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Stephen Wright

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HERE AND THERE

Seirawan Chess

Following in the footsteps of Garry Kasparov, Jack Yoos is also engaged in a game versus the World, but at Seirawan Chess - details at <http://www.seirawanchess.com/world/>

Calgary Interational (May 20-24)

The third edition of the Calgary International was won by GM Victor Mikhalevski, no stranger to Canada, who finished a point ahead of the field with 7.0/9. Tied for second were IMs Renier Castellanos and Edward Porper, and GM Eugenio Torre. A further half-point back was the trio of GM Nick De Firmian, FM (soon to be IM as a result of this tournament) Eric Hansen, and B.C.'s IM Leon Piasetski, all with 5.5/9.

Piasetski, Leon - Panjwani, Raja [D45] Calgary International (2.5), 21.05.2010

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Qc2 Bd6 7.Bd2 0-0 8.0-0-0 e5 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.Nb5 Bb8 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Bc3 Re8 13.Nxe5 Bxe5 14.Bd3 Bxc3 15.Nxc3 Bd7 16.Kb1 Rc8 17.Qb3 Be6 18.Qb4 a6 19.Rd2 b5 20.Rc1 Qc7 21.h3 d4 22.Qxd4 Red8 23.Qf4 Qa5 24.a3 h6 25.Qb4 Qc7 26.Rcd1 a5 27.Qf4 b4 28.Qxc7 Rxc7 29.Nb5 Rb7 30.Bc2 Rxd2 31.Rxd2 Kf8 32.a4 b3 33.Bd3 Nd5 34.Nd4 Rb4 35.Bb5 Ne7 36.Nxb3 Nd5 37.Nxa5 Nc3+ 38.Kc2 Nxb5 39.Rd8+ 1-0

Piasetski, Leon - Day, Lawrence [E05] Calgary International (8.6), 24.05.2010

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 Be7 5.0-0 0-0 6.d4 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6 8.a4 Bd7 9.Nbd2 Bc6 10.a5 Qd5 11.Re1 Bb4 12.e4 Qb5 13.Bf1 Qh5 14.h3 Bxd2 15.Nxd2 Rd8 16.Qxc4 Bb5 17.Qxc7 Nc6 18.g4 Qg6 19.Bxb5 axb5 20.Nf3 Ne8 21.Qb6 e5 22.Be3 h5 23.d5 hxg4 24.Ng5 Ra6 25.Qxb7 Nb4 26.Qxb5 Nc2 27.h4 Rda8 28.b4 Qh5 29.Rac1 Nxe3 30.Rxe3 Qxh4 31.Rc6 R6a7 32.Rec3 Qxg5 33.Rc8 Rxc8 34.Rxc8 g3 35.Qxe8+ Kh7 36.Qh8+ Kg6 37.Qh3 gxf2+ 38.Kxf2 Qd2+ 39.Kg1 Qd4+ 40.Kh2 f6 41.Qf5+ Kf7 42.Qh5+ 1-0

<http://www.albertachess.org/2010CICC/index.html>

In Memoriam Ernest Krzyzowski

It is my sad duty to report the passing of Ernie Krzyzowski at the age of sixty-six. One of the more colourful figures in the Vancouver chess scene, Ernie was originally a longshoreman before a work-related accident some thirty years ago left him confined to a wheelchair. I am not aware of a formal obituary anywhere, so the following is based on my own knowledge of him. Ernie had been playing competitively since at least the late 1960s, and he played as often as he could, allowing for the difficulties of wheelchair transportation via public transit. (Since the construction of the Millenium line he could be seen pushing himself up the hill from the Renfrew Skytrain station to reach events at the Vancouver Bridge Centre above.) These difficulties meant he often took an afternoon bye in tournaments like the Keres where there were two rounds a day, and consequently his favourite events were the Swisses held out at UBC (previously on Tuesdays, now on Thursdays) with only one round per week. A lifetime "A" player whose rating had dipped in recent years, Ernie invariably played in the open section of the Keres but never cared with whom he was paired - he simply loved to play. Favourite openings were the English as white and the Alekhine's and Stonewall Dutch as black, although many years ago he would also assay the Polish (1.b4).

Ernie could be cantankerous at times, a trait which wasn't helped by a growing deafness; at one event an alarm clock went off in the pack attached to the back of his wheelchair, but he didn't hear it. In previous years we used to enter all the games from the Keres open sections, and Ernie's scoresheets were notorious for being largely illegible after move ten or so. Apart from chess, other passions were the stock market and sunbathing - when the weather was suitable he could be seen outside with his shirt off, sunning himself like a walrus. Ernie's last event was the just concluded Keres Memorial; during the morning round on Sunday, May 23 he suffered a stroke/heart attack and slumped over while playing Pavel Trochtchanovitch. Paramedic crews attended to Ernie at the tournament site and transported him to Vancouver General Hospital, but he died later that afternoon. Ernie Krzyzowski met his end doing what he loved - may we all be as fortunate. (GM [Vladimir Bagirov](#) comes to mind as another player to suffer a similar fate. Coincidentally Bagirov was also a devotee of Alekhine's Defence, and like Paul Keres he died of a heart attack in Finland.)

From Jonathan Berry:

"I remember Ernie from way back. He was an avid player, and I mean that he would get excited about every game. I suppose that (and an inability to pronounce Polish) was why some young players called him Crazy-ow-ski. The K at the beginning of his name was almost silent, then afterward it would go something like shrizh-OFF-ski, though maybe I got it wrong. Looks like I'm missing a syllable or at least a sound. His name was difficult, he was sometimes difficult - there was something of the dreamy and not always optimistic European philosopher in him - but he was a good guy."

Krzyzowski, Ernest - Forbes, Gerry [D36] New Westminster op (5), 11.03.1973

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.cxd5 exd5 6.e3 c6 7.Nf3 Be7 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 h6 10.Bh4 Re8 11.0-0 Nh5 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Rab1 Nhf6 14.b4 b6 15.a4 Bb7 16.Ne2 Rec8 17.Ng3 g6 18.Rfc1 Nf8 19.Ne5 N6d7 20.f4 Nxe5 21.fxe5 Ne6 22.Bxg6 fxg6 23.Qxg6+ Ng7 24.Nf5 Qc7 25.Nxh6+ Kh8 26.Nf7+ Kg8 27.Rf1 Rf8 28.Ng5 1-0

Leblanc, Paul - Krzyzowski, Ernest [A11] Keres mem 28th Vancouver (4.17), 18.05.2003

1.c4 c6 2.Nc3 d5 3.e3 Nf6 4.b3 Bf5 5.Bb2 e6 6.Nf3 a6 7.h3 Bd6 8.Nh4 Bg6 9.Nxg6 hxg6 10.Be2 Nbd7 11.Qc2 b5 12.a3 Kf8 13.d3 g5 14.Rf1 Ne5 15.d4 Ng6 16.c5 Bc7 17.0-0-0 a5 18.Na2 Nh4

19.g3 Ng6 20.Bd3 Rh6 21.Rh1 Qd7 22.Kb1 Ke7 23.Bf1 Ne4 24.Bg2 f5 25.Nc3 Rf8 26.Nxe4 fxe4 27.Bc3 Rf7 28.Rhe1 Rh8 29.Re2 Rhf8 30.Be1 Kd8 31.Ka2 Kc8 32.Rb1 Kb7 33.Rb2 Ka7 34.Bc3 e5 35.Qd2 Qd8 36.b4 a4 37.Qc1 exd4 38.exd4 Qf6 39.Qe3 Ne7 40.Qc1 Nf5 41.Qd1 Re8 42.Qd2 Rfe7 43.g4 Nh4 44.Bh1 Ng6 45.f3 e3 46.Qe1 Nf4 47.Qf1 Qg6 48.Bg2 Qd3 49.Qe1 Qc4+ 50.Ka1 Nd3 51.Qb1 Qxc3 52.Rec2 Qxd4 53.Qd1 e2 0-1

Krzyzowski, Ernest - Sladek, Vaclav [A25] Western CAN op Richmond (5.20), 13.07.2004

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.d3 Bb4 4.Qb3 Bc5 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Bg5 Be7 7.e4 d6 8.h3 0-0 9.Be2 Bd7 10.0-0 a5 11.Rad1 a4 12.Qc2 Nd4 13.Nxd4 exd4 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Nd5 Bg5 16.f4 c6 17.fxg5 cxd5 18.g6 hxg6 19.cxd5 Rc8 20.Qd2 b5 21.Rc1 Qe7 22.Rxc8 Rxc8 23.Rc1 Rc5 24.Rxc5 dxc5 25.Qf4 f6 26.Qc7 c4 27.d6 Qe6 28.dxc4 Qxe4 29.Qxd7 Qe3+ 30.Kh1 Qc1+ 31.Kh2 Qf4+ 32.Kh1 Qc1+ 33.Kh2 Qf4+ 34.Kh1 Qc1+ 35.Kh2 Qf4+ 36.Kh1 1/2-1/2

Krzyzowski, Ernest - Trochtchanovitch, Pavel [A17] Keres mem 35th Richmond (3.10), 23.05.2010

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.e3 b6 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Bb5+ c6 7.Bc4 Bd6 8.0-0 0-0 9.e4 Nxc3 10.dxc3 Be7 11.Bf4 Nd7 12.Qc2 b5 13.Be2 Bb7 14.Rad1 Qe8 15.Rd2 Nf6 16.e5 Nd5 17.Bg3 c5 18.c4 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Qc6 20.Rfd1 Rfd8 21.a3 a5



35TH PAUL KERES MEMORIAL



This year's Keres Memorial saw a number of firsts - a new site, our first five-way tie for top spot, the first win by a woman, and tragically our first (and hopefully our last) death at the tournament.

Organizational the Keres has been rather taken for granted of late. There has been little interest shown in promoting and running what used to be the BCCF's flagship event; coupled with high rental prices in Vancouver and consequent lack of affordable hotel sites, the Keres has seen a resultant drop in numbers in recent times. This year the Keres was 'adopted' by the excellent organizational team responsible for Victoria's Grand Pacific Open - Bryan Raymer, Roger Patterson, and Paul Leblanc.

They found a new site in the Delta Airport Hotel in Richmond; some found the location too isolated and difficult to get to, but twelve more players entered over last year's total. (I was the TD and used transit for the entire event without any particular problems - the hotel is a fifteen-minute walk from the Bridgeport Canada Line station.) Among the field was GM Manuel Rivas Pastor from Spain, our first grandmaster participant in a 'regular' Keres (the 2000 year was anomalous) since the Spraggett and Lesiège visit in 1998. The other titled players were WGM Katerina Rohonyan (originally from the Ukraine, now living in Seattle), and the familiar Georgi Orlov (IM) and Jack Yoos (FM). All four of these players tied for first along with local master Roman Jiganchine; each scored 4.5/6. For financial reasons the tournament was shortened from seven rounds to six, which gave the Open Section participants one fewer game to establish a lead over their competitors. Rivas was likely also unused to the North American routine of two rounds a day (one a day is normal in Europe) and gave up three draws. Jack Yoos has now won the Keres five times, which ties the old record set by John Donaldson in the 1980s. However, both have been far outstripped by Georgi Orlov, who this year won the Keres for a record ninth time! Orlov's route to the winner's circle was a little rocky, as he wasn't sufficiently accurate on the black side of a Two Knight's Tango in round two and lost to the visiting Icelandic master Sverrir Thorgeirsson. Thorgeirsson drew with Rivas the following round but faded at the end with losses to Rohonyan and Jiganchine in the French. Rohonyan becomes the first female winner of the Keres; previous contenders have been Elena Donaldson and Valeriya Gandsvind. Howard Wu won the U2200 prize. The tragic element in the tournament was the passing of Ernie Krzyzowski as noted above.

In the U2000 Section it looked like the old guard, err, more mature players (Jofrel Landingin, Paul Leblanc, George Kosinski, Richard Reid, Philip Harris) would finally vanquish the rising junior stars. This they managed to do in the main, but were themselves displaced by a younger man and two dark horses. Louis Cheng, whose last B.C. Junior was nine years ago, gave up but a single draw to win the section with 5.5/6. Two of the other prizes were claimed by players who could have played in the U1600 Section; Sylvain Gaudreau and Dejan Radic surprised their higher-rated opponents to score 5.0 and 4.5 points respectively. Gaudreau was clear second, while Radic tied with Juni Caluza for the U1800 prize. And in the U1600 Section junior Jack Qian was the highest ranked player and proved it, winning first with 5.5 points; Lionel Han and Petr Straka tied for the U1400 prize.

Standings, report, and available games: <http://keresmemorial.pbworks.com/Standings2010>

FIDE ratings report: http://ratings.fide.com/tournament_report.phtml?event16=49382

Video commentary by Roman Jiganchine: <http://roman-chess.blogspot.com/2010/05/keres-memorial-2010-games-with-videos.html>

Previous Keres winners: <http://www3.telus.net/public/swright2/keresmem.html>

Thorgeirsson, Sverrir - Orlov, Georgi [E11] Keres mem 35th Richmond (2.1), 22.05.2010

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Qe7 6.Bg2 Bxd2+ 7.Nbxd2 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nb1 e5 10.e3 Bg4 11.h3 Bh5 12.g4 Bg6 13.Qb3 Rab8 14.Nc3 Rfe8 15.Rad1 exd4 16.Nxd4 Nxd4 17.Rxd4 h5 18.g5 Nd7 19.h4 Nc5 20.Qd1 c6 21.Qd2 Rbd8 22.Rd1 Qe6 23.Rxd6 Rxd6 24.Qxd6 Qxd6 25.Rxd6 a5 26.Bf3 Kf8 27.b3 Ke7 28.Rd2 Bf5 29.Be2 g6 30.f3 Ra8 31.e4 Be6 32.Kf2 Rf8 33.Ke3 Ra8 34.Rd1 Rc8 35.Rd2 Ra8 36.Nd1 Rb8 37.Nb2 b5 38.cxb5 cxb5 39.Rc2 Nd7 40.Nd3 Kd6 41.Nf4 Ne5 42.Nxe6 fxe6 43.f4 Ng4+ 44.Bxg4 hxg4 45.Kf2 e5 46.f5 gxf5 47.exf5 Kd5 48.f6 Ke4 49.Kg3 Kd3 50.Rg2 e4 51.g6 1-0

Thorgeirsson, Sverrir - Rivas Pastor, Manuel [A60] Keres mem 35th Richmond (3.1), 23.05.2010

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 g6 6.Bg2 Bg7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.e4 Re8 9.Nge2 b5 10.Bf4 Ba6 11.a3 b4 12.axb4 cxb4 13.Bxb8 Bxe2 14.Nxe2 Qxb8 15.Qc2 b3 16.Qc4 Ng4 17.Ra3 Qb6 18.0-0 Rab8 19.Nc1 Rec8 20.Qe2 Nxf2 21.Rxb3 Qc5 22.Rxb8 Rxb8 23.Rxf2 Rxb2 24.Qxb2 Bxb2 25.Nd3 Qd4 26.Nxb2 a5 27.h4 a4 28.Nxa4 Qxa4 29.Kh2 Qd4 30.Rf3 h6 31.Rf1 Kg7 32.Re1 Qc3 33.Rf1 Qb2 34.Rf3 Qe5 35.Rf1 h5 36.Rf4 d6 37.Rf1 f6 38.Rf4 Kh6 39.Rf3 Qb2 40.Rf1 g5 41.Rf5 Kg6 42.Rf3 Drawn on move 54. 1/2-1/2

Rohonyan, Katerina - Thorgeirsson, Sverrir [C01] Keres mem 35th Richmond (4.2), 23.05.2010

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.exd5 exd5 5.Bf4 Bf5 6.Bd3 Bxd3 7.Qxd3 c6 8.0-0-0 Be7 9.Nf3 0-0 10.Ng5 Nbd7 11.h4 Re8 12.Kb1 Nf8 13.f3 Bd6 14.Bc1 Qc7 15.Nh3 Ne6 16.Ne2 Rad8 17.g4 c5 18.dxc5 Nxc5 19.Qd2 Be5 20.Nd4 Ne6 21.Nf5 Qb6 22.Rhe1 Qc7 23.h5 g6 24.Qh6 Kh8 25.Ng5



25...Rd7 26.f4 Bd6 27.hxg6 fxg6 28.Nxe6 Qc8 29.Nxd6 1-0

Kyriakides, Savvas - Orlov, Georgi [B88] Keres mem 35th Richmond (4.3), 23.05.2010

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bc4 a6 7.Bb3 Nc6 8.a4 Be7 9.Be3 0-0 10.0-0 Bd7 11.Qe2 Na5 12.Ba2 Rc8 13.f3 e5 14.Nf5 Bxf5 15.exf5 d5 16.Nxd5 Nxd5 17.Rfd1 Nxe3 18.Rxd8 Rfxd8 19.c3 Nac4 20.b3 Rd2 21.Qe1 Nc2 22.Qe4 Nxa1 23.bxc4 Bc5+ 0-1

Yoos, Jack - Rohonyan, Katerina [B12] Keres mem 35th Richmond (5.1), 24.05.2010

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Be2 Ne7 6.0-0 Nd7 7.a3 Bg6 8.Nbd2 Nf5 9.b3 Be7 10.c4 0-0 11.Bb2 c5 12.dxc5 Nxc5 13.b4 Ne4 14.Qb3 Bg5 15.Nxe4 dxe4 16.Rad1 Qe7 17.Nxg5 Qxg5 18.Rd7 Rfd8 19.Bc1 Qh4 20.g3 Qh3 21.Qd1 Rxd7 22.Qxd7 Rf8 23.Qd1 h5 24.Bf4 Kh7 25.Re1 f6 26.Bf1 Qg4 27.Qxg4 hxg4 28.Bg2 Nd4 29.Bxe4 Bxe4 30.Rxe4 Nf3+ 31.Kf1 f5 32.Re2 Rd8 33.Ra2 g5 34.Be3 a6 35.Ke2 Kg6 36.a4 Nxe5 37.c5 Nf3 38.b5 e5 39.c6 bxc6 40.bxc6 Ng1+ 41.Kf1 Nf3 42.Ke2 Ng1+ 1/2-1/2

**Jiganchine, Roman - Thorgeirsson, Sverrir [C06] Keres mem 35th Richmond (6.4),
24.05.2010**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ngf3 g6 8.0-0 Bg7 9.Re1 0-0 10.Nf1
cxd4 11.cxd4 Re8 12.b3 f6 13.exf6 Bxf6 14.Bb2 b6 15.Rc1 Bb7 16.Ne3 Bg7 17.Ng4 Rc8 18.Qe2
Qe7 19.Bb1 Nf6 20.Nge5 Nxe5 21.Nxe5 Qd6 22.h3 Rxc1 23.Rxc1 Rf8 24.Qe3 Ne4 25.Nf3 Rd8
26.Bd3 Qd7 27.Ba3 Rc8 28.Ne5 Qe8 29.Rxc8 Qxc8 30.Qf4 Qe8 31.Bb5 Bxe5 32.Qxe5 Qf7 33.f3
Nf6 34.Qb8+ Kg7 35.Qxa7 Nh5 36.Bd6 Bc8 37.Be5+ Kg8 38.Qxb6 1-0

NATIONAL CHESS CHALLENGE

This provincial scholastic team event took place in Montreal on the Victoria Day weekend. The B.C. team, consisting of Luke Pulfer, Joshua Doknjas, Jingzhi Xu, Jonah Lee, Janak Awatramani, Jeremy Hui, Ryan Lo, Tanraj Sohal, Willem Kuun, Jeff Anthony De Guzman, Loren Laceste, and Elliot Raymer, comfortably placed third behind the two traditional powerhouses, Ontario and Quebec (n.b., the competition used match points, these results show game points):

- 1 Ontario 91.5/108
- 2 Quebec 80.5
- 3 British Columbia 79
- 5 Alberta 71.5
- 4 Manitoba 47.5
- 7 New Brunswick 43.5
- 8 Newfoundland 35.5
- 6 Nova Scotia 34.5
- 9 Saskatchewan 34
- 10 Prince Edward Island 22.5

In the individual board prizes B.C. garnered a total of seven trophies:

- 1 Luke Pulfer 7/9 - tied for second, third after playoffs
- 2 Joshua Doknjas 7 - tied for second, second after playoffs
- 4 Jonah Lee 8.5 - first
- 5 Janak Awatramani 8.5 - tied for first, first after playoffs
- 6 Jeremy Hui 8 - first
- 8 Tanraj Sohal 8.5 - first
- 11 Loren Laceste 7.5 - second

Honourable mention should also be made of Ryan Lo, who tied for third with 6.5/9 in grade 7 but placed fourth after playoffs. Further details can be found at:

<http://www.chess.nl.ca/year/2009+2010/ccn/national/results/english/index.html>

From **Gyan Awatramani**:

I find myself struggling with words to describe the *esprit de corps* of our B.C. team - it is a factor that is often underestimated or overlooked, but it was paramount to the overall performance of our team this year. The camaraderie shared and good times will be remembered fondly for many years by all. We were focused, disciplined, worked relentlessly towards the tournament, gave it our best shot, and came up with amazing results! Perhaps our best ever! Our match up against

Ontario was particularly exciting, final score 7-5 in their favour. We were very unfortunate to lose two crucial games. One of them should have been a win for us and the other a draw - had we achieved that we could have beaten Ontario! They escaped by a whisker and the Ontario team players/parents acknowledged that.

Another interesting point to note is that in our overall score we were just 1.5 points behind Quebec (79 - 80.5). Both Ontario and Quebec were quite taken aback by our strength and they know that we will be a force to be reckoned with in the coming years. (In the past few years it has always been Ontario and Quebec who have come in first and second interchangeably.) This status quo is about to change - the chess challenge that's being held in Victoria, 2011 presents us with a golden opportunity to do so, and showcase our B.C. Junior talents!

My sincere thanks to Glen Lee for making Montreal possible for us, and congratulations to Brian Raymer for securing the 2011 bid for Victoria. And to all B.C. Juniors - from Elliot our flag bearer (Grade 12) to Luke our lucky mascot (Grade 1) and everyone in between - CONGRATULATIONS - you guys were AMAZING.

From **Glen Lee** (organizer):

I would have to say this is my most enjoyable and memorable Canadian Chess Challenge to date. Coming in third as a team and bringing home seven trophies was an amazing accomplishment, but what stood out for me this year was the "infectious Team B.C. Spirit!" Not only were we striving for our personal best,

- ... we supported each other and stood out as a team
- ... we congratulated our opponents and celebrated their wins
- ... we empathized and supported our friends and opponents during their losses
- ... we cheered that much louder during the awards ceremonies
- ... we toured Montreal as a Team
- ... we invited all players from all provinces to join us for a wrap up party at what became our Celebration Headquarters at Cafe Pi
- ... we made Montreal our home and brought over a little bit of B.C. while we were there.
- ... but most of all, we arrived in Montreal as a TEAM and we left as a TEAM.

Parents from members of other provinces also made comments commending us of our Team and Community Spirit, pining for similar in their own provinces.

I would also like to thank all the parents for showing their support prior to, during and after the tournament.

Thanks to all the parents for providing the pins.

Thanks to Tanveer Sohal for Arbiting during the rounds and presenting the awards.

Thanks to Michael Lo helping us with Team BC shirts, transportation and breakfast/lunch runs.

Thanks to Gyan Awatramani for taking the photos.

Thanks to Ron Hui for helping with the flags and pins between rounds.

Thanks to Victoria Doknjas for writing up the Tournament Report (which will be published later in the week).

Thanks to Robert Pulfer for providing intense soccer and hacky sack entertainment between rounds.

Thanks to all the parents for cheering as hard as you did during the rounds!

Thanks to Caroline Hui, Lara Lo and Peggy Lee for their Montreal Tour Extravaganza.

Thanks to all the players for representing B.C. in Montreal and showing all the provinces B.C. is a province on the rise!

BCCF EXECUTIVE

The BCCF AGM took place between rounds on Saturday May 22 at the site of the Keres Memorial. The full minutes plus executive reports will be available on the internet shortly, but for the time being here is the new BCCF Executive for 2010-2011:

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BROWSING FOR ENDGAMES by Dan Scoones

Very little actual browsing was required for today's instalment. It was enough to open up the Endgame section of *Chess Informant 63*.



Diagram 1

This interesting bishop ending arose in the game Baburin-Daly, Limerick 1994. It is White to play. According to Baburin's analysis in *Informant*, Black is already losing by force. However, the final result appears to depend on a subsequent error by Daly. As far as I can see, if Black plays correctly the game must end in a draw.

First, let's see the actual continuation. The punctuation is by Baburin.

1.Be1!+- Kh5 2.Kg3 Kg6 3.Ba5 Kh5 4.Bd8 Kg6 5.Kf2 Kh5 6.Ke2 Kg4 7.Kd2 f4 8.Ke2 (8.exf4!?) 8...Kf5 9.Bc7 Kg4 10.Kf2 Kf5 11.Ba5! Kg4 12.Bd2 Kf5 13.Kg1 Kg4 14.Kg2 zugzwang 14...f3+ 15.Kf2 Kh3 16.Bb4 g4 17.Bd6 Kh4 18.Be5 Kh3 19.Bg3! zugzwang 19...b4 20.Bd6 Kh4 21.Bxb4

g3+ 22.Kg1 Kh3 23.Be1 f2+ 24.Bxf2 gxf2+ 25.Kxf2 Kg4 26.b4 Kf5 27.Kg3 Ke5 28.Kg4 Kd6 29.Kf5 1-0

There are three major points of interest in Baburin's analysis. Take a look at the position after White's 16th move:



Diagram 2

Here is where I think Black went wrong. Instead of 16...g4?, which leads pretty well by force to the loss of the vital b-pawn, he had to play **16...Kg4!?**, asking to see White's plan. The big problem for White is that at least one of his pieces has to stay within range of the f2 square in order to stop Black's f-pawn from promoting. Because of that restriction White cannot gang up on other Black pawns or force Black's king to retreat. After **17.Be7 Kh5 18.Kg3 Kg6 19.Bd6** (or 19.Bb4 Kf6 20.Be1 Kf5 21.Bf2 Kf6 22.Kg4 Kg6, etc.) **19...Kf5** it is very difficult to see how White can make further progress. I don't think it can be done. The verdict: draw.

The second point of interest arises after Black's move **7...f4** and is depicted in the next diagram:



Diagram 3

Instead of 8.Ke2 as played by Baburin, much stronger is his suggestion **8.exf4!?** **gxf4** Worse is **8...Kxf4?! 9.Ke2 g4 10.Bc7+** followed by 11.Ke3, etc. **9.Kc3! Kf3 10.Kd4**



Diagram 4

I have diagrammed this position because we are going to refer to it later. Baburin stops here with the assessment that White is winning. That is true, but the analysis should be continued because things are still rather tricky and the various winning methods are instructive. Black has only two moves that do not lose a pawn immediately, and so there are two main variations:

A. **10...e3 11.Kd3 Kf2** Black has done his best but a couple of accurate moves from White prove him lost: **12.Bb6! Ke1** Or **12...Kf1 13.Bxe3! fxe3 14.Kxe3** and White wins the race to the queenside pawns; ditto for **12...Kg1 13.Bxe3+**, etc. **13.Bc7!** Quite wrong is **13.Bxe3?? fxe3 14.Kxe3 Kd1!** and Black draws by counterattacking White's b-pawn. He can even win if White gets careless, as the reader might verify. **13...f3** Or **13...e2 14.Bxf4 Kd1 15.Bd2**, etc. **14.Kxe3 f2 15.Bg3!** and White wins.

B. **10...b4 11.Bh4!** The simplest way. **11...e3** If **11...Kg4 12.Kxf4! Kxh4 13.Kxf4** and White wins the pawn ending. **12.Kd3 Kg4 13.Be7 Kg3 14.Bd6!** Certainly not **14.Bxb4?? f3!** and Black wins! **14...Kf3 15.Bxb4 Kf2 16.Bc5!** and White wins as in variation A – more easily in fact because White already has a passed b-pawn.

The final point of interest is whether Black can avoid Diagram 4 – which is lost for him – and head directly for Diagram 2 – which appears to be drawn with best play. With that in mind, the immediate **1...f4!?** suggests itself. Here is the position:



Diagram 5

If White plays **2.Bb4** then Black can immediately set up the Diagram 2 fortress with **2...f3+** followed by **...K-h4-g4**, etc.

To avoid this scenario White must exchange pawns: **2.exf4 gxf4 3.Kf2** If 3.Bb4 then 3...e3! followed by 4...f3+ and K-f4-e4, when Black draws more easily. **3...Kf5 4.Bb4 Kg4 5.Bb6 Kg3 6.Ke2 Kg4 7.Kd2 Kf3!**



Diagram 6

White has done his best to transpose to a version of Diagram 4, but because the pawn exchange on f4 has already taken place, Black's king is much closer to the scene of action. If White tries **8.Kc3?** then Black draws with **8...Ke2!** (Not 8...Kg2?? 9.Kd4 and White wins.) **9.Kd4 e3 10.Ke4 Kd2 11.Kxf4 Kc3** and White's b-pawn falls.

There is one more try for White in Diagram 6. He can play **8.b4** in order to get the pawn further away from Black's king, but because White is not threatening an immediate Kd4, Black can change direction with **8...Kg2!**



This makes things quite clear. As before White must keep his pieces within range of the f2 square and thus he has no chance of capturing Black's b-pawn. Sooner or later the game will end in a draw by repetition.

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