

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #215

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Stephen Wright

HERE AND THERE

B.C. School Team Championship (May 15)

St. George 's Junior School have won the B.C. school team championship for the past five years, but this year they were unseated by a team from the Lochiel U-Connect education centre which featured three Doknjas brothers, John, Joshua, and Neil (shades of the 1988 women's olympiad when the Polgar sisters played together for Hungary). Report at the [West Coast Junior Chess](#) website.

Previous winners:

2001	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	2006	St. George's Junior
2002	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	2007	St. George's Junior
2003	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	2008	St. George's Junior
2004	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	2009	St. George's Junior
2005	Queen Mary	2010	St. George's Junior

Chess Workshop at Umoja

[Umoja](#) is a Surrey based non-profit society which helps immigrants to integrate into Canadian society. Recently several of B.C.'s junior players and executive visited the society to help with the formation of a chess club. A report on the visit can be found at the [BC Junior Chess](#) website, while [video](#) of the occasion is available courtesy of the Surrey Leader.

3rd Canadian Forces Championship (May 6-8) by Paul Leblanc

I recently had the pleasure of participating in the 3rd Canadian Military Chess Championship, held 6-8 May in Kingston, Ontario at Royal Military College. The event attracted twenty-three players consisting of currently serving and retired members of the Canadian Forces as well as several civilian employees of the Department of National Defence. Royal Military College provided a scenic setting for the tournament. As well, several social activities provided opportunities for comradeship and an opportunity to see a bit of Kingston and various parts of the College. The organizer, Major Regis Bellemare, is a great supporter of chess, having founded the Khandahar Chess Club in Afghanistan three years ago and also having served as the Team Captain for Canada during the past three NATO Chess Championships. Another noteworthy participant was CFC Past President Eric Van Dusen. Eric had served briefly in the Army Reserve a number of

years ago. I can't say that my games were of a high quality, however with a bit of luck I managed to tie for first with my good friend and former NATO Championship team mate, Roger Lebrun.

[CFC crosstable](#)

Here is my game with Regis Bellemare:

Leblanc, Paul - Bellemare, Regis [E00] CAN Forces ch 3rd Kingston (3), 07.05.2011

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Qe7 6.a3 Bxd2+ 7.Qxd2 d5 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Nc3 Be6 10.Nf3 Rd8 11.0-0 Ne4 12.Qc2 Ng5 13.Nxg5 Qxg5 14.e3 h5 15.h4 Qh6 16.Qb3 Kd7 17.Bxd5 Bxd5 18.Qxd5+ Kc8 19.Qf5+ Rd7 20.Ne4 g6 21.Qb5 a6 22.Qb3 b6 23.Rac1 Na5 24.Qxb6 1-0

29th Metz International Open (May 2-8)

Following the same itinerary as his travels last year, after the San Sebastian tournament Leon Piasetski travelled to northeastern France for the twenty-ninth edition of the Metz International Open. Playing in the "A" Section with thirty-seven other players, Leon scored 4.0/9 which should help his FIDE rating a little. The tournament was won by Yuri Solodovnichenko of the Ukraine with 7.5, a full point and a half ahead of second-place finishers Abhijeet Gupta (India) and Vereslav Eingorn (also Ukraine). [Metz Echecs](#) blog, including photos, crosstables, and games (scroll down to May 7).

Schweitzer, Viktoriya - Piasetski, Leon [B06] Metz op 29th Metz (9.14), 08.05.2011

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Be3 a6 5.Qd2 b5 6.h4 h5 7.0-0-0 Nh6 8.f3 Nc6 9.d5 Ne5 10.Bd4 0-0 11.Nh3 Bxh3 12.Rxh3 Qd7 13.Bxe5 dxe5 14.b3 Qd6 15.Kb2 f5 16.Bd3 f4 17.Be2 Nf5 18.exf5 e4 19.fxe4 b4 20.Kb1 bxc3 21.Qc1 Rfb8 22.a4 Rb4 23.Qa3 Rxe4 24.Qxd6 exd6 25.Bf3 gxf5 26.Bxh5 Be5 27.Bf3 Re3 28.Rhh1 Kg7 29.Ka2 Rb8 30.Ka3 a5 31.Ka2 Rb4 32.Kb1 Kh6 33.Kc1 Bd4 34.Rhe1 Bc5 35.h5 Re5 36.Re2 Rb8 37.Rd3 Be3+ 38.Kd1 Bd2 39.Rexd2 cxd2 40.Kxd2 Rb4 1/2-1/2

BCCF AGM

As you are aware, the annual Keres Memorial Tournament is this coming weekend (there is still time to enter if you have not already done so!). The BCCF Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday May 21 between the second and third rounds of the Keres, beginning around 3:00 pm. We encourage you to come out and attend the AGM: the executive for the coming year will be elected, and there will also be opportunity to voice concerns, comments, and ideas about how organized chess is run in B.C. The BCCF is your federation - it is only as strong as those involved in it, your help is needed!

Paul Keres Memorial

A reminder to those who are playing in the U2000 and U1600 Sections of this year's event - all the sections play a total of seven games, so unlike previous years there is a scheduled game for the lower sections on the Friday night. If this is a problem for anyone who is registered, please let the organizer or TD know ASAP - contact information is in the coming events section toward the end of this Bulletin.

B.C. - WASHINGTON SCHOLASTIC MATCH (May 14)



This year's scholastic match, also known as the INTERMAT, resulted in the closest finish in memory, with B.C. edging the home Washington team by a single point. Held at the Chess4Life centre in Bellevue, WA, the match pits two representatives from each grade (including kindergarten) against their respective counterparts from the other side of the border. This year Washington appeared to have the stronger team on paper; for example, one of their grade 11 representatives was Howard Chen, who back in February won the Washington State Championship for the second time (the adult championship, not the junior). Typically B.C. has scored heavily in the upper grades, Washington in the lower. However, as it turned out the teams were evenly matched throughout, as can be seen from the results by grade:

K	2.0-2.0	7	2.5-1.5
1	2.0-2.0	8	2.0-2.0
2	2.0-2.0	9	2.5-1.5
3	1.5-2.5	10	2.0-2.0
4	0.0-4.0	11	1.0-3.0
5	2.0-2.0	12	3.0-1.0
6	4.0-0.0		

The first round saw B.C. eke out a slim 13.5-12.5 lead, so it was a matter of holding off the home team in the second round. The last game to finish was Dezheng Kong's, who held a winning endgame advantage, so the match was decided by the penultimate game to end, between Jack Cheng and Michael Omori. Jack was down a pawn in the endgame and also had less time, but during the blitz finale he managed to trade down to a drawn position and thus ensure B.C.'s overall victory.

In terms of individual results, John Doknjas and Dezheng Kong swept their grade 6 opponents, while Roland Feng and Bryce Tiglon (both grade 4) returned the favour for the Washington team. Other B.C. players with a perfect score were Lionel Han (5) and Loren Laceste (12), while Joshua Doknjas (3), Jeremy Hui (7), and Tanraj Sohal (9) had plus scores. On the Washington side Stanley Zhong (K), Naomi Bashkansky (2), Samir Sen (8), and Howard Chen (11) also had perfect scores, while Derek Zhang (3), Nathan Lee (9), and Michael Omori (10) scored 1.5 in their individual matches.

Thanks are due to the team organizers on both sides of the border, the Chess4Life centre for its hospitality, and all the players and parents - this event would not happen without your participation. Overall Washington now has an 11-9 lead in match victories (note neither team has ever managed to win in three consecutive years):

Year	Location	Victor	Year	Location	Victor
1991	White Rock	BC	2001	Burnaby	BC
1992	Mountlake terrace	WA	2002	Seattle	WA
1993	Burnaby	WA	2003	Burnaby	WA
1994	Mountlake Terrace	BC	2004	Seattle	BC
1995	Burnaby	WA	2005	Burnaby	BC
1996	Shorewood	WA	2006	Bellevue	WA
1997	Burnaby	BC	2008	New Westminster	BC
1998	Shorewood	BC	2009	Bellevue	WA
1999	Burnaby	WA	2010	New Westminster	WA
2000	Seattle	WA	2011	Bellevue	BC

(the lack of a result for 2007 corresponds to moving the event from December to April/May within the school year)

detailed match [results](#)

report at the [Chess4Life](#) website

information on earlier BC - WA matches can be found at the [B.C. Chess History](#) website

TOROKVES 'A' RR (Budapest, April 15 - May 2) by Michael Yip

Attendance was poor compared to previous tournaments so I was able to make the top group despite my low 1977 rating. Promising junior Armin Juhasz, a former (short-term) Vancouver resident had a great tournament and is one of the rising stars of Hungary. The tournament was one of missed opportunities and blunders as I converted to the [Ulf] Andersson style of play with 1.Nf3 and tried to play solid positional chess with fewer risks. I started well with 1.5/2 but losses from equal or promising positions in rounds 3 and 5 cost me any chance of achieving anything in this tournament. Going into round 9, I had 3.5/8.

The round 9 game was full of drama as I took some risks to play for a win against top rated Csaba Mezei (2130). I had lost my previous two games with him from good positions so was anxious to redeem myself. Both players seem to miss each other's moves but I missed the most spectacular chance after sacrificing my queen for a tempo. Eventually I managed to fall apart in the ending after running out of ideas in the ending. [The game will be in the next Bulletin.]

Tournament highlights were:

- Round 4 would have been the most interesting game, had I managed to find the hidden win.
- Round 7 was the most dramatic game as I clung to life in a stubborn defence of a hopeless position and eked out a draw down 2 pawns in an opposite colored bishop ending.
- Round 8 had the most subtle missed endgame win in a double rook ending
- Round 9 I missed the stunning 33...ed! which would have justified my queen sacrifice for a tempo combination.

I finished with 3.5/9 which reflected many missed opportunities and several half-points earned from stubborn defence. My pre-tournament preparation consisted of problem solving and going over *Grandmaster Strategy* (New In Chess 2011). However, this was not good enough to overcome my opponents as I struggled to find tactics in a series of complicated games. As usual this was an enjoyable tournament at a very reasonable price.

Yip, Michael - Farkas, Richard [D17] Torokves A (4), 20.04.2011

1.Nf3!? My opponent is a promising junior with a strong orientation to tactics and the Albin Counter Gambit, hence the choice of my first move. 1...d5 2.d4 Nf6 No Albin today. 3.c4 c6 My opponent has widened his repertoire since I saw him last and now shows the solid Slav. 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.Ne5 Schandorff recommends this line in *Playing the Queen's Gambit* (Quality Chess 2009). Karpov and Kramnik have also used it extensively amongst many other strong players. 6.e3 e6 7.Bxc4 Bb4 8.0-0 0-0 9.Qe2 is my normal line but I thought it was wise to vary my lines. **6...e6 7.Nxc4** White forgets all the theory and comes up with a reasonable and playable move. 7.f3 is the big theory line. Here is an example from Anand analyzed by Ftacnik. 7...Bb4 8.e4 Bxe4 Black goes to great lengths to prevent White from pacifying the bishop on g6. 9.fxe4 Nxe4 10.Bd2 Qxd4 11.Nxe4 Qxe4+ 12.Qe2 Bxd2+ 13.Kxd2 Qd5+ 14.Kc2 Na6 15.Nxc4 0-0 16.Qe5 Rab8 17.a5 f6 Modern chess is much more dynamic than in the past, this line with piece sacrifice for three pawns is a frequent guest at the events of the highest category. Chances for both sides are more or less balanced, it all depends on the quality of the play. 18.Qxd5 cxd5 19.Ne3 Although material is even as White has a piece for three pawns, White has good chances as with computer assisted preparation, Black's possible counterplay can be neutralized in advance with deep home preparation. 19...Rbc8+ (19...Nb4+ 20.Kb3 Nc6 21.g3+/-) 20.Kb1 (20.Kb3 Nc5+ 21.Ka3 f5! with the initiative) 20...Nc5 21.Ra3 f5 22.Be2 Ne4 (22...d4 23.Nc4 d3 24.Bf3 Rfd8 25.Ne5+/-) 23.Rd1 Rc7 24.Nc2 Kf7 25.Nd4 Nd6 (25...a6!? 26.Rb3 Ke7 27.Rb6 Rf6 28.Nf3 Rg6 29.g3 Rh6 30.Rc1 Rxc1+ 31.Kxc1 Nd6 unclear) 26.a6! Anand needs objects for his attack, good candidates are the pawns a7 and e6. 26...b6?! (26...bxa6 27.Rxa6 Rd8 28.Re1+/-; 26...Rb8!? 27.Rb3 Kf6 unclear) 27.Re3 Re8 (27...Ne4 28.Nb5 Rd7 29.Rc1 e5 30.Bd3+/-) 28.Re1 Ne4 (28...Rce7 29.Bb5 Nxb5 30.Nxb5+/-) 29.Nb5 Rd7 30.Rc1 Diagram 30...Nc5?! (30...d4 31.Rh3 h6 32.Rc6 with the initiative) 31.Nd4 Ra8 (31...Rd6 32.b4+/-; 31...Ne4? 32.Bb5+-) 32.b4! Ne4 33.Bb5 Rd6 (33...Re7 34.Nc6 Ree8 35.Ne5+ Kf6 36.Bxe8 Kxe5 37.Bb5+-) 34.Rc7+ Kf6 35.Bc6 The game is decided, as White's pawn can be stopped only with a little miracle. 35...Rf8 (35...Rad8 36.Nb5 d4 37.Rd3 Nc3+ 38.Nxc3 dxc3 39.Rxc3+-) 36.Nb5 Rdd8 (36...d4 37.Nxd6 dxe3 38.Nxe4+ fxe4 39.Kc2 Rd8 40.Bd7+-) 37.Rxa7 Nd2+ (37...d4 38.Rd3 e5 39.Rb7 Nf2 40.Rf3+-) 38.Kc1 Nc4 39.Re2 Ne5 (39...d4 40.Nc7 e5 41.Nd5+ Ke6 42.Rc2 Na3 43.Nc7+ Kf6 44.Ra2 Nc4 45.Rb7+-) 40.Rc7 (40.Nd4 Rd6 41.b5 Nd3+ 42.Kd2 Nc5 43.Rc7+-) 40...Rc8 (40...Nd3+ 41.Kd2 Nxb4 42.Bb7 d4 43.Rc4+-; 40...Nxc6 41.Rxc6 Rfe8 42.Nc7+-) 41.Bb7 1-0 Anand, V - Khalifman, A / New Delhi / Teheran 2000 / Ftacnik (41.Bb7 Rcd8 42.a7 Nd3+ 43.Kd1 Nxb4 44.Nd4 e5 45.Rb2 exd4 46.Rxb4+-)

7...Nbd7 8.f3 Qc7 This seems a bit suspicious. Other moves have been tried but on the whole White is doing well from this position. 8...Be7 9.e4 Bg6 10.Be3 0-0 the position is similar to the game. The key feature is the passive position of Bg6 as White has the f3-e4 chain restraining the bishop to keep a small edge for White. 11.Be2 Nb6 12.Nd2 Rc8 13.0-0 Bb4 14.Kh1 c5 15.dxc5 Nbd7 16.Nb5 Nxc5 17.Nxa7 Rc7 18.Nb3 Rd7 19.Qc2 Ncxe4 Black tries to get some life by sacrificing on e4. 20.fxe4 Nxe4 21.Qc4 Bd6 22.Nb5+/- 22...Be5 23.Bf4 Bxb2 24.Ra2 Bf6 25.Bf3 Nc3 26.Nc5 Rd3 27.Raf2 Nd1 28.Bxd1 Rxd1 29.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 30.Rf1 Rd8 31.Nxb7 Rd3 32.Qc8+ Bd8 33.Kg1 1-0 Chernin, A - Adianto, U / Biel 1997; 8...Bb4 9.e4 Bg6 10.Be2 0-0 11.0-0 Qc7 12.Be3 Rfd8 13.Qb3 This is also similar to the game. 13...Be7 (13...a5 14.Rfd1+/-) 14.Kh1= A useful prophylactic move. 14...h6 15.Rac1 Rac8 16.g3+/- Preparing Bf4 and Qc7 will be uncomfortable. 16...Qb8 17.Bf4 Qa8 18.g4!? 18...Nf8 19.Rcd1 h5 20.g5 Ne8 21.h4 b6 22.Bg3 Qb7 23.Kh2 Nd6 24.Ne3 Keeping pieces on for maximum tension. 24...Rd7 25.Rd2 Rcd8 26.Rfd1= 26...Ne8 27.Nc4

Bd6 28.Nxd6 Nxd6 29.Bf1 Nc8 30.Nb1 Ne7 31.Qe3 c5? This break fails miserably as White's pieces come alive after the opening of the position. 32.dxc5 bxc5 33.Qxc5 Rxd2+ 34.Rxd2 Rxd2+ 35.Nxd2 Qxb2 36.Bf4+/- Material is even but Black's pieces are dominated. 36...Qb7 37.a5 f6 38.a6 Qd7 39.Bb5 Qd8 40.Qxa7+- 40...e5 41.Be3 Nc8 42.Qb8 1-0 Dao Thien Hai - Kosasih,C /Manila 2001 **9.e4 Bg6 10.Be3** Bg5 seemed pointless as there is no pin so White settles for a useful post to fight against the ...c5 freeing break. **10...Bb4 11.Qb3 a5=** The secure b4 outpost gives Black typical Slav style counterplay. **12.Be2 0-0 13.0-0 c5?+/=** This gives White a free tempo to dominate the light squares. 13...Rfd8+/= is a better choice. **14.Nb5 Qb8 15.Kh1!?** The king is on a dangerous diagonal while the best position for the rooks is yet to be determined. **15...b6 16.Rfd1** White clear dominates the position as Black must deal with his passive Bg6 and White's lock on the queenside light squares. **16...cxd4 17.Bxd4+/- Nc5 18.Qe3**



White has a beautifully coordinated position with an array of queenside targets. **18...Nfd7 19.e5?+/=** This allows a large part of White's advantage to slip. 19.Rac1 is the natural move to make and the a-pawn remains immune to an easy tactic which I missed. 19...Rd8 Guarding the knight so now Black threatens ..Nxa4. (19...Nxa4? 20.Bxg7! I missed this key tactical shot. 20...Kxg7 21.Rxd7+/-) 20.b3+/- White secures the loose a-pawn and all his pieces are active while Black always has a passive Bg6. **19...Bc2 20.Rf1? =** Aiming for a kingside attack as compensation for the soon to be lost a-pawn. 20.Rdc1!? is a better place for the rook but I was afraid of a future ...Nb3. 20...Bxa4 21.Ncd6 Qd8 (21...Bxb5 22.Bxb5 Rd8 23.f4+/= White has full compensation for the pawn.) 22.f4+/= White

has chances for kingside pressure as compensation for the pawn. Black will find it hard to defend the kingside as the key defensive piece (Ba4) is stranded on the queenside. 22...Qh4 Trying for some counterplay on the kingside. 23.f5 Rad8 24.Rf1 Bc2 25.f6 White has an attack going as compensation for the pawn. **20...Nb3 21.Ra2!?** Unclear. White makes a critical choice and switches over to somewhat passive defence. The poor position of the rook is the price to pay for White's careless play. The position remains quite complicated but White has to accept that the advantage has vanished and the game has started again. **21...Ndc5?!+/=** It's hard to believe that this natural building move is a mistake but now Nb3 is stranded and is a target along with Bc2. White, if given enough time will play (1) Ncd6 (clearing c4 for the bishop) (2) Bc4 (attacking the Nb3) (3) Qe2 (chasing off Bc2) (4) Finally Qd1 to round up the stranded Nb3 21...Nxd4 preserves approximate equality. 22.Nxd4 Bc5= ; 21...Nbc5 22.Ncd6 Bxa4 True Black wins a pawn but White gets time to regroup his bishop and dominate the light squares. (22...Nxa4? is the wrong way to take the a-pawn. 23.Rc1+-) 23.f4 Bc2 24.Bf3! The bishop is well placed and White has lots of compensation for the pawn. 24...Ra6 25.Rc1 Bg6 26.Raa1+/= **22.Bc3 Qb7?+-** This should lose by force but the complete solution is hard to see. 22...Qd8 has to be tried and Black survives with a small disadvantage. 23.Ncd6! Na6 Black needs to start retreating to save Nb3 which is in danger of being surrounded. 24.Na3 Bc5 A necessary intermediate move. **a)** 24...Bxd6 25.exd6 Bg6 26.Bxa6! Rxa6 27.Nb5 Nc5 28.Ra3+/- ; **b)** 24...Bg6? 25.Bxb4 axb4 26.Qxb3 bxa3 27.Rxa3 Nc5 28.Qe3+- Black cannot regain the pawn and so must remain a pawn down in a lost position. 28...Na6 (28...Nxa4? 29.Bb5 Nc5 30.Rxa8 Qxa8 31.b4 Nb7 32.Bc6 Rb8 33.Qd4!+- Black is completely dominated and must lose material.; 28...Rxa4 29.Rxa4 Nxa4 30.b4!+- The Na4 is stranded on the edge of the board.) 29.f4+- ; 25.Qf4 Bg6 26.Bc4 Bxd6 27.exd6 Nbc5 28.Nb5 Nb4 29.Raa1+/= Order has been restored and White remains with a strong passed pawn to dictate the course of the game. **23.Ncd6! Qc6**



I was shocked to find that White is in fact winning. 23...Qe7 is also losing. 24.Bc4 f6 25.Qe2 Bg6 26.exf6 gxf6 27.Qe3! The queen is ready for a lateral attack on Nb3. Black's minor pieces are an indefensible clump on the queenside. 27...Bc2 28.f4! f5 is the threat and Black is going to be overwhelmed on the kingside while his minor pieces are jammed up on the queenside. **24.Nd4?**= Missing a golden opportunity. 24.Bc4! Rad8 25.Qe2! Black's stray queenside pieces are the target. 25...Bg6 26.Qd1+- One of Black's stray queenside pieces is lost. **24...Nxd4 25.Bxd4= Bxa4** At last Black captures the loose a-pawn but White has plenty of compensation because of the awkward position of Black's pieces on the queenside. **26.Rc1!**? White has a tactical sequence in mind to take

advantage of the bad position of Ba4. **26...Qd7** (0.19) Getting out of the pin and allowing ..Bc6 after which Black will have some chances with an extra pawn. **27.Rxa4** (0.27) White chooses to force a repetition to end an interesting skirmish. **27...Qxa4 28.Bb5 Qa2** 28...Qb3!? would keep the game going but the unbalanced ending is even. 29.Bxc5 Qxb2 (29...Qxe3? 30.Bxe3+-) 30.Bd4 Bd2! 31.Bxb2 Bxe3 32.Ra1= Black can make no headway on the queenside. **29.Bc4 Qa4** Black chooses the peaceful way out and both sides can be happy. **30.Bb5** An interesting game with many hidden tactical nuances that both players missed during the game. **1/2-1/2**

JACK YOOS ANNOTATES

We here finish our presentation of Jack Yoos' games from last year's Keres, just in time for this year's event.

Rivas Pastor, Manuel - Yoos, Jack [B50] Keres mem 35th Richmond (4.1), 23.05.2010

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.c3 Nf6 4.h3 g6 5.Bd3 Bg7 6.Bc2 0-0 7.0-0 Qc7 8.d4 Nfd7!? Anticipating e5 without committing to pawn structure changes. **9.a4 a6 10.Re1 b6 11.Bg5 Re8 12.Nbd2 Bb7 13.Bh4?!** This is playing the bishop out of the action. **13...cxd4! 14.cxd4 Nc6** Now Black is fully active. **15.Nf1 e5** As White's pieces are not in the action he cannot control the centre. 15...Nxd4? 16.Nxd4 Bxd4 17.Qxd4 Qxc2 18.Rac1 Qb3 19.Rc7 Bc8 20.Ne3 with the initiative.



16.Bb3? 16.d5 Nb4 17.Bb1 Nc5 18.Ne3 f5 19.exf5 e4 20.Nd4 Qf7 with the initiative; 16.dxe5 Ndx5=/+ **16...Nxd4 17.Rc1 Nc5+** and White is pretty much losing and he is likely to lose a second pawn after Black releases the pin with ... Qd7. Of course in hindsight I regret the draw. I underestimated how good my position was. A draw kept me in the lead with the White pieces coming up next. I convinced myself that it was good enough and that there was no need to go for it yet. I also admit I get nervous playing GMs. It's irrational because I usually do just fine. Self confidence is always a challenge in competition. Hopefully I won't make the same mistake again. **1/2-1/2**

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

Being my game with the advantage of the White pieces in the last rounds of the tournament, this is where I wanted to make my move to try to secure first place. **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** With the Black king out of the centre and the knight actively posted on f5, breaking open the centre is considerably more justified than in the comparable position from my game against Grund (see [Bulletin #212](#)). **12.dxc5 Nxc5 13.b4 Ne4 14.Qb3 Bg5?** After this, Black's position starts to go down hill quickly. **15.Nxe4 dxe4 16.Rad1! Qe7 17.Nxg5 Qxg5 18.Rd7+/-**



18...Rfd8 19.Bc1! At this point I fully expected to win. Black's eggs are all in one basket. My king has lots of company in the neighbourhood but it is not really weak and so it is doubtful that a kingside attack will do anything more than tie me down. On the other hand, Black does not have the forces to resist White on the queenside or in the centre. **19...Qh4 20.g3** Like the game against Grund I had too many pleasant options and I made the mistake of being too patient wanting a win without risk. **20.Rfd1 Rxd7 21.Rxd7 b6 22.g3 Qh3 23.Bf1 Qh5 24.h3+/- 20...Qh3 21.Qd1 Rxd7 22.Qxd7 Rf8 23.Qd1 23.Qxb7? Nd4 24.Bd1 f6 25.exf6 Rxf6** with counterplay. **23...h5** White is dominating most of the board. All Black has here is to play for some tricks against the king. **24.Bf4 Kh7 25.Re1 f6 26.Bf1**

26.exf6 gxf6 (26...Rxf6 27.Bf1 Qg4 28.Qxg4 hxg4 29.Be5 Rf8 30.Bg2+/-) 27.Qd7+/- 26...Qg4 27.Qxg4? Horrible! **27.Bg2+/- 27...hgx4 28.Bg2?** And worse! **28.Be2 Nd4 29.Bxg4 Bf5 30.Bd1+/- 28...Nd4** At this point I was feeling nauseous about what I had done to my position. **29.Bxe4 29.Rxe4!?** **Bxe4 30.Bxe4+ f5 31.Bxb7 unclear. 29...Bxe4 30.Rxe4 Nf3+** Although complicated, in all likelihood Black should be winning here. **30...Rd8 31.Kf1 31.Kf1 f5 31...Rd8 32.exf6 gxf6 33.Be3 e5 34.c5 f5 35.Rc4 Rd1+ 36.Ke2 Ra1? 37.b5** with counterplay.



32.Re2?! **32.Re3 Rd8 33.Rc3 32...Rd8?** **32...Nxb2+** and since the king does not have e2, Black will gain a tempo. **33.Ke1 Rd8-/+ 33.Ra2 g5=/+ 34.Be3 a6 35.Ke2 Kg6 36.a4 Nxe5 37.c5 Nf3 38.b5** With counterplay. **e5** It's too late to slow down the pawns... **38...Rc8 39.c6 bxc6 40.bxa6 Ra8 41.a7 e5 42.Rc2 39.c6 bxc6 40.bxc6 Ng1+ 41.Kf1 Nf3 42.Ke2 Ng1+** At the same time a relief and a horrible disappointment. A lucky save at the end, but the point should have been in my pocket in the first hour of play. Probably the critical game of the tournament as it allowed my competitors to catch up in the standings. Going for more is dangerous: **42...Rc8 43.Rc2 Nxb2 44.c7 Nf3 45.Bb6 Kf6 (45...f4 46.Rc6+ Kf7 47.Rd6 Nd4+ 48.Kd3 Ne6 49.Rd8) 46.Rc5 Ke6 47.Ra5 f4 48.Kd3. 1/2-1/2**

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Some would find it ideal that I play Orlov in the last round of the Keres for all of the marbles. However, from a competitive perspective it is far from ideal for Orlov and I. It is much preferable for us to play earlier where we are less hesitant to take chances. A mistake now is final as there is no

time for a comeback. I always found the least appealing aspect of tournament chess to be the pressure and stress. In a last round situation like this, the tension is at its highest. **1.e4** Georgi and I have played about a dozen times over the years and the results have been roughly balanced. This is no doubt in part because I've had the luck of the draw - more Whites than Blacks. **1...c5** I had wondered what he would choose. Georgi has not put much effort into his preparation in years, whereas I usually do some basic maintenance about once a year to keep up with things. This puts Georgi at a disadvantage in the opening against me. In fact it is certainly a significant reason why I have been able to be competitive over the years against such a strong opponent. Playing **1...c5** was not a surprise as Georgi had mainly alternated playing the Sicilian, the Caro and the Pirc against me. The Sicilian certainly suits my style the most. But contrary to what you would expect, Georgi has gotten better openings against me with **1...c5** than the alternatives. **2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Qc7 5...Nf6 6.0-0** (6.Qe2 d6 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.c4 g6 9.Nb3 Bg7 10.Bf4 Qe7 11.Nc3 0-0 12.Qd2 Rd8 13.Rad1 e5 14.Bg5 Nb6 15.Rc1 Be6 16.Na5 Rdc8 17.b3 and Black's position was unpleasant in Yoos-Eric Hansen, Canadian Open, Edmonton 2009.) **6...d6 7.c4 Nbd7** (7...Be7 8.b3 0-0 9.Bb2 Nbd7 10.Nc3 Re8 11.Qe2 Bf8 12.Rad1 g6 13.Bb1 b6 14.f4 e5 15.Nc2 exf4 16.Rxf4 Ne5 17.Ne3 Bh6 18.Rff1 Bb7 19.Ned5 Bxd5 20.Nxd5 Nxd5 21.Rxd5 Qc7 1/ 2-1/2 Charbonneau-Spraggett, Canadian Ch, Vancouver 2002.) **8.Nc3 Qc7 9.b3 b5** See the comments to White's ninth move. **10.Bb2 b4 11.Na4 Bb7 12.Qe2 Be7 13.f4 0-0 14.Kh1 g6 15.f5 e5 16.Nc2 a5 17.a3 bxa3 18.Nxa3 Bc6 19.Nb5 Qb7 20.Rae1 Rfe8 21.Qf3 Bf8 22.Bc1 Qb8 23.g4** a very sharp game which White eventually won was Charbonneau-Spraggett, Canadian ch playoff (30 min games) g/2, Vancouver 2002. **6.Qe2** More common is to play 6.0-0, but as Black has not shown his intentions yet, I prefer to stay flexible, keeping open the option of queenside castling. **6...d6 7.0-0 Nf6** Note that in the Kan, playing ... b5 early, before White has played Nc3, runs into a4! **8.c4 Be7 9.b3** This move order allows White to fianchetto while avoiding a tactic. The idea is that after Nc3 and b3 the knight on c3 is indirectly vulnerable which allows counterplay with b5 because of the pin down the c-file. **9...Nc6 9...b6 10.Bb2 Bb7 11.Nd2 Nbd7** transposes to a game played by my friend Oliver Schulte. At the time I had been trying to remember this game as Oliver's opening was quite successful. Although it is not an accurate comparison as the knight on c6 rather than d7 is a significant difference. **12.f4 0-0 13.Rae1 Rfd8 14.Kh1 Rac8 15.Bb1 e5 16.Nf5 Bf8 17.g4 g6 18.Ng3 exf4 19.Rxf4 Bg7 20.Ref1** was Schulte-N. Davies, Keres Memorial, Vancouver 2005, where White had considerable pressure. **10.Bb2 0-0 11.Nd2** I will need to rethink my move order here. As it turned out, my opening was not a success. **11...Bd7 12.Rac1 Nxd4** A typical freeing maneuver à la Korchnoi Scheveningen games. **13.Bxd4 Bc6**



Black seems quite comfortable now. **14.f4?!** Impatient. There was no need to hurry this as Black was not even close to threatening d5. After this Black has a direct route to counterplay. Flexible was **14.Qe3** with the idea of Qg3 or Qh3 pointing at the Black king. **14...e5** With counterplay. **15.Bb2 15.Be3** was less ambitious but more reliable. **15...exf4 16.Rxf4 Nd7 17.Rcf1 Ne5** and Black has good control of the central squares. Although neither side has anything to get excited about here. Being that both of us were quite tired after a long weekend, we decided to call it a day resulting in a group of us sharing first. **1/2-1/2**

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