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HERE AND THERE

LIC Classical 4 (August 23-24)



The fourth in a series of Classical events organized this year by [Lulu Island Chess](#), most of the elements of LIC Classical 4 were the same as LIC Classical 3 at the end of June – same location (Roma Hall in New Westminster), same format (six rounds of 50 + 10), etc. Yet Classical 3 attracted a record turnout (over hundred), while Classical 4 only had forty-two participants. Why is not clear – yes, it is summer and many people are away, or perhaps some are taking a break after the excitement of the CYCC and Canadian Open. Be that as it may, the latest event was certainly competitive enough. The [Open Section](#) saw Leo Qu tie for first with NM Yidong Chen and FM John Doknjas, all finished with 5.0/6. Close behind was CM Neil Doknjas while WCM Kate Jiang was clear fifth. Normally one of the leaders, here CM Jorge Nunez Asencio had an off weekend, finishing with just 50%. Viktor Musakhyan placed first in the [U2000 Section](#), also with 5.0 points, Moses Li was second and Panshul Mishra Jaiman and Shaunavon Mu tied for third. And another set of 5.0 points was sufficient to win the [U1500 Section](#), achieved by Aaranya Barman and newcomer Allain Era, while Ryan Malone was third.

North American Youth Chess Championship (August 18-23)



Another issue, another Regional/Continental youth championship. Hard on the heels of the Pan-American Youth Festival in Lima, Peru was the North American version, the NAYCC, restricted to players from Canada, the United States, or Mexico. Held in Kingston, Ontario, the event had to deal with the effects of the strike by Air Canada flight attendants but still attracted a total of four hundred and fifty-five players in the usual twelve sections differentiated by two-year age groups and gender. The US dominated the awards, winning around 75% of them; nevertheless, Canada did finish first in five of the twelve categories: Emanuel Kot (Quebec, U18 Open), Hanxi Jiang (Ontario, U16 Girls), Calix Marchand (Nova Scotia, U14 Open), Michelle Zhang (Nova Scotia, U12 Girls), and last but definitely not least Karsen Lu (British Columbia) won the U8 Open Section – congratulations to Karson and his family! Others from this province who finished in the top ten in their respective sections were Jingyun (Ryan) Yang (7th, U18 Open), and Joanne Wangluo (5th, U14 Girls). [Standings](#)

Fraser Valley Rapid 17 (August 16)



(photo by [Chess Maps](#))

Chess returned to the Christian Life Assembly Church in Langley for the seventeenth edition of the Fraser Valley Rapid. The original intention was to hold the tournament in three sections, Open, Senior, and Girls, the latter to encourage female participation in light of the upcoming [BC Women's Championship](#) taking place in Langley at the same time as the Thanksgiving Open and the BC Closed. As it turned out there were too few senior players to warrant a separate section, so the actual sections were Open, U1300, and Girls, seventy-five players in total. The [Open Section](#) had the widest ratings span, consequently there were more mismatches in the first couple of rounds than usual. After six rounds of 15 + 10 three players tied for first, FM-elect Jorge Nunez Asencio, Teodulfo Nones II, and Johan Aljo who all scored 5.0 points; close behind were FM John Doknjas, NM Yidong Chen, and Evan Geng, the latter rated only 1617. The other two sections saw clear winners for the top three prizes in each case, Ron Novosselsky, Bennet Babu, and Jovan Gill in the [U1300](#) and Sofia Vigurs, Siyona Singh, and Yunqing Zhang in the [Girls Section](#).

Prince George Rapid (August 10) by [Prince George Chess Club](#)



We wrapped up our first Chess CFC Rated Rapid tournament at Great White Toys today with seven intense rounds of playing. Congratulations to the top 3 players: 1. Andrew McMullin
2. Ronan Lee 3. Darren Kirby

A big thanks to Great White Toys for letting us use their venue for our tournament and to all the players who attended! You are all winners 😊 Stay tuned for more chess events, classes and tournaments starting in October! [Standings](#)

RCC Elite Championship #5 (August 9-10)

The latest Elite Championship was held at the headquarters of the [Richmond Chess Champions](#) and attracted a total of thirty-three players. In the [Open Section](#) Nathan Ping-Ying Wu held a considerable rating advantage over the rest of the field and unsurprisingly came first with 4.5/5, although he did give up a draw to Panshul Mishra Jaiman who tied for second with Joanne Wangluo. Rafael Yen executed a Swiss gambit, losing his first-round game but winning the rest to win the [U1600 Section](#) by a half-point margin over Kai (Casey) Fan, Harshpreet Singh, and Martina Szeto. And there was also a clear winner in the [U800 Section](#) as unrated Aaranya Barman scored 4.5 points, Zixuan Yang was second with 3.5 and Pengyu Chen, Oliver Wang, and Echo Fang tied for third place a further half-point back.



2nd Annual BBQ Invitational by Scott Morgan

Seven grizzled tournament veterans, including two former BC Champions, and one rising star met in a fruit-tree lined backyard on sunny August 9 for the Second Annual BBQ Invitational, an eight-person round robin.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1 McLaren, Brian	*	1	1	1	1	½	1	1	6.5
2 Morgan, Scott	0	*	1	1	1	0	1	1	5.0
3 Oszvald, Joe	0	0	*	1	0	1	1	1	4.0
4 Harris, Philip	0	0	0	*	1	1	1	1	4.0
5 Kwabi, Kai	0	0	1	0	*	1	1	0	3.0
6 Sullivan, Brian	½	1	0	0	0	*	0	1	2.5
7 Barron, Robert	0	0	0	0	0	1	*	1	2.0
8 MacDonell, Paul	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	*	1.0

Brian McLaren repeated as champion, surrendering only one draw to Brian Sullivan. For his efforts, Brian won a *Goats on Roof* hat. Paul MacDonell won the Mr. Congeniality prize, a 20,000 Indonesian Rupiah bill, at one time worth CDN\$1.68. Brian Sullivan managed to take 1.5 out of 2 from the top two finishers. Kai had a slow start but dug deep to win some key games.

Ellen provided the BBQ lunch, including two coho she recently caught in the Georgia Strait, and Kai's mum Joanne took on official photographer duties.



Left: Brian McLaren was not tested for performance-enhancing drugs in this tournament
 Right: Paul MacDonnell accepts the Mr. Congeniality prize from host, Scott

Kitsfest (August 8-10)



For the third year in a row Vancity Chess was part of the annual Kitsfest, a festival of volleyball, basketball, and other outdoor sports along with music and activities held at Kits Beach in Vancouver. Tables were set up in the shade near the entrance and two 'formal' tournaments were conducted along with much casual chess as passersby sat down for a game at their leisure. New this year was the thirty move challenge, with those surviving thirty moves against one of the house players receiving a squishy Knight stress toy). Over a hundred participated over the weekend.

The rapid event, now held as the [BC Outdoor Chess Championship](#), took place on the Saturday and attracted some sixty entrants. The Open Section was won by BC Champion FM John Doknjas who gave up a last-round draw to Johan Aljo in scoring a dominant 5.5/6. Johan was joined in

second place a full point behind by Leo Qu, Tristan Taylor, and Richard Ingram. William Tong and Michael Cruz tied for first in the U1400 Section ahead of Andrew Li, Frieda Helbig, and Shun Heng Nathan Kong who shared third place. The [Blitz Tournament](#) on Sunday featured a new format this year, a six-round Swiss followed by knockout Championship Bracket featuring two-game matches among the top eight finishers from the Swiss. These were CM Neil Doknjas, Jack Cheng, NM Roman Jiganchine, Ashton Taylor, Tristan Taylor, FM John Doknjas, Liam Tu, and NM Justin Gao. Details are not to hand but John Doknjas won the knockout to become Blitz Champion.

LIC Invitational #2 (ended August 8)

Another ratings update, another invitational round robin organized by Lulu Island Chess and another win for Tristan Taylor. This time his result was two wins and three draws for a total of 3.5/5. Second was Lucas Yao a half-point behind, with Ryan Leong and Ashton Taylor sharing third on 50%. The competitors were more evenly matched this time – out of fifteen games in total, nine were draws. [Standings](#)

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO – THE 1925 BC CHAMPIONSHIP

In 1925 Easter, the traditional time for the B.C. Championship, occurred on the weekend of April 10-12. The tournament attracted six entrants, two from Victoria (Enke and Barker), the rest from Vancouver. Held as a double round-robin, the event was held at the Vancouver Chess Club. The exact schedule is difficult to determine due to lack of information; Max Enke's games are preserved at the BC Archives in Victoria, and he generally played two rounds a day (April 10, 12, and 13), but with one round on Easter Saturday (April 11) and one round a week later (April 18). Unfortunately he didn't indicate round numbers on his scoresheets, just dates. It also appears that the pairing system used was irregular, at least by modern expectations – there are too many occurrences of lack of alternation of colour, to say nothing of the order of the opponents. [At the New York International tournament in 1924 lots were drawn to decide the pairings, but then the round for the day was also chosen by lot, so players did not know until 15 minutes before the round who they were playing. This led to a number of anomalies, e.g., Réti at one point received five blacks in a row.]

	1	2	3	4	5	
1 Enke, Max	* *	½ ½	1 1	1 1	0 1	6.0
2 Sugarman, Ephraim R.	½ ½	* *	0 1	1 1	0 1	5.0
3 Barker, William J.	0 0	1 0	* *	1 0	1 ½	3.5
4 Millar, Charles F.	0 0	0 0	0 1	* *	1 1	3.0
5 Yates, Bertram A.	1 0	1 0	0 ½	0 0	* *	2.5

The players in 1925 were: [Max Enke](#) (1884-1971), businessman and Galiano Island pioneer; Ephraim Sugarman (1890-1954), lawyer and prominent member of the Jewish community; William Barker (1868-1941), druggist and reigning BC champion; [Charles Millar](#) (1882-1954), businessman who founded Seaport Agencies; and [Bertram Yates](#) (1868-1953), former First Teller with Lloyd's Ltd., England, and former BC champion 1917-1918. Their respective ages were 41, 35, 57, 43, and 56 - no spring chickens there.

Enke's last game on April 18 requires some comment. The participants were unable to complete the tournament by the Tuesday after Easter, which seems to have left three games to be played, Barker vs. Enke, and Sugarman vs. both Millar and Yates (presumably arranged by design, so that the Victoria and Vancouver players could both end the tournament at their respective homes, without further travelling). The scores at that point were Enke 5, Barker 3.5, Sugarman and Millar 3, Yates 2.5. It appears that Millar and Yates decided that since it was impossible to catch Enke they would not bother playing the last games, and both forfeited to Sugarman. This left Sugarman now tied with Enke; it is not clear if Barker and Enke would have played otherwise, but in the event Enke won in fine style from Barker to become the new BC champion. Enke's games given below are all from his original scoresheets in the BC Archives; Enke often added annotations to his scoresheets, and these are also reproduced.

Yates, Bertram – Enke, Max [A43] BC ch Vancouver, 10.04.1925

Yates falls for a reversed version of a well-known trap in the QGA which nets Enke a rook, yet Black goes on to lose the game - psychologically not a good way to start a tournament.

1.d4 c5 2.dxc5 e6 3.b4 a5 4.c3? White failed to see Black's next three moves. **4...axb4 5.cxb4 Qf6 6.Qc2 Qxa1 7.Nc3 Ra3** Black feared, without reason, that there was a danger of his queen being trapped, so decided to force an exchange of queens, although giving up the exchange. **7...Nc6** threatening **8...Nxb4** seems better. **8.Kd2 Rxc3 9.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 10.Kxc3 b6** A bad oversight, **10...d6** should have been played. But even after the weak text move Black could have maintained his advantage by **11...Bxb4 12...Ba5** and **13...Bxb6** [Mr. Enke must have written this annotation without sight of a board, he has forgotten that White's king is on c3 - ed.]; or if **12.Bd2 Bxd2 13.Kxd2 Bb7 14.a4 Nc6 15...Nge7 16...O-O** and should win or hold White's queenside pawns. **11.cxb6 Nf6 12.Kb3 Nd5 13.e4 Nxb4 14.Nf3 Bc5 15.Be3 Bxe3 16.fxe3 N8c6 17.Nd4 Ke7 18.Bb5 Bb7 19.a4 Nxd4+ 20.exd4 Nc6 21.Rd1 Ra8 21...d5** should have been played. **22.d5 exd5 23.exd5 Na5+ 24.Kb4 Kd6 25.Rd2 Bxd5 26.Bxd7 Nc6+ 27.Bxc6 Kxc6 28.a5 Be4 29.g3 f5 30.Rd4 Rc8 31.Rc4+ Kb7 32.a6+ Kb8 33.Rd4 Bc6 34.h4 Re8 35.Kc5 Bf3 36.Rd7 Re5+ 37.Kd4 Re4+ 38.Kc3 Re3+ 39.Kd2 Re2+ 40.Kd3 Re8 41.a7+ Kc8 42.Rc7+ Kd8 43.Rxg7 Be4+ 44.Kc4 Re6 45.b7 1-0**

Sugarman, Ephraim – Enke, Max [A43] BC ch Vancouver, 10.04.1925

Enke showed interest in the new Hypermodern school of chess (see also his last game against Barker), although he didn't always apply its principles as accurately as he might have wished (see note to move 8). **1.d4 c5 2.d5 d6 3.e4 g6 4.f4 Bg7** Here **4...f5** would have broken up White's pawn advance. **5.Nf3 e6 6.Bc4 Ne7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nc3 a6** Here **8...Bxc3 9.bxc3 exd5 10. exd5 Qa5 11.Bb2 b5 12.Be2 c4** and **13...Bb7** would have given Black a better game. **9.a4 exd5? 10.Nxd5 Bg4 11.Qe1 Nbc6 12.c3 Bxf3 13.Rxf3 Na5 14.Nxe7+ Qxe7 15.Bd5 Rac8 16.Be3** White now already has the better game; he could have exploited it more quickly by an immediate advance on the kingside by **16.f5. 16...Kh8 17.Rh3 f5 18.exf5 Rxf5 19.Ba2 Re8 20.Qg3 Rh5 21.Rxh5 gxh5 22.Re1 Qd7 23.Qg5 b5 24.Qxh5 Nc4 25.Bb1 Be5 26.Bf5 Qe7 27.fxe5 Nxe5 28.Bg5?** **28.Kh1** to move him out of check of knight would have left Black without a defence after **29.Bd4+** (if knight had moved) or **Bg5** attacking the queen. **28...Nf3+ 29.gxf3? Qxe1+ 30.Kg2 Re2+ 31.Kh3 Qf1+ 32.Kg4 Qg1+?** A winning position for Black - **32...Rg2+ 33.Kf4 Qc1+ 34.Ke4 Qc2+ 35.Kd5 Qxf5+ 36.K moves Qxg4 or 35.Kf4 Qd2+ 36.Ke4 Re2+** wins. **33.Kf4 Qe3+ 34.Kg3 Qg1+ 35.Kf4 Qe3+ 36.Kg3 Qg1+ 37.Kf4** The whole game played with a lack of strategy by Black. **8...Bxc3** with the subsequent **exd5** and liquidation of White centre by the isolating of White's doubled pawns on the c-file and pawn on the dfile by **c4** should give Black an advantage. $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$

Enke, Max – Barker, William [B01] BC ch Vancouver, 11.04.1925

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 c6 6.Ne5 Nbd7 7.Nc4 Qd8 8.Qe2 Whilst 8.Qe2 prepares for O-O-O it also threatens mate (9.Nd6); 1) however it is not a strong development move. 8.Be3 with perhaps 9.g4 and 10.g5 would seem better. White has an advantage in time and space and should use it. 2) It however blocks the KB. The best move in this position seems to be Bf4. **8...e6 9.Bf4 Nb6 10.0-0-0 Nbd5 11.Qf3 11.Be5** seems stronger here. **11...Be7 12.h3 Nxf4 13.Qxf4 Nd5 14.Qf3 0-0 15.Kb1Bf6 16.Ne4 Qc7 17.Nxf6+ Nxf6 18.g4 Nd5 19.Bg2 b5 20.Nd2 b4 21.Nb3 a5 22.Rd2 Qb6 23.Bf1 a4 24.Nc5 a3 25.b3 Nc3+ 26.Ka1 Bb7 27.Bg2 Rfc8 28.Re1 Rc7 29.Re3 Rd8 30.Rxc3 bxc3 31.Qxc3 Ba8 32.Qe3 Qa5 33.c3 Rcc8 34.b4 Qc7 35.f4 Rd6 36.Ne4 Rd7 37.Nc5 Re7 38.Be4 f5? 39.Bc2 Qd6 40.Bb3 Kf8 41.Nxe6+ Rxe6 42.Bxe6 Re8 43.gxf5 g6 44.Qe5 Qxe5 45.dxe5 Bb7 46.Rd7 Re7 47.Rd8+ Re8 48.Rxe8+ Kxe8 49.f6 h6 50.h4 Ba6 51.Kb1 51.c4** would seem better. **51...Bd3+ 52.Kc1 Be4 53.Kd2 Bb1 54.Ke3 Bc2 55.Kd4 Bb1 56.Kc5 Be4 57.b5 cxb5 58.Kxb5 Kf8 59.c4 g5 60.fxc5 hxc5 61.hxc5 Bg6 62.c5 Ke8 63.c6 Kd8 64.Kb6 Ke8 65.c7 Kf8 66.c8R+ Be8 67.f7 Kg7 68.fxe8Q Kh7 69.Qf7# 1-0**

Enke, Max – Yates, Bertram [A03] BC ch Vancouver, 12.04.1925

1.f4 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.b3 d4 4.Bd3 dxe3 5.dxe3 Bg4 6.Nf3 e6 7.Bb5+ Nbd7 8.Bxd7+ Nxd7 9.0-0 Bc5 10.Qe1 Bxf3 11.Rxf3 Nf6 12.Ba3 Bb6 13.Nd2 Qd5 14.Kh1 Ne4 15.Nxe4 Qxe4 16.c4 c6 17.c5 Bc7 18.Bb2 0-0-0 19.Qb1 Rd3 20.Bxg7 Rhd8 21.Bd4 h5 22.Qe1 e5 23.fxe5 Bxe5 24.Rxf7 Bxd4 25.Qb4 b5? Black should have played 25...b6 here. **26.Qa5 Rd7 27.Qa6+ Kd8 28.Rf8+ Ke7 29.Qc8 Bxc5 30.Qe8+ Kd6 31.Qxe4 Rxe3 32.Rf6+ Kc7 33.Qxc6+ 1-0**

Enke, Max – Sugarman, Ephraim [B01] BC ch Vancouver, 12.04.1925

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd8 4.d4 e6 5.Be3 a6 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.Nge2 Considering that White has an advantage in time and space a forcible advance by 7.f4 (before moving Nf3 to occupy e5) and then if Black plays Ne7 8.Qg4 to provoke O-O then 9.Qh3 to provoke f5 10.g4 eventually followed by O-O-O with good attack on king's wing as Black is congested. As played in the game where Black's logical development for his queen's B is at b7 it seems unwise to castle O-O for White. **7...Ne7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Ne4 Ng6 10.c3 b6 11.Qc2 f5 12.Nxd6 cxd6 13.f4 Bb7 14.Bc4 d5 15.Bd3 b5 16.g4 16.a4** would seem to be the right move here, allowing White either to win a pawn on the queenside or to obtain the initiative there and exert pressure. **16...Bc8 17.Ng3 Nh4 18.gxf5 exf5 19.Rae1 19.a4** could still have been played here with advantage. **19...Nc6 20.Bd2 Ra7 21.Re3 Rf6 22.Rfe1 Re7 23.Bf1 Rxe3 24.Rxe3 Rh6 25.Qd3 Qf8 26.Qe2 Bd7 27.Bg2** White having a majority of pawns on the queenside should put that wing in motion. **27...Nxc2 28.Qxc2 Qf7 29.Qe2 Rg6 30.a4 h5 31.axb5 axb5 32.Kh1 h4 33.Nf1 Rg4 34.Rh3 Qg6 35.Qf2 Qe6 36.Ne3 Qe4+ 37.Qf3 37.Ng2** seems better. **37...Rxf4 38.Qxe4 Rxe4 39.Nxd5 Re2 40.Bg5 Kf7 41.b4 Nd8 42.Nf4 Re1+ 43.Kg2 Ne6 44.Nxe6 Bxe6 45.Bxh4 Re2+ 46.Kf3 Rc2 47.Kf4 g6 48.Ke5 Re2+ 49.Kd6 Bc4 50.Bg5 Rg2 51.Bf4 g5 52.Be5 f4 53.d5 g4 54.Rh7+ Kg6 55.Rg7+ Kh6 56.Rg8 f3 57.Ke6 f2 58.Rh8+ ½-½**

Millar, Charles – Enke, Max [A48] BC ch Vancouver, 13.04.1925

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 g6 Here 2...b5 is recommended by F. Saemisch. **3.a3 Bg7 4.c4 0-0 5.b4** Too many pawns moves without developing the pieces **5...d6 6.Bb2 c5 7.e3 a6 8.Nbd2 Bd7 9.Nb3 cxb4 10.axb4 Nc6 11.Bc3 Ne4 12.Qc2 Nxc3 13.Qxc3 Qb6 14.b5 axb5 15.cxb5 Rxa1+ By**

playing 15...Na7 instead of exchanging rooks, Black would have gained a pawn (b-pawn) and had his own b-pawn a passed one. **16.Qxa1 Na7 17.Qa5 Qxa5+ 18.Nxa5 b6 19.Nc4 Bxb5 20.Nxb6 Rb8 21.Bxb5 Rxb6 22.Be2** Here 22.Bd3 seems better as allowing White to O-O unless Black forced a draw by repetition of position; R on b3 and b2. **22...Rb1+ 23.Bd1 Nb5 24.Nd2 Ra1 25.Nb3 Ra3 26.Kd2 e5 27.d5 e4 28.f3 Nc3 29.Bc2 exf3 30.gxf3 Nxd5 31.h4 Ra2 32.Rc1 h5 33.Nd4 Bxd4 34.exd4 Nb4 35.Kc3 Rxc2+ 36.Rxc2 Nxc2 37.Kxc2 Kg7 38.Kd3 Kf6 39.Ke4 g5 40.hxg5+ Kxg5 41.Kd5 h4 42.Kxd6 h3 43.Ke5 f6+ 44.Ke6 h2** Black should have played 44...f5 as he still has plenty of time to queen his h-pawn. **45.f4+ Kg6 46.f5+ Kg7?** 46...Kg5 is better. **47.d5 h1Q 48.Kd6 Qe4 49.Kc6 Qxf5 0-1**

Enke, Max – Millar, Charles [A02] BC ch Vancouver, 13.04.1925

1.f4 d6 2.Nf3 Bg4 3.e3 e5 4.fxe5 dxe5 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Be2 Bxc3 This merely helps White's development by opening a diagonal for the B and by strengthening his centre. **7.bxc3 e4 8.Nd4 Qh4+ 9.g3 Bxe2 9...Qh3** would be answered by 10.Bxg4 and if 10...Qg2 11.Bf3 exf3 12.Qxf3 and is a pawn to the good. **10.Qxe2 Qg5 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Qc4 Ngf6 13.Ba3** To prevent O-O. White having the open b-file to attack on with his Rs it would not be safe for Black to O-O-O. **13...c5 14.Rf5 Qg4 15.Bxc5 Rc8 16.Qb5 Qxf5 16...a6** would not have helped Black as 17.Re5+ Kd8 18.Qa5+ would have given White a good attack. Black at move 16 hoped to get 3 pieces for his Q, as he had not seen that White's 18th move 18.Qxb7 threatened to win the R/h8 by Qa8+. **17.Nxf5 Rxc5 18.Qxb7 0-0 19.Nd4 a5 20.Rb1 h5 21.Qa6 h4 22.Rb5** White should have played 22.Ne2 which both defends g3 and c3 the latter being needed before advancing the centre by d4. As White besides an advantage in pieces has an advantage of pawns on the queen's wing he should set that in motion. **22...Rfc8 23.Qxa5 hxg3 24.hxg3 g6 25.Nb3** White should have exchanged Rs here 25.Rxc5 Rxc5 26.Qb4 and advancing a-pawn. If 26...Nd5 27.Qb7. **25...R5c6 26.Nd4 Rd6 27.Qa3 Ne8 28.Rb7 Kg7 29.Qb3 Nef6 30.a4 Rd5 31.Rb5 Nc5 32.Qa3 Rh5 33.Nb3 Rch8 34.g4** 34.g4 is the only move to prevent a mate in two by 34.Rh1 and Rh2, though Black has still a mate by 34...Rh1+ 35.Kg2 R8h2+ 36.Kg3 Rh3+ 37.Kg2 Nxc4 38.any (Qa1) R1h2+ 39.Kg1 Rg3+ 40.Kf1 Rf2+ 41.Ke1 Rg1#. If 37.Kf4 Ncd7 38.any Rf3+ 39.Kg5 Nh7# (if 38.Rh5 Rf3+ 39.Kg5 Rxc4+ 40.gxh5 Nh7+ 41.Kh4 g5+ 42.Kg4 Ndf6#) **34...Rg5** After this move Black only has a draw left him by perpetual check, by after move 36 repeating checks on h2 and h1. **35.Nxc5 Rxc4+ 36.Kf2 Rh2+ 37.Kf1 Rhg2** Threatening mate by Rg1+ and R4g2# **38.Ne6+** The only escape; 38.Nxe4 Nxe4 39.any Rf2+ 40.Ke1 Rg1 mates is no use. **38...Kh7** If 38...fxe6 39.Qe7+ Kh6 40.Qf8+ Kh7 41.Rb8 mates. Similar if 38...Kh6. **39.Ng5+ Rxc5** If 39...Kg7 40.Nh3 which would allow White to give up rook and knight for rook after which White should win as in game. **40.Rxc5 Rxc5 41.d3 Ng4 42.Ke2 f5 43.dxe4 Nh2 44.Qe7+ Kh6 45.Qxc5+ Kxc5 46.a5** If 46.exf5 the knight can still catch pawn and stop queen. **46...f4 47.exf4+ Kxf4 48.a6 g5 49.a7 g4 50.a8Q g3 51.Qb8+ Kg4 52.Qe5 Kh3 53.Qh5+ Kg2 54.e5 Kh1 55.e6 g2 56.Qd5 Ng4 57.e7 Kh2 58.Qxc2+** More decisive would have been 58.Qh5+ Kg3 59.Qxc4+ Kxc4 60.e8=Q g1=Q 61.Qg8+ and wins Q - or if 60...g1=N+ 61.Ke3 and later exchanges Q for N and queens another pawn. **58...Kxc2 59.e8Q 1-0**

Barker, William – Enke, Max [B02] BC ch Vancouver, 18.04.1925

[Enke and Thomas Piper (T.P.), the latter first published in the *Victoria Daily Colonist*, June 28, 1925.]

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.c4 Nb6 4.Nc3 T.P.: In the New York tourney 1924 Maroczy vs. Tartakower there occurred the following: 4.d4 d6 5.exd6 exd6 6.Nc3 Bf5 7.Be2 Be7 8.Be3 N8d7 9.Nf3 O-O 10.b3 Nf6 11.O-O Re8 12.h3 with White for choice. **4...d6 5.f4 dxe5 6.fxe5 Nc6 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.c5 Nd5 9.d4 Qd7** An immediate attack on the centre by b6 would seem the best here, if White replies by

10.Qa4 then 10...Nxc3 and if 11.Qxc6+ Bd2 wins the queen and has Black has a better position after 12.Qxa8 Qxa8 13.bxc3 bxc5 14.dxc5 e6. An attack by 11.bxc3 Bd7 12.Bb5 bxc5 13.e6 lead nowhere for White. **10.Bc4 e6 11.0-0 Be7 12.Nxd5** To protect his weak pawn on d4 by blocking the file for Black. **12...exd5 13.Bb3 0-0 14.Be3 Rad8** To protect his d-pawn before withdrawing Nb8 to prepare for an attack on the kingside by f6 and then intending to bring the queen into the game along the diagonal e8-h5. It however leaves White a chance to pin the knight on to the queen. Na5 seems better than the text move. **15.Qe1** Both covering the square on his a5 and threatening an attack commencing by Qg3. **15...b6** T.P.: Instead of 15...b6 Mr. Enke agrees that 15...f6 was stronger and if 16.exf6 Bxf6. **16.cxb6 axb6 17.Qg3** If 17.Ba4 (with the intention of 18.Rac1) - then 17...Q-Rsq [sic] 18.b3 Rfg8 and White is forced to exchange bishop for knight. T.P.: White missed a chance here, 17.Ba4 gave him the better game, if Black reply 17...Qe8 then 18.e6 and 19.Ne5. **17...Bh5 18.a3? Na5 19.Bd1 c5 20.Rc1 Nc4 21.Qf2 f6 21...Rc8** with threat of Bxf3, Nxe3, cxd4 and Bc5 with win of exchange could be parried by 22.Kh1. The text move is a further attack on the centre and brings the KR into play. **22.b3 Nxe3 23.Qxe3 Bxf3 24.Rxf3 fxe5** This leaves Black with a stronger centre than by playing 24...cxd4 to which White could have answered 25.e6. **25.dxe5 Qe6 26.Bc2 c4 27.b4 Rde8 28.Rh3** This loses a move as White having to check the advance of the Black centre has no time for a succesful attack on the king's wing. Black's reply parries the attack and prepares a support for the B at g5. **28...h6 29.Re1 Bg5 30.Qc3 Rf4 31.Bb1 d4 32.Qc2 d3 33.Qc3 b5 34.Ba2 Ref8 35.Qxd3 Kh8** Black being short of time overlooked the better line of 35...Qb6 forcing 36.Kh1 (if 36.R(either)e3 Rf1+ 37.Q(or R)xf1 Bxe3+ 38.R(or Q)xe3 Qxe3+ 39.Kh1 Rxf1 mate) 36...Kh8 37.Qe2 Rf2 winning the bishop. **36.Rg3** White also being short of time played a weak move. However there was already no defence left, 36.Qd6 being met by 36...Qf7 37.Rf3 Rxf3 38.gxf3 Qxf3 39.Qd4 Rf4 40.Qb2 Rg4+ etc. (39.Qc5 or b6 39...Bh4 and if R leaves the rank Qf8 mates; if R leaves the file Bf7+ wins the queen). **36...Qb6+ 37.Qe3 Rf1+** T.P.: Mr. Enke's counterattack from move 18 is a skillful concentration upon the opponent's most important line of operations and of the simultaneous employment of this accumulated force. In game No. 44 of *Chess of Today* Em. Lasker, 27-year world's champion, was outplayed in the opening by the chess schoolmaster, Dr. Tarrasch. Mr. Enke modelled his development upon the game [Lasker-Tarrasch, Maehrisch-Ostrau 1923 - ed.]. 0-1

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