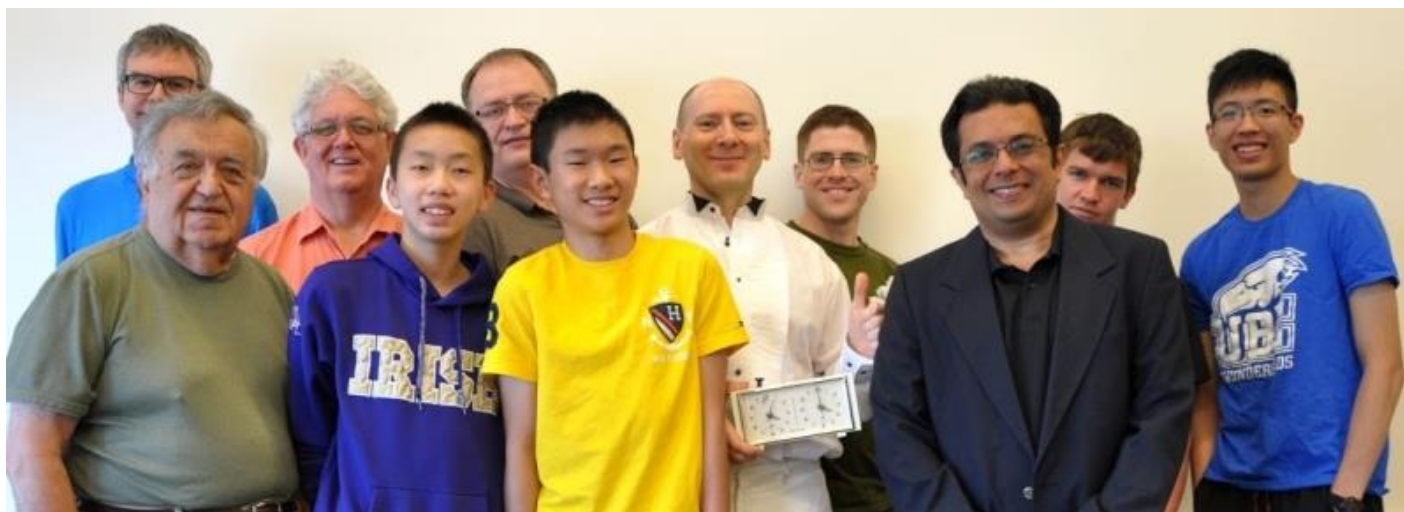# BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #338

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

Fischer-Taimanov Thematic Match (May 28)

Last year a thematic Scheveningen event was held to commemorate the forty-fifth anniversary of the Fischer-Taimanov Candidates' match in Vancouver. This year the event was repeated with two teams of five players each, representing youth (Fischer) and experience (Taimanov). The original SUB location is undergoing renovations, so the match took place in the Henry Angus Building, courtesy of Lee Wang of the UBC Chess Club. Other details of the match were similar to last year, and we direct you to the report in Bulletin #320. The Fischer team were again the overall winners, while the best individual scorers for each team were Grigoriy Morozov (Fischer) and Dan Scoones (Taimanov). Robert North, who as a fourteen-year-old attended the original match in 1971, shared some of his memories of the occasion, and the transcription of an interview with Mark Taimanov recorded on the eve of last year's event was read out. This interview, along with photos and video of this year's match and talks may be found online. Many thanks to Konstantin Pyryaev, who organized the entire event and uploaded the digital materials; watch for the third edition around this time in 2018.

BCCF Annual General Meeting (May 21)

The Annual General Meeting of the B.C. Chess Federation was held between rounds on the Sunday of the Keres Memorial. The minutes should be published on the website shortly, but your executive for this year includes:

President – Stephen Wright   Vice-President (Island) – Mark Dutton
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Webmaster – Len Molden
Members at Large – Henry Chiu, Joe Soliven, Brian Sullivan

Any concerns, questions, or ideas on how the federation can help promote chess in B.C., please contact me or the above persons via the BCCF website.

Knightmare April Quads (April 30)

A record forty-five players attended the April 2017 edition. This edition attracted a record of fifteen juniors and one adult rated over 1000.

Brandon Chan, Board 2 for the 2016 BC Elementary School Team Champion Burnaby Marlborough School team, easily swept the top section with his 3-0 score. Winners of the other sections, in order, were: Eugene Liang, Jalen Huang, Coco Ruan, George Tong, Cody Ruan, Leonardo Zhou, William Jiang, Deryk Fong, Joey Xu & Hudson Baker. Details are in the rated crosstable.

As the tournament has reached room capacity, the tournament will now be restricted to players rated over 1000 (with some exceptions for players lower than grade 6).

To help players learn openings other than the regular 1.e4 e5, future Knightmare Quads will be renamed Knightmare Theme Quads. For the July 23 events, players must open with either 1.b3 or 1.Nf3.

For the probable September event, Black shall move first. Apparently in the former Soviet Union, strong players play practice games with Black going first to avoid the routine of players rattling off memorized lines. For further details, please see linked flyer.

This event also served as a warm-up for the four Burnaby school teams participating in the 2017 BC Elementary School Team Championship held two weeks later. At the end, Burnaby school teams took three out of the five trophies available. Marlborough "A" took second place in the "A" section. Marlborough "B" took first place in the "B" section ahead of St. George's "B." Suncrest team, playing for the first time, took third place in the "A" section.

These monthly free quad tournaments have helped Burnaby schools to prepare for the team tournament over the last four years. In particular, Marlborough school has fielded seven teams in the last four years and won seven trophies! This includes one championship, two second places in "A" section, three first places in "B" section and one second place in "B" section! Along the way, it defeated many top private schools and strong academic schools in Vancouver Westside and the North Shore. It was a Cinderella story come true! Hard work does pay off.

TD, Organizer & Report: FIDE Arbiter Henry Chiu

42nd PAUL KERES MEMORIAL (May 20-22)

This year the Keres returned to the same winning formula as two years ago. For its fortieth edition the Keres was organized by Alfred Pechisker and Joe Roback with the assistance of Victoria Chess (Paul LeBlanc and Roger Patterson) at the Executive Airport Plaza Hotel in Richmond; the result was one hundred and thirteen entrants, the largest Keres since 1990. These elements were the same for this year's edition, and the response was even greater – an additional thirty-one players, bringing the total to one hundred and forty-four. This was the biggest turnout for a Keres since 1989 (when the winner was Juri Vetemaa) and makes the Keres the largest tournament in BC this year, albeit by only by one player. In recent years most of the growth has been in the U1600 Section, which this year attracted eighty-one players – a third larger than the Langley tournament, or the same size as the entire 2010 Keres. Ten years ago the U1600 would typically draw fifteen or seventeen participants as the longer time controls were a barrier to the pool of scholastic players. Not any more, apparently; today the young products of the Vancouver Chess School and other such establishments and coaches make up a large proportion of nearly all chess tournaments.

The Premier Section had twenty-three players over 2000, including three IMs, two FMs, and a WFM. But the person with the biggest impact on the final standings was sixteenth-ranked Jeremy Hui, who in the first round defeated the player who has won the most Keres Memorials, Georgi Orlov. He followed this up with victories over 2006 Keres winner Alfred Pechisker and 2016 BC Closed runner-up Kevin Gentes before finally being stopped in round four by Tanraj Sohal. After his first-round debacle Georgi racked up five straight wins, but unfortunately for him Tanraj achieved the same score in the first five rounds and only needed a draw in the last round to win the tournament. This he duly accomplished, repeating as Keres champion for the second year in a row. Orlov took clear second, and Kevin Gentes and Howard Wu split the third and U2200 prizes with 4.5 points each.

Chess-wise Uranchimeg Nyamdorj has often been overshadowed by her elder brother Davaa, but this was her turn to shine as she won the U2000 Section with an undefeated 5.0/6 score. Second place and the U1800 prize were split between two players from south of the border, Andrea Botez (Oregon, younger sister of Alexandra) and Travis Olson (Washington). And in the U1600 Section additional prizes were added to reflect the massive turnout – fully half the players were rated below

1000. Newcomer Daryl Hora swept the field with a perfect 6.0/6, but since he was unrated he was only eligible for the unrated prize. First prize devolved to the second-place finisher Benjamin Wu, while the second and third prize were split between Ryan Leong, Purevjav Sanjjav, and Mau-Seng Lee. David Roshu of Oregon was the top U1000, while Stanley Wu and Kate Jiang tied for second/third U1000. Many thanks to organizers Joe Roback and Alfred Pechisker, assistant T.D. Henry Chiu, Roger Patterson, Paul Leblanc, and all those who helped out in ways large and small. [Standings and games](#)

Orlov, Georgi - Hui, Jeremy [C01] Keres mem 42nd Richmond (1.1), 20.05.2017

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.exd5 exd5 5.Bd3 Nf6 6.Bg5 0–0 7.Nge2 Nbd7 8.0–0 c6 9.Ng3 Qc7 10.Nh5 Nxh5 11.Qxh5 f5 12.Qh4 Nf6 13.f3 Bd6 14.Ne2 h6 15.Bd2 Qf7 16.Ng3 f4 17.Nf5 Bxf5 18.Bxf5 g6 19.Bd3 Nh5 20.Rae1 Rae8 21.Rxe8 Rxe8 22.Re1 Kg7 23.Kf1 Rxe1+ 24.Bxe1 Qe6 25.Bd2 Nf6 26.b3 g5 27.Qf2 Ng8 28.Qe1 Kf6 29.c4 Ne7 30.Qc1 Nf5 31.c5 Bb8 32.Qc3 Ne3+ 33.Kg1 g4 34.fxg4 Qxg4 35.Bf1 Nf5 36.h3 Qd1 37.Qd3 Ng3 38.Bc3 Qxf1+ 39.Qxf1 Nxf1 40.Kxf1 Kf5 41.Ke2 Ke4 42.Be1 Kxd4 43.Kf3 h5 44.Bd2 Kxc5 45.h4 Be5 46.Bxf4 Bxf4 47.Kxf4 Kd6 48.Kf5 d4 49.Ke4 c5 50.b4 b6 51.b5 Ke6 52.a4 Kf6 0–1

Hemstapat, Andrew (2030) - Orlov, Georgi [B07] Keres mem 42nd Richmond (2.11), 20.05.2017

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f3 c6 5.Be3 Qb6 6.Rb1 Bg7 7.Qd2 0–0 8.Bc4 Qc7 9.a4 a6 10.h4 b5 11.Ba2 Nbd7 12.h5 Nxh5 13.g4 Nhf6 14.Bh6 Bh8 15.Bxf8 Nxf8 16.Qh2 e5 17.dxe5 dxe5 18.Nge2 Bg7 19.Ng3 b4 20.Nd1 Qa5 21.Bb3 h6 22.Ne3 N6h7 23.Nc4 Qc7 24.Qd2 Ng5 25.0–0 Qe7 26.Kg2 Nfe6 27.Ne2 a5 28.Rbd1 Ba6 29.Qe3 Nd4 30.Nxd4 exd4 31.Qd3 Ne6 32.f4 Nc5 33.Qf3 Bxc4 34.Bxc4 Nxa4 35.Rde1 Nxb2 36.Ba2 Rd8 37.Rb1 Na4 38.Rbe1 Nc5 39.Bc4 Ne6 40.e5 Qc5 41.Qd3 Nc7 42.f5 gxf5 43.gxf5 Bxe5 44.f6 Kh8 45.Bxf7 Bxf6 46.Rf5 Qd6 47.Qh3 Bg7 48.Ref1 Qe7 49.Qg3 Nd5 50.Bxd5 Rxd5 51.Rxd5 Qe4+ 52.Qf3 cxd5 53.Kh1 a4 54.Qxe4 dxe4 55.Rb1 d3 56.cxd3 b3 57.dxe4 b2 0–1

Nyamdorj, Davaa-Ochir - Sohal, Tanraj S. [B48] Keres mem 42nd Richmond (5.1), 22.05.2017

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.a3 Qc7 7.Be3 a6 8.f4 d6 9.Be2 Be7 10.0–0 0–0 11.Qe1 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 e5 13.Be3 exf4 14.Rxf4 Be6 15.Bd4 Nd7 16.Qg3 Ne5 17.Bd3 Qd8 18.Nd5 Bxd5 19.exd5 g6 20.Raf1 Bg5 21.Bxe5 dxe5 22.Rb4 Bf4 23.Qf3 Qc7 24.g3 Bd2 25.Rb3 Rad8 26.Kg2 f5 27.d6 Qxd6 28.Qxb7 Kh8 29.Rd1 Rb8 30.Qf3 e4 31.Qe2 exd3 32.Qxd2 Qc6+ 33.Kh3 dxc2 34.Rxb8 Rxb8 35.Rc1 Rc8 36.b4 Qc4 37.Qd6 Kg8 38.Re1 Qg4+ 39.Kg2 c1Q 40.Qe6+ Kg7 41.Qe7+ Kh6 0–1

We normally look to the top boards for the most entertaining games, but spectacular positions can occur anywhere within an event. Witness the following from the U2000 Section:

Lapenna, Richard J. - Ganjian, Enayat [B81] Keres mem 42nd U2000 Richmond (6.25), 22.05.2017 *[Punctuation by Richard Lapenna]*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e6 7.g4!? [The Perenyi Attack, appropriately a close relative of the Keres Attack in the Scheveningen (6.g4)] **e5! 8.Nf5 g6 9.g5 gxf5 10.exf5! d5 11.Qf3! Ne4 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4 Nc6 14.Bc4 Qd7 15.g6 Qxf5 16.gxf7+ Kd8** [16…Ke7 was played in two other database games which reached this position; White won both.]

17.Bb6+ Ke7 18.Qh4+ Kd6 19.0–0–0+ Nd4 20.Rxd4+ exd4 21.Qd8+! Bd7 22.Qc7+ Ke7 23.Re1+ Kf6 24.Bxd4+ Kg6 25.Rg1+ Qg4 26.Bd3+ Kh5 27.Rxg4 Bxg4 28.Qe5+ Kh4 29.Qf6+ Kh3 30.Bf1+ Kxh2 31.Qh4+ Kg1 32.f3+ 1–0

CANADIAN CHESS CHALLENGE (May 21-22)

This annual national scholastic team event took place in Toronto on the Victoria Day weekend. The B.C. team, consisting of Codrin Pompas, Ethan Song, Eric Jiang, Andrew Xu, Lucian Wu, Neil Doknjas, Leo Qu, Brian Yang, Joshua Doknjas, Matthew Geng, Brandon Zhu, John Doknjas, and captain Maxim Doroshenko, took its usual third place behind the two traditional powerhouses, Ontario and Quebec, after defeating Alberta 7.5-4.5 in the last round:

1 Ontario 97/108
2 Quebec 84.5
3 British Columbia 78
4 Alberta 64
5 Manitoba 45.5

6 Prince Edward Island 43
7 Saskatchewan 39
8 Nova Scotia 25
9 New Brunswick 34
10 Newfoundland and Labrador 30

[N.B., primary scoring is match points, hence the apparent mistake in place eight.]

B.C. was considerably behind the two front runners but comfortably ahead of Alberta, while there was a more substantial gap between Alberta and Manitoba. Despite an extensive training program Quebec was unable to challenge Ontario's hegemony: the latter matched their previous high in terms of number of points scored – 97.0. The surprise of the tournament was the PEI result; normally they languish at the bottom of the table, but this year they even beat Manitoba. In the individual board prizes B.C. garnered a total of six trophies:

3 Eric Jiang 7 – tied for second, third after tiebreaks

4 Andrew Xu 6.5 – third

6 Neil Doknjas 8 – second

7 Leo Qu 7.5 – second

9 Joshua Doknjas 8.5 – tied for first, second after playoffs

11 Brandon Zhu 7 – third

Honourable mention should also be made of Codrin Pompas and Ethan Song (tied for third, fourth on tiebreaks) and Lucian Wu, Matthew Geng, and John Doknjas, who all placed fourth. Congratulations to all! Further details can be found at the event website, while there are many more photos on Facebook.

BRUCE HARPER ANNOTATES

Opponent - Harper, Bruce [B06] ICC 3 0 Internet Chess Club

I don't know about you, but one of my biggest weaknesses in chess (and probably other things too) is overconfidence. If I happen to get a winning position, it is easy to expect the opponent to fold, and also easy to get angry when the opponent doesn't resign. So I like today's game, because rather than getting annoyed at my opponent for playing on, I let myself enjoy the experience of finishing him off.

1.e4 [0:03:00] **1...g6** [0:03:00] **2.d4** [0:02:59] **2...Bg7** [0:03:00] **3.Nf3** [0:02:58] **3...d6** [0:02:59] **4.Bc4** [0:02:58] **4...Nf6** [0:02:57] When White develops his f1–bishop aggressively to c4, Black can't fool around. He has to get ready to castle quickly. **5.Qe2** [0:02:57] The standard pattern of development in this variation - White prepares to advance in the centre with e4–e5. **5...0–0** [0:02:57]

6.0–0 [0:02:54] 6.e5 is also possible. **6...Bg4** [0:02:55] **7.c3** [0:02:52] This seems a bit too passive to give White much chance of gaining an advantage. **7...Nc6** [0:02:54] **8.Nbd2** [0:02:49] **8...e5** [0:02:53]

Not the only idea for Black, but it seemed reasonable. Black is actually ahead in development, so White has to be careful. He isn't. **9.h3** [0:02:46] To get the bishop pair, but this comes at a cost. **9...Bxf3** [0:02:48] **10.Nxf3** [0:02:46] **10...exd4** [0:02:47] **11.cxd4** [0:02:43] **11...Re8** [0:02:47] 11...d5! is more principled, but 11...Re8 is trickier. **12.Bd3?** [0:02:40]

12...Nxe4! [0:02:43] Destroying White's centre, leaving him with a weak pawn on d4. **13.Bxe4** [0:02:37] **13...d5** [0:02:41] **14.Ne5?!** [0:02:32] **14...Nxd4!** [0:02:30] **15.Qd1** [0:02:23] **15...Bxe5** [0:02:28] **16.Bd3** [0:02:20] **16...c6** [0:02:25]

Black is now two pawns up, with a strong centre, no weaknesses and a

lead in development. With time about equal, White has "nothing to play for", as they like to say - except the hope that Black will lose his mind. Quite aware of my ability to do just that, I decided to play simple, logical moves, just as though the position were equal. **17.f4** [0:02:18] **17...Bg7** [0:02:23] **18.f5** [0:02:16] **18...Qb6** [0:02:03] Played after 20 seconds thought, just to make sure nothing was really happening on the f-file. Black has no immediate win, but White doesn't have any real counterplay either. **19.Kh1** [0:02:13] **19...c5!** [0:01:42] After another 20–second think... 19...c5! is a strong move, intending to attack White's only well placed piece (his d3–bishop) with ...c5–c4, after which the e2 square is open to invasion. Needless to say, Black couldn't keep spending 20 seconds per move indefinitely. **20.Qg4** [0:02:07] **20...c4** [0:01:36] **21.Bb1** [0:02:04]

21...Re2 [0:01:11] 21...Ne2 was also strong, but I wanted to get everyone to the party before pressing for the win. My logic was pretty simple – White's real problem isn't that he's down two pawns, although that makes any endgame fatal for him, but rather that he is playing without his queen's rook. Because of his weakness on b2, White has no way of solving this problem, so Black should fully mobilize and then win on the e-file and White's first rank. **22.fxg6** [0:01:50] **22...hxg6** [0:01:10] **23.Qf4** [0:01:46] After a mighty effort, White has created a threat. **23...f5** [0:01:01] **24.Qg3** [0:01:27] I had expected 24.g4, although that makes Black's task easier. **24...Rae8** [0:00:58] **25.h4** [0:01:10] **25...Qe6** [0:00:55]

White's "attack" with his h-pawn is pathetic compared to Black's massive centralization. **26.h5** [0:01:03] **26...Re1** [0:00:54] **27.Qf2** [0:00:44] **27...Rxf1+** [0:00:52] **28.Qxf1** [0:00:44] **28...Qe1** [0:00:51]

I get to put a diagram here because White insisted on playing out a lost position. **29.Kg1** [0:00:37] **29...Ne2+** [0:00:48] White resigns No matter how White replies, Black mates with 30.Qh4#. Or he takes White's queen and has some more fun. To be honest, I didn't expect White to resign... **0–1**

BROWSING FOR ENDGAMES by Dan Scoones

Most truly great players – the world champions and their nearest rivals – are distinguished by superior endgame play. When danger threatens, they find the surest path to a clear-cut draw. When they have the advantage, they force their opponents to defend with supreme accuracy. The ability to win equal or superior positions and save inferior positions has a huge impact on one's tournament results at all levels. The late Viktor Korchnoi was a true virtuoso in this regard. For today's browsing I have chosen one of his characteristic endgame performances, from the 1971 USSR v Yugoslavia team match in Erevan, the capital of Soviet Georgia. The game is little-known today, mainly because it did not appear in *Chess Informant*; and of the mainstream Soviet chess magazines, only *64* published it – without annotations. Here are the opening moves of Korchnoi's encounter with the Yugoslav grandmaster Bruno Parma from that far-off year:

Korchnoi, Viktor - Parma, Bruno [E15] URS-YUG Erevan, 1971

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.Nbd2 Bb4 6.Qc2 0–0 7.Bg2 d5 8.a3 Bxd2+ 9.Nxd2 c5 10.dxc5 bxc5 11.b4 Nbd7 12.0–0 cxb4 13.axb4 Bxc4 14.Nxc4 Rc8 15.Qa4 Rxc4 16.Qxa7 Qb8 17.Bd2 Rc2 18.Rfd1 h6 19.Qa4 Rfc8 20.Rac1 R2c4 21.Rxc4 Rxc4 22.Rc1 Qc7 23.Qa8+ Kh7 24.Qa1 Kg8 25.b5 Qc5 26.Qb2 Ng4 27.e3 Nge5 28.Rc3 f5 29.Qb3 Kf7 30.Rxc4 Nxc4 31.Be1 Nd6 32.Bf1 Ne4 33.Qb2 Qc7 34.Be2 Nd6 35.Bc3 Ne8 36.Bh5+ g6 37.Be2 e5 38.Bb4 Nef6 39.Qd2 Nb6 40.Ba5 Qc5 41.Bb4 Qc7 42.Ba3 Nc8 43.Qb4 Nd7 44.g4 Qc2 45.Kf1 Qe4 46.Ke1 Qxb4+ 47.Bxb4 Ke6 48.gxf5+ gxf5 49.f4 Nd6 50.fxe5 Kxe5

White to play

After an extremely complex middlegame, White has arrived in an endgame with two important advantages: he has the bishop pair against two knights, and he has an outside passed pawn. On the other side of the ledger, Black has been able to keep a centralised and fairly compact position. It is going to be a tense struggle. **51.Bd3! Ne4 52.Ba3! Ke6** Black cannot exchange centre pawns just yet. If 52...d4? then 53.Bb2!, while if 52...f4 then 53.Bb2+ Kf5 54.exf4 Kxf4 55.Bc1+, winning the pawn on h6. **53.Bb2 Kd6 54.Bg7 h5 55.h4** White has driven Black's h-pawn forward and fixed it as a target for the light-squared bishop. **55...Ndc5**

White's next move may look obvious, but there was the alternative plan of trading off a Black knight in order to clear the way for White's h-pawn to advance: 56.Bf8+ Kc7 57.Bxc5 Nxc5 58.Be2 Kb6 59.Bxh5 Kxb5 60.Bg6 Ne4 61.h5 Ng5 62.Bxf5 Kc5 63.Bg6 d4 64.e4 Nf3+ 65.Ke2 Ne5

(analysis)
White to play

Now there are two lines for White: A. 66.Be8 d3+ 67.Kd2 Ng4 68.Kxd3 Kd6 69.Ke2 Ke7 70.Kf3 Nf6 71.Bg6 Nxe4! 72.Kxe4 Kf6 and Black has reached an important and well-known drawing position. White's bishop does not control the queening square so he can only stalemate and not checkmate the Black king. B. 66.Bf5!? Nf7! *(The dangers lurking for Black may be seen in the variation 66...Kd6? 67.h6 Nf7 68.h7 Ke5 69.Kd3 Kf6 70.Kxd4 Kg7 71.Kd5 Ng5 72.e5 Kh8 73.Bd3 Kg7 74.Be4 Kh8 75.Kd4 Ne6+ 76.Ke3 Kg7 77.Bf5 Nd8 78.Kf4 Kh8 79.Kg4! Kg7 80.Kh5 Nc6 81.e6 Ne7 82.Be4 Nc8 83.Kg5 Ne7 84.Kf4 Nc8 85.Ke5 Ne7 86.Kd6 Nc8+ 87.Kc7 Ne7 88.Kd7 and White wins)* 67.Kf3 *(or 67.Be6 Ng5 68.Bd5 Kd6 69.h6 Ke5 70.Kd3 Kf6 71.Kxd4 Nxe4 72.Bxe4 Kf7 with a draw)* 67...Kd6 68.Kf4 d3 69.Ke3 d2 70.Kxd2 Ke7 71.Ke3 Nd6 72.Kf4 Nxe4 73.h6 Kf7 74.Bxe4 Kg8 and Black again reaches a positional draw. Korchnoi is aware of all this and so he reserves the option of exchanging pieces for a more suitable moment. **56.Be2 Ne6 57.Bb2 f4!**

Black has grabbed the opportunity to simplify the position somewhat by exchanging pawns. White must now decide between a direct exchange and an indirect exchange... **58.Bxh5!** This indirect exchange creates a second outside passed pawn and is the best way of keeping up the pressure. After 58.Bc1 fxe3 59.Bxe3 Ng7 60.Bf4+ Kc5 61.Bg5 *(or 61.Bh6 Nf5 62.Bg5 Nc3!, etc.)* Kd6 62.Bd3 Kc5 63.Be3+ Kd6 64.Kf1 Nf5 65.Bg5 Kc5 66.Kg2 Ned6 67.Be2 Ne4 68.Bd8 Ng7 69.Be7+ Kb6 70.Kf3 Ne6 71.Bd3 N6c5 72.Bxc5+ Nxc5 73.Be2 Ne6! 74.Ke3 Ka5 75.Bxh5 Kxb5 Black has completely equalised. **58...fxe3 59.Bf3**

A crucial position. **59...N4c5?** 59...Nf4 60.h5 *(60.Bd4 Nd2 61.Bg4 Ng2+ 62.Ke2 Nxh4 63.b6 Kc6 64.Bc8 Nb3 65.Bxe3 Na5=)* 60...Ng5 *(but not 60...Nxh5? 61.Bxh5 Kc5 62.Bd8 when 62...Nd6 fails to 63.Ba3+! – the power of the bishop pair!)* 61.Be2 Kc5 62.Be5 Nxe2 63.Kxe2 Nf7 64.Bc7 Kxb5 65.Kxe3 Kc4=; 59...Kc5 60.h5 N4g5 61.Bg4 Nf4 62.Ba3+ Kxb5 63.Bd6 Nxh5 64.Bxh5 Ne4 65.Be5 Kc4 66.Ke2 d4 67.Bf7+ Kc3 68.Bg6 Nc5 69.Bg3 Nb3 70.Be1+ Nd2 71.Bf5 Kc4=] **60.Ke2 d4 61.b6 Ke5**

62.Kd1? Parma is fighting back hard after his slip on move 59, and it is now Korchnoi's turn to go wrong. White is still winning by force after 62.Kf1! Kf5 63.b7 Nd7 64.h5 Kg5 65.h6 Kxh6 66.Bg4 Nec5 67.Bxd4 Kg5 68.Bh3 Nxb7 69.Bxd7 Kf4 70.Bxe3+ Kf6. In this ending Black's knight is no match for White's two raking bishops. White will eventually mate the Black king, or win the knight and then mate the Black king. **62...Nd8?** Missing his big chance. Much stronger was 62...Kf4! (to support the e-pawn) 63.Bd5 *(63.b7 Kxf3 64.b8Q e2+ 65.Kd2 Nf4 66.Qf8 Ncd3 67.Qa8+ Kg3 68.Qg8+ Kh2 69.Qe8 e1Q+ 70.Qxe1 Nxe1 71.Kxe1 Kg3 72.Bxd4 Kxh4 with a dead drawn position)* 63...Kg3 64.b7 *(64.Ke2? Nf4+ and 65...Nxd5)* 64...Kf2 65.b8Q e2+ 66.Kc2 d3+! *(66...e1Q? 67.Qh2+ Ke3 68.Bc1+ and White wins)* 67.Kc3 e1Q+ 68.Kc4 Qe3 69.Bc3 d2 70.Qh2+ Ke1 71.Qxd2+ Qxd2 72.Bxd2+ Kxd2 73.h5 Nf4 74.h6 Nd7 75.Kd4 *(or 75.h7 Ng6 76.Be4 Nf6! 77.Bxg6 Nxh7 and draws)* 75...Nf6 76.Ke5 N6xd5 77.h7 Ng6+ 78.Kxd5 Ke3 79.Kd6 Kf4 80.Kd7 Kg5 81.Ke8 Kh6 followed by capturing the h-pawn. **63.h5!** Korchnoi has spotted the winning sequence and executes flawlessly. **63...Na4**

64.Bxd4+!! Kxd4 Or 64...Kf5 65.b7! Nxb7 66.Bxb7 Kg5 67.Bc6, neatly corralling the Black knight with an easy win for White. **65.h6 Nb2+ 66.Ke2 Nd3**

67.Bh5! Nf4+ 68.Kd1! Kd3 Korchnoi's clever point is that 68...Nxh5 fails to 69.h7 Nf7 70.b7 and White makes a new queen next move. But the text move does not change a thing. **69.h7 Nf7 70.b7 1–0**

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Knightmare Theme Quads

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