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HERE AND THERE

RCC Elite Chess Rapid (June 21)

A week after the classical event, the Richmond Chess Champions held their latest rapid tournament on June 21 in three sections. There were only four players in the [U1800](#) so the section was held as a double round robin, in the process stretching the usual five games to six. Despite losing in the last round top-ranked May Wangluo was a comfortable winner, finishing a point and a half ahead of Markus Li on 50%; Rafael Yen was third. In the [U1300 Section](#) Yude Lin and Vincent Cui tied for first with 4.0/5 while Ocean Zhang placed third. And the six-player [U800 Section](#), also held as a round robin, saw Torres Zhang, Lucas Wang, and Lucas Huang all score 4.0 points each but Lucas Huang placed third on tiebreak. There were a total of seventeen participants.

LIC Classical 5 (June 20-21)



(photo by [Chess Maps](#))

Returning to Roma Hall in New Westminster was Lulu Island Chess Classical 5 with seventy-six players in the main event. The [Open Section](#) included at least eight with titles but it was Leo Qu who scored 5.0 points to claim first place with a performance rating of 2503; apparently this qualifies him for the National Master title – congratulations! FM Ryan (Jingyun) Yang was second just ahead of NM Yidong Chen, third on tiebreak over newly-minted FM Lucas Yao. Robin Hayer won the [U2000 Section](#) with 5.5/6, James Fu was a half-point behind, just ahead of Ilan Keshet, Xavier Zhang, Danny Dai, Sining Lou, and Allain Era who all scored 4.0 points. And Yunqing

Zhang was awarded the [U1500](#) trophy on tiebreak over Rio Vilches, both finished with 5.0 points; Ryan Zhou was clear third with 4.5. And Leo Qu also tied for first in the (unrated) [Blitz](#) tournament on Saturday evening, sharing with CM Neil Doknjas; CM Barath Subramanian Suresh and Aadit Arya tied for third.

Okanagan Valley Rapid 7 (June 20)



(photo by [Chess Maps](#))

Held like the rest of the series at the Okanagan Regional Library in West Kelowna, edition seven of the [Okanagan Valley Rapids](#) was won by Cole Toponce who gave up just a single draw en route to a final score of 5.5/6. Clear second a point behind was newcomer Dustin Livingstone and tied for third were Oliver Olivar and Julian Hook, Oliver taking the third-place trophy on tiebreak. The [U1400 Section](#) saw Dumaal Sirisena finish first on tiebreak over Hao Wang, they both scored 5.0 points; Duncan Elder was clear third a half-point behind. And Luke Howe won the [Blitz](#) with a perfect score, Cole Toponce was second, and third was shared by Robert McBain and Oliver Olivar. [Okanagan Valley Rapid 8](#) is scheduled for September 19.

FIDE World Cadets Cup (June 16-27)

This year's World Cadet competition (the U8/U10/U12 age groups from the old WYCC) has been reorganized into two stages, a World Cadets Cup (which is more or less identical to the previous cadet event) which now serves as a qualifier for the final World Cadet's Championships for just forty-eight players in November. The World Cadets Cup has just finished in Batumi, Georgia (i.e., the European/Asian country, not the U.S. state) with a full house of just over six hundred players; nine of these were from Canada, including Karson Lu (U10) and NCM Aiden Yin (U12) from BC and CM Zhihan (Samuel) Xu (now residing in Florida).



The team with coach GM Shawn Rodrigue-Lemieux

In general the Canadians found it tough going: highest scoring were Samuel and Karson who both finished with 7.0/11, placing twenty-first and twenty-seventh respectively in the U10 Open Section. [In the parallel World Youth Championships (which for some reason have not undergone the same reorganization as the Cadets), held at the same time in Montesilvano, Italy, it was a different story. Canadian IMs Anthony Atanasov (ON) and Emanuel Kot (QC) finished first and second respectively in the U18 Open Section with identical 9.0/11 scores, resulting in the GM title for Anthony and a GM norm for Emanuel. The team as a whole acquired over 900 rating points. Also on the team was former BC resident Wesley Russell.] [Cadet standings](#) [Youth standings](#)

Berishvili, Alexandre (1678) – Lu, Karson (1886) [A13] FIDE World Cadets Cup U10 Batumi (9.20), 25.06.2026

1.c4 e6 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 d5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.d3 Be7 6.Nf3 0–0 7.0–0 c5 8.b3 Nc6 9.Bb2 b6 10.Nbd2 Bb7 11.Rc1 Qc7 12.a3 Rad8 13.Qc2 Nd7 14.Rfe1 Bf6 15.d4 Qd6 16.dxc5 bxc5 17.e4 Bxb2 18.Qxb2 Nce5 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.Qc2 Ba6 21.Bf1 c4 22.Kh1 cxb3 23.Qxb3 Bxf1 24.Rxf1 Ng4 25.exd5 Qh6 26.Nf3 Qh3 27.Rfe1 Rb8 28.Qc2 Rb6 29.Qc5 g6 30.d6 Rb2 31.Rc2 Rb3 32.Rc3 Nxf2+ 33.Kg1 Nd3 34.Qc4 Rb2 35.Rc2 Rxc2 36.Qxc2 Nxe1 37.Nxe1 Qe6 38.Qd2 Rd8 39.Nf3 Rxd6 40.Qb2 Rd3 41.Kg2 Qd5 42.Qb8+ Kg7 43.Qb2+ f6 44.Qe2 Kf7 45.a4 Ra3 46.Kg1 Rxf3 0–1

Yin, Aiden (1800) – Aryan Mehta (2050) [B52] FIDE World Cadets Cup U12 Batumi (6.19), 21.06.2026

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.Bxd7+ Qxd7 5.c4 Nc6 6.d4 cxd4 7.Nxd4 g6 8.Nc3 Bg7 9.Be3 Nf6 10.f3 0–0 11.0–0 Rfc8 12.b3 a6 13.a4 Ne8 14.Rc1 Nc7 15.a5 Ne6 16.Nde2 Rf8 17.Nd5 Rae8 18.b4 f5 19.Nb6 Qc7 20.Qd5 Rf6 21.Nf4 Nxb4 22.Qd2 Nxf4 23.Bxf4 Nc6 24.Nd5 Qc8 25.Nxf6+ Bxf6 26.Kh1 Nd4 27.Qd3 Ne6 28.Be3 f4 29.Bg1 Kg7 30.Rb1 Qc6 31.Qd5 Nd8 32.Bb6 e6 33.Qd3 Nf7 34.Rfc1 Ne5 35.Qe2 Rc8 36.Bd4 Rc7 37.c5 Nd7 38.Bxf6+ Nxf6 39.e5 dxe5 40.Qxe5 Rd7 41.h3 Rd2 42.Rb6 Qd7 43.Rd6 Rxd6 44.cxd6 1–0

Langley Fast Summer Quads (June 1, 8, 15)



(photo by [Chess Maps](#))

Held on the first three Mondays in June with two games per evening at a time control of 25 + 10, participants were placed in four-player sections and competed in a double round robin. In [Quad 1](#) Kriyaansh Banatwala placed first with Mark Gulbinowicz second, while [Quad 2](#) was won by Ranilo Valdecanas ahead of Noel Roy. The next set of [Quads](#) will be August 10, 17, 24.

RCC Elite Chess Championship (June 14)

The Richmond Chess Champions Elite Championship for June 14 (four rounds of 50 + 10) attracted a total of fourteen players in two sections. First in the [U1800 Section](#) was Markus Li with 3.5, a full point ahead of Jordan Szeto, May Wangluo, and Arjun Thazhathu Veetil who tied for second. In the [U900 Section](#) Ocean Zhang was first, also with 3.5 points, Lucas Zhou was clear second and Torres Zhang and Lucas Wang tied for third.

National Open (June 10-14)

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 Westgate Las Vegas Resort. Among the Canadian participants were Severo Caluza, Evan Geng, Ethan Jun Low, Norman Verdon, NM Justin Xu, and Aiden Zhu. The overall winner was IM Liam Putnam (USA) who took first place and the Edmondson Cup on tiebreak over GMs Christopher Yoo (USA) and Arman Mikaelyan (Armenia), all scored 7.0/9. Top Canadian was IM Tymur Keleberda (Edmonton) with 5.0 points, Justin Xu scored 4.0 (both in the Open Section); Norman Verdon had 4.5/7 in the U1900 Section.

[Tournament website](#)

Saine, Zachary (2147) – Justin, Xu (2103) [C54] National op Las Vegas (8), 14.06.2026

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 h6 5.0-0 Bc5 6.c3 d6 7.a4 a5 8.Na3 0-0 9.h3 Be6 10.Bb5 Na7 11.Bc4 Bxa3 12.Bxe6 Bxb2 13.Bxf7+ Rxf7 14.Bxb2 Nc6 15.g3 Qd7 16.Kg2 Rd8 17.Qe2 d5 18.exd5 Qxd5 19.c4 Qxd3 20.Qxd3 Rxd3 21.Nxe5 Nxe5 22.Bxe5 Ne4 23.Ra2 b6 24.Re1 Nc5 25.f4 Re7 26.Ree2 Kf7 27.h4 Rb3 28.f5 Rb4 29.Bf4 Rxe2+ 30.Rxe2 Rxc4 31.Bxc7 Nxa4 32.Bd8

Rc8 33.Rd2 Ke8 34.f6 gxf6 35.Bxf6 Rc6 36.Rd8+ Kf7 37.Bd4 Nc5 38.Bxc5 Rxc5 39.Rd6 Rb5 40.Rxh6 a4 41.Rc6 a3 42.Rc1 a2 43.Rf1+ Kg7 0-1

GREATER VANCOUVER CHESS TOURNAMENT 10 (June 13-14)



The tenth edition of the Greater Vancouver Chess Tournaments followed the tried and true formula of previous events: four sections, three rounds of 50 +10 on the first day followed by two 90 + 30 games on the Sunday. Organized as always by the Penny Chess Club and held at the Bonsor Recreation Complex in Burnaby, GVCT 10 attracted two hundred and ten players, just eclipsing GVCT 3 as the largest event of the series. After the first day in the [Premier Section](#) IM Quang Long Le, FM Jingyun (Ryan) Yang, IM Raymond Kaufman, and Joshua Rubin all had perfect scores and held a one-point cushion over the rest of the field. All the games between them were drawn in round four, but in round five Raymond defeated Joshua while Jingyun and Long drew, leaving Raymond in sole first place with 4.5/5 while (in tiebreak order) Yidong, Long, and Jingyun tied for second/third. There were also junior trophies in CYCC age and gender categories, these went to Ryder Hsu, CM Zachary Liu, NCM Samuel Lu, Daniel Yu Ang Zhu, Joanne Wangluo, and Sofia Vigurs.

In the [U1800 Section](#) fifth-ranked Jofrel Landingin came through with a perfect score to finish at the head of the crosstable and regain just over 100 rating points. Tied with 4.0 were Fred Giroux and Ryan Li (winning second and third place trophies on tiebreak), Ken Salim, Jose Prem, Aryav Alope, Karl Aguirre, and Arturo Robiso; Aryay and Karl also won junior trophies, as did Micah Chow, Kanish Raj Sathish Raj, Ziheng Yang, Ethan An, Karen Chen, Anny Peng, and Evelyn Lou. The [U1300 Section](#) also saw a perfect winner in Anthony Law, Zhihong Jayden Pang was clear second ahead of Yik Long Yiu, Adam He, Adam Dai, and Rio Vilches who all scored 4.0 points. On tiebreak Yik was awarded the third-place trophy, while the two Adams received junior trophies along with Matteo Hrbacek, Arin Alope, Yuhong Chen, Yuanqing (Emily) Xiu, Sherlyn Pang, Rachel Yan, Ngoc Chau Anh Nguyen, and Echo Heming Fang. And in the [U800 Section](#) Siyang Chen, Huxley Burford, and Pinye George Lu all finished with 4.5/5 and placed in that order after tiebreaks were applied, and Kai Arnst, Yifang (Sam) Zhao, Eddie Chen, Alexander Law, Ty Shanmugam,

Sahana Saravanan, Araina Agrawal, and Chloe Li won junior trophies. Watch for [GVCT 11](#) at the end of September. [Tournament website](#)

Chen, Yidong (2263) – Le, Quang Long (2440) [B31] Greater Vancouver Tournament 10 Burnaby (3.1), 13.06.2026

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.0–0 Bg7 5.c3 Nf6 6.Re1 0–0 7.d4 a6 8.Bf1 d5 9.e5 Ne4 10.h3 cxd4 11.cxd4 f6 12.exf6 exf6 13.Nc3 f5 14.g3 Kh8 15.Be3 Be6 16.Rc1 h6 17.Na4 g5 18.Nc5 Qe7 19.Nxe4 fxe4 20.Ne5 Nxe5 21.dxe5 Bxe5 22.Bc5 Qf6 23.Bxf8 Rxf8 24.Qd2 Bxb2 25.Rc2 Bd4 26.Bg2 Qe5 27.Qd1 Rf7 28.Rf1 Kg7 29.Kh2 Ba7 30.Re2 Bd7 31.Rd2 Bc6 32.Qh5 Bb8 33.Kg1 e3 34.fxe3 Qxe3+ 35.Rdf2 Be8 36.Qe2 Ba7 37.Bf3 Rxf3 38.Qb2+ Bd4 39.Qxb7+ Bf7 0–1

Kaufman, Raymond (2321) – Rubin, Joshua (1965) [A16] Greater Vancouver Tournament 10 Burnaby (5.2), 14.06.2026

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Qa4+ Bd7 6.Qh4 e6 7.Nxd5 exd5 8.Qd4 Rg8 9.Qxd5 Nc6 10.Ne5 Nxe5 11.Qxe5+ Be6 12.e3 Qd7 13.Bb5 c6 14.Bc4 Bg7 15.Bxe6 fxe6 16.Qe4 0–0–0 17.0–0 e5 18.b3 Qf5 19.f3 Rd3 20.Qc4 Rgd8 21.b4 Qd7 22.b5 Qd5 23.Qxd5 R8xd5 24.bxc6 bxc6 25.Rb1 Bf8 26.Kf2 a5 27.Ke2 Bb4 28.Rd1 Kc7 29.Rb3 Rxb3 30.axb3 Bd6 31.Bb2 Rb5 32.Bc3 Kb6 33.Ra1 Bb4 34.Bxb4 Rxb4 35.Ra3 Kb5 36.Kd3 h5 37.Kc3 c5 38.d3 Ka6 39.g3 Rb8 40.Ra4 Rf8 41.f4 exf4 42.Rxf4 Re8 43.Re4 Rxe4 44.dxe4 Kb6 45.e5 Kc6 46.Kc4 1–0

NICK BEQO ANNOTATES

This was the final round of the BC Seniors 2026 Championship. Going into the game, I had scored 4 points out of 5. My only loss came against Verdon, where I had Black in a Zukertort Opening. To this day, I'm not entirely sure what happened in that game. I played well below my usual standard, lacked focus throughout, and handled the position poorly despite having won against the same opening the day before. As a result of that loss, I was already out of contention for first place. Arpak was leading the tournament with a perfect 5/5 score, another player had 4.5 points, and several players, including myself, were tied on 4 points.

Because of this, I had very little motivation for the final round. My mindset was simply to make a quick draw and finish the tournament. I played much faster than usual and failed to maintain the level of concentration and discipline that I normally bring to my games. Ironically, after the tournament ended, I learned that a win in this game would have earned me clear second place. Looking back, that realization makes the missed opportunities even more frustrating. It was a valuable reminder that every game matters, and that tournament standings can change dramatically until the very last round.

Soliven, Joe (1868) – Beqo, Nick (1970) [A03] BC sen 14th Surrey (6.2), 07.06.2026

1.b3 e6 My mainline against Larsen is 1...e5. A couple of instructive games are Larsen Bent (DEN) 2415 - Spassky Boris V (FRA) 2548, Belgrade 1970 Match "URS-All World" and Sakaev Konstantin (RUS) 2540 - Sveshnikov Evgeny (LAT) 2525, Gausdal 1992 It (open) **2.Bb2 d5 3.e3 Nf6 4.f4 b6?!** Probably was better to finish development of the king-side first. 4...Be7 5.Nf3 0-0 **5.Nf3 Bb7 6. Bb5+ c6 7.Be2 Bd6 8.0–0 0–0 9.Qe1 a5?!** This move is not good because after c5 white can occupy a b5. It was better to play in the center 9...c5 **10.a4 Ba6 11.d3 Ng4?!**



12.Bxg7? I went to grab some water and when I came back and saw this move, I was pleasantly surprised. However, I did not take my time to calculate properly because as I mentioned I lacked motivation for this game. **12...Kxg7** Black has a clear advantage after **12...Nxe3 13.Bxf8 (13.Qg3?? Nf5) 13...Kxf8) 13.Qg3 f5 14.h3 h5 (14...Qf6) 15.hxg4 hxg4 16.Nbd2 Bc5?! I** should had developed **16...Nd7** and Black is better. **17.Ne5** The position is equal now. **17...Rh8 18.Kf2 Qh4 19.Qxh4 Rxxh4 20.Rh1 Rxxh1 21.Rxxh1 Bd6 22.Kg3?**

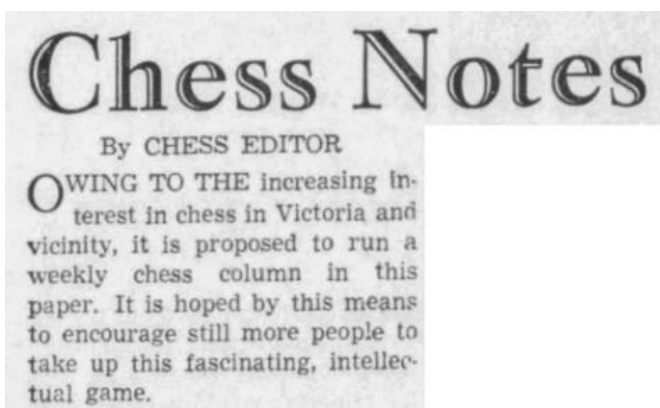


22...Ra7 I had looked at **22...Bxe5 23.fxe5 c5 24.Kf4 Nc6** and at the last moment I changed my mind, not sure why. **23.c4 Rc7 24.Rh5?! Be7?** A big mistake. After **24..Nd7 25.Rg5+ Kf8** Black keeps the advantage. **25.e4 dxe4??** Blunder, playing fast and without thinking; now White is wining. After **25... Bc8** the position is unclear. **26.dxe4 Bc8 27.Nf1 27.exf5 exf5 28.Bd3 27...Bf6? 27...Nd7 28.exf5 Nxe5 29.f6+ Kxf6 30.fxe5+ Kg6 31.Kxg4 Rd7 32.Rh8 28. Ne3?! 28.exf5 exf5 29.Ne3 28...Bxe5?! 28...Nd7 29.Nxd7 Rxd7 30.exf5 Rd2 31.Bxg4 Rd3 32.Kf3 exf5 33.Bxf5 Bxf5 34.Rxf5 Rxb3 35.Ke4 Ra3 36.g4 Rxa4 37.Rh5 (37.g5? Bb2) 29.fxe5 Kg6 30.Rh8?! Kg7 30...Nd7 31.exf5+ exf5 32.Bd3 Kg7 33.Rd8 Nxe5 34.Bxf5 Bxf5 35.Nxf5+ Kf6 36.Kf4 31.Rd8 31.Rh5 Kg6 32.Kh4 31...Na6 31...Nd7 32.Kf4 32.exf5 exf5 33.Kf4 33.Bd3 33...Nc5 34.Nxf5+ Bxf5 35.Kxf5 g3 35...Rf7+ 36.Kxg4 Re7**

37.Bd1 Rxe5 38.Rb8 36.e6 Re7 37.Rd6 Nxb3 38.Rd7 Kf8 39.Kf6 1-0

CHES NOTES 1941

One of the great advantages of the internet age for a historian is the increasing number of newspapers which are being made available online. This means that searching such sources now takes a fraction of the time compared to the previous method of manually going through rolls of microfilm. One discovery is a 1941 chess column in the *Victoria Daily Times*; a sister newspaper to the *British Colonist/Daily Colonist* (1858), the *Times* was founded in 1884 but the two papers merged in 1980 to form the *Times*



Colonist. Entitled Chess Notes, the chess column ran on Saturdays for less than a year, 22 February to 8 November 1941. The name of the editor is not given. Most of the game annotations were produced by Albert George Moody (1883-1976), a prominent member of the Victoria Chess Club for thirty years and the city champion in 1939. He may well have filled both roles, but the editor never uses the first person so we don't know.



A.G. Moody on the move

Each column included some news or instructive text, a problem, and a lightly annotated game. For the first three months all the games presented were local, but from June onwards there was less activity, the columns were significantly shorter and the focus shifted:

“During the summer months a selection of games played by international chess masters, illustrating many of the principal openings, has appeared in this column. When the city championship is in full swing, however, it is intended to print the most interesting of these games instead.” [*Victoria Daily Times*, 11 October 1941]

The city championship, in two sections followed by a playoff between the section winners, began in November and continued until March and apart from team matches was the major annual tournament run by the club. Ironically the chess column folded just as the 1941-42 competition was about to begin. Despite lasting less than a year the column does provide information and background which would otherwise be lost or difficult to find. One example is the biographical remarks concerning Claude Henry Dodwell, that year's champion:

“One might almost characterize the chess career of the 1941 Victoria City champion, C.H. Dodwell, as meteoric. Although he learned the game as a schoolboy in England, it never became anything more to him than an occasional pastime until he took up residence in

Victoria some three years ago. Indeed, for twenty years following his return from the Great War, in which he served with the Canadian Scottish, he was practically without sight of the chequered board, living in a district of the BC Interior where chess players are scarcer than hen's teeth. His first entry into serious chess was therefore in the 1938-39 tournament, in which he surprised everybody, including himself, by taking second place in the sectional play, receiving a special prize as the player showing the most improvement. Illness prevented Mr. Dodwell from entering the 1939-40 competition, so that his feat in winning this year's title is little short of remarkable, and can only be accounted for by a native ability for the royal game not often met with. Endowed with a whimsical sense of humour, widely read and highly companionable, Mr. Dodwell ranks high among the most popular members of the City Chess Club." [*Victoria Daily Times*, 22 March 1941; Mr. Dodwell became a semi-invalid soon thereafter and passed away in 1944.]

The same column also included a discussion on the time control then in use:

"The chair was taken by the president, J. Baines Lewis, officier d'academie, and in the course of his remarks he commented on the high speed at which the tournament games had to be played under the present time limit of 25 moves an hour. He considered that sound chess could not be played quickly and went on to say that in tournaments in the Old Country and in France the time limit varied between 16 moves an hour and 20 move an hour, but was never more than the latter. He accordingly urged that a subcommittee be appointed to consider and, if necessary, revise the local rules, and this was agreed to." [ibid.]

The column returned to the subject, still of some relevance today, two weeks later:

"The suggestion recently made in this column that the time limit of 25 moves an hour in city championship games is too fast has given rise to some controversy. There appear to be two schools of thought on the subject. One is that chess tournaments should be played on the lines most conducive to the best and soundest chess being played by the competitors. Slower and longer games are therefore encouraged and it is thought players unable or unwilling to take the tournament in this serious fashion should not enter. Others favour as large an entry as possible, however hopeless the prospects of some of the competitors may be, and think that by forcing the games to be played at a quick rate they will nearly always be over in an hour or two and that the "average" player prefers a lot of quick games to a fewer number of slow careful ones. One solution would appear to be the running of two tournaments, one with a fast time limit and one on serious tournament lines. However, unless a well-wisher comes forward with another trophy it is unlikely that this solution will be adopted." [*Victoria Daily Times*, 5 April 1941]



J. Baines Lewis

There follow four games culled from the column. The games themselves are not of a particularly high quality by the standards of today, but do illustrate the level of play and contemporary trends at

the time. One slight annoyance is that sometimes only one player is named, or no exact date given ("several years ago").

Turner, S. – Stratholt, Frederick [A46] Victoria ch, 25.11.1938
[A.G. Moody?]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d6 3.h3 b6 4.e3 e6 5.Be2 5.Bd3 is stronger. 5...Bb7 6.c4 Be7 7.Nc3 Nbd7 8.b4 8.b3 seems preferable at this stage. 8...0-0 9.Bb2 Re8 10.0-0 d5 11.c5 Bf8 12.Qc2 Ne4 13.Nb5 13.Nxe4 is much better here, as 13.Nb5 merely wastes two valuable moves. 13...c6 14.Nc3 Ndf6 15.Rad1 Nxc3 16.Bxc3 Ne4 17.Bb2 a5 18.b5 a4 19.Ne5 Qc7 20.Nxc6 Bxc6 21.cxb6 Qxb6 22.bxc6 a3 23.Ba1 Rec8 24.Rc1 Bd6 25.Bd3 f5 26.Rfd1 Qd8 27.f4 Ra7 28.Rb1 Rac7 29.Rb6 Qh4 30.Bxe4 fxe4 31.Rc1 g5 32.Qe2 33.Qf2 would force exchange of queens or gain time if Black queen retires, but by now Black has got the best of it. 32...Rg7 33.Bc3 gxf4 34.Be1 Qxh3 35.c7 f3 36.Rxd6 Rxd6 37.Kf1 Qh1# A very well-played game by Black. 0-1

Baines Lewis, John – Duval, Leo Manners [D60] Gonnason cup m Vancouver, 25.01.1941
[A.G. Moody]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Nf3 a6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 h6 9.Bh4 dxc4 White looks to lose a tempo here, but Black exchanges a centre pawn for a bishop pawn which is usually ample compensation to White. 10.Bxc4 b5 11.Bd3 c5 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Nd5 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Ne4 Bb7 16.Nd6! c4 17.Be4 Bc6 No doubt afraid of 18.Nxb7 Qxb7 then pressure upon the weak Black knight. 18.Bxd5 exd5 19.Qd4 Qa7 20.f4 Qxd4 21.exd4 b4 22.Rf3 Kh7 23.Re1 Bd7 24.h3 g6 25.Kh2 a5 26.Rfe3 Rab8 27.g4 Rb6 28.Kg3 a4 29.h4 Rc6? 30.Nb7 Be6 Waste of time unless he intends 33...d3! 31.Nc5 Rxc5 32.dxc5 d4 33.Re4 Rd8?? 33...d3 followed by 34...Rc8 and Black seems to have the best of it. 34.c6! c3 35.c7! Rd5 36.bxc3 bxc3 37.f5! gxf5 38.gxf5 Bxf5 39.e6!! Rc5 Of course not 39...fxe6 40.c8/Q or 39...Bxe6 for then 40.Rxe6. 40.e7! Bd7 41.Rxd4? Bb5 It is difficult to find a safe square for the bishop. 42.Rd5!! Rxc7 43.Rxb5 1-0

Plant, Frederick William – Dodwell, Claude Henry [E33] Victoria ch, 1941 [F.W. Plant]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 Nc6 5.Nf3 d6 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.Qxc3 0-0 8.g3 Qe7 9.Bg2 e5 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.0-0 Rd8 14.Rad1 Rxd1 15.Rxd1 Be6 16.b3 Nd4 16...Rd8 seems better. The text loses a pawn. 17.Nxd4 Rd8 18.e3 c5 19.Bxb7 White cannot improve his position in the centre. 19...exd4 20.exd4 Rxd4 21.Rxd4 Qxd4 22.Qxd4 cxd4 23.Be4 Too nervous about the passed pawn. Better to have moved the king at once. 23...Kf8 24.Kf1 Ke7 25.Ke2 Kd6 26.Kd3 f5 27.Bf3 Ke5 28.b4 g5 29.b5 Bc8 30.a4 f4 31.c5 Bf5+ 32.Kd2 g4 33.Be2 f3 34.Bd3 Be6 35.c6 Kd6 36.Kc2 Kc5 37.Kd2 Kb4 38.Bc2 This gave White an opportunity for brilliance of which he did not avail himself. The prettiest variation is: 38.Bg6 Kxa4 39.Be8 Kxb5 40.Bd7. The actual move left possible a difficult win for White. 38...Kc4 This actual position occurred in a recent city championship game between F.W. Plant (White) and C.H. Dodwell (Black) at adjudication time. The position was therefore submitted to the club's official adjudicators (L. Partington, A.G. Moody and J. Baines Lewis, all ex-city champions F.W. Plant





not competing this year) and they finally awarded a win to White. [*Victoria Daily Times*, 8 March] Considerable interest has been taken in the endgame position that was given last week. It is maintained that White's first move should be Be4, and that Black must eventually lose his bishop in preventing White's passed pawn from queening. White can then afford to give up his own bishop for a pawn later on and should win by queening one of his queenside pawns. [*Victoria Daily Times*, 15 March] **1-0**

Baines Lewis, John – Paget, A.P. [D31] Victoria city ch, 19.1.1940

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.Nf3 Nd7 This move is premature and should follow Nf6. **5.e4 dxe4 6.Nxe4 Ngf6 7.Bd3 Nxe4 8.Bxe4 Nf6 9.Bd3 Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.b3 Nd7 12.Re1 Bf6** This piece is badly posted here. **13.Qc2 h6 14.Bb2 Re8 15.Ne5 Bxe5 16.dxe5 b6 17.Rad1 Bb7 18.Re3 Qc7 19.Ba3 c5 20.Rde1 a5 21.Bc1 Kf8 22.Qe2 Ke7 23.Rg3 g5 24.Be4 Bxe4 25.Qxe4 Rh8 26.f4 Rag8 27.fxg5 hxg5 28.Bxg5+ Ke8 29.Qa8+ Qb8 30.Qc6 Rxc6 31.Rxc6** A sacrifice to try and relieve the pressure. **31.Rxc6** Black did not actually resign until after 18 more moves, but might well have given up at this stage. **1-0**

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