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HERE AND THERE

Langley Chess Club Spring Classic (April 28 – June 16)



(photo by [Chess Map](#))

Held on consecutive Mondays at the Brookwood Senior Centre in Langley, the Langley Chess Club's latest Classic (90 + 30) event drew a total of twelve participants. Nijat Ibrahimov, winner of the previous tournament, held a considerable rating cushion over the rest of the field but had to be satisfied with a tie for first as Aniket Kathpal drew with him and scored the same number of wins. Umang Banatwala was clear third a full point back. The latest [Classic](#) began on June 23 and runs through July 28. [Standings](#)

BC Junior Chess Association Summer Rapid (June 15) by Abigail Wang

BCJCA's second rapid of the 2025 year was held on June 15 at the BCIT Burnaby Campus and attracted a total of fifty-seven players. In the [Open Section](#), Viktor Musakhanyan clinched another first-place victory (for the second rapid in a row) with a score of 5.0/6. Aiden Leong followed behind with 5.0/6 and Frank Zhou with 4.0/6. In the [U1400 Section](#), Eric Shi swept with a score of 6.0/6. David Ren followed with 5.5/6 and Leo Lei with 5.0/6. Prizes were also given out based on age groups: Daniel Zhu won K-3 boys, Preston Wu won 4-6 boys, Fedora Gong won 4-6 girls, Austin

Wu won 7-9 boys, Tiffany Shi Han Huang won 7-9 girls, and Samuel Gao won 10-12 boys. Finally, Steven Yuan was awarded the top unrated prize. Congratulations to all players and thank you for attending! Continue to check out bcjca.ca for any upcoming rapids and events!



Open winners

U1400 winners



Age group winners

Fraser Valley Rapid 16 (June 14)

For the latest edition of its popular rapid events the Fraser Valley Chess Academy collaborated with the Abbotsford Chess Club in hosting the tournament further up the Fraser valley in Abbotsford itself. Held at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, the main event attracted forty-eight players in two sections, along with another twenty-nine in the adjunct blitz.

The [Open Section](#) resulted in a tie between Warren Wiebe and Daniel Zhu, both finished with 5.0 points; those of a certain age will recognize Warren, his last rated event was over twenty years ago. Tied for third were David Yao, Marek Radzikowski (also returning to competitive chess after a long absence), and Felix Fang a full point back. Nathan Mak was the top U1500.

Justin Jae Young Kim was the perfect winner of the [U1300 Section](#), Abdullah Shaikh was clear second, and Vitalii Kovalchuk and Brody Lin tied for third. Roman Cannon was top U1000 and Pulkit Sharma top unrated. And in the [Blitz](#) event David Yao scored 5.0/5 while Marek Radzikowski, Nick Beqo, and Chris Mackay tied for second.



(photo by [Chess Maps](#))

2025 FIDE World Team Rapid and Blitz (June 11-15)

A recent FIDE initiative (the inaugural event took place in 2023), the World Team Championship in Rapid and Blitz is a team event at faster time controls but unlike the Olympiad teams do not have to be composed of players from just one country. There are a maximum of nine players on a team of which six compete in any given round; one player must be female, and one board is considered “recreational,” i.e., the players cannot have achieved a FIDE rating over 2000. The 2025 event took place in London, England; the rapid section involved four hundred and twenty players on fifty-two teams, among whom were five Canadians including Elliot McCallum:

“This June, Team ¡Allez-Y Initiative! - a youth-forward, internationally diverse chess team, competed at the **2025 FIDE World Rapid & Blitz Team Championship** in London, United Kingdom. I had the honour of captaining the team, which brought together players from Denmark, Belgium, and Canada, including nine-year-old Elliot McCallum from Vancouver.

Our players faced some of the world’s top grandmasters including Nakamura, Nepomniachtchi, Hou Yifan, and Wesley So, playing with focus, creativity, and heart. Elliot, one of the youngest in the entire tournament, competed with poise on board 6 and also took part in a symbolic moment: presenting an honorary medal to GM Wesley So on behalf of the Vancouver Chess School, recognizing his impact on the next generation. Beyond competition, this was about connection across countries, generations, and cultures, and reflects how Vancouver youth are stepping onto the world stage through community-led initiatives.” [Susie Sun, mother of Elliot; more [details](#)]

Overall winners of the [Rapid](#) portion were Team MGD1 (Erigaisi, Harikrishna, Anton Guijarro, Mendoca, Pranav, Tsolakidou, and Atharvaa (who scored 11/12 on the recreational board), [¡Allez-Y Initiative!](#) placed thirty-second with Elliot scoring 50%, just above the “Canadian” team ChessbrahTV (Eric Hansen, Trevor Vincent). In the [Blitz](#) ¡Allez-Y Initiative! finished sixth in their pool but only the top four advanced to the knock finals, won by the WR Chess Team (Nepomniachtchi, Nakamura, Vachier-Lagrave, So, Duda, Hou, Kosteniuk, and Rosenstein).

McCallum, Elliot (1924) – Mindru, Valeriu (1874) [B12] FIDE World Rapid Team London ENG (6.6), 12.06.2025

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.dxc5 Nc6 5.f4 e6 6.Be3 Qa5+ 7.c3 Bxc5 8.b4 Nxb4 9.Bxc5 Qxc5 10.cxb4 Qxb4+ 11.Qd2 Qe4+ 12.Ne2 Ne7 13.Nbc3 Qg6 14.Nd4 0–0 15.Bd3 Qh6 16.0–0 Bd7 17.Rf3 f5 18.Rh3 Qg6 19.Ncb5 Nc6 20.Rg3 Qh6 21.Nxc6 bxc6 22.Nd6 c5 23.Nb7 c4 24.Bxc4 Bc8 25.Ba6 Rb8 26.Nc5 Rb6 27.Bxc8 Rxc8 28.Nd7 Rbc6 29.Nf6+ Kh8 30.Rh3 1–0

National Open (June 4-8)

Las Vegas hosts two major chess events each year, the North American Open during the Christmas break and the Las Vegas International Chess Festival in June, part of which is the National Open. First established by Ed Edmondson in 1965, the National Open has been held in Las Vegas since 1983, this year at the Flamingo Las Vegas Hotel & Casino. Among the Canadian participants were FM Ryan (Jingyun) Yang along with Aiden and Andrew Yin. The overall winner was GM Viktor Matviishen (Ukraine) who took first place and the Edmondson Cup on tiebreak over GMs Bilel Bellahcene (Algeria) and Jianchao Zhou (USA), all scored 7.0/9; Ryan also played in the Open Section, attaining 5.5 points. Aiden and Andrew were part of the 2300 Section and scored 4.0 points each. [USCF standings](#) [tournament website](#)

Yang, Jingyun (Ryan) (2346) – Wongso, Steve (2207) [C25] National Open 2025 Las Vegas USA (6.27), 07.06.2025

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 Bc5 4.Bg2 a5 5.d3 d6 6.Nf3 Nge7 7.Be3 Nd4 8.Bxd4 exd4 9.Ne2 Nc6 10.c3 Bg4 11.Nfxd4 Bxd4 12.f3 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 Be3 14.d4 Qf6 15.Rf1 Qh6 16.Qd3 0–0 17.h4 Ne7 18.Kd1 f5 19.Kc2 fxe4 20.Qxe4 Rae8 21.Qxb7 c6 22.Qa6 c5 23.dxc5 Bxc5 24.Be4 Qh5 25.Nf4 Qg4 26.Qd3 Nf5 27.Bxf5 Rxf5 28.Rae1 Ref8 29.Re2 R5f7 30.Rfe1 Qf5 31.Qxf5 Rxf5 32.Re7 Bf2 33.R1e2 Bxg3 34.Ne6 R5f7 35.Nxf8 Rxf8 36.Rg2 Be5 37.Ra7 Rf4 38.Rxa5 Rxh4 39.Ra8+ Kf7 40.a4 Rc4 41.a5 h5 42.Rg1 h4 43.Ra1 g5 44.a6 1–0

Interschool Team Championship (May 31 – June 1)



Run by the Fraser Valley Chess Academy and now in its third year, the BC Interschool Championship was actually three events in one, all hosted at HD Stafford Middle School in Langley, with the junior participants competing for both individual and school prizes. The tournament drew two hundred and sixty-five players, slightly more than last year, many of them competing in a rated event for the very first time. [Kindergarten to grade 4](#) was a six-round rapid event on Saturday with a time control of 15 + 10. There were one hundred and eight players which meant finding an individual winner in six rounds was not possible. In the end Aiden Zhu and Daniel Zhu tied for first with perfect scores, while Yuhong Chen, Ethan An, Kriyaansh Banatwala, Tyler Hun, Che Rao, and Nathan Bie tied for third with 5.0 points.

Those in [Grades 5-8](#) contested six games at a regular time control of 55 + 5, spread over both days of the weekend. Here three tied for first in the one hundred and five player field, Kai Zhongkai Zhang, Bowen Wu, and Barath Subramanian Suresh on 5.5 points. Tied for fourth were Lahan Thathmira Wickramasinghe, Joanne Wangluo, Aryav Aloke, and Xavier Zhang – all scored 5.0/6. The top school in the classical portion was Khalsa Newton. And the remaining forty-five players in [Grades 9-12](#) competed in a twelve-round Blitz tournament on the final Sunday. Nathan Ping-Ying Wu and Zachary Liu shared top honours with 11.0/12, three points(!) ahead of Micaiah Unger, Lucas Chen, Anton Pliushch, and Sparsh Gandhi who tied for third.

Guillermo Garcia In Memoriam (May 21-29)

Guillermo García González (1953-1990) was a Cuban grandmaster who won his national Championship twice, was twice winner of the Capablanca Memorial, and represented his country seven times in chess Olympiads before dying in a car accident at age thirty-six. His home city of Santa Clara, Cuba has frequently hosted a chess tournament in his memory, this year's being the thirty-second edition. The event consists of several ten-player round robins along with an open section. One of the participants in this year's Master Section was IM Raymond Kaufman, whose +5 =2 -2 score enabled him to tie for first with Cuban IM Diasmany Otero Acosta, placing second on tiebreak. [Standings](#)

Kaufman, Raymond (2254) – Pena Duran, Dilson Alejandro (2263) [B31] Guillermo Garcia Maestros Santa Clara CUB (6.5), 26.05.2025

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.0–0 Bg7 5.c3 Nf6 6.Re1 0–0 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 d6 9.h3 a6 10.Bf1 b5 11.Bf4 Nd7 12.Nc3 Bb7 13.Qd2 Rc8 14.Rac1 Qa5 15.a3 b4 16.Nd5 e6 17.Rxc6 exd5 18.Rxd6 dxe4 19.Rxd7 Bc6 20.Ne5 Bxd7 21.Nxd7 Rfd8 22.axb4 Qa2 23.Ne5 Qb3 24.Bxa6 Rc2 25.Qe3 Qxb4 26.Rd1 Rxb2 27.Qxe4 Qa4 28.Be2 Ra2 29.Kh2 Qc2 30.Qxc2 Rxc2 31.Bf3 Rxf2 32.d5 Ra2 33.d6 Ra4 34.Bg3 h5 35.Nc6 Rd7 36.Ne7+ Kf8 37.Bc6 h4 38.Bxa4 hxg3+ 39.Kg1 Rxe7 40.dxe7+ Kxe7 41.Kf1 1–0

INTERMAT (June 8)

The 2025 Intermat was held at the Bonsor Recreation Complex in Burnaby, sharing a site with the last day of Greater Vancouver Chess Tournament 8. The Intermat is a cross-border match, annual since 1991, between school-aged children representing BC and Washington. The teams are comprised of two players each from grades 1-12 plus kindergarten, who play one game each with their corresponding numbers on the other team. Traditionally BC has scored heavily in the upper grades, Washington in the lower, but a more important factor is the respective teams' difficulty in recruiting their best lineup when playing away from home, compounded this year by the new U.S.

administration. This resulted in a number of Washington players not willing to accept the issues/risk in crossing the border, leading to a considerably weaker team. (“A lot of top WA players did not make it, if I may say, this is an ‘unfair’ match due to political issues. I sincerely appreciate the effort of the WA organizers and deeply thank the WA players for coming.” – Michael Lo) Indeed, three scheduled Washington players were unable to attend and had to be replaced at the last minute.



BC won the match by a large margin, scoring 16.0-10.0 in the first round playing white and 17.0-9.0 in the second for a final result of 33.0-19.0. This year BC’s lowest grades (K-4), aided by strong performances in grades 2, 3 and 4, suffered only a minimal defeat by one point in the twenty games they played, 9.5-10.5. In grades 5-8 BC outscored the visitors by a point in the first round and increased their lead in the second for a total of 10.0-6.0; in the highest grades BC dominated by 13.5-2.5. BC won eight of the mini-matches by grade (2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 12), Washington only two (K, 1), with three ties (6, 7, 9). In terms of individual results, BC’s Aadit Arya and Joey Xu swept their Washington grade 10 opponents, as did Nathan Wu and Daniel Wang in grade 11. Other BC players with a perfect score were Daniel Zhu (2), Moses Li (4), Kai Zhongkai Zhang (5), Zachary Liu (7), Justin Gao (8), and Kate Jiang (12), while Aiden Zhu (3), Barath Subramanian Suresh (5) and Kaiqi Qin (12) had plus scores. On the Washington side, Easton Ren and Ryan Lai (1) swept their BC counterparts, and Callie Jiang (K), Odbayar Yondon (6) and Owen Scollon (9) also scored two wins.

The match was organized by Paul Leblanc, Penny Pham, Michael Lo, and Stephen Wright on the BC side, Josh Sinanan, Chouchanik Airapetian, Rekha Sagar, and Valentin Razmov for Washington; the team captains were Penny Pham and Long Le (BC) and Josh Sinanan and Chouchanik Airapetian (Washington) – many thanks to the players, their families, and all others involved. [Match website](#); [previous results](#) During the pandemic the Intermat was held online three times, all three won by Washington; there have now been three matches since the pandemic with BC completing their own hat trick. The series is now all level at sixteen wins apiece with two ties.

Suresh, Yaswitha (821) – Zeng, Liam (665) [C41] Intermat 34th Burnaby (1.1), 08.06.2025

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bc4 Qf6 4.Nc3 Be6 5.d3 c6 6.Bg5 Qg6 7.h4 h5 8.0-0 f6 9.Bxe6 fxe5 10.Nxg5 Nh6 11.d4 Be7 12.dxe5 Bxg5 13.hxg5 Ng4 14.Qxd6 Qxg5 15.Rfd1 Nxe5 16.Qc7 Nf3+ 17.Kf1 Na6 18.Qd7+ Kf8 19.Qf7# 1-0

Yuodelis, Kenneth (1705) – Jiang, Kate (2018) [C54] Intermat 34th Burnaby (2.26), 08.06.2025

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4 Bc5 5.c3 Nf6 6.e5 d5 7.Bb5 Ne4 8.cxd4 Bb6 9.h3 0–0 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.0–0 f6 12.Be3 fxe5 13.Nxe5 Qh4 14.Nf3 Qf6 15.Ne5 Ba6 16.Nd7 Qh4 17.Nxf8 Bxf1 18.Qxf1 Rxf8 19.Nc3 Nd6 20.Qd3 Nc4 21.b3 Nxe3 22.fxe3 Qf2+ 23.Kh1 Re8 24.Nd1 Qe1+ 25.Kh2 Ba5 26.a3 Bd2 27.Ra2 Bxe3 28.Nxe3 Rxe3 29.Re2 Qg3+ 30.Kg1 Rxd3 0–1

GREATER VANCOUVER CHESS TOURNAMENT 8 (June 7-8)



From an organizational viewpoint GVCT 8 was an exact copy of the previous event in January: four sections, three rounds of 50 +10 on the first day followed by two 90 + 30 games on the Sunday, organized by the Penny Chess Club and held at the Bonsor Recreation Complex in Burnaby. One notable difference occurred on the Sunday, as the tournament shared the playing hall with the annual scholastic BC-WA match, the Interimat. This meant overall participation for GVCT 8 was down somewhat from GVCT 7 as a number of our juniors were playing in the match – a few chose to play three games in the tournament on Saturday before switching to the match on Sunday.

The [Premier Section](#) of twenty-three players included eight rated over 2000 but top-rated CM Jorge Nunez Asencio had a rare poor outing, losing both his classical games on the Sunday to NM Yidong Chen and IM Raymond Kaufman; the latter tied for first with 4.5 points, drawing with each other in round three. Yidong placed first on tiebreak, Raymond was second, and the third-place trophy went to Henry Yang who scored 3.5 points along with Leo Qu. There were also junior trophies in CYCC age and gender categories, these went to Samuel Lu, Nicholas Pei-Chang Wu, Biaobiao Boyong Guo, and Joanne Wangluo.

Ryder Hsu lived up to his top ranking in the [U1800 Section](#), claiming the first place over Ansun Zhong Hua Zhou after both finished with 4.5/5; Manuel Fernando won the third-place trophy after tying with Amish Devarajan and Hien Le. Che Rao, Benjamin Yuan, Edric Gong, Yuran Ma, Stephan Schwarz, Sofia Vigurs, and Siyona Singh were awarded junior trophies. The two lower sections both featured clear winners with perfect scores: for the [U1300 Section](#) this was Mark Karaivanov, Anthony Wang was clear second, and Gavin Stacho, Adam He, and Ruiyang Gu shared third place with the trophy going to Gavin on tiebreak. Junior winners were Ethan An, Jinghuan Li, Khanh Lam Chu, Nolan Carrier, Marcus Lip, Joanne Yan, Rachel Jayawardena, and Martina Szeto. Finally, newcomer Chenhan Ma scored 5.0/5 to claim first place in the [U800](#)

[Section](#), while Jared Huang, Anh C N Nguyen, and Sek-Lun Doren Ng tied for second with the trophies going to Jared and Anh. Lucas Zhou, James Tan, Pinye George Lu, Nathan Wu, Amaira Soni, Araina Agrawal, and Sherlyn Peng took home the junior trophies. A total of one hundred and forty players participated.

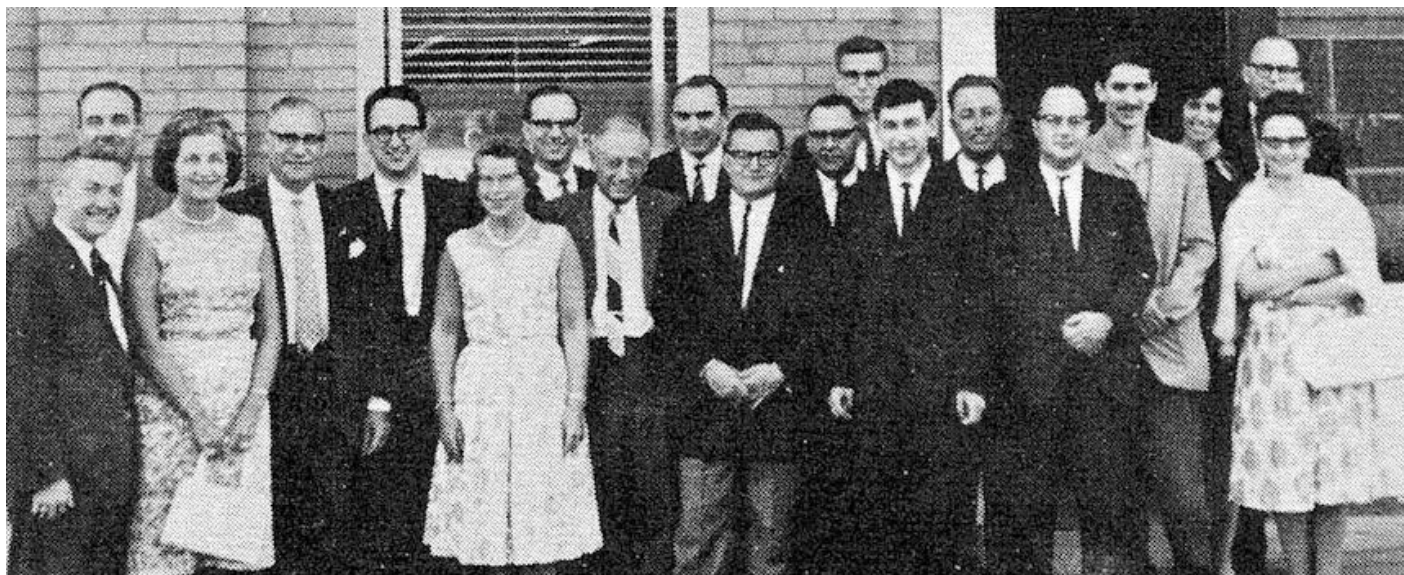
Kaufman, Raymond (2315) – Nunez Asencio, Jorge (2328) [C04] GVCT 8 Burnaby (4.1), 08.06.2025

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nc6 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.e5 Nd7 6.Be2 f6 7.exf6 Qxf6 8.Nf1 Bd6 9.Ne3 Qe7 10.0–0 Nf6 11.c4 0–0 12.a3 a5 13.Bd3 Qe8 14.h3 Qh5 15.c5 Bf4 16.Nf5 Bxc1 17.Ng3 Qe8 18.Rxc1 e5 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.Re1 Ne4 21.Nxe4 dxe4 22.Bxe4 Qf7 23.dxe5 Qxf2+ 24.Kh1 Qh4 25.Bd5+ Kh8 26.e6 Qe7 27.Qh5 Ra6 28.c6 bxc6 29.Be4 g6 30.Bxg6 Rf6 31.Rf1 1–0

Mohammed Qanee, Arpak Worya (2009) – Chen, Yidong (2287) [B90] GVCT 8 Burnaby (4.2), 08.06.2025

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f3 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.Be3 h5 9.a4 Nc6 10.Nd5 Bxd5 11.exd5 Na5 12.c4 Nxb3 13.Qxb3 Qa5+ 14.Kf2 Qc7 15.Qb6 Qc8 16.Bd3 Be7 17.Rhc1 0–0 18.Kg1 Nd7 19.Qb4 f5 20.Ra3 a5 21.Qd2 b6 22.Rb3 Rb8 23.Rb5 Qd8 24.b4 axb4 25.Rb1 Nc5 26.R1xb4 Qc7 27.Bxc5 dxc5 28.Rb1 Qd6 29.Bc2 h4 30.a5 bxa5 31.Rxb8 Rxb8 32.Bxf5 Rxb1+ 33.Bxb1 Qb6 34.Qc2 Qh6 35.g3 h3 36.Qc3 Bd6 37.Bf5 a4 38.Be6+ Kh8 39.f4 exf4 40.Qa5 Qf6 41.Qa8+ Qf8 42.Qxa4 fxg3 43.hxg3 Bxg3 44.Qa2 h2+ 45.Kg2 h1Q+ 0–1

SIXTY YEARS AGO: THE 1965 CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP (June 21 – July 2)



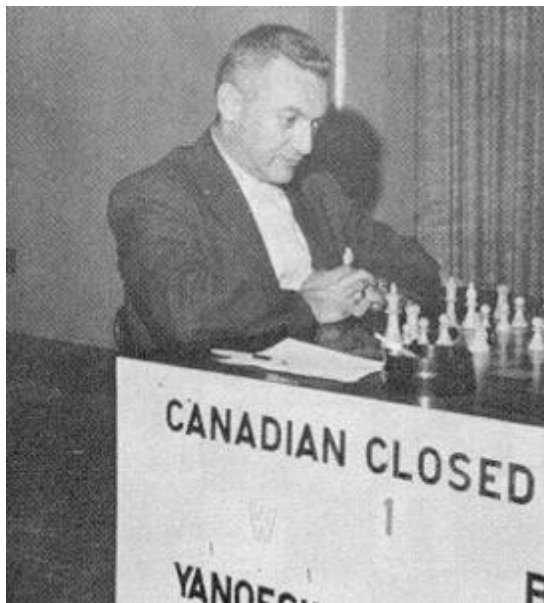
Participants and other interested parties at the 1965 Canadian Championship. From left to right: Yanofsky, Macskasy, Mrs. Prentice, Prentice, Schulman, Mrs. Bryant, Potter, Bryant, Vaitonis, Kerr, Litwinczuk, Aykroyd, Leonard, Kaltenecker, Joyner, Suttles, Mrs. Veszely, Veszely, Mrs. Macskasy

Colin Aykroyd wrote: "Yielding only two draws in eleven games, grandmaster Abe Yanofsky of Winnipeg once again demonstrated that he has no peer in Canadian Chess. At no time was Yanofsky's superiority really threatened during the twelve-day tournament at International House,

UBC in Vancouver and he had little difficulty in dispatching his two main rivals, Lionel Joyner of Edmonton and Duncan Suttles of Vancouver, in their individual games.

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	
1	Yanofsky, Abe (MB)	*	1	1	½	1	1	1	1	½	1	1	1	10.0
2	Joyner, Lionel (AB)	0	*	1	1	½	1	1	½	1	1	1	1	9.0
3	Suttles, Duncan (BC)	0	0	*	½	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	8.0
4	Macskasy, Elod (BC)	½	0	½	*	1	1	0	1	0	½	1	1	6.5
5	Schulman, Mark (MB)	0	½	0	0	*	½	½	1	1	1	1	1	6.5
6	Kerr, Ray (BC)	0	0	½	0	½	*	1	½	½	½	½	1	5.0
7	Vaitonis, Paul (ON)	0	0	0	1	½	0	*	½	½	1	½	1	5.0
8	Potter, Brian (BC)	0	½	0	0	0	½	½	*	1	½	½	1	4.5
9	Leonard, Ron (AB)	½	0	0	1	0	½	½	0	*	1	½	0	4.0
10	Kaltenecker, Joe (BC)	0	0	0	½	0	½	0	½	0	*	1	1	3.5
11	Veszely, Frank (BC)	0	0	0	0	0	½	½	½	½	0	*	0	2.0
12	Litwinczuk, Walter (AB)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	*	2.0

It seems unlikely at present that either Yanofsky or Joyner will be able to represent Canada in the Interzonal and Suttles' participation may depend on his showing in the World Junior Championship in Barcelona in August.



Yanofsky



Schulman and Suttles

After a shaky start which included his only loss (to Yanofsky) and a draw with Mark Schulman, Joyner settled down to produce some really fine chess which included consecutive victories over

Macskasy, Vaitonis, and Suttles. His elegant but solid style contrasted with Suttles' "power chess" which made a shambles of the lower half of the scoretable in the early rounds. Many of these short encounters ended abruptly in less than two hours play as Suttles' favourite Robatsch Defence cut a devastating swathe. (This was by far the most popular in the tournament with 19 of 66 games opening with 1...g6!) Superficial play in a sharp position enabled Joyner to mount a successful defence against Suttles' gambit attack while Yanofsky's counterattack from a Caro-Kann Defence soon became irresistible after an early inaccuracy by Suttles.

Lapses against Ron Leonard of Edmonton and Paul Vaitonis prevented Dr. Macskasy from reaching a higher place. Positional skill and technique are still in evidence in his games but a lack of sharpness, and uncertainty in time-pressure situations proved costly. Mark Schulman's tie with Macskasy after his fifteenth-place finish in the '63 Closed was one of the features of the tournament which augur well for the future of Canadian chess. He displayed a solid, fighting style which was best exemplified in his 82-move draw with Joyner from an inferior position. Of the other players, Ray Kerr of Powell River showed a tough style but was inclined to concede the draw in situations where a little patience might have produced a full point. Former champion Paul Vaitonis played below his former form and only a crafty resourcefulness, especially during his frequent time-scrambles, enabled him to finish as high as he did.

Cumulative Scores

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1 Yanofsky	1	2	3	4	5	6	6½	7½	8½	9½	10
2 Joyner	1	2	2	2½	3½	4½	5½	6	7	8	9
3 Suttles	1	2	3	4	5	6	6	6½	6½	7½	8
4 Macskasy	1	1	1½	2½	2½	3½	4	5	6	6	6½
5 Schulman	1	2	3	3½	4	4	5	5	5½	5½	6½
6 Kerr	½	½	1½	1½	2	2	3	3½	4	4½	5
7 Vaitonis	0	½	1	2	2½	2½	2½	2½	3	4	5
8 Potter	0	½	½	1½	2½	3	3½	4	4½	4½	4½
9 Leonard	0	1	1½	1½	1½	1½	2½	3	3	3½	4
10 Kaltenecker	0	0	½	½	½	1	1	2	3	3	3½
11 Veszely	½	½	½	½	1	1	1½	2	2	2	2
12 Litwinczuk	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	2

Potter played quite enterprisingly, though handicapped by working during the tournament. Young Ron Leonard also played well, but threw away some well-played games, a defect which experience will probably correct. Litwinczuk (playing against his doctor's advice), Kaltenecker, and Veszely were all making their first appearance in a Canadian Closed. In general they were not able to keep pace with the big guns, although Veszely did extend Yanofsky to 72 moves. Although not as strong as some previous Championships, the quality of play in this year's event was generally high, and Canada's prospects in the 1966 Chess Olympics in Cuba seem most promising. Perhaps

grandmaster Yanofsky can soften up some of the opposition when he attends the Capablanca Memorial Tournament in Havana in September!" [*Canadian Chess Chat*, July 1965]

Litwinczuk, Walter - Suttles, Duncan [A41] CAN ch Vancouver (2.1), 22.06.1965

1.c4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nf3 d6 4.Nc3 Bg4 5.e3 Nc6 6.Be2 e5 7.d5 Nce7 8.0-0 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 f5 10.e4 Nf6 11.Bg5 0-0 12.Qd2 a6 13.Bh6 f4 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.b4 g5 16.Qe2 Qd7 17.h3 Rh8 18.Bg4 Nxd4 19.Qxg4 Qxg4 20.hxg4 h5 21.gxh5 g4 22.Rfe1 Rxh5 23.Kf1 f3 24.Ne2 Rh1+ 25.Ng1 Ng6 26.c5 Rah8 27.Re3 R8h2 28.gxf3 Nf4 29.Rd1 g3 30.fxg3 Rg2 0-1

Yanofsky, Abe - Joyner, Lionel [B48] CAN ch Vancouver (3.2), 23.06.1965

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Bd3 Nf6 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Be3 Be7 9.Kh1 0-0 10.f4 d6 11.Qf3 Bd7 12.a3 Rfd8 13.Qg3 Rf8 14.Rae1 Rac8 15.e5 Ne8 16.Qh3 g6 17.Nf3 f5 18.exf6 Bxf6 19.Ng5 Bxg5 20.fxg5 Ng7 21.Ne4 Nf5 22.Nf6+ Rxf6 23.gxf6 Ne5 24.Bxf5 exf5 25.Bd4 Rf8 26.Qb3+ Kh8 27.Qc3 Qxc3 28.Bxc3 Rxf6 29.Rxe5 dxe5 30.Bxe5 Kg7 31.Rd1 1-0

Suttles, Duncan - Joyner, Lionel [C02] CAN ch Vancouver (7.4), 28.06.1965

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