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HERE AND THERE

LIC 4th Annual Rapid (June 6)



(photo by [Chess Maps](#))

On May 27, 2023 the newly-founded [Lulu Island Chess](#) held its first rapid event; celebrating three years of successful operation, LIC offered its 4th Annual Rapid at Roma Hall in New Westminster. Fifty-seven participants competed in the main event in two sections. There were nine titled players in the [Open Section](#) but it was Matthew Herdin, returning to tournament chess after an absence of a dozen years, who executed a perfect Swiss gambit by losing in the first round then winning the rest of his games to finish in first place with 5.0/6, just ahead of CM Zachary Liu, FM John Doknjas, CM Neil Doknjas, IM Bindi Cheng, and Samuel Lu who tied for second. Kanish Raj Sathish Raj was the clear winner of the [U1600 Section](#) while Sage Wu, ranked tenth in the field, tied for second with top-ranked Ella Wu. There was also an unrated [Blitz event](#) which attracted thirty-nine players. Here Neil Doknas placed first with 6.0/7, Leo Qu and Ashton Taylor shared second/third with 5.0 points

National Amateur Master Tournament (June 6-8)

BC junior Karson Lu participated in the National Amateur Master Tournament in Jiaxing, northern Zhejiang province, China (southwest of Shanghai). The fifty-player slow rapid event (time control of 45 + 10) was won by FM Jin Hongtao with 7.0/9, just ahead of Cheng Gongpu, WFM Mu Wangxueyao, and Fang Xiaoyu; Karson finished on plus one (5.0 points). [Results](#)

Huang, Zhi (2027) – Lu, Karson (1840) [D00] National Amateur Master Tournament Jiaxing (7.4), 07.06.2026

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.Nc3 c6 4.e3 Bf5 5.f3 e6 6.g4 Bg6 7.h4 h6 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 Bd6 10.Nge2 Bxf4 11.exf4 Nbd7 12.0–0–0 Qc7 13.g5 Nh5 14.f5 Nf8 15.Rdf1 Nf4 16.Qe3 Nxe2+ 17.Nxe2 0–0–0 18.f6 gxf6 19.gxf6 Nd7 20.Nf4 Nxf6 21.Nd3 Nh5 22.f4 Ng7 23.Ne5 Rhg8 24.Rfg1 Qe7 25.Qf2 Nf5 26.h5 Qf6 27.Kb1 Kc7 28.a3 b6 29.Rh3 Rxcg1+ 30.Qxcg1 Kd6 31.Rc3 Rc8 32.b4 Ne7 33.Qf1 Qf5 34.Qh3 Qf6 35.Qf1 b5 36.Rc5 Nf5 37.Qd3 Rc7 38.Qc3 Ne7 39.Qe3 Qf5 40.Qf3 a6 41.Rc3 Nc8 42.Qe2 f6 43.Ng6 Ne7 44.Nh4 Qxf4 45.Nf3 Nf5 46.Rd3 Qe4 47.Qh2+ Kd7 48.Nd2 Qg4 49.Nb3 Kc8 50.Nc5 Rg7 51.Nxe6 Qg1+ 52.Qxcg1 Rxcg1+ 53.Kb2 Nd6 54.Rf3 f5 55.Nc5 Rg5 56.Rh3 Rg4 57.Rf3 Rxd4 58.Nxa6 Rh4 59.Rg3 Rg4 60.Rf3 f4 61.Nc5 Nc4+ 62.Ka2 Ne5 63.Rf1 f3 64.Kb3 d4 65.Nd3 Nxd3 66.cxd3 Rf4 67.Kc2 Kd7 68.Kd2 Ke6 69.Ke1 f2+ 70.Rxf2 Rxf2 71.Kxf2 Kf5 72.Kf3 Kg5 73.Ke4 Kxh5 74.Kxd4 Kg4 75.Kc5 h5 76.Kxc6 h4 77.Kxb5 h3 78.a4 h2 79.Kb6 h1Q 80.a5 Qa8 81.a6 Kf5 82.b5 Ke6 83.Kc7 Qa7+ 84.Kc6 Qd7+ 85.Kb6 Kd6 86.a7 Qc7+ 87.Ka6 Qc8+ 88.Kb6 Qa8 89.d4 Kd5 90.Ka6 Kd6 91.b6 Qc8+ 92.Ka5 Qb7 93.Kb5 0–1

WR Bughouse Championship (June 1-2)

WR are the initials of [Wadim Rosenstein](#), a German entrepreneur and billionaire who founded WR Chess in 2023 as a means to promote and spread the game of chess. Among other things this has involved collaborating with FIDE to inaugurate the World Team Rapid and Blitz Championships (this year's event begins in Hong Kong tomorrow); a recent tournament was the WR Bughouse Championship, held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Taguig (Manila), Philippines at the beginning of June. The \$100,000 prize fund attracted many strong entrants – of the one hundred and seventy players, thirty-eight were titled, and among the ten grandmasters was Hikaru Nakamura. There were four Canadians in the field including BC's Janak Awatramani; readers may recall that last July Janak and his American partner Isaac Chiu won the [Chess.com Community Bughouse Championship](#).



Janak Awatramani (centre) and Isaac Chiu with interviewer Fiona Steil-Antoni

The first stage of the WR Championship was a twelve-round Swiss, with the top eight teams qualifying for the knockout finals. Janak and Isaac (“Deep Waters”) finished at the top of the Swiss; the team of Nakamura and Rosenstein, presumably hampered by the latter only being rated 1780, did not make the cut. In the finals Deep Waters defeated teams Indonesia (GM Novendra Priasmoro and WGM Dewi Ardhiani Anastasia Citra), Mate In 2 (Alex Guo and Jimmy Lee), and The Angry Birds (GM Andrew Tang and FM Richard Zheng) respectively to claim the first prize of \$50,000 – congratulations! Runners-up were The Angry Birds, Emmy is the Goat (GM Awonder Liang and FM Eilia Zomorrodian) was third after beating Mate In 2 in a playoff match. (Zheng and Zomorrodian are also Canadian, from Quebec and Ontario respectively.) [Tournament website](#) [youtube coverage of the finals](#) [chess-results](#) [Swiss standings](#)

LIC Invitational 6 (May 30-31)

Held like previous events at the Executive Hotel Vancouver Airport, Lulu Island Chess Invitational #6 attracted thirty-one players in two sections, Open and 1100-1999 CFC. Despite not playing the last round, Barath Subramanian Suresh scored 4.5/5 to claim clear first place in the [Open Section](#), a full point ahead of Aiden ZiChee Leong and Aadit Arya who tied for second. With this result Barath pushes his rating over 2200 for the first time. In the [U2000 Section](#) Henry Fan was at the head of the crosstable with 5.0/6 while Ethan Jun Low, Jesse Law, Che Rao, and James Fu shared second.

BC Inter-School Championship (May 30-31)



(Photo by Chess Maps)

Organized by the Fraser Valley Chess Academy and hosted at Khalsa School Newton (Surrey), this fourth edition of the Inter-School Championship was run over two days to allow all competitors to play six games of 'fast' classical (50 + 10); this year there was also four sections instead of the previous three, with prizes for both individuals and schools (best score by five students). The [Kindergarten to Grade 2 Section](#) saw a three-way tie for first with (in tiebreak order) Oscar Yulong Shi, Pengyu Chen, and Aiden Hellmuth, Echo Fang was the Best Girl, Best School was Norma Rose Point with Henry Anderson Elementary the Runner Up. Kriyaansh Banatwala was the clear winner of the [Grade 3-5 Section](#), Adrian Yam, Hao-Xiang Zhang, Roy Lau, and Tyler Hun tied for second, Ngoc Chau Anh Nguyen was the Best Girl and Archibald Blair Elementary and Meadowridge School the top two schools.

The [Grade 6-8 Section](#) was topped by Tianyou Huang, with Felix Fang clear second ahead of Ron Novosselsky, Lahan Thathmira Wickramasinghe, Ikshaan Singh, and Kanish Raj Sathish Raj, Best Girl was Anny Peng with the host Khalsa School Newton as Best School and Regent Christian Academy the Runner Up. And the [Grade 9-12 Section](#) was won by Nathan Ping-Ying Wu ahead of Joey Xu and Ryder Hsu, Alissa Monteiro was Best Girl and Walnut Grove Secondary and Alpha Secondary the top two schools. Finally, there was a seven-round [Bonus Blitz](#) in which Joey Xu and Felix Fang tied for first and Ryder Hsu and Ishant Vedak tied for third. [Tournament webpage](#)

BC SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (June 5-7) by Paul Leblanc
14th Annual BC Senior Championship Draws Record Attendance



Chess Brotherhood outside the Surrey Comfort Inn

The BC edition of this chess category continues to attract more players than any province except Quebec where the most recent championship (2025) attracted sixty-three players. We had forty-nine this year. The Comfort Inn once again welcomed our tournament on the weekend of 5-7 June (it has been held there ten out of fourteen years). The inaugural event was held at SFU in 2013. It was held in Victoria in 2017 and online for two years during the pandemic.

Ranked only tenth by rating, Arpak Worya (right, with a big smile after three days of hard work) fought fiercely in every game and simply out-energized the opposition on route to a 6.0-0.0 performance. Joe Soliven, a previous champion finished with 5.0 points, losing only to Arpak. Top U1800 player was Ronald Basilio and top U1500 was Gregg Cherrington-Kelly. We were pleased to welcome two American players, H.G. Pitre of Washington and Brad Lundstrum of Colorado. Brad is a former President of the Colorado State Chess Association and H.G. plays so many events in BC that some players probably believe he lives here!

In addition to the modest \$1,500 prize fund, the highest finisher to attend the Canadian Senior in Calgary later in June will receive a \$1,000 travel grant from the BCCF. The Senior Championship received generous grants from the BCCF and Neale Monkhouse. The event was organized by Paul Leblanc of Victoria Chess; the Arbiter was Brian Davidson, FA. [Crosstable](#)



Fuentebella, Mayo (2047) – Worya, Arpak (1937) [D60] BC sen 14th Surrey (3.1), 06.06.2026

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.a3 d5 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bg5 0-0 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Nf3 h6 8.Bh4 c5 9.dxc5 Nxc5 10.Qc2 dxc4 11.Bxc4 a6 12.Rd1 Qc7 13.b4 b5 14.Bb3 Nxb3 15.Qxb3 Bb7 16.0-0 Rac8 17.Rc1 Qc4 18.Qxc4 Rxc4 19.Nd4 Rfc8 20.Nce2 g5 21.Bg3 Ne4 22.f3 Nd2 23.Rfd1 Rxc1 24.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 25.Nxc1 Nc4 26.Nc2 a5 27.Kf2 f6 28.Bc7 a4 29.Nd3 Kf7 30.Ke2 e5 31.e4 g4 32.Bb8 gxf3+ 33.gxf3

Kg6 34.Ba7 f5 35.exf5+ Kxf5 36.Ne3+ Nxe3 37.Kxe3 Bxf3 38.Kxf3 e4+ 39.Ke3 Bg5+ 40.Kd4 exd3 41.Kxd3 Bc1 42.Be3 Bxa3 43.Bxh6 Bxb4 44.h3 Be7 45.Bc1 Bf6 46.Ba3 Kf4 47.Bd6+ Be5 48.Be7 Bb2 49.Bd6+ Kg5 50.Bg3 Bf6 51.Bf2 a3 0–1

Soliven, Joe (1868) – Beqo, Nick (1970) [A03] BC sen 14th Surrey (6.2), 07.06.2026

1.b3 e6 2.Bb2 d5 3.e3 Nf6 4.f4 b6 5.Nf3 Bb7 6.Bb5+ c6 7.Be2 Bd6 8.0–0 0–0 9.Qe1 a5 10.a4 Ba6 11.d3 Ng4 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.Qg3 f5 14.h3 h5 15.hxg4 hxg4 16.Nbd2 Bc5 17.Ne5 Rh8 18.Kf2 Qh4 19.Qxh4 Rxh4 20.Rh1 Rxh1 21.Rxh1 Bd6 22.Kg3 Ra7 23.c4 Rc7 24.Rh5 Be7 25.e4 dxe4 26.dxe4 Bc8 27.Nf1 Bf6 28.Ne3 Bxe5 29.fxe5 Kg6 30.Rh8 Kg7 31.Rd8 Na6 32.exf5 exf5 33.Kf4 Nc5 34.Nxf5+ Bxf5 35.Kxf5 g3 36.e6 Re7 37.Rd6 Nxb3 38.Rd7 Kf8 39.Kf6 1–0

EDOUARD HENRI A. LACAILLE (January 26, 1856 – February 24, 1926)

This year marks the centenary of the death of Edouard (Edward) Lacaille, the first BCCF President. Born in Paris in 1856; his brother Fernand was born at Hastings in 1867, indicating the family had in the interim left France. By 1881 Edouard was living in Glasgow, but later that decade he decided to try his luck in the New World. Available sources are scarce, but we know he arrived in Quebec City on 13 September 1887 aboard the *Grecian* and then travelled to Victoria. For the years 1890-1892 he is listed in city directories as residing in New Westminster. Lacaille, like other members of his family, was originally a French teacher, but the directories list his occupation variously as carpenter, contractor, or bookkeeper (for a building contractor). He seems to have returned to Scotland soon thereafter, perhaps as a result of a North American financial panic in 1893; in the 1901 census he was living in Glasgow again, the city where his brother also resided. On 23 February 1905 Edouard married Joannes MacLennan and exactly one month later the couple set sail for Halifax; they settled permanently in Vancouver at 1056 Davie Street, where Lacaille passed away just after his seventieth birthday. His death certificate lists his occupation as accountant; from various city directories positions he held included bookkeeper, manager and secretary to the BC Trust Corporation, secretary for the Securities Corporation of BC, clerk at Shaw, Salter, and Plummer, and since 1911 Notary Public.

It is not known when Lacaille learnt to play chess, but he was involved in a correspondence game with his brother Fernand during the years 1887-1890. He was a member of various chess clubs in Glasgow; in 1902 he was a member of the Helensburgh Chess Club team that won the inaugural Spens Cup (the Scottish 'second division' team championship). Also on the team were Fernand and another set of brothers, the Canadian-born A. Bonar Law and John R.K. Law – the former would eventually become British Prime Minister. Lacaille also played in the finals of the Richardson Cup (the Scottish premier team championship) for the Burns Chess Club in 1905. In his adopted province Lacaille was a member of the Vancouver Chess Club and represented that organization in the Greater Vancouver Chess League in 1918/1919. He also played for Vancouver in matches with Victoria, by telegraph in 1914 and by telephone in 1918. Lacaille wrote a chess column for the Vancouver *World* newspaper, beginning in December 1905 and lasting until 2 June 1906. He was elected President of the newly-formed British Columbia Chess Federation at its first meeting, 2 pm on Good Friday, 21 April 1916 at 41 Fairfield Building, Vancouver (corner of Granville and Pender). Lacaille was also a problem composer of some note; several of his problems were published in the *Sunday Oregonian* in 1919/1920.

Lacaille, Fernand – Lacaille, Edouard [E12] Corres game, 1887-1890

The following game was won by the late Edouard Lacaille, who had Black. It was started in 1887, played by correspondence, and finished some 3½ years later, the mail taking about three weeks each way. [*Glasgow Herald*, 3 April 1926]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e3 0–0 6.Bd3 b6 7.Nf3 Bb7 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Nxd5 Bxg5 10.Nc3 Nd7 11.Ne4 Bf6 12.h4 e5 13.g4 exd4 14.Nxd4 Be7 15.g5 Bb4+ 16.Ke2 f5 17.Qb3+ Kh8 18.Ne6 Qe7 19.Nxf8 fxe4 20.Ng6+ hxg6 21.Bc4 Qf8 22.f4 exf3+ 23.Kf2 Nc5 24.Qc2 Ne4+ 25.Kf1 f2 26.h5 Ng3# 0–1

Blackburne, Joseph Henry – Lacaille, Edouard [C25] Simul Glasgow, 1900

Played in Glasgow six years ago during a visit of the master, Mr. J.H. Blackburne. On that occasion Mr. Blackburne gave three exhibitions of simultaneous play in the Glasgow Chess Club, and contested in all forty-seven games. He won thirty-nine games and drew seven, the present one being the only one scored against him.

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 exf4 4.Nf3 g5 5.h4 g4 6.Ng5 h6 7.Nxf7 Kxf7 All book moves. The attack that White obtains generally proves more than an equivalent for the piece he has sacrificed.
8.Bc4+ d5 9.Nxd5 Ne5 10.Bb3 Be6 11.d4 f3 Giving back the piece for a counterattack. **12.g3** If 12.dxe5 fxe4 attacking R, followed by 13...Qh4+. **12...c6 13.dxe5 cxd5 14.exd5 Bf5 15.Be3 Be7** Black foresaw the loss of a piece, but thought that the combination of bishops and passed pawns must be broken at any cost. **16.d6+ Be6 17.dxe7 Qxd1+ 18.Rxd1 Bxb3 19.axb3 Nxe7 20.Rd7 b6 21.0–0 Rhd8 22.Rfd1**



At this stage Black's game seems hopeless. The Black K is the only redeeming feature, as he can come into the fray before his adversary. **22...Rxd7 23.Rxd7 Ke6 24.Rd6+ Kxe5 25.Bf4+ Kf5 26.Rxh6 Ng6 27.Rh5+ Ke4 28.Rg5 Nxf4 29.Rxg4 Rd8 30.Rxf4+ Ke3** And thus the f-pawn becomes formidable. **31.Rf7 Rd1+ 32.Kh2 Rd2+ 33.Kh3 Rg2 34.h5 Kf2 35.Rg7 Kg1 36.Kg4 f2 37.Rf7 Kh2 38.Rxf2 Rxf2 39.h6 Rxc2 40.h7 Rc8 41.Kf5 Kxg3 42.Kf6 Kf3 43.Kg7 Ke4 44.h8Q Rxh8 45.Kxh8 Kd3 46.Kg7 Kc2 47.b4 Kxb2 48.Kf6 Kb3 49.b5 Kb4** As a continuation to our endgame of last week we have given the above in which the kings, Black's especially, take a prominent part in the struggle. [*World*, 20 January 1906] **0–1**

Blackburne, Joseph Henry – Gopseil, Lacaille, Macdonald [C30] Consultation game Glasgow, 1904

Played in Glasgow, eighteen months ago. On that occasion Mr. J.H. Blackburne engaged in two games simultaneously, each against three opponents in consultation, winning at the first board and losing at the second.

1.e4 e5 2.f4 Bc5 3.Nf3 d6 4.Bc4 Bg4 Bad, of course, and duly condemned in the books. **5.b4 5.fxe5** seems preferable; then, if **5...dxe5 6.Bxf7+ 5...Bb6 6.fxe5 Nc6 7.exd6 Ne5** The allies become aggressive, and play as if they had "gambitted" their lost pawn. **8.Be2 8.dxc7** is not as bad as it looks. Suppose then **8...Nxf3+ 9.Qxf3! 8...Qxd6 9.Bb2 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 0–0–0 11.a4** As explained by Mr. Blackburne, after the game, he gave up at his fifth move an easy winning continuation for something more brilliant, but less sound. There is no time for the line he adopts, and his attack must fail if promptly met. **11...a6 12.a5 Ba7 13.b5 Qc5 14.Qe2 axb5 15.a6 Nf6** Time is everything here; self-protection would be fatal. **16.axb7+ Kb8 17.Na3 Rhe8** Regardless of White's attack and captures, a counterattack is prosecuted with vigour. **18.Nxb5 Nxf3+ 19.gxf3 Nxe4 20.Rxa7 Ng3** The outcome of the simultaneous attacks is a remarkably interesting position. Perhaps the allies do not take their best move here; **20...Nxd2** seems stronger than their play which, however, is good enough to win. **21.Ra8+ Kxb7 22.Qxe8 Rxe8+ 23.Rxe8 Nxb1 24.Re3** Mate in four was threatened, viz., **24...Qf2+** etc. While attending to this, White leaves his N en prise. **24...Qxc2 25.Nd4** The N being declined, White offers a B. **25...Qb1+ 26.Ke2 Qg1 27.Rb3+ Kc8 28.Nc6 Qxh2+ 29.Kd1 Nf2+ 30.Kc2 Qg1 31.Rb8+ Kd7 32.Ne5+ Ke6 33.Ra8 Qd1+** And White resigned, as he loses a piece. [*World*, 12 May 1906] 0–1

Lacaille, Edouard – Patrick, King S. [C33] Telegraph match (board 6), 14.11.1914

Played in the cable match between Vancouver and Victoria. It is refreshing to see a King's Gambit played in a match instead of the usual dull modern play. **1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Bc4 Qh4+ 4.Kf1 d6 4...d5** is considered better. **5.Nc3 Bg4 6.Nf3 Qh6 7.d4 Ne7 8.e5 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 Nbc6 10.Bxf4 Nxd4 11.Qf2 g5 12.Bg3** **12.Bxf7+** might have been played. Then follows **12...Kd8 13.exd6 Nef5 14.dxc7+ Kc8 15.Be5. 12...Ndf5 13.Ne4 Bg7 14.Bb5+ c6 15.Nxd6+ Nxd6 16.exd6 Nd5 17.Re1+ Kd8 18.Bc4 Nf4 19.h4 Bxb2 20.Bxf4 gxf4 21.Rh3 Qf6** Owing to time being up abandoned as a draw. Personally, I should have been sorry to see any other result: both players having shown so much skill, and ingenuity, in dealing with the numerous dangerous situations which occurred at almost every move in the game. The best local game I have seen for some time. Players could not have a better chess lesson than thinking over each move played. [*Daily News Advertiser*, 22 November 1914] ½–½

Lacaille, Edouard – Sanders, H.J. [C33] Telephone match (5), 13.02.1918 [C.F. Davie]

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Bc4 Qh4+ The old defence, which prevents White castling. It is open to the objection, however, that the Q is driven away with loss of time and that White secures a stronger centre. **4.Kf1 Qf6** This is unnecessary loss of time, as Black's 7th move shows. **4...g5** or **4...Qh6** are preferable. **5.d4 d6 6.Nc3 c6** Mr. Sanders has a penchant for establishing defensive pawn positions and often with troublesome effect upon his opponent. The undeveloped state of his game here, however, is not impressive. **7.Nf3 Qh6 8.Ne2 g5 9.h4** In view of his inability to castle, this move is premature and brings on disaster. **9...Be7 10.Kf2 gxf4 11.Bxf4 Qh5 12.d5 Nf6 13.Kf1 13.Ke3** would be bad, because of **13...Ng4+** followed by **14...Nf2**, forking Q and R. He should, however, now have played **13.Qf1**, followed if **13...Ng4+** by **14.Ke1. 13...h3 14.Kf2** This seems useless. **14.Ng3** was necessary now, and if **14...hxg2+** then **15.Kxg2**. Black, however, with open file for his rook, has a strong attack. **14...Rg8 15.Qf1 Ng4+** Black, who has secured a promising attack, here misses his opportunity, e.g., **15...hxg2 16.Rxh5 gxf1Q+ 17.Rxf1 Nxb5** with a winning game. **16.Ke1 Nf6 17.Bd3** The time limit having expired, the game was stood over for adjudication, and was subsequently conceded a win for Mr. Sanders, which decision, in view of Black's break in on the King's side, appears to us to be correct. [*Daily Colonist*, 3 March 1918.] 0–1

Three of Lacaille's problems, all mates in three, all White to move. Solutions at end of Bulletin.



[#872, *Sunday Oregonian*, 16 November 1919]

“Here is another very practical proposition from the local man at Vancouver. If you are not pleased with this I pity your wife, and if you are an old batch, my advice is never get married.”



[#896, *Sunday Oregonian*, 25 January 1920]

“George Robinson writes that this one will cause some sweating among the solvers before they master it. This is a beautiful piece of work and cleverly done by one of the most renowned problemists of British Columbia; one who had the power and faculty of developing some of the most intricate and puzzling chess problems of our time.”



[#897, *Sunday Oregonian*, 25 January 1920]

“Another clean-cut proposition by this noted author will greatly please *The Oregonian* chess fans. These problems will prove satisfactory to the most critical of our readers.”

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Victoria, June 28, [Details](#)

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Lacaille problem key moves:

#872 – 1.Qg1

#896 – 1.Bd6

#897 – 1.Qh1