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HERE AND THERE

Vezerkepzo GM July (July 12-18)

For the next little while IM Max Gedajlovic will be playing in a series of norm events in Budapest, Hungary. The first of these, the Vezerkepzo GM July, was a ten-player round robin with the requisite number of titled players from different federations and possessing sufficiently high ratings. The tournament included three IMs from India; it was one of these, Anto Cristiano F. Manish, who won the event with a 2623 performance rating despite being the lowest ranked at the start (only 2323 FIDE). Manish achieved his 7.0/9 score in the old Soviet fashion, win with white, draw with black. Second was GM Tamas Fodor Jr. followed by the other two Indian players. Max finished on minus one, 4.0 points; he scored 50% against the three GMs but only managed a single draw versus the Indian contingent. [Standings](#)

Gedajlovic, Max (2386) – Pap, Misa (2399) [A58] Vezerkepzo GM July Budapest (1.4), 12.07.2024

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.e4 0–0 8.Bc4 Qa5 9.a7 Rxa7 10.Bd2 Ba6 11.b3 Bxc4 12.bxc4 Qa6 13.e5 Ne8 14.Nb5 Rb7 15.Nf3 d6 16.0–0 dxe5 17.Rb1 Nd7 18.Qc2 Nb6 19.Rb3 Qa4 20.Nc3 Qa6 21.Ne4 Rc7 22.Rb5 Nd6 23.Nxd6 exd6 24.Ba5 Rb7 25.Rfb1 Rfb8 26.Qb3 e4 27.Nd2 e3 28.fxe3 Nd7 29.Rxb7 Rxb7 30.Qxb7 Qxa5 31.Qxd7 Qxd2 32.Rf1 Qxe3+ 33.Kh1 h5 34.Qxd6 Qe2 35.Qf4 f5 36.d6 Be5 37.Qf3 Qxc4 38.d7 Bf6 39.Rd1 Bd8 40.Qa8 Qh4 41.Qd5+ Kg7 42.Qxc5 Kh7 43.Qd4 Qg5 44.Re1 h4 45.Qe3 Qf6 46.a4 Qd6 47.Qe6 Qd2 48.Qf7+ Kh6 49.Qe8 Kh7 50.h3 Bc7 51.Qf7+ Kh6 52.Qf8+ Kh5 53.Qe7 Qd5 54.Qe2+ Kh6 55.Rd1 Qa5 56.Qd2+ Qxd2 57.Rxd2 Bd8 58.a5 f4 59.a6 f3 60.gxf3 1–0

Canadian Youth Chess Championship (July 8-12)

Last year in Calgary the CYCC attracted four hundred and fifty-four entrants, smashing the previous record of three hundred and sixty-three set in Quebec City five years previous. Fast forward to 2024 and Laval, Quebec: a whopping six hundred and seventy-eight players participated in this year's CYCC, an increase of 50% over the Calgary numbers. Yes, events in central Canada are generally larger but is this an aberration or a sign of the continued popularity of chess, particularly among the young? Watch out Surrey, you're next! (The 2025 Canadian Open and CYCC will be held in Surrey.)



Meanwhile the record-breaking numbers in Laval included some seventy-six players from British Columbia, competing in the twelve categories differentiated by age and gender. After seven rounds BC had at least one first place finisher - Daniel Zhu won the U8 Open Section with a perfect score! In the U10 Open Section Lucas Yao was tied for first with Modith Aaroh Mutyalapati from Ontario, both having scored 6.5/7. They were deadlocked on all the listed tiebreaks so presumably there was some of playoff, but at this point that information is not readily available. Placing second in the U8 Girls was Evelyn Lou, while Jingyun (Ryan) Yang was third in the U18 Open. Other BC players who finished in the top ten in their respective sections: Aiden Zhu (6th, U8), Aiden Yin and Kai Zhongkai Zhang (6th and 8th, U10), Anny Peng and Sofia Vigurs (5th and 7th, U10G), Zachary Chua (10th, U12), Karen Chen and Joanne Wangluo (6th and 7th, U12G), Ryan Tomilin (4th, U16), Sherlynn Fung (6th, U16G), Zachary Liu, Reece Harms, and Aiden Leong (6th, 8th, and 9th, U18), and Bella Wang (9th, U18G). Congratulations to all! [Standings tournament website](#)

Fraser Valley Rapid 12 (July 6)

One hundred and thirteen players participated in the twelfth Fraser Valley Rapid event, held as usual in the Main Conference Hall of the Christian Life Assembly Church in Langley. CM Jorge Nunez Asencio had little difficulty in winning the twenty-four player [Open Section](#), winning his first five games before giving up a draw in the last round. A full point back were Zachary Liu and Lucas Yao, while top U1700 was Oliver Slater-Kinghorn. Playing in his first quick-rated event, Iain Ireland topped the thirty-six player [U1400 Section](#), scoring 5.0/6 alongside Robin Hayer and just ahead of Hugh Penner, Rafael Yen, and Peter He. And the [U1000 Section](#) saw the only perfect score in the tournament which belonged to Anurav Kansal, who finished a point ahead of Jahaan Sangwan, Caeden Kelso, Nicholas Zhang, and Kanish Raj Sathish Raj. Mark your calendars for [Fraser Valley Rapid 13](#), coming up on October 5.

43rd Benasque Open (July 5-14)

Part of the Iberian Peninsula's summer tournament circuit, this year's Benasque Open had a field of four hundred and forty-five players including two dozen grandmasters and two Canadians, both from BC – CM Ethan Song and Elliot McCallum. Third-ranked GM Mateusz Bartel of Poland was the overall winner, whose 8.5/10 score was a half point more than the eight players who tied for second place. Ethan finished with 7.0 points, Elliot 3.0. [Results](#)

Levin, Guy (2460) – Song, Ethan (2244) [A45] Benasque op 43rd Benasque (8.18), 12.07.2024

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 d5 3.Bxf6 exf6 4.e3 Bd6 5.Bd3 c6 6.Nd2 0–0 7.c3 a5 8.Qc2 h6 9.Ng3 b6 10.0–0 Ba6 11.e4 Bf4 12.exd5 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 Bxd2 14.Nxd2 cxd5 15.Qb5 Qd6 16.Rfe1 Na6 17.Nf1 Nc7 18.Qb3 Rfe8 19.Ne3 g6 20.c4 Rad8 21.Rac1 dxc4 22.Qxc4 Nd5 23.Qb5 Nxe3 24.fxe3 Rc8 25.b3 f5 26.Rc4 Rxc4 27.bxc4 f4 28.c5 bxc5 29.Qxc5 Qxc5 30.dxc5 Rc8 31.Rc1 fxe3 32.Kf1 f5 33.Ke2 f4 34.g3 g5 35.gxf4 gxf4 36.Kf3 Kf7 37.c6 Ke7 38.Kxf4 e2 39.Re1 Rxc6 40.Rxe2+ Kf6 41.Kg4 a4 ½–½

World Open (July 3-7)

Now in its fifty-second year, the 2024 World Open took place at the Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown. Well over a thousand players participated, but as far as we can tell there were only two entrants from this province, CM Neil Doknjas in the Open Section and Andrew Xu in the U2000. The overall winner was former prodigy GM Awonder Liang (USA) who has only just turned twenty-one years old. He suffered one loss but won eight games for a total of 8.0/9 to finish a full point ahead of those tied for second. Neil's final score was 5.0/9. Andrew Xu scored 7.0 points in the U2000, a point out of first place but still enough to tie with four others for fifth to ninth places, worth \$880 (U.S.) – congratulations! [USCF crosstables](#)

BC Junior Chess Rapid (June 29)

The [BC Junior Chess Association](#) ran its second Rapid event on Saturday June 29 on the Burnaby campus of BCIT. A total of sixty-nine players took part in the two-section Rapid (six games at 15 + 10), there was also an optional blitz side event. The eleven-player [Open Section](#) resulted in a tie between Kaiqi Qin and Zachary Liu with 4.5 points each – Kaiqi came first on the head-to-head tiebreak. Third was Victor Musakhanyan on 4.0 points. There was a clear winner with a perfect score in the [U1400 Section](#), Daniel Zhu; Jesse Law and Sky Cui placed second and third a full point behind.

FIDE World Cup U8/U10/U12 (June 23-29)

FIDE have introduced a number of new official events to their tournament calendar, including a world cup for the lower youth age categories. Originally the world cup format, a knockout event consisting of two-game matches, was used to determine the FIDE World Champion; it has since evolved to produce qualifiers to the candidates' tournament. One of the main drawbacks for players participating in a knockout is that once they lose a match, they are out of the tournament. This was alleviated in this event, held in Batumi, Georgia, by using two stages. The first stage consisted of

groups of twenty-four, two per age category (both open and girls), designated A and B. Each group was run as a seven-round Swiss with the final place determined by various tiebreak criteria. In stage two each ranked player in group A competed in a two-game match with the corresponding player from group B – 1A vs. 1B, 2A vs. 2B, and so on. If still tied after the classical portion, games at progressively faster time controls were used to break the deadlock, as in the usual world cup.



For this inaugural event twelve Canadians participated, including Elliot McCallum (Open U8 B) and Joanne Wangluo (Girls U12 A) from BC; former North Shore resident Samuel Xu, now living in Florida, was also in Elliot's group. After stage one Elliot placed sixth with 4.5 points and was paired against Nurmukhamed Elemes (KAZ) from the B group. He achieved a winning major piece ending in the first game but went astray and lost, subsequently losing the match 0.0-2.0 and finishing twelfth overall. Joanne placed twenty-third in stage one; against Anastasia Bechvaia (GEO) in stage two Joanne split the classical games but was defeated in the second rapid tiebreak game to place forty-sixth. [Stage one](#) [Stage two](#) (use the linked pdf for the final standings)

Kavish Palaniappan K (1551) – McCallum, Elliot (1718) [B28] FIDE World Cup U8 B Batumi (2.2), 24.06.2024

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 a6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Nf3 Bb4 7.Bd3 d5 8.Bg5 d4 9.a3 Be7 10.Ne2 0–0 11.0–0 Nc6 12.Ng3 Re8 13.c3 dxc3 14.bxc3 h6 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Qc2 g6 17.Rfd1 Qe7 18.Qc1 Bg7 19.Qe3 Be6 20.a4 Rac8 21.Rab1 Na5 22.Qb6 Qc5 23.Qxc5 Rxc5 24.Ne2 Bb3 25.Rd2 Bxa4 26.Ra2 b5 27.Ne1 Rd8 28.f3 Nc4 29.Kf2 h5 30.Rb4 Nb6 31.Bc2 a5 32.Rb1 Bxc2 33.Nxc2 Na4 34.Ne3 Rd3 35.Nd5 Bh6 36.Ke1 f5 37.h4 fxe4 38.fxe4 Bf4 39.Kf2 Rd2 40.Ra3 g5 41.hxg5 Bxg5 42.Rg1 Rc4 43.g4 Rxe4 44.gxh5 Rxe2+ 45.Kf3 Rf2+ 46.Ke4 Rde2+ 47.Kd3 Nb2# 0–1

Potikha, Shelley (1464) – Wangluo, Joanne [B42] FIDE World Cup U12G A Batumi (7.12), 29.06.2024

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Qc7 6.0–0 d6 7.Be3 Nf6 8.f4 Nbd7 9.f5 e5 10.Nf3 Be7 11.Nc3 b5 12.a3 Bb7 13.Qe1 Nc5 14.Qg3 Rg8 15.Nd2 Rc8 16.Qf3 Bd8 17.g4 h6 18.h4 Nfd7 19.g5 Nf8 20.Kh1 hxg5 21.hxg5 Rh8+ 22.Kg1 g6 23.fxg6 Nxg6 24.b4 Nxd3 25.cxd3 Qd7 26.Nd5

Bxd5 27.exd5 Rh3 28.Qe2 Rg3+ 29.Kh1 Qh3+ 30.Qh2 Qxh2+ 31.Kxh2 Rxe3 32.Ne4 Rc2+ 33.Kg1 Rxd3 34.Nxd6+ Ke7 35.Ne4 Nf4 36.Nf2 Nh3+ 37.Nxh3 Rxh3 38.Rf2 Bb6 0-1

BC – WASHINGTON MATCH (June 29-30) by Paul Leblanc

Team BC Prevails Again, FM John Doknjas and WCM Kate Jiang Lead the Way



Team BC. Front (L-R): Peter Mingrone, Nathan Wu, Charles Wu, Nicholas Wu, Minjun Koo, Kate Jiang, Ryan Leong. Centre (L-R): John Doknjas, Ivan Petrov. Back (L-R): David Armstrong, Brian Yang, Peter Qu, Paul Leblanc (TD), Craig Bacon, Luke Pulfer. Not pictured: Joyce Zhang. (photos: Victoria Doknjas)

The eighth annual five-round match between BC and Washington took place at the Executive Hotel in Richmond over the weekend of 29-30 June, 2024. The final score was 52.0-23.0 in favour of BC. The Washington players fought hard but were unable to overcome the home team advantage. Leading the way for Team BC were FM John Doknjas with a perfect 5.0 points followed by WCM Kate Jiang at 4.5. The Wu family was present in force with Nicholas, Nathan, and Charles all notching plus scores. Another notable presence was Luke Pulfer who has returned to chess after a seven-year break. He is currently studying science at UBC and is vice-president of the UBC Chess Club. Round five was interrupted by a fire alarm and evacuation and provided an impromptu twenty-minute rest period outside in the beautiful Canada Day weekend weather.

Significant sponsorship for the match was provided by the Washington Chess Federation, the BC Chess Federation and Sri Chess Academy of Washington. The match was co-organized by BCCF President Paul Leblanc and WCF President Josh Sinanan. Paul Leblanc was the Tournament Director. The event was FIDE and CFC rated and featured a \$3,000 prize fund.



Team Washington. Back (L-R): Josh Sinanan, Sridhar Seshadri, Aarav B. Mohan, Edward Li, Leonardo Wang, Darsh Verma, Amana Demberel. Front (L-R): Michael Lin, Chen Yuan, Terrick Evin, Dann Merriman, Owen Xu, Ryan Min, Selina Cheng. Not pictured: Samarth Bharadwaj.



The executive boardroom at the Executive Hotel proved to be just the right size for thirty players.

Min, Ryan (2111) – Doknjas, John (2364) [E28] 2024 BC v WA Richmond, BC Canada (3.1), 29.06.2024

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 b6 7.Bd3 Bb7 8.f3 Nc6 9.Ne2 0–0 10.0–0 Na5 11.e4 Ne8 12.f4 f5 13.Ng3 Nd6 14.d5 g6 15.Qe2 Ba6 16.e5 Ndxc4 17.d6 b5 18.Be3 Nxe3 19.Qxe3 Qb6 20.Rab1 Qc6 21.Rf2 Rab8 22.Rfb2 Rb6 23.a4 Rfb8 24.h4 bxa4 25.Rxb6 Rxb6 26.Rxb6 Qxb6 27.Bxa6 a3 28.Qf3 Qb8 29.Qf2 Qb1+ 30.Kh2 a2 31.Qxc5 Nc6 32.Bc8 a1Q 33.Bxd7 Qb6 34.Qc4 Nd8 35.Bxe6+ Kh8 36.Qc8 Qa4 37.Bd5 Qxf4 38.c4 Qxh4# 0–1

STEPHEN FRANCIS SMITH AND THE FOUNDING OF FIDE

July 20th of this year marks the one hundredth anniversary of FIDE, the World Chess Federation. Canada was one of the fifteen founding nations of FIDE, with one S.F. Smith signing the organization's 1924 draft constitution on Canada's behalf. But who exactly was S.F. Smith, and how did he come to be representing this country in Paris in 1924?

According to obituaries in the *British Chess Magazine* (BCM) and the [London] *Times*, Doctor Stephen Francis Smith died in London on May 12, 1928, at age sixty-seven. He was born in St. Mary's, Ontario on 19 December, 1860. His father was Doctor William R. Smith who played in the first completed Canadian Championship in 1873, making it through to the third round before being eliminated by eventual winner Albert Ensor; presumably young Stephen's introduction to chess was via family circles. Sometime in the mid-1870s the Smith family emigrated to London, England. Following in his father's profession Smith trained as a doctor, eventually becoming a Member of the Royal College of Surgeons and a Licentiate of the Apothecaries' Society, the normal qualifications to be a general practitioner at the time. However, census records describe both Smith and his father as homeopathic medical practitioners, this at a time when considerable friction and antagonism existed between the traditional medical community and homeopathy.

Little else is known for certain about the rest of Smith's life; his profession would have made him a man of means, which allowed him to travel fairly frequently in later life. He visited both Ostende and Paris for tournaments, and seems to have left the British Isles for much of the duration of World War One. This time he appears to have spent in North America. Perhaps he still had family in Ontario, but it is known Smith was in Vancouver from late 1914 till at least April 1915, and was also in Southern California in 1917.

Dr. Smith's first B.C. mention was in the [Vancouver] *Daily News Advertiser* of December 6, 1914, which noted he would give a simultaneous exhibition on the following Wednesday at the Vancouver Chess Club. Smith went on to win the club championship in the spring of 1915, along with giving a lecture on endings (February 2) and drawing with Frank Marshall in a Vancouver simul by the latter on February 17. After this he seems to have left the province: there is no further mention of his presence in local sources. [A number of later sources, e.g., the *BCM* in 1925, refer to Smith as the B.C. Champion for 1915, but this appears to be a "fisherman's tale" of chess exploits stemming from his win of the Vancouver CC championship in 1915. The first B.C. Championship did not take place until the following year and was won by John M. Ewing.] However, this does not end his association with Canada. At the end of 1920 the *BCM* reported that a match for the "championship of Canada has been arranged between Sidney E. Gale, the Canadian champion, and Dr. S.F. Smith, late champion of Vancouver and ex-champion of the City of London Chess Club, England." The match was to be the best score out of nine games, draws excluded. Gale lived in Hamilton; if

Dr. Smith still had relatives in Ontario, this may explain how the match came to take place. In any event, the match was abandoned after each player had scored one victory, "Mr. Gale being obliged to withdraw because of business reasons." [*Victoria Daily Colonist*, February 6, 1921]



The City of London Chess Club team which fought a team from Yorkshire in a radio match, played December 18th, 1897. The umpire was Leopold Hoffer (standing, second from the left), Joseph Blackburne was the referee (standing at the right), Dr. Smith is seated, second from the right. On the evidence of this photo he was a large, imposing man.

In 1924, in conjunction with the Olympic Games in Paris, a chess team event was organized. Unlike future chess olympiads, this event followed the ideals and organization of the Olympic Games: only non-professionals were allowed to take part, and everyone competed as an individual, the number of players on a "team" being variable. Dr. Smith played in the tournament as the sole representative of Canada; he scored only one draw in his qualifying group, but did respectably well in the Consolation Final (4.5/8). The winner of the Championship Final was Hermanis Matisons of Latvia (see [OlimpBase](#)). During the event meetings and discussions took place with regard to the formation of an International Chess Body. The Federation was duly inaugurated at the end of the Paris tournament, with fifteen countries signing the roll on July 20, 1924 as first members; Dr. Smith signed on behalf of Canada. The other countries were Argentina, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Finland, France, Great Britain, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Romania, Spain, Switzerland, and Yugoslavia (see Edward Winter's [The History of FIDE](#) for further details). The first president was Dr. Alexander Rueb of Holland, who lost to Smith in the Consolation Final.

So by whose authority did Dr. Smith represent Canada at the formation of FIDE? Based on the scant sources currently available, apparently his own. Despite having lived over half his life in

England Smith still competed in Paris as a Canadian - the line dividing the nations of the commonwealth has always tended to be blurry. By comparison, William Pollock had only spent a short time in Montreal when he represented Canada at Hastings 1895. Winter has noted that the Paris meeting was improperly planned and occurred largely as the result of a moment of enthusiasm; one can well imagine Dr. Smith stepping forth, possibly on the spur of the moment, as a signatory for the country of his birth. He seems to have done this on his own initiative – no evidence has come to light that he was acting as an agent for, or under the authority of, the Canadian Chess Association. For example, Malcolm Sim, who was secretary of the CCA at the time and who presumably would have been aware of such an official undertaking, makes no mention of Smith in his [Toronto] *Evening Telegram* chess column. Hopefully additional research will shed more light on these questions, but for the moment it appears that Canada owes its initial place in FIDE to a doctor's son from St. Mary's, Ontario, who happened to be at the right place at the right time. Due to his involvement in the founding of FIDE Dr. Smith has been inducted into the Canadian Chess Hall of Fame in this, FIDE's centennial year.

As a chess player Dr. Smith was a strong amateur who was bested by the lower echelon of professional masters. For example, Smith often played in the British Championship but nearly always in one of the minor sections; he played several times at Hastings but never in the Premier. The Minor "Tourney" of the 1899 London International is typical - Smith scored 50% to finish seventh out of twelve, behind the likes of Marshall, Marco, and Mieses. A long-time member of the City of London Chess Club (he joined in 1887), Smith won its championship in 1895 and placed second in 1905-06. His best individual games were wins against a young Max Euwe in the 1919 Hastings Victory Congress and Vera Menchik at Hastings 1927-28; at his worst he suffered from the tactical oversights which John Nunn states were a common feature of play in that era.

Smith, Stephen – Stevenson, Archibald [B18] VCC ch Vancouver 1915

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd8 4.d4 c6 5.Ne4 Bf5 6.Ng3 Bg6 7.Nf3 e6 8.c3 Bd6 9.Bd3 Bxg3 10.hxg3 Bxd3 11.Qxd3 Nf6 12.g4 g6 13.g5 Nfd7 14.Bf4 f6 15.O-O-O O-O 16.Rh6 Rf7 17.Rdh1 f5 18.Qe3 Qe8 19.Ne5 Nxe5 20.Bxe5 Nd7 21.Rxg6+ Kf8 22.Rgh6 Ke7 23.Rxh7 Nf8 24.g6 Rxh7 25.gxh7 Ng6 26.Qg5+ Kd7 27.h8=Q 1-0

Smith, Stephen – Holloway, Edith [C64] olm final B Paris (2), 07.1924

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Bc5 4.Nxe5 Bxf2+ 5.Kxf2 Nxe5 6.d4 Ng6 7.Nc3 N8e7 8.Rf1 c6 9.Bd3 d5 10.Be3 0-0 11.Kg1 f5 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Nxd5 cxd5 14.c3 Be6 15.Qh5 Qd7 16.Rae1 Nh8 17.Bf4 g6 18.Qd1 Nf7 19.Qd2 Nd6 20.Bxd6 Qxd6 21.Re5 Kg7 22.Rfe1 Rae8 23.Bb5 Bd7 24.Rxe8 Rxe8 25.Rxe8 Bxb5 26.Re5 h5 27.Qg5 Kf7 28.h3 Bc6 29.Qf4 Qf6 30.b3 b5 31.Re3 Qd8 32.g4 hxg4 33.hxg4 Bd7 34.Qd6 fxg4 35.Qxd5+ Kg7 36.Qd6 Kf7 37.c4 bxc4 38.bxc4 1-0

Smith, Stephen – Wreford Brown, Charles [D00] olm final B Paris (8), 07.1924

1.d4 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.Bd3 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nd2 e6 6.f4 Qc7 7.Ndf3 Bd6 8.Ne5 Bd7 9.Qf3 cxd4 10.exd4 Rc8 11.Ne2 h5 12.0-0 Ne7 13.Bd2 Qb6 14.Rab1 Bb5 15.Bc2 Qa6 16.Rfe1 Nc6 17.Nc1 Nxd4 18.cxd4 Rxc2 19.Bc3 0-0 20.Qd1 Ba4 21.Nb3 Rxc3 22.bxc3 Rc8 23.Qf3 Be8 24.Rb2 Ba3 25.Rc2 b5 26.f5 Ne4 27.Qxh5 Rxc3 28.Rxc3 Nxc3 29.fxe6 Qxe6 30.Nd3 Ne4 31.Nf4 Qf6 32.Qxd5 Bc6 33.Qe5 Qxe5 34.dxe5 Ng5 35.Kf1 a5 36.Nd4 Bd7 37.Rb1 Ne6 38.Nfxe6 fxe6 39.Nxb5 Bb4 40.Nd6 Kf8 41.Rb3 Ke7 42.Rg3 Kd8 43.Rxg7 1-0

Smith, Stephen – Menchik, Vera [B00] Hastings27-28 Hastings, 1927

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3 g6 5.Be2 Bg7 6.0–0 0–0 7.d5 Nb8 8.Be3 c5 9.h3 h6 10.Qd2 Kh7
11.Nh2 b6 12.Ng4 Nhg4 13.hxg4 Ba6 14.g3 Bxe2 15.Qxe2 Nd7 16.Kg2 Rh8 17.Rh1 Kg8 18.g5
hxg5 19.Rxh8+ Bxh8 20.Bxg5 b5 21.Rh1 b4 22.Nd1 Bf6 23.Qg4 Bxg5 24.Qxg5 Qf8 25.Qh4 Kg7
26.Ne3 e5 27.Nf5+ 1–0

UPCOMING EVENTS: See the listings at [CFC](#) and [Northwest chess](#) websites as well as the [BCCF](#)

World Chess Day Rapid

Esquimalt, July 20

[Details](#)

World Chess Day Championship

Langley Township, July 20-21

[Details](#)

BC Day Open

New Westminster, August 1-5

[Details](#)

EMA Classical 2

Vancouver, August 10-11

[Details](#)

Kitsfest Rapid and Blitz

Vancouver, August 10-11

[Details](#)

GM Arturs Neiksans Simul

Lichess, August 25

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Langley Open

Langley, August 31 – September 2

[Details](#)

RCC Elite Championship #3

Richmond, September 15

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Vancouver Chess Festival #8

UBC, September 28-29

[Details](#)

Fraser Valley Rapid 13

October 5

[Details](#)

BC Women's Open

North Vancouver, Oct 12-14

[Details](#)

Western Canadian Open

North Vancouver, Oct 12-14

[Details](#)