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Leko Challenges Kramnik !!

The Kramnik side of the Prague Unity Agreement saw a semi-final playoff, after the double round robin phase, in the 2002 Dortmund, Germany, Candidates Tournament. Peter Leko (Hungary) defeated Alexei Shirov (Spain) 2.5 - .5. After 4 games Veselin Topalov (Bulgaria) and Evgeny Bareev (Russia) were tied. So they went into a rapid playoff match. The first game was drawn. But Topalov played an excellent game in the second game, winning the game, and therefore his semi-final.

Topalov,Veselin (2745) – Bareev,Evgeny(2726) [C11]

Sparkassen sf Playoff Dortmund GER (2), 17.07.2002

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 dxe4 5.Nxe4 Nbd7 6.Nf3 Be7 7.Nxf6+ Bxf6 8.h4 c5 9.Qd2 cxd4
10.Nxd4 h6 11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.Qb4 Nd5 13.Qa3 Qe7 14.Bb5+ Bd7 15.Bxd7+ Kxd7 16.Qa4+ Kc7
17.Rh3 a6 18.Rb3 Qc5 19.0-0-0 b5 20.Qa5+ Qb6 21.Qe1 Kb7 22.Qe2 Ka7 23.Nxb5+ axb5
24.Rxb5 Qc6 25.Rdxd5 exd5 26.Qe7+ Ka6 27.Rb3 1-0

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Veselin Topalov

Peter Leko

In the finals, to determine who would be the challenger to 2000 BrainGames World Champion, Vladimir Kramnik (Russia), and the # 2 player in the world, Peter Leko (# 8 on the world rating list) came out on top, winning games 1 & 2. Topalov fought back in exciting game 3 to make the score 2 : 1. Here is the game :

Leko,Peter (2722) – Topalov,Veselin [B42]

Sparkassen Final Dortmund GER (3), 20.07.2002

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Bc5 6.Nb3 Be7 7.0-0 d6 8.c4 b6 9.Nc3 Bf6 10.Qc2 Ne7 11.Be3 Qc7 12.Rfd1 Nd7 13.Qd2 Bb7 14.Be2 Be5 15.Bd4 Rd8 16.Rac1 Bxd4 17.Qxd4 Nf6 18.Na4 Nc8 19.e5 dxe5 20.Qxd8+ Qxd8 21.Rxd8+ Kxd8 22.c5 b5 23.c6 Ba8 24.Nac5 Kc7 25.Nxa6+ Kb6 26.Bxb5 Nd6 27.Be2 Bxc6 28.Nb4 Bd5 29.Nd2 Nf5 30.Nc4+ Bxc4 31.Rxc4 Nd4 32.Bf1 Rd8 33.Nd3 Nc6 34.a4 e4 35.Nc5 Na5 36.Rb4+ Kxc5 37.Rb5+ Kc6 38.Rxa5 Nd5 39.Rb5 Nf4 40.Rb4 f5 41.Rc4+ Kb7 42.g3 Nd3 43.a5 g5 44.Be2 Rd5 45.b4 Ne5 46.a6+ Kb8 47.Rc2 g4 48.Rc5 Nf3+ 49.Kf1 Nxe2+ 50.Ke1 Nf3+ 51.Bxf3 exf3 52.Rc6 Re5+ 53.Kd1 h5 54.b5 Rxb5 55.Rxe6 Rb2 56.Ke1 Rb1+ 57.Kd2 Rf1 58.Re5 f4 59.gxf4 Rxf2+ 60.Ke3 Re2+ 61.Kd3 Ra2 0-1

But Leko was able to draw the last game, and take the final. Leko has always underperformed in many top players opinions, tending to play cautiously, and draw many games. But this candidates tournament has seen a much more aggressive Leko, with fewer draws than would otherwise have been expected. He seems a quite worthy challenger for Kramnik.

CFC CYCC Goes Backwards !? Illegal ??

In recent years, the CFC has run the Canadian Youth Chess Championships (U 10, 12, 14, 16, 18) in 2 sections : an Open section (mixed boys and girls); and a parallel Girls' CYCC. In the 2002 CYCC last month, Hazel Smith (winner of the Girls' CYCC U 10 in 2000 and 2001) played in the U 12 section (Open). There was lack of opposition in the Girls' CYCC U 12 – Hazel was about 350 rating points stronger than the next highest rated girl. !!

The recent CFC AGM changed all that. A motion was passed that boys and girls had to play in their own separate groups (we have not yet been able to get the exact

wording of the motion). So, in 2003 in Kapuskasing, Ontario (site of the CYCC and the Canadian Open), Hazel, or any other girl, would be unable to play in the " boys " section for their age group !!

It is the SCTCN&V position that this is an ILLEGAL motion, and constitutes sex discrimination ! In order to get accurate information on what transpired at the AGM, we wrote directly to the CFC FIDE Representative and former CFC President, Maurice Smith, who chaired the AGM. Here is the content of that e-mail of Friday, July 26 :

" Further to my earlier e-mail, here is the basis on which I say that the CFC position on CYCC is illegal.

Here is what happened in Men's Hockey when women were " excluded " - the court said they had the right to play !! Here's the article :

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The Justine Blainey Story

Won Sexual Discrimination Case in the Canadian Supreme Court

At the age of 10, Justine Blainey already knew what she wanted to do: play hockey in the men's Metro Toronto Hockey League. This wasn't just a case of wanting to "play with the boys." Even at that young age, Justine recognized the disparity between men's and women's hockey. Back then (and still today) men's hockey in Canada was better funded than the women's game. The men enjoyed more ice time and played more games, which translated into the skill level for the men's league to continually improve. Women's hockey took a back seat and stagnated. Beside less ice time and fewer opportunities to compete, the women were not allowed to body check, a basic, physical aspect of hockey, and one that makes for a more exciting game for spectators.

Justine addressed a discrimination complaint to the Human Rights Commission. The commission essentially closed the door in her face, because at that time, the Ontario Human Rights Code specifically allowed sexual discrimination in sports. This forced Justine to take on the Ontario law. She went up through the Ontario court system until her plea was finally heard in the Canadian Supreme Court. While it took four years, hers was the fastest case in history to reach and be considered by the Supreme Court of Canada.

Along the way, Justine gained nationally recognition. People either admired her or hated her. It wasn't unusual for complete strangers to be rude to her. The emotions were so strong that for quite some time she couldn't go anywhere alone and feel safe.

Throughout the ordeal, Justine competed on the local women's hockey team, but even there, most of her teammates shunned her. Even some family members found it hard to understand.

Finally, Justine won the right to compete on the ice with "the boys." This is when the real test began. As she stepped onto the ice for that first game, she knew that every opposing player was out to show her that she didn't belong on the ice with the men. She took the hits and gave some back. But she kept on coming, game after game, until they began to respect her abilities instead of focusing on her gender.

Justine led the way for other women wishing to compete at higher levels. There are now about 20 females playing in the Metro Toronto Hockey League.

Today, Justine is a fourth year chiropractic student at Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College (CMCC)... bumps and bruises of hockey brought her to the profession: "My struggle for sport equality strengthened my idealism and courage, two qualities that allow me to recognize, appreciate and promote the natural healing powers of chiropractic. My personal struggles with both drug therapy complications and sport injuries led me to my family chiropractor, Dr. Howard Zanisch, who promoted chiropractic and equally often promoted my becoming a chiropractor."

Next year Justine will graduate with a CMCC class that is approximately 40 percent women. But she will enter a profession still largely dominated by men (please see "Cracking Chiropractic's Glass Ceiling" on page three of this issue). Recognizing this reality, she has a very positive attitude:

"I look forward with enthusiasm at the things women and men can create for chiropractic in the upcoming years. As chiropractic breaks new barriers, we need to work together."

Considering her experiences, Justine has a few thoughts on the growing number of women chiropractors: "We female chiropractors have the opportunity and the responsibility to 'mother the world.' With courage, conviction and outspokenness, we can lead our society away from the overdependency on drug therapy (which has led to drug complications becoming the second highest cause of death in America), and toward natural, nonintrusive, drugless health care @@ chiropractic. Let's each of us keep our eyes open for young, intelligent, idealistic women and our ranks will grow and our chiropractic beliefs prevail."....

....She has seen how senseless discrimination can hold a person back and how teamwork can build on people's strengths. It's time for her to apply these truths to the health care marketplace.

Yes, Justine still plays hockey. She is a member of the Brampton women's team which includes U.S. and Canadian Olympic players. It's an amateur team (senior AAA) which is laying the foundation for the time when women's professional hockey will emerge. [end of article]

I think CFC needs to get a legal opinion on its position, given this Ontario precedent in the Supreme Court of Canada (and I believe there are others in other areas). Would you mind forwarding this to Peter Stockhausen, and the other executive, so they can consider my suggestion ? Thanks.

Bob

I am pleased to say that Peter Stockhausen, CFC President, recognizes the concern raised around this issue. Maurice forwarded our e-mail on July 26. Peter responded immediately to our inquiry to the CFC Executive, and set a schedule to process this matter to some final decision. Here is his e-mail :

Dear Mr. Armstrong,

Your request has been forwarded to my attention. Below is a copy of the reply that I send to IM Dave Ross regarding the same subject matter.

To this moment I have not seen ANY motions passed at the AGM. I have not "polled" the Executive on your particular question, and hence cannot comment. So, I'm asking you to give me till August 15th 2002 to:

a, Figure out what was "passed" by the Governors at the AGM

b, Consult with the Executive of the CFC.

c, Seek a quick legal opinion on the matter if necessary.

d, Announce the CFC President/Executive decision to the public no later than August 31st 2002.

Please give us some time to sort this out. Thank you.

Peter Stockhausen, President, Chess Federation of Canada

We are pleased that Peter and the CFC Executive are concerned about this and have taken definite steps to investigate. We look forward to the results of this investigation by August 15, and will present further information as it is obtained.

USA – China Summit Series

This is a four consecutive year match, that started in 2001. Each team consists of the top 6 males, top 2 females and top 2 juniors. This was the second year of the match and was held in Shanghai, China. China won by 1 pt. only, 20.5 pts. to 19.5 pts. Next year's match takes place in Seattle.

2002 Canadian Open – Montreal, Quebec

This was one of the largest Canadian Open's in recent years, having about 350 players registered. And there were a slew of GM's and IM's. It ended up crowded at the top, with our 2002 Canadian Champion, IM Pascal Charbonneau, tying for 1st with Quebec IM Jean Hebert, and GM Jean-Marc Degreave (France). Tied for 4th/ 10th were our GTA Junior, IM Mark Bluvshstein, and : GM Alexei Barsov, GM Nikolai Legky, GM Jesus Noguieras, Manthan Chokshi, Quebec's FM Oleg Linskiy, the fourth highest rated Canadian, and Anthony Ibrahim.

CFC AGM

This meeting was held July 15 & 16, during the Canadian Open in Montreal. The executive elected were :

President – Peter Stockhausen

Vice-President – David Cohen (also GTCL President)

Secretary – Fred McKim (same as last year)

Treasurer – to be appointed by the President

FIDE Representative – Maurice Smith (SCC member and former CFC President)

Junior Co-ordinator – Dilip Panjwani

The meeting was especially noteworthy since the financial statement for 2001-2 showed a financial loss of some \$ 33,000 ! This is a large loss for an organization like the CFC, with falling membership, now around only 1800 members. Blame is being tossed around a lot for this loss. Certainly the former Executive Director, Serge Archambault, must take some of the blame, since the ED is to know how close to budget the organization is, on a day to day basis. But some of the blame appears to be at the doorstep of the past president, Dale Kirton, who it seems authorized above budget spending, despite financial warnings from the ED. Lastly, responsibility must be taken by Lyle Craver, last year's treasurer. His position was to oversee the finances during the year on a regular basis, and to report to the Executive on how the CFC was doing. From criticisms from Governor Peter McKillop, among others, it seems that the CFC does not have in place normal financial procedures to try to control spending, and to keep current. And yet the McKillop financial reform motions were all apparently voted down at the AGM. This seems very short-sighted. Surely they could have been amended if there were technical objections to the motions, so that some steps would be taken to bring CFC financial procedures up to speed. At very least, the Governors for this year should revisit these concepts, and improve the financial procedures that were in place last year, when this heavy loss (I think it may be the biggest annual loss in recent years) was sustained.

SCTCN&V “ Know Your Chessplayer “ Contest

The picture of our famous chessplayer in Issue # 19 was Viswanathan Anand, third highest rated player in the world, and 2000 FIDE World Champion.

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