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HERE AND THERE

EAC Chess Arts Open #16 (October 27-28)

The latest open tournament organized, directed, and hosted by Eugenio Alonso Campos attracted a total of five players, thus a round robin was held. After some sub-par performances of late Peter Yee came out on top, taking clear first with 3.5/4. His draw was with Eugenio Alonso Campos, who gave up another draw to tail-ender Constantin Rotariu in finishing second. Ashley Tapp was third and achieved her best performance rating to date. [Crosstable](#)

16th Unive Chess Festival (October 19-27)

Held in Hooegeveen (the Netherlands), the festival consisted of a Crown Group, an Open, and a couple of amateur events. The Crown Group, a four-player double round robin, was headed by sometime BC resident Hikaru Nakamura. Nakamura has had a rocky time in his last few events but took first here with 4.5/6, ahead of Sergei Tiviakov, Anish Giri, and Women's World Champion Yifan Hou. The other main event was the Open, a nine-round tournament which attracted seventy-eight players, including BC's Leon Piasetski. All the top places were taken by Dutch players: Erwin L'Ami and Friso Nijboer tied for first with 7.0/9, while Sipke Ernst, veteran Jan Timman, Robin van Kampen, and Manuel Bosboom all finished with 6.5 points. Piasetski scored 5.0 points and tied for twenty-second place. [Crosstables and games](#)

Piasetski, Leon - van Kampen, Robin [D12] 16th Unive Open Hooegeveen NED (2), 20.10.2012

1.c4 c6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e3 Nf6 4.d4 Bf5 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nh4 Be4 7.f3 Bg6 8.Qb3 Qc7 9.g3 Be7 10.Bd2 Nbd7 11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.Ng2 Nxc3 13.bxc3 e5 14.Bc4 0-0 15.0-0 Nb6 16.Be2 c5 17.a4 Rad8 18.a5 Nc8 19.e4 Kh8 20.Ne3 exd4 21.cxd4 Bf6 22.e5 Bxe5 23.dxe5 Rxd2 24.Rae1 Ne7 25.Nc4 Rd7 26.e6 fxe6 27.f4 Nc6 28.Qe3 Rd4 29.Qxe6 Re8 30.Qh3 Bf7 31.Qf5 Qd7 32.Qxc5 Rxe2 33.Qf8+ Bg8 34.Rxe2 Rxc4 35.Re8 Qd4+ 36.Rf2 Rc1+ 37.Kg2 Qd5+ 38.Kh3 Qh5+ 39.Kg2 Qd5+ 40.Kh3 Rd1 41.f5 Ne5 42.f6 Qd7+ 43.Kg2 Qd5+ 44.Kh3 Qd7+ ½-½

Lessmann, Francis - Piasetski, Leon [A91] 16th Unive Open Hooegeveen NED (5), 23.10.2012

1.d4 e6 2.c4 f5 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 Be7 5.b3 0-0 6.Nh3 d5 7.0-0 c5 8.dxc5 d4 9.Nf4 e5 10.Nd5 Nxd5 11.Bxd5+ Kh8 12.b4 a5 13.e3 dxe3 14.fxe3 axb4 15.Nd2 Bxc5 16.Nb3 Ba7 17.Kh1 Na6 18.Bb2 Qe7 19.e4 Nc7 20.Qh5 Nxd5 21.cxd5 Bb8 22.h4 Ra6 23.Bc1 f4 24.Qg5 Qd7 0-1

October Active (October 21)

The October active tournament at the Vancouver Bridge Centre saw a three-way tie for first between Ryan Lo, James Chan, and Ben Daswani, all scoring 3.5/4. Another triumvirate consisting of Dragoljub Milicevic, Wayne Kort, and Alice Xiao finished a half point back, but only Alice received a prize (the U1900, her second in as many actives). Nathan Shao won the U1500 prize, Dejan Radic the Biggest Upset. Twenty-eight players participated; the organizer/director was Luc Poitras. [Crosstable](#)

Vancouver Rapid Chess Team Championship

The Lower Mainland has a new team championship. Competition details are lacking from the league [website](#), but we understand the teams meet in Scheveningen-style competition during the year, with playoffs at the end of the season. At this point six teams are competing: Vancouver Chess School, Port Coquitlam Chess Club, Chigorin Chess Club, UBC Chess Team, SFU Chess Club, and a team of BC Juniors. Team composition and results to date can be found on the website.

World Youth Chess Championship (November 8-18)



The WYCC begins next week in Maribor, Slovenia. As usual, a number of B.C. juniors are going to participate in the tournament, including Neil, Joshua, and John Doknjas, Ashley Tapp, Jason Cao, and Alice Xiao. A team Canada [website](#) has been set up and you are invited to view it for further information; also, if you wish to support the team financially, donations can be made through the website. If previous years are anything to go by, there will likely be live broadcast of some games, but only those on the top boards of each section. Watch for updates on the official [event site](#), or the previously listed team Canada site for Canadian news.

TOROKVES RR A (September 12-28) by Michael Yip

Juniors did well at Torokves in the RR A group. Szatmari, D took clear first with 7/9 and was never really challenged. Juniors also took the next two places before the middle-aged players could make any impression. Orfei had bad luck in several games as time pressure spoiled many promising positions. Csillag played some aggressive and creative chess for a good result. My play was so-so as I could not do much in good positions but manage to win a couple of suspicious positions. My plus one score was a bit disappointing but I did not play well enough to deserve anything more.

My round nine game was played one day ahead of the other games to allow my opponent to give a simul at his school. I managed to beat Palla, A (1975) with white in a Meran (D49) to finish the tournament with a modest 5/9 (+3-2=4). My score was nothing special but the tournament was a great time as usual for for the bargain price of 5,500HUF (19.4EUR/25USD/24.54CAN). A great deal for a one-game-per-day RR with modest prizes for 1st-2nd-3rd. No fee for joining the Hungarian Federation either. Now I am patiently waiting for the Budapest Discount Card which gives the holder 10% off the entry fee for all Budapest tournaments.

In the Open section Furedi, E (Junior) had a massive 8/9 beating the top seed in the last round.

Final Standings

	Rating	Pts
Szatmari, D	2056	7
Ruck, R	1985	5.5
Farkas, R	2117	5.5
Yip, M (CAN)	2087	5
Palla, A	1974	4.5
Csillag, J	1925	4.5
Takacs, K	1897	4
Bartuszek, A	1924	4
Nagy, L	1968	3.5
Orfei, R	1973	1.5

Yip, Michael - Orfei, Rolando [E97] Torokves RR A (2), 14.09.2012

I needed to win this game to make up the for awful loss in round 1 where I blew a very promising position. **1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nf3 0-0 5.e4** Usually I play g3 lines so I really had not much of an idea of what to do. **5...d6 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.b4 Nh5 10.Re1!?** An idea of I.Sokolov that has become the main line. **10...f5** White has a couple of decent moves to choose from but the move played is simply awful.



11.exf5? An outright blunder. Sadly there's not much excuse for this kind of mistake in a one-game-a-day RR with a day break between games. 11.Ng5 is the big move. 11...Nf6 12.Bf3 c6 13.dxc6 bxc6 14.exf5 gxf5 15.b5! Attacking the queenside. 15...e4 16.Be2 c5 17.a4 Ng6 18.Ra3! A useful move that allows the rook to play a strong dual purpose role and at the same time negates any tactical shots on the a1–h8 diagonal. 18...Kh8 19.Nd5 h6 20.Nh3 Be6 21.Nhf4! The knights exploit the holes the the position very well. 21...Nxf4 22.Nxf4 Bf7 23.Bb2 d5 24.cxd5 Nxd5 25.Qa1 Bxb2 26.Qxb2+ Qf6 27.Qxf6+ Nxf6 28.Rc3 Rac8 29.Rec1 Nd7 30.Bc4 Kh7 31.Be6 Bxe6 32.Nxe6 Rfe8 33.Nxc5 Nb6 34.g3 f4 35.gxf4 Nd5 36.Rc4 e3 37.fxe3 Nxe3 38.Rd4 Re7 39.h3 Rg8+ 40.Kf2 Rg2+ 41.Kf3 Rh2 42.Rd7 Rxh3+ 43.Kf2 Rxd7 44.Nxd7 Kg6 45.Rc7 h5 46.Rxa7 h4 47.b6 Ng4+ 48.Ke2 Re3+ 49.Kd2 h3 50.b7 Rb3 51.Ra6+ Kh5 52.Nb6 1–0 Wojtaszek,R-Radjabov,T /Istanbul TUR 2012; 11.c5 is also a natural plan. 11...Nf6 12.Bg5 Ne8 13.a4 h6 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.c6 bxc6 16.dxc6 Be6 17.Bd3 Rd8 18.Rc1 Qf7 19.Qc2 fxe4 20.Bxe4 g5 21.Rcd1 Nf6 22.Bg6 Qe7 23.b5 Kh8 24.a5 Rb8 25.Rb1 Nd5 26.Nxd5 Bxd5 27.Be4 Be6 28.Red1 g4 29.Ne1 Qf7 30.Bg6 Qf6 31.Be4 Qf7 32.Bg6 Qf6 33.g3 d5 34.Ng2 Bg8 35.Nh4 Be6 36.Qc5 Ra8 37.Bc2 e4 38.Bb3 d4 39.Bxe6 Qxe6 40.Qe7 Qxe7 41.Ng6+ Kh7 42.Nxe7 Rf7 43.Nd5 Be5 44.Re1 Rd8 45.Nb4 e3 46.Nd3 Rd5 47.Kg2 Bd6 48.Re2 h5 49.b6 axb6 50.axb6 cxb6 51.Rxb6 h4 52.gxh4 Rh5 53.Rb7 Rxb7 54.cxb7 Rxh4 55.fxe3 Rxh2+ 56.Kf1 Rh1+ 57.Kg2 Rh2+ 58.Kf1 Rh1+ 59.Kg2 ½–½ Ding Liren-Wen Yang /Danzhou CHN 2012 **11...gxf5?!** A mistake in return. 11...e4! puts White in big trouble. 12.f6 (12.Nd4 Nxf5 13.Be3 Nxe3 14.fxe3 Qh4! Now Black has a quick attack brewing with ...Be5 coming next.) 12...Bxf6 13.Nd4 Nf5 14.Nxf5 Bxc3 15.Nh6+ Kg7 16.Bxh5 Qh4 17.Be3 Qxh5 18.Rc1 Qxd1 19.Rexd1-/+ **12.Bb2** A rather routine move that leads to a roughly balanced position. My priority was to get a playable position and play from there. 12.Qc2 Ng6 13.Bg5 Bf6 14.Be3 a5 Black get some chances with play on the queenside and White has the usual trumps.; 12.Qb3 Ng6 13.Bg5 Qe8 14.Rad1+/- **12...Nf4 13.Bf1 e4 14.Nd4** 14.g3 Is also nothing special. 14...Neg6 15.Nd4 Nd3 16.Bxd3 Bxd4 17.Be2 Bg7= **14...Neg6 15.g3 Nd3 16.Bxd3 Bxd4 17.Bf1** 17.Be2 makes sense too. **17...Bg7=**



The middlegame is well underway and I have my wish as the chances are roughly balanced. 17...Be5 is also a reasonable choice. 18.Rb1 Bd7 19.Qd2 Qe7 20.Bg2 Rae8= **18.Rb1** A cautious move which gives a roughly balanced game. 18.Qb3 a5 19.a3= **18...Ne5 19.Be2 f4?** This pawn sacrifice is ambitious but asks too much of the position. 19...a5!/? with counterplay. **20.Nxe4 Bf5** This innocent tempo gain forces White to make a good move. 20...a5 21.b5 Bf5 22.Bxe5 Bxe5

23.Bg4!± ; 20...Qd7 Transferring the queen to f5 in an odd self-blocking manner is relatively best. 21.c5 Qf5 22.Qc2 Bd7 23.Rbc1 (23.cxd6 cxd6 24.Rbd1=) 23...Rae8+/= **21.Bxe5!** A key exchange. 21.Bf1 Bg4 22.Be2 Bf5 23.Bxe5! Bxe5 24.Bg4± **21...Bxe5 22.Bd3+/-** A quickly played marginal move. Here I show an irresponsible lack of self-discipline and play a routine move. My lazy thought process was not even up to the task of generating any alternate candidate moves. 22.Bg4! is much stronger as the bishop forces the exchange of its colleague or gets to e6. 22...Bxe4 (22...Bxg4 23.Qxg4+ Kh8 24.Ng5 Qf6 25.Qh5 h6 26.Ne6 fxd3 27.fxd3 Qf2+ 28.Kh1 Qf3+ 29.Qxf3 Rxf3 30.Kg2 Rd3 31.Re2±) 23.Rxe4 Kh8 24.Be6± **22...fxg3 23.hxg3 Kh8?±**



Too slow. Better is 23...Qe7; Black needs development more than king safety. 24.Rb3 (24.Qc2 Qg7 with compensation; 24.Nc3 Qg7 25.Bxf5 Rxf5 26.Ne4 Bd4 27.Re2 Raf8 28.Qf1 Qe5) 24...Qg7 25.Bc2 Rae8 26.Rf3+/= **24.f4!+- Bd4+** Now White is winning easily. 24...Bxf4!? causes White some anxious moments. 25.gxf4 Qh4 (25...Rg8+ 26.Kf2 Qh4+ 27.Ke3 Rg2 28.Re2+- ; 25...Bxe4 26.Bxe4! The best capture as the bishop can head to the kingside and block checks with Bg2. 26...Rg8+ 27.Bg2 Qh4 28.Qd4+ Rg7 29.Re4+-) 26.Qf3 Rg8+ 27.Ng5 Rxd5+ 28.fxd5 Qxd5+ 29.Qg2+- **25.Kg2 Qd7 26.Ng5 Bg4?** Loses material. 26...Bg7 27.Ne6+- **27.Be2 Rxf4!?** A creative resource that falls short. **28.gxf4 Bxe2 29.Qxd4+ Kg8 30.Ne6** Ruthless. White does not allow even a single check. 30.Rxe2 Qg4+ A harmless check. 31.Kf1+- **30...Bg4 31.Qf6** With the simple threat of Qg5+. 31.Rb3 Re8 32.Rg3+- **31...h5 32.Rh1 Qh7 33.f5 Bxf5 34.Kh2 Bxe6 35.Qxe6+ Kh8 36.Qf6+** After an awful opening sequence I managed to outlast my overoptimistic opponent. 36.Rhg1! forces mate. **1-0**

27th Jack Taylor Memorial

Date: Nov. 10-11, 2012

Rounds: 5 Rounds, Open Swiss

Registration and full details: <http://www.victoriachessclub.pbworks.com/Jack-Taylor-Memorial>

UPCOMING EVENTS

UBC Thursday Night Swiss

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Irving K. Barber Learning Centre, 1961 East Mall, University of British Columbia entry fee \$21 Contact Aaron Cosenza, xramis1@yahoo.ca

For details of the following see www.chess.bc.ca

Jack Taylor Memorial

November 10-11, Victoria

2013 BC Senior Championship

January 11-13, 2013, Burnaby

BC Open

February 9-11, 2013, Richmond

Grand Pacific Open

March 29 – April 1, 2013, Victoria

Paul Keres Memorial

May 18-20, 2013, Richmond