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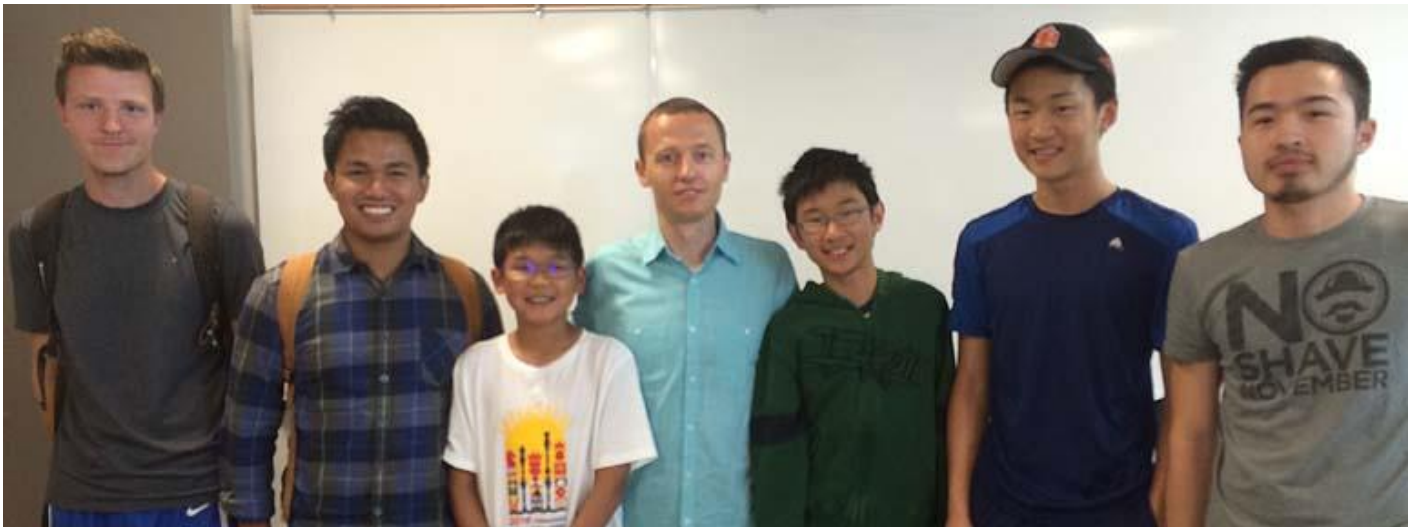
Your editor welcomes any and all submissions – news of upcoming events, tournament reports, and anything else that might be of interest to BC players. Thanks to all who contributed to this issue. To subscribe, send me an e-mail (swright2@telus.net); if you no longer wish to receive this Bulletin, just let me know.

Stephen Wright

HERE AND THERE

Vancouver West Open #10 (June 4-5)

As with the previous events in this series there were three sections: a two-day Open for adults and stronger juniors, a two-day Junior Open, and a one-day Junior Open. There was an intended fourth section, an All Girls' Open, but the few registrants were reassigned to the two Junior Opens along with the prizes. Both the two-day sections consisted of six games played at the time control of one hour per player (50 minutes with a 10-second increment), the minimum necessary for regular rating; the one-day section was five games at 25 minutes with a 5-second increment. The two-day Open attracted fourteen competitors including several visitors – Matthias Schuett of Germany, and 2011 BC co-champion Loren Laceste, a resident of Alberta for the past few years. Loren showed no signs of rust in rolling over his main opposition before giving up a quick draw in the last round to Brandon Zhu to claim the first prize with 5.5/6. Davaa-Ochir Nyamdorj lost to Laceste but was the best of the rest, coming second with 5.0 points. Brandon Zhu's 3.5 was sufficient for the top U1900 prize, while Andrew Hemstapat and Ethan Low shared second U1900.



Unlike other editions of this event, the two-day Junior Open was the biggest of the three sections, with twenty-five entrants. Leo Chung, Bill Wang, and Aaron Young won the U1400, U1200, and U1000 trophies respectively, while medals went to Henry Yang, Ethan Song, Eric Jiang, Stanley Wu, Luka Spasojevic, Alex Yu, Ryan Yang, Brian Yang, Ben Zeng, Borna Amjadi, and Samuel Taplin. In the sixteen-player one-day Junior George Liu (U800) and Ryan Zhu (U600) won trophies and medals were awarded to Codrin Pompas, AnNing Zhang, Terry ZhiRen Xu, and Alex An. And although they played in one of the two junior sections, the separate girls' prizes went to Jemelyn

Reyes, Gillian Mok, Veronica Guo, Stephanie Gu, Jocelyn Reyes, Chloe Chow, and Pavni Santosh Labade. [Standings](#)



35th Zalakaros Open (May 27 – June 4)

Continuing on his European travels, Leon Piasetski participated in the Zalakaros Open. A small town in Hungary near the border with Croatia, Zalakaros is famous for its thermal bath but is also home to an annual chess festival, now in its thirty-fifth year. The open championship attracted one hundred and twelve players, including thirty grandmasters. The overall winner was Serbian GM Ivan Ivanisevic with 7.0/9; Leon had a good event, scoring 50% against the three grandmasters he faced and gaining 15 FIDE rating points for his score of 4.5 points. [Standings](#)

Piasetski, Leon – Kantor, Gergely [A13] Zalakaros op 35th (2.44), 28.05.2016

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 dxc4 5.Qa4+ Bd7 6.Qxc4 c5 7.Ne5 Qc8 8.Nxd7 Qxd7 9.Nc3 Nc6 10.Qa4 Rc8 11.d3 Be7 12.Bg5 0–0 13.0–0 h6 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Ne4 Be7 16.Rac1 b6 17.Rfd1 Rfd8 18.Nc3 Qb7 19.e3 a6 20.Qg4 Qd7 21.Qe2 b5 22.a3 Qa7 23.Ne4 Ne5 24.f4 Nd7 25.Bf3 Nf6 26.Nf2 Nd5 27.Kh1 a5 28.Ne4 Qb6 29.Nc3 a4 30.Nxd5 exd5 31.e4 dxe4 32.dxe4 c4 33.e5 Bc5 34.Qe4 Be3 35.Rxd8+ Rxd8 36.Re1 Bd4 37.Re2 c3 38.bxc3 Bxc3 39.f5 Re8 40.e6 fxe6 41.fxe6 Bf6 42.Bh5 Rc8 43.Bf7+ Kh8 44.e7 Rc1+ 45.Kg2 Bxe7 46.Qxe7 Qg1+ 47.Kh3 Qf1+ 48.Kg4 Rc8 49.Bg6 Rc4+ 50.Re4 Qe2+ 51.Kh3 Qf1+ 52.Kh4 Rxe4+ 53.Qxe4 Qf6+ 54.Kg4 Qg5+ 55.Kh3 Qd8 56.Qe8+ Qxe8 57.Bxe8 b4 58.axb4 a3 59.Bf7 g6 60.b5 1–0

Piasetski, Leon - Cebalo, Miso [B36] Zalakaros op 35th (8.31), 03.06.2016

1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 g6 3.e4 Nc6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.Nc3 Nxd4 7.Qxd4 d6 8.f3 Bg7 9.Be3 0–0 10.Qd2 a5 11.b3 a4 12.b4 a3 13.Rc1 Be6 14.Nb5 Bd7 15.Nd4 Ne8 16.g4 Nc7 17.Bd3 Ne6 18.Ne2 Bb2 19.Rb1 f6 20.f4 Ng7 21.f5 Be8 22.h4 e6 23.Nf4 Qe7 24.fxe6 Nxe6 25.Nd5 Qd8 26.Rxb2 axb2 27.Qxb2 Bc6 28.h5 g5 29.0–0 Bxd5 30.exd5 Nf4 31.Bf5 Kg7 32.h6+ Kf7 33.Bxf4 gxf4 34.Be6+ Ke8 35.c5 Qc7 36.c6 bxc6 37.dxc6 Qxc6 38.Qe2 Kd8 39.Qd3 Re8 40.Qf5 Qc3 41.Bd5 Re2 42.Qxf4 Ra3 43.Qxd6+ Ke8 44.Bc6+ Kf7 45.Qd7+ Re7 46.Bd5+ Kg6 47.Qxe7 Qd4+ 48.Kh2 Qd2+ 49.Bg2 Qxh6+ 50.Kg1 Qg5 51.Be4+ 1–0

Washington Open (May 28-30)

The Victoria Day long weekend in Canada is a popular time to hold a spring tournament, such as the Keres Memorial. For Americans it is the following weekend (including Memorial Day) and that is when our friends to the south hold the annual Washington Open. As usual a number of BC players participated, including John, Joshua, and Neil Doknjas, Paul Leblanc, Mau-Seng Lee, Roger Patterson, Doug Sly, Tanraj Sohal, and Brian Sullivan. In the Open Section Tanraj continued his winning ways, tying for first with Nick Raptis and Samuel He, they all scored 5.0/6. (As far as we can tell He as a junior paid a reduced entry fee and was only eligible for a medal rather than the cash prizes.) Paul Leblanc was part of a large tie for the second U1900 prize, while other notable winners included GM James Tarjan, the winner of the 1st Keres Memorial tournament in 1976, who has recently returned to competitive chess after a career as a professional librarian, and Marcel Milat, the 1999 BC Champion, who moved to Washington quite some time ago. In the Reserve Section Brian Sullivan tied for second and also won the senior prize, while John and Joshua Doknjas finished second and third respectively behind Aaron Grabinsky in the five-round Game/15 Championship held on the Saturday morning. [Standings](#); [WCF Facebook page](#)

Chigaco Open (May 26-30)

There were two BC players who went further afield than Lynnwood, WA on the Memorial Day weekend. Patrick Huang and Kevin Low travelled to the windy city and took part in the U2100 Section of the Chicago Open, finishing with 4.5 and 3.0 point respectively (out of 7). The Open was won by Russian GM Vladimir Belous with 7.0/9. [Tournament website](#)

Fischer-Taimanov Thematic (May 29)



Forty-five years ago the Fischer-Taimanov Candidates' quarterfinal match took place at the Student Union Building auditorium at UBC, since renamed the Normand Bouchard Memorial Theatre (Norm Theatre). To commemorate the match Konstantin Pyryaev organized a thematic Scheveningen-format event, played on the same stage (although renovated a few times since 1971). Two teams of eight players each, captained by Max Gedajlovic (Team Fischer) and Dan Scoones (Team Taimanov), contested six rounds at a time control of game/10. Players were only allowed to use the openings employed in the original match; when Team Fischer was white the games all began 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4, while either 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 or 3...Bg7 were

mandatory when Team Taimanov had the first move. The result was that some participants were employing openings they had never played before, let alone studied. To add to the historical atmosphere analogue clocks were used, at least most of the time. This presented unique problems for some of our younger players whose only experience had been with digital devices, e.g., the ticking of the clock mechanisms, and the skill/guesswork involved in judging how many seconds were left before a flag would fall ...

There was an attempt to make the teams approximately equal in strength, but with the captains choosing from a pool of players Team Fischer ended up with an average rating 250 points higher than that of Team Taimanov (historically the difference was only 120 points, 2740 to 2620). Team Fischer unsurprisingly won the match, although the score was closer than the 6.0-0.0 whitewash of 1971 – 24.0 points to 12.0. The best individual results were achieved by Janak Awatramani (4.5/5), Grigoriy Morozov, Lex Lawless, and George Kim (all 4.0/5) and Dan Scoones (3.5/5), who were all awarded book prizes. Major thanks to Laurent Chaurette of the UBC Chess Club, who arranged for the use of the Norm Theatre; tournament director Branimir Brebrich, who afterwards regaled us with stories of Fischer and Taimanov (who both played in Zagreb at the end of the 1950s) and David Bronstein; Dan Scoones, who wrote and presented a speech in Russian; and especially Konstantin Pyryaev, who organized the whole event, even to the point of contacting the ninety-year-old Mark Taimanov in St. Petersburg, who responded with a letter of congratulation.

[Photo album](#)

Knighmare May Quads (May 29) by FA Henry Chiu, Organizer and TD

Another record thirty-two players attended the May edition of the free monthly quads in South Burnaby. With a total of twelve players rated over 1000, this was the strongest edition of this three-year old series. BC Grade Two Champion Daniel Wang overcame two 1500+ players, Chuyang Gu & John Moje, en route to a 3-0 sweep of the top quad. John took second place with his 2-1 score.

These free monthly quads also have been acting as the training ground for some of the top teams in the annual BC Elementary School Team Championship! Marlborough School in Burnaby took first place in the team event two weeks earlier. Herbert Spencer School in New Westminster took third place. Taylor Park School in Burnaby took sixth place. The Baker family also fielded a team in the team event. Most of these team members are regulars at the free quads. (The entire Marlborough team and the top two boards of the Spencer team were all present in the May Quads!)

Winners of the other quads after tiebreak were: Brandon Chan (Sec. B), Aaron Chiu (Sec. C), Graydon Baker (Sec. D), Jason Sunardi (Sec. E), Adam Long (Sec. F), Oscar Baker (Sec. G) & Hudson Baker (Sec. H). A special congratulation to the Baker family for taking three first places out of the four sections that they were in! The full crosstable can be seen at [Knighmare May Quads](#).

A special thank you to the Vancouver Foundation and the Burnaby Neighbourhood House for providing another Neighbourhood Small Grant to buy additional chess clocks for these free tournaments! This allowed every player in this tournament to play with a chess clock! Due to the limited amount of space at the playing site, these free tournaments are opened primarily to players in Burnaby. Players rated over 800 in other cities are also welcome to attend. For further details, please see [BCCF Tournaments](#). The next edition of the event will be held on Sunday, June 19.

BRUCE HARPER ANNOTATES

Harper, Bruce - Opponent [A00] ICC 3 0 Internet Chess Club

Sometimes I like writing up a game because absolutely everything went my way and the opponent refused to resign in a hopeless position. In games like that, I hope my anonymous opponent enjoyed the game as much as I did.

1.g3 [0:02:42] **1...d5** [0:03:00] **2.Bg2** [0:02:41] **2...c6** [0:03:00] **3.d3** [0:02:40] **3...Nf6** [0:02:59]
4.Nc3 [0:02:39] **4...g6** [0:02:54] **5.Bd2** [0:02:37] **5...Bg7** [0:02:53] **6.Qc1** [0:02:37]



All standard to readers of this column. Now Black decides to preserve his g7-bishop with 6...h6 (the other way being 6...h5). The problem with 6...h6 is that it weakens Black's kingside. **6...h6** [0:02:48] **7.e4** [0:02:35] White's idea now is to play normally in the centre, trusting that Black's pawn on h6 will inconvenience him at some point. **7...dxe4** [0:02:48] **8.dxe4** [0:02:34] **8...e5** [0:02:47]



This is a sensible approach for Black and, since Black had a significantly higher rating (another reason to publish this game), he presumably felt entitled to take a solid, do-nothing approach. To counter this overconfidence (Black had taken only 13 seconds to this point), I decided to do something. **9.f4** [0:02:32] **9...Nbd7** [0:02:44] **10.Nf3** [0:02:31] **10...Qe7** [0:02:41] Black's plan is becoming clear. Maintain his strongpoint on e5 and win, somehow. **11.0-0** [0:02:27] **11...0-0?!** [0:02:36]



12.f5 [0:02:24] An interesting moment. The engine recommends the alertly opportunistic 12.fxe5!?, which wins Black's h6–pawn (see the note to White's 7th move, above). I not only didn't notice this (to be fair, I hadn't written the note to White's 7th move yet) and didn't look for it (because giving Black control of the e5–square seemed like too high a price to pay for a pawn). Instead I took space on the kingside with 12.f5, in the hope of starting an attack on Black's king. After all, we all learn (or should learn) at an early age that moving pawns in front of your king is dangerous. White now threatens 13.Bxh6, and since Black doesn't want to play 13...g5, he defends his h6–pawn with his king. **12...Kh7** [0:02:27] **13.Nh4** [0:02:12] Probably unnecessary, but in a 3–minute game, you want to

convince your opponent that you know what you're doing. Since Black didn't play 12...g5, I deliberately encouraged his reluctance to do so by provoking it. It's only natural to resist playing a move your opponent invites - or at least take time resisting the temptation to play it. Black's reply was a pleasant surprise, since it's not clear that White really has any serious attacking possibilities on the kingside at this point. **13...Ng8?!** [0:02:21] **14.Qe1!** [0:02:01] White defends his h4–knight, so his g-pawn can advance. **14...Ndf6** [0:02:14] **15.h3** [0:01:53]



Black now has a clump of pieces defending his king, which can have drawbacks, as we shall see. With 15.h3, White intends to continue with ... what exactly? g3–g4–g5 opens some lines on the kingside, but it is not obvious just how White follows up. Fortunately Black cracked at this point and decided that he couldn't just wait for White to attack (he could have) and had to do something (true - and the "something" was to develop play on the queenside), so he closed the kingside (which allows White to open lines for his attack - chess is an interesting game sometimes). **15...g5?!** [0:02:03] **16.Nf3** [0:01:50] **16...Nd7?!** [0:02:00] **17.g4** [0:01:47] [See next diagram] I have labelled Black's previous two moves as dubious because: a) even though the moves themselves aren't necessarily bad, they are part of an incorrect plan; and b) you get to do that when you annotate the game.



17...f6? [0:01:55] But here my conscience is clear. Blocking the f6-square with a pawn allows White to immediately begin a powerful attack, because Black's king is stuck on the h-file. **18.h4!** [0:01:46] The exclamation mark isn't because 18.h4 is hard to find, but rather because it's a good move. **18...b6** [0:01:53] This move deserves a mild reproach - 18...b5 was more aggressive. But 18...b6 is consistent with Black's whole approach to this game. Black never seemed to be concerned with getting counterplay. Nor does he. **19.Rf2** [0:01:44] Part of a standard maneuver in such positions. It can be handy to know these things. **19...Bb7** [0:01:49] **20.Bf1!** [0:01:42]



White's pieces are starting to take up perfect positions. Black should now admit his previous mistake and play 20... b5, keeping White's f1-bishop from going to c4. **20...Rfd8** [0:01:47] **21.Rh2** [0:01:38] **21...gxh4** [0:01:43] Black's unfortunate king position leaves him no choice, as White threatened to win immediately with 22.hxg5. **22.Qxh4** [0:01:31] **22...c5** [0:01:42]



Such innocence! This doesn't even threaten to take White's e4-pawn, but White defends it again anyway. I told you everything works in this game. **23.g5** [0:01:26] **23...fxg5** [0:01:41] **24.Nxg5+** [0:01:21] **24...Kh8** [0:01:40] **25.Bc4!** [0:01:19]



This move gets an exclamation mark because it is a truth universally acknowledged that White's king's bishop stands well on c4. It's just an obvious mistake to move it there too early. I suspect that opponents of players who fianchetto their king's bishop are always a little bit surprised when the bishop winds up on a "normal" diagonal. I vaguely remember being excited when I first learned you could fianchetto a bishop (I think I was about six years old). I definitely remember being excited when I played 25.Bc4. 25.Qh5! is pretty strong as well, but a human player likes to bring more pieces into the attack. Too bad about the a1-rook, who misses the party. **25...Ndf6** [0:01:39] **26.Nf7+** [0:01:10] **26...Kh7** [0:01:38] **27.Bxh6** [0:01:03] 27.Nxh6 is strong too. **27...Bxh6** [0:01:10] **28.Nxh6** [0:01:01]

28...Qg7+ [0:01:05] I saw this move when I played 27.Bxh6 (otherwise I would have played 27.Nxh6). **29.Ng4+** [0:00:55]



It's not often that a knight move wins both enemy knights! **29...Nh6** [0:01:00] **30.Qxh6+** [0:00:52] **30...Qxh6** [0:00:59] **31.Rxh6+** [0:00:51] **31...Kg7** [0:00:59] **32.Rxf6** [0:00:50]



I think Black could resign now, because he's two knights and a pawn down with a bad position as well. But Black must love chess, because he plays on to mate. Well done - everyone can now admire Black's tenacious defence. **32...Rd4** [0:00:55] **33.Rf7+** [0:00:40] The engine says this is mate in six. I also had my eye on Black's b7-bishop, to be honest... **33...Kg8** [0:00:50] Maybe the defence wasn't that tenacious - now the mating pattern comes about with check. But **33...Kh8** **34.Nf6** still mates. **34.Nf6+** [0:00:36] **34...Kh8** [0:00:49] **35.Rh7#** [0:00:10] Black is checkmated. **1-0**

FISCHER-TAIMANOV CANDIDATES MATCH

Forty-five years ago Vancouver hosted one of the highest-level chess competitions ever to take place in BC, the Fischer – Taimanov quarter-final candidates match. Controversy often followed Fischer in the wake of his demands over playing conditions, and this match was no exception. He originally wanted no spectators present, but: "The match was scheduled to be played at the UBC Graduate Centre, but on the 12th the Russians vetoed it. Besides disagreeing with the no spectators rule of Fischer, Taimanov felt claustrophobic in the 20' x 35' room: 'I can't breathe...!' Discussions between the USSR, the USA, and the CFC went on until midnight. On the 13th the factions toured UBC, searching for another spot. One was almost found at the Centre's library, but Classics dean McGregor vetoed this. This prompted a flood of anti-UBC, anti-CFC, anti-Canadian rhetoric from Kotov, who declared that Canada was a poor country, for chess especially. 'Spain, yes, Belgrade, yes. But Canada, no, no.' After Fischer rejected Taimanov's proposal of the Education faculty auditorium, the SUB theatre was agreed upon. For Fischer, this meant spectators; for the Russians, the only victory they won in the match. 'Let's play,' said Fischer, 'I'm willing to play anywhere.'" [*Northwest Chess*, June 1971]



Fischer's subsequent 6-0 demolition of Taimanov is now the stuff of legend, but the games were a lot closer than the final score indicates. Taimanov's play was marred by several blunders, brought on through a combination of Fischer's intense will to win and the pressure of being the first Soviet road-block on Fischer's path to the world championship. Taimanov complained of suffering from high blood pressure, but as Nathan Divinsky noted, "Fischer's play is calculated to give any opponent high blood pressure." Bozidar Kazic was the chief arbiter, Elod Macskasy his assistant. BC Champion Peter Biyiasas operated the onstage demo board, while Ken Morton performed similar duties with a second demo board. The ending of the fourth game has since acquired classic status and appears in many endgame texts.

Fischer, Robert - Taimanov, Mark [B47] Candidates 1/4-fin Vancouver (4), 25.05.1971

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Qc7 5.Nc3 e6 6.g3 a6 7.Bg2 Nf6 8.0-0 Nxd4 9.Qxd4 Bc5 10.Bf4 d6 11.Qd2 h6 12.Rad1 e5 13.Be3 Bg4 14.Bxc5 dxc5 15.f3 Be6 16.f4 Rd8 17.Nd5 Bxd5 18.exd5 e4 19.Rfe1 Rxd5 20.Rxe4+ Kd8 21.Qe2 Rxd1+ 22.Qxd1+ Qd7 23.Qxd7+ Kxd7 24.Re5 b6 25.Bf1 a5 26.Bc4 Rf8 27.Kg2 Kd6 28.Kf3 Nd7 29.Re3 Nb8 30.Rd3+ Kc7 31.c3 Nc6 32.Re3 Kd6 33.a4 Ne7 34.h3 Nc6 35.h4 h5 36.Rd3+ Kc7 37.Rd5 f5 38.Rd2 Rf6 39.Re2 Kd7 40.Re3 g6 41.Bb5 Rd6 (Sealed) 42.Ke2 Kd8 43.Rd3 Kc7 44.Rxd6 Kxd6 45.Kd3 Ne7 46.Be8 Kd5 47.Bf7+ Kd6 48.Kc4 Kc6 49.Be8+ Kb7 50.Kb5 Nc8 51.Bc6+ Kc7 52.Bd5 Ne7 53.Bf7 Kb7 54.Bb3 Ka7 55.Bd1 Kb7 56.Bf3+ Kc7 57.Ka6 Ng8 58.Bd5 Ne7 59.Bc4 Nc6 60.Bf7 Ne7 61.Be8 Kd8 62.Bxg6 Nxd6 63.Kxb6 Kd7 64.Kxc5 Ne7 65.b4 axb4 66.cxb4 Nc8 67.a5 Nd6 68.b5 Ne4+ 69.Kb6 Kc8 70.Kc6 Kb8 71.b6 1-0 (All the Fischer-Taimanov games are in the attached PGN file.)

VIKTOR LVOVICH KORCHNOI (23 March 1931 – 6 June 2016)



Victor Korchnoi and Mark Taimanov, Dresden 2014

Last issue we noted that Arturo Pomar had died; now we report with sadness the passing of another legend born in the same year as Pomar, Viktor Korchnoi. One of the greatest players of the second half of the twentieth century and generally acknowledged to be the strongest player never to win the world championship, Korchnoi was known for his fighting spirit and longevity. Tributes can be found on all the major chess websites, so we will restrict ourselves here to some comments from a Canadian and personal perspective.

As a two-time world championship challenger (1978 and 1981) there were few events in Canada suitable for a player of his strength, but Korchnoi did play in Canada three times. In 1985 he tied for first with Igor Ivanov at the Toronto International, in 1988 his Candidates' quarterfinal match with Johann Hjartarson was part of the World Chess Festival in Saint John, and in 2004 he won the Quebec Open, this at the age of seventy-three. Korchnoi appears to have met players from this province three times (at least in terms of games we have available), with the sort of results one would expect from a world-class grandmaster:

Suttles, Duncan - Korchnoi, Viktor [B03] Sousse izt Sousse (13), 1967

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.c4 Nb6 4.d4 d6 5.exd6 exd6 6.Nc3 Be7 7.Be3 Nc6 8.Rc1 0-0 9.h4 Bf6 10.g4 Re8 11.Be2 Bxg4 12.Bxg4 Nxc4 13.Nd5 Nxe3 14.Nxe3 Nxd4 15.Kf1 c6 16.Nh3 Qb6 17.Qd3 d5 18.Kg2 a5 19.Ng5 g6 20.Rh3 Qb5 21.Qb1 Re5 22.f4 Re7 23.h5 Ne2 24.Nxh7 Nxf4+ 25.Kh1 Qxb2 26.hxg6 Nxh3 27.gxf7+ Kh8 28.Nxf6 Nf2+ 29.Kg2 Qxf6 30.Rh1+ Nxh1 31.Qxh1+ Kg7 32.Nf5+ Kf8 33.Nxe7 Kxe7 34.Bh5 Rh8 35.Qe1+ Kf8 36.Qg3 Qg7 37.Bg6 Qb2+ 38.Kg1 Qa1+ 39.Kg2 Qxa2+ 40.Kg1 Qa1+ 41.Kg2 Qh1+ 0-1

Korchnoi, Viktor - Suttles, Duncan [B06] Lugano ol fin Lugano (12), 1968

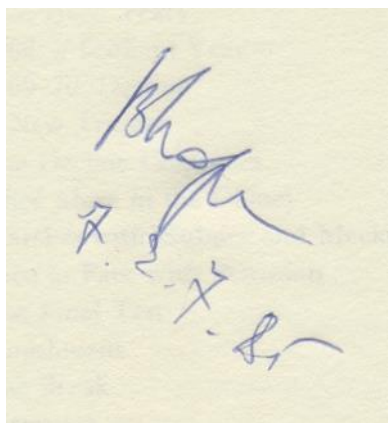
[Grandmaster draws were anathema to Korchnoi, but the following was a package deal in the last round of the Lugano Olympiad after the Soviet team had already clinched first place.]

1.d4 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.c3 d6 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.Qe2 c6 6.e5 Nd5 7.h3 0-0 8.Nf3 dxe5 9.dxe5 Be6 10.Nd4 Nd7 11.f4 N7b6 12.Bd3 Qc8 13.0-0 ½-½

Korchnoi, Viktor - Biyiasas, Peter [E81] Hoogovens Wijk aan Zee (4), 01.1980

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Bg5 0-0 5.Qd2 d6 6.e4 Nbd7 7.f3 e5 8.d5 h6 9.Be3 Nh7 10.0-0-0 h5 11.Bd3 Ndf6 12.Nge2 Qe7 13.b4 a5 14.a3 axb4 15.axb4 Ne8 16.Kb2 f5 17.Ra1 Rxa1 18.Rxa1 f4 19.Bf2 Qg5 20.Rg1 h4 21.h3 Qh5 22.Nc1 Ng5 23.Be2 Bf6 24.Nb3 Rf7 25.Ra1 b6 26.Ra8 Bd7 27.c5 bxc5 28.bxc5 Rf8 29.c6 Bxh3 30.gxh3 Nxh3 31.Qe1 Nxf2 32.Qxf2 h3 33.Qh2 Kf7 34.Ra1 Rh8 35.Rh1 Ng7 36.Nd2 Qg5 37.Bf1 Rh4 38.Bxh3 Qh6 39.Qg2 Ke7 40.Nd1 Rh5 41.Kc2 Qh8 42.Qf1 Qa8 43.Nc3 1-0

Personally Korchnoi was one of my early chess idols and his 1978 autobiography *Chess is my Life* was one of the first chess books I owned (along with a volume by Korchnoi's hero, *Lasker's Manual of Chess*). I was fortunate to be able to approach Korchnoi at the 1985 Toronto International and get him to sign my copy:



Korchnoi is the reason the French was my favourite opening when I started out, and the fact I have always been more comfortable counterattacking rather than playing with the initiative likely also stems from him. Requiescat in pace.

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Knightmare Junior Quads

July 17, Burnaby

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8th Bowser Builders Supply Tournament

August 14, Bowser (Vancouver Island)

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Knightmare Junior Quads

August 14, Burnaby

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