

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #185

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Stephen Wright

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HERE AND THERE

UBC Thursday Night Swiss (February - March)

Robert North was the winner of the latest UBC tournament, finishing a half point ahead of Alice Xiao and Paul Kendal.

Standings: <http://chess.ca/xtable.asp?TNum=201003002>

Fraser Valley Regional Chess Challenge (February 27)

Report, standings and photos: <http://www.juniorchess.ca/news.html>

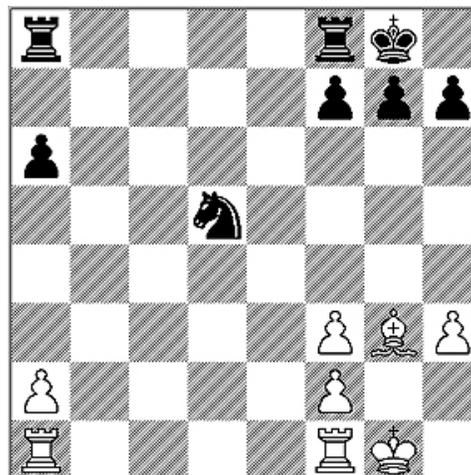
ENDGAME STUDY

Between tournaments Michael Yip has been spending some time brushing up on his endgame knowledge. This is one of the games he studied: "Smyslov is well known for his high level of endgame play so I looked in detail at some of his games."

Boleslavsky, Isaak - Smyslov, Vasily [C71] Leningrad URS ChT, 1948

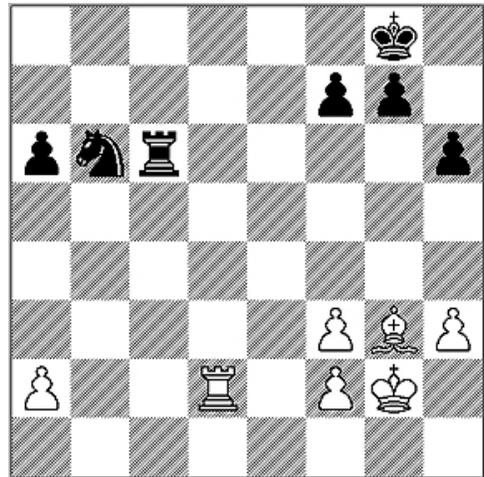
[Yip/Smyslov]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 d6 5.c4 Bg4 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 Be7 9.Ne2 0-0 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.d4 d5! This central thrust exploits White's poor development in classical fashion. 12.dxe5 Bb4+ 13.Nc3 Nxe4 14.0-0 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Qe7 16.cxd5 cxd5 17.c4 Qxe5 18.Bf4 Qc3! This forces a transition to a favourable ending. 19.cxd5 Qxf3 20.gxf3 Nc3 21.Bxc7 Nxd5 22.Bg3



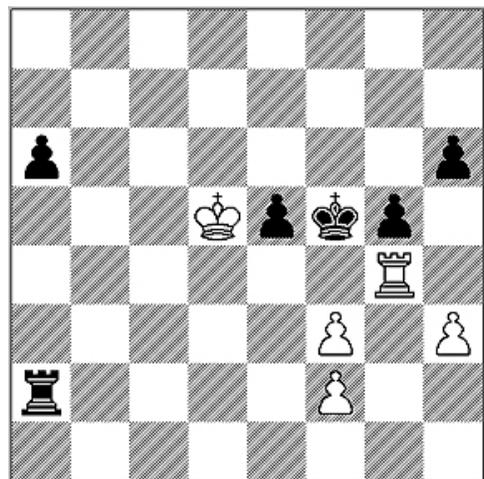
Stage 1: RRN vs. RRB. Black's first task is to complete development. Then counterplay must be minimized. One of the typical ways to do this is to trade off one pair of rooks.

22...Rfc8 23.Rfd1 Rc5 24.Rd2 The technical phase in the conversion of a favourable pawn structure is of particular interest. **24...h6 24...f6?!** is a faster way to activate the king but weakens the second rank giving more chances for White to generate counterplay. Even at this early stage, Smyslov is alert to prophylactic play. **25.Re1 Rac8 26.Bd6 26.Kg2.** Keeping both rooks for counterplay is preferable. [Smyslov] **26...Rc1!** Trading one pair of rooks reduces White's counterplay but trading both pairs hurts Black's chances because it will be harder to alternate play on both wings. **27.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 28.Kg2 Nb6 29.Bg3 Rc6!**



Stage 2: RN vs. RB. It's important to secure the third rank to prevent counterplay [Smyslov]. As a bonus, the rook is on a light square. The rook for the moment is forced to occupy a passive position because the knight does not have a stable outpost. White has secured his second rank with Rd1 so for the moment Black is denied the chance to occupy the ideal 7th rank position with ...Rc2. Black will have to wait patiently for a favorable opportunity to re-activate the rook. **30.Kf1 f6** Preparing the entry of the king. Black also uses his pawns on dark squares to restrict the action of the enemy bishop. For now the priority is (1) mobilization - the king must be centralized and then the rook must be given a more active role. (2) counterplay suppression - play against the 'weak' pawns is not a factor yet. **31.Ke2 Kf7 32.Kd3** By blocking his rook from full use of the d-file, White gives Black a chance to activate his rook favourably. **32...Rc5 33.Rb2 Nd7 34.Kd4 34.Rb7!? Ke6 35.Bc7!?** (prevents ...Ra5) **35...Rc6 36.Ra7 Kf5 37.Kd4 Rc2 38.a4=/+** makes Black's task much harder. **34...Ra5!** Black's rook takes up an active position that ties down White's rook. **35.Rc2 35.Rb7 Ke6-/+** does not help so much. **36.Ra7 Rxa2 37.Ke4 Ra4+ 38.Ke3 g6-/+** True white is more active, but with an extra set of minor pieces, White seems helpless. **35...Ke6 36.Rc6+ Kf5!** The doubled f-pawn is indirectly exploited. This effective king activation is possible because White does not have a g-pawn to disturb the king with g4+ for example. **37.Rc7 Ne5 38.Rc5 38.Rxg7** Taking

the g-pawn favours Black. **38...Nxf3+ 39.Ke3 Ra3+ 40.Ke2 Nd4+ 41.Kf1 Rxa2-/+** [Smyslov] **38...Ra3! 39.Bxe5 Ra4+ 40.Rc4?? 40.Kd5** averts immediate disaster but Black has excellent winning chances: **40...fxe5 41.Rc7 Ra5+ 42.Kc4 Rxa2 43.Rxg7 Rxf2 44.Rf7+ Kg6 45.Ra7 Rxf3 46.Rxa6+ Rf6 47.Ra2 Rd6!-/+** Black is close to winning. White's king cannot participate in the defence and the lone rook will be ineffective as a defender. **40...fxe5+ 41.Kd5 Rxa2** Now the weak pawns play a role. **42.Rg4 g5!-/+**

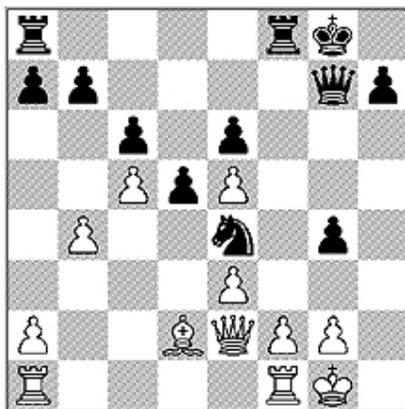


This freezes the kingside pawns, especially the doubled f-pawns. Now White has no way to create any counterplay by weakening Black's kingside pawns and attacking them or making a passed pawn of his own. Analysis ideas based on Smyslov's notes in game 71, *Smyslov's Best Games*

Volume 1:1935-1957. 42...g5 White has no reasonable defence. 43.Kc4? Hoping to stop the passed a-pawn by itself. Here Black can use the passed pawn as a decoy and just capture the kingside pawns. **a)** 43.h4 Liquidating pawns fails to the simple capturing of the doubled f-pawns. Only at this late stage are they ripe to fall. 43...Rxf2 44.hxg5 Rxf3 (44...hxg5 45.Rg3 a5+) 45.Ra4 hxg5+; **b)** 43.Rg2 Passive defence fails to the simple advance of the a-pawn. 43...a5 44.Kc4 Kf4 45.Kb3 Kxf3! 46.Rg3+ Kxf2 47.Rd3 Re2+; 43...Ra4+! Trading down to a king and pawn ending is easiest. (43...Rxf2 Taking the kingside pawns also wins. 44.Rg3 Kf4 45.Rg4+ Kxf3 Now the e-pawn decides easily.) 44.Kc3 Rxg4 45.hxg4+ Kf4+ The king and pawn ending is a trivial win. **0-1**

TACTICS

The following positions are all from games played in the 2008 Grand Pacific Open.



1. Black to play



2. Black to play



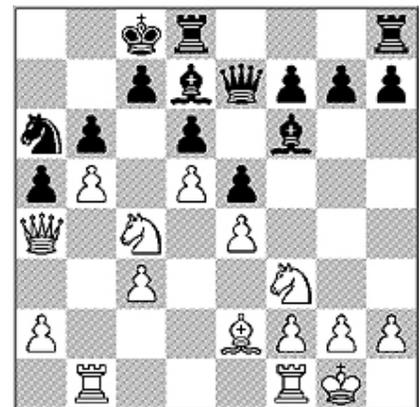
3. White to play



4. White to play



5. Black to play



6. White to play

2010 B.C. CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The 2010 B.C. Championship will be an 8-player round robin, held on the Thanksgiving weekend in Victoria (Saanich) at the Howard Johnson at 4670 Elk Lake Drive.

2. The following players qualify for the Championship:

- a. The 2009 B.C. Champion.
- b. The 2009 B.C. Junior Champion (subject to 2c below)

c. The highest finisher in each qualifying tournament who has not already qualified for the Championship and who has held a regular CFC rating of 2000 or higher at some point.
Qualifying events:

Grand Pacific Open
Paul Keres Memorial
Langley Labour Day Open

d. The remaining qualifying spots will be filled from the last CFC rating list to be published at least six weeks before the Championship. To qualify by rating, a player must have played in at least one regular-rated tournament since the 2009 Championship.

e. If a player who has qualified through criteria 2.a.-d. is unable or unwilling to play in the Championship, additional players would be taken from the rating list as set out in 2.d.

3. All participants in the Championship must have resided in B.C. for at least six months prior to the start of the Championship.

4. The following prizes will be provided by the BCCF:

- a. First place: \$300.
- b. Second place: \$200.

"Participants in the BC Closed must be members of the CFC. A tournament membership is not allowed for this tournament."

BC - WA MATCH

Joe Oszvald is attempting to revive the adult BC - WA match:

BC Select team - Washington State team. Site Seattle Northgate Chess Club. Date August 14th 2010. If you are interested in playing, please contact Joe Oszvald, oszisakk@telus.net, or phone: 604-980-4249 (evenings are the best time). I will be renting a van and drive the team together. The games will be not rated and 90 minutes sudden death. Everybody needs to have valid passports!!

Best regards Joe Oszvald

GIANT CHESS SETS

We have a small chess club at the Brock House Society for Seniors, 3875 Point Grey Road, Vancouver B.C. V6R 1B3. We are looking to purchase an outdoor chess set. We have a space outside roughly 8 feet by 8 feet and would like the board to be portable - perhaps a roll up mat or plastic squares that can be taken up and stored away after use. If the set included checkers pieces so much the better - not mandatory however. Can anyone help us with any information as to how we could buy a set like this? We would greatly appreciate any advice and information. Please contact Bill Fry, fryinfo@shaw.ca

Spring Open - CANCELLED due to room booking problems

Dates: March 20-21

Place: t.b.d., University of British Columbia

March Active

Date: Sunday March 28, 2010

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

Rounds: 6

Round Times: 11:00am Rd 2-6 12:20, 1:30 Lunch 2:55, 4:00, 5:05

Type: Regular Swiss.

Time Controls: G/25 + 5 sec. increments or G/30.

Entry Fee: \$20

Prizes: 1st \$150 2nd \$100 BU2000 \$100 BU1700 \$100 Biggest Upset \$30 Based on 30 entries

Registration: On site at 10:30am or contact Luc Poitras at (778) 846-0496 email queluc@lynx.net

Bring your chess set and clock if you have one. No membership required

Answers:

1. Herringer - McLaren 20...Rf3! and there is no defence to the plan of Raf8 followed by g3
2. Zhao - N. Davies 8...Nxe4
3. Daswani - Jung-Doknjas 19.a3 Na6 20.Nxc6 bxc6 21.Rac1 winning the c-pawn (21...Nb8 2.Bxe4; 21...c5 2.Rxd5; 21...Rac8 22.Bh3)
4. Patterson - Kostin 16.dxe5 dxe5 17.cxb5 cxb5 18.Nxe5
5. Day - Cheng 22...Nxb3 23.gxh3 Qxh3+ 24.Kg1 Bh4 25.Rf3 e4 26.Nxe4 Qg4+
6. Stewart - Chiu 16.Nxa5 Nc5 17.Qa3 Nxe4 (17...bxa5 18.Qxa5 Kb8 19.b6) 18.Nc6

UPCOMING EVENTS

Junior events

March 28 Central Island Regional Chess Challenge, Qualicum Beach

April 2 Victoria Regional Chess Challenge

April 11 Provincial Chess Challenge, Richmond

April 24-25 BCYCC, New Westminster

UBC Thursday Night Swiss

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Irving K. Barber Learning Centre room 191, 1961 East Mall, University of British Columbia

Contact Aaron Cosenza, xramis1@yahoo.ca

March Active

March 28, Vancouver

Details: <http://chess.bc.ca/events.shtml#MarchActive>

4th Grand Pacific Open

April 5-7, Victoria

Details: <http://grandpacificopen.pbworks.com/>

Frozen Custard Active

April 18, Vancouver

Details: <http://chess.bc.ca/events.shtml#AprilActive>

May Active

May 16, Vancouver

Details: <http://chess.bc.ca/events.shtml#MayActive>

35th Paul Keres Memorial

May 22-24, Richmond

Details: <http://keresmemorial.pbworks.com/>

June Active

June 6, Vancouver

Details: <http://chess.bc.ca/events.shtml#JuneActive>