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Stephen Wright

HERE AND THERE

EAC Chess Arts Open #17 (November 24-25)

Eugenio Alonso Campos was the host, organizer, and winner of the most recent EAC open event, scoring 4.0/5 to take clear first in the six player round robin. His only loss was to junior Paula Brewster, who tied for third with Constantin Rotariu on 2.5. Second was Peter Yee, who scored 3.5 points. [Crosstable](#)

Washington Class Championships (November 23-25)

One of Washington state's two large annual open tournaments (the other being the Washington Open on the Memorial Day weekend at the end of May), the Washington Class Championships took place on the American thanksgiving weekend, and as usual several B.C. players participated. Junior Max Gedajlovic tied for second in the Expert Section with 4.0/6, while Paul Leblanc tied for first with Nicolo Gelb in Class A. Paul's only loss came in the last round to fellow Canadian Jofrel Landingin, who tied for third with Joe Roback amongst others. Also from B.C. were James Chan, Jason Kenney, Severo Caluza, Doug Sly, and Brian Sullivan. [USCF crosstables](#)

World Senior Championship (November 12-24)



Leon Piasetski had an excellent result at the World Senior Championship, held at Kamena Vourla in Greece. In a field of 106 players he scored 7.5/11, tying for fourth and finishing eighth on tiebreak. Leon only lost one game, to Evgeny Sveshnikov in round ten. The overall winner was Jens Kristiansen of Denmark with 9.0 points, while Sveshnikov and top-ranked Anatoly Vaisser tied for second a half point back. The other Canadians in the field were Andre Zybura and William Doubleday (5.5), Ian Finlay (4.5), and Pierre Maheux (3.0). [Tournament website](#) [Final crosstable](#)

Suba, Mihai - Piasetski, Leon [A86] WSCC op 22nd Kamena Vourla (9.7), 22.11.2012

1.c4 f5 2.d4 Nf6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.Nc3 0-0 6.Nh3 d6 7.d5 Na6 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nf4 Rb8 10.Nb5 c5 11.a4 Nc7 12.Nxa7 g5 13.Nd3 Ra8 14.Nb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 h6 16.Ra3 Qe8 17.Ne1 Qh5 18.Nc2 f4 19.gxf4 gxf4 20.Bxf4 Ng4 21.Bg3 Bxb2 22.Ra2 Bg7 23.Qb1 Ne5 24.Ne3 Ng6 25.Be4 Nf4 26.Bxf4 Rxf4 27.Ng2 Be5 28.Nxf4 Bxf4 0-1

November Active (November 18)

Held not at its usual home (the Vancouver Bridge Centre) but instead at the Vancouver Chess School, the November Active attracted twenty-nine players. Of these, only three were above 2000; unsurprisingly they finished at the top of the crosstable, with Butch Villavieja and Dale Hoshizaki tying for first with 4.5/5, while Mayo Fuentebella was relegated into a tie with Constantin Rotariu for third after losing to Villavieja in round four. Constantin won the U2100 prize, Leo Erazo and Marionito Jose split the U1800, Tim Zheng, Lahiru Jayaweera and Daniel Du tied for the U1500, and Brian Butchart and Felix Zhou took the U1200. The biggest upset prize went to Kyle Zheng. Many thanks to Maxim Doroshenko for hosting the event. [Crosstable](#)

WORLD YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP (November 8-18)



This year's WYCC, held in Maribor, Slovenia, is now history. In our last report the top Canadians after nine rounds were Harmony Zhu (U8G, formerly of Burnaby), Qiyu Zhou (U12G), and Richard

Wang (U14) with 6.5 points each. In the last two games Qiyu Zhou could only manage a single draw and finished seventeenth overall in her section, Harmony won her round ten game but lost in the last round to finish eighth after tiebreaks, while Richard Wang won both his games for a final score of 8.5/11 and third place on tiebreaks, thus winning Canada's only medal of the event. The only other Canadian to achieve 7.0 points was Razvan Preotu in the U14 Open Section. B.C.'s highest scorer was Tanraj Sohal (U16) with 6.0 points, followed by Joshua Doknjas (U10) and Jason Cao (U12) on 5.5. Other B.C. participants were Neil and John Doknjas, Ashley Tapp, and Alice Xiao. Congratulations especially to Richard Wang and Harmony Zhu, but also to all the Canadian players for representing us so ably on the world stage.



Harmony Zhu on the left. The man standing behind her was handing out the prizes – Garry Kasparov ...

The best sources of information are the team [FaceBook](#) page and the official results site at [Chess Results](#). The tournament [website](#) has many photos, also all the available games can be downloaded.

Doknjas, Neil - Schoeman, Ewald [B34] WYCC U08 Maribor (4.53), 11.11.2012

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Bg7 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Be3 Nf6 7.f3 0–0 8.Qd2 Nxd4 9.Bxd4 Re8 10.g4 e5 11.Be3 d6 12.0–0–0 Nxc4 13.fxc4 Bxc4 14.Be2 Bxe2 15.Qxe2 Qd7 16.h4 Qe6 17.h5 a6 18.hxg6 fxg6 19.Bh6 Bxh6+ 20.Rxh6 Re7 21.Rdh1 Rd8 22.Qh2 Rdd7 23.Qh4 Rg7 24.Nd5 Rdf7 25.Qd8+ Rf8 26.Qb6 Rff7 27.b3 Qd7 28.Qg1 Qe6 29.Qg5 Rf8 30.Qh4 Qf7 31.Rxh7 Rxh7 32.Nf6+ Kh8 33.Qxh7+ Qxh7 34.Rxh7# 1–0

Sidorov, Anton - Doknjas, Joshua [A07] WYCC U10 Maribor (3.24), 10.11.2012

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 c6 4.0–0 Bf5 5.d3 e6 6.Nbd2 h6 7.Qe1 Be7 8.e4 Bh7 9.b3 0–0 10.e5 Nfd7 11.Bb2 a5 12.a4 Na6 13.Qe2 Nb4 14.Ne1 c5 15.f4 Qb6 16.Kh1 Qa6 17.c4 Nb6 18.Bc3 Rac8

19.Bxb4 cxb4 20.g4 Rfd8 21.f5 Bg5 22.Nef3 exf5 23.Nxg5 hxg5 24.gxf5 dxc4 25.Nxc4 Nd5 26.Nd6 Rxd6 27.exd6 Qxd6 28.Rae1 g6 29.Bxd5 Qxd5+ 30.Qe4 Qxb3 31.f6 Rf8 32.Qe3 Qxa4 33.Qxg5 Qc6+ 34.Re4 Kh8 35.Rf3 Rc8 36.Rf1 b3 37.Qh6 Rg8 38.Rf3 g5 39.Rfe3 b2 40.Re1 a4 41.h4 a3 42.hxg5 a2 43.Kh2 Qxe4 44.Rxe4 b1Q 45.Re8 Qc2+ 46.Kg3 Qxd3+ 47.Kg2 Qg6 48.Qg7+ Qxg7 49.fxg7+ Kxg7 50.Rxg8+ Bxg8 51.Kh3 a1Q 52.Kg2 Kg6 53.Kh3 Kxg5 54.Kh2 Kg4 55.Kg2 Qa2+ 56.Kh1 Kh3 0–1

Cao, Jason - Zamar Kodelja, Jurij [C76] WYCC U12 Maribor (10.43), 17.11.2012

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.0–0 Bg7 5.c3 a6 6.Ba4 d6 7.h3 Bd7 8.d4 Nf6 9.Re1 0–0 10.Nbd2 Re8 11.d5 Ne7 12.Bxd7 Qxd7 13.c4 Nh5 14.Nb1 h6 15.Nc3 Rf8 16.Bd2 f5 17.b4 fxe4 18.Nxe4 Nf4 19.Be3 Qf5 20.Nfd2 Rab8 21.Qb3 g5 22.Rad1 h5 23.c5 Nc8 24.Rc1 g4 25.h4 Qf7 26.g3 Kh8 27.Ng5 Qg8 28.gxf4 exf4 29.Ne6 fxe3 30.Qxe3 Rf5 31.Nxg7 Qxg7 32.Qe8+ Kh7 33.Ne4 Qf8 34.Ng5+ Kh6 35.Re6+ 1–0

Tapp, Ashley - Batawala, N Navodya [D46] WYCC U12G Maribor (3.49), 10.11.2012

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 b6 4.e3 Bb7 5.Nf3 Be7 6.Bd3 d6 7.0–0 Nbd7 8.b3 c5 9.Bb2 0–0 10.Qe2 d5 11.Rfd1 dxc4 12.Bxc4 cxd4 13.exd4 Nd5 14.Nxd5 Bxd5 15.Rac1 Nf6 16.Ne5 Rc8 17.Bxd5 Qxd5 18.Nc4 Rfd8 19.Qe5 Ng4 20.Qxd5 Rxd5 21.Ne3 Rxc1 22.Rxc1 Nxe3 23.fxe3 h6 24.Rc4 Bg5 25.Bc1 Ra5 26.a4 Ra6 27.Rc6 Ra5 28.Bd2 Rd5 29.b4 Rd7 30.Kf2 e5 31.Bc3 exd4 32.Bxd4 g6 33.Ke2 Kf8 34.Kd3 Ke7 35.Kc4 Rd6 36.Kb5 Rd7 37.g3 h5 38.h4 Bh6 39.Bf6+ Ke8 40.Rc8+ Rd8 41.Rxd8# 1–0

Doknjas, John - Loh, Zachary [D85] WYCC U14 Maribor (9.42), 16.11.2012

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 c5 8.Rb1 0–0 9.Be2 Nc6 10.d5 Ne5 11.Nxe5 Bxe5 12.Qc2 f5 13.f4 Bg7 14.Bf3 fxe4 15.Bxe4 Bf5 16.0–0 Bxe4 17.Qxe4 Bxc3 18.Rxb7 Bd4+ 19.Kh1 Rf5 20.Qe6+ Kh8 21.Rd7 Qg8 22.g4 Rf6 23.Qxg8+ Kxg8 24.Re1 Rd6 25.Rc7 Rxd5 26.Rexe7 Bf6 27.Rf7 Rd1+ 28.Kg2 Bd4 29.Be3 Bxe3 30.Rg7+ Kf8 31.Rgf7+ Ke8 32.Rfe7+ Kf8 ½–½

Sohal, Tanraj - Lokander, Martin [D85] WYCC U16 Maribor (6.20), 12.11.2012

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Be3 c5 8.Qd2 Qa5 9.Rc1 0–0 10.Nf3 Rd8 11.d5 e6 12.Bg5 f6 13.Be3 exd5 14.exd5 Nc6 15.Bd3 c4 16.Bxc4 Be6 17.dxc6 Bxc4 18.cxb7 Rab8 19.Nd4 Qd5 20.f3 Rd7 21.Kf2 f5 22.Rhd1 Qxb7 23.Qc2 Re8 24.Qa4 Bf7 25.Re1 Rc8 26.Rb1 Qd5 27.Ne2 Re7 28.Bd4 Qxa2 29.Qxa2 Bxa2 30.Ra1 Bc4 31.Bxg7 Rxg7 32.Nd4 a6 33.Reb1 Rgc7 34.Ra3 Kf8 35.Ke3 Ke7 36.Kd2 Kd7 37.g3 Ke7 38.Rb6 Kf7 39.Ra1 Ke7 40.f4 Rc5 41.Rb7+ R8c7 42.Re1+ Kd7 43.Rb8 Rc8 44.Rb6 Kc7 45.Rb2 Kd7 46.Ra1 Bd5 47.Rxa6 Rxc3 ½–½

Blagojevic, Tijana - Xiao, Alice [B01] WYCC U16G Maribor (3.19), 10.11.2012

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4 c6 5.Bd2 Qc7 6.Bd3 Nf6 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.Qe2 Nbd7 9.Bc4 e6 10.h3 Bh5 11.g4 Bg6 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Nd7 14.f4 Bxc2 15.Rc1 Bg6 16.h4 h5 17.f5 exf5 18.e6 Ne5 19.gxf5 Bxf5 20.exf7+ Kd7 21.Bf4 Nd3+ 22.Bxd3 Qxf4 23.Bxf5+ Qxf5 24.Rd1+ Kc7 25.Qh2+ Kb6 26.Qg1+ Ka6 27.Rd4 Bc5 28.Ra4+ Kb6 29.Qf1 Qc2 30.Rc4 Rhe8+ 31.fxe8Q Rxe8+ 32.Re4 Qc1+ 33.Ke2 Qxb2+ 34.Kf3 Qxc3+ 35.Kf4 Rf8+ 36.Kg5 Qg3+ 0–1

IN MEMORIAM ELENA DONALDSON (March 11, 1957 – November 18, 2012)

With sadness we note the passing of Elena Donaldson (née Akhmilovskaya) at the age of fifty-five after a long battle with brain cancer. One of the strongest female players in the former Soviet Union, Elena Akhmilovskaya played for the country of her birth in three olympiads, scoring a perfect 10.0/10 and individual gold medal in Buenos Aires 1978. Awarded the WGM title in 1977, Akhmilovskaya played an unsuccessful match for the world championship against Maia Chiburdanidze in 1986. In her last olympiad playing for the Soviet Union (Thessaloniki, 1988) she scored 8.5/9 and won the silver medal on board two; however, the story of the olympiad was Akhmilovskaya's secret marriage to American team captain John Donaldson and subsequent departure before the tournament had ended. Apart from the political ramifications, this was likely one of the reasons why the Soviet women's team finished second to the Hungarians (the Polgar sisters with Ildiko Madl) by a mere half point.

The couple settled in Seattle and Elena subsequently won three U.S. women's championships and played for her adopted country in a further five olympiads. Locally she participated in several Keres tournaments, always finishing a half point away from the top honours (tied with Leon Piasetski and Juri Vetemaa in 1990 behind Jonathan Berry and John Donaldson, tied with Ray Stone in 1991 behind Ljubomir Ftacnik, and clear second in 1994 behind Berry, Vetemaa and Gary Basanta). She was also the Washington representative in the 1992 WA – BC "champions" match on the big chess square at Park Royal Mall against Jonathan Berry (she won both games on time). In 1995 Elena tied for first in the Washington Championship with the man who became her third husband, Georgi Orlov. In fact, she was married to the two men who won the most Keres tournaments – John Donaldson in the first half of its history, Georgi Orlov in the latter half. Elena's last tournament was the 2003 U.S. Championship; since then she concentrated on teaching and running various chess camps, often in conjunction with Georgi.



With Jonathan Berry at Park Royal, 1992

[Obituary](#) in the *New York Times*.

In her memory we reproduce the following article, written by Elena Donaldson and published in *Counterplay*, August 1994:

DEFENCE, COUNTERPLAY AND STEREOTYPES

Players get into passive positions for different reasons. Either it's a poor opening or the brilliant play of the opponent. Often, players purposely go into defence, provoking the opponent to aggressive actions. I would like to pinpoint one type of passive or "stagnant" position and warn you to always try to avoid them. Basically, these situations are very easy to recognize.

1. One side has a space advantage.
2. Almost all the pieces are on the board so the active side has very easy maneuvering.
3. The whole position is blocked (usually no open lines, no movements), but there is a pawn breakthrough possibility on one of the flanks, which is controlled by the active side.

The major drawback in such situations is the player hopes that he will withstand the breakthrough and will be successful in his defence behind the walls. Sometimes it does work but most of these positions are very hard to defend. First of all, the active side may maneuver and improve pieces as long as it needs to and the defensive side often loses patience and makes a mistake.

It is important to recognize the danger of approaching such positions. Preparing counterplay on the opposite side or in the centre (open line, possible breakthroughs) might be sufficient enough to prevent the opponent from the one-way attack.

Herder, Dave - Donaldson, Elena [C50] Keres mem 19th Vancouver (5), 22.05.1994

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d3 Bc5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Nc3 As an e5-player I feel much more uncomfortable when White plays the system with c2-c3 and Nbd2. There White has a wide choice of plans: on the queenside (b4, a4), in the centre (Re1, Nf1-g3, d4), and on the kingside. **5...h6 6.0-0 0-0 7.Bb3 d6 8.h3 a6 9.Ne2** 9.a3 was better with the idea to avoid a knight for bishop exchange. Usually, White tries to keep his light-squared bishop on the board, expecting, in the future, to use its power on the diagonal a2-g8. **9...Na5 10.c3 Nxb3 11.axb3 Re8 12.b4 Ba7 13.c4** White is playing against d6-d5 and making barricades against Black's two bishops. **13...c6 14.Bd2 d5 15.Qc2 Bd7 16.Bc3 Bb8 17.Rfd1 d4** I considered that my space advantage, two bishops and the weakness on b4 would give me good chances for success. **18.Bd2 Nh7 19.Ng3 Ng5!?** Here I only considered 20.Bxg5 or 20.Nh2 with good play for Black in both lines. I underestimated White's next move and the whole idea for White's defence. Another option for Black here was 20...Bd6, Bf8, with the idea of g7-g6 and f7-f5. **20.Bxg5!?** An interesting idea for defence. White had estimated that the King's position would be guarded by the knight and the queenside looked safely blocked. White only had one problem - absence of counterplay.



20...hxg5 21.Nh2 g6 22.f3 f5 Doesn't it look like a logical move? I did not have any doubts about it. Meanwhile, there was a drawback with this move. In two moves it became clear that Black could not break through on the kingside, therefore f7-f5 just created weaknesses in the Black position. Instead of the text, 22...Qe7, 23...Bd6 provoking c5, and then Re8 and b6, to follow the same plan that happened in the game, but without wasting time! 23.Nh1 Qe7 24.Qd2 Bd6 25.c5 Bc7 26.Nf2 Kg7 27.Rdc1 Rh8 28.Ra3 Raf8 29.Rc2 Bd8 30.Qd1 Qf6 31.Re2 Re8 32.Ra1 Qe6 33.Ra3 Bc7 34.Qd2 Qe7 35.Ra1 Ra8!?



I played several meaningless moves trying to figure out how to break through the White defence. A simple plan with Ra8, Rb8, and b6 came to my mind in a very last (but not the best) moment. 36.Ree1 White had an interesting idea: 36.exf5 gxf5 37.f4!? gxf4 38.Qxf4 Qf6 39.Qf3 with a following g4. Considering the time control, this might be a good try. 36...Rhb8 37.Rec1 Probably, the exchange on f5 had a "wrong way" image for both players, because I did not see this chance during the game either. Again, White had a good moment to start complications after 37.exf5 gxf5 38.f4!? 37...b6 38.Ra4 bxc5 39.bxc5 Rb3 40.g4?!

This was the last opportunity for White to create some activity after 40.exf5 gxf5 41.g4 acquiring the square e4 for one of the knights. **40...f4 41.Ra3 Rxa3 42.bxa3 Rb8 43.Nd1 Rb5 44.Nb2 Ba5 45.Qc2 Be6 46.Nc4 Bc3! 47.a4 Rb4 48.Rb1 Qxc5 49.Rxb4 Qxb4 50.Nxe5 Qc5 0-1**

BI-WEEKLY BAFFLER by Valer Eugen Demian



#2: White to move. What should be the result of this endgame? Provide the best solution you can think of.

#1 Answer:

White would mate in one if he could break the pin along the e-file. At the same time White cannot castle King side with tempo (the King would be in check), so the only way to break the pin would be to force the Re8 to move away. This should be enough to lead to the solution: 1.Bxf7+ Kxf7 2.Rf1+ (it does not have to be castling!) Kg8 3.Rf8+ Rxf8 4.Qg7#

BC Junior Championship

December 1-2, Arbutus Shopping Centre,
Vancouver
[Event flyer](#)

EAC Open #18

December 15-16, Surrey
[Details](#)

Knightmare Junior Tourney #1

December 29
Fraserview Library, Vancouver
[Event flyer](#)

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
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December 1-2, Vancouver Chess School

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December Active

December 29, Vancouver Chess School

January Active

January 6, 2013, Vancouver Bridge Centre

2013 BC Senior Championship

January 11-13, 2013, Burnaby

BC Active Championship

January 19-20, 2013, Vancouver Chess School

BC Open

February 9-11, 2013, Richmond

March Active

March 10, Vancouver Bridge Centre

Grand Pacific Open

March 29 – April 1, 2013, Victoria

Paul Keres Memorial

May 18-20, 2013, Richmond