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HERE AND THERE

10th Figueira da Foz Festival (October 30 – November 6)

Leon Piasetski has returned to Europe for another series of chess tournaments. First up is the Figueira da Foz Open in Portugal, an event he also played in last year. After four rounds Leon has scored 2.5 points; leading is Bulgarian GM Vladimir Petrov with a perfect score, while expatriate Canadian Kevin Spraggett has 3.0 points. [Results and standings](#) [Chess24 coverage](#)

Piasetski, Leon - Guerreiro, Nuno [B01] Figueira da Foz op 10th (4), 01.11.2016

(Presumably the game is truncated or perhaps there was death by cell phone, we don't know which.)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd6 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 a6 6.g3 b5 7.Bf4 Qd8 8.Bg2 Bb7 9.0–0 e6 10.Qe2 1–0

World Cadet Chess Championship (October 19-30)



Last issue we reported on the World Youth Chess Championship, the new 'senior' portion of the old WYCC (i.e., including the U14, U16, and U18 sections), which was held in Khanty Mansiysk, Russia. The Cadet Championships (U8, U10, U12) have since taken place in Batumi, Georgia's second largest city, which is located on the Black Sea close to the Turkish border. Canada sent a delegation of fifteen players, including Aiden Zhou (U10) and Sherry Tian (U12G) from this province. Aiden had scored 6.0 points and was ranked ninth in his section after eight rounds, but unfortunately could only score a single draw in the last three rounds to finish thirty-sixth on tiebreak

(he was ranked thirty-second at the beginning of the competition). Sherry had 50% (3.0/6) before the rest day but then lost four in a row; a last round win left her in eightieth place on tiebreak. Her FIDE performance rating was 1418, substantially above her actual rating of 1175, but her CFC rating is in the 1500 range. The best Canadian results were achieved by Anthony Atanasov, fifth in the U8, and Nameer Issani, ninth in the U10 – both scored 8.0/11. [Results tournament website](#)

Zhou, Aiden - Maneluk, Daniil [D05] WCCC U10 Batumi (7.8), 26.10.2016

1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 c5 3.e3 Nc6 4.c3 Nf6 5.Bd3 d5 6.0–0 Bd6 7.Nbd2 0–0 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.Bxe4 f5 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Qxd8 Rxd8 14.Bf4 Ba6 15.Rfe1 Bd6 16.Bg5 Re8 17.Rad1 Bc5 18.b4 Bb6 19.Rd6 Bc4 20.Nd2 Bxa2 21.Ra1 h6 22.Be3 Bd5 23.c4 Bxe3 24.fxe3 Be4 25.Nxe4 fxe4 26.Rxc6 Reb8 27.b5 Rc8 28.Rxa7 Kh7 29.Rxa8 Rxa8 30.Rxe6 Ra1+ 31.Kf2 Ra2+ 32.Kg3 g5 33.Rxe4 Kg6 34.Kf3 Kf5 35.g4+ Kf6 36.b6 Rxh2 37.c5 h5 38.b7 Rb2 39.c6 hxg4+ 40.Kxg4 Rg2+ 41.Kf3 Rb2 42.c7 g4+ 43.Kxg4 Rxb7 44.c8Q Rg7+ 45.Kf3 Kg5 46.Qg4+ Kh6 47.Re6+ Kh7 48.Qh5+ Kg8 49.Re8# 1–0

Sim, Jia Ru - Tian, Shi Yuan [C02] WCCC U12G Batumi (6.35), 24.10.2016

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bd7 6.Na3 f6 7.exf6 Nxf6 8.Nc2 Bd6 9.g3 e5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Bxe5 12.Bg2 Bc6 13.0–0 0–0 14.Re1 Qc7 15.Be3 b6 16.Qe2 Rfe8 17.Rad1 Rad8 18.f4 Bd6 19.Qf1 Bf8 20.h3 Ne4 21.g4 Bd6 22.Bc1 g5 23.Bxe4 dxe4 24.Qc4+ Kg7 25.Rxd6 Qxd6 26.Ne3 Qd3 27.Nf5+ Kg6 28.Qxd3 exd3 29.Rxe8 Rxe8 0–1

October Active (October 15)

The October edition of the VCS active saw a larger turnout than in September but again there were only two players rated over 2000. This time around it was Davaa-Ochir Nyamdorj and Mayo Fuentebella who outclassed the rest of the field by two hundred points. Their round five encounter decided first place – Davaa won, while Mayo had to be content with the second prize. Coming in third was Jaylord Talosig, who last played in one of these events in July 2014. Tying for the U1700 prizes were Gilberto Igharas and Jonathan Steif, while Jeff Chen was first U1400 and Ryan Yang second.



In the Junior Section Andrew Xu continued his impressive play of late by taking first overall and the U1300 trophy; the U1000 trophy went to Gillian Mok and Daniel Zhenghao Pan was the best U600. Medals were awarded to Eric Jiang, Alex Yu, Luka Spasojevic, Enoch Liang, and Raymond Zhang.



A total of thirty-seven players participated, nine of whom registered at the very last minute or showed up at the door. The next active is on November 5th – a reminder to all potential players that registering early is a big help to the organizers and tournament director. Strictly speaking there is no onsite registration, players are expected to preregister online. Please follow the instructions on the website, or contact us if you experience difficulties. [Standings](#) [November webpage](#)

LAKECITY OPEN (October 15) by Scott Richardson

The third Annual LakeCity Chess Tournament was a success. It was made up mostly of veterans from past events making it a more determined contest. The crazy driving conditions coming from the north and last minute cancellations due to sickness brought the tournament's numbers down. You could hear a pin drop during the matches with both tournaments happening at the same time. There is a trend the LakeCity is establishing. Starting at 10am, with a 40-minute lunch (the tournament brought in pizza) and ending at 6pm. The event demands stamina and determination. The one-day event with six rounds and 30 minute time controls is a test of endurance.

The youth tournament format was exciting. Eight competitors played four games; the top four then played off. There was a tie for second and a three-way tie for third so we had a few rounds of tie breaks before the final rounds. Jeff Obexer won two 30-minute tie breaks and then his two 30-minute playoff games to take the first place trophy and a paid entry into either the BC Open, Grand Pacific Open, or the Paul Keres Memorial. His mom chose the Keres. Matthew Martin, who had arrived at the final knockout rounds in first place, took the second place trophy and a choice of paid entry into either the BC Open or the Paul Keres Memorial. He chose the Paul Keres Memorial as well (must be the May drive down). His father, Andrew Martin, who played in the Open, said he'll register himself and his daughter Nadine who participated in the youth tournament. He said his partner might play as well. They're going to make a family chess vacation from the event. Winning paid entries into quality chess tournaments has just begun here. It was well received as a prize. Nick Gysel won the third place trophy and a \$25 gift certificate. Nick has been around now since the first tournament. At age nine he also won the youngest player prize. We were able to provide great gift certificates from local businesses to the top six Youth participants.

There were only six kids this year from Williams Lake and two from Quesnel. There had been more coming. We were expecting fourteen or fifteen. Most had played in LakeCity's three tournaments and a few played in the Vanderhoof tournament last spring as well. The tournament saw lots of

good chess. Very competitive and they were good sports about it, like team members playing each other. Introducing chess clocks into the youth tournament was not a problem, in fact it was natural. Special mention to Luke Erlandson who arrived to the finals in second in his first tournament. He played great chess. The Youth tournament ended around 2:30. The Open ended around 6. That worked well.

The Open was made up of veterans from past LakeCity tournaments. Again there were a few last minute cancellations. There were some new faces, namely Jeff Obayashi and Jeremy Hara, last spring's Vanderhoof tournament organizers. It was serious chess. This was the third time Andrew Martin from Quesnel and Kai Richardson from Williams Lake have played for the first place at interior chess tournaments. It was interesting. Players were gathering around their table and I heard a whisper, "Andrew's got Kai on the ropes." After Andrew trapped Kai's queen it was over. The Open finalists received cash (\$150 for first, \$100 for second, \$50 for third) plus generous gift certificates from local businesses for the fourth through eleventh place players.

Special mention to Nick Maviglia from 108 Mile who volunteers for set up, tear down and is the chess "floater." This year he was thrown into the Open pit. All of us involved with the LakeCity Chess Tournaments would like to thank the librarians at the Williams Lake Public Library for their endless patience and support. [Full report and standings](#)

BRUCE HARPER ANNOTATES

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

I think it is generally agreed that WrestleMania 3 was the best one - they never could top it, or even equal it. Today's game is a homage to one of the great matches in WrestleMania 3. Black had a high rating - at least higher than mine, which makes the game even more intriguing.

1.d4 [0:03:00] **1...g6** [0:03:00] **2.e4** [0:02:58] **2...Bg7** [0:03:00] **3.Nc3** [0:02:58] **3...d6** [0:02:59]
4.Be3 [0:02:57] **4...a6** [0:02:58] **5.a4** [0:02:54]



An interesting attempt to restrain Black's queenside play by preventing 5...b5. 5.a4 has some drawbacks as well, of course. White's queenside is weakened, which effectively precludes castling long, which in turn rules out a variety of kingside attacks. And since pawns can't move backwards, the b4-square is available for Black's pieces. This, together with the fact that 4...a6 prevents the annoying pin Bf1-b5, allows Black to continue with a move that otherwise would be suspect. **5...Nc6!?** [0:02:56] "Threatening" 6...e5, and challenging White to chase Black's c6-knight with 6.d5. **6.d5** [0:02:52]



White accepts the challenge. **6...Nb4** [0:02:55]



One of the main points of Black's opening - 7.a3 is no longer possible, so Black's b4-knight is temporarily safe. If White tries to catch Black's b4-knight with 7.a5!? and 8.Ra4, the play gets very complicated, as Black counterattacks in the centre with 7...f5!? or 7...e6!?, then defends his knight with 8...c5. In some variations, White does indeed win a piece, but Black gets compensation because White spends so much time (he has to move his c3-knight (in order to play c2-c3) that Black can destroy White's center. The engine recommends the direct 7.Nce2!, as 7...Bxb2? fails to 8.Rb1. Black must reply 7...a5 and then retreat his knight. All very subtle, you'd have to agree. But what follows in the game is not. **7.Bd4??** [0:02:50]

7...Bxd4 [0:02:55]



Since the intended 8.Qxd4 loses instantly to 8...Nxc2+, White courteously resigned. He could have grovelled with 8.Nce2 Ba7! 9.c3 c6!, intending 10...Qb6, but took the high road. How does all this relate to WrestleMania 3? Take a look at the match between [King Kong Bundy and S.D. Jones](#). At WrestleMania, everyone expects long, hard-fought, epic matches, and indeed there were some. But King Kong Bundy won in "9 seconds" (I timed it, and it was actually 23 seconds, but King Kong Bundy's weight was given as 458 pounds as well...) So sometimes a contest is much shorter than anticipated, and that was certainly the case in today's game! **0-1**

BROWSING FOR ENDGAMES by Dan Scoones

Today's position comes from a game played in last summer's Quebec Open in Montreal.

Steinberg, Ellis - Doubleday, William [B33] Quebec op Montreal CAN (3.18), 24.07.2016

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Qb6 5.Nb3 Nf6 6.Nc3 e6 7.Be3 Qc7 8.Be2 a6 9.f4 Bb4 10.Bf3 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 d6 12.0-0 0-0 13.Rb1 b5 14.Qd3 Bb7 15.g4 Rfd8 16.g5 Ne8 17.Rf2 Rac8 18.Nd4 Na5 19.Ne2 Nc4 20.Bc1 Qc5 21.Qd4 e5 22.Qxc5 Rxc5 23.f5 d5 24.Ng3 d4 25.cxd4 Rxd4 26.a4 Ned6 27.axb5 Rxb5 28.Rxb5 axb5 29.Kf1 Bxe4 30.c3 Rd3 31.Nxe4 Nxe4 32.Ra2 f6 33.Bxe4 Rd1+ 34.Ke2 Rxc1 35.Bd5+ Kf8 36.Ra8+ Ke7 37.gxf6+ Kxf6 38.Rf8+ Kg5 39.Rf7 Rc2+ 40.Ke1 Ne3 41.Rxg7+ Kxf5 42.Rf7+ Kg6 43.Rd7 Nxd5 44.Rxd5



Black to play

Black has an extra pawn and a more active king but it remains to be seen if he can turn these advantages to account. He begins by saving his e-pawn from exchange since his king's support will make that pawn more dangerous for White than the b-pawn. The e-pawn will also provide shelter against checks by White's rook.

44...Kf5 45.Rxb5 Rxc3?! This natural move appears to be an inaccuracy. White's c-pawn is not dangerous at the moment, so Black should give strong consideration to 45...h5!?, keeping White's king confined to the back rank and aiming for a "collective advance" (in the words of Aron Nimzowitsch). In rook endings, piece activity is often worth a pawn – one's own or the opponent's.

46.Kf2 Kf4 47.Rb7 Rc2+ 48.Kg1 White's king has again been driven to the back rank but he has saved his h-pawn from capture. If he defends correctly his opponent will not be able to win the game.

48...h5 49.Rf7+ Kg4 50.Rg7+ Kf3 51.Rf7+ Ke3 52.Rh7 e4 53.Rxh5 Ke2 54.h4 e3 55.Re5 Also satisfactory was 55.Kg2 Rc1 56.Re5 Ra1 57.h5 with a draw in sight.

55...Rc4 56.h5 Rg4+ 57.Kh2 Kf3



A critical moment. White has drifted slightly but he can still draw with accurate defence.

58.Kh3? White must take this opportunity to drive Black's king to a less-dangerous position: 58.Rf5+! Ke4 (if 58...Rf4 59.Rxf4+ Kxf4 60.Kg2 and draws) 59.Rf8! e2 (or 59...Rh4+ 60.Kg2 Rxh5 61.Kf1 and Black cannot win) 60.h6 Rh4+ 61.Kg2 Ke3 62.Re8+ Kd2 63.Rd8+ Ke1 and now 64.Rd6 is obviously fine for White, but for the record he can also draw with 64.Ra8 Rxh6 65.Ra1+, etc; a useful technique to know in case you have no pawns left!

58...Rg3+? A bad mistake. 58...Rf4! 59.h6 Rf6! followed by pushing the e-pawn (or mate, if White allows it) was a very simple win for Black.

59.Kh2? It was time to shift from passive defence to active counterplay: 59.Kh4! Rg1 60.Rf5+ Ke2 61.Re5 Kd2 62.h6 e2 63.Kh5 e1Q 64.Rxe1 Kxe1 65.h7 and Black must give up his rook for White's h-pawn, leaving bare kings – the most fundamental draw in chess.

59...Rg2+! White is now lost in all variations.

60.Kh1 Or 60.Kh3 e2 61.Rf5+ Ke4 and now: a) 62.Rf8 Rg5 and Black wins; b) 62.Kxg2 e1Q and Black is winning.

60...Rg4 61.Kh2 It is too late for 61.Rf5+ Ke4 62.Rf8 e2 63.Re8+ Kf3 followed by ...Re4, etc.

61...e2 62.Kh3 Re4 63.Rf5+ Ke3 64.h6 e1Q 65.h7 Qh4+ 66.Kg2 Rg4+ 0-1

TWO HISTORY ITEMS

Vancouver Island Chess League 1962

Despite the distances involved a chess league existed on Vancouver Island for at least three years in the early 1960s. The following report, authored by Fred Schulz, appeared in *Canadian Chess Chat* in July 1962

The Victoria Chess Club topped other V.I. clubs for the third consecutive year to win the league championship. The Victoria club won both the A and B divisions: ten players per team in the former, four in the latter.

Nanaimo-Campbell River vs. Alberni-Courtenay, in Courtenay
 Class A: 5.0-5.0 Class B: 2.5-1.5

Alberni-Courtenay vs. Nanaimo-Campbell River, in Courtenay
 Class A: 4.0-6.0 Class B: 0.5-3.5

Victoria vs. Nanaimo-Campbell River, in Nanaimo
 Class A: 6.5-3.5 Class B: 3.0-1.0

Nanaimo-Campbell River vs. Victoria, in Victoria
 Class A: 3.5-6.5 Class B: 0.5-3.5

Alberni-Courtenay vs. Victoria, in Nanaimo
 Class A: 5.0-5.0 Class B: 3.0-1.0

Victoria vs. Alberni-Courtenay, in Nanaimo
 Class A: 4.5-5.5 Class B: 3.0-1.0

Final Standings Class A

1. Victoria	22.5-17.5
2. Alberni-Courtenay	19.5-20.5
3. Nanaimo-Campbell River	18.0-22.0

Final Standings Class B

1. Victoria	10.5-5.5
2. Nanaimo-Campbell River	7.5-8.5
3. Alberni-Courtenay	6.0-10.0

The Vancouver Island singles Chess Championship 1962 was held in Victoria, May 19-21, sponsored by the Victoria Chess Club. Fred Schulz of Nanaimo received the Island trophy from A.G. Moody, president of the Victoria Chess Club and tournament director, after making a perfect score in the six-round Swiss.

Name	W	L	D	Points
1. Fred Schulz, Nanaimo	6	-	-	6.0
2. O. Sarakannas, Victoria	5	1	-	5.5
3. J. Kaltenecker, Alberni	3	2	1	3.5
4. O. Rasmussen, Victoria	3	2	1	3.5
5. Max Enke, Victoria	3	3	-	3.0
6. Dave Shiu, Nanaimo	1	2	3	2.5
7. P. Nixon, Victoria	2	3	1	2.5
8. J. Stewart, Victoria	2	4	-	2.0
9. A. Strodyk, Victoria	1	4	1	1.5
10. A.H. Sheard, Victoria	0	5	1	0.5

(N.B., Max Enke was seventy-eight years old at this juncture!)

An Early Chess Image



The above charming photograph is part of the collection of the BC Archives in Victoria. Originally titled “Fanny and George Negaskis” due to a misreading of the photo’s caption, the surname should actually be Tregaskis. The latter is a fairly common name in certain parts of Cornwall, England, which is where James Tregaskis married Fanny Blenkinsop in 1847. Their offspring included Fanny (1848-1931) and George (1852-1912), along with the subsequently famous bookseller [James Tregaskis](#) (1850-1926). Fanny Blenkinsop was the sister of [George Blenkinsop](#) (1822-1904), who at the age of eighteen joined the Hudson’s Bay Company and was immediately sent to British Columbia, where he remained for the rest of his adult life. Blenkinsop Lake, Valley, Bay, and Islet were all named after him.

The image thus depicts the niece and nephew of George Blenkinsop; presumably the photo was sent/delivered to George Blenkinsop in BC from his relatives back in Cornwall.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Vancouver Rapid Chess League 2016-17

2016 - 2017, various locations

[Details](#)

November Active

November 5

[Details](#)

BC Junior Championship

November 11-13, Richmond

[Details](#)

Jack Taylor Memorial

November 18-20, Victoria

[Details](#)

Junior Knightmare Quads

November 20, Burnaby

[Details](#)

Nanaimo Winter Open

December 17-18

[Details](#)

Junior Nightmare Quads

December 18, Burnaby

[Details](#)

Victoria Open and BC-WA Match

January 13-15

[Details](#)

Junior Nightmare Quads

January 15, Burnaby

[Details](#)