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Stephen Wright

HERE AND THERE

Lynn Stringer, 1928-2022

It is our sad duty to report the passing of Lynn Stringer on October 17, 2022 at the age of ninety-four. We will devote most of our next issue to remembrances of Lynn; for the moment, here is an [online obituary](#).



World Youth U16 Olympiad (October 2-10)



(photo by Jiong Jiang)

World team events for younger players began just after the first World Junior championship in 1951, but the age restriction has gradually become more severe. The first such events were labelled Student Olympiads; the initial tournament, held in Liverpool in 1952, included the previous year's challenger for the World Championship, David Bronstein, so one wonders what definition of student was being used. These events were replaced around 1978 by the World Youth U26 Team Championships, then in 1998 the age limit was dropped to 20, and since 2001 the event has been restricted to those under 16 years of age (the old 'cadet' category, now incorporated in the various youth tournaments as the U16 section). Canada's involvement in these early events was sporadic, although a team including Duncan Suttles and Peter Biyiasas won bronze medals behind the USSR and USA at Mayagüez (Puerto Rico) in 1971.



The Canadian team with coach IM Adrian Musat (photo by Shirley Che)

Canada has sent teams to most of the more recent competitions, including this year to Nakhchivan, the capital of an autonomous region in Azerbaijan. Thirty-four teams from twenty-three countries participated, including Canadian representatives Max Chen, Rachel Ruoxuan Chen, Jeffrey R. Zhao, and from this province Kate Yuhua Jiang. This was the first U16 Olympiad since the pandemic but more importantly as recently as mid-September there was an outbreak of the long-running hostilities between Armenia and Azerbaijan. Presumably as a result many countries were absent, e.g., nearly all European countries and the U.S. After nine rounds Turkiye-Red headed the crosstable, followed by Uzbekistan-1 and Azerbaijan-1; Canada, ranked twenty-first at the start, finished in fifteenth place after tiebreaks. [Tournament website results](#)

Gasimova, Samra (1902) – Jiang, Kate Yuhua (1649) [A06] U16 olym Nakhchivan (1.4), 02.10.2022

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.b3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.Bb2 0–0 8.Nbd2 Qc7 9.c5 Be7 10.Qc2 b6 11.b4 a5 12.a3 Ba6 13.0–0 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 Ra7 15.h3 Rfa8 16.Qb3 Ne8 17.e4 dxe4 18.Nxe4 b5 19.Rae1 Ndf6 20.Nc3 Qb7 21.Ne5 Nc7 22.f4 axb4 23.axb4 Nfd5 24.f5 Nxc3 25.Qxc3 Nd5 26.Qg3 exf5 27.Rxf5 f6 28.Nd3 Qd7 29.Rff1 Ra4 30.Bc1 Nxb4 31.Nf4 Bf8 32.Nh5 Kh8 33.Re4 Na2 34.Rg4 Nxc1 35.Rxc1 Rxd4 36.Nxf6 Rxd4 37.Nxd4 Qd4+ 38.Qf2 Qxf2+ 39.Kxf2 Re8 40.Kf3 Kg8 41.Kf4 Re6 42.h4 Kf7 43.Ne5+ Ke8 44.Ra1 Bxc5 45.Nd3 Bd4 46.Ra6 Kd7 47.g4 Kd6 48.g5 Kd5 49.h5 g6 50.Nb4+ Kc5 51.Nc2 Be5+ 52.Kg4 Re7 53.hxg6 hxg6 54.Ne1 Rd7 55.Nf3 Bc7 56.Nh4 Rd4+ 57.Kh3 Rd3+ 58.Kg2 Rg3+ 59.Kf2 Rxd4 0–1

13th Calgary International (September 20-25)

This year's Calgary International was run as a ten-player round robin, one of the players being BC's FM Grigori Morozov. The overall winner was multi-time Alberta and 2018 Canadian Open Champion IM Bitan Banerjee with 6.5 points. Tied for second were FM Zachary Dukic and GM Magesh Panchanathan (IND) on 6.0 points, while the other visiting GM Enrico Sevillano (USA) and FM Gary Ng tied with 50%. Morozov lost his first four games and finished with just 3.5 points but did have the satisfaction of defeating Sevillano. [CFC crosstable](#)

**Morozov, Grigorii (2451) – Sevillano, Enrico (2521)
[D35] Calgary int 13th Calgary (5), 23.09.2022**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 c6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Nf3 h6
7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 Ne4 9.Be5 f6 10.Bxb8 Rxb8 11.Nd2 f5
12.Ndxe4 fxe4 13.e3 g4 14.h3 Qg5 15.hxg4 Bxg4 16.Be2
Bd7 17.Bh5+ Kd8 18.g3 Bd6 19.Qd2 Kc7 20.Ne2 Rbf8
21.Nf4 Rhg8 22.0–0–0 Qe7 23.Qc3 Kb8 24.a3 Bf5 25.Kd2
c5 26.dxc5 Be5 27.Qb4 d4 28.Kc1 d3 29.Kb1 Rc8 30.Rc1
Bxf4 31.gxf4 Rg2 32.Bd1 Rxf2 33.Rxh6 Rf1 34.Rd6 Bd7
35.Qd4 Bc6 36.f5 Rf8 37.Re6 Qc7 38.f6 a6 39.Bb3 Rf5
40.Re7 Qd8 41.Qxd8+ Rxd8 42.f7 Ka7 43.Rg1 d2 44.Rd1
Rf2 45.Bc4 a5 46.b3 Bd7 47.Kc2 Bg4 48.Re8 Bxd1+
49.Kxd1 Rb8 50.b4 axb4 51.axb4 Ka8 52.Be6 Ka7 53.b5
Ka8 54.b6 1–0



The travels of IM Leon Piasetski ...

This year the Argentinian Chess Federation (Federación Argentina de Ajedrez or FADA) marks its one hundredth anniversary, and as part of the celebrations an [international tournament](#) with a \$50,000 prize fund was organized in Buenos Aires, October 11-18. The one hundred and seventy-two entrants were predominately from South American countries but there was one Canadian, the intrepid Leon Piasetski, now in his eighth decade. Three GMs tied for first with 7.5/9, Axel Bachmann (PAR), Alan Pichot (ARG), and Neuris Delgado Ramírez, with Bachmann winning the \$10,000 first prize on tiebreak; Leon finished the event with 5.0 points.

Piasetski, Leon David (2225) – Aberbach, Angel (1846) [A29] ProAm 100 years FADA Buenos Aires (4.45), 14.10.2022

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.d3 d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.g3 Nb6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.Be3 0–0 9.0–0 Be6
10.a3 f6 11.Rc1 Nd5 12.Na4 Nxe3 13.fxe3 Na5 14.Nd2 c5 15.Nxc5 Bxc5 16.Rxc5 Qb6 17.b4 Nc6
18.Qc1 Rac8 19.Nc4 Bxc4 20.Qxc4+ Kh8 21.Rc1 g6 22.Qb5 1–0

This was followed by a [national rapid tournament](#) in the city of Córdoba, some 700 kilometers northwest of Buenos Aires, where the Círculo de Ajedrez de Río Tercero was celebrating its seventy-first anniversary. After nine rounds at a time control of 15+5 GMs Alan Pichot and Sandro Mareco (both ARG) were at the head of the eighty-eight player field with 8.0, a point ahead of American GM Robert Hungaski. Leon finished with three of each result (+3 =3 -3) for a 50% total.

Piasetski, Leon David (2219) – Hernandez Guerrero, Gilberto Eduardo (2536) [A00] 71st ann. Círculo de Ajedrez de Río Tercero Cordoba (6), 23.10.2022

1.g3 g6 2.Bg2 Bg7 3.e4 c5 4.Ne2 Nc6 5.c3 e5 6.d3 Nge7 7.Be3 b6 8.Qd2 0–0 9.h4 h5 10.0–0 d5
11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Bg5 f6 13.Bh6 Be6 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 c4 17.Nbc3 Re8 18.Rfe1
Rc8 19.Rad1 Bf7 20.Nxd5 Bxd5 21.Nf4 Bxg2 22.Kxg2 Qd6 23.Qc2 f5 24.Qxc4 Nb4 25.Qb5 Qc6+
26.Qxc6 Nxc6 27.Rxe8 Rxe8 28.d5 Ne5 29.Re1 Kf7 30.d6 b5 31.b3 Ng4 32.Rc1 Rd8 33.Rc7+ Kf6
34.Rxa7 Rxd6 35.Rb7 Rd2 36.Rxb5 Rxf2+ 37.Kg1 Rxa2 38.Rb6+ Ke5 39.Re6+ Kd4 40.Re2 Ra1+
41.Kg2 Ne3+ 42.Kf3 Rf1+ 43.Rf2 Rd1 44.Nxg6 Ng4 ½–½

... and FM Max Gedajlovic

In Bulletin #346 we reported on Max's participation in a series of norm tournaments organized by [1000GM](#). Max played in another of their events, the [1000GM GM Norm #3](#) (September 21-25) in St. Louis. Full points separated the players at the top of the crosstable, with GM Mikhail Antipov (FIDE) on 7.5 points, IM Dimitar Mardov (USA) second with 6.5, and GMs Harshit Raja (IND) and Akshat Chandra (USA) tied with 5.5; Max scored 3.0 points.

Gedajlovic, Max (2343) – Chandra, Akshat (2471) [B30] 1000GM #0003 GM 2022 Saint Louis USA (7.4), 24.09.2022

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 e6 4.0–0 Nge7 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Ng6 7.Be3 Be7 8.Be2 0–0 9.c4 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 b6 11.Nc3 Bb7 12.Rad1 Bc6 13.Qd2 Qb8 14.a3 f5 15.exf5 Nh4 16.f3 Nxf5 17.Bf2 Bd6 18.g3 Bxg3 19.hxg3 Nxc3 20.Qd6 Qxd6 21.Rxd6 Nxf1 22.Kxf1 Rf5 23.Ne4 Bxe4 24.fxe4 Rf4 25.Kg2 Raf8 26.Bg3 Rxe4 27.Bd3 Re3 28.Bf2 Ref3 29.Bg3 Re3 30.Bf2 Ref3 31.Bg3 Re3 ½–½



In the previous month Max played in two tournaments in Northern Portugal. In the [Tras-os-Montes Open](#) (August 17-23) held in Mirandela Max tied for fifth in a field of one hundred and twenty-eight with 6.5/9, incidentally a half-point better than Canadian GM Kevin Spraggett; the overall winner was GM Carlos Daniel Albornoz Cabrera (CUB) with 8.0 points. The following [Maia Open](#) (August 26 – September 1) was twice as larger but weaker; Max tied for twentieth with 6.0/9, while GM Omar Almeida Quintana (also CUB) and IM Esteban Alb Valderrama Quiceno (COL) tied for first with 7.5 points.

Checa, Nicolas (2526) – Gedajlovic, Max (2316) [E10] Tras-os-Montes op 3rd Mirandela (9.6), 23.08.2022

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 h6 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 0–0 7.0–0 d5 8.Qc2 Nbd7 9.b3 b6 10.cxd5 Nxd5 11.Nc3 Ba6 12.Rfe1 c5 13.Nxd5 exd5 14.dxc5 bxc5 15.e4 d4 16.e5 Nb6 17.Qe4 Qd7 18.Nh4 Bxh4 19.Qxh4 Bb7 20.Bxb7 Qxb7 21.Rac1 Rac8 22.b4 c4 23.Qxd4 Rfd8 24.Qf4 Rd3 25.Be3 Nd5 26.Qe4 Qxb4 27.Bxh6 Rc6 28.Rb1 Qf8 29.Be3 Qc8 30.Bd4 Nb6 31.Rec1 Rd2 32.a4 c3 33.a5 c2 34.Ra1 Nd5 35.e6 fxe6 36.Be5 Qf8 37.Qe1 Qb4 38.Ra2 Rc4 39.Bd6 Re4 40.Bxb4 Rxe1+ 41.Rxe1 Nxb4 42.Rxc2 Rxc2 43.Rxe6 Rc5 44.h4 Rxa5 45.Kg2 Kf7 46.Rd6 Rd5 0–1

Titled Tuesday

We normally don't pay too much attention to blitz chess in this bulletin but of course during the pandemic online blitz was a mainstay of companies such as chess.com. One of their flagship events is Titled Tuesday which originally began in 2014 as a monthly nine-round event. During the pandemic it became weekly, expanding to eleven rounds in October of 2020. Since last February the event is offered twice each Tuesday, six hours apart, to accommodate various time zones round the world. Many of the world's top players have participated: the player with the most tournament victories is Hikaru Nakamura, while even Magnus Carlsen has occasionally joined.

Some of BC's titled players have taken part, including IM Raymond Kaufman, FM Max Gedajlovic, FM Tanraj Sohal, and NM Roman Jiganchine. Here are four wins against grandmaster opposition.

Rustemov, Alexander (2525) – Kaufman, Raymond (2202) [D31] Titled Tue 23rd Aug Late chess.com (1), 23.08.2022

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 a6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Bg5 Be6 7.e3 Nbd7 8.Bd3 c6 9.Qc2 Bd6 10.Bf4 Qc7 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.h3 0–0 13.0–0 h6 14.Rfc1 Rac8 15.Na4 b5 16.Nc5 Nxc5 17.Qxc5 Qxc5 18.Rxc5 Nd7 19.Rc2 c5 20.dxc5 Nxc5 21.Be2 Na4 22.Rd2 Rc7 23.Nd4 Rfc8 24.Rad1 Rc1 25.Kh2 Kf8 26.Rxc1 Rxc1 27.Bd1 Nxb2 28.Rxb2 Rxd1 29.a4 bxa4 30.Ra2 Bd7 31.Rb2 a3 32.Ra2 Rd3 33.Ra1 Ba4 34.Kg3 Ke7 35.Kf4 Kd6 36.g4 Kc5 37.h4 Bd7 38.Nc2 Rd2 39.Nd4 Kb4 40.f3 a2 41.Rc1 Ka3 42.Rc7 a1Q 43.Rxd7 Rxd4+ 44.exd4 Qxd4+ 45.Kg3 Qe5+ 46.Kg2 Qe2+ 47.Kg3 Qe6 48.Ra7 d4 0–1

Gedajlovic, Max (2270) – Nesterov, Arseniy (2483) [D31] Titled Tuesday 17th Aug chess.com (2), 17.08.2021

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3 dxc4 5.e3 b5 6.Bd2 c6 7.a4 a5 8.axb5 Bxc3 9.Bxc3 cxb5 10.b3 Bb7 11.bxc4 b4 12.Bb2 Nf6 13.Bd3 0–0 14.0–0 Nbd7 15.Nd2 e5 16.Bc2 Qc7 17.c5 Rfc8 18.Nc4 Qc6 19.f3 exd4 20.exd4 Nxc5 21.Ne5 Qc7 22.dxc5 Qxc5+ 23.Rf2 Nd5 24.Qd3 g6 25.Bb3 Nc3 26.Nxf7 a4 27.Be6 Re8 28.Nd8+ Kg7 29.Nxb7 Qc7 30.Qd4+ Kh6 31.Bc1+ 1–0

Indjic, Aleksandar (2620) – Sohal, Tanraj (2220) [D30] Titled Tue 21st Jun Late chess.com (2), 21.06.2022

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.Qc2 0–0 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Nbd2 c5 8.dxc5 Nxc5 9.cxd5 Qxd5 10.Bc4 Qc6 11.Rc1 b6 12.b4 Ncd7 13.Qb2 Bb7 14.0–0 h6 15.Bh4 Qd6 16.Bg3 Qxb4 17.Bb3 Nc5 18.Rc4 Qb5 19.a4 Qa5 20.Rd4 Rfd8 21.Bc2 Rxd4 22.Qxd4 Rd8 23.Qb2 Nxa4 24.Qa2 Nc3 25.Qxa5 bxa5 26.Ra1 Ne2+ 27.Kh1 Nxc3+ 28.hxc3 Bb4 29.Nb3 Rc8 30.Bd1 Ne4 31.Kg1 Nc3 32.Nfd4 Bd5 33.Bf3 a4 34.Bxd5 exd5 35.Nc1 a5 36.Nd3 a3 37.Kf1 Ne4 38.Ke2 Nc5 39.Nc1 Ne6 40.Nd3 Nxd4+ 41.exd4 Rc2+ 42.Ke3 a2 43.Nc1 Rxc1 44.Rxc1 Bc3 0–1

Jiganchine, Roman (2205) – Delorme, Axel (2465) [A15] Titled Tue 16th Aug Early chess.com (7), 16.08.2022

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 d5 4.e3 a6 5.b3 Bf5 6.Bb2 dxc4 7.bxc4 Bd3 8.Bxd3 Qxd3 9.Ne5 Qd6 10.d4 e6 11.0–0 Be7 12.c5 Qc7 13.Na4 Nbd7 14.Nxd7 Nxd7 15.Bc3 b5 16.cxb6 Qb7 17.Rb1 0–0 18.Qf3 Nf6 19.Rfc1 Nd5 20.Bd2 Rac8 21.e4 Nf6 22.Nc5 Bxc5 23.dxc5 Rfd8 24.Bc3 Ne8 25.Rd1 f6 26.h4 e5 27.Rxd8 Rxd8 28.Rd1 Rxd1+ 29.Qxd1 Kf7 30.Qd8 h5 31.Kf1 g6 32.Ke2 Ng7 33.Qc7+ 1–0

An ICCF master norm from hell by Vas Sladek

Last week [late September] I collected my first ICCF CCM master norm but it wasn't easy. I followed GM Pavlidis' book on the "Safest Sicilian" only to discover that I was a piece down 20 moves in! Then, I almost fell asleep as we shuffled pieces; my opponent had to win to get his master norm, I just needed a draw. When my opponent finally agreed to a draw, I was seriously sleep deprived. Don't be like me, check the time control fine print and manage your time better.

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2	🇺🇸	690358	CCM	Kamanel del Corral, Javier F.	2345	0		1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	1	1	1	1	1	1				6.5	4	26.5	0	2	
3	🇵🇱	429151	IM	Szerlak, Andrzej	2372	1/2	1/2		1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1	1	1	1	1				6.5	3	27.25	0	3	
4	🇩🇪	210745	SIM	Rawlings, Alan J. C.	2303	1/2	1/2	1/2		1	1/2	0	1/2	1/2	1	1	1	1	1				6	3	25.5	0	4	
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7	🇩🇪	84470	CCE	Titzhoff, Frank	2274	0	0	1/2	1	1/2	1/2		1/2	1/2	1	1	1	1	1		6		5.5	3	21.75	0	7	
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11	🇧🇷	71590		Matos, Valmari	1387	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		7	5 1/2	4 1/2	0	0	0	0	11

Titzhoff, Frank (2274) – Sladek, Vaclav (2091) [B48] DE15A pr 52 ICCF, 05.04.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be3 a6 7.Qd2 Nf6 8.f3 Ne5 9.0–0–0 Bb4 10.Nb3 b5 11.Qe1 Be7 12.f4 Ng6 13.e5 Ng4 14.Ne4 Nxe3 15.Qxe3 0–0 16.h4 Bb7 17.Nd6 f6 18.Nxb7 fxe5 19.f5 Rac8 20.c3 Rxf5 21.Bd3 Rf6 22.N7a5



Here we go, I picked up a copy of GM Pavlidis' *The Sicilian Taimanov* and followed it blindly because it was subtitled as the 'safest' Sicilian. Now I'm down a piece and about to find out if it holds. Note that the White knights can't move. **22...d5 23.Kb1 Rcf8 24.Bxg6 Rxd6 25.h5 Rg6 26.Qc1 Rf2 27.h6 g6 28.Qe3 e4 29.a3 R8f7 30.Rd2 R2f5 31.Re2 Bd6 32.Qd4 Be7 33.Ka2 Bd6 34.Qg1 Rf8 35.Qd4 R8f7 36.Qe3 R5f6 37.Rd1 Be7 38.g4 Rf3 39.Qd4 Bf8 40.Rh1 R3f4 41.Rg2 Rf3 42.g5 Rd3 43.Qg1 Rdf3 44.Qc1 Be7** Clearly, picking off the g- and h-pawns is the key to Black's success in the endgame. **45.Qd2 e3** White refused several draw offers because he must win to get his ICCF CCM master norm; I needed a draw to score my first master norm and I was super bored at this point so I went for it, instead of shuffling

my pieces. **46.Qd3 Rf2 47.Rxf2 exf2 48.Rf1 Bxg5 49.Qe2 Qb6 50.Nd4 Qxa5** Oops, I failed to read the fine print. I was horrified when I realized that with the triple block time control, the 3–day increment ends here at move 50. Damn it. I was down to 24 hours of reflection time and my German opponent made his moves at 1–2:30 am PST. That explained my sleep deprivation; I had to set my alarm for 2 am; or I had to steal time from my day job employer when moves came in after 1 pm PST. I was facing the possibility of getting flagged in a correspondence game!? **51.Qxe6 Bxh6 52.Rxf2 Qc7 53.Rxf7 Qxf7 54.Qxa6 Qf1 55.Qe6+ Kg7 56.Qe5+ Kg8 57.Qxd5+ Qf7 58.Ne6 Bf8 59.Qc6 h5 60.c4 bxc4 61.a4 c3 62.bxc3 h4 63.Kb2 Qf2+ 64.Kb3 Qf7 65.Kb2 Qf2+ 66.Kb3 Qf7 67.c4 Bh6 68.Nd4 Kg7 69.a5 h3 70.a6 h2 71.Qe4 Kh7 72.Qg2 Bf4 73.Nf3 Qc7 74.Qh3+ Kg8 75.Qe6+ Kg7 76.Qh3 Qb6+ 77.Kc2 Qc6 78.Kb3 Qb6+ 79.Kc2 Qf2+ 80.Kd1 Qg3 81.Qd7+ Kh6 82.Nxh2 Qg1+ 83.Kc2 Qxh2+ 84.Kb3 Qg3+ 85.Kb4 Qe1+ 86.Kb5 Qb1+ 87.Kc6 Qa2 88.Qh3+**

Kg5 89.Kb5 Qb1+ 90.Kc6 Qe4+ 91.Kb5 Qb1+ 92.Kc5 Qe4 93.Kb5 Qb1+ 94.Kc6 Qe4+ 95.Kb5 Qb1+ 96.Kc5 I could have claimed a 3-fold repetition somewhere here but with 8 hours of reflection time left I didn't want to stop my clock. If, somehow, the claim was denied by the German TD, I would be out of time. Half asleep at 2am, I just moved and went to bed. **96...Qe4 97.Kb5 Qb1+ 98.Kc6 Qe4+ ½-½** White doesn't want to give up his c-pawn; and he loses after 99.Kc5 Be3+. Finally, the draw I needed. Lesson 1: know your time control Lesson 2: manage your time well Lesson 3: try new opening lines Lesson 4: don't lose sight of your goals: I lost a lot of sleep in one month but I got my first ICCF master norm!

105TH BC CHAMPIONSHIP (October 7-10)



Left to right: Yang, Huang, Albitar, MacKinnon, Doknjas, McLaren, Song, and Kaufman

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
1	Kaufman, Raymond	2329	*	½	1	0	1	1	1	1	5.5
2	MacKinnon, Keith	2288	½	*	½	1	½	1	1	1	5.5
3	Yang, Jingyun (Ryan)	2133	0	½	*	½	1	1	1	1	5.0
4	Huang, Patrick	2213	1	0	½	*	0	0	1	1	3.5
5	Song, Ethan	2071	0	½	0	1	*	1	0	1	3.5
6	Albitar, Hani	2221	0	0	0	1	0	*	½	1	2.5
7	Doknjas, Neil	2277	0	0	0	0	1	½	*	½	2.0
8	McLaren, Brian	2107	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	*	0.5

Only half of the field in this year's BC Closed Championship were part of the tournament last year, continuing a trend away from "the usual suspects" toward fresh, new faces. For Albitar Hani, Ryan Yang and Ethan Song this was their debut in the event, but Patrick Huang, Keith MacKinnon, and Raymond Kaufman had only participated once before, while for Neil Doknjas this was his third time. The exception was former champion (2006 and 2007) Brian McLaren, whose first Closed was in 1973 – this was his twenty-first(!) appearance. There was also a large mixture of ages, including three teenagers and a pre-teen at one end of the spectrum and two-time senior champion McLaren at the other.

Progressive scores	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 Kaufman	1.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	5.5
2 MacKinnon	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	4.5	5.0	5.5
3 Yang	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.5	3.0	4.0	5.0
4 Huang	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.5	2.5	2.5	3.5
5 Song	0.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	3.5	3.5
6 Albitar	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.5	2.5
7 Doknjas	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
8 McLaren	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5

The tournament quickly turned into a two-man race, with Kaufman and MacKinnon already having a point lead over the field after two rounds. After Kaufman neglected his king safety in round three it looked like MacKinnon would run away with the event, but Kaufman kept the pressure on by continuing to win games and MacKinnon gave up a pair of draws, leaving them tied for first with 5.0/6 after six rounds. This set up a dream finish – the top two ranked players with the same score and paired against each other in the last round. However, it was not to be; both felt discretion to be the better part of valour and agreed to a quick draw, leaving themselves co-champions – congratulations!



IM Raymond Kaufman and NM Keith MacKinnon with the Ed Percy Trophy

The other focus in the latter rounds was the race for third between the two youngest competitors, Yang and Song; they also happened to be paired in the last round with Yang winning a nervy encounter. Huang started off slowly but eventually clawed his way back to 50%. The other participants would likely prefer to forget the tournament – unfortunately we cannot always play our best. McLaren obtained a winning position in at least three of his games (notably against Kaufman), but being thirty to fifty years older than his opponents inevitably took its toll. The draw average was slightly less than one per round, both indicating the competitiveness of some players but also the lack of form of others.

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Song, Ethan (2071) – Kaufman, Raymond (2329) [C01] BC ch 105th Vancouver (1.4), 07.10.2022

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Nf3 Bd6 5.Bd3 Ne7 6.0–0 Bg4 7.Re1 Nbc6 8.c3 Bh5 9.Bg5 0–0 10.Nbd2 Bg6 11.Bxg6 hxg6 12.Qc2 f6 13.Bh4 g5 14.Bg3 g4 15.Nh4 f5 16.f4 Qd7 17.Rad1 Rf6 18.Nb3 b6 19.a3 Nd8 20.Nc1 c5 21.Nd3 Ne6 22.dxc5 bxc5 23.Ne5 Qc7 24.Rf1 c4 25.Rde1 Rb8 26.Kh1 Nc5 27.Bf2 Ne4 28.Bd4 Rh6 29.g3 g5 30.fxg5 Rxh4 31.gxh4 Bxe5 32.Bg1 Qb7 33.Re2 d4 34.Rg2 d3 35.Qa4 Qd5 36.Be3 Rf8 37.Qa6 f4 38.Bd4 Bxd4 39.cxd4 g3 40.Qh6 Nf2+ 41.Kg1 Nh3+ 42.Kh1 Nf2+ 43.Kg1 Ng4 44.Qxf8+ Kxf8 45.Rxf4+ Kg7 46.Rxg4 Qf3 47.R2xg3 Qe2 48.d5 Nf5 49.Rxc4 Nxc3 50.hxg3 d2 0–1

Doknjas, Neil (2277) – Yang, Jingyun (Ryan) (2133) [B29] BC ch 105th Vancouver (3.1), 08.10.2022

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 d5 4.exd5 Nxd5 5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.Ne5 Bxb5 7.Qf3 f6 8.Qh5+ g6 9.Nxg6 hxg6 10.Qxh8 Nxc3 11.dxc3 Qd5 12.Be3 Nc6 13.Qh3 Qc4 14.0–0–0 Ne5 15.f4 Qxa2 16.fxe5 Qa1+ 17.Kd2 Rd8+ 18.Bd4 Qa2 19.Qg4 Kf7 20.Ke3 Bh6+ 21.Kf2 cxd4 22.Rxd4 f5 23.Qd1 Rxd4 24.Qxd4 Qxb2 25.e6+ Kg8 26.Kg3 Bg7 27.Qb4 Be5+ 28.Kh3 Qxc3+ 29.Qxc3 Bxc3 30.Rd1 Bc6 31.g4 fxg4+ 32.Kxg4 Bf6 33.h4 a5 34.h5 gxh5+ 35.Kxh5 Bf3+ 0–1

Kaufman, Raymond (2329) – Huang, Patrick (2213) [E18] BC ch 105th Vancouver (3.4), 08.10.2022

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 b6 3.g3 Bb7 4.d4 e6 5.Bg2 Be7 6.0–0 0–0 7.Nc3 Ne4 8.Bd2 d6 9.Rc1 Nd7 10.d5 Nxd2 11.Nxd2 e5 12.b4 a5 13.a3 f5 14.e4 f4 15.Bh3 Nf6 16.Nf3 Bc8 17.Bxc8 Qxc8 18.Ng5 Nd7 19.Ne6 Rf6 20.Nb5 Bd8 21.Qh5 g6 22.Qh6 Rf7 23.f3 axb4 24.axb4 Nf8 25.Nxf8 Rxf8 26.Rc3 Ra2 27.Ra3 Rb2 28.Na7 Qd7 29.Nc6 Bg5 30.Qxg5 Qh3 31.Ne7+ Kf7 0–1

McLaren, Brian (2107) – Kaufman, Raymond (2329) [B25] BC ch 105th Vancouver (4.2), 09.10.2022

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.Nge2 Nf6 6.0–0 d6 7.d3 0–0 8.f4 Rb8 9.h3 Nd7 10.f5 b5 11.Nf4 Nde5 12.g4 c4 13.Be3 cxd3 14.cxd3 b4 15.Nce2 a5 16.Rc1 Ba6 17.Qd2 Rc8 18.g5 a4 19.b3 axb3 20.axb3 Nd7 21.Nd5 Re8 22.f6 Bf8 23.Nd4 Nxd4 24.Bxd4 Nc5 25.fxe7 Bxe7 26.Qf2 Rf8 27.Bf6 Bxf6 28.Nxf6+ Kh8 29.Qh4 h5 30.Nxh5 gxh5 31.Qxh5+ Kg8 32.Rf6 Ne6 33.Rxc8 Qxc8 34.g6 fxg6 35.Qxg6+ Ng7 36.Rxd6 Qc1+ 37.Kh2 Bc8 38.e5 Qf4+ 39.Kh1 Qc1+ 40.Kh2 Qb2 41.Kh1 Bb7 42.Rf6 Qa1+ 0–1

Doknjas, Neil (2277) – MacKinnon, Keith (2288) [B43] BC ch 105th Vancouver (4.4), 09.10.2022

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Bd3 Nf6 7.0–0 d6 8.a4 b6 9.f4 Bb7 10.Be3 Nbd7 11.Qf3 g6 12.Rae1 Bg7 13.Qg3 0–0 14.Kh1 Nc5 15.Bg1 Rad8 16.Nb3 Nh5 17.Qe3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Nxa4 19.c4 e5 20.f5 f6 21.Qh6 Qg7 22.Qd2 Bc6 23.Be3 g5 24.Qe2 Qf7 25.g4 Nf4 26.Bxf4

exf4 27.Nd4 Rc8 28.c5 Nxc5 29.Bc4 Bxe4+ 30.Kg1 Bd5 31.Ne6 Bxc4 32.Qxc4 Nxe6 33.Qxe6
Rxc2 34.Qxd6 Qa2 35.Qe6+ Kg7 36.Qxa2 Rxa2 37.Re6 Rb2 38.Rc1 a5 39.Rcc6 a4 40.Rxb6 Rxb6
41.Rxb6 Ra8 42.Rb1 a3 43.Kg2 a2 44.Ra1 Ra3 0–1

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