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HERE AND THERE

Summer Classical Open and Blitz (July 27-29)



The latest event hosted by the Fraser Valley Chess was a six-round classical event with the option of also participating in a blitz tournament, the rounds of which were interspersed in the classical schedule. Held at the Christian Life Assembly Church in Langley which for obvious reasons is not available on Sundays, the events took place over three days but in this case Thursday to Saturday rather than over a weekend. This meant the entrants were of necessity either students or those without a regular day job, but then again adults are generally in the minority in tournaments anyway. The classical portion of the event consisted of forty-two players and was won by Ryan Leong with a perfect 6.0/6 (he did outrate the rest of the field by a considerable margin). Tied for second were Baris Erturk and Justin Liu, while Jofrel Landingin and Zhengyu Chen tied for fourth. Many of the same players were among the thirty-four who joined the blitz event; this was also won by Ryan, this time with 8.0/9. Sharing second were Christian Grecu and Zhengyu Chen, while Baris and Justin were tied for fourth. Classical Blitz

West Vancouver Rapid (July 23)

For a number of years Vancouver had a series of rapid events organized by Luc Poitras. Luc has now returned to organizing with a couple of rapid events on the North Shore, the first of which was held at the West Vancouver United Church on the evening of July 23. Baris Erturk placed first with 5.0/6, second was a tie between Luc Poitras and Euan Reid; twelve players took part. The next evet is scheduled for August 27. Crosstable

Romania Grand Prix Brasov (July 16-22)



This year the Romanian Chess Federation has organized a Grand Prix: five open qualifying events, two classical and three rapid, leading to a final closed event in December. The second of these qualifying tournaments took place in Braşov, a Transylvanian city not far from Bran Castle of Dracula fame. The nine-round Swiss attracted three hundred and twenty-five players including thirteen GMs and twenty-four IMs, ninety-nine titles in all. One of them was IM Max Gedajlovic, continuing his European travels. The overall winner was GM Luca Moroni Jr. (Italy) who only drew with second and third-placed finishers GMs Max Warmerdam (Netherlands) and Dmitrij Kollars (Germany) in scoring 8.0/9. Max scored 6.5 points (+5 =3 -1), tied with eighteen others for thirteenth; he placed twenty-eighth, tiebreak order apparently being determined by lot. Standings

Gedajlovic, Max (2416) – Girmacea, Bogdan (2108) [E41] Romania GP Brasov (8.27), 21.07.2023

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 c5 5.Bd3 cxd4 6.exd4 d5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Nge2 0-0 9.0-0 Nf6 10.Bg5 Be7 11.Bc2 Nc6 12.a3 e5 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Re1 Bg4 15.Qd4 Nc6 16.Qa4 Bd7 17.Rad1 Qc8 18.Ng3 h6 19.Bxh6 gxh6 20.Qh4 Ng4 21.Rxe7 Nxe7 22.Qxe7 Re8 23.Qxd7 Qxd7 24.Rxd7 Rad8 25.Rxd8 Rxd8 26.Nf1 Kg7 27.f4 Nf6 28.Kf2 Ne8 29.Ke2 Nc7 30.Ne3 Ne6 31.Nf5+ Kf8 32.g3 Nd4+ 33.Nxd4 Rxd4 34.Ke3 Rd6 35.Be4 b6 36.g4 Kg7 37.Nd5 Kf8 38.Kd4 a5 39.Kc4 Re6 1-0

GM Ante Šarić Simul (July 16)

Organized by the <u>Blendz Chess Club</u>, this online simultaneous exhibition over the facilities of lichess featured Croatian GM Ante Šarić. Thirty-nine years old, Šarić is currently rated 2519 but has been as high as 2600. He has won four Mitropa Cups (the annual competition for teams from Central European countries) and was a member of the winning team in the Croatian team championship for five consecutive years. Šarić is also a licensed FIDE trainer and teaches online. During the exhibition he took on thirty-seven opponents rated between 1073 and 2505 (lichess ratings), scoring thirty-four wins, three draws and no losses. All games

Sailor1951 (2046) – AlfilOscuro (2104) [A05] GM Sailor1951 simul lichess.org, 16.07.2023

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.b3 d5 4.Bb2 Bg7 5.c4 c6 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 Re8 8.d4 Bg4 9.Nbd2 Nbd7 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Nxf3 Rc8 12.e3 Ne4



13.Nd2 Nxd2 14.Qxd2 e5 15.cxd5 cxd5 16.Bxd5 exd4 17.exd4 b5 18.Rac1 Nb6 19.Bc6 Nc4 20.bxc4 Rxc6 21.cxb5 Rd6 22.Rc6 Rd5 23.a4 Bxd4 24.Bxd4 Rxd4 25.Qc2 Rd2 26.Qc5 Qd7 27.h4 Rd1 28.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 29.Kg2 Qxa4 30.Qd5 Qa5 31.h5 Rd8 32.Qe5 Qd2 33.Rc7 Qd5+ 34.Qxd5 Rxd5 ½-½

Sailor1951 (2046) - Date168 (2027) [E06] GM Sailor1951 simul lichess.org, 16.07.2023

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qa4 a6 8.Qxc4 b5 9.Qc2 Bb7 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Nbd2 Bxf4 12.gxf4 Nbd7 13.Nb3 Be4 14.Qc1 Nd5 15.Ne5 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 Nxe5 17.fxe5 Qh4 18.e3 Qg4+ 19.Kh1 Qf3+ ½-½

Vancity July Rapid (July 15)

The July edition of the monthly Vancity Rapid saw the tournament switch to a new location, the Renfrew Park Community Centre in East Vancouver. The fifty-nine-player field was split almost exactly down the middle, thirty in the Open and twenty-nine in the U1400. Eight players over 2000 were in attendance including all of Team Doknjas, yet it was two former BC senior champions who tied for first, Mayo Fuentebella and Jose Kagaoan – they each scored 5.5/6. FMs John and Joshua Doknjas tied for third with 4.5; NM Neil Doknjas shared the lead after four rounds but then lost to both his brothers, this after he beat both of them in the May edition.

Unusually there were was a clear winner for each of the prizes in the U1400 Section; newcomers Baris Erturk and Edric Mei placed first and third respectively, the former with a perfect score, while Caden Gee was second. All three made themselves ineligible for the same section in the immediate future by achieving ratings over 1400. Tyler Sanderson was the organizer of record, Ryan Leong the arbiter. Watch out for Vancity's next-event on the beach in Kitsilano! Open U1400

CANADIAN OPEN (July 22-30)

Calgary previously hosted the Canadian Open in 1975 and 1996 so it was high time for the tournament to return, particularly since Calgary had hosted the North American Youth Chess Championships last summer at the same location (Sheraton Cavalier Calgary Hotel) and thus the organizational challenges were known. The Canadian Open attracted one hundred and eighty-three players in two sections; the Open Section included six GMs and five IMs, headlined by former candidates Alexei Shirov and Evgeny Bareev. Thirty players from this province also participated: Johan Aljo, Mathew Ashley, Gilles Bruneau, Zachary Chua, Neil Doknjas, Matthew He, Winston Huang, Raymond Kaufman, Minjun Koo, Jeffrey Liu, Zachary Liu, Aiden Lu, Erwin Mok, Gillian Mok, Leon Piasetski, Dejan Radic, Marko Radic, Wesley Russell, Ethan Song, Ethan Su, Ashton Taylor, Chengjun Patrick Wang, Jason Williamson, L. Kim Wilson, Henry Yang, Jingyun (Ryan) Yang, Larry Yang, Ryan Bole Yu, Brandon Zhu, and Alex Zou.



(all photos by Victoria Doknjas)

By round five Shirov had established a small lead over the rest of the field. In the second half of the tournament several players joined him at the top of the crosstable but in the end Shirov finished clear first with 8.0/10. It was not all clear sailing, notably against Bareev in round eight and Adam Dorrance in the last round, but Shirov's prolonged pressure eventually resulted in wins in both cases. Clear second was former prodigy GM Illya Nyzhnyk (Ukraine), now twenty-six, with 8.0 points. Tied for third was GM Dimitri Komarov (Ukraine), currently in the process of relocating to Edmonton, FM Anthony Atanasov, who capped a fine tournament by defeating Mikhalevski in the last round, and Ryan Campbell, who despite being unrated in last year's Canadian Open scored 5.0-0.0 before falling back into the field – they all scored 7.5 points. Ten players tied on 7.0 points including the other three GMs, Bareev, Gupta, and Mikhalevski, 2018 Canadian Open co-champion IM Bitan Banerjee of Edmonton and BC's Ethan Song, whose 2411 performance rating pushed him over 2300 for the first time. IM Leon Piasetski was among those scoring 6.5, while Erwin Mok (winner of a U1800 prize), Aiden Lu, and Brandon Zhu also had significant rating gains.

The U1600 Section was dominated by a race between two BC players, Jeffrey Liu and Winston Huang. Tied for first after five rounds, in round seven Jeffrey beat Winston and that proved the decisive edge: Jeffrey finished first with 9.0/10, Winston was clear second a full point back. Clear third was achieved by Korbin Schantz ahead of Hardik Shrestha, Daniel Ratte, and April Wang.

The next highest BC player was Zachary Chua with 6.5 points. Apart from the flagship event there were also various lectures and simultaneous displays, as well as a blitz tournament (won by Nyzhnyk ahead of NM Neil Doknjas, IM Raymond Kaufman, and FM Tymur Keleberda) and a bughouse event with BC players Neil Doknjas, Henry Yang, Brandon Zhu, Jingyun Yang, Zachary Liu, Zachary Chua, and Larry Yang among the winners. Congratulations to all and thanks to organizer Lars Lowther and all the other organizers, arbiters, and volunteers who are behind such an undertaking. Standings CFC Open Section U1600



Nyzhnyk, Illya (2642) - Shirov, Alexei (2668) [D12] CAN op 56th Calgary (5.1), 25.07.2023

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 Bf5 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nh4 Be4 7.f3 Bg6 8.Qb3 Qc7 9.Bd2 Be7 10.0–0–0 dxc4 11.Qxc4 Nbd7 12.g4 Ne4 13.Be1 Nb6 14.Qb3 Nxc3 15.bxc3 0–0–0 16.Bg3 Bd6 17.Bxd6 Rxd6 18.Qa3 c5 19.Nxg6 hxg6 20.Kb2 Rc6 21.Bd3 Kb8 22.Ka1 cxd4 23.cxd4 Nd5 24.Rc1 Nxe3 25.Rxc6 Qxc6 26.Rc1 Qb6 27.Rc5 Rxh2 0–1

Piasetski, Leon David (2380) – Vasic, Maxim (2200) [A28] CAN op 56th Calgary (5.8), 25.07.2023

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Qc2 Bb4 5.Nd5 0–0 6.a3 Bd6 7.e3 h6 8.b3 e4 9.Nxf6+ Qxf6 10.Bb2 Ne5 11.Nd4 Ng4 12.f4 Bxf4 13.exf4 Qxf4 14.0–0–0 Nf2 15.Be2 Nxh1 16.Rxh1 f5 17.Rf1 Qg5 18.g4 d6 19.gxf5 c5 20.Nb5 Bxf5 21.Qc3 Bh7 22.Re1 Rf2 23.Qg3 Raf8 24.Qxg5 hxg5 25.Nxd6 Rxh2 26.Bd1 Rf4 27.Be5 1–0

Shirov, Alexei (2668) – Bareev, Evgeny (2631) [B12] CAN op 56th Calgary CAN (8.2), 28.07.2023

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.Qxd3 Qa5+ 7.Nd2 e6 8.Ngf3 Qa6 9.c4 Nh6 10.0-0 Nd7 11.b3 Nf5 12.a4 Rd8 13.Qc2 Be7 14.Ba3 Bxa3 15.Rxa3 Qb6 16.a5 Nxd4 17.axb6 Nxc2

18.Rxa7 Rb8 19.c5 Nb4 20.Ra4 Nd3 21.b4 Ke7 22.Nb3 Rhd8 23.Ra7 N7xe5 24.Nxe5 Nxe5 25.Na5 Rd7 26.Ra1 Nc4 27.Rxb7 1-0



Round 8, board 1: Shirov-Bareev

Atanasov, Anthony (2367) – Mikhalevski, Victor (2524) [D85] CAN op 56th Calgary (10.3), 30.07.2023

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.e4 Nxc3 7.bxc3 c5 8.Be2 Nc6 9.d5 Bxc3+ 10.Bd2 Bxa1 11.Qxa1 Nd4 12.Nxd4 cxd4 13.Qxd4 0-0 14.0-0 Qb6 15.Qd3 Bd7 16.Rb1 Qa6 17.Qe3 Qxa2 18.Rxb7 Rfb8 19.Rxd7 Rb1+ 20.Bf1 Qa6 21.h4 Rxf1+ 22.Kh2 Qf6 23.Kg3 Qe5+ 24.f4 Qh5 25.Bb4 g5 26.fxg5 Rh1 27.Qf4 Qe2 28.Rxe7 Rf1 29.Qd2 Qxd2 30.Bxd2 a5 31.Kg4 Rd1 32.Bc3 a4 33.e5 Rc8 34.Bb2 Rb8 35.Bc3 Rd3 36.Rc7 a3 37.e6 a2 38.Bf6 Rxd5 39.Rxf7 Rf8 40.Rg7+ Kh8 41.e7 h5+ 42.gxh6 Re8 43.Rf7+ Kg8 44.Rf8+ Rxf8 45.h7+ Kxh7 46.exf8Q Rd7 47.Qh8+ Kg6 48.h5+ Kf7 49.Qg7+ Ke6 50.Qxd7+ Kxd7 51.Ba1 1-0

Song, Ethan (2255) - Doknjas, Neil (2297) [B42] CAN op 56th Calgary (10.10), 30.07.2023

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Bc5 6.Nb3 Ba7 7.Qe2 Ne7 8.Be3 0–0 9.Bxa7 Rxa7 10.Qe3 Nbc6 11.Nc3 b5 12.0–0–0 Rc7 13.e5 b4 14.Na4 Nd5 15.Qe4 f5 16.exf6 Nxf6 17.Qe2 d6 18.Nb6 Bb7 19.Qxe6+ Kh8 20.Nc4 Rd7 21.Qh3 a5 22.Bf5 a4 23.Nc5 dxc5 24.Rxd7 Qb8 25.Nd6 Nd4 26.Nxb7 Qf4+ 27.Kb1 Nxf5 28.Rd8 Rxd8 29.Nxd8 a3 30.Qb3 h6 31.Nf7+ Kh7 32.Qf3 Qxf3 33.gxf3 axb2 34.Kxb2 Nd5 35.a3 bxa3+ 36.Kxa3 Nd4 37.Kb2 Nxf3 38.Nd6 Kg6 39.Ne4 c4 40.Rd1 Nf4 41.Nd2 Nxh2 42.f3 Ne2 43.c3 Kf5 44.Rh1 Nxf3 45.Nxf3 Ke4 46.Nd4 Nf4 47.Re1+ Kd5 48.Kc2 g5 49.Nf5 h5 50.Ne3+ Ke4 51.Nxc4+ Kf3 52.Rg1 g4 53.Nd2+ Kf2 54.Rf1+ Ke3 55.Nc4+ Ke4 56.Nd6+ Ke5 57.Kd2 h4 58.Nf7+ Ke4 59.Ng5+ Ke5 60.c4 h3 61.Ke3 Ng2+ 62.Kf2 Kf5 63.Nf7 Kf4 64.Kg1+ Ke4 65.Nh6 Ne3 66.Re1 g3 67.Ng4 Kf3 68.Nxe3 h2+ 69.Kh1 Kf2 70.Ng2 1–0

CANADIAN YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP (July 19-22)



(photo by Victoria Doknjas)

Taking place immediately before the Canadian Open at the same hotel was the CYCC, the annual youth championships by two-year age categories in open and girls' sections. There were four hundred and fifty-four participants, smashing the previous record of three hundred and sixty-three set in Quebec City five years ago. Apart from the advantages of proximity, it says much for the popularity of chess in general and BC in particular that fully a quarter of the entrants, one hundred and sixteen, were from this province. (I will not attempt to enumerate them all.) After seven rounds and the application of tiebreaks, awards were presented. As the number of players was so large, additional trophies above and beyond the usual top three were given out, to a maximum of seven in the largest sections. Assuming the tiebreaks on the chess-results site are correct, these are the BC winners: Daniel Zhu (3rd, U8), Lucas Yao (6th, U10), Zachary Liu and Justin Gao (5th, 6th U12), Caitin Wang (4th U12G), Jingyun (Ryan) Yang and Aljo Johan (2nd, 4th U14), Kate Jiang (5th U16), Neil Doknjas (2nd U18); just missing the podium were Moses Li (U8), Kai Zhangkai Zhang (U10), Sofia Vigurs and Karen Chen (U10G), Alex Zou (U14), and Gillian Mok (U16G). Congratulations to all! Standings

Doknjas, Neil (2297) - Issani, Nameer (2242) [C45] CYCC U18 Calgary (7.2), 22.07.2023

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nxc6 bxc6 6.e5 Qe7 7.Qe2 Nd5 8.h4 d6 9.c4 Nb6 10.exd6 cxd6 11.Be3 Be6 12.Qc2 Nd7 13.Nc3 g6 14.0–0–0 Bg7 15.Bg5 f6 16.Bf4 Ne5 17.h5 f5 18.Qd2 Rd8 19.Bg5 Bf6 20.Bxf6 Qxf6 21.f4 Ng4 22.hxg6 hxg6 23.Rxh8+ Qxh8 24.Be2 Qh4 25.Bf3 Kf7 26.Bxc6 Qg3 27.Bd5 Bxd5 28.Qxd5+ Kf8 29.Qd4 Kg8 30.c5 Ne3 31.Rd3 Qe1+ 32.Nd1 Nxd1 33.Rxd1 Qe2 34.Qf6 Qe3+ 35.Kb1 Qe4+ 36.Ka1 Rd7 37.Qxg6+ Rg7 38.Qxd6 Qxg2 39.c6 Qc2 40.Qd8+ Kf7 41.Rd7+ Ke6 42.Rd6+ 1–0

NELSON-SPOKANE: HYBRID CHESS IN 1910

Back in <u>Bulletin 424</u> we covered the first of a series of telegraph matches between the towns of Nelson, BC and Spokane, WA and presented two games from the match. We have a third game from the series, played in the third match which took place on the night of 22/23 December 1910:

The games at the Nelson end will take place in the Great Northern railway ticket office, where Capt. R.J. Steele will represent Spokane for the purpose of seeing that the rules are strictly enforced, while J.D. Anderson who will play off his match with Mr. Odson in the afternoon, will perform a like duty for Nelson at the Spokane Athletic Club's rooms in Spokane.

The match will start at 8 o'clock on Thursday evening and continue until 1 o'clock the next morning, after which all unfinished games will be adjudicated by the governing board of three consisting of Casimir Dickson, J.D. Anderson and A.D. Campbell. Under the rules agreed upon any dissatisfied contestant may have the right of appeal to Charles Blake, the Winnipeg expert.

The Nelson committee will be pleased to have all those interested in the match visit the room where the contest is taking place and see the games as they progress; but it must be understood that silence must be strictly observed so that the players may not be disturbed. A chess match lasting five hours is a physical as well as a mental struggle on both sides and it is therefore essential that there be as little noise as possible. [Nelson *Daily News*, 20 December 1910]

Board	Nelson	2	4	Spokane
1	James R. Hunnex	1/2	1/2	N.M. MacLeod
2	R. Casimir Dickson	0	1	A. Coolidge
3	Dr. E.G. Smyth	1/2	1/2	A.M. Craven
4	J.M. Ewing	1	0	F.H. Palmer
5	G.B. Wickes	0	1	A.D. Campbell
6	John D. Anderson	0	1	John Odson

The S.A.A.C. chess team won a clearcut victory last night in its match with the Nelson chess players. The play lasted long into the night, and it was not till the cold gray dawn of the morning that the weary players, missing the last car, straggled homeward. [Which implies the games did not end at 1 am as indicated above.] Spokane lost one match, won three and drew two. [Spokane Chronicle, 23 December 1910]

Some details of the players, many of whom played in all the matches, was given in the previous article. A notable new addition for this match among the Nelson players is J.M. Ewing, who from descriptions given in the local press is the John Morton Ewing (1889-1952), previously of Edinburgh, who subsequently won the BC championship a record seven times. He only immigrated to Canada in 1910, and this is the first reference we have to him as a chess player on this side of

the Atlantic. In February of 1911 Ewing was living in Harrop, a small farming community near Nelson, but soon thereafter he was involved with the Provincial Normal School (teacher's college) in Vancouver, although it is not clear whether he was an instructor or student.

The game below was published in the *Spokane Chronicle* of 23 December 1910 with numerous notational errors – the reconstruction is by your editor.

The game between N.M. MacLeod for the S.A.A.C. and J.R. Hunnex was a classic and worthy of a place in the annals of chess. Mr. MacLeod opened a trap for his opponent in the mid-game and when the smoke had cleared away, emerged minus his queen. This appeared to be certain defeat to the spectators, but by probably the most brilliant play ever seen in this city, MacLeod compelled his opponent to acknowledge a draw on the 42nd move, notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Hunnex still had his queen on the board.



J.M. Ewing

MacLeod, Nicholas Menelaus – Hunnex, James Robert [C20] Nelson-Spokane m Telegraph, 22.12.1910

1.e4 e5 2.c3 [An unusual move, the Centre Pawn Opening, yet played by MacLeod seventeen times at the great 1889 New York tournament, thus sometimes called the MacLeod Attack.] 2...d5 3.Nf3 dxe4 4.Qa4+ c6 5.Qxe4 Bd6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.Qe2 0-0 8.0-0 [An early correspondence game between Liverpool and Manchester in 1825/6 varied at this point with 8.d3 Nd5 9.0-0 Bf5 10.Be3 Bg4 11.Nbd2 f5 12.h3 Bh5 13.g4 fxg4 14.Nh2 Qh4 15.hxg4 e4 16.f4 exf3 17.Rxf3 Qxh2+ 18.Qxh2 Bxh2+ 19.Kxh2 Rxf3 20.Nxf3 Bxg4 21.Ne5 Be6 22.Re1 Nd7 23.Nxd7 Bxd7 24.Bd4 Re8 25.Rxe8+ Bxe8 26.Bxa7 Bf7 27.Bxd5 cxd5 28.Kg3 and an eventual draw on move 47.] 8...Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.d3 Nbd7 11.Bg5 Qc7 12.Nbd2 Rae8 13.Ne4 Nxe4 14.dxe4 Kh8 15.Rad1 Nc5 16.b4 Ne6 17.Be3 Nf4 18.Bxf4 exf4 19.Qd2 Rd8 20.Qe2 Rfe8



21.e5 Rxe5 22.Nxe5 Bxe2 23.Nxf7+ Kg8 24.Nxd6+ Bxc4 25.Nxc4 Rxd1 26.Rxd1



Nicholas MacLeod



26...Qe7 27.Kh2 h6 28.f3 Qe2 29.Rd8+ Kh7 30.Nd2 Qa6 31.Ne4 Qxa2 32.Rd7 Qa6 33.Nc5 Qa3 34.Rxb7 Qxc3 35.Rxa7 Qxb4 36.Ne6 Qc3 37.Rc7 Kg8 38.Nxg7 Qe5 39.Rxc6 Kxg7 40.Ra6 Qg5 41.Rc6 Qd5 42.Ra6 ½-½

To modern eyes the play does not appear especially "brilliant" – more likely due to the (for those days) unusual material imbalance and an overestimation of the queen's abilities (positional queen sacrifices being rare before World War 2). That said, Black was winning at various points and could easily press for the full point in the final position.

UPCOMING EVENTS

See also the listings at the CFC and Northwest chess websites

Fraser Valley Rapid 6

Langley, August 12 Details

Vancity Chess at Kitsfest

Vancouver, August 12-13 Details

Lynn Stringer Memorial

Sidney, August 19-20 Details

WV Rapid

West Vancouver, August 27 Details

BC Chess Masters 1

Burnaby, August 31 – September 4 Details

Langley Open

Langley, September 2-4

Details

Greater Vancouver 3

Burnaby, September 16-17 Details

Vancouver Chess Festival

Vancouver, September 16-17 Details

Fraser Valley Rapid 7

Langley, September 23 Details

Chess in the Park

Esquimalt, September 24 Details