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HERE AND THERE

Online adventures

Continuing on from their participation in the March event, FM Max Gedajlovic and Ivan Zong took part in the [April](#) edition of the [Tuesday Night Marathon](#) (April 13-27). Hosted by the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club in San Francisco, the marathon consists of tournament games on consecutive Tuesdays, now played two games a night online (chess.com) at 35 + 2. As in the previous month the two top finishers were GM Gadir Guseinov (Azerbaijan) and IM Brian Escalante (Missouri), clear first and second with 5.5 and 5.0 points out of 6. Max and Ivan both scored 4.0 points in their respective sections (above and below 1800), there were sixty-nine players total.

Winslow, Elliott – Gedajlovic, Max [E12] April Tuesday Night Marathon (online) chess.com (5), 27.04.2021

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.Nc3 Bb7 5.a3 g6 6.d5 exd5 7.cxd5 Bg7 8.g3 0–0 9.Bg2 Re8 10.Nd2 a5 11.0–0 Na6 12.Rb1 b5 13.e4 Nc5 14.b4 axb4 15.axb4 Nd3 16.Qc2 Nxc1 17.Rfxc1 c6 18.Re1 Qb6 19.Nb3 cxd5 20.exd5 Rec8 21.Qd3 Ng4 22.Ne4 Ra2 23.h3 Nxf2 24.Qe3 Qxe3 25.Rxe3 Nxe4 26.Bxe4 d6 27.Kf1 f5 28.Na5 fxe4 29.Nxb7 Bd4 30.Rxe4 Rf8+ 31.Ke1 Bc3+ 0–1

Peter Yong Qiu has been scoring well in online events of late and not surprisingly his rating has been on a steady ascent. He started the year at 1533 before winning the Victoria Open with a perfect score. Now after winning the [Maritime CC Online Rapid 5](#) (April 24) and [Brantford Sunday Active](#) (May 2), both CFC-rated events played on the lichess.org platform, Peter has peaked at 2036, a 500-point increase in four months. Peter's brother Andrew has also been active, gaining almost 300 points this year.

Qiu, Peter Yong – Haessel, Dale [C65] MCC CFC Rapid 5 op lichess.org (4), 24.04.2021

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.d3 d6 5.0–0 g6 6.c3 Bg7 7.Re1 0–0 8.d4 Bg4 9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.dxe5 Bxf3 11.Qxf3 dxe5 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bh4 Rb8 14.Qe2 g5 15.Bg3 Qd6 16.Na3 Nd7 17.Nc4 Qe6 18.b3 Nc5 19.f3 Rfd8 20.Rad1 f6 21.Bf2 Bf8 22.Ne3 a5 23.Nf5 a4 24.b4 Nd7 25.a3 c5 26.Kh1 cxb4 27.cxb4 Nb6 28.Rxd8 Rxd8 29.Rc1 Qb3 30.Rxc7 Qb1+ 31.Bg1 Rd3 32.h4 Rxa3 33.Kh2 Ra2 34.Qb5 Qb2 35.Nxh6+ Bxh6 36.Qe8+ Bf8 37.Qf7+ 1–0



This year's FIDE World Cup is scheduled to be held in Sochi in July and August. Due to the unprecedented effects of the pandemic FIDE is allowing World Cup qualification tournaments to be played online or using a hybrid format (games online but players supervised in a physical location by arbiters). One such tournament is an Americas Continental World Cup; a [preliminary qualifier](#) for this event was held on the Tornelo platform (May 7-9). Seven Canadians were among the field of slightly over one hundred players including FM Max Gedajlovic. The overall winner was Brazilian IM Roberto Junio Brito Molina with 8.5/9, but clear second was IM Mark Plotkin and FM Rohan Talukdar tied for fourth; Max scored 5.0/9, finishing thirty-ninth on tiebreak.

Song, Guannan Terry – Gedajlovic, Max [C01] American World Cup Qualification Stage (7.19), 08.05.2021

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.exd5 exd5 5.Bd3 Nc6 6.a3 Ba5 7.Nge2 Nge7 8.0–0 Bf5 9.b4 Bb6 10.Na4 0–0 11.Nc5 Bxc5 12.dxc5 Bxd3 13.cxd3 a6 14.Ng3 Qd7 15.Qh5 Rad8 16.Bg5 f6 17.Bd2 g6 18.Qh6 Nf5 19.Qf4 Nfg3 20.fgx3 Ne5 21.d4 Nc4 22.Rf2 Rde8 23.Raf1 Re4 24.Qh6 f5 25.h3 Qg7 26.g4 Nxd2 27.Qxd2 Rxd4 28.Qe3 Re4 29.Qb3 Qe5 30.gxf5 Rxf5 31.Rxf5 gxf5 32.b5 Qd4+ 33.Kh1 Re3 34.Qb1 Qe4 35.Qxe4 fxe4 36.c6 bxc6 37.bxc6 Rc3 38.Rf5 d4 39.Rf4 e3 40.Rxd4 e2 41.Re4 Rc1+ 42.Kh2 e1Q 0–1

The latest Juniors to Masters tournament was the [May Open](#) (May 8), a five-round Swiss on the lichess.org platform using a time control of 15 + 10. The event featured two Romanian guests, GM Gergely Szabo and IM Alexandru-Vasile David, as previously with the proviso that they would not be paired against each other in order to give as many opponents as possible the chance to play strong opposition. The forty-six player field included from this province Manuel Escandor, Winston Huang, Joshua Imoo, Panshul Jaiman, Jose Kagaoan, Jacky Wang Luan, Neale Monkhouse, Mark Parpatt, Kaiqi Qin, Wesley Russell, Dennis Wang, Nathan Yang, and Ivan Zong. GM Szabo finishing first with a perfect score was no surprise but the second-place finisher was: Anni Guo of Markham, Ontario scored an upset victory over IM David en route to claiming clear second with 4.5/5. David was among those who tied with 3.5 points, while Mark Parpatt and Kaiqi Qin tied with others on 3.0. The U1400 Section was won by Modith Aaroh Mutyalapati while Ivan Song tied for second. [CFC Open crosstable](#) [CFC U1400 crosstable](#)

Guo, Anni – David, Alexandru-Vasile [C69] JtM May op lichess.org (3), 08.05.2021

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.0–0 Bg4 6.h3 Bh5 7.d3 Bd6 8.Be3 Nf6 9.Nbd2 Rg8 10.c3 Qe7 11.Qc2 h6 12.Nh4 g6 13.Nc4 Nxe4 14.dxe4 Qxh4 15.Qb3 0–0–0 16.Na5 b5 17.Nxc6 Rdf8 18.Qd5 Be2 19.Rfe1 Bc4 20.Na7+ Kd8 21.Qb7 Ke7 22.Qxa6 g5 23.b3 g4 24.g3 Qxh3 25.bxc4 h5 26.c5 h4 27.cxd6+ cxd6 28.Nxb5 Rd8 29.Qb7+ Rd7 30.Qd5 hxg3 31.Nxd6 Qh2+ 32.Kf1 Qh1+ 33.Ke2 Qf3+ 34.Kd2 Qf6 35.Kc2 gxf2 36.Rf1 g3 37.Bc5 Rxd6 38.Rad1 Rgd8 39.Bxd6+ Rxd6 40.Qb7+ Kf8 41.Qb8+ Kg7 42.Rxd6 Qf4 43.Rd8 Qxe4+ 44.Kb3 g2 45.Rg8+ Kh6 46.Rh8+ Kg5 47.Qg8+ Qg6 48.Qd8+ f6 49.Qd2+ Kg4 50.Qxf2 gxf1Q 51.Qxf1 Qe4 52.Qh3+ Kg5 53.Rh5+ Kg6 54.Rh6+ Kg7 55.Rh4 Qb1+ 56.Ka3 Qc1+ 57.Kb4 Qb2+ 58.Kc4 Qxa2+ 59.Kd3 Qb1+ 60.Ke2 Qc2+ 61.Kf1 Qd1+ 62.Kg2 Qe2+ 63.Kg3 f5 64.Rh7+ Kg8 65.Rh8+ Kf7 66.Qxf5+ 1–0

Joshua Doknjas on ChessBase

Already an established author with Everyman Chess, FM Joshua Doknjas has now produced a two-part series of reflections on the just ended 2020-2021 Candidates Tournament for the ChessBase website: [Part 1](#) [Part 2](#)

Online Canadian Qualifier (Zonal)

It has been announced that a Canadian Online Qualifier for this year's FIDE World Cup will take place beginning on May 31. There will be a twelve-player Open Section and an eight player Womens' Section, eligibility is by the FIDE ratings list and average of CFC/FIDE ratings respectively. The deadline for entries is May 26. See [Chesstalk](#) or the [CFC forum](#) for more details.

2021 INTERMAT (May 15)



As it has been over a year since OTB chess was shut down because of the pandemic, we are now at the point of conducting annual events online for the second time. Such is the case with the Intermat, the scholastic team match between BC and Washington, which has been an annual fixture in the junior calendar since 1991. This year it would have been Washington's turn to host the event, but like last year a virtual match was held instead using the facilities of chess.com. Players signed a fair-play agreement and were also monitored during the games via Zoom video conferencing software. Washington had not won a match since 2015 (a hat-trick of BC victories plus a tie in 2019 in Seattle) but last year a determined Washington team decisively defeated BC

by a seven-point margin. Would BC manage to win this year to equalize the scores in the thirty-year history of the Intermat, or would Washington win their second online event?

Traditionally Washington has scored heavily in the lower grades in these matches, whereas BC tends to do better in the upper grades. The match is thus determined by which team can do better in their respective area of strength, or improve in their area of weakness. This year as last year the match was largely decided in the first round. Playing white, the BC upper grades (7-12) achieved a substantial 9.5-2.5 victory, but this was more than offset by Washington's lower (K-6) grades who won 12.5-1.5(!) to give Washington a four-point lead, 15.0-11.0, after the first round. Especially noticeable were grades 4-6 where BC did not score any points at all. In the second round the Washington team playing white began exactly as they had in the first round; particularly depressing was five of BC's middle grade (4-6) players losing in the space of five-minutes which more-or-less guaranteed Washington the match victory. Despite being 8.0-1.0 down at one point Team BC did battle back to equalize the second round scores at 13.0-13.0 but the combined scores from both rounds were 28.0-24.0 in Washington's favour.

In terms of individual results, Washington players who won both their games were Vayu Kakkad (K), Vidip Kona and Sharvesh Arul (both 2), Yiding Lu (4), Neeraj Harish and Nikash Vemparala (both 5), Derin Goktepe and Austin Liu (both 6), and Oscar Petrov (11) while Daniel Stein (12) also had a plus score. On the BC side Kate Jiang and Veronica Guo (both 8) and Chuyang Gu and Peter Yong Qiu (both 9) had perfect scores, while Zachary Liu (3), Gillian Mok (7), Patrick Huang and Sherry Tian (both 10), and Brian Yang (12) had plus scores. Overall Washington won five of the mini-matches by grade (all in the lower and middle grades), BC also won five (middle and upper grades) but Washington's wins were by a larger margin; there were three ties (grades 1, 3 and 11). Mention should be made of Selina Cheng and Varnika Jammalamadaka who gamely joined Team Washington literally at the very last minute to replace missing players, despite having to play opponents five grades ahead of themselves.

Thanks are due team captains Josh Sinanan and Chouchanik Airapetian (Washington) and Michael Lo and Eric Gu (BC) and to all the players and parents for participating under difficult circumstances and contributing to the continuation of this long-standing tradition. Special thanks to TD Jacob Mayer for handling the technical aspects of the match. After thirty years the overall match score is 15-13 in Washington's favour with two ties, but next year BC will take steps to change that ratio, hopefully when we can meet face-to-face. [Intermat page](#) [WCF Facebook page](#) [Earlier results](#)

Tian, Shi Yuan (Sherry) – Tien, Sophie (2042) [C54] Intermat 30th (online) chess.com (1.22), 15.05.2021

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 a6 6.0-0 d6 7.Nbd2 0-0 8.Bb3 Ba7 9.h3 h6 10.Re1 Re8 11.Nf1 d5 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Ng3 Nf6 14.Be3 Be6 15.Bxa7 Bxb3 16.Qxb3 Rxa7 17.Rad1 Qd7 18.Ne4 Nxe4 19.dxe4 Qe7 20.Rd5 Rd8 21.Kh2 b6 22.Qc4 Na5 23.Qb4 Qf6 24.Nxe5 c5 25.Ng4 Qf4+ 26.g3 Qc7 27.Qa4 Raa8 28.Ne3 b5 29.Qc2 Re8 30.Red1 Rad8 31.Kg2 Nc6 32.Rxc5 Rxd1 33.Qxd1 Rxe4 34.Qd5 Re6 35.Nf5 Qb6 36.Rxc6 Qb7 37.Nd4 1-0

Shinn, Jungmin – Petrov, Oscar [B23] Intermat 30th (online) chess.com (1.24), 15.05.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.f4 Bg7 5.Nf3 d6 6.0–0 Bg4 7.h3 h5 8.Qe1 Bxf3 9.Rxf3 Bd4+ 10.Kh1 Qa5 11.e5 0–0–0 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Ne4 c4 14.Ng5 Nh6 15.Qe4 Qd5 16.exd6 Rxd6 17.d3 f6 18.dxc4 Qxc4 19.c3 fxg5 20.cxd4 Re6 21.Qd3 Re1+ 22.Kh2 gxf4 23.Qxc4 Ng4+ 0–1

Kurungod Anoop, Pranav – Qiu, Peter Yong [B86] Intermat 30th (online) chess.com (2.20), 15.05.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.Bb3 Be7 8.g4 h6 9.Be3 Nbd7 10.f3 Nc5 11.Qd2 d5 12.e5 Nfd7 13.f4 b5 14.0–0 Bb7 15.Qg2 Qc7 16.Rae1 Nxb3 17.axb3 b4 18.Nce2 Bc5 19.Nc1 a5 20.Kh1 Qb6 21.Qf2 f6 22.Nd3 0–0 23.Nxc5 Qxc5 24.Qg3 fxe5 25.fxe5 Rxf1+ 26.Rxf1 Qc7 27.Bf4 Ba6 28.Re1 Nc5 29.g5 Ne4 30.Qg2 hxg5 31.Bg3 Re8 32.Qf3 Qc5 33.Qe3 Rf8 34.Kg2 Qe7 35.Nf3 Qf7 36.Nd4 Bf1+ 37.Kg1 Bh3 38.Qe2 Qa7 39.Qe3 Qf7 40.Qe2 g4 41.Rd1 Ng5 42.Re1 Qa7 43.Bf2 Ne4 44.Be3 Qe7 45.Ra1 Qh4 46.Nxe6 g3 47.Nf4 Rxf4 48.Bxf4 Qxf4 49.e6 gxh2+ 50.Qxh2 Qe3+ 0–1

Petrov, Oscar – Hemstapat, Andrew [C12] Intermat 30th (online) chess.com (2.23), 15.05.2021

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Bb4 5.e5 h6 6.Be3 Ne4 7.Qg4 g6 8.a3 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 c5 10.Bd3 cxd4 11.cxd4 Qa5+ 12.Ke2 Nc3+ 13.Kf1 Qc7 14.Nh3 b6 15.g3 Ba6 16.Kg2 Qd7 17.Qh4 Qe7 18.Bg5 Qf8 19.Bd2 g5 20.Qg4 Ne4 21.Bb4 Qg8 22.c4 Nc6 23.Rhc1 Bb7 24.cxd5 Nxb4 25.axb4 Nd2 26.Bb5+ Kd8 27.Bc6 Bxc6 28.Rxc6 Rc8 29.Rxa7 Rxc6 30.dxc6 Qh7 31.Nxg5 hxg5 32.Qxg5+ Kc8 33.Ra8+ Kc7 34.Rxh8 Qd3 35.Qe7+ Kxc6 36.Rc8+ Kb5 37.Qd7+ Kxb4 38.Qd6+ Kb5 39.Qc6+ Ka5 40.Qc3+ Qxc3 41.Rxc3 b5 42.h4 b4 43.Rc8 Kb5 44.Rb8+ Kc4 45.h5 Ne4 46.f4 Nc3 47.Rxb4+ Kxb4 48.h6 Nd5 49.h7 Ne3+ 50.Kf3 Nf1 1–0

Kevin Gentes (7 December 1967 – 1 May 2021)

With sadness we note the sudden passing of FM Kevin Gentes at the early age of fifty-three. A multiple Manitoba champion, Gentes demonstrated his talent as a junior by scoring upset wins against grandmasters in consecutive Canadian Opens (versus Yanofsky in 1985 and Yusupov in 1986; Yusupov at the time was ranked third in the world). Shortly thereafter he tied for first in the 16th Canadian Junior (1986/87) with Rehan Huda and Vinny Puri and tied for third in the 1987 Canadian Championship behind Igor Ivanov and Brian Hartman. Gentes was either outright winner or tied for first in nine(!) Manitoba Championships (1989-1993, 1998, 1999, 2007, 2015). He moved to Surrey in February 2016; within the next year tied for first in the Grand Pacific Open with Alexandr Fier and Jason Cao, won the Langley Open, and was clear second in the BC Championship, finishing a mere half point behind winner Cao. Subsequently Gentes played less; his last event was the 2019 Canadian Zonal in Kingston. Our condolences to his family and friends.



(photo by John Upper)

Yanofsky, Daniel A. – Gentes, Kevin [E43] CAN op Edmonton CAN (6), 17.07.1985

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 b6 5.Bd3 Bb7 6.Nf3 Ne4 7.Qc2 f5 8.a3 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 0–0 10.0–0 Rf6 11.Nd2 Rh6 12.g3



12...Qh4 13.Nf3 Ng5 14.gxh4 Nxf3+ 15.Kh1 Rxh4
16.h3 Nxd4+ 17.Kh2 Nxc2 18.Bxc2 Rxc4 19.Bb2 Rh4
20.Rg1 Rh6 21.Rad1 d6 22.Bb3 Nd7 23.Rg5 Nc5
24.Ba2 Bf3 25.Rdg1 Bg4 0–1

Yusupov, Artur – Gentes, Kevin [A47] CAN op Winnipeg (2), 13.07.1986

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3 b6 4.Bd3 Bb7 5.0–0 c5 6.b3 Nc6 7.Bb2 Be7 8.Nbd2 cxd4 9.exd4 0–0 10.a3 Rc8 11.Rc1 Re8 12.Re1 d5 13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Ne4 15.Bb5 Rf8 16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.Qe2 Qc7 18.Rcd1 Rfd8 19.c4 a6 20.Ba4 Bg5 21.g3 Rd3 22.h4 Be7 23.Rxd3 exd3 24.Qxd3 Rd8 25.Qe2 Ba8 26.Rf1 Qb7 27.f3 a5 28.Kg2 h6 29.Bc1 g5 30.hxg5 hxg5 31.g4 Rd4 32.Kg3 Qb8 33.Bb2 Rf4 34.Bc1 Rd4 35.Bb2 Rf4 36.Qd3 Kg7 37.Kf2 Rxf3+ 38.Qxf3 Bxf3 39.Kxf3 Qb7+ 40.Kg3 Qc7 41.Rd1 Qb7 42.Re1 Qa8 43.Bd4 Qh8 44.Kg2 Qd8 45.Be3 Bxa3 46.Bc6 Qc7 47.Bf3 Qxe5 48.Bf2 Qb2 49.Re2 Qxb3 50.Bd4+ Kf8 51.Rd2 Bb4 52.Rd1 Qc2+ 0–1

Gentes, Kevin – Basanta, Gary [A59] CAN jun 86/87 Edmonton (1), 27.12.1986

1.d4 c5 2.d5 Nf6 3.c4 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 Bxa6 6.Nf3 g6 7.Nc3 Bg7 8.e4 Bxf1 9.Kxf1 d6 10.g3 0–0 11.Kg2 Na6 12.Re1 Qb6 13.Rb1 Ng4 14.Bf4 c4 15.Qe2 Nb4 16.h3 Qxf2+ 17.Qxf2 Nxf2 18.Kxf2 Nd3+ 19.Ke3 Nxe1 20.Rxe1 Rfb8 21.Re2 Rb6 22.Nd4 Rab8 23.a4 Rxb2 24.Rxb2 Rxb2 25.a5 Rb7 26.Ncb5 Kf8 27.Kd2 Ke8 28.a6 Rb8 29.a7 Rc8 30.Nc6 1–0

Gentes, Kevin – Doknjas, John [A04] Grand Pacific op 10th Victoria (6.3), 28.03.2016

1.Nf3 c5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 g6 4.c3 Bg7 5.d4 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.Nc3 e6 8.Bf4 Nge7 9.Qd2 Nf5 10.Nb5 0–0 11.g4 Nfxd4 12.Nfxd4 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 e5 14.Be3 exd4 15.Bxd4 Bxd4 16.Qxd4 Re8 17.Bf3 Qa5+ 18.Qd2 Qb5 19.h4 Be6 20.h5 Rac8 21.b3 a5 22.h6 Qb4 23.g5 Qxd2+ 24.Kxd2 Rc5 25.Rac1 b6 26.Rh4 Rec8 27.Rxc5 Rxc5 28.b4 Rc7 29.Rd4 f6 30.bxa5 bxa5 31.Bxd5 Kf7 32.f4 fxg5 33.fxg5 Rc5 34.e4 Ke7 35.Ke3 Kd6 36.Bb3+ Ke5 37.Bxe6 Kxe6 38.Kf4 Rc2 39.Ra4 Rc5 40.Rd4 Rc2 41.Ra4 Rc5 42.a3 Rb5 43.Rc4 Rb7 44.Rc5 Ra7 45.Rc6+ Kd7 46.Rf6 Ke7 47.a4 Ra8 48.Ke5 Ra7 49.Rb6 Kf7 50.Kd6 Re7 51.Kd5 Rd7+ 52.Rd6 Rb7 53.Ra6 Rd7+ 54.Ke5 Re7+ 55.Kf4 1–0

1991 INTERMAT by Ollie LaFreniere [*Counterplay*, February 1992]

(Mr. LaFreniere was the co-director of the Washington High School Chess Association and together with Mr. H. Daykin was instrumental in organizing the match.)

	B.C.	22.0	18.0	Washington
Grade 3	Andrew Ho	1	1	Nicholas Chambers
	Liam Sheran	2	0	Steven Johnson
Grade 4	Frederick Chiang	0	2	David Rogers
	Rejean O'Dwyer	0	2	Jordan Svien
Grade 5	Alfred Pechisker	2	0	Jay Schneider
	Shahin Nabi	2	0	Julia Neuhaus
Grade 6	Conrad James	1	1	Ed Martin
	Darryl Kong	2	0	Jerry Liu
Grade 7	Brian Kong	2	0	Michael Svien
	Emily Gouge	1	1	Billy Clark
Grade 8	Mark Marcil	2	0	William Oh
	Chris Lew	2	0	Kevin Meboe
Grade 9	Ian Martinovsky	1½	½	Philip Meech
	Christian Co	1	1	Nathan Rommel
Grade 10	Andy Ito	0	2	Elliott Neff
	Felix Lee	1	1	Oliver Kotelnikov
Grade 11	Andrew Aaboe	0	2	Corey Russell
	Carl Fletcher	1	1	Jay Smith
Grade 12	Tris McPherson	½	1½	Matt Fleury
	Kenneth Chao	0	2	George Stefurak

The Canadians are tough! On December 7, 1991, the 50th anniversary of Pearl Harbor, the State of Washington was bombed at chess by friendly forces to the tune of 22.0 to 18.0. Meeting in the Lower Town Hall in White Rock, B.C., two players at each grade, grades three to twelve, representing B.C. and Washington schools, twenty players from each side, decided this year's, and the first, International Scholastic result.

Two games were played at each board, with grades three to six switching opponents within their grade for the second round, whereas the upper grades played both their games against the same opponent. In round one things looked good for the Washington players, who scored 11.0-9.0. This defied the ratings game, in which the B.C. players had an average 100 point advantage, with most of their ratings based on established performances of more than twenty-four games. But Washington's grade three to six performance had been weak (gaining only 3.0 of 8 points) and

things stayed exactly the same in round two. Meanwhile, Washington's upper grades, who had scored 8.0 of 12 points in round one, saw disaster strike in round two. Fleury could only get a draw, and Smith, Kotelnikov, Rommel, and Clark lost after having won in round one. A bit of over-confidence, perhaps?

The Canadians, their efforts organized by Harold Daykin, Junior Coordinator of the B.C. Chess Federation, were fine hosts. They provided the players with refreshments and the players were friendly (if hard on their visitors), some exchanging addresses and making small gifts to their opponents. When the elementary players finished, Canadian grandmaster Duncan Suttles played them in a simultaneous exhibition, in which some of the older players joined. The GM played about twenty games, giving up draws only against high schoolers Corey Russell and Elliott Neff and winning all other games.

Next year will see few changes in what we hope will become a tradition. Washington will host the match, probably in Mount Vernon or Bellingham, since some of the Canadians came from greater distances than Washington is large. Washington will work harder at inviting its very best players, but whatever we do, the Canadians will still be very tough!



The Intermat Trophy

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