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Classical World Championship Begins

This championship is being held in Brissago, Switzerland, and is sponsored by Danneman Tobacco. It is a 14 game match. After 4 games, the score is Vladimir Kramnik (Russia) 2.5 vs Peter Leko (Hungary) 1.5. Kramnik won the first game with the black pieces and in the process sacrificed his Queen, and then won a tricky 2R vs Q ending. Attached to our cover e-mail is a cbh database with the game in it, so you can play it over. Here is the game for those who cannot access the database :

(2018919) Leko,P – Kramnik,V [C42]

Danneman Classical W Ch Brissago, Switzerland (1), 25.09.2004

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.d4 d5 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.0-0 Be7 8.c4 Nb4 9.Be2 0-0 10.Nc3 Bf5 11.a3 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Nc6 13.Re1 Re8 14.cxd5 Qxd5 15.Bf4 Rac8 16.h3 Be4 17.Be3 Na5 18.c4 Nxc4 19.Bxc4 Qxc4 20.Nd2 Qd5 21.Nxe4 Qxe4 22.Bg5 Qxe1+ 23.Qxe1 Bxg5 24.Qa5 Bf6 25.Qxa7 c5 26.Qxb7 Bxd4 27.Ra2 c4 28.Re2 Red8 29.a4 c3 30.Qe4 Bb6 31.Qc2 g6 32.Qb3 Rd6 33.Rc2 Ba5 34.g4 Rd2 35.Kg2 Rcd8 36.Rxc3 Bxc3 37.Qxc3 R2d5 38.Qc6 Ra5 39.Kg3 Rda8 40.h4 R5a6 41.Qc1 Ra5 42.Qh6 Rxa4 43.h5 R4a5 44.Qf4 g5 45.Qf6 h6 46.f3 R5a6 47.Qc3 Ra4 48.Qc6 R8a6 49.Qe8+ Kg7 50.Qb5 R4a5 51.Qb4 Rd5 52.Qb3 Rad6 53.Qc4 Rd3 54.Kf2 Ra3 55.Qc5 Ra2+ 56.Kg3 Rf6 57.Qb4 Raa6 58.Kg2 Rf4 59.Qb2+ Raf6 60.Qe5 Rxf3 61.Qa1 Rf1 62.Qc3 R1f2+ 63.Kg3 R2f3+ 64.Qxf3 Rxf3+ 65.Kxf3 Kf6 0-1

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Canada Has New GM – Mark Bluvshstein

GTA junior, Mark Bluvshstein, picked up his third GM norm in the recent Canadian Closed and Zonal. He then needed his rating to go over 2500 to get the title. In the recent FIDE Preliminary October Rating list, Bluvshstein is shown at 2502. He will therefore now be awarded the title at the FIDE General Meeting later this month. Canada now has 4 GM's.

Canada Picks Olympiad Teams

The Chess Olympiad starts this month and runs from October 14 – 31. It will be held in Calvia de Mallorca, Spain.

The national team is composed of :

Alexandre Le Siege
Dimitry Tyomkin
Pascal Charbonneau
Yan Teplitsky
Igor Zugic
Mark Bluvshstein

Unfortunately, Canada's top rated player, GM Kevin Spraggett, withdrew " for health reasons ", but there is speculation that he may really have had a falling out of some kind with the team. In any event it is an unfortunate turn of events, but Yan Teplitsky is a worthy substitute addition to the team.

The Women's Team is :

Nava Starr
Dinara Khaziyeva
Diane Mongeau
Valentina Goutor

We wish them both the best of luck.

Toronto Senior's Active Championship

13 players participated in this event, held at the Bradgate Arms in Toronto. The winner was Bill Oaker.

" Chess King Ali " – A Chess Movie Review

(submitted by David Cohen)

"Chess King Ali" is a 25 minute documentary film made in 2002 in the Netherlands, directed by Meral Uslu. Thanks to sponsorship of the Dutch and many others, it was shown in Toronto, Sunday, May 2 at the Canadian International Documentary Festival, known as "Hot Docs" (<http://www.hotdocs.ca>). Here is the description from the program guide: "Originally from Iran, now living in the Netherlands, Ali is a twelve-year-old chess wiz who dreams of becoming world champion. He has the talent to represent Holland in international tournaments but as a refugee he is unable to leave the country."

The film chronicles the daily life of Ali Bitalzadeh, winner of the Dutch Under 12 Championships in regular and rapid play. His younger sister, a girl's champion for her age group, is also shown. Ali takes part in classroom training offered to the best Dutch youth players. His problem is that he can't accept invitations to compete abroad, particularly the European Youth Championships. Ali's father's refugee status has been revoked, and they are awaiting a decision on their appeal; if it fails, they may have to return to Iran. Meanwhile, Ali is not permitted to hold a Dutch passport. As Ali - used to making quick decisions in complicated positions at rapid chess - keenly observes: the government takes forever to make up it's mind, and then it often makes the wrong decision. Ali wisely notes that he is the same as other kids, so why shouldn't he be allowed to compete, just like the other kids?

In his daily life, Ali plays and enjoys other games with the children. Yet he does not join in any chess games with his classmates - they are not at his level. Is it arrogance? Probably not - I think he just would not find it any fun. He has lots of fun at the training sessions with his peers.

So why does Ali play chess? First, he set a goal of beating his father, but he achieved this long ago. Second, to pass the time. His parents are both medical doctors, but as refugees, they cannot practice. So, the family needs to occupy themselves while waiting for the government to rule on their case. Third, it helps him to escape. He does not need to think about his dangerous escape from Iran, nor about his grandparents whom he left behind.

Since the film was made, Ali's story has turned out well. He represented the Netherlands abroad at the 2003 European and World Boys Under 14 Championships, achieving a FIDE rating of 2229.

[Event "European Boys U14 Ch"]
[Site "Budva, YUG"]
[Date "2003.09.16"]
[Round "4"]
[White "Bitalzadeh, Ali"]
[Black "Jurcik, Mart"]
[Result "1-0"]
[ECO "B75"]
[WhiteElo "2181"]
[BlackElo "2101"]
[PlyCount "79"]

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 g6 6. Be3 Bg7 7. f3 Nc6 8. Qd2 Bd7 9. O-O-O Rc8 10. g4 Ne5 11. Kb1 Nc4 12. Bxc4 Rxc4 13. h4 h5 14. g5 Nh7 15. Nd5 O-O 16. b3 Rc8 17. c4 Bc6 18. Nc3 Qa5 19. Nd5 Qd8 20. f4 e6 21. Nc3 Qa5 22. Nxc6 bxc6 23. Na4 Qa6 24. Qxd6 Rb8 25. Kc2 Rfc8 26. Bd4 Bxd4 27. Rxd4 Qa5 28. Qc5 Qa6 29. Rhd1 Nf8 30. Rd6 Qb7 31. Nc3 Qc7 32. Ne2 Rb6 33. Nd4 Ra6 34. a4 Rb6 35. a5 Ra6 36. b4 Kh7 37. Nf3 Qb7 38. Ne5 Kg8 39. Rd8 Rxd8 40. Rxd8 1-0

(we attach to the cover e-mail a pgn database with the game shown .)

Upcoming 1st Canadian Senior (50+) Chess Championship 2004

Saturday, November 13

Bayview Games Club (BGC) 1681 Bayview Avenue, Suite 202
(south of Eglinton Ave. E.) Toronto, Ontario

11:00am - 6:00pm

CFC Active Rated Swiss - 5 rounds

Time Control: Game/30 minutes

Entry fee: \$15 BGC members. Non-members add \$5 for BGC one day membership, or can join BGC at site.

For Chess Federation of Canada (CFC) members, your regular rating will not be affected; this event is active rated.

For non-members of the CFC, your entry fee includes a tournament membership in the CFC. You will receive a CFC active rating from this event.

Register on site at 11:00am.

PRIZE FUND - \$250 GUARANTEED FIRST PRIZE

Any additional prizes will be based on entries.

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