

## BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #379

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### HERE AND THERE

#### Philadelphia

There have been three tournaments in a row at the Downtown Marriott Hotel in Philadelphia which signify that the U.S. summer chess season is very much underway. First up chronologically was the [13th Philadelphia International](#) (June 27 – July 1), a nine-round FIDE-rated event in two sections, Premier (minimum rating of 2000 FIDE or 2100 USCF) and Expert (maximum rating of 2100 FIDE and 2200 USCF). Among the one hundred and forty-one participants were a number of Canadians, including Aiden Zhou and Callum Lehingrat from this province. The overall winner in the Premier was GM Aleksandr Lenderman with 7.0/9; a half-point away from the money was Canadian FM Rohan Talukdar, who was one of the two players to achieve an IM norm. Aiden scored 3.5 (Premier), Callum 5.0 points (Expert). (Also in the Expert Section was Alan Montalbo who tied for seventh/eighth with his score of 5.5 and won \$300. His state is given as BC, but we are not aware of him as a BC player – for some reason it is not uncommon for players from this province to be designated as AB, so perhaps this is another incorrect provincial attribution.)

Happening at the same time and location was the [13th Philadelphia Open](#) (June 28-30), a five-round sectional event which constituted the adjunct lower sections of the Philadelphia International. There were two hundred and thirty-four players but as far as we can tell only three were from Canada – Ethan Su (U2000), Andrew Xu (U1800), and Winston Huang (U1400), all from BC. They scored 2.0, 3.0, and 3.0 points respectively. The three top prizes were taken by the three GMs who entered, Hovhannes Gabuzyan, Vladimir Belous, and Bryan G. Smith; unsurprisingly the only points they lost were to each other.

The third consecutive event was the [World Open](#) (July 2-7), traditionally the largest tournament of the year (at least in the states). This also included a number of Canadian participants, among whom were over a dozen from BC: Severo Caluza, Winston Huang, Eric Jiang, Callum Lehingrat, Ethan and Kevin Low, Ethan Su, Kai and Daniel Wang, Nathan and Nicholas Wu, Andrew Xu, and Aiden Zhou (apologies if I missed anyone). Most of these are juniors who apparently chose the World Open experience over competing in this year's CYCC in Regina (the two tournaments overlapped by a day). Now in its forty-seventh year, the World Open has become a chess festival with a large number of adjunct side events. These include a U13 Championship where Ethan Su placed fourth (after tiebreaks, he tied for second) and an Action (Active) Championship where father and son Kai and Daniel Wang split top honours in the U1800 Section. In the main event the big BC winner was also the youngest, Nicholas Wu, whose 6.0/9 garnered the second U1000 prize in the U1200 Section, \$500. For a long time Kai Wang was vying for the top prizes in the U1800 Section, but late losses left him in a tie with Andrew Xu and ten(!) other players for tenth place – they each received \$33.34. In the Open Section there was a tie for first on 7.5/9 between the top

two seeds, GMs Liem Quang Le (Vietnam) and Jeffrey Xiong (USA), with Le taking a \$500 bonus and the World Open title by winning an Armageddon game. Best Canadian was FM Yuanchen Zhang, whose 6.0/9 resulted in a tie for the U2300 prizes (his split was \$3,000) and an IM norm.

### **Zhou, Aiden – Harriott, Tyrell [B07] Philadelphia int 13th (9), 01.07.2019**

1.d4 d6 2.e4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e5 4.dxe5 dxe5 5.Qxd8+ Kxd8 6.Bc4 Be6 7.Bxe6 fxe6 8.Nge2 Nbd7 9.Be3 c6 10.f3 Kc7 11.0–0 Nb6 12.b3 Ba3 13.Rad1 Rhd8 14.Nb1 Be7 15.a4 Nbd7 16.Nd2 Nf8 17.Nc1 Ng6 18.Nd3 Nd7 19.g3 b6 20.a5 Kb7 21.b4 Rac8 22.axb6 axb6 23.Nc4 Ra8 24.Ra1 Kc7 25.f4 exf4 26.Nxf4 Ngf8 27.Nd3 Ng6 28.Nf4 Nxf4 29.Bxf4+ Kb7 30.Rxa8 Rxa8 31.Nd6+ Kc7 32.Nf5+ e5 33.Bd2 Bf6 34.g4 g6 35.Ne3 Kd6 36.g5 Be7 37.h4 Ke6 38.Kf2 Ra4 39.Rb1 b5 40.Ke2 Nb6 41.c3 Ra2 42.Kd3 Na4 43.Rc1 Ra3 44.Ke2 Rb3 45.Rc2 Rb1 46.Be1 Bd6 47.Ng4 Be7 48.Bg3 c5 49.bxc5 Nxc5 50.Kf3 Nd7 51.Ne3 Nb6 52.Ra2 Na4 53.c4 Nc5 54.cxb5 Rxb5 55.Re2 Nb3 56.Nc2 Rc5 57.Kg2 Rc4 58.Ne1 Nc5 59.Nf3 Bd6 60.Nd2 Rb4 61.Bf2 Nd3 62.Be3 Nf4+ 63.Bxf4 exf4 64.Nf3 Be5 65.Kh3 Rb3 66.Kg4 Re3 67.Rxe3 fxe3 68.Ng1 Bc3 69.Ne2 Be1 70.h5 Ke5 71.hxg6 hxg6 72.Kf3 Bh4 73.Kxe3 Bxg5+ 74.Kf3 ½–½

### **Susan Polgar Foundation Girls' Invitational (June 22-27)**



Held as usual on the campus of Webster University in St. Louis, MO, this year's sixteenth edition of the [SPFGI](#), the most prestigious all-girls tournament in the U.S., continued the practice begun several years ago of accepting participants from individual Canadian provinces as well as from U.S. states and other countries comprising the American continent. The result of this policy was the largest turnout ever, some eighty-two players including Kate Jiang and Gillian Mok from BC; they won the right in a qualification tournament held under the auspices of the Golden Knights Junior CC in May. In addition to a FIDE-rated six-round tournament there were also training sessions, along with tactics, blitz, and bughouse competitions. Kate and Gillian scored 4.0 and 3.0 points in the main competition where they also picked up upset prizes in rounds two and four respectively; the overall winner was Peruvian WIM Mitzy Caballero with 5.5/6. Other familiar faces were the Velea sisters from Washington State (Anne-Marie tied for second with 5.0 points) and the Botez family – Andrea playing, alumni Alexandra, and arbiter Andrei. There was also an adjunct Friends and Family tournament in which William Jiang and Erwin Mok tied for second. [USCF crosstable](#)  
[photos](#)



Susan Polgar with the Canadian contingent

### **Las Vegas International Chess Festival** (June 11-16)

The US National Open is now part of a full chess festival in Las Vegas; we received the following report on this year's event from Andrew Eisenberg:

The Las Vegas International Chess Festival was on June 11-16. A handful of British Columbians made it down for the event, including my family. Las Vegas is a wild city and even chess tournaments there have an air of celebration that you don't normally see up north. After taking in some of the local attractions, my kids, Lucas and Colette each competed in two of the tournaments: the International Youth Championship and the Youth Trophy Tournament.



Lucas and Colette (photos by Andrew Eisenberg)

This was by far the largest tournament that we have ever attended. The youth sections each had over fifty players and the adult sections had over one hundred. The competition was tough, but Lucas was able to pull in first place in the U1300 section and Colette had a strong showing as well. Winston Huang pulled in an excellent third place in the U9 open division, beating out many players 100s of points higher than him. Jason Williamson played strongly in the U2100 division, narrowly missing out on a prize. The highlight of the tournament for us was having GM Melik Khachiyan look



over our games and give us some tough but loving feedback. Overall, it was a lot of fun and we're planning on heading back next year. I hope to see you there too! [First place in the Open Section went to former wunderkind Illia Nyzhnyk, now twenty-two years old, whose 7.0/9 was sufficient for sole first place, a half-point ahead of the eight grandmasters tied for second.]

[Tournament website](#) [photos](#)



Jason, Winston, Winston's secret weapon (photos by Tim A. Hanks)

### **Chess'n'Run for International Chess Day**

July 20, the day in 1924 when the World Chess Federation (FIDE) was founded, has been designated International Chess Day. Join Konstantin Pyryaev and friends at the [Hillcrest Community Centre](#) on July 20, 3:00-4:30pm, to celebrate the occasion with blitz chess on the giant board.

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### **2019 BC Senior Chess Championship (June 29 – July 1) by Paul Leblanc**

Arpak Worya finished a full point ahead of the field at the seventh annual BC Senior Championship. Despite time trouble in nearly every game, he played solid chess and defeated all three of the other top-rated players (McLaren, Oszvald, and Patterson) on the way to a 5.5-0.5 performance and a \$300 prize.

The championship was held at the Comfort Inn in Surrey, the usual mainland location for the event, over the Canada Day Weekend June 29 to July 1. Thirty players competed. Duncan Haines defeated Brian McLaren on board two in the very last game to finish, enabling him to tie with Paul Leblanc for second place overall and top U1900. The exciting game featured a rook sacrifice creating two passed pawns that could not be stopped despite the proximity of McLaren's king.

The \$250 U1600 prize was won by Stephen Lester-Smith. Two well known masters from the past, Gerry Neufahrt and Dan Scoones, were present part of the weekend as spectators. The tournament was organized by Paul Leblanc of Victoria Chess and directed by International Arbiter Stephen Wright. Sponsors were Victoria Chess, the BCCF and several of the players.



Front row: Patterson, Escandor, Landingin, Long, Enns, Batisse, Harris, Lapenna, Pangilinan, Angelvette; Middle row: Mclsaac, Kim, Varga, Oszvald, Lee, Jose, Worya, Leblanc, Ganjian  
Back row: McLaren, Lester-Smith, Cronin, Monkhouse, Haines, Hansen, Sullivan, MacDonell, Slaby; Absent: Campos, Johnson (Photo by Stephen Wright)

**Leblanc, Paul - McLaren, Brian [A80] BC sen Surrey (1.1), 29.06.2019**

1.d4 f5 2.Nc3 d5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Bg5 e6 5.e3 Be7 6.Ne5 0-0 7.Bd3 c5 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.0-0 Nc6  
10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Na4 Bd6 12.c4 Qe8 13.Rc1 Bxh2+ 14.Kxh2 Ng4+ 15.Kg3 Qh5 16.f4 Qh2+ 17.Kf3  
e5 18.fxe5 Nxe5+ 19.Kf2 Ng4+ 20.Kf3 Qh5 21.Bf4 g5 22.Rh1 Qg6 23.Bg3 Re8 24.Bf2 Qe6 25.Qd2  
Qe5 26.g3 Be6 27.Qc3 dxc4 28.Bxc4 Qe4+ 29.Ke2 Qg2 30.Rcf1 Nxe3 31.Bxe6+ Rxe6 32.Qxe3  
Rxe3+ 33.Kxe3 Qe4+ 34.Kd2 Qxa4 35.Rh5 Rd8+ 36.Ke3 Qe4# 0-1

**Leblanc, Paul - Escandor, Manuel Omana [D38] BC sen Surrey (4.4), 30.06.2019**

1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne4 7.Qc2 Qf6 8.e3 h6 9.Bd3 Nd6 10.c5  
Nf5 11.0-0 a6 12.Re1 Nh4 13.Nxh4 Qxh4 14.e4 0-0 15.Re3 b6 16.cxb6 cxb6 17.Rh3 Qe7 18.a4  
Qc7 19.Rg3 Kh8 20.Bxh6 Rg8 21.Bf4 Qxf4 22.Rh3+ Qh6 23.Rxh6+ gxh6 24.Qd2 Kg7 25.Re1 Nd7  
26.Re3 Rh8 27.Rg3+ Kf8 28.Qf4 Ra7 29.exd5 Ke8 30.dxe6 Nf8 31.exf7+ Rxf7 32.Qe5+ 1-0

**McLaren, Brian - Mohammed Qanee, Arpak Worya [B26] BC sen Surrey (4.1), 30.06.2019**

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 e6 6.Be3 d6 7.Qd2 Qa5 8.Nh3 Bd7 9.0-0 Nge7 10.Bh6  
0-0 11.a3 Nd4 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.f4 Rac8 14.Rae1 Qb6 15.Rb1 c4 16.Kh1 Rc7 17.Nf2 Rfc8 18.Ng4  
f5 19.Ne3 cxd3 20.cxd3 Nb3 21.Qf2 Qd4 22.Rbd1 b5 23.g4 fxe4 24.Qh4 Ng8 25.Nxg4 h5 26.Nf2  
a5 27.f5 exf5 28.Qg3 Qe5 29.exf5 Qxg3 30.hxg3 gxf5 31.Nh3 Nf6 32.Nf4 Nd4 33.Rde1 Re8  
34.Ncd5 Rc2 35.b4 axb4 36.axb4 Rxe1 37.Rxe1 Nxd5 38.Bxd5 Bc6 39.Bxc6 Nxc6 40.Re6 Nxb4  
41.Rxd6 Rd2 42.Nxh5+ Kh7 43.Rf6 Nxd3 44.Rxf5 b4 45.Rb5 Rb2 46.Kg1 b3 47.Nf6+ Kg7 48.Ne4  
Rb1+ 49.Kg2 b2 50.Nf2 Nxf2 51.Rb7+ Kf6 52.Rb6+ Ke5 53.Rb5+ Kd4 54.Kxf2 Rh1 55.Rxb2 Rh2+  
56.Kf3 Rxb2 57.Kf4 Rf2+ 58.Kg5 Ke5 59.g4 Rg2 0-1



Last round action: Duncan Haines vs Brian McLaren (foreground), Joe Oszvald vs Arpak Worya (background) (photo by Paul Leblanc)

### Haines, Duncan – McLaren, Brian [A80] BC Seniors 2019 (6), 01.07.2019

[Haines,Duncan]

**1.d4 f5** In a small tournament like the BC Seniors, there is a good chance you will play a top player, so before the tournament I looked at the Dutch, hoping to get White against Brian. Now it is the last round, trophies and prizes are on the line but I am tired, getting a headache and kind of just want to go home. However, at my age, the opportunity to play a strong player, in this circumstance, may never come again. **2.Nc3** Moves like g3, c4 and Nf3 are more common but I have something specific in mind. **2...d5** No surprise, Brian likes the Stonewall. **3.Bg5** But I want to prevent the Stonewall from happening, or, if my opponent insists, have it happen in a way favorable for White. If White just develops routinely Black often slowly equalizes and has chances to take over the game. Or, for example, if White tries to do what I did but with the moves Nf3 and Nf6 included, Black can play c5 right away. 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Bg5 e6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 (Yi Meng Chan - Brian McLaren, HD Bank Masters 2019) and now 6...c5 equalizes immediately because White's plan of Ne2 and c4 is not possible. **3...c6** The mainline is Nf6 after which I intended Bxf6 when Houdini calls it equal. White's plan is Qf3 and if Black plays Nc6, White follows with Bb5, Nge2, Nf4 and if Black castles queenside White can attack with Na4 and Nc5 etc. For example, see the game Akobian-Spraggett, Cali 2007 [see supplement]. After Qf3, if Black plays c6, White continues with Bd3, Nge2, Nf4 and h3 and g4. Objectively maybe White has nothing special but, as usual, if you have better preparation and/or understanding, White has decent chances for an advantage. White also has to know what to do if Black attempts to trap this bishop: 3...h6 4.Bh4 g5 5.e3 gxh4? (5...Nf6 6.Bg3 e6 7.Nf3 is reasonable for Black but I would be happy with White.) 6.Qh5+ Kd7 7.Nf3 Nc6 (7...c6 8.Ne5+ Kc7 9.Nf7 Nf6 (9...Qe8 10.Qg6!+-) 10.Qxh4+-) 8.Bb5! Bg7

**a)** 8...Nf6 9.Ne5+ Ke6 10.Qf7+ Kd6 11.Nxd5! Be6 12.Nxf6 Bxf7 13.Nxf7+ Ke6 14.Nxd8+ Rxd8 15.Nh5+-;

**b)** 8...Ke6 9.e4! fxe4 10.Nxe4 Bg7 (10...dxe4 11.Bc4+) 11.Nxh4+-; 9.Qf7 Bf6 (9...Nf6 10.Qxg7 Qg8 11.Ne5+ Ke6 12.Qxg8+ Rxg8 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Ne2±) 10.Ne5+ Bxe5 11.dxe5+- Only by knowing the essence of these lines can you have the confidence to play 3.Bg5.

**4.e3 Nd7 5.Bd3 Ndf6 6.Nf3 g6 7.0-0 Bg7** I had had no idea how Brian would choose to develop but I have just what I wanted; Black won't be playing e5 or c5 anytime soon and I can proceed with the normal plan of Ne2 and c4. **8.Ne2 Ne4 9.Bf4 Ngf6** 9...c5?! 10.c4!± **10.c4 e6 11.c5** White has a



choice of pleasant alternatives. Rc1 or h3 are more flexible but I wanted to grab space and advance on the queenside. **11...h6 12.b4 g5 13.Be5 0-0 14.Ne1** Perhaps it would have been more consistent to continue the queenside attack with a4 but I wanted to see how Black would react to my threat to win a piece. **14...g4?!**



And there it is, another juicy square for my knights. I wasn't surprised, I think Brian is a pretty aggressive player. **14...Nd7 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Qc2±** is still a nice position for White. **15.Nf4 Qe8 16.a4 16.f3** is what Houdini wants to do. I looked at it briefly but did not want to open up the kingside where Black has more space. I was focused on attacking Black's queenside pawn chain to hopefully invade on the a- or b-files. **16...Bd7 17.Qc2** I spent some time trying to work out how to untangle my pieces and decided on Qc2 as I didn't want to blunder into a knight fork after, say, Rb1 or Be2. **17...Nh5 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Be2!** Easily my best move of the game. My e1 knight can now head to e5 but I also have h3 ideas.

**19...Ng5 20.Ned3 Rg8 21.h3! Nf6 22.hxg4 fxg4 22...Nxg4** is no better - **23.Bxg4 fxg4 24.Ne5+- 23.Ne5**



I knew my position was good, I just didn't realize how good. **23...h5 24.Qg6+?** Easily my worst move of the game. Black is completely tied up and, intent on returning to my queenside attack, I fail to see the simple plan of g3, Kg2, double the rooks on the h-file and Black's position soon falls apart. **24...Qxg6 25.Nfxg6 Be8 26.Nf4 Kh6 27.b5 Rc8 28.Rfb1 Rg7 29.Rb2 29.a5! Nd7 30.Nxd7 Rxd7 31.a6 bxa6 32.bxc6 Rxc6 33.Bxa6+- 29...Nfe4 30.Ra3?** OK, this move is pretty bad as well. I just wanted to stop any knight forks. **30.bxc6!+- 30...Re7? 30...b6!** and almost all White's advantage is gone.

**31.Rab3 cxb5 32.axb5 b6!** I give this an exclamation, not because it is a good move but because it disrupted my plans and set the stage for things to come. **32...Kg7 33.b6 a6 34.c6 Bxc6 (34...bxc6 35.Bxa6+-) 35.Rc2 Bd7 36.Rxc8 Bxc8 37.Nxh5+** is the kind of thing I had in mind; **32...Rg7 33.Ra2+-] 33.c6** I was starting to be a little unhappy here as Black now has the d6 square and my queenside attack hasn't unfolded as I expected. **33...Nd6 34.Bd3 Rg7 35.Kf1** I didn't know what to do so, just make a move. **35...Ndf7 36.Nxf7+ Bxf7 37.Ke2 Rc7 38.Ra3 Bg8 39.Rb1** And now, about 15 moves late, I get the idea to go after Black's h-pawn. **39.f3 gxf3+ 40.gxf3** is very good for White. **39...Bf7 40.Rh1 Be8 41.Raa1 Rce7 42.Rh4** With the dream of Raa1 and Rxg5. Black parries this easily. **42...Ne4 43.Bxe4 dxe4 44.g3?** We have reached a point in the game where my

mind was tired and I was just playing without calculation or objective examination of Black's resources or my own. I am not at all used to playing intense games like this has turned out to be. Better is 44.Rc1+- **44...Rg5 45.Rb1** Houdini points out better moves but protecting my b and c pawns was my only thought. **45...Bf7!** Black is showing why he is a master and making the most of his possibilities. **46.Kd2 e5 47.dxe5**



Suddenly the position has blown up and I thought I was now losing because I expected 47...Rxe5 and my b-pawn would fall. And, as crazy as this sounds, one of my thoughts was of watching Bruce Harper in the early 1970's analyzing a King's Indian where Black's dark-squared bishop emerged from being blocked by its own pawns to become a Reptilicus (google it). So at this moment I saw Black's light-squared bishop as a Reptilicus that was now going to roam the board and slay me. At the time I had no idea the computer would say I was still much better. **47...Rgx5 47...Rxe5 48.Rhh1 Rxb5? 49.Rxb5 Rxb5 50.Rc1+-**

**48.Ne2?** Well, maybe this move is worse than 24 Qg6+. Just played by intuition in order to cover my king and protect the b5 pawn. I still had about 20 minutes on my clock but was not using my extra time to think properly. Brian, perhaps due to having been on the defensive the whole game, was down to less than 5 minutes. **48.Rhh1+- 48...Rf5 48...Bc4= 49.Rh2? Rc5 50.Nd4 Kg5? 50...Bc4= 51.Rhh1 Kf6 51...Bc4 52.Rhc1 Rf7 53.Ke1 Kf6 54.Rb4 Bxb5 55.Rxc5 bxc5 56.Rxb5 cxd4 57.exd4±** is Houdini's defense and I leave it to others to sort out this rook ending. **52.Rhc1** Played with a sigh of relief that I have been able to recycle my rook to help stabilize the position, but Rbc1 was better because it prevents Bc4. **52...Ke5** Better is 52...Bc4± **53.Rxc5+** Another quick decision, and a good one; eliminate an active Black piece. **53...bxc5 54.Ne2** I didn't even look at Nb3; I'm obsessed about protecting b5. **54.Nb3± 54...Kd6 55.Nc3 Bc4 56.Ra1 Bd3 57.Ra6** Black has less than 2 minutes left so any trick is worth going for. **57...Rc7** The only move. **57...Rf7?? 58.c7+- 58.Ra4** Just probing. Those interested can examine White's possibilities after **58.Kc1. 58...Ke5?** The losing move. **58...Rf7! 59.Ke1 (59.Nxe4+ Bxe4 60.Rxe4 Rxf2+=) 59...h4! 60.gxh4 g3 61.Nxe4+ Bxe4 62.Rxe4 Rxf2 63.Rg4 Rb2** is a rook endgame I'm glad I didn't have to play. **59.Ra1** I can hear you all screaming Rxa7! Don't worry, we will get there. Surprisingly, if Black returns his king to d6, then White plays Ra6 and Black is in zugzwang and loses. Of course I didn't know that during the game. **59...Rf7** My first instinct was to protect my f2-pawn with Ke1 but I instantly realized my rook on a1 was hanging if Black plays h4, completely missing that after losing my rook I have c7, then a new queen and it is Black that loses! So, while pondering the (mistaken) fact that I couldn't play Ke1, Rxa7 suddenly popped into my head! Kind of ironic that maybe I only found the winning move because of a tactical miscalculation. **59...Kd6 60.Ra6+- 60.Rxa7!**





After seeing this I didn't bother to calculate further, I just "knew." ["One of the combinations that an experienced player does not need to calculate to a finish. He knows that under given circumstances, the (kingside) pawns must become overwhelming" – Alexander Alekhine in his annotations to Alekhine-Flohr, Nottingham 1936]

60.Ke1? h4 61.gxh4 g3 62.fxg3 Rf1+ 63.Kd2 Rxa1 I stopped my calculation here, forgetting about my c6 pawn. 64.c7+– **60...Rxf2+** I know I said I "knew" but you have to have experienced the brain fog that comes with a long, tough game to understand the relief I felt when Black played 60...Rxf2+; it meant 60.Rxa7 was sound. Of course I had already seen that Black does not have a perpetual.

**61.Ke1** This was just a feint, I didn't need the repetition time gain as I had 10 minutes. Part of me still couldn't believe I was winning and a couple of extra moves helped steady my nerves. **61...Rf1+ 62.Kd2 Rf2+ 63.Kc1 Rc2+ 64.Kd1 Kd6** When entering all the moves of this game into my computer, I wondered why the evaluation was only about +3. A closer look revealed why: 64...Rxc3 65.c7 Bc4! and now White has to find Ra3!! in order to have the opportunity to win. **65.c7 Kd7 66.Nd5 Rb2 67.Nb6+ Kd6 68.c8Q Rb1+ 69.Kd2 Rb2+ 70.Kc3 Rc2+ 71.Kb3** This game was a great chess experience and education for me; not to be forgotten! **1–0**

### Supplement:

**Akobian, Varuzhan Eduardovich – Spraggett, Kevin [A80] Americas Continental ch Cali (5), 14.07.2007**

1.d4 f5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bg5 d5 4.Bxf6 exf6 5.e3 Be6 6.Qf3 Nc6 7.Bb5 Qd6 8.Nge2 0–0–0 9.a3 Kb8 10.Na4 Ne7 11.Nc5 Bc8 12.g3 h5 13.h4 g6 14.b4 Bh6 15.c3 Ka8 16.a4 a6 17.Bd3 Rhe8 18.Kd2 Ka7 19.a5 c6 20.Nf4 Rh8 21.Kc2 Rdg8 22.Qe2 Re8 23.Rab1 Rh7 24.Rb2 g5 25.Nxh5 Reh8 26.Rhb1 Bf8 27.b5 cxb5 28.Bxb5 axb5 29.Rxb5 Ng8 30.Rb6 Qc7 31.Qb5 Bxc5 32.dxc5 f4 33.a6 Bf5+ 34.Kc1 Bxb1 35.Rxb7+ Qxb7 36.axb7 Rxb7 37.Qa5+ Kb8 38.Qd8+ Ka7 39.c6 Rb5 40.Qd7+ Kb6 41.c7 Ne7 42.Qxe7 Be4 43.exf4 Rb1+ 44.Kd2 Ra8 45.c8N+ Rxc8 46.Qxf6+ Kb5 47.Qg7 Ka6 48.fxg5 Rb2+ 49.Ke3 Rc2 50.Nf6 R8xc3+ 51.Kd4 Rc4+ 52.Ke5 Rxf2 53.Qg8 Rf5+ 54.Kd6 Kb5 55.Qb8+ Ka4 56.Qb2 Rc2 57.Qb6 Rc4 58.g4 Rf3 59.h5 Rb4 60.Qa6+ Kb3 61.h6 Bd3 62.Qa8 Rb6+ 63.Ke5 Rf1 64.h7 Re1+ 65.Kf4 Rb4+ 66.Kg3 Re3+ 67.Kf2 Rh3 68.Qxd5+ Ka4 69.Kg2 Rxh7 **1–0**

[And while we're on the subject, a Canadian classic from a player who died far too young:

**Southam, Todd – Cote, Jacques [A80] North Bay int CAN (5), 09.08.1996**

1.d4 f5 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bg5 Nf6 4.Bxf6 exf6 5.e3 c6 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.Qf3 g6 8.h3 h5 9.g4 fxg4 10.hxg4 Bxg4 11.Qxg4 hxg4 12.Rxh8+ Bf8 13.Bxg6+ Ke7 14.Nge2 Nd7 15.Bf5 Kd6 16.0–0–0 b5 17.Rdh1 Qa5 18.R1h7 Nb6 19.Ng3 b4 20.Nce4+ dxe4 21.Nxe4+ Kd5 22.Nxf6+ Kd6 23.Ne4+ Kd5 24.Rh5 c5 25.Bd7+ Kxe4 26.Bc6+ **1–0**]

## Ewing, John Morton (June 24, 1889 - February 28, 1952)

June 24, 2019 would have been the 130<sup>th</sup> birthday of Dr. John Ewing, BC's first chess champion and to date the person with the most titles (seven):

Born in Nazareth, Palestine (his father was a missionary), of Scottish ancestry. Received his initial education at Edinburgh University. Emigrated to Canada in 1910. Graduated from Queen's University (B.A. 1926) and University of Toronto (B.Paed. 1928, D.Paed. 1931). Employed as a public school teacher in BC (1911-1929), instructor in educational psychology at Vancouver Normal School (1929-1944), and principal and professor of philosophy and psychology at Victoria College (now University of Victoria) (1944-1952). Author of *Reflections of a Dominie* (1931) and *Understanding Yourself and Your Society* (1947), coauthor with D.L. McLaurin of *Social and Educational Psychology* (1937); also wrote many essays and poems.



Ewing was taught chess at an early age, and "was the youngest entrant in the Richardson cup competition playing for Edinburgh. Played in the Edinburgh team for three years without losing a game." His first recorded chess in this province was as part of a team of Nelson players who drew a telegraph match with a team from Spokane in December, 1910; Ewing won his individual game. He won the BC Championship in 1916 and 1919-1923; on entering the 1923 competition Ewing made an announcement "that he would do so for the last time, desiring to make his chess activities for the future a source of real pleasurable pastime rather than a serious and arduous task." In recognition of his sequence of wins the BC Championship trophy, the Bowser Shield, was given to Ewing permanently; he responded by donating a new trophy, the Ewing Cup, for the competition. During this time Ewing was also active in team events, playing for North Vancouver, and also played first board for Vancouver in the Vancouver - Winnipeg telegraph match of 1924. In August 1924 Ewing was a participant in the Dominion (Canadian) championship in Hamilton, ON, where he finished with a respectable 8/15.

He seems to have retired from competitive play thereafter, but reappeared in the mid-1930s, winning the BC championship for a record seventh time in 1936. Ewing also produced and edited a chess magazine (the *British Columbia Chess Magazine*, subsequently the *Canadian Chess Magazine*) during the years 1918-1920, but like so many early magazines there simply was not a large enough subscription base for it to survive.

[Sources: Death registration; *Canadian Who's Who*, 1948; *British Chess Magazine*: 1916, 277; 1925, 354; *Toronto Evening Telegram*, August 30, 1924, 23; *Vancouver Sun*, April 16, 1916, 6; *Victoria Daily Colonist*: April 4, 1923, 10; April 22, 1924, 10; February 29, 1952, 1]

**Ewing, John M. - Barker, William J. [A83] BC ch Victoria, 1920**

1.d4 f5 2.e4 fxe4 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 e6 5.Nxe4 Be7 6.Bxf6 Bxf6 7.c3 0-0 8.Nf3 d6 9.Qc2 Qe7 10.Bd3 Nd7 11.0-0-0 g6 12.h4 Bg7 13.h5 Bh6+ 14.Kb1 g5 15.Rh3 Rf7 16.Nexg5 Rg7 17.Bxh7+ Rxh7 18.Nxh7 Qxh7 19.Qxh7+ Kxh7 20.g4 e5 21.g5 Nf8 22.Rg3 Bg7 23.h6 Bh8 24.dxe5 Bf5+ 25.Kc1 dxe5 26.Nh4 Bg6 27.Re1 Re8 28.Rge3 Bf7 29.f4 Ng6 30.Nxg6 Kxg6 31.fxe5 Kxg5 32.e6 Bg6 33.e7 Kxh6 34.Re6 Kg7 35.Rg1 Kf7 36.Rgxg6 Bg7 37.Kd2 Be5 38.Kd3 Bd6 39.Ke4 Rxe7 40.Rxe7+ Kxe7 41.Kd5 c6+ 42.Ke4 Kd7 43.Rg7+ Be7 44.Ke5 a5 45.b3 b6 46.c4 b5 47.cxb5 and White won 1-0

**Morrison, John S. - Ewing, John M. [B01] CAN ch Hamilton (4), 19.08.1924**  
*[Malcolm Sim]*

**1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd8 4.d4 Nf6 5.Bc4 Bf5** This developing move is unfavourable. **6.Nf3** The correct continuation against it is 6.Qf3 Qc8 7.Bf4, and White is well ahead in development. If 7...Bxc2 then 8.Nd5 with [a] strong assault. **6...e6 7.0-0 c6 8.Bg5 Be7 9.Re1 0-0 10.h3 h6 11.Bf4 Nbd7 12.Bd3 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 Nb6 14.Ne2 c5 15.Ne5 Nbd5 16.Bd2 Nd7 17.Nxd7 Qxd7 18.dxc5 Bxc5 19.Rad1 Qe7 20.Nc3 Rad8 21.Qg3 Nxc3** A mistake.



**22.Bxc3** 22.Bxh6 is a winning attack; if 22...f6 then 23.Rxd8 Rxd8 24.Rxe6, etc. [But in the subsequent November 15 column:] Here we give 22.Bxh6 to win, but C. Dickson, secretary of the Vancouver C.C., calls our attention to 22...Ne2+ in reply, the full effect of which had slipped us. This would lead to an opposite result. We are always glad of any errors brought to our attention.

**22...Qg5 23.Qxg5 hxg5 24.Kf1 Be7 25.Bd4 b6 26.Be5 Bf6 27.Bxf6 gxf6 28.c3 Rfe8 29.Ke2 Kf8 30.Ke3 e5** This appears very weakening, but it is difficult to find a win against it. **31.Ke4 Ke7 32.Kf5 Rxd1 33.Rxd1 Rc8 34.Rd3 Rc4 35.g3 Rc6 36.b3 Re6 37.Ke4** 37.f3 would not prevent Black advancing the e-pawn. **37...Rc6 38.Kf5 Re6 39.Ke4 Rc6 40.g4 Ke6 41.c4 Rc8 42.Rc3 Rd8 43.c5** Morrison gave a snap opinion that he could have won by advancing 43.b4 first, but Black's 43...Rd4+ in reply blankets the possibility of demonstrating it. Black might follow up with 44...b5. **43...bxc5 44.Rxc5 Rd2 45.Rc6+ Ke7 46.Rc7+ Ke6 47.Rxa7 Rxf2 48.Ra6+ Ke7 49.Ra7+** There is nothing better than perpetual check; if 49.a4 then 49...Rf4+ and Rb4. 49...Ke6 50.Ra6+ Ke7



51.Ra7+ Ke6 ½–½ [*Toronto Evening Telegram*, 11 October 1924; John Stuart Morrison (1889-1975) was a five-time Canadian Champion]

**Wilson, Stanley B. - Ewing, John M. [B01] CAN ch Hamilton (6), 20.08.1924**

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd8 4.Nf3 c6 5.b3 Nf6 6.Bb2 Bf5 7.Be2 e6 8.0–0 Bd6 9.Nh4 Bg6 10.h3 Nbd7 11.Rc1 Nd5 12.Nxd5 Qxh4 13.Ne3 0–0 14.d4 Nf6 15.Bf3 Nd5 16.Nxd5 exd5 17.c4 dxc4 18.bxc4 Be4 19.Bxe4 Qxe4 20.Re1 Qf4 21.g3 Qf5 22.Kg2 Rfe8 23.Qb3 b6 24.Re3 Rxe3 25.Qxe3 Qe6 26.Qf3 Rc8 27.d5 Qd7 28.dxc6 Qxc6 29.Qd5 Qxd5+ 30.cxd5 Rxc1 31.Bxc1 f5 32.Kf3 Kf7 33.Ke2 Ke7 34.Kd3 Bc5 35.Be3 Kd6 36.Kc4 Bxe3 37.fxe3 Ke5 38.a4 a6 39.a5 bxa5 40.Kc5 a4 41.d6 Ke6 42.Kc6 a3 43.d7 a2 44.d8Q a1Q 45.Qd5+ Ke7 46.Qd7+ Kf8 47.Qd6+ Kf7 48.Qd7+ Kg6 49.Qe8+ Kh6 50.Qe6+ g6 51.Kb6 Qa4 52.Qe5 a5 53.Qxa5 Qxa5+ 54.Kxa5 Kg5 55.Kb4 h5 56.Kc3 h4 57.gxh4+ Kxh4 58.Kd3 Kxh3 59.Ke2 Kg2 0–1

**Ewing, John M. - Narraway, James E. [D00] CAN ch Hamilton (8), 21.08.1924**  
[Malcolm Sim]

**1.d4 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.Bd3 e6 4.Nd2 c5 5.c3 Nc6 6.f4 cxd4 7.exd4 Be7 8.Ngf3 Bd7 9.Ne5 Qc7 10.Ndf3 Nxe5** Black might play 10...Ne4 here and avoid a somewhat backward game. **11.Nxe5 Bc6 12.0–0 Bd6 13.Qe2 g6** This move, though it fails to prevent 14.f5, renders that move a rather speculative one for White, Black having some prospect of attack on the open g-file. Offsetting this is the weakness of Black's f-pawn. **14.f5 gxf5 15.Bxf5 Bxe5 16.dxe5 Nd7 17.Bf4** Effectively preserving his advanced forces. **17...0–0–0 18.Bh3** 18.Bc2 would give the bishop more scope and would control the opposing knight when posted on e4. On the other hand, the safety of the White king would be affected. **18...Rdg8 19.Bg3 Nc5 20.Qf2** 20.Bf2 Ne4 21.Bd4 Ng5 22.Qe3 was more prospective for White. **20...Bb5 21.Rfd1 Kb8 22.Qe3** White plays to prevent Ng5. **22...Ne4 23.Bf4 Ka8**



There being small chance of Black counter-attacking with sufficient energy against the White king, to meet the onslaught on the other wing, it was advisable to force an exchange of queens by 23...Qc5. Black's plan appears to be to advance f5, but if so he changes his mind on this idea. **24.a4 Bc4 25.g3 Qe7 26.Bg2 Nc5** The manoeuvring of this knight does nothing to meet the attack, but, instead, rather assists it. **27.b4 Nd7 28.Qd4 Nb8 29.b5 Rc8 30.Be3 b6 31.Rdb1 Rc5 32.Qd2 Rc7 33.a5 Kb7 34.axb6 axb6 35.Qc2 Nd7 36.Qa4 Nc5**

This costs a whole rook. The only chance was 36...Kc8 37.Qa8+ Nb8 38.Bxb6 Rb7 39.Ra7 Rxa7 40.Bxa7 Qb7 but White's extra "passed" pawn should prove sufficient in the ending. The veteran Narraway gives clear indication here that he was affected by the great strain put on the players in the tourney. **37.Qa7+ 1–0** [*Toronto Evening Telegram*, 25 October 1924; James Narraway (1857-

1947), Canadian champion in 1893, 1897, and 1898, was also one of Canada's strongest correspondence players]

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