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HERE AND THERE

CCC 2025 Fall GM B Norm (November 21-25)

FM Jingyun (Ryan) Yang was one of the five Canadians participating in the latest series of norm tournaments run by the Charlotte Chess Center (North Carolina). Unfortunately, this was not one of his better results as he finished on minus four without winning a game (2.5/9) in the GM B Section. Out of the four sections only two IM norms were achieved, by FM Linxi Zhu (GM A) and FM Andrew Jing (GM B), although IM Rohan Talukdar from Windsor, Ontario did tie for first in the IM C Section with 6.5/9. [Standings](#)

Yang, Jingyun (Ryan) (2352) – Ludwig, John (2354) [C11] CCC Fall GM B Charlotte (1.3), 21.11.2025

1.e4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.e5 Nfd7 4.f4 e6 5.d4 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3 Qb6 8.Na4 Qa5+ 9.c3 b6 10.Bd2 c4 11.b4 Nxb4 12.cxb4 Bxb4 13.Qc2 Bxd2+ 14.Nxd2 b5 15.Nc3 b4 16.Nce4 dxe4 17.Nxc4 b3+ 18.Qd2 Qxd2+ 19.Kxd2 bxa2 20.Nd6+ Ke7 21.Rxa2 Nb6 22.Bb5 Bd7 23.Bxd7 Kxd7 24.Rha1 f5 25.Nf7 Rhb8 26.Rxa7+ Rxa7 27.Rxa7+ Kc6 28.Ng5 Nd5 29.Ra6+ Kb5 30.Ra1 Kc6 31.Ra6+ Kb5 ½–½

19th SPICE Cup (November 19-24)

Meanwhile, on the other side of the country, IM Raymond Kaufman (right), CM Neil Doknjas, NM Zachary Liu, and Ashton Taylor were part of the thirty-eight player field for the nineteenth annual SPICE (Susan Polgar Institute for Chess Excellence) Cup. Held alongside the National Open for Girls and Boys (see below) in Bellevue, WA, the eventual winner was GM Fidel Corrales Jimenez (USA) with 7.5/9, just ahead of GMs Jianchao Zhou (USA) and Illya Nyzknyk (Ukraine). Raymond lost to Corrales in the last round but still tied for fourth with 6.0 points; Neil castled long in the early rounds but recovered to score 5.0 points, leaving him in a tie with FM Tymur Keleberda from Edmonton among others. [Standings](#)



Degenbaev, Aziz (2302) – Kaufman, Raymond (2213) [B36] SPICE Cup op 19th Bellevue (7.5), 23.11.2025

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Nc6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.Nc3 d6 7.Be2 Nxd4 8.Qxd4 Bg7 9.0–0 0–0
10.Kh1 Be6 11.Qd3 a6 12.Bd2 Nd7 13.f4 Rc8 14.b3 b5 15.cxb5 axb5 16.Nxb5 Bxa1 17.Rxa1 d5
18.exd5 Nc5 19.Qd4 Qxd5 20.Bf3 Qxd4 21.Nxd4 Rfd8 22.Be3 Bd5 23.Bd1 Ne4 24.a4 Rc3 25.Bg1
Rh3 26.Ne2 Rd3 27.Nd4 Ba8 28.Be2 Rh3 29.Bf2 Nxf2+ 30.Kg1 Rxd4 31.gxh3 Nxh3+ 32.Kf1 Nxf4
33.Bb5 e5 34.a5 e4 35.Kf2 Rb4 36.Bc4 Nd3+ 37.Ke3 Ne5 38.Kd4 Nxc4 39.bxc4 Kf8 40.Kc5 Rb2
41.Kd6 e3 42.c5 e2 43.Kc7 Rd2 44.Re1 Bf3 0–1

Doknjas, Neil (2259) – Willy, Stephen (2269) [A13] SPICE Cup op 19th Bellevue (8.8), 23.11.2025

1.Nf3 e6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 c5 4.0–0 Nf6 5.c4 d4 6.e3 Nc6 7.exd4 cxd4 8.d3 h6 9.Na3 Bd6 10.Nc2 e5
11.b4 0–0 12.c5 Bc7 13.b5 Ne7 14.Re1 Ng6 15.Na3 Be6 16.Nd2 Bd5 17.Nac4 Re8 18.a4 Re6
19.Ba3 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Nd5 21.Ne4 b6 22.Qf3 bxc5 23.Kh1 a6 24.Bxc5 axb5 25.axb5 Rb8 26.Reb1
Qd7 27.b6 Bd8 28.Bd6 Rxb6 29.Nxb6 Nxb6 30.Bb4 Be7 31.Bxe7 Nxe7 32.Ra5 f6 33.Rab5 Qc7
34.Kg2 Ned5 35.Rc5 Qa7 36.Qg4 Re7 37.Rc6 Qa2 38.Re1 Kh8 39.Kg1 Qa3 40.Rec1 Re8 41.Qg6
Rf8 42.Nd6 Ne7 43.Nf7+ Kg8 44.Nxh6+ Kh8 45.Nf7+ Kg8 46.Nh6+ Kh8 47.Qh5 gxh6 48.Qxh6+
Kg8 49.Rxb6 1–0

20th Susan Polgar Foundation National Open for Girl and Boys (November 22-23)

Sponsored by the Susan Polgar Foundation, the [SPFNO](#) has been held in Bellevue, WA for at least the last five years. Held in Scholastic one-day and Championship two-day formats (five games of 25 + 5 or 60 + 30 respectively), the groups are further differentiated by gender, grade, and rating for a total this time of eleven sections. The vast majority of participants were American but there were a few entrants from this province; among the winners were Echo Fang (=1st, K-1 U700, 1-day), Jimmy Rao (=2nd, K-3 Open, 1-day), Anirudh Rengarajan (=3rd, 4-6 Open, 1-day), and Jordan Szeto (2nd, K-8 Open, 2-day) – apologies if I overlooked anyone. Standings [one-day](#) [two-day](#)

Fraser Valley Classical #4 (November 15-16)



For no obvious reason the fourth Fraser Valley Classical event drew far less players than previously, only twenty-six. Top-ranked in the [Open Section](#) was Lucas Yao and he duly won the tournament with a perfect score. The only other player over 2000, Harms Reece, had a harder time of it, losing two games in tying for second with Jiarui Li and Owen Cranswick. Newcomer Fu Wa Chong gave up a single draw in winning the [U1000 Section](#) with 5.5/6, Asim Mahmoud was second and Atharv Moorthy third. And in the [Bonus Blitz](#) Lucas Yao was again victorious with 6.5/7, a half-point ahead of Reece Harms, Aniket Kathpal was third. There were nineteen players.

RCC Elite Championship (November 16)

The Richmond Chess Champion's November classical event saw increasing multiples of four in each section. Samuel Lu and Zhengyu Chen tied for first in the four-player [Open Section](#) with 2.0 points each while Martin Lorenz was third. Ryan Malone was perfect in the eight-player [U1600](#) a point ahead of Casey Fan and Jack Bullen. Finally, Xiankun Li was top of the dozen players in the [U800 Section](#) while Zachary Feng, Zhou Fang, and Michael Zhang tied for second.

PCC Monthly Rapid (November 9)



The second Penny Chess Club Rapid Tournament was supposed to be in two sections (Premier and U1400) but as there were only three players in the former the twenty entrants played in one [section](#). To no one's surprise IM Quang Long Le won all his games, while Anika Soni, NM Zachary Liu and Junsen Fan shared second.

RCC Elite Rapid (November 2)

Twenty-eight players took part in the RCC November Rapid. Top-ranked Ryan Malone finished at the head of the [U1600 Section](#) with 5.0/5, Austin Liao was second, and third was a four-way tie between Andrew Li, Chester Chang, Boslan Hong, and Tyler Hun. The [U800 Section](#) saw father Zhou Fang and daughter Echo tie for first (she beat him in the last round) along with Arvin Mingjun Li.

BC Junior Winter Rapid Championship (November 1)



The third edition of Fraser Valley Chess' BC Junior Winter Rapid Championship took place at the Christian Life Assembly Church in Langley with the one hundred and five participants divided into three sections, this time by age rather than grade. In the [U10 Section](#) Aiden Zhu scored a perfect 6.0/6 to claim first place, a point ahead of Kriyaansh Banatwala, Vivaan Sankrithi, and Noah Beck. Rishab Ganesh, Nathan Chua, and Magnus Klassen tied for first in the [U14 Section](#) with 5.0 points each. And Johan Aljo had a large rating cushion in the [U18 Section](#) and unsurprisingly came first with a perfect score; he was followed by Barath Subramanian Suresh in second and Karson Lu third.

North American School Championship (October 31 – November 4)



The first FIDE School Championships employing odd two-year age brackets (U07, U09, U11, U13, U15, U17) rather than the more usual even age brackets (U08, U10, U12, U14, U16, U18) of the Cadet/Youth Championships was held in 2005, but it is only recently that the format has become more popular. World Team School Championships have been introduced, and now the format has

filtered down to the Continental level with the first North American School Championship, held in Tijuana, Mexico. All of the eighty-six participants were from either Canada, the United States, or Mexico, including seven from this country who garnered five trophies: Du Khang Le (2nd, U07), Anaisha Sharma (1st U07G), Duc Khai Le (1st U09), Martina Szeto (3rd U11G), and Samarth Vyas (3rd U17). Khang and Khai used to live in BC, Martina still does. [Standings](#)

VANCOUVER CHESS FESTIVAL #13 (November 8-9)



Vancouver Chess Festival #13 continued with the same format as the previous festival this season – a five-round classical over two days, a seven-round blitz on the Saturday evening and a five-round Chess Challenge Regional on the Sunday. The Classical also had the same five sections as the twelfth edition, with 400-point sections below the Open starting at U2100.

As might be expected the titled players in the [Open Section](#) finished at the top of the crosstable, with FM Ethan Song edging out the rest of the field by a half-point to win the event – he beat his longtime grade rival FM Jingyun (Ryan) Yang in the last round to clinch first. IM Raymond Kaufman tied for second with Czech student Adam Mrazek on 4.0 points, while Ryan Yang, NM Yidong Chen, and WCM Kate Jiang split the remaining prizes. Top prizes in the [U2100 Section](#) were shared between veteran NM Mayo Fuentebella and junior Bowen Wu, clear third was Alex (Guo Xi) Yu, and tied for fourth were CM Arpak Worya, Henry Fan, Peter Qian Cheng, and Shaunavon Mu. Dasha Doroshenko and Joanne Wangluo shared the Best female prize after they drew with each other in the last round. The [U1700 Section](#) saw another tie for first, this time between Manuel Fernando and James Fu, Allain Era was third and Best female was Anny Peng. Martina Szeto was clear winner of the [U1300 Section](#), Karl Aguirre was a half-point behind, and Zhihong Jayden Pang and Travis Bleackley split third place while Ava Chen was Best female (worth more), all scored 3.5 points. Finally, Ruvim Hulienkov, Sergey Ilichev, and Sam Zhao won VCS Signature Medals in the [U900 Section](#). A total of one hundred and five players participated. Photos by [Neelesh Jain](#).

The Blitz was held in two sections and attracted fifty players. Leo Qu, Raymond Kaufman, Kate Jiang, and Ryan Leong and won the [Open](#) prizes while Henry Fan, Micah Trotter, and Oliver Wang did the same in the [U1400](#). Results of Chess Challenge Regional #2 can be found [here](#).

GREATER VANCOUVER TOURNAMENT #9 (November 22-23)



Organized by the Penny Chess Club at the Bonsor Recreation Complex in Burnaby, Greater Vancouver Open #9 followed the well-honed formula of previous events (four sections, three rounds of 50 + 10 on the first day followed by two 90 + 30 games on the Sunday). The [Premier Section](#) included thirteen players rated over 2000 among the forty-two entrants. A number of our titled players were seeking norms and competition elsewhere on the same weekend (see above), so the section was bolstered by the participation of house IMs Quang Long Le and Penny Pham; they drew with each other in the last round to tie for first with 4.5/5. Ryan Leong, Lucas Yao, and Johan Aljo tied for third with the trophy going to Ryan on tiebreak. There were also junior trophies in CYCC age and gender categories, these went to Karson Lu, Daniel Zhu, Lucas Yao, Zhengyu Chen, Johan Aljo, and Dasha Doroshenko.

The [U1800 Section](#) saw a three-way tie for first between (in tiebreak order) Andrew Ferguson, Dane Sperling, and Gyuwon Lee while youth trophies were won by James Fu, Josiah Lo, Edric Gong, Zichun Xiao, Nikita Makogon, Karen Chen, and Siyona Singh. Khanh Lam Chu was clear first in the [U1300 Section](#) with Yik Long Yiu clear second, but then there was a massive tie for third between Travis Bleackley, Ruiyang Gu, Aayush Sinha, Tyler Hun, Coen Holmgren, and Aathitja Ahilan. Travis took the third-place trophy on tiebreak, and youth awards went to Hanjin Yang, Tyler Hun, Ruiyang Gu, Coen Holmgren, Anh C N Nguyen, Ella Wu, and Sherlyn Pang.

There was also a perfect clear winner in the [U800 Section](#), Jonathan Parras, followed by a tie between Junsen Fan, Yaneth Viswakula, Anthony Wu, Ruojun Wang, and Yehor Ivanov; Junsen was second on tiebreak, Yaneth third. Youth trophies were won by Yehor Ivanov, Ruojun Wang, Anthony Wu, Junsuh Seo, Amaira Soni, Araina Agrawal, Sahana Saravanan, Yuanqing (Emily) Xiu. There was a total of one hundred and ninety-four participants.

Le, Quang Long (2429) – Leong, Ryan (2159) [A07] GVCT 9 Burnaby (4.1), 23.11.2025

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 e6 4.0–0 Be7 5.d3 0–0 6.Bf4 Nc6 7.Nc3 Bd6 8.Bxd6 Qxd6 9.Nd2 a6
10.h3 e5 11.e4 Be6 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Nde4 Qe7 14.Nxd5 Bxd5 15.Nf6+ Qxf6 16.Bxd5 Rad8
17.Bg2 Rfe8 18.Re1 Rd6 19.Re3 g6 20.Qd2 Qd8 21.Rae1 f6 22.f4 Re7 23.Bxc6 Rxc6 24.fxe5
Rxe5 25.Rxe5 fxe5 26.Re4 Qd5 27.c4 Qc5+ 28.Kg2 Rf6 29.Qe2 Rf5 30.a3 a5 31.Qe3 Qxe3
32.Rxe3 h5 33.g4 hxg4 34.hxg4 Rf4 35.Rxe5 Rxg4+ 36.Kf3 Rd4 37.Ke3 Rd7 38.Rxa5 Kf7 39.Re5
Kf6 40.d4 Rh7 41.Kd3 Rh3+ 42.Re3 Rxe3+ 43.Kxe3 Kf5 44.d5 g5 45.Kf3 Ke5 46.a4 Kd4 47.b3 b6
48.Kg4 Kc3 [Kc5=] 49.a5 bxa5 50.c5 Kxb3 51.d6 cxd6 52.cxd6 a4 53.d7 a3 54.d8Q Kb2 55.Qb6+
Ka1 56.Qb3 a2 57.Kf5 g4 58.Qc2 1–0

Lu, Karson (1975) – Pham, Bich Ngoc (2287) [D35] GVCT 9 Burnaby (4.2), 23.11.2025

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Be7 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Bf4 c6 7.e3 Nh5 8.Be5 f6 9.Bxb8 Rxb8 10.Ne5
g6 11.Nd3 0–0 12.Be2 Ng7 13.h4 Re8 14.h5 g5 15.Bg4 a5 16.h6 Nf5 17.Kd2 Bf8 18.Bxf5 Bxf5
19.f3 b5 20.g4 Bg6 21.f4 c5 22.fgx5 b4 23.Ne2 Qe7 24.Rh3 Bxd3 25.Kxd3 Qe4+ 26.Kd2 fxg5
27.Qf1 c4 28.Qf5 c3+ 29.bxc3 bxc3+ 30.Ke1 Qxf5 31.gxf5 Rec8 32.Kd1 c2+ 33.Kd2 Rb1 34.Rh1
Bb4+ 35.Kd3 c1Q 36.Rxc1 Rxc1 37.Nxc1 Rxa1 38.Nb3 0–1

ARBITER'S CORNER #5 – ALLOCATION OF COLOURS by Brian Davidson

In hearing feedback from other arbiters, a question that comes up sometimes is "why do I have Black two games in a row?" The lazy answer these days is that the pairing software made the pairings, so it's out of my hands, but the Laws of Chess say an arbiter must know the pairing rules so he or she can give an explanation.

In a Swiss system tournament, which is the norm at nearly every event, the pairings are made by having players with the same score play each other. Within each score group, some players will be due White, others Black. When there are an uneven number of players due a colour, the higher player (by rating, average rating of opponent or standing in the event) is given the colour he or she is due, which sometimes means their opponent gets two Whites or Blacks in a row. The pairing software, or the human doing the pairings, stops anyone from having three of one colour in a row, and will try its best to even the number of each colour over the whole event. A player can have three in a row, but only if they have to play someone with whom they are tied for first in the final round, and both have had two of the same colour in a row. Of course, this rarely happens.

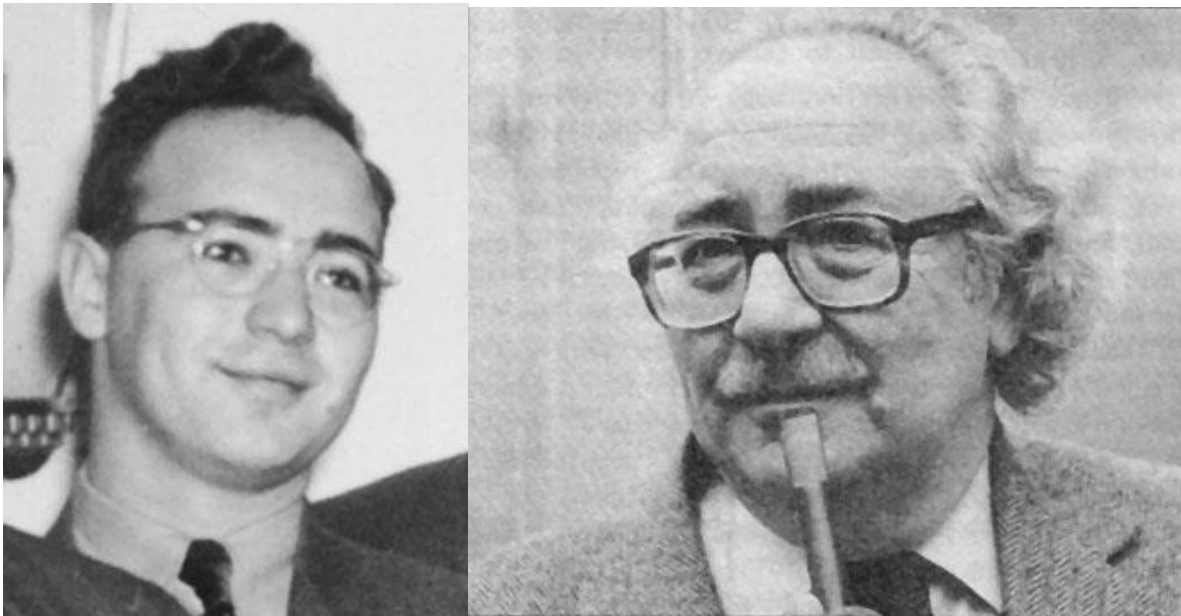
I have been questioned a few times about this, sometimes by the player, other times by the parent of a player, but, oddly, I don't believe I have ever been asked why someone had two Whites in a row.

REMEMBERING NATHAN DIVINSKY ON HIS BIRTH CENTENNIAL

(October 29, 1925 - June 17, 2012)

Born in Winnipeg to Yiddish-speaking immigrant parents from Poland and Ukraine. Educated at St. John's High School, Divinsky earned degrees from the University of Manitoba and University of Chicago, graduating with a Ph.D. from the latter at age twenty-four in 1950. After a year at Ripon College, Wisconsin he returned to the University of Manitoba as an Assistant Professor of Mathematics. In 1959 he moved to Vancouver to take up a similar post at the University of British

Columbia, retiring as Professor Emeritus in 1991. Divinsky was active in local politics in Vancouver, serving as a member of the school board and as an alderman. During the years 1972-1983 he was married to future Prime Minister Kim Campbell; reputedly he later had a bumper stick stating "I screwed the P.M." but was forced to remove it. Divinsky was part owner of the Granville Island restaurant Bridges and wrote a guide to good food in the Vancouver area ("an intellectual gastronomic piece of gossipy good fellowship"). Possessor of a resonant baritone voice, Divinsky was also an amateur pianist of note and was particularly fond of the Gilbert and Sullivan operettas. Apart from chess Divinsky's other 'hobby' was bridge, at which he also excelled. He became a life master in 1972 and was the Canadian Bridge League's contract bridge champion in 1987.



Divinsky's chess accomplishments were also wide ranging and multi-faceted. He was taught the game at age six by his father; after initial setbacks at school he improved his play by reading Tarrasch's *The Game of Chess*. In 1940-42 he helped organize the St. John's High School Chess Club and was its champion; subsequently Divinsky played on several University of Chicago teams and founded a club at Ripon College. Provincially he came second in the Manitoba Championship in 1945 and won the event in 1946 and 1952. In three appearances in the Canadian Championship his best showings were joint third at Saskatoon 1945 (behind Yanofsky and Yerhoff) and clear fifth at Vancouver 1951. Divinsky served as second reserve on two Canadian olympiad teams; at Amsterdam 1954 he only played one game (a draw), but in Havana in 1966 he scored plus one in eight games. His only other international event appears to be Bognor Regis 1966, the Churchill Memorial tournament, where he finished tied for seventh in the seventy-four player field behind Karaklaic and Matanovic, but ahead of Golombek and Wade. Divinsky's other over-the-board play was restricted to local team matches and simultaneous displays, both giving and on the receiving end (Reshevsky, Bisguier, Kasparov). He was active as a player as late as 2004, when he participated with Doug Freeman in a fundraising pairs event for the 2005 Macskasy Memorial (see [Bulletin #42](#)). Divinsky was also part of the UBC team which defeated a team from the University of Moscow 1.5-0.5 in a correspondence match 1964-68.

In the realm of chess administration Divinsky served two terms as president of the CFC (1953, 1993) and was FIDE representative 1987-1992 and 2004-2007; he also represented Canada in official capacities many times, most recently as captain of the women's team at the Calvia

Olympiad in 2004. Divinsky achieved considerable popularity as a media figure in 1986 when he commented on the London leg of the Kasparov-Karpov world championship for BBC television. Divinsky's other major area of involvement in chess was in writing. He began contributing game annotations and other reports to *Canadian Chess Chat* in the 1950s, and subsequently served as its editor from 1959 until the early 1970s. Divinsky wrote two relatively short-lived chess columns, both called Chess Charivari, one for the *Winnipeg Tribune* 1953-1964 and the second almost exactly ten years later for the *Vancouver Province*, 1963-64 (see [Bulletin #173](#)). Divinsky also authored four books on chess: *Around the Chess World in 80 Years* in two volumes (1961 and 1965), *Warriors of the Mind* (with Raymond Keene, 1989), *The Batsford Encyclopedia of Chess* (1990), and *Life Maps of the Great Chess Masters* (1994). During the last decade of his life Divinsky's main research interest was the nineteenth-century German player, author, historian and diplomat von der Lasa; it was said that a book was forthcoming in collaboration with Peter Stockhausen, but presumably this project will now remain incomplete.

[Interview](#) with Nathan Divinsky.

Divinsky, Nathan – Helman, Abraham [C19] CAN ch Saskatoon (4), 1945

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne7 7.Nf3 Nbc6 8.Bd3 Qc7 9.0–0 Bd7 10.Bd2 Ng6 11.Re1 a5 12.Be3 c4 13.Bf1 b5 14.Bd2 0–0 15.Ng5 f6 16.Nxh7 fxe5 17.Qh5 Nf4 18.Bxf4 Rxf4 19.Ng5 Ne7 20.Rxe5 Rf6 21.Qh7+ Kf8 22.Qh8+ Ng8 23.Nh7+ Kf7 24.Nxf6 gxf6 25.Qh7+ Kf8 26.Rxe6 Ra7 27.Re3 Qb6 28.Rae1 Be6 29.Qg6 Re7 30.g3 Qd6 31.Bg2 Bf7 32.Qf5 Rxe3 33.Rxe3 Ne7 34.Qf4 Qxa3 35.Qxf6 Qa1+ 36.Bf1 Ng6 37.Rf3 1–0

Bohatirchuk, Fedor Parfenovich – Divinsky, Nathan Joseph [C81] CAN ch Vancouver (3.5), 25.08.1951

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0–0 Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.Qe2 Na5 10.Nbd2 Nxd2 11.Bxd2 c5 12.Bxa5 Qxa5 13.c3 Be7 14.Rfd1 Rd8 15.a4 0–0 16.h3 Qb6 17.axb5 axb5 18.Bc2 Ra8 19.Qd3 g6 20.Qe3 Rxa1 21.Rxa1 Qb7 22.Qe2 b4 23.Qd2 bxc3 24.bxc3 Ra8 25.Rb1 Qa7 26.Bd3 Rb8 27.Rxb8+ Qxb8 28.Qa2 c4 29.Bc2 Bc5 30.Qa5 Qb6 31.Qxb6 Bxb6 32.Nd4 Bxd4 33.cxd4 Bf5 34.Bxf5 gxf5 35.Kf1 Kg7 36.Ke2 Kg6 37.Ke3 Kg5 38.g3 f4+ 39.gxf4+ Kf5 40.f3 h6 41.Ke2 Kxf4 42.Kf2 h5 0–1

Reshevsky, Samuel – Divinsky, Nathan [E95] Simul Winnipeg, 13.02.1954

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0–0 6.Be2 Nbd7 7.0–0 e5 8.Re1 c6 9.Bf1 Ne8 10.Bg5 f6 11.Be3 Nb6 12.Qd2 Be6 13.b3 f5 14.Ng5 Bd7 15.exf5 exd4 16.fxg6 dxc3 17.gxh7+ Kh8 18.Qe2 Nf6 19.h3 Qe8 20.Qd3 Qe5 21.f4 Qa5 22.Bd4 Bf5 23.Qxc3 Qxc3 24.Bxc3 Nxh7 25.Bxg7+ Kxg7 26.Re7+ Kg8 27.Rd1 Nng5 28.fxg5 Rab8 29.g4 Bc2 30.Rd2 Bb1 31.Re1 Bh7 32.Rxd6 Rbd8 33.Rh6 Bc2 34.c5 Nd5 35.Bc4 Kg7 36.Re2 Bb1 37.Kh2 Rde8 38.Rxe8 Rxe8 39.Bxd5 cxd5 40.Rd6 Re7 41.Rxd5 Bxa2 42.Rd3 a5 43.Kg3 Rc7 44.h4 Kg8 45.Kf4 Kf8 46.h5 Rxc5 47.Rd8+ Ke7 48.Rb8 Rc7 49.h6 Bb1 50.Rg8 Rc6 51.h7 Bxh7 52.Rg7+ Kf8 53.Rxh7 Rb6 54.Rh3 Kg7 55.Kf5 (White offered a draw.) 55...Rb5+ 56.Kf4 Rb4+ 57.Kf5 b5 58.Rc3 a4 59.Rc7+ Kg8 60.Kg6 Kf8 61.bxa4 bxa4 ½–½

Hindle, Owen – Divinsky, Nathan [C56] La Habana ol fin (5), 1966

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0–0 Nf6 5.d4 exd4 6.e5 d5 7.exf6 dxc4 8.Re1+ Be6 9.Ng5 Qd5 10.Nc3 Qf5 11.Nce4 0–0–0 12.g4 Qe5 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.Bg5 g6 15.Nxc5 Qxc5 16.Bh6 Qd5 17.f7 Ne5 18.Rxe5 Qxe5 19.Qf3 Rhf8 20.Rd1 c5 21.h4 Qd5 22.Qf6 e5 23.Bxf8 Rxf8 24.Re1 Qxf7 25.Qxf7 Rxf7 26.Rxe5 b6 27.Kf1 Kd7 28.h5 Kd6 29.hxg6 hxg6 30.Re8 d3 31.cxd3 cxd3 32.Rd8+ Rd7 33.Rg8 Ke5 34.Ke1 Rd6 35.Rf8 a6 36.Kd2 c4 37.g5 b5 38.f4+ Kd4 39.a3 a5 40.Rb8 Rd5 41.Rb6 Ke4 42.Rxg6 Kxf4 43.a4 Re5 44.Rf6+ Kxg5 45.Rc6 Re2+ 46.Kd1 Rxb2 47.axb5 Kf4 0–1

COMING EVENTS: see listings at [CFC](#), [BCCF](#) and [Northwest chess](#) websites

Esquimalt Rapid

Victoria, December 7 [Details](#)

PCC Monthly Rapid

Burnaby, December 7 [Details](#)

RCC Elite Rapid

Richmond, December 7 [Details](#)

BC Junior Winter Rapid #6

Burnaby, December 13 [Details](#)

LIC Invitational #3

Richmond, December 13-14 [Details](#)

RCC CYCC Qualifier #1

Richmond, December 14 [Details](#)

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Vancouver, December 20-21 [Details](#)

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Goodbye 2025 FIDE Open

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New Year Open

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Victoria Championship

Victoria, January 9-11, 2026 [Details](#)

BC Chess Cup

Burnaby, January 10-11, 2026 [Details](#)

RCC CYCC Qualifier #2

Richmond, January 25, 2026 [Details](#)

RCC Elite Rapid Open

Richmond, January 25, 2026 [Details](#)

BC Rapid Championship

Burnaby, February 1, 2026 [Details](#)

Kelowna Winter Rapid

Kelowna, February 7, 2026 [Details](#)

BC Open

Richmond, February 14-16, 2026 [Details](#)