

## BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #455

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### HERE AND THERE

#### European Excursions

As we saw in the last Bulletin, a number of players from this province have been visiting and playing chess in Europe, some of them for extended periods of time. **IM Max Gedajlovic** has been participating in a series of GM norm events in Budapest, ten-player round robins, each with the requisite number of titled players from differing federations, etc. In the [2nd Levente Lengyel Memorial GM](#) (July 22-27) and [SixDays Budapest July GM B](#) (July 29 – August 3) he scored 4.0 and 3.5 points respectively, but did much better in the [First Saturday GM](#) (August 3-10), tying for second with IM Eugene Floryan (France) on 6.0/9 behind winner GM Vasilios Kotronias (Greece).

**Berczes, David (2399) – Gedajlovic, Max (2378) [A07] First Saturday GM August Budapest (3.3), 05.08.2024**

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.d4 c6 5.0–0 Nf6 6.c4 dxc4 7.a4 Ne4 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.e4 Bg4 10.Be3 Qc8 11.Qe2 0–0 12.e5 Nf5 13.Qxc4 Nxe3 14.fxe3 Bh6 15.Rae1 a5 16.Ne4 Be6 17.Qc5 Qd8 18.Neg5 Bc8 19.e6 fxe6 20.e4 Na6 21.Qc4 b5 22.Qc3 Qb6 23.h4 Bg7 24.Kh2 Bd7 25.e5 bxa4 26.h5 Qb3 27.Qd2 Nb4 28.hxg6 hxg6 29.Ne4 Qc2 30.Qg5 Nd3 31.Re3 Rab8 32.Rxd3 Qxd3 33.Qxg6 Rb3 34.Rf2 Rxf3 35.Nc5 Qe3 36.Nxd7 Qxf2 37.Qxe6+ Rf7 38.Nf6+ exf6 39.Qc8+ Rf8 40.Qe6+ Rf7 41.Qc8+ Bf8 0–1

**Gedajlovic, Max (2378) – Pap, Misa (2396) [E11] First Saturday GM August Budapest (6.2), 08.08.2024**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 Qe7 5.e3 Bxd2+ 6.Qxd2 d6 7.Nc3 e5 8.Qc2 0–0 9.Be2 c6 10.0–0 e4 11.Nd2 Bf5 12.b4 Nbd7 13.Rae1 Rfe8 14.Qb3 Rab8 15.f3 exf3 16.Bxf3 c5 17.e4 cxd4 18.Nb5 Be6 19.Nxd4 Ne5 20.Rd1 Rec8 21.Be2 a6 22.Qg3 Nc6 23.Nxc6 bxc6 24.a3 c5 25.Rb1 Nd7 26.Qc3 Ne5 27.h3 f6 28.Kh1 Qf7 29.b5 axb5 30.cxb5 Ra8 31.Nf3 Ra4 32.b6 Qb7 33.Nxe5 fxe5 34.Bg4 Qe7 35.b7 Rb8 36.Rb6 Rxe4 37.Qf3 Rd4 38.Bxe6+ Qxe6 39.Qc6 Rf4 40.Rd1 Rd4 41.Rdb1 Rf4 1–0

**CM Ethan Song** was one of four Canadians who entered the Master tournament of this year's [57th Biel Chess Festival](#) (July 15-25), the others being Canadian Champion IM Shiyam Thavandiran, WIM Svitlana Demchenko, and Zachary Saine. Four players tied for first with 7.5/10 – GMs Rinat Jumabayev (Kazakhstan) and Leon Luke Mendonca (India) and IMs Sharma Ayush (India) and Mukhiddin Madaminov (Uzbekistan). Shiyam finished with 6.0 points, Ethan and

Svitlana 5.0, and Zachary 3.5. Elsewhere winning the Grandmaster Triathlon series of events at Biel (Classical, Rapid, and Blitz) was Vietnamese Super GM Quang Liem Le, brother of BC's IM Quang Long Le. Another player in Biel was IM Dietmar Kolbus, originally from Germany but latterly affiliated with the Isle of Man; readers may recall his participation in the Paul Keres Memorial tournaments in 2012-14 and 2022. Tragically, Biel turned out to be Kolbus's last event: he died in his hotel room after the sixth round. Kolbus was fifty-eight years old. [ChessBase obituary](#)



Ethan Song



Dietmar Kolbus

**Fromm, Marius (2448) – Song, Ethan (2244) [D35] Biel Master op 57th Biel (2.23), 16.07.2024**

1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 c6 7.Bd3 0–0 8.Nge2 a5 9.Qc2 h6 10.Bh4 Na6 11.a3 b5 12.0–0 Bd7 13.Rfc1 Rc8 14.Qd1 Nc7 15.a4 b4 16.Nb1 Ne6 17.Nd2 c5 18.dxc5 Nxc5 19.Bc2 Nfe4 20.Bxe7 Qxe7 21.Nd4 Rfe8 22.Nf1 Qf6 23.Bxe4 dxe4 24.Ng3 Qe5 25.b3 f5 26.Nge2 Nd3 27.Rxc8 Rxc8 28.Ra2 f4 29.exf4 Nxf4 30.Nxf4 Qxf4 31.Rc2 Rc3 32.g3 Qe5 33.Rxc3 bxc3 34.Nc2 Be6 35.Qd8+ Kh7 36.Qd4 Qxd4 37.Nxd4 Bh3 38.f3 exf3 39.Kf2 Bg2 40.Nc2 Bh3 41.Kxf3 Be6 42.b4 Bf5 43.Nd4 c2 44.Nxc2 Bxc2 45.bxa5 Bxa4 46.a6 Bc6+ 47.Kf4 Kg6 48.Ke5 Kg5 49.h3 Kg6 50.Ke6 Bg2 51.h4 Bh3+ 52.Ke5 Kh5 53.Kf4 Bc8 54.a7 Bb7 55.Kf5 g6+ 0–1

Ethan then travelled from Switzerland to the Greek city of Kavala for the [33rd Kavala Open](#) (July 29 – August 5), held in memory of Vasilis Theodoridis, one of the developers of chess in the region, who passed away two years ago. The fifty-three player event was won by Greek GM Andreas Kelires with 7.5 points, Ethan scored 5.5 points.

**Aiden Leong** was a participant in a ten-player round robin in the Serbian city of Niš, [SEE Chess Kalča Niš Standard](#) (August 2-7). (SEE Chess = South Eastern European Chess Organization, based in Plovdiv, Bulgaria; Kalča is a Trade and Business Centre in Niš.) He tied for fourth on plus two, 5.5 points; the winner was Serbian IM Branimir Maksimovic with 7.0 points.



Round 1: Aiden Leong vs. Miroslav Jovanovic

**Dimitrijevic, Andjela (1937) – Leong, Aiden (1861) [B11] SEE Chess Kalca Nis Standard, Niš, TC Kalca (5.3), 04.08.2024**

1.e4 c6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Nf3 Bg4 4.h3 Bxf3 5.Qxf3 Nf6 6.d3 e6 7.Bd2 Qb6 8.Qg3 d4 9.Na4 Qd8 10.b3 b5 11.Nb2 Ba3 12.Rb1 0–0 13.Be2 Na6 14.0–0 Nb4 15.Bg5 Qb8 16.f4 Kh8 17.Qh4 Ng8 18.f5 f6 19.Bd2 e5 20.Bh5 Nxc2 21.Bg6 h6 22.Nd1 Bb4 23.Bc1 Ba3 24.Bxa3 Nxa3 25.Rc1 Qd6 26.g4 c5 27.Nf2 c4 28.Qh5 cxd3 29.h4 Qe7 30.Rcd1 Rac8 31.Kh1 Nc2 32.Rg1 Ne3 33.Rxd3 Rc2 34.Nh3 Rfc8 35.g5 Rc1 36.Bf7 Qb7 37.Nf2 Rxc1+ 38.Kxc1 Rf8 39.Bxc8 Rxc8 40.Kh2 Qc7 41.g6 Rc8 42.Rxe3 dxe3 43.Ng4 e2 44.Nxh6 gxh6 45.Qxh6+ Kg8 0–1

The [4th Monteolivete Open](#) (July 15-21) took place in Valencia, Spain and among its field of ninety-eight players was **Elliot McCallum**. The overall winner was Spanish IM Pablo Cruz Lledo whose 8.5/9 generated a performance rating of 2680; Elliot's score of 5.0 was good for a FIDE rating gain of 100 points. Then it was north-west to the Bay of Biscay coast and Gijón for the [8th RGCC Open](#) (July 29 – August 4), RGCC being the Real Grupo de Cultura Covadonga. The one hundred and four player international was won by IM Vladyslav Larkin (Ukraine) on 7.5/9; Elliot starting rank was seventy-fourth but finished thirty-eighth with 5.0 points and should gain another 85 rating points.

Finally, **Dasha and Sophia Doroshenko** have also played in a number of European events, beginning with Opens A and B respectively of the [České Budějovice Chess Festival](#) (June 29 – July 7). Also known by its German name “Budweis” (yes, your assumption about brewing is correct), České Budějovice is the capital city of Southern Bohemia in the Czech Republic. Dasha scored 3.0 and 5.5 points, both improving on their initial tournament rankings.

**Doroshenko, Dasha (1709) – Steinbauer, Sebastian (1997) [C44] Ceske Budejovice op A Ceske Budejovice (1.43), 29.06.2024**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d3 Nc6 4.Be2 d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0–0 Bg4 7.a3 Qd7 8.Bd2 Bd6 9.Nc3 Nxc3

10.Bxc3 f6 11.d4 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 exd4 13.Bxc6 Qxc6 14.Re1+ Be5 15.Bxd4 0–0–0 16.Qg4+ Kb8  
17.Bxe5 fxe5 18.Qe4 Qxe4 19.Rxe4 Rd2 20.Rc1 Rf8 21.Rxe5 Rdx2 22.Rce1 Kc8 23.Re8+ Rxe8  
24.Rxe8+ Kd7 25.Kxf2 Kxe8 26.Ke2 Ke7 27.Ke3 g5 28.g4 c5 29.c4 a5 30.Ke4 b6 31.Kf5 h6  
32.Kg6 1–0

**Doroshenko, Sophia – Cyron, Karel (1802) [B03] Ceske Budejovice op B Ceske Budejovice (8.5), 06.07.2024**

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 Nb6 5.exd6 cxd6 6.Nc3 g6 7.Be3 Bg7 8.Rc1 0–0 9.b3 Nc6 10.d5  
Nb8 11.Be2 Re8 12.Nf3 Bg4 13.0–0 Na6 14.h3 Bd7 15.Qd2 Rc8 16.Bh6 Bh8 17.Rfe1 Rc7 18.Ne4  
Qc8 19.Be3 Bf5 20.Nc3 Nc5 21.Nb5 Ne4 22.Qd1 Bxh3 23.gxh3 Qxh3 24.Bf1 Qg4+ 25.Bg2 Rc5  
26.Nh2 Qxd1 27.Rexd1 Nf6 28.Bxc5 dxc5 29.d6 exd6 30.Rxd6 Nfd7 31.Rcd1 Re7 32.Bh3 f5  
33.Nf3 a6 34.Nc7 Bd4 35.Nxd4 cxd4 36.R6xd4 Ne5 37.Rd8+ Kf7 38.Nd5 Nxd5 39.R8xd5 Nf3+  
40.Kg2 Nh4+ 41.Kg3 Re4 42.R5d4 g5 43.Rxe4 fxe4 44.Rd7+ Kg6 45.Rxb7 1–0



The next country was Croatia, specifically Zadar on the Adriatic coast and the [Zadar Chess Festival](#) (July 16-23). In the ninety-player B Section Sophia scored 5.0 points and Dasha 4.0.

**Canadian Senior Championship** (August 3-5)

Hosted by the Calgary Chess Club over the August long weekend, the Canadian Senior Championship attracted a total of seventeen players, mainly from the Calgary area. Officially there are two categories, 50+ and 65+, but in this case it looks like they were combined due to the paucity of numbers. FM Dale Haessel was the overall winner and 50+ champion with an undefeated 5.0/6, giving up draws to Robert South and previously unrated James Botoy. South was also undefeated but had taken a half-point bye in round two, nevertheless he finished in clear second and took the 65+ crown. Second in the 65+ category was shared between BC's Brian McLaren, Roy Yearwood, and James Botoy, while Olanrewaju Aluko was second in the 50+.

[Standings](#)



The Canadian Senior Championship – Brian McLaren in the left foreground

### **2024 CTCA International Open** (July 22-27)

The Chinese Taipei Chess Association (CTCA) in association with the Taiwan Mind Sports Development Association (TMSDA) organized an international open in the fourth week of July, the location being Taoyuan. Primarily designed as a junior competition using the FIDE school categories (U7/U9/U11/U13/U15/U17/U19 in open and girls), but also an Open Section and one for seniors. As it turned out there were insufficient numbers to sustain all these sections and several were combined: the Open, U17 and U19 played together, as did the U13/U15 and U7/U9/U11. Two of the foreign guests were GM Sergei Tiviakov (Netherlands) and our own IM Raymond Kaufman, who were the highest-rated players apart from local IM Adelard Bai; another name we recognize is that of FM Ignatius Leong, longtime Singapore organizer and controversial chess politician. The main nine-round classical [Open U17U19](#) was won by Tiviakov (8.5 points) ahead of Bai with Kaufman and Aaron Yu-His Huang tied for third, reflecting rating order. There was also an open nine-round [Blitz](#) event which Tiviakov did not participate in, so the winner was Adelard Bai with Raymond second.



Round 7, Tiviakov vs. Kaufman

## **Kaufman, Raymond (2154) – Wu, Chen-Hao (1583) [B52] CTCA International op Taoyuan (1.3), 22.07.2024**

(The only game of Raymond's I have been able to find – don't let his opponent's lowly rating fool you, he finished fifth in the main competition.)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.c4 Bxb5 5.cxb5 a6 6.bxa6 Nxa6 7.d4 Nf6 8.Nc3 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Nc5 10.Qe2 g6 11.0–0 Bg7 12.Rd1 Qc8 13.f3 0–0 14.Be3 Ne6 15.Ndb5 Nh5 16.Nd5 Qd8 17.f4 Rc8 18.g4 Nf6 19.Nxf6+ Bxf6 20.e5 Bg7 21.exd6 exd6 22.Nxd6 Rc6 23.Nf5 Qc7 24.Nxg7 Kxg7 25.f5 gxf5 26.gxf5 Nc5 27.Kh1 h6 28.Rg1+ Kh7 29.Qg4 1–0

### **World Chess Day** (July 20)

Chose because FIDE was founded on July 20, this year World Chess Day was more significant than usual as the year of the founding was 1924, exactly one hundred years ago. It is normal to celebrate chess on this day, but to highlight the occasion FIDE organized a concerted effort to set a new world record for the most games of chess played in a twenty-four hour period. There were various formal and informal gatherings in BC to celebrate the day – here are reports on some of them:

### **Victoria Chess Club Celebrates World Chess Day** by Paul Leblanc **Peter Mingrone Wins Rapid**

World Chess Day was Saturday, July 20 and to commemorate the event the Victoria Chess Club hosted a five-round rapid tournament at the Esquimalt Recreation Centre, home of the chess club. Peter Mingrone topped the field of thirty-eight players with a 5-0 score, sealing the victory with a last-round win against chess club President and national master Roger Patterson. The top U1300 prize was won by Kedar Aryan Kulkarni, top U1000 was Aaron Severance who journeyed from Pender Island and top unrated was Logan Pinard. All received collections of Gary Kasparov books donated by the late Chris Eve. The event raised \$612 that will go towards paying the rent for the chess club so that members can continue to attend the club for free. [Standings](#)



Peter Mingrone clutching first prize “My Great Predecessors” by Gary Kasparov, flanked by organizer Paul Leblanc and TD Mike Beaulieu; Top U1300 Kedar Aryan Kulkarni; Top unrated Logan Pinard (all photos by Amir Tirehkar)

**Patterson, Roger – Mingrone, Peter [E91] World Chess Day rapid Esquimalt (5), 20.07.2024**  
[Peter Mingrone]

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.d4 0-0 6.Be2 Bg4 7.Be3 Nfd7 8.Qd2!? Delaying castling is clever and gives White the option to attack on the kingside later with h4, h5, etc. White also anticipates Bxf3 gxf3! at some point, when the semi-open g-file benefits White. 8...c5 9.d5 Qa5 9...Na6 is the more popular way of playing, with the idea of Nc7, but after White stops the b5 break Black has difficulties with the e6 break, so I decided on a plan with a6 and b5, hoping for Benko-type compensation. 10.Rc1 a6 11.a4 Qb4 12.Qc2 12.0-0?! Nb6 13.b3 Qxb3 14.Rb1 Qxc3 15.Rxb6 Qxd2 16.Bxd2 Bc8= 12...Bxf3 13.gxf3 f5? 13...Ne5 14.b3 b5! the computer suggests the position is only slightly better for White after this pawn sac, e.g., 15.cxb5 (15.f4 bxc4! 16.fxe5 cxb3 17.Qd3 Nd7=+/) 15...axb5 16.axb5 c4 17.bxc4 Nxc4 18.Bxc4 Qxc4 19.Ne2 Qxb5 14.exf5 Rxf5 15.f4 Nf6 16.Bd3 Rh5 17.h4 b5 18.Bd2 18.axb5 axb5 19.cxb5 Nxd5+/-; 18.b3+/- 18...bxc4 19.Be2 Rf5? 19...Nbd7! The exchange sac equalizes here due to White's multiple pawn weaknesses 20.Bxh5 Nxh5 20.Ne4 Qb3 21.Nxf6+ Rxf6 22.Qe4 Qb7? 22...Nd7! 23.h5 e6 24.hxg6 Qxd5 25.gxh7+ Kh8 26.Rxc4 Qxe4 27.Rxe4



At this point we were both under a minute (with 5s increment), so the remainder of the game was mostly a time scramble rife with mistakes. 27...d5?! 28.Re3 Nc6 29.Bg4 Re8? 29...Nd4 This is given as equal but practically seems difficult for Black given the limited king and White's active pieces. Black is compensated by his centralized knight supporting his center pawns, which limit White's bishops' mobility. 30.f5! e5 31.Rg3 Nd4 32.Bg5 Rff8?? 32...Rd6 this is Black's best chance at holding; 33.f6?! (33.Kf1 patient play is suggested as best by the engine 33...Rb8 34.Rh5 Re8 Black is almost paralyzed so White can maneuver his pieces to their optimal squares 35.Bh3 c4 36.Bh4 Rh6 37.Rxh6 Bxh6 38.Rg6 Kxh7 39.Rxa6+—) 33...Bxf6 34.Rh6! Be7 35.Rxd6 Bxd6 36.Bf6+ Kxh7 37.Rh3+ Kg6 38.Bh5+ Kxf6 39.Bxe8 c4 White is clearly better

but Black may be able to hold with precise play. 33.Bh5? 33.f6! Bxf6 34.Bh6 Rf7 35.Bh5 Black is dead lost. 33...Rb8 0-1

Roger flagged here while playing f6. We briefly analyzed the position after f6 after the game and thought White was winning. 33...Nxf5= 34.f6 34.Be7 White is better after this. 34...Rxf5 35.Bxc5 Rf4 36.Bd1 34...Bxf6 35.Bxf6+ 35.Bh6 Nf5!= 35...Rxf6 36.Rhg1 Rb7! This was missed in our analysis. Now Black can simply capture the pawn after Rg8+. 36...Rff8= 37.Bf7?? We considered this as a winning resource for White but actually Black wins back the exchange in the end, is up a pawn. (37.Rg6 e4 38.R1g5 Kxh7) 37...Rxf7 38.Rg8+ Kxh7 39.Rxb8 Nf3+ 40.Kf1 Nxc1 41.Kxc1 Kg6+—

**World Chess Day Championship** (July 20-21)

Meanwhile, on the Langley campus of Trinity Western University, Fraser Valley Chess was hosting a two-day event involving both Classical (minimum, 50 + 10) and Blitz (3 + 2) time controls, three classical games followed by four blitz games on each day. The twenty-player [Open Section](#) had

players of a wide variety of strengths but also three rates over 2000; not surprisingly two of these tied for first with CM Jorge Nunez Asencio getting the nod on tiebreaks over Nick Beqo, they both scored 5.0/6. Ryan Leong was third and Kai Johannes Kwabi the best U1800. Barath Subramanian Suresh won the forty-player [U1400 Section](#) with a perfect score, Ryder Hsu and Zachary Chruszcz scored 5.0 points each but Ryder was second on tiebreak. Rio Vilches was top U1100, Zoe Francis top female.

The largest classical section was the [U900](#) with forty-five participating. Here Tommy To was clear first with 5.5 points, followed by Jiarui Li and Aryav Alope. The U700 prize went to Oscar Huang and best female was Nicole Jayawardena. Finally the [Blitz](#) event; a number of players could only take part on one of the days, so the standings favoured those who completed all eight rounds. First with 7.0 points was Christian Grecu, while Bennett Peng, Ryan Golchin, Chamath Tennakoon, and Zachary Chruszcz all finished a point behind.

### **Guinness World Records Attempt Tournament**



Elsewhere the Vancouver Chess School conducted a small seven-round [blitz tournament](#) (more games!) to contribute to the world record attempt. Winners were Patrick Steel, Nathan Yang, and Abel Praveen respectively, but win or lose all games were part of the record attempt, as were those played in the defined time frame from Langley above. Ultimately a new record was set at 7.2 million games – most of these were online, but congratulations to everyone who aided in setting the record!

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### **BC DAY OPEN (August 1-5)**

Leaving aside events such as the Canadian Open, it's many a moon since a BC tournament consisted of nine long classical rounds (90 + 30). Twenty-five years ago the BC Closed was of that length to enable players to obtain FIDE ratings, similarly a series of Futurity events in the 1980s, but in both cases they were round robins. The closest parallel might be the Western Canadian Open (actually 10 rounds), which was held in the summer of 2004 in part as a Western protest to

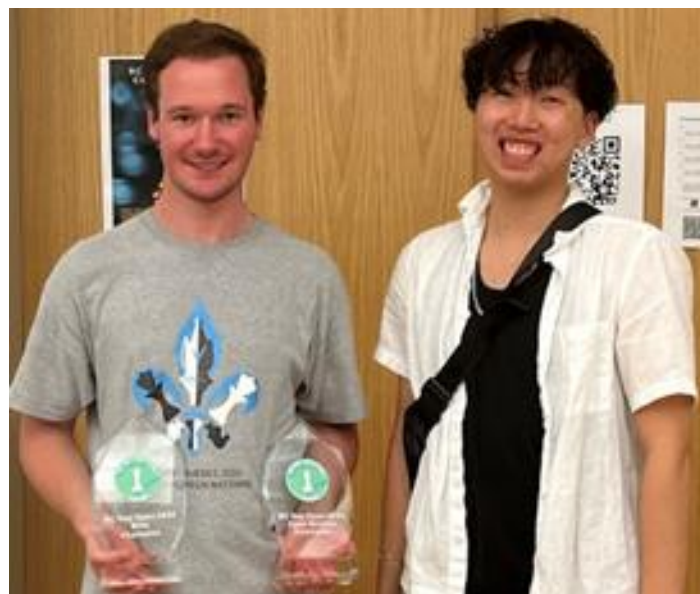


the Canadian Open being held in Kapuskasing, Northern Ontario for the second year in a row, but I digress.



Organized by Ryan Leong and Lulu Island Chess, the nine-round event took place at Roma Hall in Queensborough, New Westminster on the first five days of August. The [Premier](#) was headed by invited GM Shawn Rodrigue-Lemieux who also brought IM Olivier-Kenta Chiku-Ratte with him, along with current and former BC Champions CM Neil Doknjas and IM Raymond Kaufman, plus a return visit by GM James Tarjan who won the 1<sup>st</sup> Paul Kere Memorial tournament way back in 1976. The tournament quickly developed into a question of whether anyone could stop the Rodrigue-Lemieux juggernaut. Chiku-Ratte gave up a draw to Yidong Chen in round three and Rodrigue-Lemieux gave himself some breathing room by beating the Montreal IM in round five. Draws against Doknjas and Kaufman followed but R-L wrapped things up with two more wins for a final score of 8.0/9 and clear first. Chiku-Ratte won his last four games to come clear second a half-point back, and Doknjas, Kaufman, and American Advait Vijayakumar tied for third to fifth. At seventy-two years old Tarjan was not able to keep up the pace, taking three half-point byes. The U2000 prizes were shared between Viktor Musakhanyan, Alex Zou, Justin Xu, and Peter Mingrone.

The [U1500 Section](#) was won with a perfect score by Barath Subramanian Suresh, 9.0/9! Second at a respectful distance with 7.0 points was Ryan Golchin, while third to fifth was shared between Martin Lorenz, Matthew Martin, Sining Lou, Edric Gong, and Thong Nhat Pham. Chris Mackay and Aaron Gu split the U1000 prizes. And if enough chess had not already been played, the weekend ended with a ten-round [Blitz](#) tournament, the field being strengthened by various additional players who had been able to participate in the classical.



Shawn Rodrigue-Lemieux and Ryan Leong

Here GM Shawn Rodrigue-Lemieux again reigned supreme, although this time he was notched for a half point by IM Bindi Cheng and a full point by IM Quang Long Le. IM Olivier Kenta Chiku-Ratte was again second and Bindi and CM Neil Doknjas split third. Justin Xu and Daniel Zhu shared the U1800 prize, Robin Hayer, Phuong Pham, and Shaunavon Mu the U1400.

**Vijayakumar, Advait (2147) – Chiku-Ratte, Olivier Kenta (2455) [E01] BC Day op New Westminster (4.3), 02.08.2024**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.g3 d5 5.Nbd2 Bb4 6.Qc2 dxc4 7.Qxc4 Qd5 8.Qxd5 exd5 9.a3 Bd6 10.Bg2 0–0 11.0–0 Re8 12.e3 Bf5 13.b3 a5 14.Bb2 Ne7 15.Ne5 c6 16.Rfc1 Ng6 17.Nxg6 Bxg6 18.Bf3 Bd3 19.Bd1 Nd7 20.Bc2 Bxc2 21.Rxc2 f5 22.h4 Nf6 23.Kg2 h6 24.Nf3 Kf7 25.Bc3 Ne4 26.Be1 g5 27.hxg5 hxg5 28.Nd2 Nf6 29.Nf3 g4 30.Nh4 Ke6 31.Rb2 Ne4 32.b4 axb4 33.Bxb4 Ra7 34.Be1 b5 35.Rc2 Rc8 36.Rac1 Ra6 37.Bb4 Bxb4 38.axb4 Nd6 39.Rc5 Nc4 40.Ng6 Ra2 41.Rc3 Kd6 42.Nh4 Rf8 43.Rb3 Re2 44.Ng6 Re8 45.Nh4 Kd7 46.Kg1 Ra8 47.Nxf5 Ra1+ 48.Kg2 Ree1 0–1

**Chiku-Ratte, Olivier Kenta (2455) – Rodrigue-Lemieux, Shawn (2620) [E02] BC Day op New Westminster (5.1), 03.08.2024**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 dxc4 5.Qa4+ c6 6.Qxc4 b5 7.Qc2 Bb7 8.a4 Qb6 9.a5 Qa6 10.e4 Nbd7 11.Nf3 c5 12.d5 exd5 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.0–0 Be7 15.Re1 0–0 16.Nc3 Rfe8 17.Bg5 Bf8 18.Qf5 Nxc3 19.bxc3 Nf6 20.Bxf6 Qxf6 21.Qxf6 gxf6 22.c4 b4 23.Nd2 Bxg2 24.Kxg2 Re6 25.Nb3 Rae8 26.Rxe6 Rxe6 27.Kf3 f5 28.a6 Kg7 29.Ra5 Kf6 30.Nxc5 Bxc5 31.Rxc5 Rb6 32.Ke2 b3 33.Rb5 Rxb5 34.cxb5 b2 0–1

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**58th CANADIAN OPEN (July 13-18)**

Held at the Hotel Sheraton in Laval and immediately following the CYCC, this year's Canadian Open was held in five sections (Open, U2000, U1600, U1300, and U1000) and attracted a total of three hundred and seventy-five players. The [Open Section](#) included ten grandmasters, three Canadian or living here (Shawn Rodrigue-Lemieux, Bator Sambuev, and Dimitri Komarov) and seven visitors: Jordan van Foreest (Netherlands), Vignir Stefansson (Iceland), Victor Mikhalevski (Israel), Toms Kantans (Latvia), John Fedorowicz (USA), Reynaldo Vera (Cuba), and James Tarjan (USA). Van Foreest held a substantial rating lead over the rest of the field and unsurprisingly was the overall winner with the massive score of 8.5/9. What was surprising was his seventh-round game where his opponent (Toms Kantans) was a clear piece up yet didn't win. Kantans was part of the four-way tie for second on 7.0 points along with Rodrigue-Lemieux, IM Johnathan Han, and FM Zachary Dukic. The latter completed a Swiss double-gambit by losing his first two games, then winning the rest.

Top BC Player was CM Jingyun (Ryan) Yang who scored 6.0 points to tie for tenth – one of his wins was against GM Sambuev. Other BC players included Yidong Chen (5.5), Johan Aljo, Kaiqi Qin, and Henry Yang (all 5.0 points), Erwin Mok and Aiden Leong (both 4.5), and Reese Harms and Minjun Koo (4.0 each). Elsewhere Jason Williamson tied for fifth in the [B Section](#) (U2000), while Robert McBain and Larry Yang had large ratings, as did Marko Radic and Jeffrey Deng in the [C Section](#) (U1600). [D Section](#) [E Section](#)

**Van Foreest, Jordan (2671) – Rodrigue-Lemieux, Shawn (2499) [E49] CAN op58th Laval (6.1), 16.07.2024**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0–0 5.Bd3 d5 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 dxc4 8.Bxc4 c5 9.Nf3 Qc7  
10.Be2 Nc6 11.Bb2 b6 12.0–0 Rd8 13.Rc1 e5 14.h3 Bb7 15.Qc2 Qe7 16.Rfd1 Rac8 17.Qa4 e4  
18.Nd2 a6 19.dxc5 b5 20.Qb3 Ne5 21.c4 Nd3 22.Bxd3 Rxd3 23.Qb4 Qxc5 24.cxb5 Qxb4  
25.Rxc8+ Bxc8 26.axb4 axb5 27.Bxf6 gxf6 28.Rc1 Bb7 29.Rc2 f5 30.Kf1 f4 31.Ke2 fxe3 32.fxe3  
Ra3 33.g4 Ra4 34.Rb2 Bd5 35.Kf2 Ra1 36.Rc2 Rd1 37.Kg3 Kg7 38.Kf4 Rh1 39.Rc5 Ba8 40.Nb3  
Rf1+ 41.Ke5 h5 42.Nd4 hxg4 43.hxg4 f6+ 44.Ke6 Kg6 45.Rxb5 Re1 46.Rb8 Ra1 47.b5 Ra5 48.Nf5  
Ra7 49.Rd8 Ra5 50.Rd7 1–0

**Yang, Ryan (2145) – Sambuev, Bator (2448) [D03] CAN op 58th Laval (8.6), 18.07.2024**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Bg5 Nbd7 4.Nbd2 c5 5.e3 Qb6 6.Rb1 h6 7.Bf4 g5 8.dxc5 Qxc5 9.b4 Qb6  
10.Bg3 a5 11.a3 axb4 12.axb4 Bg7 13.c4 Ne4 14.c5 Qg6 15.Nxe4 dxe4 16.Nd4 0–0 17.Be2 e5  
18.Bh5 Qh7 19.Nb5 f5 20.h4 g4 21.Nd6 Kh8 22.Nxc8 Nf6 23.Bg6 Qxg6 24.Ne7 Qh7 25.h5 Nxh5  
26.Rxh5 Rad8 27.Qe2 Rf7 28.Rd1 Re8 29.Nxf5 Rxf5 30.Qxg4 Rf7 31.Kf1 Rg8 32.Kg1 Bf6 33.Qh3  
Rg6 34.Qc8+ Rg8 35.Qh3 Rg6 36.Rxe5 Qg7 37.Red5 Bc3 38.Rd8+ Kh7 39.R8d7 Rgf6 40.Rxf7  
Rxf7 41.Qe6 Re7 42.Qf5+ Qg6 43.Qxg6+ Kxg6 44.b5 Be5 45.Bxe5 Rxe5 46.Rd6+ Kg5 47.Rb6  
Rxc5 48.Rxb7 Rc1+ 49.Kh2 Rc2 50.Kg3 h5 51.Rg7+ Kf6 52.Rh7 Kg6 53.Re7 h4+ 54.Kxh4 Rxf2  
55.Rxe4 Rb2 56.Rg4+ Kf6 57.Rg5 Rb3 58.Rc5 Rxe3 59.g4 Rb3 60.Rc6+ Kg7 61.b6 Rb5 62.Kg3  
Rb4 63.Rd6 Kf7 64.Kh4 Rb5 65.g5 Rb1 66.Kg4 Kg7 67.Kf5 Rb5+ 68.Ke6 1–0

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:** See the listings at [CFC](#) and [Northwest chess](#) websites as well as the [BCCF](#)

**Free Lichess Simul w GM Arturs Neiksans** (2631) (IM Levy Rozman's coach! GothamChess!)

Date: Sun. August 25, 12pm PST

Format: 30 min rapid.

Location: Blendz Online Club

Bio: Peak rating 2631. Four time Latvian Champion, played in six World Chess Olympiads, and two European Team Championships.

Fee: Free

Registrations (limited): Registration procedure: 1. Join event <https://lichess.org/team/blendz-chess-club>. 2. RSVP by sending Lichess (PM) to westvan007 or [ijroback@gmail.com](mailto:ijroback@gmail.com)

Hope to see everyone!

### **Langley Open**

Langley, August 31 – September 2

[Details](#)

### **Lulu Island Chess Fall Rapid and Blitz**

Richmond, September 21

[Details](#)

### **RCC Elite Championship #3**

Richmond, September 22

[Details](#)

### **Vancouver Chess Festival #8**

UBC, September 28-29

[Details](#)

### **Fraser Valley Rapid 13**

October 5

[Details](#)

### **BC Women's Open**

North Vancouver, October 12-14

[Details](#)

### **Western Canadian Open**

North Vancouver, October 12-14

[Details](#)

### **Greater Vancouver Chess Tournament 5**

Burnaby, October 19-20

[Details](#)

### **Jack Taylor Memorial**

Victoria, October 25-27

[Details](#)