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Stephen Wright

HERE AND THERE

Charlotte Norm Super Swiss (July 9-13)

A popular event these days is the so-called “Super Swiss,” a Swiss tournament which, if certain conditions are met, lessens the foreign-player requirements for FIDE norm seekers. One such event just finished in Charlotte, North Carolina. Held at the Hilton Garden Inn – Southpark and organized by the Charlotte Chess Center, the tournament had seventy-five participants including five Canadians: FM Anthony Atanasov, BC’s Neil Doknjas, FM Zachary Dukic, IM Nicholas Vettese, and Daniel Xu. Seven players tied for first: GMs Daniel Naroditsky, Lazaro Bruzon Batista, Jianchao Zhou, Pablo Salinas Herrera, Gil Popilski, Vladimir Georgiev, and FM Gus Huston. The latter obtained one of the three IM norms achieved in the event. The closest Canadian to a norm was Atanasov, who needed at least a draw in the last round but had to face Naroditsky. In Neil’s case the pairing gods were in a particularly perverse mood – despite travelling across the continent he unfortunately ended up playing all the other Canadians, finishing with 3.5 points overall.

Standings

Doknjas, Neil (2126) – Hardaway, Brewington (2361) [C45] Charlotte Norm Super Swiss Charlotte (1.23), 09.07.2023

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Bc5 5.Nxc6 Qf6 6.Qf3 bxc6 7.Nc3 Qxf3 8.gxf3 Rb8 9.Bc4 Ne7 10.Be3 Bxe3 11.fxe3 d6 12.Bb3 0–0 13.h4 Kh8 14.h5 h6 15.0–0–0 f5 16.Rhg1 fxe4 17.fxe4 Rf3 18.e5 Rxe3 19.exd6 cxd6 20.Rxd6 Bh3 21.Rd3 Rxd3 22.cxd3 Rd8 23.Rg3 Bf5 24.Re3 Ng8 25.Ne4 Bg4 26.Bf7 Rf8 27.Bg6 Ne7 28.Nf2 Nxg6 29.Nxg4 Nf4 30.Ne5 Kg8 31.Kd2 Nxe5 32.Nxc6 Nf4 33.Rf3 g5 34.d4 g4 35.Rg3 h5 36.Ne5 Nd5 37.Nxg4 hxg4 38.Rxg4+ Kf7 39.Rh4 Ke6 40.Kd3 Rf2 41.Rh7 Ne7 42.Rh6+ Kd7 43.Kc3 Nd5+ 44.Kc4 Nb6+ 45.Kc3 Kc7 46.Rh7+ Kb8 47.Rh8+ Kb7 48.Rh7+ Ka6 49.Rh6 Rf3+ 50.Kb4 Rf4 51.Kc3 Rf7 52.a4 Rc7+ 53.Kb3 Rd7 54.Kc3 Ka5 55.b3 Nd5+ 56.Kc4 Ne3+ 57.Kc3 Nd1+ 58.Kc4 Rc7+ 59.Kd5 Kb4 60.Kd6 Rg7 61.d5 Nc3 62.Kc6 Nxd5 63.Kxd5 Kxb3 64.Ra6 Kb4 65.Kd4 Rd7+ 66.Ke3 Re7+ 67.Kd4 Rd7+ 68.Ke3 Kc5 69.Ke4 Rh7 70.Kd3 Kb4 71.Kd4 Rg7 72.Kd3 Kb3 73.Kd4 Rc7 74.Kd5 Kb4 75.Kd4 ½–½

Canadian Junior Championship (July 6-9)

With little fanfare the Canadian Junior Championship was held recently in Toronto, under the auspices of the [Elevate My Chess](#) organization but at the Excelsior Chess Club. There were four sections, Open, U1800, U1500, and U1000, eight rounds for the first two, six rounds for the latter, which attracted a total of one hundred and three players. However, the field was largely Ontario if not Toronto-centric, with only one participant from Alberta, two (and a half?) from this province, Gideon Tang and Lucas Yao (the half was Victor Zheng, currently attending the University of

Toronto), and three from Quebec. The overall winner was FM Johnathan Han who lost only a single game to second-place CM Max Chen; third was WIM Svitlana Demchenko and Matthew Zhu. Lucas Yao gave up a first-round draw but won the rest of his games in scoring 5.5/6 to finish clear first in the U1500 Section. [Open](#) [U1800](#) [U1500](#) [U1000](#)

Chen, Matthew (1346) – Yao, Lucas (1388) [C44] CAN jun U1500 Toronto (5.23), 06.07.2023

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 Nf6 4.d4 d6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.Bb5 Bd7 8.d5 Nb8 9.Bxd7+ Nxd7 10.Qa4 a6 11.c4 Be7 12.Nc3 Rd8 13.b4 0–0 14.0–0 Qg6 15.Qa5 Rc8 16.Nd2 Bg5 17.Rad1 Bxd2 18.Rxd2 Nb6 19.Rc2 Nxc4 20.Qa4 Nb6 21.Qb3 Nd7 22.b5 axb5 23.Nxb5 Nc5 24.Qe3 Qxe4 25.Qxe4 Nxe4 26.Nxc7 Nf6 27.Rfc1 Ne4 28.f3 Nf6 29.a4 Rfd8 30.Nb5 Rxc2 31.Rxc2 Nxd5 32.Rd2 Nb6 33.Rxd6 Rxd6 34.Nxd6 Nxa4 35.Nxb7 Kf8 36.Kf2 Ke7 37.Ke3 f5 38.Kd3 Nb6 39.g4 Kf6 40.h4 Nd5 41.Nd6 Nf4+ 42.Kc4 e4 43.fxe4 fxe4 44.Nf5 Ke5 45.Ng3 h5 46.Kc3 g6 47.Kc4 Ng2 48.Kd3 Nxe4 0–1

České Budějovice Chess Festival (July 1-9)

On another continent IM Max Gedajlovic was also playing in a norm event, this as part of a series of round robins and two open Swisses constituting the chess festival in České Budějovice, the capital of South Bohemia. Max was part of the GM A Group and finished on minus one (+2 =4 -3), almost exactly the performance predicted by his rating. The overall winner of the section was GM Tomas Polak ahead of IMs Tomas Kraus and Jan Vykouk (all Czech Republic). [Standings](#)

Gedajlovic, Max (2416) – Horvath, Dominik (2528) [E47] Ceské Budejovice GM A Ceské Budejovice (4.2), 04.07.2023

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0–0 5.Bd3 Re8 6.Nge2 d5 7.0–0 b6 8.a3 Bd6 9.Ng3 dxc4 10.Bxc4 Bb7



11.f4 c5 12.d5 exd5 13.Nxd5 Be7 14.Nc3 Qxd1 15.Rxd1 Nc6 16.Nf5 Bf8 17.Nd6 Bxd6 18.Rxd6 Ne7 19.Bd2 Nf5 20.Rd3 a6 21.a4 Nh4 22.Be1 Nhg2 23.Bf2 Re7 24.Rd6 Nxe3 25.Bxe3 Rxe3 26.Rxb6 Re7 27.a5 h5 28.Na4 Rc7 29.Rc1 Rd8 30.Nxc5 Rxc5 31.Rxb7 Rxa5 32.Rxf7 Kh7 33.Ra7 Rd4 34.Bxa6 Kh6 35.Rc8 Rda4 36.Rh8+ Nh7 37.Bd3 1-0

Gedajlovic, Max (2416) – Reuker, Jari (2428) [E49] České Budejovice GM A České Budejovice (9.4), 09.07.2023

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 d5 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 c6 8.Ne2 b6 9.0-0 Ba6 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.f3 Qc8 12.e4 Qb7 13.e5 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 Nfd7 15.f4 Nc6 16.f5 exf5 17.a4 Ne7 18.Ba3 Rfe8 19.g4 fxg4



20.Rxf7 Kxf7 21.Qxh7 Rg8 22.Rf1+ Ke8 23.Qh5+ Kd8 24.Bxe7+ Kc7 25.Bd6+ Kc6 26.c4 Qa6 27.Qf7 Qa5 28.cxd5+ Kb7 29.Qxd7+ Ka6 30.Nc3 Rac8 31.Nb5 1-0

Orillas de Mar (June 25 – July 2)

The town of Adeje is situated on Tenerife, the largest of the Canary Islands off the North-west coast of Africa. As one would expect a major tourist destination, Adeje also welcomed the one hundred and thirty-one players who participated in the Orillas de Mar (shores of sea) international open, including IM Leon Piasetski. The largest portion of the field was Spanish, but surprisingly the second-largest group, twelve in total, were from China. This is reflected in the final crosstable where four of the top six places are filled by Chinese players. GMs Yan Liu and Xiangzhi Bu along with untitled Tong Xiao (all China) tied for first with GM Abhijeet Gupta (India) and IM Dragos Ceres (Moldova) with 7.0/9, while untitled Renjie Huang (China) was at the top of the trailing group with 6.5 points. Leon had a modest rating gain for his 50% score (+2 =3 -1 and two half-point byes over eight games). [Standings](#)

World Open (June 30 – July 4)

The beginning of the U.S. summer chess season is signalled by two tournaments in Philadelphia, the Philadelphia International and the World Open, both occurring this year at the Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown Hotel. The [16th Philadelphia International](#) (June 24-28) attracted ninety-nine players including three Canadians, one of whom, Chengjun (Patrick) Wang, apparently hails from Vancouver but is new to this writer. The winners were GMs Zaven Andriasian (Armenia) and

Bilel Bellahcene (Algeria) with 7.0 points each; top Canadian was last year's Zonal champion IM Yuanchen Zhang on 5.5. This was immediately followed by the [51st World Open](#) (June 30 – July 4) which included several more BC players, Ethan Su and Nathan Ping-Ying Wu in the U2200 Section and Severo Caluza, Jofrel Landingin, Chengjun (Patrick) Wang, Nicholas Pei-Chang Wu, and Raymond Tangning Zhang in the U2000. Unusually for this tournament there was a clear overall winner, GM Fidel Corrales Jimenez (USA), whose 7.5/9 netted him \$20,500. Nathan scored 5.5 points, Ethan and Chengjun 5.0 each.

SFU Summer Open (June 24-25) by Joe Roback



This was the most ambitious chess undertaking in the history of Simon Fraser University. One hundred and twelve players competed in the spacious and opulent new ballroom in the Student Union Building at Simon Fraser University, Burnaby.

The organizers were Brandon Zhu (the current SFU Chess Club president) and Ryan Leong of Lulu Island Chess who provided the equipment. In formatting the tournament, they wanted to create a strong open section by raising the rating limit to over 1900 (instead of the usual 1800) and institute a larger section fee for players who wanted to play up a section. As a result, this created a National Master Norm for Kate Jiang due to her masterful performance.

There was a three-way tie for first place in the [Open Section](#) with Jingyun (Ryan) Yang, Neil Doknjas, and Kate Jiang. Daniel Ruohan Wang, Jonathan Moore, and Theodore Dias tied for first in the [U1900 Section](#). And Ethan Jun Low placed first in the [U1100 Section](#).

Special thanks to Eric Zhu, Caden Gee, Brandon Zhu, Lucian Wu, Jason Yeo, Johnny Dong, Tai Belke, Tyra Chu for your hard work volunteering at the tournament! Stay tuned for October for the 2023 BC Closed which will be hosted at SFU, Burnaby!

Jiang, Kate (2013) – Doknjas, John (2323) [C24] SFU Summer op Burnaby (3.2), 24.06.2023

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nc6 3.d3 Nf6 4.a3 Be7 5.Nc3 d6 6.h3 0–0 7.Be3 a6 8.Nge2 b5 9.Ba2 Bb7 10.0–0 Nb8 11.f4 exf4 12.Nxf4 Nbd7 13.Qf3 c5 14.Qg3 Nb6 15.Rf2 Ne8 16.Qf3 Nc7 17.Nh5 d5 18.Qg4 g6

19.Bh6 Re8 20.Raf1 Bc8 21.Qd1 Be6 22.Ng7 Bh4 23.Rf3 dxe4 24.Nxe6 fxe6 25.Rf7 Re7 26.Rf8+ Qxf8 27.Rxf8+ Rxf8 28.Bxf8 Kxf8 29.Nxe4 Rf7 30.Qg4 Bf6 31.c3 c4 32.dxc4 bxc4 33.Nxf6 Rxf6 34.Qd4 Nbd5 35.Bxc4 Kf7 36.Qa7 Kf8 37.Bxd5 Nxd5 38.Qxh7 Nf4 39.Qa7 Ne2+ 40.Kh2 Rf5 41.Qxa6 Nc1 42.Qxe6 1–0

Saint-Jean-Baptiste Rapid (June 24) by Paul Leblanc

Victoria Players Celebrate St-Jean-Baptiste Day at the Curling Rink Unexpected Venue, Unexpected Turnout, Unexpected Winners



Saturday June 24th, 2023 at the Archie Browning Sports Centre curling rink (photo: Rob Swartz)

What game is played in a curling rink? If you answered chess, you were correct. This Rapid tournament, originally scheduled to take place in a meeting room at the Esquimalt Recreation Centre, attracted so many players that it needed more space. Some imaginative thinking by Tatum Hillis, our contact at the Township of Esquimalt led us to the curling rink.

Sixty-five players took part in this five-round, two-section CFC rated Rapid tournament. This was the largest turnout for a Rapid tournament in anyone's memory. The results were equally remarkable. In the thirty-one player Premier Section, Alexander Webb scored a perfect 5.0-0.0 against opposition with an average rating more than 500 points higher than his own. In the thirty-four player U1200 Section, ninth ranked Edward Taylor also completed a 5.0-0.0 sweep. The tournament was organized by Paul Leblanc of the Victoria Chess Club with National Arbiter Marc Moisan, also of the Victoria Chess Club, as TD. [Premier U1200](#)

Tate, Bill (1794) – Webb, Alexander (1262) [B15] Ste-Jean-Baptiste Day Esquimalt (1), 24.06.2023

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Nxf6+ exf6 I've been playing the Tartakower for a while now as it offers decent attacking chances while still preserving a degree of king safety. Thankfully I'd done a little opening review before the game, so it was fresh in my mind. **6.Nf3 Bd6 7.Be2 O-O 8.O-O Re8 9.Be3** 9.Be3 isn't a move I have in my notes, but it didn't seem to pose any major issues so I developed as normal. I was trying to maintain a time lead, as is my usual practice, and went for solid, normal moves. **9...Be6 10.c4 b6 11.c5! Bc7 12.b4 Nd7 13.a4 Bd5 14.Qd2 Nf8** 10...b6 isn't the most accurate continuation, but thankfully the resulting pawn tension held long

enough for me to maneuver my knight into a more central square. **15.Rfc1 Ne6 16.b5** Now White's queenside initiative is reaching a boiling point and I have to strike back before a breakthrough occurs. **16...f5! 17.g3**



17...f4! Despite White's attempt to dissuade, I force either a kingside weakness or the misplacement of the dark-squared bishop. I was expecting a queen move to give the bishop new squares, but finding good coordination while still holding back my kingside attacking ideas is very hard to do. **18.gxf4 Qf6 19.Ne5 Bxe5!?** The computer dislikes giving up the bishop here, but I never seriously considered its suggestion of capturing the c-pawn. All I wanted was to move the focus of the game away from that part of the board before my pawn chains inevitably crumbled. And getting rid of the now-powerful knight on e5 felt necessary to continue the attack. **20.dxe5 Qg6+ 21.Kf1 Rad8** I very nearly didn't include this rook move, as the immediate check was tempting me, but in hindsight it's a crucial addition. Getting the pressure on

White's light-squared bishop when it blocks for the king is only possible because this rook forced the white queen's repositioning. **22.Qc2 Qg2+ 23.Ke1 Be4 24.Qc3 Qh1+ 25.Bf1 Bd3** The pressure in question. Thanks to the rook and the tempo on the white queen, White's bishop is lost. There's still a bit of a dance to ensure that Black gets out with all the material they started with, but White's king simply has nowhere to shelter because of the advanced queenside pawns. **26.Kd2 Bxf1+ 27.Kc2 Qe4+ 28.Kb2 Rd3** The two extra checks allow (most) my pieces to exfiltrate safely, and with the awkward piece coordination White now must give away further material just to stay in the game. **29.Rxf1 Rxc3 30.Kxc3 bxc5 31.bxc6 Qb4+ 32.Kc2 Nd4+** Not the most accurate continuation - it seems I missed a mate-in-6 at one point - but any piece off the board is another possible blunder avoided. Given time, the material imbalance will tell. **33.Bxd4 Qxd4 34.c7 Qxf4 35.Rfd1 Qf5+ 36.Kc1 Qc8** Not strictly necessary, but it removes further pawns and without the c-pawn White's tricks are rapidly drying up. All that's needed now is some luft, and Black's position is blunder-proof. **37.Ra3 Qxc7 38.f4 g6 39.Rad3 Qa5 40.Rd7 Qc3+ 41.Kb1 Rb8+** White resigns **0-1**

Vancity June Rapid (June 17)

The Vancity June Rapid had many things in common with the May edition – same location (Thompson Community Centre in Richmond), same smaller field (this time the Father's Day weekend rather than Mother's Day, plus the High School Championship was on the same day), and ultimately the same overall winner – CM Jorge Nunez Asencio. This time around Jorge lost to Ashton Taylor in the second round so 'only' scored 5.0 points total, yet his rivals were unable to take advantage of the lapse – NM Neil Doknjas, NM Mayo Fuentesbella, Leo Qu, and Johan Aljo all tied for second a half-point off the pace. Organizer Tyler Sanderson helped out by defeating Mayo in the first round.

Unusually the U1400 Section was smaller than the Open (twenty-two to twenty-seven, normally it is considerably larger). Three players, Dioscoro Santos, Aadit Arya, and Tommy To, all won five games but it was Dioscoro who took the first-place honours on tiebreak. [Open U1400](#)



Ryan Leong, CM Jorge Nunez Asencio, Tyler Sanderson

BC High School Chess Championship (June 17) by Alexandra Amini



(photo by Caden Gee)

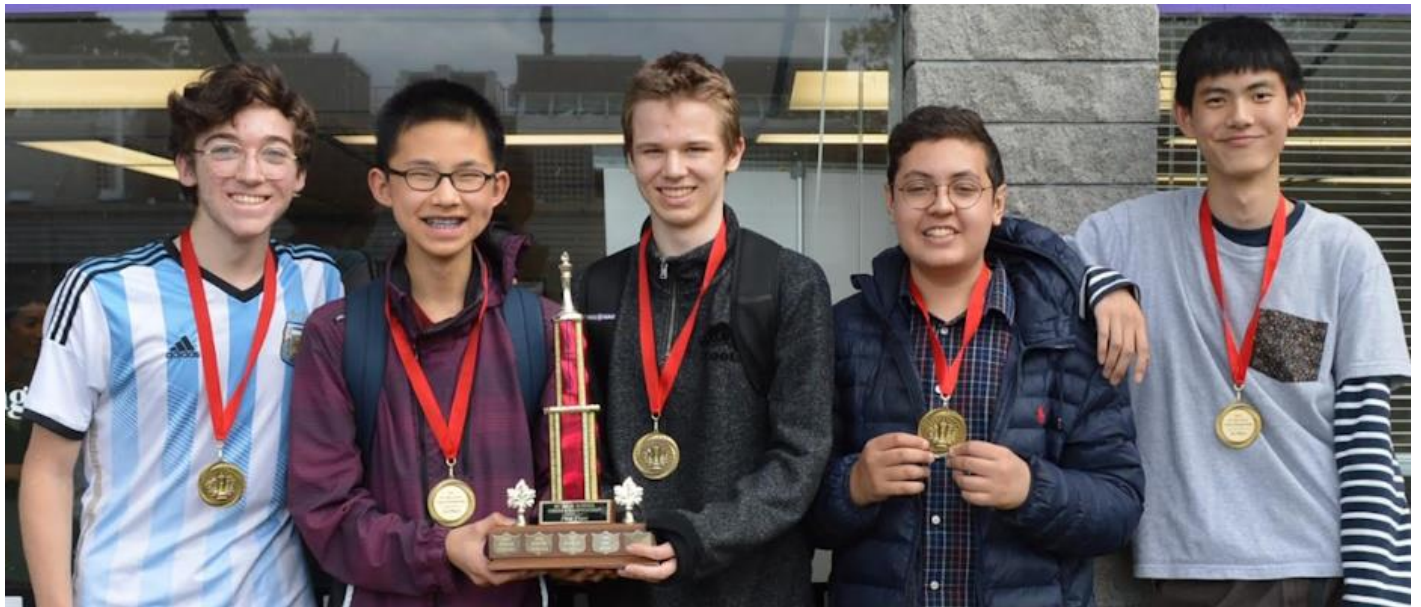
Between April 16 and June 2 the [BC Junior Chess Association](#) (BCJCA) hosted regional qualifiers for their annual high school chess championship event in six Lower Mainland district areas: Vancouver-West, Richmond, Vancouver-East, Burnaby, North Vancouver and Surrey.

Over one hundred and fifteen participants competed in these qualifiers with the following eight schools earning an opportunity to compete for BCJCA's provincial championship: Gladstone, University Hill, R.C. Palmer, Moscrop, St. Thomas More, Collingwood School, Elgin Park, and Mount Douglas. Held at the Canada Royal Arts High School in Vancouver on June 17, BCJCA's 2023 BC High School Chess Championship saw over forty participants from the eight finalists' schools. In the end, congratulations were given to University Hill Secondary School in Vancouver-

West for taking home first place, Elgin Park Secondary School in Surrey for taking home second place, and Moscrop Secondary School in Burnaby taking home third place. The BCJCA is a student-led organization representing thirty-five plus secondary school chess clubs from across British Columbia with the goal to bring together high school chess players through tournaments and to promote a more connected high school chess community. [Standings](#)



BCJCA Chess Championship finalists (photo by Eric Zhu)



The winning University Hill Team: David E., Sutong W., Ryan T., Mohammadsadra Z., Kaiqi Q., (photo by Eric Zhu)

Champions of Canada

Navin Krishna Giri and Amarjeet Singh interview BCCF President Paul Leblanc:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dCQzNZNhHoU>

VANCITY CANADA DAY OPEN (July 1-3)



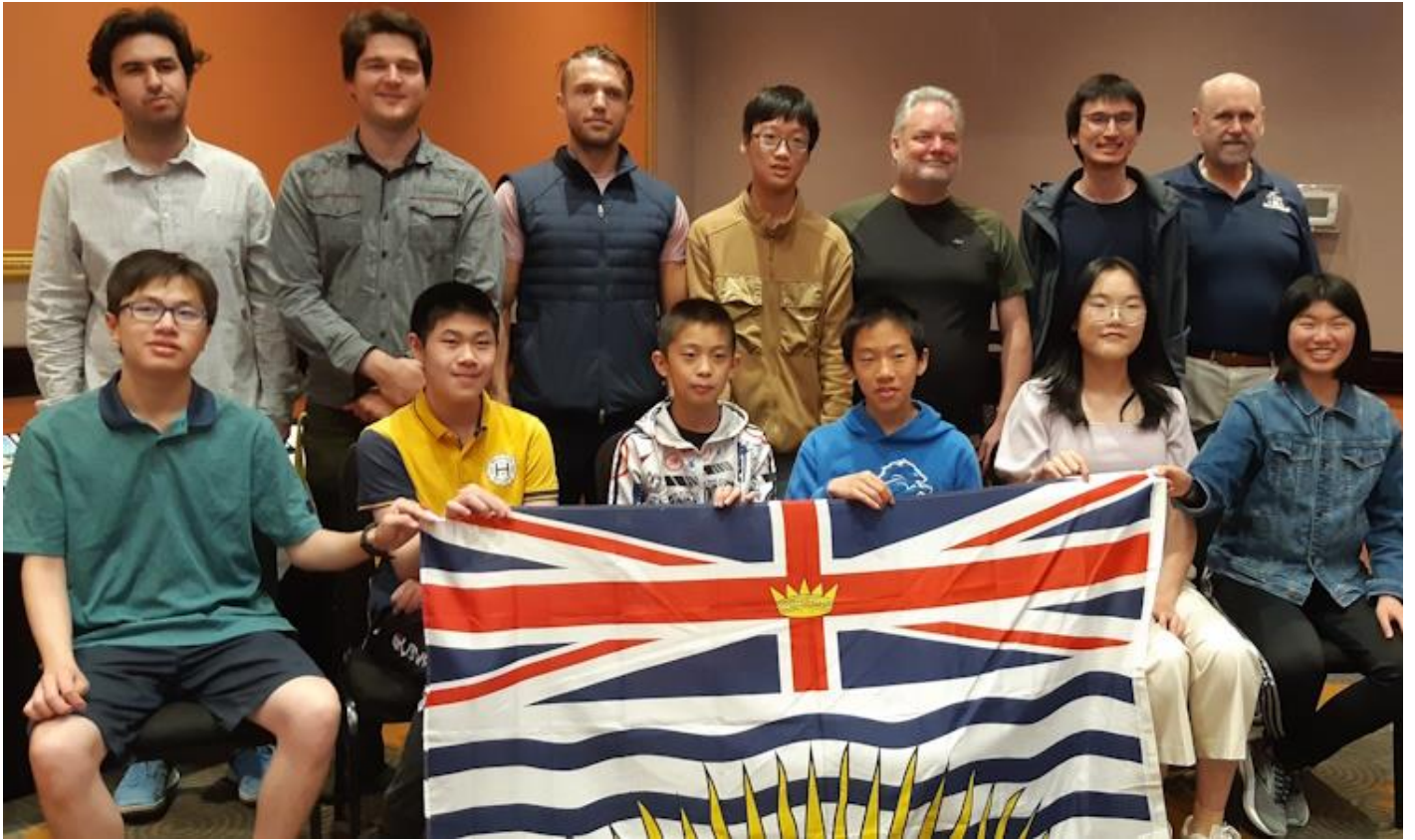
(photo by Murray Chu)

Organization of this year's Canada Day Open at the Executive Hotel Vancouver Airport saw a transition from Victoria Chess to Vancity Chess – the same tournament but under new management. Sharing the same playing site as the BC-WA Match, the Canada Day Open was held in four sections, Premier, U2000, U1500, and U1000. There were one hundred and seventy participants but only eleven of these entered the premier; with three over 2300 who could just as easily played in the adjacent match, this made for a very strong section. It was BC co-champion IM Raymond Kaufman who came out on top, giving up a pair of draws in finishing first with 5.0/6. A full point back were FM John Doknjas, CM Jorge Nunez Asencio, NCM Brandon Zhu, and Leo Qu. Ameet Kumar Dalal was the clear winner of the U2000 Section ahead of Theodore Dias and Joey Xu. The competition in the U1500 was so close it came down to an Armageddon game but in the end Owen Yuen prevailed over Martin Lorenz, they both scored 5.5 points; third was Aiden Yin. And Aadit Arya was the perfect winner of the U1000 Section, Aidan Ho was second ahead of a seven(!)-way tie for third. Many took advantage of the option to play up – in the U2000 there was only one player within 100 points of the section boundary, and only four in the two lower sections (out of sixty plus players in each case). [Premier](#) [U2000](#) [U1500](#) [U1000](#)

BC-WA MATCH (July 1-3) by Josh Sinanan

The 2023 WA vs BC Challenge Match ended in a convincing [36.5–23.5](#) victory for Team British Columbia! Congratulations to all of the BC Team players and organizers on a well-played match! Thanks to all of the WA players and their families who made the trip up to Richmond! Truth be told, the team WA players played with heart and courage in all of the games, with many being decided in wild time scrambles! Despite Team Washington's lineup of numerous underrated juniors, the average rating advantage of Team British Columbia proved a decisive advantage. All of the players from both teams displayed tremendous sportsmanship and many games were a lot closer than the final score would indicate. Congratulations to the players from both teams on an exciting match, now in its seventh straight year since the match was revived in 2017! With this

weekend's victory, Team BC now leads the series 5-2 and is on a five-year winning streak. Team WA will have to train hard in the off-season and return stronger next year!



(photo by Ivan Petrov)



Team BC gained a modest lead by winning the first three rounds by a score of 8.0-4.0 each round. That is, until Team Washington unleashed the beast in round 4 with a sensational 7.0-5.0 round win led by victories from Austin Liu, Yiding Lu, Ted Wang, David Paez, Jamie Zhu, and Michael Xiong! Team BC's NM Neil Doknjas was an absolute wrecking ball, scoring an amazing 4.5/5 to lead Team BC to victory. The junior players from both teams were especially impressive, many of whom have improved tremendously in recent years. It was a pleasure for Paul Leblanc, Stephen Wright, Murray Chu, and myself to organize this match once again. Special thanks to VanCity Chess for providing the equipment and running the tournament, which always started on time and ran very smoothly. We would also like to thank our sponsors Sridhar Seshadri, Washington Chess Federation, and British Columbia Chess Federation. Thank you also to all the players and parents who traveled a long way and invested their time, money, and energy to make this match possible. We look forward to continuing this great tradition for many years to come!

Doknjas, Neil (2270) – Lu, Yiding (2181) [E45] BC-WA m Richmond (5.1), 03.07.2023

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 b6 5.Nge2 Ba6 6.Qa4 c5 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.Nxc3 Bb7 9.Bd3 Bxg2 10.Rg1 Bc6 11.Qc2 g6 12.d5 exd5 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.e4 Nxc3 15.Qxc3 f6 16.Bf4 Kf7 17.Bc4+ Kg7 18.Qh3 h6 19.Rxg6+ Kxg6 20.0–0–0 d5 21.exd5 Qc8 22.Rg1+ Kf7 23.d6+ Kf8 24.Qxh6+ Rxh6 25.Rg8# 1–0

[The endings of three hard-fought games which caught your editor's fancy. Given that they were decided when short of time, the moral is studying the endgame should not be neglected!]

Lu, Yiding (2181) – He, Matthew (2148) [B19] BC-WA m Richmond (4.3), 03.07.2023

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.Nf3 Nd7 8.h5 Bh7 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 e6 11.Bd2 Ngf6 12.0–0–0 Be7 13.Ne4 0–0 14.g4 Nxe4 15.Qxe4 Nf6 16.Qe2 Qd5 17.c4 Qe4 18.Qxe4 Nxe4 19.Be1 b5 20.c5 Bf6 21.Ne5 Bxe5 22.dxe5 Rfd8 23.b4 a5 24.f3 Ng5 25.Rxd8+ Rxd8 26.bxa5 Nxf3 27.Bc3 Nd4 28.Rh2 f6 29.exf6 gxf6 30.Rd2 e5 31.Bxd4 exd4 32.Kc2 Kf7 33.Kd3 Rg8 34.Kxd4 Rxg4+ 35.Kc3 Ra4 36.Rd7+ Ke6 37.Rd6+ Ke5 38.Rxc6 Rxa5 39.Kb4 Rxa2 40.Kxb5 Rb2+ 41.Kc4 Rh2 42.Rd6 Rh4+ 43.Kb5 Rxh5 44.Rd1 Rh2 45.Rc1 Rb2+ 46.Ka6 Rb8 47.c6 f5 48.c7 Rh8 49.c8Q Rxc8 50.Rxc8



50...Kf4?? [Rather than support the passed pawns it is more important to 'shoulder' the enemy king: 50...f4 51.Kb5 Kd4! In fact the h-pawn should be ignored, the position is still a draw without it.] **51.Kb5 h5 52.Kc4 h4 53.Kd3 Kg3 54.Ke2 h3 55.Rg8+ Kh2 56.Kf2 f4 57.Rh8 1–0**

Zhu, Jamie Zhongyun (1858) – Taylor, Ashton (1975) [A13] BC-WA m Richmond (4.5), 03.07.2023

1.c4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Be7 5.b3 0–0 6.Bb2 c5 7.cxd5 exd5 8.d4 Bg4 9.Be2 Nc6 10.0–0 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 cxd4 12.exd4 Bb4 13.Qd3 Re8 14.Rfe1 Qd7 15.a3 Bxc3 16.Bxc3 Rxe1+ 17.Rxe1 Re8 18.Rxe8+ Nxe8 19.Qe3 Qe6 20.Kf1 Nf6 21.b4 a6 22.a4 Qf5 23.g4 Qg6 24.g5 Ne4 25.Bxe4 dxe4 26.d5 Ne7 27.Qf4 h6 28.gxh6 Qxh6 29.Qxh6 gxh6 30.d6 Nc6 31.b5 Nb8 32.Bf6 Nd7 33.Bc3 f5 34.Ke2 Kf7 35.f3 Ke6 36.fxe4 fxe4 37.Bb4 Kd5 38.bxa6 bxa6 39.Ke3 Ne5 40.h4 h5 41.a5 Nd7 42.Ba3 Ne5 43.Bb4 Nd7 44.Kf4 Kc4 45.Ba3 Kd3 46.Kg5 e3 47.Bb4 Kc4 48.Be1 Kd5 49.Bg3 Ke4 50.Kxh5 Kf5 51.Kh6 e2 52.Kg7 Nf6 53.Kf7 Ne4 54.d7 Nxc3 55.d8Q Ke4 56.Qd2 Kf3 57.Qe1 Nh5 58.Ke7 Nf4 59.h5 Nxh5 60.Qh1+ Kg3 61.Qe1+ Kf3 62.Kd7 Nf4 63.Kc7 Nd3 64.Qh1+ Ke3 65.Kb6 e1Q 66.Qxe1+ Nxe1



67.Kxa6 Nc2 68.Kb5 Na3+?? [Now the knight is unable to stop the pawn. It turns out a lone knight can prevent a rook pawn from promoting if it can reach the circuit shown by arrows in the diagram, or reach bishop 1 in the old notation. 68...Nd4+ 69.Kb6 Nf5!! and the knight will reach d6 immediately or c8 via e7. The reader is invited to examine how the combination of checks and threatened forks saves Black.] 69.Kc5 Ke4 70.a6 1–0

He, Matthew (2148) – Paez, David (1970) [D12] BC-WA m Richmond (5.4), 03.07.2023

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 Bf5 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nh4 Bg6 7.Nxc6 hxc6 8.Bd2 Nbd7 9.Qc2 a6 10.b3 Bb4 11.Bd3 Ng4 12.h3 Qh4 13.Rf1 Bxc3 14.Qxc3 Ngf6 15.Qb4 c5 16.dxc5 Ne4 17.Bxe4 Qxe4 18.Qxb7 Rb8 19.Qc7 Rd8 20.Rd1 0–0 21.Bc3 Qc2 22.Qa5 Nxc5 23.Qxc5 Qxc3+ 24.Ke2 dxc4 25.Qxc4 Qb2+ 26.Kf3 Rxd1 27.Rxd1 Qxa2 28.Rd7 Qa5 29.g4 Qb6 30.Kg3 Rb8 31.Qf4 Rf8 32.Rd3 Qb8 33.b4 g5 34.Qd6 Rd8 35.Qxb8 Rxb8 36.Rd4 Rb5 37.Rc4 a5 38.Rc8+ Kh7 39.Rc5 Rxc5 40.bxc5 a4 41.c6 a3 42.c7 a2 43.c8Q a1Q 44.Kg2 Qe5 45.Qc4 f5 46.Qd4 Qb5 47.Qd6 Qb7+ 48.Kh2 Qf3 49.Qg3 Qe4 50.gxf5 exf5 51.Qxg5 Qe5+ 52.Kg2 Qe4+ 53.Kg3 Qe5+ 54.Qf4 Qe6 55.h4 Qg6+ 56.Qg5 Qd6+ 57.Kh3 Qe6 58.h5 Qe4 59.Qg6+ Kh8 60.Qg2 Qe6 61.Kh4 Qe7+ 62.Qg5 Qe4+ 63.Qf4 Qe7+ 64.Kg3 Qf6 65.Qg5 Qe6 66.f3 Qe5+ 67.Kh3 Qe6 68.Kh4 Qe5 69.Qf4 Qe7+ 70.Kh3 Qe6 71.Kg3 Kh7 72.e4 fxe4 73.Qxe4+ Qxe4 74.fxe4



74...Kh6?? [Losing, 74...g6 is a straight-forward draw (75.Kg4 Kg7)] **75.Kg4??** [But this throws away the win. Correct is 75.Kf4 Kxh5 76.Kf5 when the Black king is vulnerable to White promoting with check.] **75...g6 76.e5 gxh5+ 77.Kf5 Kg7 78.Ke6 h4 79.Kd7 h3 80.e6 h2 81.e7 h1Q 82.e8Q** [And as the third(!) set of queens has arrived on the board the players finally called it a day.] ½–½

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