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## ARTHUR DAKE MEMORIAL

A category III round-robin tournament is taking place in McMinnville, Oregon, in memory of Arthur Dake (1910-2000), an Oregon player who had his best results in the 1930s and was subsequently made an honorary GM in 1986. The ten-player event has seven titled players, including GMs Vitali Golod and Emil Anka; also among the participants are our own Jonathan Berry and Mike Stanford. The tournament runs June 5-13. Further details and results can be found at <http://www.aboutchess.org/>; at the time of going to press the games for the first three rounds were available:

### **Berry,J (2255) - Andrianov,N (2446) [A43] Dake mem McMinnville (1), 05.06.2004**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.d5 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.e4 0-0 6.Be2 d6 7.0-0 e6 8.dxe6 Bxe6 9.Bf4 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Nxd5 Bxd5 12.c3 Nc6 13.Qc2 Re8 14.Rfd1 Be4 15.Rxd8 Bxc2 16.Rxa8 Rxa8 17.Bb5 h6 18.Be3 Bf8 19.Bxc6 bxc6 20.Ne5 Rb8 21.b3 Rc8 22.g4 Bg7 23.Nc4 ½-½

### **Harmon,C (2184) - Stanford,M (2176) [E10] Dake mem McMinnville (1), 05.06.2004**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 a6 4.Nc3 c5 5.e3 b6 6.a3 Bb7 7.Bd3 d6 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.b4 Qc7 10.Bb2 Be7 11.Rc1 0-0 12.dxc5 dxc5 13.b5 Rad8 14.bxa6 Bxf3 15.gxf3 Qa7 16.Qe2 Qxa6 17.f4 g6 18.Qf3 Nh5 19.Rfd1 Qc8 20.e4 Qc6 21.Be2 Ng7 22.Nb5 Nf6 23.Bxf6 Bxf6 24.e5 Qxf3 25.Bxf3 Be7 26.Na7 Rxd1+ 27.Rxd1 Rd8 28.Nb5 Rxd1+ 29.Bxd1 Kf8 30.Kg2 Ke8 31.Kf3 Kd8 32.Ke4 Ne8 33.Ba4 Bh4 34.Kf3 ½-½

### **Stanford,M (2178) - Anka,E (2422) [B78] Dake mem McMinnville (2), 06.06.2004**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.Bc4 Bd7 10.0-0-0 Rb8 11.h4 b5 12.Ndxb5 Ne5 13.Be2 Qa5 14.Nd4 Rfc8 15.Nb3 Rxb3 16.cxb3 Qxa2 17.Qc2 Qa5 18.Kd2 d5 19.Ra1 Qb4 20.exd5 Nxd5 21.Qe4 Qxb3 22.Nxd5 Qxb2+ 23.Ke1 Qxa1+ 24.Kf2 Qa3 25.Ra1 Qd6 26.f4 f5 27.Ra6 fxe4 28.Rxd6 exd6 29.Ne7+ Kf8 30.Nxc8 Bxc8 31.fxe5 Bxe5 32.Bxa7 d5 33.Ke3 Kg8 34.Bd4 Bd6 35.Bb2 h5 36.Kd4 Be6 37.Bc1 Kf7 38.Bg5 Bf8 39.Be3 Kf6 40.Bd1 Kf5 41.g3 Bd6 42.Bf2 Bb8 43.Kc3 Be5+ 0-1

### **Van Meter,L (2240) - Berry,J (2255) [A42] Dake mem McMinnville (2), 06.06.2004**

1.d4 g6 2.Nf3 d6 3.c4 Bg7 4.e4 Nd7 5.Nc3 e5 6.d5 Qe7 7.g4 Ngf6 8.h3 Nc5 9.Qc2 a5 10.Be3 c6 11.0-0-0 h5 12.g5 Nfd7 13.Qd2 Ra6 14.Kb1 a4 15.Nh4 Qd8 16.Ka1 0-0 17.Kb1 Qa5 18.f3 Rb6 19.Qc2 Rb4 20.Rh2 Rd8 21.dxc6 bxc6 22.Rxd6 Bf8 23.Rhd2 Bxd6 24.Rxd6 Ne6 25.Qd2 Rb8 26.Kc1 Ndf8 27.Rxd8 Nxd8 28.f4 a3 29.b3 Rb7 30.Nf3 Rd7 31.Qc2 exf4 32.Bxf4 Nde6 33.Be3 Rd8 34.Ne2

Nd7 35.Ned4 Nxd4 36.Nxd4 Qe1+ 37.Qd1 Qxe3+ 38.Qd2 Qxd2+ 39.Kxd2 Nc5 40.Ke3 Rxd4 41.Kxd4 Nxb3+ 42.Kc3 Nc5 0-1

### Zilberstein,D (2392) - Stanford,M (2178) [E47] Dake mem McMinnville (3), 07.06.2004

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 d6 7.Ne2 Nc6 8.e4 e5 9.0-0 Qe7 10.f3 Ne8 11.f4 f6 12.h3 g6 13.Ba3 b6 14.c5 bxc5 15.fxe5 dxe5 16.Bxc5 Nd6 17.Ng3 Nd8 18.d5 Rf7 19.c4 Qd7 20.Ba3 Ne8 21.c5 Rg7 22.Bc4 Kh8 23.Qc2 c6 24.Bc1 h5 25.Rf2 Rh7 26.Qc3 Bb7 27.Ba3 Rc8 28.Rd2 Kg7 29.Rad1 Qc7 30.Bb4 cxd5 31.exd5 Nd6 32.c6 Qb6+ 33.Kh1 Nxc4 34.Qxc4 Ba6 35.Qc3 Rh8 36.Ba5 Qb5 37.Ne4 Nf7 38.Nc5 Nd6 39.a4 Qc4 40.Qxc4 Bxc4 41.Rc1 Rhg8 42.Nb7 Nxb7 43.cxb7 Rc5 44.Bb4 1-0

### Berry,J (2255) - Harmon,C (2184) [A05] Dake mem McMinnville (3), 07.06.2004

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 b6 3.Bg2 Bb7 4.0-0 c5 5.d3 d5 6.Nbd2 e6 7.e4 dxe4 8.Ng5 Nc6 9.Ngxe4 Be7 10.Nxf6+ Bxf6 11.Ne4 Be7 12.Qg4 g6 13.Ng5 h5 14.Qa4 Rc8 15.h4 0-0 16.Re1 Bf6 17.Ne4 Bg7 18.Bg5 Qd4 19.Qxd4 Nxd4 20.Rac1 Rc7 21.c3 Nf5 22.Rcd1 f6 23.Bc1 Rd7 24.Bf1 Rfd8 25.Nd2 Kf7 26.Nc4 Ba6 27.b3 Bb7 28.Nb2 Bf3 29.Be2 Bb7 30.Bf1 Bf3 31.Be2 Bb7 32.Bf1 Bf3 ½-½

One by the honoree:

### Dake,A - Alekhine,A [B13] It Pasadena USA, 1932

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Nf3 Be6 7.c5 g6 8.Bb5 Bg7 9.Ne5 Qc8 10.Qa4 Bd7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Bf4 a6 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Rfe1 Nh5 15.Bd2 Ra7 16.Re2 Be8 17.Rae1 f5 18.Nf3 Nf6 19.Rxe7 Rxe7 20.Rxe7 f4 21.Bxf4 Ne4 22.Be5 Bh6 23.Nxe4 dxe4 24.Ng5 Qf5 25.Qb3+ Bf7 26.Nxf7 Rxf7 27.Rxf7 Qxf7 28.Qb8+ Qf8 29.d5 e3 30.f4 Qxb8 31.Bxb8 Kf7 32.dxc6 Ke8 33.b4 g5 34.g3 gxf4 35.gxf4 Kd8 36.a4 Kc8 37.Bd6 Bg7 38.Kf1 1-0

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## EDMONTON JUNE SECTIONAL

The second set of sectional tournaments took place in Edmonton last weekend (the first set was in March); a total of 48 players took part, in eight six-player round robins. Jack Yoos won the top section with 3.5/5, ahead of Jeff Reeve with 3 and Dale Haessel and Rob Gardner on 2.5. Jack kindly submitted the following annotated game - many thanks!

### Yoos,J - Haessel,D [B96] June Sectional Edmonton, 06.2004

[Jack Yoos]

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Nc6** This line of the Rauzer Najdorf has been fashionable in the last 10 years. It is popular among those who are tired of the volumes of theory found in the main lines. I was doubly ready for this line as Robert Gardner, who I had White against in round one, has also been known to play this. **8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.e5 h6 10.Bh4 g5** [10...dxe5 11.Qxd8+ Kxd8 12.fxe5 g5 13.Bxg5 hxg5 14.exf6±] **11.fxg5 Nd5 12.Ne4** [12.Nxd5!? cxd5 13.Qh5!? with the initiative.] **12...Qb6 13.Bd3** In this line White plays it very loose, but is well compensated by Black's terrible light-squared bishop and vulnerable king. **13...hxg5** [13...dxe5 14.g6!; 13...Qe3+ 14.Qe2 Qxe2+ 15.Bxe2 dxe5 16.g6 fxg6 17.0-0-0±] **14.Bg3** [I used to play 14.Bxg5?! but I have decided that it is too risky.] **14...Qxb2** This is the most ambitious line for Black. Now that Black holds the long term trumps, White will have to achieve something quickly. Black's king must be shucked from its shell! [14...Qe3+ 15.Qe2+= Yoos-Haessel, Canadian Championship 2002, Vancouver] **15.0-0 dxe5** [15...Qd4+ 16.Kh1 dxe5 17.c3 with attack; 15...Ne3? 16.Qd2 Nxf1 17.Nf6+ Kd8 (17...Ke7

18.exd6+ Kxf6 19.Rxf1+ Kg7 20.Qxg5#) 18.Qa5+ Ke7 19.Qc7+ and mate] **16.Rb1 Qd4+ 17.Bf2 Qa4 18.Qg4 Qa3 19.Qxg5 f5 20.Qg6+ Kd7 21.c4!** The knight must be removed at all costs. **21...Rh6** [21...Nf4 22.Nf6+ Ke7 23.Ng8+ Rxg8 24.Qxg8 Nxd3 (24...Qxd3 25.Rbd1 with attack) 25.Rb3 with attack; 21...fxe4 22.cxd5 **A)** 22...exd5 23.Qf5+ Kd6 24.Qf6+-; **B)** 22...cxd5 23.Bxe4 **B1)** 23...Rh6 24.Qf7+ Be7 (24...Qe7 25.Bc5+-) 25.Bxd5; **B2)** 23...Be7 24.Rfd1 Rf8 25.Bxd5 exd5 26.Rxd5+ Bd6 27.Rbd1+-; **C)** 22...Qxd3 23.Qxe6+ Kc7 24.Bb6+ Kb8 25.Qxe5+ and mate] **22.Qg8!** A part of me wishes that I played like this more often. As I have gotten older, I have been taking fewer risks. [22.Qf7+ Qe7 23.Ng5 is okay for White.] **22...Nf4** [22...Be7 23.cxd5 cxd5 (23...fxe4 24.dxc6+-) 24.Ng5 Bxg5 (24...Qxd3 25.Nf7) 25.Qxg5 Qf8 (25...Rh7 26.Bxf5; 25...Qxd3 26.Qg7+ Ke8 27.Bc5) 26.Bg3 e4 27.Bc2 Ke8 28.Ba4+ Kf7 29.Rfc1 Ra7 30.Be8+-; 22...fxe4 **A)** 23.Bxe4 **A1)** 23...Nc3 24.Rb3 Ne2+ 25.Kh1 Qe7 (25...Qd6 26.Qf7+ Be7 27.c5+-) 26.Rd3+ Kc7 (26...Nd4 27.Bxd4 exd4 28.Rf7) 27.Be1 a5 28.Rxf8+-; **A2)** 23...Nf6 24.Qf7+ Qe7 25.Rfd1+ Nd5 26.Qf3 Rf6 27.Qe2 Qg7 (27...Ke8 28.Qh5+ Qf7 29.Qxf7+ Kxf7 30.cxd5) 28.cxd5 cxd5 29.Rxd5+ exd5 30.Bxd5 Qg6 31.Rd1 Rd6 32.Bxa8±; **B)** 23.cxd5 **B1)** 23...exd3 24.Be3 (24.dxc6+ Kxc6 25.Rb3+-) 24...d2 (24...Be7 25.dxc6+ Kc7 26.Qe8 Kd6 27.c7+-) 25.Qf7+ Be7 26.dxc6+ Kxc6 27.Bxh6+-; **B2)** 23...exd5 24.Bxe4 (24.Be2±) 24...dxe4 25.Bb6 Be7 26.Rbd1+ Rd6 27.Qg4+ Ke8 28.Qh5+ Kd7 29.Rxd6+ Kxd6 30.Rd1+ Ke6 31.Qg6+ Bf6 32.Qg8+ Kf5 33.Rf1+-; **B3)** 23...cxd5 **B3a)** 24.Be3 Be7 25.Bxh6 Qxd3 (25...exd3 26.Bf8+-) 26.Bg5 Bxg5 27.Qxg5 with attack; **B3b)** 24.Bxe4 24...dxe4 25.Qf7+ Qe7 26.Bc5 Qxf7 27.Rxf7+ Kc6 28.Bxf8±; 22...Nf6 23.Nxf6+ Rxf6 24.Be2 with attack.] **23.Rfd1 Qe7** [23...fxe4 24.Bxe4+ Ke7 25.Rb3 Qa4 (25...Qa5 26.Bb6) 26.Bc5+ Kf6 27.Qxf8+ Kg5 28.Rg3+ Kh5 29.Bf3+ and mate; 23...Be7 24.Bc2+ Nd5 25.cxd5 fxe4 26.dxc6+ Kxc6 27.Qxc8+ Rxc8 28.Bxe4+ Kc7 29.Rb7#; 23...Nxd3 24.Qf7+ Be7 25.Nc5+-] **24.Bf1+ Nd5** [24...Ke8 25.Nd6+; 24...Kc7 25.Bb6+] **25.cxd5 exd5** [25...fxe4 26.dxc6+ Kxc6 (26...Ke8 27.Bb6; 26...Kc7 27.Bb6+ Kxc6 28.Rdc1+ Kd7 29.Rc7+) 27.Qg3+-] **26.Bc5** and Black resigned as 26...Qh4 leads nowhere after 27.Qxf8 Qh2 28.Kf2 Qf4 29. Ke1 Qxe4 30.Kd2. [26.Rxd5+ Ke8 27.Bc5 also seems to win, but it is unnecessarily complicated.] **1-0**

## ARAPOVIC SIMUL by Vas Sladek.

IM Vitomir Arapovic demolished his opposition 9.5-0.5 in a June 3, 2004 chess simul organized by northshorechess.com and generously hosted by the Croatian Cultural Centre.

### V.Arapovic - V.Sladek, Simul, 03.06.2004

[Vas Sladek]



**33.Kg1 Rb1+ 34.Kg2 Rb2+ 35.Kg1** [ 35.Kf3 Rxb3+ 36.Kf4 Ke7 37.Nxe8 Rh3=] **35...Rb1+ ½-½**

## **GM CHESS FEST: Two Simuls and a Pairs Tournament**

World class Grandmasters don't come to town every day. On July 7, 2004, you will have an opportunity to take part in a day of chess with four famous chess Grandmasters.

There will be three separate events:

**1:00 pm: GM Cramling simultaneous exhibition** (girls only).

GM Cramling will simultaneously play all challengers. This event is restricted to female opponents, and will be followed by a brief lecture on "How to Beat Boys."

**3:30 pm: GM Bellon simultaneous exhibition** (open to all).

GM Bellon will simultaneously play all challengers. This event is open to all players.

**7:00 pm: Pairs Exhibition tournament** (spectators welcome).

GMs Cramling, Bellon, Seirawan and Suttles will play three 30-minute Pairs exhibition games, rotating partners each game. In each game, one player makes the first move for White, then the players alternate, each making two moves in a row. Partners may not talk about the game while playing or otherwise give hints or advice to their partner. They may tell their partner to move ("It's your move.") and tell them to move quickly ("Hurry up, we have 20 seconds left!!"). Profanity and physical violence is not allowed except under extreme circumstances.

Date: July 7, 2004 (Wednesday)

Location: To be announced (Vancouver, B.C.)

Information and pre-registration:

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Registration Deadline: 15 minutes before each event. Pre-registration is encouraged, as the number of players in the simultaneous exhibitions is limited.

Entry fee: \$30 for all events; otherwise \$20 per event. Participants in the Western Canadian Open and juniors receive a 50% discount. These discounts are cumulative, for a maximum discount of 75%. Equipment Boards and sets will be provided.

**Who are the grandmasters?**

**Pia Cramling**



Swedish Grandmaster Pia Cramling took part in the Vancouver Chess Congress in 1981 when she was 18, and all those who met her have been fans of hers ever since. Pia has been one of the top women players in the world for many years, and has frequently competed successfully against (male) Grandmasters. Her most recent accomplishment was winning the 2003 European Women's Championship in a dramatic, come-from-behind victory. Married to Spanish Grandmaster Juan Bellon, Pia has an adorable daughter Anna, who will also be in Vancouver.

### **Juan Manuel Bellon Lopez**



Spanish Grandmaster Juan Bellon has been active since 1969, and has played virtually all those famous players we've read about – getting his fair share of wins against them. He's never visited Vancouver, but will be playing in the Western Canadian Open this July in Vancouver. Married to Swedish Grandmaster Pia Cramling, he is the recent father of Anna, who will be joining her parents at the Western Canadian Open.

### **Yasser Seirawan**

Seattle Grandmaster Yasser Seirawan is a frequent and delightful visitor to Vancouver – except if you have to play him. Not only has Yasser won the World Junior Championship, the U.S. Championship (a number of times), and defeated World Champions past and present, he is a formidable blitz and bughouse opponent - the true mark of a great player.

### **Duncan Suttles**

Vancouver Grandmaster Duncan Suttles is famous both in British Columbia and throughout the world for his unique and creative approach to the game. He has won the Canadian Championship and competed against the world's top players on many occasions. He can always be counted on to have new insights into even the most standard positions.

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## **VANCOUVER JUNIOR GRAND PRIX**

The scores have been tabulated and double-checked; here are the winners in the 2003-2004 Vancouver junior Grand Prix (scores given in brackets).

\$200 - Fanhao Meng (16.5)

\$150 - Lucas Davies (14.5)

\$100 - Valentina Goutor (12.5)

## U1900

\$100 - Ben Daswani (12)  
\$50 - Andrey Kostin (10.5)

## U1700

\$100 - Ivan Petrov (12)  
\$50 - Alexander Reid (9.375)

## U1500

\$150 - Stefan Trandafir (14.375)  
\$120 - Vlad Gaciu (14.125)  
\$90 - Brad Wong (12)

## U1300

\$90 - Richard Huang (8)  
\$50 - Kevin Au (7.5)

[In cases where a player's rating had fluctuated substantially through the year, an average was used to determine their eligibility for class prizes.]

The prize-giving ceremony will take place at the year-end junior event on June 13 - details at <http://www.chessbc.ca/party.html>

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## 29TH PAUL KERES MEMORIAL

Lucas Davies and Jason Feng both submitted an annotated game each from the recent Keres Memorial - thank you to you both!

**Yoos,J - Davies,L [B12] Keres mem 29th Vancouver (2.3), 22.05.2004**  
[Lucas Davies]

**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nc3 Qb6 5.Nf3 e6 6.Be2 c5** [6...Nd7 7.0-0 Ne7 8.b3 c5?! 9.dxc5 Nxc5 10.Nd4 a6 11.Be3 Qd8 12.g4 Bg6 13.f4 Ne4 14.Na4! 1-0 Shirov,A-Hracek,Z/Ostrava 1998/CBM 68/[Lukacs] (24)] **7.0-0 Nc6 8.b3** [8.Na4 Qa5 9.Nxc5 Bxc5 10.dxc5 Qxc5 I think that I would have been pretty happy with this position; the White pawn on e5 could potentially become weak, after White plays c3 I have the possibility of a minority attack on the queenside and my position just seems to be quite solid. **A**) 11.c3 Nge7 12.Be3 Qa5 13.b4 Qc7 14.Bc5 0-0 15.Bd6 Qd7 16.b5 Na5 17.Nd4 Bg6 18.Qa4 b6 19.Qb4 Rfe8 20.c4 dxc4 21.Bxc4 Nxc4 22.Qxc4 Rac8 23.Qb4 Be4 24.Rfc1 (24.Rfd1 Nf5 25.Nxf5 Bxf5 26.Rac1 Bc2 27.Rd2 Bd3-/+) 24...Nf5=; **B**) 11.Be3 11...Qxc2 12.Qxc2 Bxc2 13.Rac1 Bg6 14.Bb5 Nge7 15.Nd4 Rc8 16.Nxc6 bxc6 17.Ba6 Rc7=+] **8...cxd4 9.Nb5 Bc5** [9...d3 10.Bxd3 Bxd3 11.Qxd3 Nb4 **A**) 12.Qe2?! Nxc2 13.Rb1 **A1**) 13...Bc5?? 14.b4 Be7 (14...Nxb4 15.Be3+-) 15.Nd6+ Bxd6 16.exd6 Rc8 17.Bb2+-; **A2**) 13...a6 14.Nd6+ Bxd6 15.exd6 Nb4 16.Bb2 Nf6 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qb2 Qd8=+; **B**) 12.Be3! 12...Bc5 13.Bxc5 Qxc5 14.Qe2+] **10.Bb2 10...d3?!** Quite a pointless move, originally I was planning on Bxd3, Bxd3, Qxd3, Nb4, Qe2 and Nxc2, but then after I played d3 I realized that it's losing. It's a much better idea to just continue developing, I seem to get a reasonable position after Nge7: [10...Nge7 11.Nfxd4 Nxd4 12.Nxd4 (12.Bxd4 0-0 13.Bxc5 Qxc5=+) 12...Bg6=] **11.Bxd3 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 Nge7** [12...Nb4 13.Qe2 Nxc2 14.Rac1 Nb4 15.Bd4+-; 12...Nh6 13.Nd6+ Ke7

(13...Bxd6 14.exd6 0-0 15.Ng5 Nf5 16.g4 Nb4 17.Qh3 h6 18.gxf5 hxg5 19.a3+-) 14.c4+= and my position's starting to get quite uncomfortable. 14...dxc4 15.Qxc4 Qb4 16.Qxb4 Bxb4 17.Nxb7 Rhb8 18.Nd6 Nxe5 19.Nxe5+-] **13.Nd6+ Bxd6?±** I saw d7+ and c4, but for some reason I thought I'd be fine after that. Some of the following variations prove this to be incorrect though. [13...Kf8! 14.Ng5 Bxd6 15.exd6 Nf5 16.g4 Nxd6 17.Nxh7+ Kg8 18.Ng5=] **14.exd6 Nf5 15.d7+ Kxd7 16.c4 Kc7 17.Ng5** [17.cxd5 Rad8 18.Bxg7 Nxg7 (18...Rhg8 19.Be5+ Nxe5 20.Nxe5 Rxd5 21.Rac1+ Kd8 22.Qe4 Ke7 23.Rfe1 Rd2 24.Qf3±) 19.Qc3 Nf5 20.dxc6 Qxc6 21.Qf6 Qe8 22.Rac1+ Kb8 23.Qe5+ Nd6 24.Rfd1 Qe7 25.Ng5+-] **17...dxc4** [17...d4 18.Nxf7 Rhe8 19.Rae1 g6 20.g4 Nd6 21.Ne5+-; 17...Nb4 18.Qd2 f6 19.c5 Qc6 20.Nxe6+ Qxe6 21.Rfe1 Qd7 22.Qf4+ Kd8 23.Qxb4 Re8 24.Qa5+ Kc8 25.Rxe8+ Qxe8 26.Rd1+-] **18.Qxc4 Raf8 19.Rad1** [19.Ba3 This is what I expected White to play, in which case I was prepared to sac the exchange and hope to get at least some compensation with my extra pawn and the d5 outpost for my knight. 19...h6 (19...Nd6 20.Qc1 Kd7 21.Bc5 Nd4 22.Re1+-) 20.Bxf8 Rxf8 21.Nf3±] **19...Qb4 20.Qc1 h6 21.Ba3 Qg4 22.Nf3??=** [22.Bxf8! During the game, I was sure this wouldn't work because of hg followed by Nh4, but the following variation seems to prove this wrong: 22...hxg5 23.Qc5+-] **22...Rd8 23.Ne5 Rxd1 24.Rxd1 Qe4 25.Nxf7 Nh4 26.Bd6+ Kc8 27.f3 Qg6 28.Bg3 Nxf3+ 29.gxf3 Qxf7 30.b4 a6?±** [30...Qf5! 31.Rd6 **A**] 31...Rf8? 32.a4 Qg5 33.Qc3 Rf5 34.Rxe6 a6 (34...Rd5 35.b5 Rd1+ 36.Kg2 Qd2+ 37.Qxd2 Rxd2+ 38.Kh3 Nb4 39.Be1 Rb2 40.Rg6 Nd3 41.Bg3±) 35.Qc4 Rd5 36.b5 axb5 37.axb5 Qf5 38.Re1 Rxb5 39.Qg8+ Nd8 40.Rd1+-; **B**) 31...Qb5 32.Qc3 Rd8 33.Qxg7 (33.Rxd8+ Kxd8 34.Qxg7 Qxb4 35.Qxh6 Qb1+ 36.Kg2 Qxa2+/-) 33...Rxd6 34.Bxd6 Qg5+ 35.Qxg5 hxg5 unclear. It's uncertain whether or not this position is a draw, White is probably better, but it's difficult to tell if he can win or not. 36.a3 (36.Kf2 Kd7 37.Bf8 Ke8 38.Bh6 Nxb4 39.a3 Nc2 40.a4 a6 41.Bxg5 b5 42.axb5 axb5 43.Bf6 b4 44.Ke2 Kf7 45.Bh8 Kg6 46.Kd3 Ne1+ 47.Ke4 Kg5=) 36...Kd7 37.Bf8 Ne5 38.Kf2 Ke8 (38...b5 39.Kg3 Nc4 40.Kg4 Nxa3 41.Kxg5 Nc4 42.Bg7 Ke7 43.Kg6 e5 44.h4 Nd2 45.h5 Nxf3 46.h6 Nh4+ 47.Kg5 Nf3+ 48.Kg4+- e4) 39.Bg7 Nc4 40.a4 Kf7 41.Bd4 a5 42.bxa5 Nxa5 43.Ke3 Nc6 44.Ke4 Kg6 45.Be3 Kf6 46.Bd2 e5 47.Bc3 Ke6 48.Bb2 Kf6 49.Kd5 Kf5 50.Kc5 (50.Kd6 Na5 51.Kc7 Kf4 52.Bc3 Nc4 53.Kxb7 Kxf3 54.Kc6 Ke3 55.a5 Nxa5+ 56.Bxa5 Kf3 57.Bc3 e4=) 50...Na5 51.Kb5 Nb3 52.Bc3 e4 53.fxe4+ Kxe4 54.Kc4 Nc1 55.a5 Kf3 56.Kb5 Kg2 57.Be5 Nb3 58.Kb4 Nc1 59.Kc4 Kh3 60.Bc7 Kg2=] **31.a4 Rd8 32.b5 Rxd1+ 33.Qxd1 axb5 34.axb5 Nb4** [34...Nd8 35.Qd6 h5 36.h4 e5 (36...g6 37.Be5+- Zugzwang) 37.Bxe5 Qc4 38.f4 Qc1+ 39.Kf2 Qc2+ 40.Kf3 Qb3+ 41.Ke4 Qc2+ 42.Ke3 Qc1+ 43.Kd4 Qd2+ 44.Kc5 Qc2+ 45.Kb6+-] **35.Qd6 Nd5 36.Qb8+ Kd7 37.Qxb7+ Ke8 38.Qc8+** Taking on f7 right away would have been a better plan as I was in time trouble and I would reach the time control a move later. **38...Ke7 39.Qb7+ Ke8 40.Qxf7+ Kxf7 41.Kf1** When I first got this position, I was sure that I'd be able to draw it. I thought for half an hour on this move, and although my hopes were slightly diminished, I still thought a draw was possible. Although for a while I thought that I was wrong, through my analysis I've managed to find a way to draw the game. I played it right until the very end and then didn't play the drawing variation (53...e5) despite seeing it. During the game I was sure that it didn't work, but now I've realized that it does. It seems as if my position should be lost, but I haven't been able to find a way for White to win if I play correctly, here are a few problems with my position: 1) The square I want my knight on, b7, is very hard to reach. I can't get there until my king's at least at d7, and by then White's king will be at d3 and then isn't really a possible route. 2) The White bishop is extremely strong; it protects the vital squares e5, d6, c7 and b8, and once the h pawn becomes passed it's nearly impossible to stop both it and the b pawn because the bishop can protect both at once. 3) It's extremely hard to get my knight or king active, I have to retreat my knight back to d7 to keep the White king out of c5 and e5, and my king pretty much sits there on b7 unless White allows it to go further. **41...Ke7 42.Be5 g5** I decided on this instead of g6 because I wanted to stop the king from going to f4 once my knight was on d7. The problem is that it allows White's bishop to attack both the pawns and eventually do a trade in his favour. [42...g6 43.Ke2 Nb6 44.Ke3 Nd7 45.Kd4 Kd8 46.h4 Kc8 47.Bg7 h5 48.Ke4 Kd8 49.Kf4 Ke8 50.Kg5 Kf7 51.Bd4 e5 52.Bb2+- (52.Be3?? Kg7+-) ] **43.Ke2 Nb6 44.Kd3 Nd7 45.Kd4 Kd8 46.h3 Kc8 47.Bg7 h5 48.Ke4** [48.Bh6 Kc7 49.Bxg5 Kb6 **A**] 50.Ke4 Kxb5 51.Be7 Kc4 52.Kf4 Kd3 53.Kg5 Ke3 **A1**) 54.f4 Kf3 55.h4 Nb6 56.Kxh5 (56.Bd6 Nd5 57.Be5 Ke4 58.Kxh5 Nxf4+ 59.Bxf4 Kxf4=) 56...Kxf4 57.Kg6 Nc4 58.Bf6 Ne3 59.Bg5+ Kg4 60.h5 Nf5 61.Bf6 e5 62.Bxe5 Ne7+=; **A2**) 54.Kxh5 54...Kxf3

55.Kg5 e5 56.h4 e4 57.h5 Ne5 58.Bf6 Ng4 59.Bd4 Kg3=; **B**) 50.Kc4 50...Ne5+ 51.Kb4 Nxf3 52.Be3+ Kb7 53.Kc5 Ne5 54.Kd4 Nd7 55.Ke4 Nf6+ 56.Ke5 Nd5 57.Bd4 (57.Bf2 Nc3 58.b6 Na4 59.Kxe6 Nxb6 60.Kf6 Nd5+ 61.Kg5 Kc6 62.Bg3 Kd7 63.Kxh5 Ke8 64.Kg6 Kf8 65.Bd6+ Kg8 66.h4 Ne3 67.h5 Ng4 68.Bc5 Ne5+=) 57...Nc7 58.b6 Nd5 59.Kxe6 Nxb6=] **48...Kc7 49.Bd4 Kd6 50.Be3 Nf6+ 51.Kd3 g4 52.fxg4 hxg4 53.h4 Kd5??+-** I made this blunder in time trouble, I actually saw e5 but for some reason was sure that it didn't work... [53...e5!= **A**) 54.Bg5 Nh5 55.Kc4 (55.Ke4 Ng3+); **B**) 54.Ke2 54...Kc7 55.Kf2 Nh5 56.Bc5 Kb7 57.Ke3 Nf6 58.Kd3 Kc7 (58...g3? 59.Ke3 e4 60.Bd4 g2 61.Kf2 e3+ 62.Kxg2+-) 59.Kc4 Kb7 60.Be3 (60.Be7 Nh5 61.Kd5 Kb6 62.Kxe5 g3 63.Bg5 g2 64.Be3+ Kxb5 65.Kf5 Kc6=) 60...Kc7 Black's able to draw this because of the fortress he creates with his pawns and knight; together they defend d5, d4, e4, f4, f3, g3 and h3. To break through White has to give up the b pawn, and then Black is always able to make it back on time because of his g pawn. **B1**) 61.Kc5 g3 62.Kc4 g2 63.Kd3 (63.Bg1 Kd6 64.Kd3 Kd5 65.Ke2 e4=) 63...e4+ 64.Ke2 Ng4= a crazy fortress; **B2**) 61.Bg5 61...Nh5 (61...Ne4 62.Kd3 Nxg5 63.hxg5) 62.Kd5 Kb6 63.Kxe5 Kxb5 (63...g3 64.Kf5 g2 65.Be3+ Kxb5 66.Kg4 Nf6+ 67.Kg3 Kc6 68.Kxg2 Kd5 69.Kf3 Ke5=) 64.Bf4 Kc5=] **54.b6 Nd7 55.Ke2 e5 56.h5 Ke6 57.b7 1-0**

**Forsyth,A - Feng,J [A00] Keres mem 29th U1600 Vancouver (5), 24.05.2004**  
*[Jason Feng]*

I hope readers don't mind another game between two low-rated players this week. Played at the Keres in the U1600 section, this game is an interesting "study" into opening preparation and surprising one's opponent. **1.b4** The Sokolsky Opening, aka The Orang-Utan, aka The Polish. 1.b4 has even been played by Capablanca! **1...e5** There's a number of decent replies to 1.b4 in addition to the text; 1...d5, 1...Nf6, and even "crazy" stuff such as 1...a5. I like to play the offbeat 1...c6 in online chess, with the idea of 2.Bb2 Qb6 and 3....a5 unnerving the Bishop. **2.Bb2 Bxb4** 2...d6 or 2...f6 are also possible. 2...Bxb4 has been played in countless games and I was fully expecting White to reply with 3.Bxe5, but... **3.f4** After the game I asked a number of higher-rated players about this move, and the eventual consensus was that it is actually sound! Originally everybody thought that I could take the pawn, but subsequent analysis indicated that the position is quite complicated. By the way, thanks to experts (and beyond) such as Stephen Wright, Roman Jiganchine, Marvin Lee, Michael Yip, James Chan, and all the others that helped analyse this game with me. **3...exf4** How often does one spend 20 minutes on his THIRD move? In retrospect I should have played "normally" with 3...d6. This is not because 3...exf4 is necessarily bad, but from a psychological point of view, it should have been obvious to me that my opponent had prepared 3.f4 and would know most of the lines that would follow. **4.Bxg7 Qh4+** This position is reminiscent of certain lines in the Owen's Defence that goes 1.e4 b6 2.d4 Bb7 3.Bd3 f5 4.exf5 Bxg2. **5.g3 fxg3 6.Bg2** 6.Nf3? g2 7.Nxh4 gxh1Q. **6...gxh2+ 7.Kf1 hxg1Q+ 8.Kxg1** Now was the time for my second long think of the game, which eventually turned into an ugly time scramble for me. Black has to move his Queen and I had a tough time deciding between g5 and g4. In positions like these one mistake can prove to be fatal. This reiterates my point about my decision to play 3...exf4. I have spent over 30 minutes on my game while my opponent has barely used up 5. Subsequent moves took anywhere from 5-15 minutes for me, the time control of 40/2 became tougher and tougher to reach. **8...Qg4** I chose this over g5 to pin the e-pawn and perhaps play ...Bc5+ if I could. **9.Bxh8** We have reached the critical position of the game, and Black must decide on a plan (preferably as soon as possible). I had some ludicrous idea in my head that I could somehow trap the Bishop on h8. In retrospect I should have developed and/or saved the h-pawn. Moves such as 9...Nc6 or 9...h5 come to mind. Another possibility is 9...Qg6 with the idea of marching the h-pawn down the Kingside. Instead I play what I believe to me the losing move of the game. **9...f6** Aside from possibly winning the B/h8, I played this move to block the a1-h8 diagonal, as now I am threatening 9...Qd4 winning the Rook on a1. **10.c3 h5? 11.Kf1** I played 10...h5 thinking that White couldn't take the Bishop on account of 11.Qd4 but after 11.e3! Qxa1 12.Qxh5 Kd8 13.Qf7 it's lights out! **11...Be7** I had now spent over 90 minutes and the rest of the game is filled with blunders and bad moves for me. My opponent had spent about 20 minutes and pounced on every opportunity. **12.Bf3**



So much for marching the h-pawn down the Kingside. **12...Qf5 13.Rxh5 Qg6 14.Rh1 Qg3 15.Qb3 d5**  
The final error. I was worried about the White Queen and Rook pointing at g8 but this just drops  
another pawn. As well, I am down to under 10 minutes to reach the time control at move 40. **16.Qxd5**  
**Bh3+ 17.Bg2** Still winning for White, but better was 17.Rxh3! Qxh3 18.Bg2 Qxh8 19.Qxb7!  
**17...Bxg2+ 18.Qxg2 Qxg2+ 19.Kxg2 Nc6** I don't think it's ever good when Black "finally" plays ...Nc6  
after 19 moves. **20.d4 0-0-0 21.Nd2 Bd6 22.Ne4 f5 23.Nxd6+ Rxd6** Down to 5 minutes. The rest of  
the game requires little comment. **24.Raf1 Rg6+ 25.Kf3 Nh6 26.Be5 Ng4 27.Bf4 Ne7 28.Rh8+ Kd7**  
**29.e4 fxe4+ 30.Kxe4 Nf6+ 31.Kd3 Nfd5 32.Be5 Nc6 33.Rh7+ Nde7 34.Bf6 Ke6** If Black wanted any  
chance of counterplay, 34...Kd6 was obligatory. **35.Re1+ Kd6 36.Rexe7 Rg3+ 37.Re3** Even though it  
is usually me who plays the weird and offbeat lines, this game was a case of the opposite. I was  
"razzle-dazzled" by my opponent in the opening. **1-0**

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## **CHESS IN CUBA** by Tom Robertson

I'm trying to get a small group of avid chess players to come to Cuba for a week of playing chess in  
Havana as well as discovering the countryside and culture. The tour program can be found at  
[www.ottawachessclub.com](http://www.ottawachessclub.com) or [www.cuba1tours.com](http://www.cuba1tours.com). The fam trip price is slightly lower than shown  
on the program, \$1000 + Air. This will be the first of a series of Cuban chess programs planned for  
2004/2005. Please pass this information on to local club members and hope to have you along.  
Thanks.

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## **PORT COQUITLAM CHESS CLUB** by Len Molden

This is to inform all of you that I've created a page for the Port Coquitlam Chess Club at:

<http://www.chessmastery.com/pococheessclub>

I would really appreciate if you can please publicize this URL whenever, wherever, and however you  
can, as our club is in dire need of members to attend on a regular Thursday basis.

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## **ROOM AT WCO**

Dale Gustafson, a friend of Jack Yoos from Minnesota, will be playing in the Western Canadian Open  
and is looking for someone to share a hotel room with. Interested parties should contact Dale at  
[sirgusf@aol.com](mailto:sirgusf@aol.com)

## **ALCAN ANNIVERSARY TOURNAMENT** by Mike Bateman

Alcan has asked me to organize a chess tournament for their 50th anniversary celebration here in Kitimat, on the 31st of July. It will be a 15 minutes per game per side, clocked event with 5 rounds. It will start at 13:00 hours, (1 in the afternoon) and go till 17:00 hours (or 5 in the afternoon). It will be held in the main ceremonies tent at the Riverlodge Rec Center. This is not a rated event because it is open to all persons partaking in the Alcan celebrations. I will be purchasing 10 new sets and 10 new clocks which I hope to be using as prizes. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. This is a free event.

[The person who is now looking after the Alcan tournament is Al Annett, [aannett@telus.net](mailto:aannett@telus.net) ]

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

To save space, from now on I will only give basic information for events - date, place, and type. Full details for all the events listed here may be found on the BCCF site, [www.chess.bc.ca](http://www.chess.bc.ca).

### **Junior Events**

June 13 Vancouver Year-End Event

For full details see [www.chess.bc.ca](http://www.chess.bc.ca) or <http://members.shaw.ca/victoriachess/>

### **Vancouver League: Class Round Robins**

In these Round Robins players will grouped according to their class or within a rating spread of no more than 200 or 300 points. The games will take place at the Vancouver Bridge Centre (2776 East Broadway) during the evening on Saturdays and/or Wednesdays. If you are interested in participating on these events please send an e-mail to the following address: [azmitia@interchange.ubc.ca](mailto:azmitia@interchange.ubc.ca)  
For more information visit: <http://www3.telus.net/chessvancouver/>

### **UBC Tuesday Night Swiss May/June**

Dates: May 25, June 1, 8, 15, 22  
Place: UBC Henry Angus Building, room 309  
Type: 5-round Swiss

### **SUPER Vancouver Saturday Night Chess (3)**

Dates: Saturdays June 5, 12, 19, 26 and July 3.  
Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre, 2776 East Broadway (at Kaslo), Vancouver  
Type: 5-round Swiss  
First prize - \$400!!

### **UBC Tuesday Night Swiss June/July**

Dates: June 29, July 6, 20, 27, August 3  
Place: UBC Henry Angus Building, room 309  
Type: 5-round Swiss

## [Western Canadian Open](#)

Date: July 9-18

Place: Vancouver Airport Conference Resort

Type: 10 round single-section Swiss

## **Vancouver Saturday Night Chess (4)**

Dates: Saturdays July 24, 31, and August 7, 14, 21

Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre, 2776 East Broadway (at Kaslo), Vancouver

Type: 5-round Swiss

## **Rod Planas Memorial Chess Tournament**

Dates: August 7-8, 2004

Place: Sandman Inn, 2130 Harvey Avenue, Kelowna

Type: 5-round Swiss

## **UBC Tuesday Night Swiss August**

Dates: August 10, 17, 24, 31

Place: UBC Henry Angus Building, room 309

Type: 5-round Swiss

## [Marathon Chess Madness](#)

Dates: August 28-29

Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre

Type: various

## **Vancouver League Qualifier #1**

Dates: September 18, 25 & October 2, 9, 16

Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre

Type: 5-round Swiss

## **Silver Star Challenge (Interior Qualifier)**

Date: Nov. 13 & 14

Place: Holiday Inn Express, 4716 34th St., Vernon

Type: 5-round Swiss

## **Vancouver League Qualifier #2**

Dates: November 20, 27 & December 4, 11, 18

Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre

Type: 5-round Swiss

## **Vancouver League Qualifier #3**

Dates: January 8, 15, 22, 28 & February 5, 2005

Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre

Type: 5-round Swiss

## **Vancouver League Qualifier #4**

Dates: March 19, 26 & April 2, 9, 16, 2005

Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre

Type: 5-round Swiss