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CHESS FIRST! FLEX 1 by Vas Sladek

TD and organizer Vas Sladek had the pleasure of winning his own event with 3.5/5. Richard Huang finished second on tie-breaks and will likely collect lots of rating points for his efforts. FM Goran Ivankovic also scored 3/5 (undefeated) to finish third on tie-breaks. Good news for BC chess: Goran is planning to play lots of chess this year!

More good news: it gives me pleasure to welcome two new players to BC tournament chess. Brian Somers is a recent arrival from the UK (along with son Kai) and Pavel Trochtchanovitch is a fine Russian-speaking gentlemen who spends his days at UBC.

For games and pictures and future events, please visit www.chessfirst.com.

Thank you to the North Vancouver chess club for hosting the event (all drop-in fees go to the Lynn Valley Seniors Association) and to Schlockbuster for providing all players with one free movie rental pass; please visit them at 228 Lonsdale Avenue in North Vancouver, you'll be glad you did.

		1	2	3	4	5	6		
1	Sladek, Vaclav	2062	*	=	=	1	=	1	3.5
2	Huang, Richard	1626	=	*	=	1	0	1	3.0
3	Ivankovic, Goran	1976	=	=	*	=	1	=	3.0
4	Kerry, James	1953	0	0	=	*	1	1	2.5
5	Trochtchanovitch, Pavel	xxxx	=	1	0	0	*	0	1.5
6	Somers, Brian	xxxx	0	0	=	0	1	*	1.5

Sladek,V - Kerry,J [D12] Chess First! flex, 01.04.2006 [Fritz 9 and Vas]

1.Nf3 A nice change from the usual 1.d4. **1...d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.e3 Bf5 5.Qb3 Qb6 6.Qxb6 axb6 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.Bb5+ Nfd7 9.Nc3 e6 10.0-0 Bd6 10...Nc6 11.a4+= 11.Bd2 11.Nh4 Bg6± 11...Nc6+=** White is slightly better and not much more. Black doesn't castle and incredibly parks his King on d5! **12.h3 h5 13.Rfe1 Be4** Better is 13...0-0!?+= **14.Nxe4± dxe4 15.Ng5 Nf6 16.Rec1 Rc8 17.Ba4** Heading for c2 and aiming for the helpless cherry on e4. **17...h4 17...0-0!?± 18.Bc2+-**



18...Ke7 19.Nxe4 Na5 Better is 19...Nxe4 20.Bxe4 f5+-
 20.Nxd6 Kxd6 21.Bb4+ 21.e4 Kd7+- 21...Kd5 This position
 screams King hunt! 21...Kd7 22.Bd3+- 22.f3 Nc4 23.Bb3
 This is a massive pin! 23.Kf2 Rhd8+- 23...b5 24.a4 bxa4
 24...Kc6+- 25.Rxa4 b5 26.Ra6 Rhd8 27.Kf2 Better is
 27.Rxc4 Rxc4 28.Rb6 e5 29.Rxb5+ Kc6 30.Bxc4 exd4+-
 27...Nh5 27...Ra8 28.Rca1 Rxa6 29.Rxa6 e5+- 28.Ra5
 28...Kc6 29.Bxc4 bxc4 30.Rxh5+- 1-0

Ivankovic,G - Sladek,V [A08] Chess First! flex, 2006
 [Fritz 9 and Vas]

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 c5 4.d3 Nc6 5.0-0 e5 6.Nbd2 Bg4 7.h3 Bh5 8.c3 Be7 9.Re1 0-0 10.e4
 dxe4 11.dxe4 Qc7 12.Qc2 Rad8 13.a4 a6 14.Nc4 b5 15.Ne3 Bg6 15...c4!?= 16.Nh4+= c4
 17.Nxg6 hxg6 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.exd5 Na5 20.axb5 axb5 21.Be3 Rfe8 21...f5 22.Qe2 e4 23.b4
 cxb3 24.Qxb5 Qxc3 25.Bb6= (not 25.Qxa5 Qxa5 26.Rxa5 Bb4+-) 22.Ra2 Bd6 23.Qe2 23.Rd1
 e4+= 23...Nb3= 24.Ra7 Qc8 25.h4 25.Qg4 Qxg4 26.hxg4 Ra8= 25...Bc5 26.Bxc5 Qxc5 27.Ra6
 Better is 27.Qe3!? e4 28.Qxc5 Nxc5 29.Ra5=



27...e4-/+ Black anticipates Rc6 but takes way too much time
 for this move; the rest was a blur for Black. 28.h5 28.Qg4
 Qxd5 (not 28...Rxd5 29.Rxe4 Red8 30.Rf4=+) 29.Rxe4 Rxe4
 30.Bxe4 Qd2-/+ 28...gxh5--+ 29.Rc6? Better is 29.d6--+
 29...Qxd5 30.Bxe4 Qd2 Not exactly keeping the pressure on
 with very little time left on the clock. Fritz 9's suggestion 30.
 ...Qg5 was correct: 31.Qe3 Qg4 32.Kg2--+ 31.Rb6 Qxe2
 31...Qg5!? 32.Qe3 Qg4 33.Kg2--+ 32.Rxe2-/+ Nc5 Last
 chance: 32...Nd2!? 33.f3 Nxe4 34.fxe4 Re5--+ 33.Bf3= Rxe2
 34.Bxe2 Rd2 35.Rxb5 Rxe2 36.Rxc5 Rxb2 37.Rxc4 Rc2
 38.Kg2 Kf8 39.Kf3 Ke7 40.Ke3 1/2-1/2

SEATTLE PREMIER SCHOLASTIC OPEN

Part of the Washington scholastic schedule is the annual Tournament of Champions. The prerequisite for entering this Seattle invitational tournament, organized by Elena Donaldson, is that the player must have scored 5/5 in a rated Washington event. The Premier Scholastic Open is held at the same time and is open to those who don't otherwise qualify for the TOC, including out-of-state players. Vancouver resident Donovan Zhao was the lone Canadian entrant in the Premier, but made the trip worthwhile by taking first after tiebreaks over Svetlana Grabar; both scored 3.5/4 in the 19-player section. Further details: <http://www.chessplayer.com/LIST.htm>

Narayanan,M - Zhao,D [C50] Premier Scholastic op Seattle (1), 01.04.2006

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d4 exd4 5.0-0 Nge7 6.Re1 0-0 7.Nbd2 d6 8.b3 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5
10.Bb2 d5 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Bxd5 Qxd5 13.c4 Qd7 14.Rc1 Nb4 15.Re5 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 Bb6
17.Rb5 Nc6 18.Re1 Rfe8 19.Rxe8+ Rxe8 20.Qd1 a6 21.Rd5 Qc8 22.Nf3 Rd8 23.Bxd4 Nxd4
24.Nxd4 Rxd5 25.cxd5 Bxd4 26.Qxd4 b6 27.d6 Qd7 28.Qd3 a5 29.a4 Qxd6 30.Qe2 Kf8 31.g4
Qe6 32.Qxe6 fxe6 33.Kg2 c6 34.Kf3 Ke7 35.Ke4 b5 36.Ke5 bxa4 37.bxa4 c5 38.Ke4 Kd6
39.Kd3 Kd5 40.Kc3 e5 41.Kb2 Kc4 42.Kc2 Kb4 43.Kd3 c4+ 44.Kc2 Kxa4 45.Kc3 Kb5 46.Kc2
a4 47.Kb2 Kb4 48.h4 a3+ 49.Kc2 c3 50.Kb1 Kb3 51.g5 a2+ 52.Ka1 c2 53.f4 c1Q# 0-1



ESTONIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Sometime Victoria resident Valeria Gansvind is the new Estonian Women's Champion. The ten-player event, held March 5-10, took place in Estonia's capital Tallinn concurrently with the men's championship. Valeria won her first four games, including a first-round victory against one of the eventual second-place finishers, then coasted to victory, although it should be noted most of her games were long and technical.

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0		
1	Gansvind, Valeria	2247	*	1	=	=	=	=	1	1	1	1	7.0
2	Bashkite, Viktoria	2217	0	*	=	=	1	1	=	1	1	1	6.5
3	Tsiganova, Monika	2282	=	=	*	=	0	1	1	1	1	1	6.5
4	Piarnpuu, Leili	2174	=	=	=	*	=	=	=	1	1	1	6.0
5	Fomina, Tatyana	2196	=	0	1	=	*	0	1	=	1	1	5.5
6	Vahtra, Tuuli	1932	=	0	0	=	1	*	=	1	1	1	5.5
7	Laesson, Tuulikki	2222	0	=	0	=	0	=	*	=	=	1	3.5
8	Airapetjan, Jana	xxxx	0	0	0	0	=	0	=	*	1	=	2.5
9	Makarova, Natalja	1741	0	0	0	0	0	0	=	0	*	1	1.5
10	Kaos, Kreete	xxxx	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	=	0	*	0.5

Games and photos can be found at <http://www.maleliit.ee/>

Bashkite,V - Gansvind,V [B42] EST ch w Tallinn (1), 05.03.2006

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Qc7 6.0-0 Nf6 7.Qe2 d6 8.c4 Be7 9.b3 Nbd7
10.Bb2 b6 11.Nd2 Bb7 12.Rac1 Rc8 13.Bb1 Qb8 14.Rfel Bd8 15.f4 Bc7 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.e5
dxe5 18.fxe5 0-0 19.exf6 Bxh2+ 20.Kh1 Nxf6 21.Qxe6+ Rf7 22.Qh3 Bf4 23.Rcd1 Re8 24.Nf3
Ne4 25.Bxe4 Bxe4 26.Qg4 Bg6 27.Nh4 Rxe1+ 28.Rxe1 Bd2 29.Be5 Qe8 30.Rd1 Bh5 31.Qg3
Bxd1 32.Nf5 Qe6 33.Nxg7 Qg6 34.Qh4 Qh6 0-1

Gansvind,V - Airapetjan,J [A90] EST ch w Tallinn (2), 06.03.2006

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 f5 4.g3 Nf6 5.Bg2 Bd6 6.Nh3 0-0 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Nxd5 Nxd5 9.Bxd5+

Kh8 10.Bg2 Bb4+ 11.Kf1 c5 12.d5 Nd7 13.Be3 Qf6 14.Qc2 Re8 15.Rd1 Ba5 16.Nf4 b5 17.Ne6
Ne5 18.Nxc5 f4 19.Bd4 Bf5 20.Qb3 Qd6 21.Nb7 Qg6 22.Qxb5 Bc2 23.Ra1 f3 24.Bxe5 fxe2+
25.Kg1 e1Q+ 26.Rxe1 Bxe1 27.Qe2 Bxf2+ 28.Qxf2 Rxe5 29.d6 Bd3 30.h4 Re2 31.h5 Qg5
32.Qf3 Re3 33.Qf4 Re1+ 34.Kf2 Re2+ 35.Kg1 Re1+ 36.Kh2 Qxh5+ 37.Qh4 Rxh1+ 38.Kxh1
Qb5 39.a4 Qf5 40.d7 Qxd7 41.Nc5 Qc8 42.Nxd3 Rb8 43.Qf4 Rb3 44.Qd4 Qf8 45.Kh2 Qe8
46.Nf4 Rb6 47.a5 Rh6+ 48.Bh3 Qb8 49.Ne6 Rg6 50.Qd8+ Qxd8 51.Nxd8 Rd6 1-0

SAN FRANCISCO vs. VICTORIA - THE RETURN MATCH

Elsewhere I have written about the 1895 telegraph matches between Victoria, Vancouver, and San Francisco (see Bulletin #51, *En Passant* December 1999, or <http://www3.telus.net/public/swright2/cablematches.html>). To summarize: San Francisco and Victoria drew a two-game match 1-1, while Vancouver went down to defeat 0-2 against San Francisco. My final sentence in the article read as follows: "Eventually arrangements were made for a rematch [between Victoria and San Francisco] on three boards to be played 1 November 1895, but at the last minute San Francisco found the date unacceptable and the match was postponed indefinitely. Regrettably, as far as I can tell the rematch never did take place."

Well, I can now reveal that the rematch did indeed take place, on New Year's Day 1897. It was agreed to play one game, beginning at 7 pm with a time limit of ten moves per hour. Each city had timekeepers who kept track of the elapsed time for both teams: C.A. Lombard and Thomas Lawrie for Victoria, Dr. Benjamin Marshall for San Francisco. Playing for Victoria were Thomas H. Piper (see <http://www3.telus.net/public/swright2/who.html#piper>), W.C. Chapman, Major B. Williams, and Dr. Griffith Hands. To facilitate transmission a direct cable was run into the Driard Hotel, the Victoria site of the match, where numerous spectators also gathered to follow the game on their own boards. The San Francisco players, Walter S. Franklin, Oscar Samuels, Rodney Kendricks, and Valentine Huber, were all members of the Mechanics' Institute, and all except Kendricks were champions of the MI chess club in various years. The C.P.R. Telegraph Co. and the Pacific Postal Telegraph Co. gave the clubs free use of their wires for the occasion; the chief operators were W. Christie and Tom Martin respectively. The day before the match the *Victoria Daily Colonist* noted "In San Francisco the match is exciting especial interest, a young 'prodigy' having lately appeared in the Bay City, who it is predicted, will before many years eclipse Pillsbury himself. The California club is confident of success, and pins its faith on the youthful champion." Presumably this reference is to Franklin, a medical student who when he won the MI club championship in May 1896 was "not yet 18 years of age."

San Francisco - Victoria [C67] Telegraph match, 01.01.1897

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Nxe4 5.d4 Be7 6.d5 Nd6 7.Be2 e4 8.dxc6 exf3 9.cxd7+
Bxd7 10.Bxf3 0-0 11.Bf4 Be6 12.Nc3 c6 13.Re1 Re8 14.Bg4 Nf5 15.Qf3 Nd4 16.Qh3 Bxg4
17.Qxg4



17...Qc8 ["Victoria missed a good chance to secure an advantage at the seventeenth move, by not capturing White's pawn with the knight. Victoria evidently scented a trap in this taking move, and such it was intended to be by White, but careful analysis has since shown that this would have been a sound move on the part of Black and given the Northerners a superior game." - from the *San Francisco Examiner*, quoted in the *Victoria Daily Colonist* of January 7, 1897.] 18.Qxc8 Raxc8 19.Rad1 Ne6 20.Bg3 Bb4 21.Re3 Rcd8 22.Kf1 Rxd1+ 23.Nxd1 Rd8 24.Rd3 Rxd3 25.cxd3 f6 26.f3 Kf7 27.a3 Bc5 28.Bf2 Ke7 29.Bxc5+ Nxc5 30.Ke2 Ke6 31.Ke3 ½-½

"Although they did not win the match and by it the championship of the Pacific Coast, on New Year's Day, the Victoria Chess Club by that important contest supplied an advertisement of the city that is worth very considerable.... People who have thought of Victoria as little more than a frontier town cannot but find their opinion changing and their respect for British Columbia's Capital increased when they find that it has a chess club superior to any other in Canada and second to none on the Pacific coast. Such matches as that of New Year's Day go far to remove the impression--drawn from the pictures on the cans of salmon, which are perhaps the greatest advertisers this province has ever had--that British Columbia is a land of sea and siwash and salmon." [Ibid]

UNRATED SUNDAY ACTIVE

When: 4:30-9:30 pm, every Sunday
Where: Nice Cafe, 154 East 8th, Vancouver
Type: 5-round Swiss
Time control: 30 minutes per person
Entry fee: \$8 (\$3 to the restaurant)

This is unrated tourney
Please bring chess sets and clocks and all other equipment .

For further information, email xramis1@yahoo.ca

RIGHT TO PLAY RR

When kids play, the world wins

Organized by Chess First! Enterprises and hosted by the North Van Chess Club

Date: May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 14, 2006 (Wednesday nights)

Place: Mollie Nye House, 945 Lynn Valley Road, North Vancouver

Sections: Adult and Junior (6 players each)

Rounds: 5

Type: Regular CFC-rated round robin (6-players)

Times: 7-10 pmTC: SD 90 club control

EF: Adults: \$3 for CFC rating fee + donation to Right to Play; Juniors: 50 cents for CFC rating fee + donation to Right to Play

Prizes: Adult section: 1st ChessBase training CD; Junior section: 1st Right to Play red soccer ball!; all players receive souvenirs

Reg/TD/Org: interested players please e-mail or call CTD Vas Sladek, 604-562-3736, chessfm@telus.net; players accepted into the event will be contacted by phone and e-mail.

Notes:

- 1) all players must agree to pay a weekly drop-in fee to the chess club, \$1 for members, \$2 for non-members (1-year club membership is \$10)
 - 2) prizes provided by the Canada office of Right to Play (www.righttoplay.com) and by Chess First! Enterprises (www.chessfirst.com)
 - 3) CFC membership required; \$48/year or \$10/event
 - 4) score sheets and equipment provided
 - 5) ear plugs recommended; all rounds are played on club nights
 - 6) players and interested individuals can donate directly by following this link: http://www.righttoplay.com/site/TR?px=1084065&pg=personal&fr_id=1020
 - 7) Please visit www.righttoplay.com to learn about the work this charity is doing; the basic idea is improving the lives of disadvantaged kids through play and sport.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Junior Events

Apr. 15 Provincial Chess Challenge, BCIT early May BCYCC

See <http://www.chess.bc.ca/juniorevents.html>

For full details for the events below, see www.chess.bc.ca

UBC Tuesday Night Swiss

Date: Tuesdays - next game February 21

Location: Room 213, Student Union Building, UBC

Format: 5-round Swiss

Time control: 2 hours sudden death

Time: 6:30 sharp

Entry fees: \$20 for adults, \$15 for juniors and UBC club members, \$12 under 1100 (excluding unrated)

TD info.: Aaron Cosenza, 604 327-4714, xramis1@yahoo.ca

Worker's Memorial

Dates: April 14-15

Place: Village Square, Kamloops

Type: 6-round Swiss

Apple Blossom Open

Dates: 29-30 April

Place: Best Western Vernon

Type: 5-round Swiss

Ivankovic Simul

Date: May 10

Place: 945 Lynn Valley Road, North Vancouver

Type: Simul

Paul Keres Memorial

Date: May 19-22

Place: Hungarian Cultural Centre, 728 Kingsway, Vancouver

Type: 7- or 6-round Swiss