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HERE AND THERE

February Active (February 23) by Joe Roback

February 23rd marked the first active of this year. The monthly actives are under slightly new management because I and my colleagues will be filling in for Michael and Lara Lo who have been running them for years, even when their son Ryan couldn't make it. Thanks guys!

The February Active had a smaller turnout than previous active tournaments: sixteen players. In fact, one third of the preregistered players did not show up. This may have had something to do with the snow storm taking place outside. The typical warm rooms of the Vancouver Chess School office space had a slight chill.

The tournament was largely composed of up-and-coming juniors, many of whom have clocked experience hours during the Friday Quad tournaments at the Vancouver Chess School. Notable performances included Alec Chung and James Li, who completed a series of upsets to split the combined first place U1500 and U1200 prizes. The second U1500 prize was split between Maven Zheng, Victor Zheng, Ryan Leong and Ethan Low, while second U1200 was Jason Shao who is typically the highest rated player in Quad 1 of the Friday Quads. Other notable performances included Silvery Fu, a recent player from China, and Leo Qu, who beat his peers and ended up drawing a player 500 points higher rated to earn an 1848 performance rating.

Round 4 was crucial for the tournament because former BC Closed Champion Butch Villavieja and veteran tournament player James Chan battled on board one. NM Villavieja deviated from his usual opening preparation and tried a more hyper-modern approach. From across the table the middle game appeared slow, maneuvering, and positional but Butch found some dynamic tactical follow-through in the endgame. James Chan defeated me in round two and has one of the best tournament records against me in the entire province.

In our game in round 5, Butch played a Sicilian Dragon as black and I finally tried a main-line. I played a Yugoslav Attack Modern Line B76 (9. 0-0-0 d5). The position was very balanced but Butch creatively forced me to accept a queen sacrifice which led to a back-rank discovery perpetual with a rook and a knight. This secured his \$100 first place standing as well as a qualifier for the end of year Active Grand Prix. [Results](#)

Tradewise Gibraltar Chess Festival (January 27 – February 6)

This year's Gibraltar Masters ended in a three-way tie between GMs Vassily Ivanchuk, Nikita Vitiugov and Ivan Cheparinov, all with 8.0/10. However, the Gibraltar rules stipulate the use of playoffs to produce a single overall winner; in these Ivanchuk, despite having led the field through

most of the event, was eliminated by Vitiugov, who was himself then beaten by Cheparinov. Top Canadian was Eric Hansen with 7.0 points, who won one of the U2650(!) prizes, while Jason Kenney of this province finished with 4.5/10. Top woman overall was IM Mariya Muzychuk, who Jason had the pleasure(?) of losing to in the first round. Notably the only GM norms in the tournament were achieved by women players: Mariya Muzychuk, Lela Javakishvili, and Tan Zhongyi; the women also beat the men in the annual Battle of the Sexes rapidplay.



Jason analyzing with his second-round opponent, Wim D'haluin (we think) (photo by [Sophie Triay](#))
[Tournament website](#)

Kenney,J - Rindlisbacher,J [A14] Gibraltar Masters, Caleta (8.81), 04.02.2014

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 e6 3.Bg2 c5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Nc3 d5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.d4 0-0 9.Nxd5 exd5
 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Qc2 Be7 12.Rd1 Bf6 13.Be3 Be6 14.Nd4 Qd7 15.Rd2 Rac8 16.Nxc6 Rxc6
 17.Qd1 Rd8 18.Bd4 Bxd4 19.Rxd4 Rc4 20.b3 Rxd4 21.Qxd4 b6 22.Rd1 f6 23.Bf3 Kf7 24.h4 f5
 25.Rc1 Qd6 26.e3 h6 27.b4 Rd7 28.Rc3 Qe7 29.Rc8 Rd8 30.Rc6 Rd6 31.Rxd6 Qxd6 32.a4 Qd7
 33.a5 Qb5 34.Qe5 Qd7 35.Bh5+ g6 36.Bf3 h5 37.Qc3 bxa5 38.bxa5 Ke7 39.Qc5+ Kf6 40.Be2 Qe7
 41.Qc3+ Kf7 42.Kg2 Qb7 43.Qh8 Ke7 44.Qd4 Qc7 45.Bb5 Qxa5 46.Qc5+ ½-½

You editor had been remiss in downloading 2014 issues of TWIC until very recently; as a result I only just found out about the following two events:

5th Alajuela Open (January 22-26)

Held in Costa Rica's second largest city, the 5th Alajuela Open attracted a field of one hundred and twenty-three entrants, including seven grandmasters. Five players tied for first: GMs Lazaro Bruzon Batista, Alejandro Ramirez and Sipke Ernst, and IMs Raymond Kaufman (a participant in last year's Keres Memorial) and Jorge Baules, all scoring 7.0/9. B.C.'s Leon Piasetski was among those who tied for sixth with 6.5 points. [Tournament website](#)

Piasetski, Leon - Ramirez, Alejandro [A04] 5th Alajuela op CRC (7.2), 25.01.2014

1.Nf3 b5 2.e4 Bb7 3.Bxb5 Bxe4 4.d4 e6 5.0-0 Nf6 6.c4 Be7 7.Nc3 Bb7 8.Bf4 0-0 9.d5 d6 10.Re1
 c6 11.dxc6 Nxc6 12.Bxc6 Bxc6 13.Nd4 Bb7 14.Ndb5 Ne8 15.Qe2 a6 16.Na3 Rc8 17.Nd5 Bh4

18.g3 exd5 19.gxh4 dxc4 20.Bg5 Nf6 21.Rac1 h6 22.Be3 Qd7 23.f3 Qf5 24.Rf1 Rfe8 25.Nxc4 Nd5 26.Qf2 Rxc4 27.Rxc4 Nxe3 28.Re1 Nxc4 29.Rxe8+ Kh7 0–1

Bay Area International (January 4-8)

Held shortly after the North American Open in Las Vegas, the Bay Area International in Santa Clara, California attracted a number of Canadians, including Anton Kovalyov (verily), Leonid Gerzhoy, Edward Porper, Raja Panjwani, and from this province, Leon Piasetski and Jason Cao. Kovalyov was highest-rated in the seventy-four player field (if only by a few points) and tied for first with five others on 6.5/9; Piasetski finished with 4.0 points, Cao with 2.5.



Leon Piasetski; Jason Cao (photos by [Inga Gurevich](#))

[Tournament website](#)

Piasetski, Leon - Shen, Victor [A14] Bay Area int, Santa Clara (5.13), 05.01.2014

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 Be7 5.0–0 0–0 6.d4 c6 7.Qc2 b6 8.Nbd2 Bb7 9.b3 Na6 10.e4 Nb4 11.Qb1 dxe4 12.Nxe4 c5 13.Nxf6+ Bxf6 14.Ng5 Bxg5 15.Bxb7 Rb8 16.Bxg5 Qxg5 17.Be4 f5 18.Bg2 cxd4 19.Qe1 Qe7 20.Qd2 Rbd8 21.Rfe1 Qd6 22.f4 Na6 23.Re5 Nc7 24.Rae1 Kh8 25.h3 Qe7 26.Kh2 Qf6 27.c5 bxc5 28.Qa5 Nd5 29.Rxe6 Qf7 30.Qxc5 Ne3 31.Re7 Qf6 32.Re2 a6 33.Rd2 h6 34.Qe5 Qxe5 35.Rxe5 Kg8 36.Kg1 Kf7 37.Bf3 g5 38.Kf2 Rd6 39.Be2 gxf4 40.gxf4 Rc8 41.Kf3 Rf6 42.Ra5 h5 ½–½

Cao, Jason - Breckenridge, Steven [E15] Bay Area int, Santa Clara (3.33), 03.01.2014

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.Qc2 Bb7 6.Bg2 c5 7.d5 exd5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.0–0 Be7 10.Qe4 Qc7 11.Nh4 Bc6 12.Nf5 g6 13.Nc3 gxf5 14.Nxd5 fxe4 15.Nxc7+ Kd8 16.Nxa8 Bxa8 17.f3 f5 18.fxe4 fxe4 19.Bf4 Na6 20.Rad1 Ke8 21.a3 Bc6 22.Bd6 Bxd6 23.Rxd6 Nc7 24.Rh6 Ne6 25.Rh4 d5 26.Rf6 Bd7 27.Rh5 Ke7 28.Rfh6 Kd6 29.Rxh7 Rxh7 30.Rxh7 Nd4 31.Kf2 Nc2 32.e3 d4 33.Rxd7+ Kxd7 34.exd4 e3+ 35.Ke2 cxd4 36.Bd5 Kd6 37.Bb3 d3+ 38.Kxd3 e2 39.Kxe2 Nd4+ 40.Kd3 Nxb3 41.h4 a6 42.h5 Ke5 43.h6 Nc5+ 44.Kc4 Ne4 45.h7 Nd6+ 46.Kb4 Nf7 47.Kc4 Ke4 48.a4 Ne5+ 49.Kb4 Ng6 50.a5 b5 51.Kc5 Ke5 52.Kc6 Ke6 53.Kc7 Ke7 54.b4 Nh8 55.Kb6 Kd6 56.Kxa6 Kc6 57.Ka7 Kc7 58.Ka6 ½–½

Bego Chess Training Page

The new Album "Saving / Annotating games using Fritz" on my chess training page www.facebook.com/BegoChessTraining is an easy step by step guide on How to save a game in pgn file using Fritz, How to Open a pgn file and add annotations to it using Fritz, and How to add a game to an existing pgn file. Hope this will help chess players that are not computer savvy. Thank you, Nick Bego.

BCBASE UPDATE

This is a database of games either played in British Columbia or by B.C. players elsewhere in the world. These have been assembled from various sources by Stephen Wright: other databases, published sources (magazines, newspaper columns, books), and scoresheets, both recent (the latest Keres tournaments and B.C. Championships) and historical (with special thanks to Max Enke/the B.C. Archives, Miervaldis Jursevskis, Jonathan Berry, the family of Lionel Joyner, Philip C. Cavanagh, Brian Potter, David Hladek, Fred Schulz, John Baines-Lewis, the family of Nathan Divinsky, Ed Seedhouse, and Lynn Stringer). Generally games by players while they were resident in B.C. are included; thus the games for Dave Ross and Gordon Taylor only cover the period when they actually lived here. Some exceptions are made for a few stronger players when the additional games give a fuller perspective on their playing careers. For example, included are games by Elod Macskasy and Miervaldis Jursevskis before they came to Canada, Lionel Joyner before he came to B.C., and Peter Biyiasas after he left the country.

The database has now been updated to the end of 2013 and currently includes 22,088 games. It can be found at the B.C.C.F. website, at <http://www.chess.bc.ca/games.shtml>.

This collection is not definitive, but is very much a work in progress - there are still published games that have yet to be entered, and new games are being played all the time. If readers notice errors, or would like to contribute their own games to the collection, please contact Stephen Wright (swright2@telus.net).

2014 B.C. OPEN by Roger Patterson

The 2014 B.C. Open was held February 8-10 in Richmond. This was the fiftieth anniversary of the event, first held in 1964, although there have been a number of years in which it was not held. Seventy-six players participated - a historically high number for the event but similar to last year's count.

This year's edition saw some changes: a switch to six rounds from last year's five, and a new restriction on how far player can play up a section. These changes were generally well received but as almost all of the eligible to play up people did play up, we will be thinking on how to best address the needs of this group of people.

The winner of the 2014 B.C. Open was Tanraj Sohal who repeated as champion from last year. For the most part, his opponents did not give him much trouble apart from Howard Wu who nicked him for a draw and Butch Villavieja who lost in a game that went down to the final minutes of the time scramble. Howard drew his last round as well and wound up in clear second and took the

qualification spot to this year's B.C. Closed. Butch had a fifth round bye which when combined with his loss to Tanraj, put him out of contention for the top two places. I'm told that the bye was needed for him to attend a swearing in Canadian citizenship ceremony so a different kind of win and congratulations are in order. The last prize in the Premier section was the U2100 prize, won by Roger Patterson.

The U1800 section ended in a tie for first place between Hector Rathburn and Maven Zheng. Hector was at the top by rating so no surprise there but Maven at 1268 was something of a dark horse. Another dark horse who did well was Ben Zheng who won the unrated prize but was in contention for first until the last round. The U1500 prize was split between Neil Doknjas, Aiden Zhou, and Victor Zheng.

A big thank you to Michael Lo and Lara Lo for volunteering and to Jack Yoos for a donation to the cause.



A list of previous winners is at [Stephen Wright's B.C. Chess History site](#).

Prizes (\$2000 guaranteed)

1st: Tanraj Sohal \$600

2nd and BC Closed qualifier spot Howard Wu \$300

U2100 Roger Patterson \$300

U1800 Hector Rathburn and Maven Zheng \$275 each

U1500 Neil Doknjas, Aiden Zhou, and Victor Zheng \$50 each

Unrated: Ben Zheng \$100

T.D.: Stephen Wright, FA

Organizers: Roger Patterson and Paul Leblanc (Victoria Chess)

This report at the [Victoria Chess](#) website, including more pictures, crosstables, and a link to selected Open Section games.

IN MEMORIAM BRIAN POTTER (1931-2014)

It is with sadness that we note the passing of Brian Potter on the night of February 19 after a lengthy battle with prostate cancer. Born in England, Potter immigrated to Montreal in 1953, subsequently spending time in Nanaimo and Victoria (1954-56) before settling in Vancouver. As a player he was overshadowed by the likes of Macskasy and Suttles but still managed to win the B.C. Championship in 1965. Potter participated in the 1957 and 1965 Canadian Championships held in Vancouver, finishing in the lower half of the crosstables but generally ahead of other 'local' players (excluding those mentioned above). He served as B.C.C.F. President for the year 1973-74 while simultaneously holding the office of treasurer.



Participants and other interested parties at the 1965 Canadian Championship. From left to right: Yanofsky, Macskasy, Mrs. Prentice, Prentice, Schulman, Mrs. Bryant, Potter, Bryant, Vaitonis, Kerr, Litwinczuk, Aykroyd, Leonard, Kaltenecker, Joyner, Suttles, Mrs. Veszely, Veszely, Mrs. Macskasy

May, Frank - Potter, Brian [D35] CAN ch Vancouver (2.5), 24.08.1957

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Nbd7 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bf4 c6 7.e3 Be7 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8
10.Rb1 a5 11.Qc2 Nf8 12.a3 Ng6 13.Bg3 Bd6 14.b4 axb4 15.axb4 Qe7 16.b5 c5 17.dxc5 Bxg3
18.hxg3 Qxc5 19.Rfd1 Bg4 20.Nxd5 Qd6 21.Nc7 Rec8 22.b6 Qe7 23.Bf5 Ne5 24.Bxc8 Rxc8
25.Rdc1 h5 26.Nxe5 Qxe5 27.Qc5 Qe4 28.f3 Bxf3 29.gxf3 Qxf3 30.Qe5 Ng4 31.Qf4 Qe2 32.Rd1
Qh2+ 33.Kf1 Qh1+ 34.Ke2 Qg2+ 35.Ke1 Qg1+ 36.Ke2 Qg2+ 37.Kd3 Rd8+ 38.Kc3 Qc6+ 39.Qc4
Qxc4+ 40.Kxc4 Nxe3+ 41.Kc5 Nxd1 42.Nb5 Nf2 43.Nd6 Nd3+ 44.Kd5 Kf8 45.Rf1 f6 46.Rf3 Ke7
0-1

Potter, Brian - Suttles, Duncan [C50] BC ch West Vancouver (2), 04.1962

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Be3 Bxe3 6.fxe3 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.Bxd5 Qxd5 9.Nc3 Qc5
10.Qd2 0-0 11.0-0 f5 12.Kh1 f4 13.exf4 exf4 14.Rae1 Bg4 15.Re4 g5 16.Qe1 Bxf3 17.Rxf3 Nd4
18.Qf2 Rad8 19.Ne2 g4 20.Rxf4 Ne6 21.Rxf8+ Qxf8 22.Rxg4+ Kh8 23.Qxf8+ Rxf8 24.Kg1 c5
25.Re4 Rf6 26.Ng3 Nf4 27.Re8+ Kg7 28.Re7+ Kg6 29.Rxb7 h5 30.h4 Nd5 31.Rxa7 Nb4 32.Rc7
Rf4 33.Rxc5 Rxh4 34.a3 Na2 35.Rc4 1-0

Macskasy, Elod - Potter, Brian [A23] 08.03.1964

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 c6 4.Bg2 d5 5.cxd5 cxd5 6.d3 Be6 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.d4 e4 9.Ng5 Bf5 10.h4 Qb6 11.0-0 Bd6 12.e3 h6 13.Nh3 g5 14.hxg5 hxg5 15.Nxg5 Ke7 16.f4 Nb4 17.Qb3 Qc6 18.Bd2 Nd3 19.g4 Be6 20.Nb5 Nxg4 21.Nxd6 Qxd6 22.Qxb7+ Bd7 23.Nxe4 Qh6 24.Bb4+ Nxb4 25.Qxb4+ Kd8 26.Rf3 Qh2+ 27.Kf1 dxe4 28.Rh3 Nxe3+ 29.Rxe3 Qxf4+ 30.Ke2 Bg4+ 31.Bf3 Bxf3+ 32.Kf2 Rh2+ 33.Kf1 Bg4+ 0-1

Potter, Brian - Kerr, Ray [B80] CAN ch Vancouver (9.4), 30.06.1965

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 Qc7 7.g3 Nf6 8.Bg2 d6 9.0-0 Bd7 10.f4 Be7 11.f5 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 e5 13.Be3 Bc6 14.g4 h6 15.h3 b5 16.a3 Qb7 17.Qd3 Nd7 18.b4 Nf6 19.Rfe1 Rc8 20.Bf2 0-0 21.Qf3 g5 22.h4 Nd7 23.Be3 f6 24.Qf2 Bd8 25.Red1 Nb6 26.hxg5 hxg5 27.Bf1 d5 28.exd5 Nxd5 29.Nxd5 Bxd5 30.Bc5 Rf7 31.a4 Be7 32.axb5 Bxc5 33.bxc5 axb5 34.Rdb1 Rh7 35.Bg2 Bxg2 36.Qxg2 Qxg2+ 37.Kxg2 Rxc5 38.Ra8+ Kg7 39.Ra7+ ½-½

Potter, Brian - Zuk, Robert [E93] BC op Vancouver (5), 10.10.1977

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.d5 Nbd7 8.Be3 Ng4 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bd2 Nh6 11.Qc1 Nf7 12.g4 a5 13.b3 Nc5 14.Rg1 f5 15.gxf5 gxf5 16.Ng5 f4 17.Nf3 Kh8 18.Qc2 Qe7 19.0-0-0 Bd7 20.Kb2 Bf6 21.Ra1 Bh4 22.Be1 Bf6 23.a3 a4 24.Nd2 axb3 25.Nxb3 Nxb3 26.Qxb3 b6 27.Bh5 Nd8 28.Nb5 Bc8 29.Bb4 Nb7 30.Bg4 Rg8 31.Qh3 Bxg4 32.Rxg4 Rgc8 33.Nc3 Qf7 34.Rag1 c5 35.dxc6 Rxc6 36.Nd5 Rxc4 37.Nxb6 Rxb4+ 38.axb4 Qa2+ 39.Kc1 Qa1+ 40.Kc2 Qa2+ 41.Kc1 ½-½

Potter, Brian - McLean, Brent [A58] 24.10.2013

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.Nc3 axb5 6.Nxb5 Qa5+ 7.Nc3 Ba6 8.g3 d6 9.Bg2 Nbd7 10.Nh3 g6 11.0-0 Bg7 12.Bd2 Qb6 13.Qc2 0-0 14.Rab1 Rfb8 15.Rfe1 Ne5 16.b3 Qa7 17.Kh1 Ne8 18.Nf4 Nc7 19.Nd3 Nb5 20.Nxe5 Bxe5 21.Nxb5 Bxb5 22.a4 Bd7 23.f4 Bg7 24.e4 Rb6 25.e5 Rab8 26.e6 Be8 27.f5 fxe6 28.fxe6 Qb7 29.b4 cxb4 30.Be3 b3 31.Qd2 Rb4 32.Bh6 Rxa4 33.Bxg7 Kxg7 34.Qc3+ Kg8 35.Rf1 g5 36.Rf8+ Kxf8 37.Qh8# 1-0

1964 B.C. OPEN

This year the B.C. Open was held in Richmond in February, but fifty years ago the inaugural tournament took place at the Hungarian Sports Centre, 1818 East 7th Avenue, Vancouver on the weekend of 13-14 June. This was largely due to Hungarian émigré and six-time B.C. champion Elod Macskasy, who was president of the Hungarian Chess Club. The U.S. Open and similar events have been a fixture on the American chess scene since the turn of the last century, but perhaps because of our much smaller population, open tournaments were slow to develop in Canada. The first Canadian Open took place in 1956 (and Macskasy won the second such event in 1958). Local open tournaments began to appear around the same time, but they were largely run by chess clubs; the B.C. Central Interior had offered an open championship for several years before the first full B.C. Open in 1964.

The tournament was held in two sections, each a six-round Swiss; entry fees were \$5 for Section A and \$3 for Section B. The time control was 50 moves in 2 hours, at which point the game would be

adjudicated if unfinished; the adjudicator is not specified. Forty-one players entered the tournament, with a large number travelling from south of the border for the occasion. In the twenty-six player Open Section Macskasy tied for first with James McCormick on 5.0 points; they respectively beat Duncan Suttles and Clark Harmon in the last round. Third was Ivars Dahlbergs. There was also a tie for first in the B Section, again with 5.0 points, between Harold Melchior and Larry Kahn, third was Eino Maks. According to a report in the [Washington Chess Letter](#) the tournament was intended as a substitute for the annual [B.C. versus Washington](#) matches, suspended after the previous year due to a lack of participants from Washington. The *Chess Letter* noted the totals favoured Washington over B.C. by the count of 19 to 15, rueing that "too bad it was not official!" There is no mention of such a substitution in the BCCF minutes of the era.

#	Name	City	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
1	Macskasy, Elod	Vancouver	W19	W10	D 4	D 7	W 8	W 5	5.0
2	McCormick, James	Seattle	W24	W16	D 3	D 5	W 7	W 4	5.0
3	Dahlbergs, Ivars	Portland	W 6	W11	D 2	L 4	W17	W10	4.5
4	Harmon, Clark	Renton	W13	W20	D 1	W 3	D 5	L 2	4.0
5	Suttles, Duncan	Reno	W18	W 9	W 8	D 2	D 4	L 1	4.0
6	Campbell, Jim	Seattle	L 3	W25	D12	W18	W 9	D 7	4.0
7	Potter, Brian	Vancouver	W14	D23	W17	D 1	L 2	D 6	3.5
8	Rostoker, Gordon	Vancouver	W15	W24	L 5	W16	L 1	D 9	3.5
9	Schulz, Fred	Nanaimo	W26	L 5	W23	W11	L 6	D 8	3.5
10	Nelson, Terry	Seattle	W25	L 1	D18	W12	W16	L 3	3.5
11	Wuntschek, Fred	Vancouver	W12	L 3	W19	L 9	D13	W17	3.5
12	Jenquin, Dennis	Portland	L11	W15	D 6	L10	W23	D14	3.0
13	Moore, Deane	Portland	L 4	L17	W22	W20	D11	D15	3.0
14	Aykroyd, Colin	Vancouver	L 7	W21	L16	W19	D15	D12	3.0
15	Kaltenecker, Joe	Port Alberni	L 8	L12	W25	W24	D14	D13	3.0
16	Vitanyi, Leslie	Vancouver	W22	L 2	W14	L 8	L10	D18	2.5
17	Hickey, Pat	Seattle	D20	W13	L 7	W23	L 3	L11	2.5
18	Anderson, Timon	Vancouver	L 5	W22	D10	L 6	D21	D16	2.5
19	Johnston, Lyman	Olympia	L 1	W26	L11	L14	W24	D21	2.5
20	Eddy, Buz	Kent	D17	L 4	D21	L13	D22	W26	2.5
21	Ackermann, Gustav	Vancouver	L23	L14	D20	W25	D18	D19	2.5
22	King, Don	Terrace	L16	L18	L13	W26	D20	D24	2.0
23	Jurisich, Dargo	Calgary	W21	D 7	L 9	L17	L12	U--	1.5
24	Karell, Leif	Portland	L 2	L 8	W26	L15	L19	D22	1.5
25	Kindret, Mike	Vancouver	L10	L 6	L15	L21	L26	W--	1.0
26	Lewis, Charles	Vancouver	L 9	L19	L24	L22	W25	L20	1.0

Only one game is readily available from the tournament, courtesy of Brian Potter; time trouble appears to be a problem as the players approach move fifty:

Macskasy, Elod - Potter, Brian [E90] BC op Vancouver (4), 14.06.1964

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.e5 Ng8 7.exd6 exd6 8.Bg5 Ngf6 9.Bd3 Qe7+ 10.Be2 c6 11.Qd2 Nb6 12.0-0 0-0 13.Rfe1 Bf5 14.d5 c5 15.a4 a6 16.a5 Nc8 17.Nh4 Qd7 18.Bd1 b5 19.Nxf5 Qxf5 20.Bc2 Qd7 21.Bh6 Na7 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Re3 Rfe8 24.Rh3 h5 25.b3 Re7 26.Re3 Rae8 27.Rae1 Rxe3 28.Rxe3 Rxe3 29.Qxe3 Nc8 30.cxb5 axb5 31.Qd3 Na7 32.Bd1 Qb7 33.Be2 b4 34.Nb5 Nc8 35.Bf3 Qa6 36.h3 Qxa5 37.Be2 Qa1+ 38.Kh2 Qe5+ 39.g3 Nxd5 40.Bf3

Nc3 41.Nc7 Ne7 42.Ne8+ Kf8 43.Nxd6 Ned5 44.Qa6 Kg7 45.Nc4 Qd4 46.Kg2 h4 47.Qb7 Ne4 48.Bxe4 Qxe4+ 49.Kh2 hxg3+ 50.Kxg3 Qf4+ 51.Kg2 Qg5+ 52.Kh2 Qf5 53.Kg3 g5 54.Qb8 1/2-1/2

HAMMER TIME by Dan Scoones

This time around we will look at two short but eventful games from a century ago. First up is an exhibition game between the future World Champion Alexander Alekhine and the reigning World Champion Emanuel Lasker. It was played in Moscow in March 1914, shortly before the great international tournament at St. Petersburg that was sponsored by Tsar Nicholas II. This event was won by Lasker in dramatic fashion ahead of Jose Raoul Capablanca.

A. Alekhine – E. Lasker, Moscow (exhibition) 1914, Scotch Game C47

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 “In adopting in this my first encounter with the World's Champion, this comparatively little-played opening, my object was simply to avoid the well-trodden paths of the Ruy Lopez and the Queen's Gambit, both positional openings for which at the time I did not deem myself ripe enough.” (Alekhine). Wise advice for the young players of today... **3...exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Bb4** Practically forcing White to exchange knights, thereby strengthening Black's central position. **6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.Bd3 0–0 8.0–0 d5 9.exd5 cxd5 10.Bg5 Be6** According to modern opening theory, more accurate is 10...c6. **11.Qf3 Be7 12.Rfe1 h6** Reaching the critical position.



Hammer Time

13.Bxh6! gxh6 14.Rxe6! fxe6 White has sacrificed a whole rook in order to expose Black's king. There is no mate... but there *is* a forced draw. **15.Qg3+ Kh8 16.Qg6** ½–½ The players agreed to share the point here because White will just give perpetual check. An honourable result for the young Russian master!

It may be safely observed that not all kingside attacks are successful. However, there are degrees of success. As we saw in the first game, when the defender's king has been deprived of pawn cover it may be possible for the attacker to keep the resource of perpetual check in hand. The trick is to retain one's objectivity and, when circumstances require it, to abandon the goal of delivering checkmate at all costs. This situation is well illustrated in our next game, which coincidentally features the same opening variation as the game Alekhine – Lasker.

In his 1929 Russian book *How I Became a Grandmaster*, the young Aron Nimzowitsch described his result at the 1905 Barmen tournament (+3 -8 =6) as a “fiasco,” adding that “I began to play

impetuously (in a reckless attacking style, as in the very early days of my youth) and badly.” Let's see what he was talking about.

A. Nimzowitsch – L. Fleischmann, Barmen Masters-B 1905, Scotch Game C47

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.Bd3 d5 8.exd5 cxd5 9.0–0 0–0 10.Bg5 c6 11.Ne2 Rerouting the knight to the kingside for attacking purposes. **11...Bg4 12.f3 Bh5 13.Ng3 Bg6 14.f4 Bxd3 15.cxd3** This is marked dubious by Raymond Keene in his 1974 biography of Nimzowitsch, but it is not clear that 15.Qxd3 is any better. **15...Re8 16.d4 h6 17.Bh4 Qd6 18.f5?!** This move looks suspect to me. White should start some queenside pressure with either 18.Qa4 or 18.Rc1. **18...Ne4 19.Qg4 Kh7** Deserving serious attention was 19...Bd2!? **20.Nh5 Be3+ 21.Kh1 Bg5**, stopping White's attack in its tracks. **20.Nh5 Rg8 21.Rf3 Qd7 22.Bg3 Rae8 23.Be5 Bd6**



Hammer Time

With a valuable attacking piece (the bishop on e5) about to be traded off, White has reached the point of maximum activity. He should carry on with the sacrificial line **24.Bxg7! Bf8 25.Rh3! Bxg7 26.Nxg7 Rxg7 27.Rxh6+ Kg8 28.Qh5**. After **28...Kf8 29.f6! Rg8 30.Rh8 Nxf6 31.Qh6+ Ke7 32.Re1+ Ne4** White can force an amazing draw by repetition: **33.Rxe4+! dxe4 34.Qh4+ Kd6 35.Qf4+ Ke7 36.Qh4+ Kd6 37.Qf4+ Ke7 38.Qh4+**. Black has no advantageous way to deviate from this line, as the reader might care to verify. In the game, Nimzowitsch's attack sputtered after **24.Rh3? Bxe5 25.dxe5 Rxe5 26.Nxg7 Rxg7 27.Rxh6+ Kg8 28.Qh4 f6 29.Qh5 Rh7!** The big difference. **30.Qg6+ Kh8 31.Re1 Rxh6 32.Qxh6+ Kg8 33.Re3 Qxf5 0–1**

After the Barmen 1905 tournament, Nimzowitsch decided to put in some serious work on chess. His next event at Munich 1906 was a huge success: +7 -0 =3, first prize, and the coveted master title.

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BI-WEEKLY BAFFLER by Valer Eugen Demian



Baffler #22:

White has a huge material advantage, so the author of this study makes things very interesting by asking White to mate in 5. Can you do it?

#21 Answer



GM Parimarjan Negi - GM Wesley So 1-0 (India 2011) faced each other in this extremely interesting game. The end of it did not disappoint either: Black could do nothing in light of the devastating threats:

a) 27...Re8 28.Bd5

b) 27...Rf7 28.Bd5 Qxd5 29.Qe8+ Kg7 30.Qf8#

Please have this on the board to enjoy its beauty! Resigning was the right choice.

UPCOMING EVENTS

UBC Thursday Night Blitz (note the change of format)

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