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Stephen Wright

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HERE AND THERE

First Saturday (October 3-13)

Michael Yip had a disappointing result in the October First Saturday tournament, FM-A section: "I limped home with a draw today - sadly I missed a winning tactic among other things. Final resut +1 (by forfeit - player withdrew I think, he just disappeared) -4 =6 for 4/11. I played a couple of quick draws to start then I couldn't finish anyone off. One game I would rather forget but there were some quite interesting fights. Three RRs in a row is a bit much is my final conclusion." As reported last time Michael played in the Torekves round robin between the regular First Saturday tournaments, thus was playing almost continuously for over five weeks, albeit at one round a day or every other day. Uwe Arndt of Germany won the October event with 7.5/11, a half point ahead of four players who tied for second.

Results, games, photos: http://www.firstsaturday.hu/

Surinya, Tibor - Yip, Michael [D44] First Saturday October FM-A Budapest (10), 12.10.2009

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 dxc4 7.e4 g5 8.Bg3 b5 9.e5 Nd5 10.a3 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Bb7 12.h4 g4 13.Nd2 Rg8 14.Ne4 Nd7 15.Rb1 Rb8 16.Nd6+ Bxd6 17.exd6 a6 18.Be2 f5 19.0-0 Kf7 20.Qd2 Qf6 21.Rfe1 Ba8 22.Bf1 Rbd8 23.a4 Nb6 24.axb5 cxb5 25.Ra1 Bb7 26.Reb1 Rc8 27.h5 Nd7 28.Re1 Rge8 29.Bf4 Ra8 30.g3 Kg7 31.Bg2 Bxg2 32.Kxg2 Kh7 33.Rec1 Qg7 34.Re1 Qf6 35.Qc2 Ra7 36.Re3 Kg7 37.Qe2 Kf7 38.f3 gxf3+ 39.Qxf3 a5 40.Qc6 b4 41.Qxc4 bxc3 42.Qxc3 a4 43.Qb4 a3 44.Raxa3 Rxa3 45.Qxa3 Qxd4 46.Qb3 Nc5 47.Qb6 Qd5+ 48.Kh2 Ra8 49.Qc7+ Kg8 50.Re2 Qf3 51.Rd2 Nd3 52.Qc3 Qxh5+ 53.Kg2 Nxf4+ 54.gxf4 Qg4+ 55.Qg3 h5 56.Kf2 Qxg3+ 57.Kxg3 Kf7 58.Kh4 Kf6 59.Rd1 Rd8 60.Rd2 Rd7 61.Rd1 e5 62.fxe5+ Kxe5 63.Kg5 h4 64.Re1+ Kxd6 65.Kxf5 h3 1/2-1/2

Yip, Michael - Borda, Lajos [A55] First Saturday October FM-A Budapest (11), 13.10.2009

1.d4 d6 2.Nf3 Nd7 3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 Ngf6 5.e4 Be7 6.Be2 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.Re1 Qc7 9.Bf1 Rd8 10.h3 Nf8 11.Be3 Ne6 12.g3 c5 13.dxe5 dxe5 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.cxd5 Nd4 16.Rc1 Qd6 17.Nd2 [17.Rxc5 Qxc5 18.Nxe5 is an interesting exchange sacrifice.] 17...Qf6 18.Bg2 Bd7 19.b3 Rac8 20.Nc4 b5 21.Nd2 Qa6 22.a4 c4 23.axb5 Bxb5 24.bxc4 Bxc4 25.Nxc4 [25.Rxc4 Rxc4 26.Bf1 wins.] 25...Rxc4 26.Rxc4 Qxc4 27.Bf1 1/2-1/2

UBC Thanksgiving Open (October 10-12)

Held in conjunction with the B.C. Championship, the tournament only attracted ten players but nevertheless all found it competitive. Top-ranked Pavel Trochtchanovitch lived up to his rating by taking first with 5.5/6, while Zhongyu Gong and Donovan Zhao split the U1700 prize. The location was the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre at UBC, a new facility which incorporates what used to be the Main Library. All involved were pleased with the site - relatively quiet, good lighting, washrooms across the hall, a spacious lounge area nearby, and food outlets not too far away. The limited turnout can be attributed to the holiday weekend and the short time available for advertising, the latter a result of problems in confirming the site. There are plans to hold more weekend events at the same location in upcoming months, so we encourage players to come out and give them a try. Stephen Wright was the chief cook and bottle washer, but the tournament would not have happened without logistical and other help from Glen Lee, Katherine Davies, Ken Jensen, and Jay Zhao - many thanks to all.

Crosstable: http://www.chess.ca/xtable.asp?TNum=200910026

(With some browsers the CFC website still elicits an attack site warning; given that there has been no official word lately on whether the site is re-infected or not, users should use appropriate caution.)

Silverdale Beach Hotel Classic (WA) (October 10-11) by Hanniegn Pitre

A success for a first time tournament effort on the Kitsap peninsula area. Silverdale is about ten miles northwest of Bremerton. Rousingly applauded by the many who participated and enjoyed playing in a fine resort-like site. Players came from as far as Victoria and Portland. Port Townsend, Olympia, Bremerton, Poulsbo, Bainbridge Island, Port Hadlock, Redmond and Seattle were represented as well. Thirty players in all; the organizers were hoping for fifty. When you hear about it in the *Northwest Chess* magazine you'll want to participate in the next year's event which we intend will be bigger and better. Look for games, analysis and stories to come in some future issue of NWChess.

New participation and recognition for the Kitsap County Chess Club which operates in Bremerton, and is the affiliate for the USCF rating of the event. New members for WCF were brought in during this event. Organizers: Richard Golden and H.G. Pitre.

The winners:
Open: 1st Viktors Pupols, 2nd Roger Patterson, 3rd William Schill;
Premiere: 1st Stephen Buck, tie 2nd, 3rd, & 1st under 1700 Kristen Dietsch, Jiayi Hu, Ethan Bashkansky;
Reserve: 1st Dennis McGuire, 2nd Kaicheng Hu, 3rd Laura Jacobson, tie 1st Unrated Romy Garcia, Isaias Oregel

It was a four round event over Oct. 10 & 11. Time control was game in 90 minutes with 30 seconds increments per move.

Rating report: http://main.uschess.org/assets/msa_joomla/XtblMain.php?200910119431.0-12514580
Local press article: http://www.kitsapsun.com/news/2009/oct/11/big-league-chess-makes-an-opening-move-on-kitsap/v

Canadian Chess News

A reminder that editor Tony Ficzere of Calgary is seeking content for the new CFC newsletter from players and organizers across the country; if you have a contribution, his email address is tficzere@telus.net. Deadline for submission is the 18th of each month, and the next issue will appear on October 21st. If you are a CFC member and have yet to receive a copy, contact CFC executive director Gerry Litchfield at info@chess.ca.

94th B.C. CHAMPIONSHIP (October 9-12)

Jack Yoos won the B.C. Championship three consecutive times in the years 2003-2005, but then moved to La Belle Province. He returned to Vancouver last April and has taken up where he left off, winning the championship again with an undefeated 5.5/7 score. Actually the final scores this year are almost exactly the same as in last year's event (with differing names, of course).

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                               1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8

1 Yoos, Jack             2438  *    ½    ½    1    ½    1    1    1    5.5
2 Milicevic, Dragoljub   2212  ½    *    ½    ½    1    1    ½    1    5.0
3 Davies, Lucas          2238  ½    ½    *    ½    ½    ½    ½    ½    3.5
4 Jiganchine, Roman      2251  0    ½    ½    *    1    ½    ½    ½    3.5
5 Pechisker, Alfred      2284  ½    0    ½    0    *    ½    1    1    3.5
6 McLaren, Brian         2217  0    0    ½    ½    ½    *    ½    1    3.0
7 Sohal, Tanraj          2110  0    ½    ½    ½    0    ½    *    ½    2.5
8 Wu, Howard             2244  0    0    ½    ½    0    0    ½    *    1.5
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Irving K. Barber Learning Centre, UBC
Average rating 2249
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Cumulative scores:
                                1    2    3    4    5    6    7

1 Yoos, Jack                   1.0  2.0  3.0  3.5  4.5  5.0  5.5
2 Milicevic, Dragoljub         1.0  2.0  2.5  3.0  3.5  4.5  5.0
3 Davies, Lucas                0.5  1.0  1.5  2.0  2.5  3.0  3.5
4 Jiganchine, Roman            0.0  0.5  1.0  1.5  2.0  3.0  3.5
5 Pechisker, Alfred            1.0  1.0  1.5  2.0  2.5  2.5  3.5
6 McLaren, Brian               0.0  0.0  0.5  1.0  1.5  2.0  3.0
7 Sohal, Tanraj                0.5  1.0  1.0  1.5  2.0  2.5  2.5
8 Wu, Howard                   0.0  0.5  1.0  1.5  1.5  1.5  1.5
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Yoos led from start to finish and was only in difficulty against Davies and Pechisker; both games were Caro-Kanns, and in both cases Jack achieved endgame draws by giving up a piece. Dragoljub Milicevic stayed close throughout the event but was unwilling to tempt fate and agreed to a short draw with Yoos in the last round. In his defence Dragoljub is now in the middle of his eighth decade, and was giving odds of forty-plus years to most of the other players. Lucas Davies, Roman Jiganchine, and Alfred Pechisker tied for third with fifty percent. Lucas went undefeated by drawing all his games, but this was not for lack of trying - he had three games over sixty moves in length and played more moves than anyone else in the championship. Mention should be made of B.C. Junior Champion Tanraj Sohal, the youngest (twelve years old) and lowest-rated player, who largely held his own against the master opposition.

The tournament included a number of unusual quirks. Three players, Yoos, Milicevic, and Pechisker, won in the first round, then no one other than these three won a game until round six. All the games in rounds three to five were drawn, with the exception of two wins by Jack Yoos. If you are into ECO codes, there was one single game with "D", none with "C" - all the other games were either "A", "B", or "E". And the pairings for the last round could not have been improved upon: the top two players met, as did the two tied for third-fourth, those tied for fifth-sixth, and the two tailenders.

A number of people provided invaluable help with the tournament, see the UBC thanksgiving Open report above.
CFC crosstable: http://www.chess.ca/xtable.asp?TNum=200910018
Games available at the B.C. Chess History website, which also has lists of previous winners.

Yoos, Jack - McLaren, Brian [B78] BC ch Vancouver (2.1), 10.10.2009

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0-0 9.Bc4 Bd7 10.0-0-0 Rb8 11.Kb1 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 b5 13.Be2 b4 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.exd5 Qc7 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.h4 Qc5 18.h5 Rh8 19.Rh4 a5 20.Rc4 Qb6 21.Bd3 e5 22.dxe6 Bxe6 23.Re4 d5 24.Ree1 Rhe8 25.Rh1 Qd8 26.Qf4 g5 27.h6+ Kg8 28.Qd4 f6 29.f4 Rb7 30.Rde1 Rf7 31.Rhf1 gxf4 32.Rxf4 f5 33.g4 1-0

Pechisker, Alfred - Milicevic, Dragoljub [A84] BC ch Vancouver (2.2), 10.10.2009
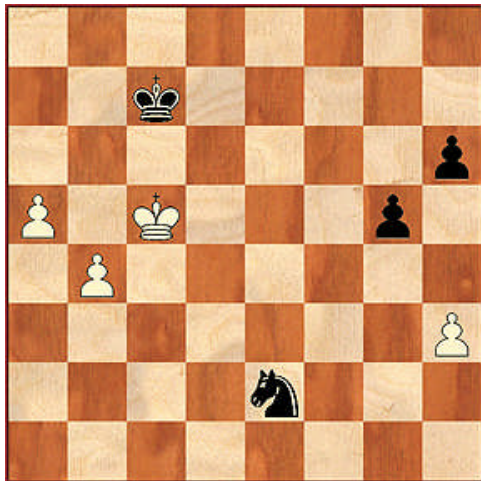
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Yoos, Jack - Pechisker, Alfred [B12] BC ch Vancouver (4.1), 11.10.2009

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Be2 Nd7 6.0-0 Ne7 7.Nh4 c5 8.c3 Bxb1 9.Rxb1 Nc6 10.Nf3 c4 11.Ng5 Be7 12.h4 g6 13.Qc2 Nf8 14.g3 h6 15.Nh3 Kd7 16.b3 b5 17.bxc4 bxc4 18.Qa4 Kc7 19.Ba3 Nd7 20.Bxe7 Qxe7 21.Nf4 g5 22.Ng2 f5 23.exf6 Nxf6 24.Rb2 Rab8 25.Rfb1 Rb6 26.Rxb6 axb6 27.Qb5 Rb8 28.hxg5 hxg5 29.Ne3 Qa3 30.Qb2 Qxb2 31.Rxb2 b5 32.a3 Ra8 33.Nc2 Ne4 34.Bg4 Nxc3 35.Bxe6 Ne2+ 36.Kg2 Nexd4 37.Bxd5 Nxc2 38.Rxc2 Rxa3 39.Bxc4 bxc4 40.Rxc4 Kd6 41.Rg4 Ra5 42.f4 gxf4 43.Rxf4 1/2-1/2

Yoos, Jack - Davies, Lucas [B12] BC ch Vancouver (6.1), 12.10.2009

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.a3 c5 6.c4 dxc4 7.Bxc4 Nc6 8.Qb3 Qc7 9.Nc3 cxd4 10.Nb5 Qb6 11.Nbxd4 Qxb3 12.Bxb3 Be4 13.0-0 Bc5 14.Re1 Bxf3 15.Nxf3 Nge7 16.Bc2 0-0 17.b4 Nd4 18.Be4 Nxf3+ 19.Bxf3 Bd4 20.Ra2 Nd5 21.Bb2 Bxb2 22.Rxb2 Rfd8 23.Rc2 Rac8 24.Rec1 Rxc2 25.Rxc2 Kf8 26.g3 Ke7 27.Kf1 b6 28.Ke2 f6 29.exf6+ Nxf6 30.Rc7+ Rd7 31.Rxd7+ Kxd7 32.Kd3 Kd6 33.Kc4 g5 34.h3 h6 35.a4 e5 36.Bg2 Ne8 37.Be4 Nf6 38.Bg6 Kc6 39.Bf5 Ne8 40.Be4+ Kd6 41.Bg2 Nc7 42.Bb7 Ne8 43.Be4 Nf6 44.Bg6 Kc6 45.Bf7 Kd6 46.Kb5 Ne4 47.Ka6 Nxf2 48.Kxa7 Kc7 49.a5 b5 50.Ka6 e4 51.Kxb5 e3 52.Bc4 Ne4 53.Bd3 Nxg3 54.Kc5 e2 55.Bxe2 Nxe2
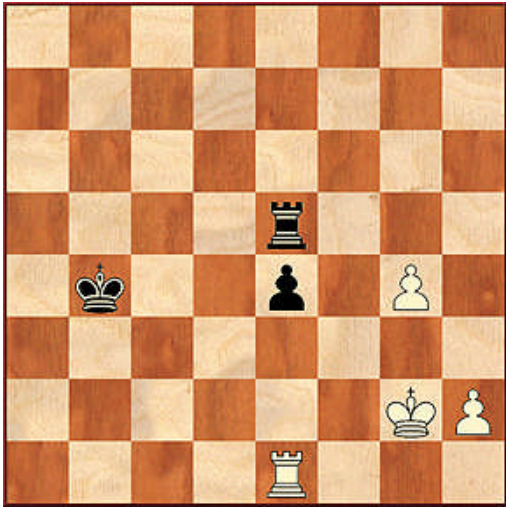

56.b5 Nf4 57.b6+ Kb7 58.Kb5 h5 59.a6+ Kb8 60.Kc6 Ne6 61.Kd5 g4 62.hxg4 hxg4 63.Ke4 Nc5+ 1/2-1/2

Jiganchine, Roman - Pechisker, Alfred [B84] BC ch Vancouver (6.2), 12.10.2009

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e6 7.0-0 Qc7 8.f4 b5 9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe5 Nfd7 11.Bf3 Bb7 12.Bxb7 Qxb7 13.Qh5 g6 14.Qh4 Qb6 15.Be3 Bc5 16.b4 Bxb4 17.Nf5 Qa5 18.Ng7+ Kf8 19.Nxe6+ Ke8 20.Ng7+ Kf8 21.Nd5 Nc6 22.Ne6+ 1-0

BROWSING FOR ENDGAMES by Dan Scoones

On the menu today are two rook endgames played by Alberta master Rob Gardner in consecutive rounds of the 1999 Canadian Open in Richmond. I have chosen them because they illustrate the power of a basic idea in rook endings: cutting off the opposing king from the scene of action.

The position in the **first diagram** arose in the game **Gardner-Skulsky**, played in the 11th and last round. It is White to play.

Positions with rook and two connected pawns vs rook and pawn are usually won without difficulty for the stronger side if the connected pawns are passed and the enemy king is some distance away. In this particular case White is also threatening to win Black's lone e-pawn with the manoeuvre K-g3-f4. Black's only defensive idea is to pick up White's h-pawn and then hope for the best.

48.Kg3 Re8

If 48...Kc4 then 49.Kf4 wins the e-pawn for nothing.

49.Kf4

If White tries to save his h-pawn with 49.h4 then Black gets some counterplay after 49...Kc3 50.Kf4 Kd3, although it is probably not enough to save the game. The text move is much simpler.

49...Rf8+ 50.Ke5 Re8+ 51.Kd4 Rd8+ 52.Ke3

After a few harmless repetitions White settles his king onto the right square.
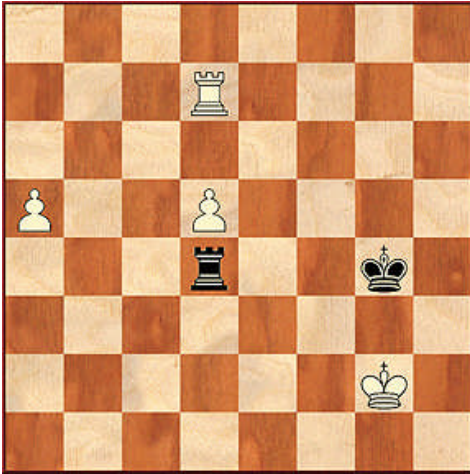
52...Rg8 53.h3 Kc5 54.Rd1!

The key move, preventing Black's king from getting in front of White's pawns. Black is now able to exchange a pair of pawns but he is left in lost rook and pawn vs rook ending.

54...Rh8 55.Kxe4 Rxh3 56.g5 Rg3 57.Kf5 Rf3+ 58.Ke6 Rg3 59.Kf6 Rf3+ 60.Kg7 Rg3 61.g6 Rg2 62.Kf7 Rf2+ 63.Kg8 Rg2 64.g7 Rg3 65.Rh1! 1-0

Black's king is so far away that White does not have to resort to the usual bridge-building technique in order to insure promotion of his pawn. Black can safely resign and in the game that's exactly what he did.

The position in the second diagram is taken from the game **Saidy-Gardner**, played in round 10.

Black has been outplayed and his situation is quite desperate. All he can do is try to find the best moves and hope that White goes wrong somewhere.

61.a6 Rd2+ 62.Kf1 Kf5

There is no vigorish in trying to mate White's king. If 62...Kf3 63.Rf7+ Ke4 64.Rf8! and now 64...Ra2 65.d6! queens a pawn by force.

63.a7 Ra2 64.Ke1?

And here is the hoped-for mistake from White. In accordance with our theme, the right way forward was 64.Re7!, preventing the further approach of Black's king. If then 64...Kg6 (a very small finesse in a lost position) 65.d6 Kf6 66.Ke1! (heading for b1 and then up the b-file to support the a-pawn) 66...Ra6 67.Rh7! Kg6 68.Rb7 Kf6 69.d7 Ke7 70.d8Q+ Kxd8 71.Rb8+ and wins.

64...Ke5 65.Kd1

If 65.d6 then 65...Ke6 wins one of the pawns for nothing.

65...Kd4! 66.Kc1 Kc5 67.Kb1 Ra5! 68.Kc2 Kb6 69.Kd3 Ra4!

The thematic idea again, preventing White's king from getting to e5. Note that Black cannot capture the a-pawn here because 69...Rxa7? 70.Rxa7 Kxa7 71.Kd4 Kb7 72.Ke5 Kc7 73.Ke6 Kd8 74.Kd6 wins for White.

70.Kc3 Kc5 71.Kb3 Ra1 72.Kc3 Ra3+ 73.Kc2 Kb6 74.d6

If 74.Kb2 then Black can take the a-pawn because 74...Rxa7 75.Rxa7 Kxa7 76.Kc3 Kb7 77.Kd4 Kc7 78.Ke5 Kd7 leads to a drawn pawn ending.

74...Kc6 75.Kb2 Ra5! 76.Rh7 Kxd6 77.Kb3 Kc6 78.Kb4 Ra1 ½–½

White can make no progress and a draw was agreed here.

Perfect play from Gardner to win the won position and draw the lost position. Anyone who can do that regularly is bound to be a contender!

October Open

Dates: October 17-18, 2009
Place: Sprott Shaw Community College, 1176 8th. Ave., New Westminster
Format: 5 Round Swiss.
Time control: G90 Total game time 3 hours.
Round times: Saturday 9:30, 1:00 and 5:00 or ASAP, Sunday 9:30 and 1:00
Entry fee: $30
Prizes: $250 Guaranteed first place. Rest based on entries.
Half point byes are available by request before the close of registration.
CFC regular rated. CFC and BCCF membership required.
Further details and registration: http://juniorchess.ca/events.html

October Active

Date: Sunday October 25, 2009
Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre, 2776 East Broadway (at Kaslo), Vancouver
Rounds: 5
Starting Time: noon.
Type: Regular Swiss.
Time Controls: G/25 + 5 sec. increments or G/30.
Entry Fee: Adults $15, Masters/Seniors and Juniors $12.
Prizes: First Prize guaranteed ($100), and rest based on entries.
Registration: On site at 11:30am or contact Luc Poitras at (778) 846-0496 email queluc@lynx.net
Bring your chess set and clock if you have one. Not CFC Rated.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Junior events

October 18   Junior Open, New Westminster
November 8   St. George's Junior, Vancouver
November 13-15 BC Junior, New Westminster

UBC Thursday Night Swiss

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Irving K. Barber Learning Centre room 191, 1961 East Mall, University of British Columbia
Contact Aaron Cosenza, xramis1@yahoo.ca

October Open

October 17-18, New Westminster
Details: http://www.bjdy.com/juniorchess/events.html

Jack Taylor Memorial

November 21-22, Victoria
Details: http://victoriachessclub.pbworks.com/2009-Jack-Taylor-Memorial