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Stephen Wright

HERE AND THERE

BCCF Annual General Meeting (May 22)

The BCCF Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday, May 22 between the third and fourth rounds of the Keres Memorial. The minutes of the meeting will be available in due course on the BCCF website, but for the time being these are the members of the incoming board:

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Vancity Chess

A group of chess enthusiasts has been meeting at the Vancouver Public Library's Central Branch since last December (Sundays, 9th floor, 11am to 5pm) and is now planning their first tournament for June 12 at UBC. For more information see https://www.vancitychess.ca/

IRT Híbrido Liga de Las Américas (June 4-5)

Since last December the IRT Hybrid League of the Americas, based in Venezuela, has organized a dozen hybrid tournaments mainly involving Latin American countries (hybrid tournaments are basically online events in which the participants are congregated in various physical locations where they are monitored by an in-person arbiter). The largest of the series so far just took place on the weekend of June 4-5. The three hundred and ten player field was split into three sections, U2400, U1800, and U1400, each run as a six-round Swiss with a time control of 60 + 30 on the Tornelo

CAN, U1800, Azher Hossa...

platform. Nine Canadians participated, all playing from a location in Markham, Ontario organized by CFC Youth Coordinator Christina Tao with Robert Gillanders as arbiter. Aaron Reeve Mendes placed thirteenth in the U2400 section with 3.5/6 but the highest scoring Canadian was Ben Gabriel Smolkin in the U1800, 5.0 points for third place. In the same section Hazel Guo and BC's Azher Hossain finished with 4.0 points, placing sixteenth and fourteenth respectively.
Chess-results link

Gaibor, Ivan – Azher, Hossain [A11] IRT Híbrido Liga de Las Américas Tornelo (4.2), 04.06.2022

1.c4 c6 2.g3 d5 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.0–0 Bf5 7.d3 e6 8.Nc3 h6 9.Bf4 Bd6 10.Qd2 d4 11.Nb5 e5 12.Bxe5 Nxe5 13.Nfxd4 Bc8 14.f4 Bc5 15.Qc3 Bxd4+ 16.Nxd4 Neg4 17.Nc2 Qb6+ 18.d4 h5 19.h3 Nh6 20.e4 Be6 21.b3 Rc8 22.Qd2 0–0 23.f5 Bd7 24.Ne3 Bb5 25.Rf2 Rcd8 26.Rd1 Rfe8 27.Rf4 Rd7 28.Kh1 g5 29.fxg6 fxg6 30.Qf2 Nh7 31.Nd5 Rxd5 32.exd5 Re2 33.Qf3 Nf5 34.Rxf5 gxf5 35.Qxf5 Qd6 36.Be4 Qe7 37.Bg2 Rxg2 38.d6 Qe2 39.Qd5+ Kg7 40.Qxb7+ Kh6 41.Qxg2 Qxd1+ 42.Kh2 Qxd4 43.Qc2 Qxd6 44.Qc1+ Kg7 45.Qc3+ Nf6 46.Qe3 Qd3 47.Qxa7+ Kg6 48.Qf2 Qe2 49.Qxe2 Bxe2 50.Kg2 Ne4 51.a3 Nd2 52.Kf2 Ba6 53.b4 Bb5 54.Ke3 Nc4+ 55.Kd4 Nxa3 56.Ke4 Bf1 57.h4 Bb5 58.Kf4 Be2 59.Ke3 Bc4 60.Kf4 Be6 61.Ke5 Bd7 62.Kd6 Kf5 63.Kxd7 Kg4 64.Ke6 Kxg3 65.Kf5 Kxh4 66.Kf4 Nb5 67.Kf3 Kg5 68.Kg3 Nd4 69.Kh3 h4 70.Kg2 Kg4 71.Kh2 Nb5 72.Kg2 Nd6 73.Kh2 h3 74.Kg1 Kg3 75.b5 h2+ 76.Kh1 Ne4 0–1

PAUL KERES MEMORIAL (May 21-23) by Roger Patterson

As the chess scene gradually emerges from the pandemic, there has been uncertainty about how many chess players would be still be interested in playing. So far, the tournaments this year have shown record attendance. This year's Keres was no exception to that, pulling in two hundred and fifty-one players - the second largest adult event in BC history (the largest being the original

Vancouver Open that Keres played in in 1975 with three hundred and twenty players). Could have been more, we had a number of last-minute withdrawals, some due to COVID and there were also a few people who did not realize or perhaps did not believe that there would be no onsite registration. No onsite registration is a policy that is likely to stay for Victoria Chess tournaments. Originally put in place to handle the logistics of vaccine passport scanning, it's just makes life so so so much easier not having to deal with last minute entries, particularly with such a large field.

Three IMs led the field. IM Georgi Orlov is well known to us being a perennial favourite with many Keres wins under his belt. IM Raymond Kaufman is also well known locally having moved to BC a few years back. IM Dietmar Kolbus made his third trip here from Europe. He now represents the Isle of Man having changed federations from Germany.

The tournament finished in a log jam for first with a five-way tie between IM Georgi Orlov (Washington), IM Raymond Kaufman (BC), IM Dietmar Kolbus (Isle of Man), NM Keith Mackinnon (BC), and CM Jorge Nunez Asencio (BC) with 4.5 points out of 6. A rather low score for first place.

Left to right from top: IM Orlov, IM Kaufman, IM Kolbus, NM Mackinnon, CM Asencio (Photos by Victoria Jung-Doknjas)

The common element between the winners was the ability to survive suspicious or down right lost positions against the rest of the field. Only Kolbus went through with all of his game more or less under control. By the rest of the field, I mean specifically James Windram rated 2072. Windram was much better, even winning, against Orlov, Kaufman, and Mackinnon but eventually only scoring two draws and a loss out of those games. After a bad opening against Windram, Orlov managed to get to an equal endgame which he ground out for 121 moves with something like 70 of those moves being played on increment. A pretty tough loss. All that promising work by Windram only netted a tournament score of 3.0 points, well back in the rest of the field.

$7000 in guaranteed prizes were given out - a full list of prize winners is given in the linked [cross table](#).

Paul Leblanc and Roger Patterson, a.k.a. Victoria Chess

As always thanks to all who made this record-breaking year possible: our TDs IA Stephen Wright and Joe Soliven, Chess2Inspire represented by Michael Lo, as well as numerous volunteers.
[Previous Keres history](#)

Orlov, Georgi - Jiang, Brandon [A96] Paul Keres mem 46th Richmond (3.1), 22.05.2022

1.d4 f5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 e6 4.Nf3 Be7 5.c4 0–0 6.0–0 d6 7.b4 Ne4 8.Bb2 Bf6 9.Nbd2 Qe7 10.Qb3 Nc6 11.e3 Nxd2 12.Nxd2 e5 13.b5 Nd8 14.c5+ Be6 15.d5 Bd7 16.Rac1 Nf7 17.Ba3 Rfc8 18.c6 bxc6 19.dxc6 Be6 20.Bd5 Bxd5 21.Qxd5 g6 22.Bb2 Kg7 23.f3 h5 24.a4 h4 25.g4 Ng5 26.gxf5 gxf5 27.f4 exf4 28.Bxf6+ Kxf6 29.Kh1 Qxe3 30.Rce1 Qc5 31.Qxc5 dxc5 32.Rxf4 Rd8 33.Nb3 Rd5 34.Rc1 Ne4 35.Rxh4 c4 36.Na5 Rg8 37.Rf4 c3 38.Nc4 Ke6 39.Ne3 Rd2 40.Re1 Rf2 41.Rh4 c2 42.Rh6+ Ke5 43.Rh7 Re2 44.Re7+ Kd6 45.Nxf5+ Kd5 46.Rxe4 Rxe4 47.Rc1 Re2 48.h3 Rf8 49.Rxc2 Re1+ 0–1

Windram, James – Orlov, Georgi [B33] Paul Keres mem 46th Richmond (4.4), 22.05.2022

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Qb6 5.Nb3 Nc6 6.Be3 Qc7 7.Nc3 Nf6 8.Bd3 Ne5 9.h3 a6 10.f4 Nc4 11.Bxc4 Qxc4 12.e5 Ne4 13.Nxe4 Qxe4 14.Qd2 d6 15.0–0–0 d5 16.Bd4 Bd7 17.Rhe1 Qg6 18.Nc5 Bxc5 19.Bxc5 Rc8 20.Ba3 Bb5 21.g4 h5 22.f5 exf5 23.Qb4 Qg5+ 24.Kb1 hxg4 25.e6 fxe6 26.Qd6 Rc6 27.Rxe6+ Kf7 28.Re7+ Kg8 29.Qxd5+ Kh7 30.hxg4 Qxg4 31.Rh1+ Rh6 32.b3 Bc6 33.Rxh6+ Kxh6 34.Qd6+ Kh7 35.Bb2 Qg1+ 36.Bc1 Rf8 37.Rc7 Re8 38.Qh6+ Kg8 39.Qh5 Rf8 40.Qe2 Be4 41.Qc4+ Kh8 42.Qe6 Qd4 43.Qe7 Qf6 44.Qc5 Rd8 45.Qg1 Qd4 46.Qxd4 Rxd4 47.Rxg7 Rd1 48.Re7 Re1 49.Kb2 Re2 50.Rc7 Kg8 51.Bh6 Rf2 52.Be3 Rf3 53.Bh6 Rh3 54.Bg5 Rg3 55.Bh6 Rg4 56.Re7 Bc6 57.Re5 Kh7 58.Bc1 f4 59.Rf5 f3 60.Be3 Rg2 61.Rf4 Re2 62.Bb6 Kg6 63.a4 Kg5 64.Rf8 Be4 65.b4 Rxc2+ 66.Kb3 Re2 67.b5 Bf5 68.bxa6 bxa6 69.Ra8 Re6 70.Bc5 Kf4 71.Rf8 Ke4 72.Ba7 Re7 73.Bg1 Rb7+ 74.Kc3 Rb1 75.Ba7 Rf1 76.Rf6 Bc8 77.Rf7 Rc1+ 78.Kd2 Ra1 79.Re7+ Kd5 80.Rf7 Ke4 81.Re7+ Kf5 82.Rc7 Be6 83.Ke3 Ra3+ 84.Kf2 Bd5 85.Rd7 Ra2+ 86.Ke3 Ke6 87.Rd8 Rxa4 and Black won on move 121. 0–1

TEAM BC DEFEATS TEAM ALBERTA 40.5-24.5 (May 6-8) by Paul Leblanc
Showdown in the Okanagan

Thirteen gallant warriors. From top left to bottom right: IM Ray Kaufman, FM Grigorii Morozov, Andrew Xu, Charles Wu, Kate Jiang, Ethen Song, Ryan Yang, Ethan Su, Nathan Ping-Ying Wu, Dan Catona, Ivan Petrov, Joe Roback, Patrick Huang (photo: Hattie Guo)

Team Alberta. From top left to bottom right Cristian Ivanescu, Bhavik Dave, James Botoy, FM Dale Haessel, Yash Darvekar, Michael Zeggelaar, Mark Ivanescu, Patrick Angelo Tolentino, NM Butch Villavieja, Maxim Vasic, David Souminen, Andrew Funk, Rafael Arruebarrena (photo: Paul Leblanc)

This match was originally conceived in 2020 but delayed two years as a result of the pandemic. Salmon Arm, a pleasant city with a population of about 20,000 happens to be situated about

half-way between Calgary and Vancouver. Most players were able to drive to the match in five-six hours, a little longer for players from Edmonton and Victoria. The nascent Salmon Arm Chess Club, led by Craig Bacon provided valuable assistance scouting the playing site, sharing some of their chess equipment and setting up for the event. It is believed to be the first full-fledged live competition between the provinces. A junior one-day event was held in Revelstoke in September, 2000.

The teams were very closely matched, each having thirteen players with an average rating of 2017 (Alberta) and 2008 (BC). [The match was run as a five-round Swiss but with the proviso players from the same team would not be paired with each other.] Alberta took the lead 7.0-6.0 in round one but thereafter the match turned greatly to BC's advantage with a final score of BC 40.5 Alberta 24.5. Team BC was anchored by FM Grigorii Morozov and IM Raymond Kaufman who tied for top BC player and took home $450 each. Ethan Song had a very strong performance to capture third BC player honours. Ethan also gained a whopping 230 rating points to become BCs newest chess expert. Top Alberta player was FM Dale Haessel ($600) followed by Alberta Chess Association President and Team Captain Rafael Arruebarrena ($300).

National Arbiter Paul Leblanc
(photo: Ivan Petrov)

The organizers were Paul Leblanc and Rafael Arruebarrena. The match was FIDE and CFC rated and Paul Leblanc acted as Arbiter. Crosstable

Suominen, David – Kaufman, Raymond [A09] BC-AB m Salmon Arm (1.2), 06.05.2022
[Raymond Kaufman]

This was my first game of the match. After I played the opening horribly, my opponent could have won a clear advantage, instead a blunder was made leading to his defeat. Not a well-played game by any meanings but interesting for theory and the opening in general.

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 Ambitious, 2…d4 often leads to Benoni structures where Black is playing as White would except being a tempo behind. 2...e6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 dxc4 5.0–0 is the Retí opening. **3.b4!?** 3.e3 Nc6 4.exd4 Nxd4 5.Nxd4 Qxd4 6.Nc3 c6 7.d3 Nh6!? The computer gives this strange move as best, but it actually makes some sense. After White Be3, the Black queen would be driven back. Then Nf5 and g7–g6 is the idea to get developed. We eye the valuable d4 square and threaten the Be3. **3...f6** The idea is to hold onto my centre with e7–e5 and then quickly develop. Unfortunately, a move later I discarded that idea only to give White the big centre he wanted! **4.e3 dxe3?** Better is 4...e5 5.c5 d3!? Again all pawn moves in a row so far. (5...a5 6.Bb5+ c6 7.Bc4 axb4 8.Nxe5 Nh6! This is the best line here and in the game after dxe3 fxe3. Black is now getting ready to take the knight and it should retreat. The extra tempos are enough for Black to achieve an unclear game. Let's see! *(8...dxe3 9.fxe3* This would transpose the game potentially.*)* 9.Nd3 Bg4 10.Qb3 dxe3 11.fxe3 Now, with correct play we could have achieved this, the game position. 11...Nd7 12.Qxb4 b5! 13.Bb3 Bf5 14.e4 Bg6 15.Bb2 Qa5 16.Qxa5 Rxa5= The c5-pawn is falling.) 6.Qb3 e4 7.Nd4 f5 8.Bb2 a5 9.a3 Nf6 10.f3 +/= White is still better and now he has a nice lead in development and great diagonal for his queen. **5.fxe3 e5 6.c5 a5 7.Bb5+** 7.Bc4! axb4 8.d4 Nh6 9.0–0 Nc6 10.a3 +/- White has an impressive centre, and the opponent's king cannot castle. **7...c6**

8.Bc4 axb4 9.Nxe5? 9.d4 Nh6 10.Nbd2! +/- Developing to prevent e5–d4, gaining space and chasing White's knight away. *(10.0–0 e4 11.Ne1 f5 unclear).* **9...fxe5??** 9...Nh6 forced - see previous variations for transposition. **10.Qh5+ g6 11.Qxe5+ Qe7** This was my idea that both of us saw. It's easy to see ahead with all the forced captures and checks. However, sometimes a quiet move like Bb2 just maintaining and now threatening to trade queens and win the poor black rook in the corner.

12.Qxh8?? 12.Bb2! Nd7 13.Qxe7+ Nxe7 14.Bxh8 Nxc5 15.0–0 Bf5 16.a3! +/- Although it's messy, White is up a whole exchange. After this excellent move a2–a3 the position will open and White can slowly bring his undeveloped Nb1 into the game. **12...Qh4+ 13.g3 Qxc4** Now the game is pretty much over. Though I must admit I like my final remaining moves. **14.Qb2 Bg4 15.d4 Nd7 16.h3 Nxc5! 17.dxc5 Bg7 18.Qd2 Bxa1 0–1**
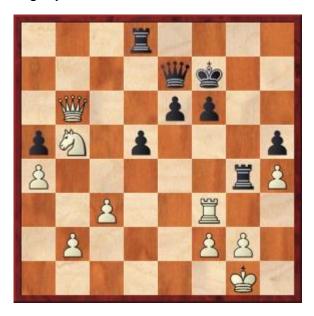
Villavieja, Butch – Morozov, Grigorii [C16] BC-AB m Salmon Arm (4.1), 08.05.2022
[Grigorii Morozov]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 Qd7 5.Qg4 Bf8 In this line Black is slow in the development, but position is closed and it's hard for White to get advantage of faster development. Black's main idea is to exchange white-square bishops - the curse of the French defence. **6.Nf3 b6 7.a4 Na6** The pawn on c2 is not that easy to protect. White would prefer to keep his rook on the 'a' file, queen on the active position at the king side and so on. 7...Ba6 8.Nb5 c6? 9.Nd6+ +/- **8.Bd2 Nb4 9.Rc1 c6?!** Too early. White doesn't have any good moves, so Black could continue 9...h5 or 9...Ne7. The move in the game allows White to move the knight from c3. **10.Nd1** 10.Nb5 cxb5 11.Bxb4 Nh6 12.Qf4 Bxb4+ 13.c3 bxa4 14.cxb4 a5= **10...h5 11.Qg3 a5 12.c3 Na6 13.Bd3** The advantage in the development of White pieces becomes significant. Although, there are no real threats. **13...Nc7 14.h4 Ba6** Finally! **15.Bxa6 Nxa6 16.Ra1 c5 17.0–0 Ne7 18.Ne3 Nc6 19.Nc2** Here I realized that I don't like position of my knight on c6 and moved it back. **19...Ne7 20.Bg5** 20.Ne3 cxd4 21.cxd4 *(21.Nxd4?! Nc5)* 21...g6= **20...Nf5 21.Qh3 cxd4 22.Ncxd4** 22.Nfxd4 is a bit better. **22...Nh6**

The computer doesn't like it, but I was happy with this move. The knight is moving to g4 where it blocks White pieces. An exchange is also fine for Black. Interesting position - the only developed Black pieces are two knights at the edges of the board. **23.Nb5** 23.Bxh6 Rxh6 24.Ng5 Computer likes White's position, but it's not clear how White can get practical advantage. **23...Ng4 24.Rfe1** 24.Qg3 f6!? **24...Nc7** 24...Nc5 25.Nfd4 Ne4 26.f3 Ngf2 27.Qh2 Nxg5 28.Kxf2 Nh7+/- **25.Nfd4 Nxb5 26.Nxb5 Bc5 27.Re2** I expected 27.Nd4 to not allow black to castle 27...f6!? *(27...0–0 28.f3 Nh6 29.Bxh6 gxh6 30.f4+/=)* 28.exf6 gxf6 29.Rxe6+ Kf7 30.Rae1 Rae8 31.Rxe8 Rxe8 32.Be3 Bxd4 33.cxd4 Qxa4 34.Qf3 Qxd4 35.Qf5= **27...0–0 28.Rae1** I was preparing for 28.Qd3 f6 29.exf6 gxf6 30.Qg6+ Qg7 31.Qxh5 Nxf2 but it's not easy to

evaluate all of the lines over the board. **28...f6 29.exf6 gxf6 30.Be3!?** 30.Bd2= **30...Bxe3 31.Rxe3** 31.fxe3 f5=/+ **31...Nxe3 32.Rxe3** Taking the pawn back immediately 32.Qxe3 e5 33.Qxb6= is slightly better. **32...Kf7 33.Qf3 Rh8 34.Qf4 Rad8 35.Rf3 Qe7 36.Qd4 Rhg8 37.Qxb6 Rg4**

38.g3 White didn't want any threats to his king and return the pawn, which gives Black an advantage. 38.Nd4 Qd6 *(38...Rdg8? 39.Nc6 Rxg2+ 40.Kf1 Rg1+ 41.Ke2 Qf8 42.Qc7+ Kg6 43.Ne7+ Kh6 44.Nxg8+ Rxg8 45.Qxa5+/-)* 39.Qxa5 Rxh4 40.g3 Rg4 41.Re3 Re8 42.Qb5= **38...Rxa4 39.Nd4 Qd6 40.Qb5 Ra1+ 41.Kg2 a4 42.Qd3 Rh8** 42...Kg7? 43.Re3 Re8 44.Rxe6 Qxe6 45.Nxe6+ Rxe6 46.Qxd5+– **43.Nb5 Qe7 44.Qd4 Rh6** 44...Kg7! **45.Qf4 Kg7** 45...Rg6! **46.Nd4 Re1? 47.Qb8?** 47.Re3 Rxe3 48.Qxe3+/- **47...Qd7 48.Qb6 Re4** 48...Rg6 **49.Rd3 Rh8 50.f3 Re5 51.Nc6 Re2+ 52.Kf1 Rxb2** I was tired looking for threats from the queens and knight and rushed up to exchange pieces. The position is still winning for Black. 52...Rc2 53.Nd4 Rc1+ 54.Kg2 e5 55.Ne6+ Kf7 56.Nc5 Rc2+ 57.Kg1 Qh3–+ **53.Qxb2 Qxc6 54.Kg2 Ra8 55.Qa3 Kf7 56.Rd4 Qb5** 56...e5 57.Rb4 e4 was also good. **57.c4 dxc4** 57...Qb3 58.Qxb3 axb3 59.cxd5 Rb8 60.dxe6+ Kxe6 61.Rd1 b2 62.Rb1 Kd5 was probably simpler. **58.Qd6 Ra7** 58...a3 59.Qc7+ Kg6 60.Rd7 Qxd7! 61.Qxd7 a2 62.Qxe6 a1Q 63.Qe4+ Kg7 64.Qe7+ Kh8 **59.Qd8 a3 60.Rd1 a2** 60...c3 **61.Qh8**

61...Qf5?? 61...Qb1 62.Qxh5+ *(62.Rd8 Qg1+)* 62...Qg6 63.Qxg6+ Kxg6 64.Ra1 c3–+; or 61...Qb2+ 62.Kh3 Qb1–+ **62.Rd8 Qc2+ 63.Kh3 Qf5+ 64.Kg2 Qc2+ 65.Kh3 Qf5+ ½–½**

ZACHARY LIU WINS OKANAGAN OPEN (May 6-8) by Paul Leblanc
Rising Star of BC Chess
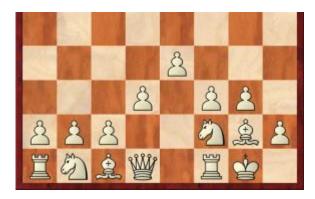

Round 5: Matthew Ivanescu (left) Zachary Liu (right).

Fresh from winning the U2000 Section of the 2022 Grand Pacific Open, ten year-old Zachary Liu added first place in the 2022 Okanagan Open to his laurels. Zachary's chess record is noteworthy in that he is already close to 1900 level strength in only his sixth regular rated tournament. Not that he hasn't been playing a lot of chess – he played a remarkable twenty-five CFC Quick-rated online events during the COVID pandemic. Zachary finished at 4.5 out of 5, taking a draw in the final round against Matthew Ivanescu of Alberta to clinch first place. He took home a $300 prize. Third place was shared by Matthew Ivanescu and Gordon Taylor of Salmon Arm winning $100 each. Johan Aljo of Vancouver also tied for third place at 4.0-1.0 but earned a bigger prize by taking the $200 prize for top U1500. Anrich Vermeulen of Kelowna and Aiden Lu of Vancouver tied for the U1200 prize at 2.5–2.5. Heinz Bauschke of Kelowna and John Bouchard of Vernon tied for top unrated at 2.5–2.5. Crosstable

Liu, Zachary – Taylor, Gordon [B09] Okanagan op Salmon Arm (4.1), 08.05.2022

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f4 c6 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.Be2 0–0 7.Be3 Nbd7 8.Qd2 Qc7 9.h4 Ng4 10.Bg1 e5 11.h5 Ndf6 12.hxg6 fxg6 13.fxe5 dxe5 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.0–0–0 Nxf3 16.Bc4+ Kh8 17.gxf3 Bd7 18.Bh2 Qa5 19.e5 Rad8 20.exf6 Bxf6 21.Ne4 Qxd2+ 22.Rxd2 Bg7 23.Bc7 h5 24.Bxd8 Rxd8 25.Ng5 1–0

A NEW SYSTEM by Mike Bateman

I would like to start with 1.e4. This has always been my main starting point, and I have won a great many games, but now I have been experimenting with a new set of moves for Black and White. I am using my pieces in a different way. After 1.e4 if my opponent plays 1…c5, the Sicilian, I answer with 2.d3 and then 3.f3 playing my knight to h3 and then back f2. My Bishop goes to g2 and I can castle.

Let's see how this worked out in a game I played on Lichess.org. gallow123 is what I go by on the net.

gallow123 (1929) – puch1 (2066) [B20] Rated Rapid game lichess.org, 31.03.2022

1.e4 c5 2.d3 e6 3.f3 Nc6 4.g3 Nf6 5.Nh3 d5 6.Nf2 d4 7.Bg2 e5 8.0–0 Bd6 9.f4 0–0 10.f5 b5 11.g4 h6 12.h4 c4 13.g5 hxg5 14.hxg5 Nh7 15.Qh5 Ne7 16.Ng4 g6 17.Qh6 gxf5 18.Nf6+ Nxf6 19.gxf6 1–0

Here is another game from Lichess.org, this time for Black.

alazit (1936) – gallow123 (1937) [A40] Rated Rapid game lichess.org, 02.04.2022

1.d4 Nc6 2.c4 e5 3.d5 Nce7 4.e4 d6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 f6 7.Bd3 Nh6 8.f3 Nf7 9.Nge2 Bg7 10.Qd2 a6 11.h4 h6 12.h5 g5 13.g4 0–0 14.Rg1 Bd7 15.Ng3 Rb8 16.Qg2 b5 17.b3 c5 18.Nf5 Nxf5 19.gxf5 bxc4 20.Bxc4 Bb5 21.Bxb5 axb5 22.f4 exf4 23.Bxf4 Kh7 24.Bd2 Ne5 25.Ke2 Qb6 26.Nd1 c4 27.Be3 Qa5 28.Bd2 b4 29.bxc4 Nxc4 30.Bc1 b3 31.Nb2 Qc3 32.Kf1 bxa2 33.Rxa2? Qxc1+ 34.Nd1 Qxd1+ 35.Kf2 Qd4+ 0–1

Now for the last one, with a crushing attack.

NDIASSAKOS (1964) – gallow123 (1976) [A40] Rated Rapid game lichess.org, 14.04.2022

1.d4 Nc6 2.c4 e5 3.e3 d6 4.Nc3 f6 5.Nf3 g6 6.Be2 Nh6 7.0–0 Nf7 8.a3 Bg7 9.b4 0–0 10.d5 Ne7 11.e4 f5 12.Ng5 f4 13.Nf3 g5 14.h3 Ng6 15.Nh2 Nh4 16.f3 h5 17.c5 Nh6 18.cxd6 cxd6 19.Ra2 a6 20.Rc2 Ng6 21.Kh1 g4 22.hxg4 hxg4 23.fxg4 Qh4 24.Kg1 Qe7 25.Na4 Nh4 26.Nb6 f3 27.gxf3 Ng6 28.Rxc8 Raxc8 29.Nxc8 Rxc8 30.Be3 Qh4 31.Qe1 Qh3 32.Qf2 Nf4 33.Bxf4 exf4 34.Qg2 Bd4+ 35.Kh1 Qh4 36.Rd1 Be3 37.a4 Nf7 38.b5 axb5 39.Bxb5 Ng5 40.Be2 Nh3 41.Rf1 Rc2 42.g5 Nxg5 43.Qg4 Qxg4 44.Nxg4 Rxe2 45.Nh6+ Kh7 46.Nf7? Nxf7 47.Rb1 b6 48.a5 bxa5 49.Rb7 Kg6 50.Re7 Bc5 51.Re6+ Kg7 52.Re7 Rf2 53.e5 dxe5 54.d6 Bxd6 55.Re6 Rxf3 56.Kh2 Rd3 57.Kg2 a4 0–1

To be honest, I have not seen this system played by anyone but myself. So perhaps with any luck at all, some of your readers my shed some light on it for me. mjbbateman.shaw.ca Mike Bateman.

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