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HERE AND THERE

World Junior Championship (August 8-21)

This year's [World U20 Championship](#) is currently taking place in the city of Bhubaneswar on the east coast of India. The Canadian representative is from this province – Davaa-Ochir Nymadorj, who tied for first in the 2013 BC Junior and came clear second in the 2014 edition. He joins a select list of BC juniors who have participated in the world event: Duncan Suttles (1965), Nigel Fullbrook (1974), Andrew Ho (1997), and Bindi Cheng (2006). Given that the Canadian Junior has not been held since 2012 (declining prestige in comparison with the CYCC, lack of interest among organizers), one might ask how Davaa became the Canadian representative? Apparently he expressed interest in going and no one else did – this is good for Davaa, although we are not aware of the degree to which the CFC made other potential candidates aware of the possibility.

Back to chess. This year's world event is somewhat smaller and not as strong as usual, although there are eight grandmasters in the field along with other notable junior stars. These include Iranian sensation Parham Maghsoodloo, who had a 2862 performance rating in the recent [First Stars Cup](#), and Indian preteens(!) [Nihal Sarin](#) and [R. Praggnanandhaa](#); earlier this year the latter became, at the tender age of ten years and ten months, the youngest International Master in history. After five of thirteen rounds Indian GM Murali Karthikeyan leads the eighty-player field with 4.5 points. Davaa scored an upset victory against a Swedish FM in the first round when the latter didn't defend accurately enough against a rather speculative attack:

Nyamdorj, Davaa-Ochir - Lokander, Martin [C78] World U20 Bhubaneswar (1.32), 08.08.2016

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bb7 7.d3 Bd6 8.c3 0-0 9.Nbd2 Re8 10.Ng5 Rf8 11.f4 Bc5+ 12.Kh1 d6 13.Ndf3 h6 14.Nxf7 Rxf7 15.Ng5 hxg5 16.Bxf7+ Kxf7 17.fxg5 Qh8 18.gxf6 g6 19.b4 Bb6 20.Qb3+ Kf8 21.f7 Ne7 22.Bg5 Nf5 23.Rxf5 1-0

In round two Davaa was ground down by Maghsoodloo; he added another half point to his score in round five, but his opponent seems to have agreed to a draw in a winning position:

Nyamdorj, Davaa-Ochir - Karthik, Venkataraman [B00] Wch U20 Bhubaneswar (5.33), 12.08.2016

1.e4 b6 2.d4 Bb7 3.Nc3 e6 4.Nf3 Bb4 5.Bd3 Nf6 6.Qe2 d5 7.exd5 Qxd5 8.0-0 Bxc3 9.bxc3 Qh5 10.Ne5 Qxe2 11.Bxe2 0-0 12.a4 a5 13.Bf4 Nd5 14.Bd2 Nc6 15.Nd3 Ba6 16.Bf3 Rad8 17.Rfe1 Rfe8 18.Nf4 Bc4 19.Be2 Bxe2 20.Rxe2 Nce7 21.Nd3 Ng6 22.Rae1 Rf8 23.g3 Rd6 24.c4 Nde7 25.Bc3 Nf5 26.Re4 Rdd8 27.c5 Nge7 28.Ne5 Nd5 29.Ba1 Nb4 30.R4e2 bxc5 31.dxc5 Rd5 32.Bc3 Ra8 33.Rb1 Na6 34.Bxa5 Nd4 35.Re4 Nxc5 36.c4 Nxe4 37.cxd5 f6 38.Bxc7 fxe5 39.d6 Nc5 40.a5

Kf7 41.f4 exf4 42.Bb6 Ne2+ 43.Kf1 Na4 44.d7 Nxb6 45.axb6 Ke7 46.Kxe2 fxg3 47.Rd1 gxf2 48.b7 Rd8 49.Kf3 ½-½

North American Youth Chess Championships (August 7-11)

The third of the three major tournaments hosted at Caesars Hotel and Casino in Windsor, Ontario this summer (the others were the CYCC and Canadian Open), the North American Youth Chess Championships is a 'souped up' version of the CYCC. In other words, they have the same format of sections divided by gender and two-year age brackets, but made stronger by the inclusion of players from two other countries (U.S. and Mexico). In addition, direct titles (earned by placing in the top three in a section, rather than having to fulfill norm or rating requirements) are awarded in the NAYCC, which results in the event being that much more competitive.

As far as we can tell, sixteen players from this province journeyed/returned to Windsor for the tournament. Trophies were awarded down to sixth place and BC juniors received three of them: Sophia Yu (U8G) was fifth, Joshua Doknjas (U14) placed third, and John Doknjas (U18) also came fifth. Congratulations to them and to all the other participants.



(Photos by Victoria Jung-Doknjas)

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European Excursions

Max Gedajlovic has again participated in several tournaments in Europe. The first two were in the Barcelona region of Spain, beginning with the [39th Barbera Open](#) (July 4-12). The ninety-six player "A" Group included eight grandmasters; forty of the entrants were Spanish but thirty-one were from India, which says much for the development of chess in that country. There was a three-way tie for first between Cristobal Henriquez Villagra (Chile), Murali Karthikeyan (India), and Daniel Gurevich (U.S.) with 7.0/9; Max finished with 5.0 points, performing almost exactly as his rating (2302) would predict. Next up was the [42nd Sitges Open](#) (July 22-30), a familiar location as Max played in a tournament there last December. The "A" Group this time contained one hundred and six players including twenty-three from India, again by far the largest contingent from a non-Spanish Federation. Two grandmasters tied for first with 7.5 points, Sergey Volkov (Russia) and Karen Movsziszian (Armenia); Max had a good event, scoring a draw and a win against GMs Daniel Forcen Esteban (Spain) and Cristhian Cruz (Peru) before missing the last two rounds due to ill

health. Finally it was off to Eastern Europe and the [3rd Prague Summer Open](#) (August 5-12); another return, as Max participated in the first edition two years ago. Here the "A" Open had one hundred and thirty-four players, including sixteen from Germany and a mere dozen from India. Despite there being five GMs in the field the event was won by Czech FM Radek Londyn, whose 7.5/9 score included a win against Russian GM Alexei Gavrillov in the last round. Max again performed better than his rating, notably drawing with third-place finisher FM Daniel Malek of Germany in the fifth round and Swedish GM Pontus Carlsson in the last.

Gedajlovic, Max - Cruz, Cristhian [A55] Sitges op 42nd (6.7), 27.07.2016

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d6 3.c4 Nbd7 4.Nc3 e5 5.e4 Be7 6.Be2 0–0 7.0–0 c6 8.Qc2 a6 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.h3 b5 11.a3 Re8 12.Be3 Bb7 13.Rac1 Rac8 14.Qb1 Qb8 15.b4 exd4 16.Bxd4 Bf8 17.Bd3 h6 18.Re1 Rcd8 19.a4 bxa4 20.Nxa4 c5 21.bxc5 dxc5 22.Bb2 Nh5 23.Nc3 Nf4 24.Bf1 f5 25.Rcd1 fxe4 26.Nxe4 Qa8 27.Neg5 g6 28.Rxe8 Rxe8 29.Rxd7 hxg5 30.Nxg5 Re7 31.Rd6 Qe8 32.Bf6 Rd7 33.Rxd7 Qxd7 34.Be5 1–0

Carlsson, Pontus - Gedajlovic, Max [C07] Prague Summer op 3rd (9.7), 12.08.2016

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ngf3 cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd7 7.0–0 Nc6 8.Nb3 Nf6 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 a6 11.Re1 Bc5 12.Be3 Qc7 13.Bg5 Bd7 14.c3 0–0–0 15.Qe2 Rhe8 16.b4 Bb6 17.h3 Ba7 18.Bh4 e5 19.Nb3 Bf5 20.Nc5 Rd6 21.Rad1 Rc6 22.Qf3 Bc2 23.Rd2 Bxc5 24.Rxc2 Bxf2+ 25.Rxf2 Rxc4 26.Bxf6 gxf6 27.Qxf6 Rxc3 28.Qxf7 Qxf7 29.Rxf7 Rc7 30.Ref1 Ree7 31.Rxe7 Rxe7 32.Rf6 Rd7 33.Re6 Rd4 34.Rxe5 Rxb4 35.g4 Rb2 36.g5 Kd7 37.Rf5 Rxa2 38.Rf7+ Ke6 39.Rxb7 Kf5 40.h4 Kg6 41.Rb6+ Kg7 42.h5 Ra5 43.h6+ Kf7 44.Rf6+ Kg8 45.Kh2 Rxc5 ½–½

Surrey Open (July 30-31)

Organized and directed by Eugenio Alonso Campos, the [Surrey Open](#) was a five-round Swiss held over two-thirds of the BC Day long weekend. Originally scheduled for the Guru Angad Dev Elementary School, the tournament was moved at the last minute to the EAC Chess Club (located in the Campos basement). The event attracted twenty-four entrants, nine of whom were playing in a CFC regular-rated tournament for the first time. Clement Cheng, Jason Williamson, and Brandon Zhu tied for first with 4.0/5 each, a half point ahead of Daniel Salcedo, Ulvi Ibrahimov, and Kai Wang. Cheng gained close to 200 rating points for his efforts, while Williamson has only recently returned to competitive chess after an absence of sixteen years. A similar [event](#), FIDE-rated, will be held in memory of Peter Yee on the last weekend in August.

Canadian Excursions

Chess tournaments are frequently organized to take advantage of long weekends, and this year's August long weekend was no exception. Apart from the Surrey Open above, BC players took the opportunity to participate in at least two other events in Canada. Darren Bates was an entrant in the ninth edition of the [Calgary International](#) (July 27 – August 1), scoring 2.0 points from the six games he played. The tournament was a triumph for Canadian GM-elect Razvan Preotu, who took first place with 7.0 points, a half-point ahead of GMs Gil Popilski, Gata Kamsky, and Kayden Troff. The thirty-one player field also included Victor Mikhalevski and Lazaro Bruzon Batista.

Ebrahim-Shirazi, Behrooz - Bates, Darren [A90] Calgary int 9th (6.11), 30.07.2016

1.d4 f5 2.g3 e6 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.c4 Bb4+ 5.Nd2 c6 6.a3 Be7 7.Qc2 d5 8.Ngf3 0-0 9.0-0 Bd6 10.c5 Bc7 11.b4 Qe8 12.Bb2 Qh5 13.e3 Nbd7 14.b5 Ne4 15.bxc6 Ndf6 16.cxb7 Bxb7 17.Nxe4 fxe4 18.Ne5 Ba6 19.h3 Bxf1 20.Rxf1 Bxe5 21.dxe5 Nd7 22.Rc1 Rfc8 23.Bd4 Rc7 24.g4 Qg5 25.Qb2 Rb8 26.Qc3 Qe7 27.Bf1 Rbc8 28.Ba6 Rxc5 29.Bxc8 Rxc3 30.Rxc3 Nb6 31.Bxb6 axb6 32.Rc6 Qxa3 33.Bxe6+ 1/2-1/2

On the other side of the country Roger Patterson was an entrant in the [Maritime Open](#) (July 30 – August 1), held on the campus of University of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown. The twenty-four player event was won by Robert Hamilton with 5.5/6; Roger was one of the six players who tied for second with 4.0 points, the others being Richard Bowes, Joe Horton, Kevin Bu, Bill Bogle, and Jason Manley. Fred McKim was the organizer and director.

Susan Polgar Foundation Girls' Invitational (July 23-28)

Last year's twelfth edition of the SPFGI, the most prestigious all-girls tournament in the U.S., was the first to formally accept entrants from countries comprising the American continent, in addition to representatives from U.S. states as previously. This year the privilege was extended to individual Canadian provinces; BC's representative was Sherry (Shi Yuan) Tian, current Canadian U12 girls' champion, who won the right in a qualification tournament held under the auspices of the Golden Knights Junior CC last April. Sherry tied for thirty-first in the sixty-four player field with 3.0/6; the overall winners were Alice Dong, Paula Sarmiento Robles, Laura Zayas Gonzalez, and Veronika Zilajeva. Sherry won the fifth round upset prize for drawing with a player 450 rating points higher than herself. In addition to the FIDE-rated tournament there were also training sessions, along with tactics, blitz, and bughouse competitions. [SPFGI blog entries](#)



July Active (July 23)



Charles Wu, Oliver Dalton, Jason Williamson, Mayo Fuentesbella

With only sixteen registrants on the Wednesday before the event, it appeared that the July Active might have a rather low turnout. However, in what has become a tradition with VCS tournaments of late, the number of entrants more than doubled in the last two days, leading to a total entry of forty-two. Mayo Fuentebella was one of the last-minute entries in the twenty-two player Open Section but put up a picket fence of six straight wins in taking first place with a perfect score. Finishing one and a half points behind him in second place was Jason Williamson, playing in his first Canadian event in sixteen years. James Chan and Andrew Hemstapat scored four points along with visitors Trevor Johnson (Washington State) and Charles Wu (New York) and newcomer Oliver Dalton; the latter two tied for the U1800 prizes.



In the twenty-player Junior Section Stephanie Gu, David Liu, and Bruce Chen won class trophies and Enoch Liang, Carl Xiong, Eugene Liang, Jemelyn Reyes, Codrin Pompas, Jocelyn Reyes, and Kirill Zubo were awarded medals. The tournament was held at Columbia College (near Main and Terminal) under the auspices of the Vancouver Chess School. Watch for the August edition on August 27, but a plea from those running the event – if you intend playing it helps a lot if you register early, rather than leaving things to the very last minute. [Standings](#)

Transcribed Lectures

In 1978/79 several lectures were given, by Duncan Suttles, Peter Biyiasas, and Bruce Harper, in order to fund a potential BC bid for the 1981 Canadian Closed. These lectures were transcribed and published, as *The Suttles Tapes*, *Peters Principle's*, and *Harper's Horrors* respectively. With thanks to Dan Scoones, who scanned the originals, these publications are now available online at <http://www.bcchesshistory.com/publications.html#lect>; *Harper's Horrors* are reproduced courtesy of [Northwest Chess](#), who have their own long-term scanning project of [back issues](#).

BRUCE HARPER ANNOTATES

Opponent - Harper, Bruce [B06] ICC 3 0 Internet Chess Club

I am beginning to realize that I am partial to games where things work out nicely from start to finish, although chaos is fun as well. **1.e4** [0:03:00] **1...g6** [0:03:00] **2.d4** [0:02:58] **2...Bg7** [0:03:00] **3.Nf3** [0:02:56] **3...d6** [0:02:59] **4.c3** [0:02:54] **4...Nf6** [0:02:57] **5.Qc2** [0:02:53]



The most quiet version of "Geller's Quiet System." But Geller scored well with this line because he was Geller, not because of the system. **5...0-0** [0:02:56] **6.Be2** [0:02:51] **6...Nbd7** [0:02:56] I prefer this approach, rather than ...Nb8-c6, which implies an exchange of pieces after 7...e5 8.dxe5 Nxe5 9.Nxe5 dxe5, because it seems like a good idea to keep as many pieces on the board as possible against players who play this sort of positional line. **7.0-0** [0:02:49] **7...e5** [0:02:55] **8.dxe5** [0:02:48] **8...dxe5** [0:02:55] **9.Rd1** [0:02:46] **9...Qe7** [0:02:51] The engine gives White a slight edge here, but if you're afraid to play this position with Black then you really have to choose an entirely different opening. **10.Nbd2** [0:02:44] **10...b6** [0:02:50] **11.Nf1** [0:02:42] **11...Bb7** [0:02:48] **12.Ng3** [0:02:41] **12...Nc5** [0:02:47]



13.Nd2 [0:02:39] Is the computer move 13.Ng5!? actually good? Maybe, because now White falls into a passive position. **13...h5!?** [0:02:39] This gets some punctuation because of its ambition. **14.f3** [0:02:35] **14...Rfd8** [0:02:32] **15.b3** [0:02:32]



To bring his c1-bishop into play via a3. This type of position is interesting (to me, at least). The pawn structure is somewhat symmetrical, but the positions of the pieces are quite different. Black's idea is now to play on the dark squares, which were weakened by White's super-solid 14.f3. From this standpoint, if White's c1-bishop goes to a3, so much the better. **15...h4!?** [0:02:19] **16.Ngf1** [0:02:29] **16...Ne6** [0:02:17] **17.a4** [0:02:19] **17...Nh5** [0:02:15] **18.Ba3?!** [0:02:17] **18...Qg5!** [0:02:13]



There's really no other move, so the exclamation mark is a bit superfluous. But Black has intended this move since he played 13...h5!?, so the commendation is for not only having a plan, but actually carrying it out.

19.Nc4 [0:02:10] **19...Nef4** [0:02:07] **20.Nce3?** [0:02:02] The wrong knight, as now Black wins an exchange without compromising his position. **20...Nh3+** [0:02:02] **21.Kh1** [0:02:00] **21...Nf2+** [0:02:00] **22.Kg1** [0:01:59] **22...Nxd1** [0:01:59] **23.Rxd1** [0:01:58] **23...Rxd1** [0:01:53] **24.Qxd1** [0:01:56] **24...Rd8** [0:01:52] **25.Qe1** [0:01:26] **25...Nf4** [0:01:42] Now Black is just winning, because he is the exchange up with a good position. White seeks counterplay by lining up his bishop on Black's queen, but it backfires, because Black's queen is also lined up on White's bishop. **26.Bc1** [0:01:51]



26...Bf8 [0:01:26] The engine produces 26...Ba6! 27.Bxa6 Rd1! 28.Qxd1 Nh3+ 29.Kh1 Nf2+ and 30...Nxd1. That's just the kind of thing I would normally see ... not. White is therefore forced to respond to 26...Ba6! with 27.c4, wrecking his position completely. **27.b4** [0:01:48] To keep Black's bishop from c5. **27...a5** [0:01:25] **28.g3?!** [0:01:37] **28...axb4** [0:01:18] **29.Ng2?** [0:01:25] The culmination of White's counterplay, but it fails completely. **29...Nxe2+** [0:01:02] **30.Qxe2** [0:01:04] **30...Qxc1** [0:01:00] White resigns. **0-1**

BROWSING FOR ENDGAMES by Dan Scoones

Gansvind, Valeria - Sohal, Tanraj [A47] Grand Pacific op 10th Victoria (2.3), 26.03.2016

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bg5 c5 4.e3 b6 5.Nbd2 Bb7 6.Bd3 Be7 7.h3 0-0 8.c3 cxd4 9.cxd4 d6 10.Qe2 Nbd7 11.0-0 e5 12.Ba6 Bxa6 13.Qxa6 e4 14.Nh2 h6 15.Bxf6 Nxf6 16.Rfc1 Qd7 17.Rc2 Rac8 18.Rac1 Rxc2 19.Rxc2 d5 20.Nb1 Bd6 21.Nf1 Bb8 22.Na3 h5 23.Qb5 Qf5 24.Qc6 Rd8 25.Nb5 Qd7 26.a4 Kf8 27.Qxd7 Nxd7 28.Rc6 Ke7 29.Ng3 Nf6 30.Ne2 Kd7 31.Rc2 a6 32.Na3 Bd6 33.Nb1 Ng8 34.Nd2 Ne7 35.Nb3 Nc6 36.Nec1 Nb4 37.Rc3 a5 38.Kf1 g5 39.Na1 f5 40.Nc2 f4 41.Nxb4 axb4 42.Rc2 Ra8 43.b3 Rf8 44.Kg1 h4 45.Na2 f3 46.Nc1 Rf6 47.Rd2 Rf8 48.Rc2 fxg2 49.Kxg2 g4 50.hxg4 Rf3 51.Re2 h3+ 52.Kg1 Rf8 53.Re1 Rg8 54.Kh1 h2 55.Ne2 Rxg4 56.Ng3 Bxg3 57.fxg3 Rxg3 58.Kxh2 Rf3 59.Kg2

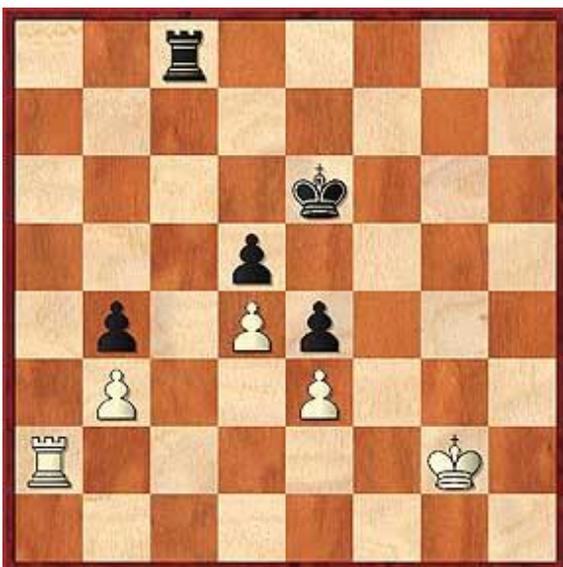


Black to play

This position arose in the late stages of the encounter between Valeria Gansvind and Tanraj Sohal at the 2016 Grand Pacific Open in Victoria. Earlier in the game White had been under some pressure but has now managed to escape into a rook and pawn ending with reasonable prospects of making a draw. White's king is cut off and her rook is tied to the defence of the e-pawn, but on the other hand Black's king has no entry points. If he does nothing White will simply shuttle her rook back and forth between e1 and e2.

Black finds the only way forward: 1. Play the king to a6; 2. Play b6-b5 and exchange pawns, opening the a-file; 3. Recentralize the king; 4. Play the rook back and threaten to invade on one of the queenside files; 5. If White plays her rook to the a-file, occupy the c-file; 6. If White plays her rook to the c-file, occupy the a-file; 6. Go from there.

59...Ke6 60.Re2 Kd7 61.Re1 Kc7 62.Re2 Kb7 63.Re1 Ka6 64.Re2 b5 65.axb5+ Kxb5 66.Re1 Kc6 67.Re2 Kd6 68.Re1 Rf8 69.Ra1 Rf3 70.Re1 Ke6 71.Re2 Rf8 72.Ra2 Rc8



Black has carried out his plan and is now threatening to play his rook to c3, winning a pawn. White can no longer move back and forth and must find the correct defensive strategy.

73.Ra6+?!

White can hold the draw by activating her king with 73.Kg3! Rc3 (or 73...Kf5 74.Ra5! and Black must retreat with 74...Ke6 since 74...Rc3? 75.Rxd5+ with a later Kf4 is bad for him) 74.Kf4 Rxb3 75.Ra6+ Kd7 76.Ke5 Rxe3 77.Kxd5 b3 78.Rb6 Kc7 79.Rb4! and Black cannot make further progress. His king is boxed in, and moving his rook will cost him one of his pawns. The move played in the game is not yet fatal but it is a step in the wrong direction.

73...Kf5 74.Ra5?

The wrong way to attack the d-pawn. White must keep the option of checking the Black king from behind, and thus the correct move was 74.Rd6!. Now there are two main variations: a) 74...Rc3 75.Kf2 Rxb3 76.Rd8 Ke6 77.Rb8 Rb1 78.Kg3 Rf1 79.Rxb4 Rf3+ 80.Kg4 Rxe3 81.Rb6+ Kd7 82.Kf5 Rh3 83.Rb2 and Black cannot win; b) 74...Kg4 75.Rg6+ Kh4 76.Rh6+ Kg5 77.Rd6 Rc3 78.Kf2 Rxb3 79.Rd8! (not 79.Rxd5+? Kg4! as in the game) and White will draw with a series of checks on the Black king.

74...Rc3! 75.Rxd5+ Kg4!

Now Black's king is the active one and White's game is lost even with best play.

76.Rd8 Rc2+ 77.Kg1 Kf3 78.d5 Rc1+ 79.Kh2 Kxe3 80.Kg2



Black has achieved a great deal, but his next move, while not technically a mistake, is the prelude to a mistake.

80...Rb1?!

Exchanging pawns does not help Black because it deprives his king of shelter from White's checks. After the direct 80...Rd1! 81.d6 Ke2 82.Re8 e3 83.Re6 Rd5! 84.Kg3 Kd2 85.Kf3 Rd3! White must give up her rook to stop Black's pawn from queening.

81.d6! Rxb3?

Here is the real mistake. Black should retract his last move with 81...Rd1!, after which he is still winning.

82.Rb8! Rd3

Or 82...Rb2+!? and White must find 83.Kg3! in order to draw.

83.Rxb4 Rxd6



Black has simplified into an ending of rook and pawn vs rook, but despite appearances he is not winning – if White defends correctly.

84.Ra4!

Correct. White must maintain the rook's checking distance from the side.

84...Rd2+ 85.Kf1?

Just when the draw was in sight, White plays her king to the wrong square. Correct was 85.Kg3! Rd7 (or 85...Kd3 86.Kf4 e3 87.Ra3+, etc.) 86.Ra3+ Rd3 87.Ra2 Rd2 88.Ra3+ and Black must repeat moves since 88...Ke2 loses the pawn after 89.Kf4. This defence has been known for over a hundred years and may be found, for example, in Reuben Fine's classic book *Basic Chess Endings* (1941). It is somewhat counter-intuitive because ordinarily the defender is trying to get her king in front of the pawn. But here this strategy fails for tactical reasons – a fundamental difficulty of chess when you think about it...

85...Kf3!

Threatening mate. White does not have time to play her king to the last rank to set up the checking routine.

86.Ke1 Rh2 87.Ra8 Rh1+ 88.Kd2 e3+ 89.Kd3 Rd1+ 90.Kc2 e2 91.Rf8+ Kg4 92.Rg8+ Kh5 0-1

White resigns. A hard-fought ending with some interesting points.

Feedback on this column is always welcome. Email the author at dscoones@telus.net.

UPCOMING EVENTS

8th Bowser Builders Supply Tournament

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