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Stephen Wright

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CHESSMATES FALL KICKOFF

Chess Mates is a not-for-profit Foundation which provides after-school chess instruction in Seattle elementary and middle schools; its executive director is Georgi Orlov. The organization also runs several chess tournaments each year. The first such event for this school year was held at Ingraham High School, Seattle on November 4th. Making the trip down from Canada was Jonah Lee, who won the fifty-seven player K-1 Section with a perfect 5/5 - congratulations!

<http://whsca.org/ChessmatesFall.html>

<http://www.chessmates.org/>

BC JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER by Valer Eugen Demian

Oct 28-29, 2006

The last weekend in October gave Andrei Botez and me the chance to organize a nice qualifier tournament for the upcoming 2006 BC Junior Championship in November.

The British Columbia Romanian Community Center accepted to be our host, even if we had to stretch the tournament over Saturday and Sunday since Saturday night was already booked for a Halloween party. This playing site is very conveniently located right across from Columbia skytrain station, making it accessible to a lot of people from all over the Lower Mainland.

We had about thirty inquiries for the limited number of forty available places. However, in the end only twenty-six players took advantage of the opportunity to play. We divided them in two groups:

- Championship: players with ratings between 1000-1500
- Reserves: players with ratings under 1000

Interestingly enough the top group had more players (fourteen in total) compared with the other one (twelve in total).

This was a regular rated tournament (1 hour per player), testing the patience and ability to concentrate of all players involved. Here I have to give full marks to all parents who were the most patient of us all. In the end we were blessed with lots of attractive and heavily disputed games. The

main attraction was the use of a digital board on board 1, enabling us to save correct game scores for the most important games of each round.

I have selected a few interesting positions which in the end had direct implications on deciding the tournament winners in each group.

Dzinovic, Jasenko - Parker, Dylan (round 1)

Right off the bat we had an interesting game. On one hand Jasenko was coming back to chess after three years away from it and on the other we had Dylan, the current leader of the advanced group from Golden Knights Chess Club. Jasenko started with an active setup, but after that remained somewhat tentative. Dylan seized the momentum, decided not to waste time by castling and launched an attack on the kingside.



1...Bxg4 Jasenko's lack of play proved to be fatal, as he let Black exchange his best defenders (the dark squared bishop and the knight). His king and queen looked helpless as Black finished the game simple yet effectively!

2.Qxg4 Rf4 3.Qh3 Qh6 4.h5 Qg5 5.Rxf2 gxf2 0-1

Parker, Dylan - Tom, Foster

This was an important game in round 3. Foster was leading in the tournament with 2 out of 2 but his play was less inspired in this game so far. It looks like White should have no trouble converting the advantage (extra pawn, double Black pawns on g7-g6). However, Dylan was running short on time and he failed to observe the fact most of his pieces (king included) were placed on the same colour as Black's bishop.



1.Re5? A bad move played in a hurry. **1...cxd4!!** A nice tactical resource. Black takes advantage of the unfortunate positioning of Kg1, Nc1 and b2-c3-d4 pawn chain in relation to the Bb6. **2.Kg2!** Of course the Rd5 is taboo since the following forced sequence gives Black his queen back: 2.Rxd5?? dxc3+ 3.Kg2 cxb2+ and Black wins easily. **2...Rxe5 3.fxe5 dxc3 4.bxc3** It still was a good position for Dylan. He pressed for a win using the power of his passed pawn. Unfortunately, his time was running out really fast. With less than a minute left on the clock, White got a queen against the king and pawn on the seventh rank. It is not easy for anyone to play under such pressure, so it is understandable Dylan forgot the winning maneuver and the game ended in a draw. Foster got a huge break and was calmly looking forward to the next tough game. **1/2-1/2**

Tom, Foster - Sabaratnam, Alex (Round 4)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e3 h6 6.Bh4 0-0 7.Nf3 b6 QGD Tartakover variation. **8.Bd3 Bb7 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.cxd5 exd5** Both players show some knowledge of the opening, but they are playing moves without much understanding of what is going on. Foster shouldn't have taken on d5 since after Nxd5 Black has solved all his problems. Alex returns the favour and responds less inspired. **11.Qc2 Re8 12.Rac1 c6?** It is already common knowledge that such passive approach is not good for Black. He should have done everything in his power to play the thematic c7-c5 with balanced play on both sides. **13.Ne5 Qc7 14.Bg3 Bd6?**



15.Nb5! White is easily winning after this simple fork. From here on play goes on implacably toward a predictable win for Foster **15...cxb5 16.Qxc7 Bxc7 17.Rxc7 Bc8 18.Bxb5 Rd8 19.Bc6 Rb8 20.Rxa7 Nxe5 21.Bxe5 Bd7 22.Bxb8 Bxc6 23.Bc7 Rc8 24.Bxb6 Rb8 25.Bc5 Rxb2 26.h3 Ne4 27.Rc1 Rxf2 28.a4 Re2 29.Be7 Be8 30.Ra8** The advice out of this game is so often overlooked by juniors: do not play the opening like a robot! Learning 10-15 moves by heart means very little. Do your best to understand the ideas of those openings, most common plans and chances to attack or counter-attack. Do not forget to look careful before each move to observe how your opponent plays and adjust your strategy accordingly! It sounds simple and it is. However how many are doing it regularly?... **1-0**

Dzinovic, Jasenko - Tom, Foster

A nice tournament cannot finish but in spectacular fashion. We were in the last round and at the decisive game to determine the winner of the championship group. Foster needed just a draw to win the tournament and qualify for the big final. He dominated the opening as Jasenko showed again some rust from being away from chess for so long. However, Jasenko managed to change his fortunes in the middle game where Foster played carelessly. We reached the following interesting ending. Foster offered a draw which Jasenko declined. He took his time to ponder his chances and I was beginning to think he was getting closer to find the win when he came up with:



1.Nd6? Bad move! Clearly all Jasenko thought all those minutes was about pawn races down the board and whoever would get a queen faster. He was also terrified of the threat of losing his pawns which would have forced a draw. Down this path he should have concentrated more and analyzed deeper to find the solution! **1.Nc5+!!** The winning move coming from a very simple idea: White needs to save only one pawn to reach a winning endgame! **1...Kxc3 2.Na6!** The b4 pawn and knight work together to block Black and give enough time to their king to come and help out. **2...Kb2 3.Kg3 Kxa2 4.Kf4 Kb3 5.Ke5 Kc4 6.Kd6+-** and White wins easily. **1...a6 2.Nxb5?** White misses the second and last opportunity to win this game, proving that he

was looking in the wrong direction all this time. **2.Nb7!!** Again all White has to do is save one pawn in order to win **2...Kxc3 3.a3! Kb3 4.Nc5+ Kxa3 5.Nxa6+-** and White wins easily. **2...axb5 3.a4 bxa4 4.b5 a3 5.b6 a2 6.b7 a1Q 7.b8Q 1/2-1/2**

Championship group final results:

1. Foster Tom 4/5 - qualified for 2006 BC Junior Championship
2. Alex Sabaratnam 3.5/5
3. Janak Awatramani 3.5/5

A very good result for Janak, one of the youngest players in the tournament. Twelve out of the other thirteen players maintained their ratings over 1000 and qualified for 2006 BC Junior Reserves.

Reserves group final results:

1. Algerd Karavai 4/5 - qualified for 2006 BC Junior Reserves
2. Torres-Lopez Alejandro 4/5 - qualified for 2006 BC Junior Reserves
3. Malina Hapchina 3.5/5 - qualified for 2006 BC Junior Reserves

Bill Lou and Jeremy Hui also played very well in their first official tournament, achieving a rating performance over 1000 and also qualifying for 2006 BC Junior Reserves.

All participants got a prize: nice trophies for the top three, medals and chess souvenirs for the others.

Thank you to all parents and players for an enjoyable weekend dedicated to chess!

B.C. - WASHINGTON ADULT MATCH

Held at the same Bellingham location as the last two matches, this year's contest resulted in a hard-fought tie:

British Columbia	5-5	Washington
1. Dan Scoones (2284)	=	Loren Schmidt (2430)
2. Alfred Pechisker (2278)	0-1	Marcel Milat (2354)
3. Roman Jiganchine (2227)	=	Nat Koons (2283)
4. Brian McLaren (2220)	=	Elliott Neff (2268)
5. Lucas Davies (2178)	=	John Graves (2254)
6. Bindi Cheng (2173)	1-0	Harley Greninger (2240)
7. Roger Patterson (2165)	1-0	Curt Collyer (2213)
8. Nigel Fullbrook (2147)	1-0	Bill McGeary (2210)
9. Dragoljub Milicevic (2118)	0-1	David Bragg (2200)
10. Noam Davies (2109)	0-1	Nick Paleveda (2130)

(B.C. had White on the even-numbered boards)

The match wasn't decided until the very end of the playing session: Roman had an unenviable position for much of his game, which eventually led to a queen and pawn versus queen ending. Despite heroic defence the superior side (Koons) made progress and was likely winning in the final position, except by that point he only had eight seconds left for the remainder of the game. The game was agreed drawn, resulting in the match being tied.

This partially erased memories of B.C.'s 8.5 - 1.5 drubbing at the hands of the Washington squad last year. This year our team was slightly stronger than in 2005 (in terms of average rating) but so was the Washington team - in fact, B.C. has been outrated for the past three years, yet managed to achieve a split in match results during that time (one win, one loss, one tie). I will leave it to others to determine what this says about the differences between the Canadian and U.S. rating systems, but

it seems evident that last year's result, while painful, was likely an anomaly - we are fully capable of being competitive with a (higher-rated) Washington team.

Thanks are due to Nick Paleveda for providing the site and hospitality, organizers Joe Leung (B.C.) and Duane Polich (Washington), Len Molden for the initial contacts, and match director Lynn Stringer - and of course to the players!

Report, games and photos: www.chess.bc.ca

Full historical results can be found at www3.telus.net/public/swright2/bcwam.html

(N.B.: at the time of publication the game from board 2 is unavailable)

Schmidt, Loren - Scoones, Dan [D80] BC - WA m Bellingham (1.1), 28.10.2006

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Ne4 5.Bh4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 dxc4 7.e3 Be6 8.Rb1 b6 9.Nf3 Bg7 10.Nd2 0-0 11.Nxc4 c5 12.Be2 Nc6 13.0-0 cxd4 14.cxd4 Qd7 15.Qd2 Rac8 16.Rfd1 Nxd4 17.Nxb6 axb6 18.exd4 Rfd8 19.d5 Qxd5 20.Qxd5 Rxd5 1/2-1/2

Koons, Nat - Jiganchine, Roman [B12] BC - WA m Bellingham (1.3), 28.10.2006

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c4 e6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Nc3 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Bc5 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.Bd3 dxc4 10.Bxc4 Bxf2+ 11.Kxf2 Qh4+ 12.g3 Qxc4 13.Qd6 f6 14.Rd1 Kf7 15.Rd4 Qa6 16.Qc7+ Ne7 17.exf6 gxf6 18.Ne4 e5 19.Rd6 Qb6+ 20.Qxb6 axb6 21.Rxf6+ Ke8 22.Nd6+ Kd7 23.Nf7 Re8 24.Nxe5+ Kc7 25.Bf4 Kb7 26.Nc4 Ka6 27.a4 Bd7 28.b4 Nd5 29.b5+ cxb5 30.axb5+ Kxb5 31.Nd6+ Kb4 32.Rb1+ Kc3 33.Nxe8 Bxe8 34.Be5+ Kc4 35.Rc1+ Kb5 36.Rd6 Ra2+ 37.Kf3 Nb4 38.h4 Bc6+ 39.Kg4 Re2 40.Bf6 Bg2 41.Kg5 Nd5 42.Bd4 Be4 43.Re6 Bd3 44.Rxe2 Bxe2 45.Rb1+ Kc6 46.Rb3 Bc4 47.Rf3 b5 48.Kh6 Be2 49.Rf7 Bd3 50.Rxh7 Bxh7 51.Kxh7 b4 52.Kg7 Nc3 53.h5 Kd5 54.Bf6 Ne4 55.h6 Nxf6 56.Kxf6 b3 57.h7 b2 58.h8Q b1Q 59.Qh5+ Kc4 60.Qf5 Qb2+ (Many more moves ensued before the game was agreed drawn in a sudden-death time scramble) 1/2-1/2

McLaren, Brian - Neff, Elliot [A05] BC - WA m Bellingham (1.4), 28.10.2006

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.d3 0-0 5.e4 d6 6.h3 e5 7.Nbd2 Nh5 8.b3 f5 9.Bb2 Nc6 10.c3 d5 11.Qc2 Be6 12.0-0 Bf6 13.Rfe1 dxe4 14.dxe4 f4 15.g4 Ng7 16.Bf1 Rf7 17.Rad1 Rd7 18.Bc4 Qe7 19.b4 Rad8 20.Bxe6+ Nxe6 21.Nb3 a6 22.Rxd7 Qxd7 23.Re2 h5 1/2-1/2

Graves, John - Davies, Lucas [E97] BC - WA m Bellingham (1.5), 28.10.2006

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.b4 Nh5 10.Re1 f5 11.Ng5 Nf6 12.Bf3 c6 13.Bb2 h6 14.Ne6 Bxe6 15.dxe6 fxe4 16.Nxe4 Nxe4 17.Rxe4 d5 18.cxd5 cxd5 19.Rxe5 Bxe5 20.Bxe5 Qb6 21.Bb2 Rac8 22.Qe2 Qd6 23.Rd1 Kh7 24.h4 Rf5 25.Bg4 Rf4 26.Be5 Qxb4 27.Bxf4 Qxf4 28.h5 gxh5 29.Bxh5 Rc1 30.Qb2 Rxd1+ 31.Bxd1 b6 32.Qa3 Qf6 33.Bc2+ Kg7 34.Qg3+ Qg5 35.Qc3+ Qf6 36.Qg3+ Qg5 37.Qc3+ Qf6 1/2-1/2

Cheng, Bindi - Greninger, Harley [D02] BC - WA m Bellingham (1.6), 28.10.2006

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 d5 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.c4 c6 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Bxb8 Rxb8 7.Nbd2 Nf6 8.e3 e6 9.Ne5 Bd6 10.g4 Bg6 11.h4 Bxe5 12.dxe5 Ne4 13.Nc4 h6 14.h5 Bh7 15.f3 Ng3 16.Rh2 Nxf1 17.Nd6+ Ke7 18.Kxf1 Qc7 19.Qd4 b6 20.Rg2 f6 21.Rd1 Rbd8 22.Qf4 Qb8 23.g5 Bf5 24.gxf6+ gxf6 25.Rg7+ 1-0

Collyer, Curt - Patterson, Roger [E14] BC - WA m Bellingham (1.7), 28.10.2006

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 b6 3.e3 Bb7 4.Bd3 e6 5.0-0 c5 6.c4 Be7 7.Nc3 cxd4 8.exd4 d6 9.d5 e5 10.Nd2 0-0
11.f4 exf4 12.Nf3 Nh5 13.Nd4 g6 14.Be2 Ng7 15.Bxf4 Nd7 16.Qd2 Re8 17.Bh6 Bf6 18.Qf4 Qe7
19.Nc6 Bxc6 20.dxc6 Bxc3 21.bxc3 Ne5 22.Bg5 Ne6 23.Bxe7 Nxf4 24.Rxf4 Rxe7 25.Rd1 Rc8
26.Rxd6 Rxc6 27.Rxc6 Nxc6 28.Bf3 Ne5 29.Rd4 Nxf3+ 30.gxf3 Re3 31.c5 Rxc3 32.cxb6 axb6
33.Rb4 Rxf3 34.Rxb6 Ra3 35.Rb2 f5 36.Kg2 Kg7 37.Rc2 g5 38.Rb2 g4 39.Rc2 Kg6 40.Rb2 Kg5
41.Rf2 h5 42.Rb2 h4 43.Rc2 h3+ 44.Kf2 f4 45.Rb2 g3+ 46.hxg3 fxg3+ 47.Kg1 Kg4 48.Rb8 h2+
49.Kh1 Rc3 50.Rg8+ Kh5 0-1

Fullbrook, Nigel - McGeary, Bill [C41] BC - WA m Bellingham (1.8), 28.10.2006

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nbd7 4.Nf3 e5 5.Bc4 Be7 6.h3 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.a4 Qc7 9.Be3 b6 10.dxe5 dxe5
11.Qe2 Bb7 12.Rad1 a6 13.Ng5 b5 14.Bb3 Nc5 15.f4 Nxb3 16.cxb3 b4 17.fxe5 Qxe5 18.Rf5 Qc7
19.e5 Nd5 20.Nxd5 cxd5 21.Qh5 Bxg5 22.Rxg5 Qc2 23.Rd4 Qxb3 24.Rg3 Qxb2 25.Rxg7+ 1-0

Bragg, David - Milicevic, Dragoljub [B06] BC - WA m Bellingham (1.9), 28.10.2006

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Be2 d6 4.f4 e5 5.dxe5 dxe5 6.Qxd8+ Kxd8 7.fxe5 Bxe5 8.Nf3 Bg7 9.Nc3 Be6
10.Bg5+ Kc8 11.0-0-0 Nd7 12.Nd4 Bxd4 13.Rxd4 f6 14.Bh4 Ne7 15.Rf1 Rf8 16.g4 Nc6 17.Rd2 Nce5
18.Nd5 Bxd5 19.exd5 g5 20.Bg3 Kd8 21.h3 Ke7 22.Rf5 a6 23.Bf1 Rae8 24.Bg2 Kd8 25.b3 Nf7 26.c4
Nd6 27.Rff2 Re3 28.Rf3 Rfe8 29.Rxe3 Rxe3 30.Bf2 Re8 31.Bd4 Re1+ 32.Kc2 Ne4 33.Bxe4 Rxe4
34.Kd3 Re1 35.Rf2 Ke7 36.c5 c6 37.Kd2 Re4 38.d6+ Ke6 39.Kd3 Re1 40.b4 Rd1+ 41.Kc3 Re1 42.a3
Re4 43.Kd3 Re1 44.Bc3 Rd1+ 45.Kc4 Rd5 46.Bd4 Kf7 47.Re2 Ne5+ 48.Bxe5 Rxe5 49.Rxe5 fxe5
50.Kd3 Kf6 51.Ke4 Ke6 52.d7 Kxd7 53.Kxe5 Kc7 54.Kf6 b6 55.Kxg5 a5 56.Kh6 Kb7 57.Kxh7 1-0

Davies, Noam - Paleveda, Nick [B95] BC - WA m Bellingham (1.10), 28.10.2006

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd3 Nbd7 8.f4 Be7 9.Be2 Qc7 10.0-0-0
b5 11.Bf3 Bb7 12.Bxf6 Nxf6 13.e5 dxe5 14.fxe5 Nd7 15.Bh5 g6 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.Bxg6+ hxg6
18.Qxg6+ Kd8 19.Qxe6 Re8 20.Qg4 Kc8 21.Nd5 Bxd5 22.Rxd5 Qc6 23.Rhd1 Ra7 24.R1d3 Rc7
25.c3 Qe6 26.Qe4 Nb6 0-1

LESSONS FROM GM SLUGFEST, PART 1 by Jonathan Berry

When I first received an invitation to the GM Slugfest from John Donaldson, I thought it was a mistake, or in the nature of a courtesy copy, a cc:, an FYI. Later a more personalized version came through, and it also left me wondering why I had been invited. The GM Slugfest was to take place on the weekend after the B.C. Championship. Although I used to play the Washington Open every year on the weekend after the Keres, a bye could be taken in both events, reducing the chess burden from thirteen to eleven rounds. In both of these events, however, a bye was not possible, so it was a full thirteen games to savour. With so many GMs, several IMs, and just two or three local untitled players, it seemed that the reason for my invitation was to act as cannon fodder. As it turned out, that was not the reason. The pairings were done in the old British Championship style, that is top versus bottom and middle versus middle. As third from the bottom, it was my honour to play against GM and former US Champion Alexander Shabalov.

Berry,Jonathan - Shabalov,Alexander [D47] GM Slugfest Bellevue (1), 13.10.2006

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 b5 8.Be2 After the game, GM Shabalov generously analyzed it for a good half hour. He said here that he was suspicious that I was simply copying from the internet the moves of the final Kramnik-Topalov playoff game, which had followed the text course instead of the regular Bd3. It is true that I had seen the moves up to Be2, but had not played out the game. As will be seen later in my game with GM Akobian, I like to flip flop a bit with standard bishop deployments. **8...Bd6** An unusual continuation which GM Shabalov had analyzed a few years earlier. Some might panic when their game goes out of book, I was blissfully unaware. **9.Qc2 0-0 10.e4 e5 11.Bg5 Qe7 12.a3 a6 13.Rd1 Re8 14.0-0** To this point GM Shabalov was full of praise for my play, and he was somewhat regretting 11...Qe7. White has a nice centre and Black lags in development. **14...Bb8** A complete surprise for me, Black has a dearth of moves at his disposal and d6 might fall under threat. **15.Rd2** Going after control of the d-file is a bit simplistic. In the post mortem, GM Shabalov wasn't sure this was the right move. For example, the more flexible Rf1-e1 suggests itself. I looked at strange tries such as b2-b4 (a6-a5!?) or Bg5-h4, but quickly convinced myself to keep to the middle path. **15...h6 16.Bh4 exd4 17.Nxd4 Bf4 18.Rdd1** The computer suggests 18.Nxc6 Qc5 19.Bxf6 (what I saw was 19.Nd5 Bxd2 20.Qxc5 Nxc5 21.Bxf6 Bb7 and Black is winning.) 19...Qxc6 20.Nd5 Qxc2 21.Rxc2 Nxf6 22.Nxf4 Nxe4 that White is a third of a pawn up in the endgame. I would have been happy with this position, but didn't see the continuation. **18...Ne5**



GM Shabalov was suspicious of the continuation suggested by the computer 18...c5 19.Nf5 Qe6 but it looks OK for Black. **19.Bg3?** Despite spending nine minutes on this move, I overlooked that after 19.g3 Bg5? I did not have to play 20.Bxg5, but could play 20.f4. 19.g3 And here I will resist the temptation to give a kazillion variations. The reader should study the position and come to his or her own conclusions. In the post mortem, we came to the conclusion that the best Black could do was sacrifice a pawn for probably insufficient compensation. A little while with old Fritz makes me think that matters are more complicated than that. **19...Bxg3 20.hxg3 c5** Black has a clear advantage because of the Q-side majority. **21.Nf5** A difficult decision because the K-side majority becomes chronically unqualitative and White cannot control d5 with a pawn. **21...Bxf5**

22.exf5 Rac8 23.a4 Nc6! 24.Bf3 Nd4 25.Qd3 b4 Although I had overlooked Black's 23rd, I did see here that I was about to sacrifice my queen for reasonable chances. **26.Nd5 Nxd5 27.Bxd5 Ne2+** Also strong is 27...Rcd8. **28.Kh2 c4 29.Bxc4 Qg5 30.Qxe2 Rxe2 31.Bxe2 Rc2 32.Bxa6 Rxb2** GM Shabalov was expecting a bishop move, when Rxf2! Rxf2 Qh5+ wins easily with the passed b-pawn. I didn't see that, but as luck would have it, the planned move short-circuited his shot. **33.Rd7 Rd2! 34.Rb7** In a postal game I would have considered 34.Bd3 b3 35.a5 Rd1 36.a6 b2 37.a7 Qh5+ 38.Kg1 Rxf1+ 39.Bxf1 b1Q 40.a8Q+ Kh7 41.Qe8 Qhxf5 42.Qxf7 Qxf7 43.Rxf7 but I had 8 minutes for 7 moves. It's funny, sometimes 8 seconds is enough, but 8 minutes is not. **34...Rd4! 35.Rb5 h5 36.a5?** Bad geometry. White had to try 36.Bb7 h4 37.gxh4 Rxh4+, for example 38.Kg1 b3 39.Rxb3 (39.a5 Qf4 40.g3 Qc4 41.a6 Qxb5 42.gxh4 b2 43.Rb1 Kh7 44.Kg2 Kh6-/+) 39...Qh5 40.g3 Rxa4 41.Bc6 Rc4 42.Kg2 Qxf5 43.Rb8+ Kh7 44.Rh1+ Kg6 45.Rb6 Qf6 46.Be4+ Rxe4 47.Rxf6+ Kxf6= **36...h4 37.Bb7 37.gxh4 Qh6!-+ 38.Rb8+ Kh7 39.Kg1 (39.Bb7 Rxh4+) 39...Qxa6. 37...hxg3+ 38.fxg3 Qh6+ 39.Kg1 Qe3+ 40.Kh2 Qh6+ 41.Kg1 Qe3+ 42.Kh2**



42...Qe2! 43.Ba6 Kh7 44.Rb6 Qe5 45.Bb5 Rh4+ 46.Kg1 Qe3+
47.Rf2 Rd4 48.Be2 Rd2 49.Kf1 Rc2 50.Rd6 b3 51.f6 b2 White
resigns: 0-3 (BAP scoring)

THIS WEEKEND:

Sliver Star Classic (B.C. Championship Qualifier), Vernon

B.C. Junior Championship, Vancouver

See www.chess.bc.ca for details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Junior Events

Nov 11-13 BC Junior Championship, Vancouver

Nov 19 Island Junior Open #3, Victoria

Dec 10 Greater Victoria City Championship

UBC Tuesday Night Swiss

Date: Tuesdays

Location: Room 211, Student Union Building, UBC

Format: 5-round Swiss

Time control: 2 hours sudden death

Time: 6:30 pm sharp

Entry fees: \$20 for adults, \$15 for juniors and UBC club members

TD info.: Aaron Cosenza, 604 327-4714, xramis1@yahoo.ca

Right to Play flex RR

Date: 1 November 2006 - 31 January 2007

Location: flexible

Type: Round Robin, 6-10+ players

Details: www.chessfirst.com

Silver Star Classic

Date: 11-13 November

Location: Vernon

Type: 6-round Swiss

Jack Taylor Memorial

Date: 25-26 November

Location: University of Victoria

Type: 5-round Swiss

2007 BC Correspondence Chess Championship

Start: January 15, 2007

Type: round robin

Mode: all games are played on the **ICCF webserver** (no e-mails, no postcards!)

EF: \$25

Prizes: 1st software prize from **chessfirst.com**

Registration: Vas Sladek, vas@chessfirst.com, 604-562-3736

Notes: BC residents ONLY and CCCA membership required \$30/year