruce Harper, Roman Jiganchine, Michael Yip, with subs Toni Deline and Slaven Mandic), but instead it was top-ranked Jonathan Berry who won the "A" Group. The only titled player in the

field, Jonathan drew his first game with Vicente Lee but then won the rest for a 4.5/5 score; a half point behind was Alfred Pechisker, building on his excellent result from the recent Canadian Open. Second-ranked Vicente Lee did not show the form that helped him defeat GM Lopez Bellon in last year's Western Canadian Open, and in fact did not show up for his last round game. The surprise of the group was Justin Hardy, newly returned from China, who despite (or because of?) a two-year layoff won his first two games before coming down to earth.

Group "B" was won by a rejuvenated Paul Burke - he presumably likes the format, since it is the same as that used for the series of pre-master tournaments which Burke used to run. His main competition came from precocious junior Louie Jiang, who capped off a series of strong recent results with a second-place finish, thus becoming B.C.'s newest expert.

Group "C" had the largest disparity in ratings, with Andrey Kostin and Ben Daswani being almost three hundred points ahead of the other four players. Kostin was out of form, which allowed Daswani to claim first prize with 4.5; second was Evan Raymer, achieved via a last-round win over Kostin. Group "D" saw the only perfect score, as top-rated Elliot Raymer dominated his peers with 5/5; last-minute replacement Adam Kirk came a distant second with 3. In the Group "E" Swiss juniors were to the fore, with Tanraj Sohal taking first place ahead of Christopher Hui and Donovan Zhao. Crosstables for all the sections are available here:

<http://www.chess.ca/xtable.asp?TNum=200508007>

<http://www.chess.ca/xtable.asp?TNum=200508008>

<http://www.chess.ca/xtable.asp?TNum=200508009>

<http://www.chess.ca/xtable.asp?TNum=200508010>

<http://www.chess.ca/xtable.asp?TNum=200508011>

A big thank you to the UBC Mathematics Department and Ian Frigaard for providing the tournament site, also to Jay Zhao, Bruce Harper, Ben Daswani, Marina Milner, and everyone else who helped make the tournament a success. One interesting residual effect from the Canadian Open's Charles Graves tie day was players dressing up for the occasion, or at least wearing a tie. At the beginning it was only the always classily dressed Robert North and young Elliot Raymer, but by the last day six players were wearing ties. Of these six, four won prizes - a coincidence?

The Macskasy Memorial will be held on an annual basis, so watch for it again next summer.

A selection of games is given below; all the games can be found at www.chess.bc.ca or <http://www.bjdy.com/juniorchess/> - the latter also includes photos.

**Pechisker,A - Ferguson,J [A42] Macskasy mem A Vancouver (1.2),
30.07.2005**

1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.e4 Nc6 5.Be3 e5 6.d5 Nce7 7.Bd3 f5 8.f3 Nf6 9.h3 f4
10.Bf2 Nh5 11.Nge2 Ng8 12.c5 Bf6 13.cxd6 cxd6 14.h4 Nh6 15.Rc1 a6 16.Qa4+ Kf8
17.Qb4 Nf7 18.Na4 Bd7 19.Nb6 Rb8 20.Nxd7+ Qxd7 21.Bxa6 Kg7 22.Bb5 Qe7 23.a4
h6 24.Rc4 Rhc8 25.Kd2 Qd8 26.a5 Rxc4 27.Bxc4 Ra8 28.Qb6 Rxa5 29.Qxb7 Ra8
30.Kc3 Qa5+ 31.Qb4 Qd8 32.Qb6 Qe7 33.b4 Qe8 34.Qc6 Qb8 35.b5 Nd8 36.Qd7+
Kf8 37.Rb1 Ng3 38.Nxg3 fxg3 39.Be3 g5 40.hxg5 Ra3+ 41.Kb2 Rxe3 42.gxf6 Nf7
43.Qe7+ Kg8 44.Ra1 Qf8 45.b6 Qd8 46.Kc2 1-0

Lee,V - Hardy,J [B12] Macskasy mem A Vancouver (2.1), 30.07.2005

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nc3 h5 5.Bd3 Qd7 6.Nf3 Nh6 7.Nh4 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 e6
9.Bg5 c5 10.Ne2 Nc6 11.c3 cxd4 12.cxd4 Bb4+ 13.Nc3 Be7 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.g3 g5
16.Nf3 Nf5 17.Nxd5 exd5 18.Qxf5 g4 19.Nh4 Nxd4 20.Qd3 Qxe5+ 21.Kf1 0-0-0
22.Re1 Qg7 23.Kg2 Ne6 24.b4 Kb8 25.a4 Qf6 26.Nf5 h4 27.a5 h3+ 28.Kf1 Rh5
29.Nh4 Ng5 30.Qe3 Ne4 31.b5 Re5 32.Rd1 d4 0-1

Ferguson,J - Berry,J [B12] Macskasy Memorial (5)

[Berry]

It was an honour to be able to play in the Elod Macskasy Memorial. Thanks to Stephen Wright, Jay Zhao, Marina Milner, Bruce Harper, Ben Daswani ... for making it all happen. I credit my success in this tournament to luck. Not the luck where the opponent has a winning position and blunders. Nor that the positions were easier for me to play and I was able to trump my own errors with the opponents' -- that was largely by design. No, the luck was that when I overlooked the opponent's interesting tries, they didn't work. **1.e4 c6** It couldn't be a Macskasy Memorial without a Caro-Kann. The tournament sensation Justin Hardy used the Kann earlier to defeat Vicente Lee. So the good doctor knew something that we've mostly forgotten. **2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5** Macskasy himself played 3...Bf5 in the 1972 Canadian Closed, then after my 4.g4?!, the strategic retreat Bd7!?. He happily let opponents do all the running, and was there to collect the point at the end of the game. **4.dxc5 Nc6 5.Bb5 e6 6.Be3** My preparation consisted mostly of the game Ferguson-Sokourinski, 1999 B.C. Championship, which continued 6.Qg4 h5 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.Qa4 Qc7 9.Be3 Nh6 10.Nc3 and the game was eventually drawn. Maybe I had an improvement prepared for Black. But the whole idea of moving the queen to suppress the bishop looks a bit fishy to me. This time around, Jim elects to use the main line. **6...Nge7 7.c3** After a 19-minute think, the main line. **7...Qc7** After a 24-minute think, I choose something unusual. This wasn't for the sake of novelty, because in fact I had no idea what the book move was. Ironically, in my "preparation," I had concluded that 7...Bd7 (which turns out to be the main line) was better than it looked (in other variations where it was not the main choice). **8.Nf3 Bd7 9.Bxc6** Avoiding Nxe5 cheapoes, but 9.Bd4 was playable, with a funny quick draw: 9...Ng6 10.Qe2 Nf4 11.Qf1 Ng6. Given the opportunity, I would probably have taken that draw, as Jim is a difficult opponent for me. Our one previous game was a short sharp crush for him. In the game, White has won a pawn, but Black has light-square control. **9...Bxc6** A novelty, and a strange decision which I must discuss because I had been intending the natural recapture Nxc6, then the even stranger Qxc6. My problem with 9...Nxc6 10.Bd4 was that now I have to move the knight to a less good square if I want to encourage the weakening move b2-b4. So for example 10...a5 11.0-0 Na7 12.b4 which is probably playable for Black. **10.Bd4! Nf5 11.b4?!** Maybe this isn't a bad move, but White should not play it until he has to. Other things being equal. **11...b6!?** Now that White has proven that the pawn can never be recovered, it is time for Black to open the c- and a-files. This is typical play in analogous positions. **12.cxb6 axb6 13.0-0 Be7 14.Re1 0-0 15.g4?** Allowing, encouraging even, the opening of a second front. It is reassuring that Fritz 4 thinks Black is better even after 15.a4 Ra6 16.Nbd2 Rfa8; perhaps White should try the slow way 15.a3 which, though it takes a square away from the knight, gives the rook a route into the game. **15...Nxd4 16.Nxd4 Bd7!** Macskasy had a great love for retreats and whimsical moves. One of his favourite stories was about one of his daughters playing in a school chess tournament. She moved d3 and then a move

or two later moved the pawn again. "And you know..." with a glint in his eye "it was a GOOD move." But wait, we're not finished with whimsy yet. **17.f4** Opening more air to his own king. This move has to be bad, though it gets combined with a tiger-like defence. I had thought that 17.Qd3 f6 18.exf6 Rxf6 was forced and strong for Black, but after 19.Nf5 (idea variation: 19.g5 Rxf2! was what I had in mind) 19...Bf8 20.h3 it is not so clear. Black is better, but maybe only slightly. **17...f6 18.exf6 Bxf6!** I rejected 18...Rxf6 for the wrong reason. Not 19.Nxe6? (but 19.f5!?) 19...Bxe6 20.Rxe6 Rxe6 21.Qxd5 Qc6-+, the move I had overlooked. **19.Ne2!** Fritz 4 insists that 19.f5 e5 20.Nc2 Bc6 is OK for White, but I can't believe it [Fritz 8 agrees with you - ed.]. **19...Be7!** Eighteen minutes for this recycler. Macskasy must have been smiling at the moves, but he would not approve of the prodigious use of time on the clock. He tended to play leisurely in the early stages, but in the middlegame he did not dawdle long. **20.Rf1 Bd6 21.Qd2 Bb5 22.Rf2** Fritz prefers the more logical one square further of the rook, where it protects c3. 22.Rf3 Bxe2 23.Qxe2 Rae8. **22...Bxe2 23.Qxe2 Bxf4** 23...Rae8 **24.Qxe6+** 24.Nd2 e5 25.Qd3 Kh8 **24...Kh8 25.Re2** A complete surprise. It took a few seconds to discover the antidote; it was a move that was "in the position," but now works with great effect. **25...Bxh2+!** **26.Rxh2 Rae8 27.Qxe8 Rxe8 28.Nd2** The game would be over now, but I had less than two minutes for 12 moves. Winning a couple of obvious pawns is good enough, but I come close to throwing away the win in trying for more sureness. As so often in chess, the search for perfection can be the enemy when good is good enough. **28...Qg3+ 29.Rg2 Qe3+ 30.Rf2 Qg3+ 31.Rg2 Re1+?! 32.Rxe1 Qxe1+ 33.Kh2 Qe5+?! 34.Rg3 Kg8?! 35.Nb3 Qe2+ 36.Rg2 Qc4 37.Rg3 Qa6 38.Rg2 Kf7 39.Nd4 Kg6 40.Re2?! Qc4** Winning a pawn, though not in the obvious way. **41.Re6+ Kg5! 42.Rc6** I gave myself a fright here by overlooking 42.Kg3 Qc7+ -+. Lucky. If I didn't have this check, the only escape from mate would be g6. **42...Qd3! 0-1**

Jiang,L - Tang,E [B75] Macskasy mem B Vancouver (2.1), 30.07.2005

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0-0 9.0-0-0 Bd7 10.g4 Rc8 11.h4 Ne5 12.h5 Qa5 13.Kb1 Rxc3 14.Qxc3 Qxc3 15.bxc3 Nxf3 16.Nxf3 Bxg4 17.Bg2 Nxe4 18.Rd3 Nxc3+ 19.Kc1 Nxa2+ 20.Kd2 Rc8 21.Ra3 Nb4 22.Rc1 Nd5 23.Bg5 f6 24.Nh2 Be6 25.Re1 Nb6 26.Kd1 Bf5 27.Bf4 Bxc2+ 28.Ke2 Ba4 29.Rc1 Bb5+ 30.Kf2 Rxc1 31.Bxc1 Ba6 32.Bf1 Bxf1 33.Nxf1 gxh5 34.Rxa7 Nc4 35.Rxb7 Kf7 36.Ng3 Ne5 37.Kg2 h4 38.Nf5 Ng6 39.Nxd6+ Ke6 40.Ne4 Kf5 41.Nf2 Bf8 42.Kh3 Bg7 43.Ng4 Ke6 44.Nh2 Bf8 45.Nf3 Bg7 46.Nxh4 Nxh4 47.Kxh4 Bf8 48.Ba3 Kf7 49.Kg4 Ke6 50.Ra7 f5+ 51.Kg5 h6+ 52.Kf4 Kf6 53.Ra6+ Kf7 54.Kxf5 e6+ 55.Kf4 Bg7 56.Ra7+ Kg6 57.Bd6 Bf6 58.Be5 Bg5+ 59.Kg4 h5+ 60.Kf3 Kf5 61.Ra5 Kg6 62.Bd4 1-0

Burke,P - Jiang,L [B24] Macskasy mem B Vancouver (5.1), 01.08.2005

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 e6 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.d3 Be7 6.f4 d5 7.e5 Nd7 8.Nf3 Rb8 9.0-0 b5 10.Re1 Qc7 11.h4 b4 12.Ne2 a5 13.c3 Ba6 14.Be3 Nb6 15.Kh2 a4 16.Bh3 a3 17.bxa3 bxc3 18.f5 Bc8 19.Nxc3 d4 20.Nb5 Qd8 21.Bf4 Nd5 22.a4 0-0 23.f6 gxf6 24.exf6 Bxf6 25.Bxb8 Nxb8 26.Qc1 Nb4 27.Qd2 Bb7 28.Bg2 Nd5 29.Ne5 Nd7 30.Nxd7 Qxd7 31.Rac1 Rc8 32.Re4 Ne3 33.Rxe3 dxe3 34.Qxe3 Bxg2 35.Kxg2 Qd5+ 36.Kh3 Qxa2 37.Rxc5 Rxc5 38.Qxc5 Qxa4 39.Qc4 Qa8 40.Kh2 Qf3 41.Qe4 Qf2+ 42.Kh3 Qc5 43.Qc4 Qf5+ 44.Qg4+ 1/2-1/2

Daswani,B - Kostin,A [D07] Macskasy mem C Vancouver (2.3), 30.07.2005

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 Bg4 4.e3 e5 5.cxd5 Qxd5 6.Nc3 Bb4 7.Nd2 Qd7 8.f3 exd4
9.exd4 Be6 10.Bb5 0-0 11.Qa4 Qxd4 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Qxc6 Nf6 14.Qa6+ Kd7
15.Ne2 Qb6 16.Qxb6 cxb6 17.a3 Bxd2+ 18.Bxd2 Rhe8 19.0-0 Kc8?? [19...Bc4 -
+] ½-½

Raymer,Ev - Kostin,A [C55] Macskasy mem C Vancouver (5.2), 01.08.2005

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Be7 5.Nc3 0-0 6.Be3 d6 7.Qe2 Na5 8.Bb3 Nxb3
9.axb3 Be6 10.0-0 Ng4 11.d4 f5 12.dxe5 fxe4 13.Nd4 Bc8 14.Qc4+ Kh8 15.Ndb5
Nxe5 16.Qxc7 Qe8 17.Nxd6 Qg6 18.Nxc8 Nf3+ 19.Kh1 Raxc8 20.Qxe7 Qh5 21.Qd6
Rf6 22.Qg3 Re8 23.gxf3 Rg6 24.Qf4 Rf6 25.Qg4 Qf7 26.Nxe4 Rg6 27.Qf4 Qd5
28.Rfd1 Qh5 29.Rg1 1-0

Kirk,A - Raymer,EI [C54] Macskasy mem D Vancouver (3.2), 31.07.2005

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.c3 d6 6.a4 a6 7.b4 Ba7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bg5 h6
10.Bh4 Be6 11.Nbd2 Bxc4 12.Nxc4 b5 13.Ne3 Bxe3 14.fxe3 Qe7 15.Ra2 Qe6 16.Qe2
Ne7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Nh4 bxa4 19.Nf5 Nxf5 20.Rxf5 Kh7 21.Qf2 Qb3 22.Rxf6 Qb1+
23.Qf1 Qxa2 24.Qf5+ Kg7 25.Rxh6 Qb1+ 26.Kf2 Qc2+ 27.Kg3 Rg8 28.Rh7+ Kf8+
0-1

Kirk,A - Paulson,S [C96] Macskasy mem D Vancouver (5.1), 01.08.2005

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.0-0 Be7 5.Re1 0-0 6.c3 d6 7.h3 Na5 8.Bb5 a6 9.Ba4
b5 10.Bc2 Bb7 11.d4 exd4 12.cxd4 Nc4 13.b3 Nb6 14.Bb2 d5 15.e5 Ne4 16.Nbd2
Bb4 17.Re2 Ng5 18.Nxg5 Qxg5 19.Nf3 Qd8 20.Qd3 g6 21.Bc1 Bc8 22.Qe3 Be7
23.Qh6 Nd7 24.Ng5 Bxg5 25.Bxg5 Qe8 26.Bf6 1-0

**Sabaratnam,A - Sohal,T [B90] Macskasy mem E Vancouver (2.2),
30.07.2005**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 Bd7 7.Be2 e5 8.Nf3 Be7 9.0-
0 Nc6 10.h3 Rc8 11.a3 0-0 12.Na4 Nxe4 13.Bd3 Nc5 14.Nxc5 dxc5 15.Be4 Qc7
16.Bxc6 Bxc6 17.c3 Rcd8 18.Qe2 b5 19.Rad1 c4 20.Rxd8 Rxd8 21.Nh2 Be4 22.Rd1
Bd3 23.Qg4 Qd7 24.Qxd7 Rxd7 25.Ng4 f6 26.Nh2 e4 27.Nf1 f5 28.Ng3 g6 29.Ne2
Bf6 30.Nf4 g5 31.Ne6 f4 32.Nc5 Re7 33.Bd4 Bxd4 34.cxd4 e3 35.Nxa6 e2 36.Re1
Rd7 37.f3 Rxd4 38.Nc7 Rd7 39.Nxb5 Rb7 40.a4 Kg7 41.Kf2 Kf6 42.g3 h5 43.g4 h4
44.Nc3 Rxb2 45.Nxe2 c3 46.Kf1 Bxe2+ 47.Rxe2 c2 48.Rxc2 Rxc2 49.Ke1 Ke5
50.Kd1 Rh2 51.a5 Ra2 52.a6 Rxa6 53.Kd2 Ra3 54.Ke2 Kd4 55.Kf2 Ra2+ 56.Kf1 Ke3
57.Kg1 Kxf3 58.Kh1 Kg3 59.Kg1 Ra1# 0-1

Enns,E - Hui,C [B30] Macskasy mem E Vancouver (2.1), 30.07.2005

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 e6 4.Bxc6 bxc6 5.0-0 Nf6 6.Nc3 Be7 7.Qe2 0-0 8.b3 d5
9.d3 Ba6 10.e5 Nd7 11.Bf4 Nb6 12.Qd2 Qc7 13.Rfe1 Rfd8 14.Bg5 Bxg5 15.Qxg5 c4
16.d4 c5 17.Ne2 cxb3 18.axb3 Bxe2 19.Rxe2 c4 20.Ra3 a5 21.Qd2 cxb3 22.Rxb3 a4
23.Rb1 Nc4 24.Qc1 a3 25.Ra1 Rdb8 26.c3 Qa5 27.Rea2 Rb2 28.Rxa3 Qxa3 29.Rxa3
Rxa3 30.g3 Rbb3 31.Qg5 Ra8 32.Qc1 h6 33.Nd2 Nxd2 34.Qxd2 Rc8 35.h4 Rxc3
36.Kg2 Rc4 37.Qa5 Rc8 38.g4 Rbb8 39.g5 hxg5 40.hxg5 g6 41.Kg3 Kg7 42.Qd2

Rb3+ 43.Kg4 Rc4 44.Qf4 Rbb4 45.Qf6+ Kg8 46.Qd8+ Kh7 47.Qf6 Rxd4+ 48.f4
Rxf4+ 49.Qxf4 Rxf4+ 50.Kxf4 Kg8 51.Ke3 Kf8 52.Kd4 Ke7 53.Ke3 Kd7 54.Kd3 Kc6
55.Kd4 Kb5 56.Kc3 Kc5 57.Kd3 d4 0-1

Hui,C - Zhao,D [D05] Macskasy mem E Vancouver (5.2), 01.08.2005

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 e6 4.Bd3 c5 5.c3 Nc6 6.Nbd2 Bd6 7.Qe2 0-0 8.dxc5 Bxc5
9.e4 d4 10.e5 Nd5 11.Nb3 Qb6 12.Qe4 f5 13.Qh4 dxc3 14.Ng5 h6 15.Nh3 Nxe5
16.Bc2 Rf6 17.0-0 Rg6 18.Kh1 Rg4 19.Qh5 Nf6 20.Qxg4 Nfxg4 21.Nxc5 Qxc5
22.Bb3 cxb2 23.Bxb2 Nd3 24.Rad1 Nxb2 25.Rd8+ Kf7 26.f3 Qc7 27.Rd2 Qxh2# 0-1

WORLD YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2005 WYCC ended on July 28 in Belfort, France. This 11-round Swiss by age group (under 10, 12, 14, 16, and 18, in both boys and girls categories) attracted over 1100 players from around the world, including twenty-eight participants from Canada. There has been strong criticism of the playing conditions and particularly the environment surrounding the competition. These include sub-standard hotels (some as many as 60 km from the venue), poorly organized bus transportation to the site, inadequate washroom facilities, and a spell of extreme heat toward the end of the event. Reports on the conditions can be found at:

<http://www.chessbase.com/newsdetail.asp?newsid=2557>
<http://www.bcfservices.org.uk/wy2005/rnd11.htm>
<http://members3.boardhost.com/ScotChess/msg/27096.html>
<http://members5.boardhost.com/ChessTalk/msg/93032.html>

For a Canadian perspective see the following:

<http://members5.boardhost.com/ChessTalk/msg/93051.html>
<http://members5.boardhost.com/ChessTalk/msg/92913.html>
<http://members5.boardhost.com/ChessTalk/msg/93187.html>
<http://members5.boardhost.com/ChessTalk/msg/93429.html>

Despite the adverse conditions, the Canadian team had good results, with two players achieving top-ten finishes (after tie-breaks), Mark Bluvshstein (U18B) and Nikita Krayushkin (U10B). The best scorers among the eight B.C. participants were Noam Davies (U14B) and Alexandra Botez (U10G) with 6.5 and 6 out of 11 respectively; the other B.C. players were Fanhao Meng and Lucas Davies (U18B), Tiffany Tang (U16G), Vlad Gaciu (U14B), Chelsea Ruitter (U12G), and Erika Ruitter (U10G). Congratulations to all the players for their fine efforts under trying circumstances. Composite Canadian results can be found at <http://www.64funsolutions.ca/modules/tinyd0/index.php?id=4>, or through the official sites (www.belfort-echecs.com or [www.echecs.asso.fr/\(0uiuf4binynjxpidzpz1f455\)/Default.aspx](http://www.echecs.asso.fr/(0uiuf4binynjxpidzpz1f455)/Default.aspx)).

Here are a few B.C. games from the event - we hope to present more in future issues of the Bulletin.

Meng,F - Amin,B [C77] WYCC U18B Belfort (2.18), 20.07.2005

[Meng]

The time control of the tournament was 90 minutes with a 30 second increment after each move. It is relatively fast and it's very easy to get into time trouble. I lost rounds 2, 5, and 10 mainly due to time trouble, and won round 3 because my opponent was low on time **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.d3** From the pre-game research on my opponent, I found out that he plays Nxe4 against 0-0. So I decided to avoid his line by playing d3. **5...b5 6.Bb3 Be7 7.0-0 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.a4 b4 9...Bb7 10.Re1 Na5 11.Ba2 c5 12.Na3 Qd7 13.axb5 axb5 14.Bd2 h6 15.b4 cxb4 16.cxb4 Nc6 17.Nxb5 Nxb4 18.Bxb4 Qxb5 19.Bc4 Qxb4 10.Re1 Rb8 11.Nbd2 Na5 12.Ba2 c5 13.Nc4 Nxc4!?** 13...Nc6 14.d4 bxc3 15.bxc3 Qc7 unclear. **14.Bxc4 bxc3 15.bxc3 Qa5 16.Bd2 Bg4 17.h3 Bh5?** I think this move was a mistake. Afterwards, the bishop became almost useless. 17...Bxf3 18.Qxf3 (now f7 is a problem for Black) 18...Rb2 19.Red1 Nd7 (if 19...Rfb8 20.g4 h6? 21.h4±) 20.Bd5 Nb6 21.Bc1 Rc2 22.Bb3 Qxc3 23.Bxc2 Qxa1 24.Bg5 Qc3 25.Bxe7 Re8 26.Rb1 Nd7 27.Bxd6 Qxc2 28.Qd1=] **18.g4 Bg6 19.Qc2 Nd7 20.Reb1 Rxb1+** 20...Nb6?? 21.Bxf7+ Rxf7 22.c4 and the queen is trapped. **21.Rxb1 Nb6 22.Qb3 Bd8 22...Nxa4? 23.Ra1+- 23.Bg5 Nxc4 24.Qxc4 Bxg5 25.Nxg5 h5 26.Nf3± hxg4 27.hxg4 Qd8** After this point, we were both in time trouble. He had four minutes left, while I had a little bit over six. **28.Qd5** This was my first chance to take a pawn. Being very materialistic, I tried very hard to resist: 28.Qxa6?! d5 (I was worried about this move at the time) 29.Nxe5 Qg5 30.Qd6 dxe4 31.Nxg6 Qxg4+ 32.Qg3 Qxg3+ 33.fxg3 fxg6 34.dxe4 Rf3 I calculated up to this point at the time, and couldn't determine whether this is a win for me.; 28.Rb7? Qc8-+ **28...Qf6 29.Nh2 Qf4** After this move, I had many opportunities to take the d6 pawn, but decided that there is no hurry to do so. Instead I did a few "waiting moves" to gain some time. **30.c4 30.Qxd6? c4!** unclear. **30...Rd8 31.Rb6 Kh7 32.Kg2 f6 33.Rxa6?** 33.a5! Despite all those waiting moves, I still took the pawn one move too early: 33...Qd2 34.Rxa6 Rb8 35.Rb6+- . Now black can no longer bring his rook down. **33...Rb8** Now we both have less than two minutes left on the clock. **34.Rxd6 Rb1 35.Rd8** I also saw 35.Qxc5?! but after 35...Rd1! threatening Rxd3 36.a5 Rxd3 37.Rxd3 Bxe4+ 38.Rf3 Bxf3+ 39.Nxf3 Qxg4+ 40.Kf1 Qxf3 White is slightly better because of the passed pawn, but the king is badly protected and thus perpetual check is extremely hard to avoid. **35...Qc1 36.Qg8+ Kh6 37.Rd7??** I thought this was the killing move at the time, because Black couldn't defend the g7 pawn. I also looked at 37.Qh8+ Bh7 38.Rd7 Qg5: now I am just two pawns up, and my opponent has no attack on my king. However, I didn't see a easy way to win in time trouble, and decided that my move in the game will end the game right away. 39.a5 Ra1 40.Ra7 Ra2 41.a6+- **37...Qg1+!** I swore under my breath after realizing that my win is gone; I was expecting 37...Qh1+? 38.Kh3 Rg1 39.Qxg7+ Kg5 40.f4+! Kxf4 (40...exf4 41.Rd5+ f5 42.Rxf5#) 41.Qh6# - a beautiful mate. **38.Kf3??** This move loses. 38.Kh3! Qxf2 (in my calculation, I thought it was over after this move but 39.Rxg7! was the move I missed during my time trouble. I thought I only had 39.Qxg7+ but after 39...Kg5 Black threatens Qe3 then Rg1 mate, and White has no way to defend. 39...Qe3+ 40.Kh4 Qf2+ 41.Kh3 Qe3+= draw. Black has no choice but to force the perpetual check. **38...Qh1+** Now my opponent wasted no time in showing off some flashy combinations. **39.Ke3 39.Kg3 Rg1+ 40.Kh3 Qg2+ 41.Kh4 Qxh2# 39...Re1+ 40.Kd2 Rd1+ 41.Ke3 41.Kc3 Rc1+ 42.Kb3 Rb1+ 43.Ka3 Ra1+ 44.Kb3 Qb1+ 45.Kc3 Ra3+ 46.Kd2 Rxd3+ 47.Ke2 Qd1# 41...Qe1+ 42.Kf3 Rxd3+! 43.Kg2 43.Rxd3 Bxe4+ 44.Kg3 Qg1+ 45.Kh3 Qg2+ 46.Kh4 g5#. I was stunned to see this position in my head at the time. **43...Qxe4+ 44.f3 Qe2+ 45.Kh3 Rxd7-+****

It is basically over already. **46.Qh8+ Bh7 47.g5+ Kg6 48.gxf6 gxf6 49.a5 Kg5 50.Qe8 Bf5+ 51.Kg3 Qe1+ 0-1**

Brkic,A - Meng,F [B05] WYCC U18B Belfort (5.14), 23.07.2005

[Meng]

1.e4 Nf6 A nice surprise for my opponent. **2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Be2 e6 6.c3!?** My opponent spent over 20 minutes on this move. I think he was trying to get me out of book and just play (the main line is 6.0-0 Be7 7.c4 Nb6). **6...Be7 7.h3!?** A trap. **7...Bf5** 7...Bh5? 8.Qb3 forces 8...Qc8 (8...Nb6?? 9.exd6 Bxd6 10.Qb5+ wins a bishop 10...Nc6 11.Qxh5+-) 9.c4 Nb6 10.exd6 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 cxd6 12.Be3± and White is much better due to his nicely positioned two bishops. **8.0-0 0-0 9.Qb3 Nb6 10.a4 a5 11.exd6 cxd6?** I believe this might have been a mistake. Better is 11...Bxd6 12.c4 c5 13.Be3 N8d7 14.Nc3 Qe7 15.Rfd1 Rac8 unclear. **12.Bf4** powerful bishop **12...N8d7** Now I didn't really know what to do, so I just tried to improve my pieces' positions **13.Rd1 Nd5 14.Bh2 h6 15.Na3 N7f6 16.Nd2 Rb8?** Now d6 becomes a target because I can no longer push d5; 16...Qd7 17.Nb5 Ne4 18.Nc4 Bh4 19.g3 (19.f3 Ng3) 19...Be7 20.f3 Ng5 unclear. **17.Nb5 g5!?** **18.Qa3 Ne8 19.Bf3 Nf4 20.c4 Nc7?!** [20...d5 21.Qe3 dxc4 22.Nxc4 Nd6 23.Ncxd6 Bxd6 24.Nxd6 Qxd6+= **21.Qe3 Nxb5** 21...Ng6?? 22.g4 Bc2 23.Rdc1+- **22.axb5 Bc2** Now we both had about 5 minutes left. **23.Rdc1 Bg6 24.Rd1 Bc2?** I knew my opponent was not going to give me the draw, but I moved my bishop there anyways to gain the precious 30 seconds; 24...Qb6! 25.Nb3 Ra8 and White cannot take on f4 because Black has Bc2 afterwards. **25.Rf1 Bg6 26.Nb3 b6 27.Bxf4 gxf4 28.Qxf4 Bg5 29.Qg3 Bh4 30.Qh2 Bd3 31.Rfc1 d5 32.cxd5 Bxb5?!** Seemed like a good idea at the time; my original plan was 32...exd5 33.Qe5 Bxb5 34.Bxd5 a4 35.Nd2 Bf6 36.Qf5±] **33.dxe6 a4 34.Qe5!** I was hoping for 34.Nd2? Bxf2+! 35.Kxf2 Qxd4+ 36.Ke1 Rbe8 37.Kd1 Rxe6 38.Ra3 Rd8 39.Rc2 Qf2-+ **34...axb3 35.exf7+ Rxf7 36.Qxb5 Kh8** 36...Qxd4 37.Bd5 Rbf8 38.Bxf7+ Rxf7 39.Qxb3 Qxf2+ 40.Kh1+- **37.Qxb3 Rc7 38.Rxc7 Qxc7 39.Qe6 Qg7 40.Rc1 Rf8 41.Rc8+- Bxf2+ 42.Kxf2 Qxd4+ 43.Ke1 Qb4+ 44.Rc3 Qh4+ 45.Kf1 Qg5 46.Rc8 Qb5+ 47.Kg1 Rxc8 48.Qxc8+ Kg7 49.Qc7+ Kh8 50.Qd8+ Kg7 51.Qe7+ Kg8 52.Bg4 h5 53.Be6+ Kh8 54.Qf8+ Kh7 55.Bf5+ 1-0**

Teodorescu,R - Meng,F [D37] WYCC U18B Belfort (7.30), 25.07.2005

[Meng]

This was probably my best game in the tournament. Round two (Meng - Amin) would've been better if not for my time trouble meltdown **1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.e3 e6 4.c4 Be7 5.Nc3 0-0 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.Qc2 c6 8.cxd5 exd5 9.0-0-0!?** Up to this point, my opponent had moved so quickly that he actually gained three minutes from the increments. The main line is 9.Bd3 Re8 10.h3 Nf8. After thirty minutes of thinking, I came up with **9...b5!?** **10.Bd3 Bb7 11.g4?** I was hoping for this move at the time; 11.Ne5! a5 12.Kb1 g6 unclear. **11...g6! 12.Rdg1 Rc8 13.Kb1 b4 14.Na4?** Better is 14.Ne2 c5 15.dxc5 Nxc5 16.Ned4 Nfe4+= **14...Qa5 15.b3** 15.g5 Nh5 16.Be5 c5 17.Nxc5 Bxc5 18.dxc5 d4!-/+ **15...c5! 16.dxc5 d4! 17.e4** 17.Qe2 doesn't work either: 17...Nd5 18.Be4 Nxc5 19.Bxd5 Nxa4 20.bxa4 Bxd5 21.exd4 Qxa4-+ **17...Bxc5 18.Qe2 Bc6 19.Nb2?!** 19.Nxc5 Nxc5 20.Nd2 Rfe8-+ threatening Nd5. **19...Rfe8 20.Nd2 Nd5 21.Qf3** 21.exd5!/? Rxe2 22.dxc6 Rxd2 23.cxd7 Rxb2+ 24.Kxb2 Rd8 25.Rc1 Rxd7-+; Black is up on material, but the two bishops may provide some play for White. **21...Nc3+ 22.Kc2 Bf8 23.Bc4?!** 23.Ndc4 Bxe4 24.Bxe4 Nxe4-+ **23...Nf6 24.Re1 Ncxe4 25.Nxe4 Rxe4 26.Qg3**

Bg7 27.f3 Rxe1 28.Rxe1 Qxa2 29.Be5 Ba4! A beautiful position. **30.Bxd4 Rxc4+ 31.Kd3 Rxd4+! 0-1** 32.Kxd4 Qxb2+ 33.Ke3 Nd5+ 34.Kd3 Bb5+ 35.Ke4 Qd4#

Skrabanja,K - Botez,A [C01] WYCC U10G Belfort (7.18), 25.07.2005

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Nf3 Be6 5.Bd3 Bd6 6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Be3 0-0 8.0-0 f6 9.Qd2 a6 10.Rfe1 Nbc6 11.Bf4 Bxf4 12.Qxf4 Bf7 13.Qh4 Ng6 14.Bxg6 Bxg6 15.Rac1 b5 16.a3 Rb8 17.Ne2 Be4 18.Qg3 f5 19.c3 Rf6 20.Nf4 Rh6 21.Ng5 Rg6 22.Nxg6 hxg6 23.Nxe4 fxe4 24.Qxg6 Qd7 25.Re3 Ne7 26.Qh5 Rb6 27.Rg3 Nf5 28.Rg6 Qf7 29.Rg5 g6 30.Qh3 Rf6 31.Rf1 Nd6 32.b3 Kg7 33.f3 c6 34.Qg3 Nf5 35.Qf4 Nxd4 36.Qe3 Ne6 37.Rg4 a5 ½-½

Botez,A - Pouillart,C [D35] WYCC U10G Belfort (8.15), 25.07.2005

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Be7 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bf4 0-0 7.Qc2 Re8 8.e3 c6 9.0-0 0-0 Nbd7 10.Nb5 Qa5 11.Nc7 Ne4 12.a3 b5 13.Bd3 Bb7 14.Nxe8 Rxe8 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Ne5 Nxe5 17.Bxe5 b4 18.Qd2 c5 19.Kb1 Ba6 20.f3 Bd3+ 21.Ka1 Qa6 22.fxe4 Bxe4 23.Qc1 c4 24.Rd2 Rc8 25.Rhd1 c3 26.Rf2 bxa3 27.bxa3 Qc4 28.d5 Bxd5 29.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 30.Bxc3 Bb3 31.Rd3 Bxa3 32.Bb2 Bxb2+ 33.Kxb2 Be6 34.Rfd2 Rb8+ 35.Ka3 Kf8 36.Rd8+ Rxd8 37.Rxd8+ Ke7 38.Ra8 Kf6 39.Rxa7 Kf5 40.Ra4 g5 41.Kb2 Bd5 42.g3 h5 43.Kc3 Ke5 44.Kd3 f5 45.Ra5 g4 46.Rb5 Kd6 47.Kd4 Bc6 48.Rb6 Kc7 49.Rxc6+ Kxc6 50.Ke5 Kd7 51.Kxf5 Ke7 52.Kg5 Ke6 53.Kxh5 Kf5 54.e4+ Kxe4 55.Kxg4 Ke5 56.Kg5 Ke6 57.Kg6 Ke7 58.Kg7 Ke8 59.h4 Ke7 60.h5 Ke6 61.h6 Ke5 62.h7 Ke4 63.h8Q Kd5 1-0

VANCOUVER SEASONAL GRAND PRIX by Ben Daswani

The Vancouver Seasonal Grand Prix (consisting of one tournament each season, naturally) has wrapped up and the winner ended up being none other than myself, the organizer (due in large part to the fact that I was one of only two players to play in all four events). The other player to play in all the tournaments, wunderkind Louie Jiang, came second.

Tournament attendance was very erratic and, oddly, was not in any way linked to publicity, location or previous tournament attendance. One event had less than ten players; another one had more than twenty. All the events were hard-fought, though, and the four events produced four different winners. A lot of the players were juniors and many of them had stellar performances, as quite a few scalps were collected.

The final results were:

First: Ben Daswani - \$80
Second: Louie Jiang - \$40
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Top U2000: James Chan - \$20
Top U1800: Vlad Gaciu - \$20
Top U1600: Aviv Milner - \$20

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Second: Louie Jiang - Chessbase training CD
Top Junior: Lucas Davies - plastic chess set

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Finally, if anyone knows how to contact Dragoljub Milicevic if would be greatly appreciated if they let me know by contacting me at bndaswani@dccnet.com.

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UBC Tuesday Night Swiss

Date: Tuesdays - next cycle starts August 16
Location: Room 417, Henry Angus Building, UBC
Format: 5-round Swiss
Time control: 2 hours sudden death
Time: 6:30 sharp
Entry fees: \$15 for adults, \$12 for juniors and UBC club members, \$10 under 1100 (excluding unrated)
TD info.: Aaron Cosenza, 604 327-4714, xramis1@yahoo.ca

North West Chess Club Active Tournament

Date: August 20th, 2005, 10am-5pm.
Location: Mollie Nye House, 940 Lynn Valley Road, North Vancouver (This the Chess Club's new location).
Entry fees: \$20.00
Prizes: 50% of entry fees.
Registration: e-mail oszisakk@telus.net
The games are 25 minutes each side; five round Swiss.
Organizer: Joe Oszvald 604-980-4249 (evenings)

Labour Day Open

Dates: September 3-5
Place: University of Victoria, HSD Bldg A260
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Entry Fee: \$35.00, \$25.00 juniors
Entry Fees returned as prizes minus expenses.
TC: 40/2:00, Game /1:00
Rounds: Sat 10:00am and 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am and 4:00pm Monday 9:00 and ASAP
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