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**2005 FIDE World Chess Championship – Interim Report**

The participants in the 2005 World Chess Championship, being held in San Luis, Argentina from September 27 – October 16, are : the current 2004 title-holder Rustam Kasimdzhanov of Uzbekistan; the world's top Active professional and 2000 -FIDE world champion Viswanathan Anand of India, the top-rated player in the world, and the current favourite; the world's number two and three, Veselin Topalov ( Bulgaria ) and Peter Leko ( Hungary ); Michael Adams ( England ) - # 6; Peter Svidler ( Russia ) - # 9; Alexander Morozevich ( Russia ) - # 11; and – what a great achievement – Judit Polgar ( Hungary ), the world's strongest female player - # 7. ( Vladimir Kramnik, Classical World Champion since 2000, was originally invited but declined to participate. He feels that as Classical Champion, this tournament should be used to determine a challenger to him for the Classical title. FIDE has rejected this position, and still claims that their FIDE Champion is the World Champion – the former Prague Unity Agreement has been left in tatters. )

Here are the standings after 4 rounds :

Topalov	3.5
Svidler	3
Anand	2.5
Kasimdzhanov	2
Polgar	1.5
Leko	1.5

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Morozevich 1  
Adams 1

### **2005 FIDE World Champion vs Classical World Champion Possible**

In a recent interview, before the start of the World Championship tournament, FIDE President, Kirsan Ilyumzhinov told the Russian paper Sport Express that there could be a match between the winner of the 2005 FIDE World Championship, and Vladimir Kramnik ( Russia ), Classical World Champion since 2000. But his description of it simply continues FIDE's bull-headed view that it's world champion is THE world champion. Ilyumzhinov referred to the fact that FIDE has legal proprietorship of the World Title, and that the 2005 FIDE World Champion will be the LEGAL World Champion. So he implies that it will be up to Kramnik to CHALLENGE the FIDE Champion ! He makes clear his position when he said that one condition for the match is that the FIDE Champion ACCEPTS THE CHALLENGE. His further condition for the match was that it would be played for \$ 2 million. In our view, this is hardly the way to go about trying to resolve the dual title issue. We will have to see if Kramnik responds to Ilyumzhinov. It will be interesting to hear his response.

### **2005 World Cup Knockout Championship**

This FIDE tournament will be held in Russia from December 3 – 25, and will have a prize fund of \$1.5 million ( US ). It will determine the World Cup Champion. But more importantly, this 128 player knockout tournament is the first stage of the 2006 FIDE World Championship. The first 5 players will qualify for the Candidates Stage of the World Championship.

### **How Children Develop Sports Skills with Chess**

( This is Pt. III of a 4-part series on How Children Develop Skills with Chess, submitted by David Cohen )

Chess can help you with your (team) sports.

#### *Visualization*

Compare arrangement of pieces on the chessboard to the arrangement of the players on the field of play. Helps the player to keep track mentally of where teammates and opponents are located.

#### *Thinking ahead*

Soccer and chess parent Gary Gladstone described how his son Simon, my chess student, had his soccer game messed up because his non-chess playing teammates had not caught up to him yet. When a teammate has the soccer ball, and is on the offence, a good play is to pass it to Simon, so that he can take the ball and move it up the empty field of play towards the opponents' goal. But once the pass is made, the opposing team will close in on him, to prevent him from moving into the open space in front of him. So, a better play is to pass the ball from the teammate into the open space ahead of Simon! From his chess

playing, Simon learned to think ahead, both when considering his own actions, and his opponents' actions. Taking all of this into account, when Simon saw a teammate with the ball, he would take off for the open field up ahead, expecting the ball to be there when he arrived. But his non-chess playing teammates were passing the ball behind him, where he used to be located!

#### *Opponent's response*

A player learns that the opponents will respond to whatever action the player makes. So, the child learns that there are consequences for each action.

#### *Analysis*

List, then assess, the strengths and weaknesses of both the player's team's situation and the opposing team's situation. Use observation, with reference to standards learned from books or other players. Use imagination to develop possible actions (alternatives).

#### *Evaluation*

Assess the value of an action, taking into account possible responses by the opposing team.

#### *Judgment*

Compare alternative actions and determine which is best.

#### *Strategy*

On the chessboard, the player guides the chess pieces; on the sports team, the coach guides the players. Form a plan for an action for all players on a team, in a coordinated effort: the game plan. Set the goal, then break the plan down into achievable steps to reach the final goal. Each player has a role.

#### *Teamwork*

In chess, the child can help another child from the same school, and together they will then represent their school at a team competition. Team spirit evolves.

Children form two-player teams for an exercise game with the chess pieces called double chess (bughouse); successful play requires the cooperation of the player's partner. Children learn signals for communication; to coordinate with a teammate; and to plan with a teammate.

#### *Hiding your emotions during a contest*

Chess provides an opportunity to learn to hide your emotions from your opponent. For example, if your face shows that you are excited at having found an opportunity to win, then you will place your opponent on guard. Your opponent may not have seen this opportunity, but will now be alerted to search for it.

#### *Break from physical activity*

You can take a break from physical sports (athletics) by playing a non-physical sport such as chess. Pass the time between games or while training.

## Quotes on Chess and Sports

### Rowing

“Q. What are some things people might not know about Marnie McBean?”

A. My first trophy was a chess trophy. I used to play in a lot of chess tournaments; I was a little Bobby Fischer. I was ranked in Canada for under-16 in the top 25 one year.”

“One of the jobs I have in the boat is dealing with strategy and tactics. It’s my responsibility to talk to Kathleen Heddle, my partner, to inform her of what is going on around us. I have to anticipate not only our weaknesses but also our strengths, as well as the weaknesses and strengths of our opposition. I have to anticipate the moves of the opposition around us. I think that my gift for that has come from my background in chess. Chess led me to develop a strategist’s mind by teaching me how to think tactically, and how to think about options, selections and different possibilities. I think that my background in chess has made me one of the best racers and one of the best bowsmen in the world.”

- *Marnie McBean*, 3-time Olympic Gold Medal Rower.

[“McBean at 35: Still strokin’”, interview by Randy Starkman, *Toronto Star*, Sunday 2003.11.09, p. E2. Quote reprinted in *En Passant* 142, 1997.02, p.33.]

### Boxing

“I always felt chess was very good for boxers. They’ve got to think ahead about their moves; they can’t just be reactive.”

- *Adrian Teodorescu*, Atlas Boxing Club, Toronto, former Canadian national coach, and Lennox Lewis’ boxing trainer in his amateur years.

[‘Lennox Lewis: Final Round - Leaving as lord of the ring’ by Kevin Ward, *Toronto Star*, Saturday, 2004.02.07, p.C3.]

“Q. When did you learn to play chess?”

A. During high school, and actually my [amateur boxing trainer] Adrian Teodorescu helped me develop it.

Q. What is it about chess that appeals to you?

A. There’s strategy involved, there’s thinking. You have different opportunities to use [pieces] that all work differently and you have to decide which [pieces] you want to work for your best advantage.”

- *Lennox Lewis*, chess expert; Olympic Gold Medal in boxing for Canada 1988; World Heavyweight Boxing Champion 1992-4, 1997-2001, 2001-4.

['The king of the world', interview by Randy Starkman, *Toronto Star*, Tuesday, 2002.11.12, p.C3.]

## **Baseball**

“[In both baseball and chess, you are] always looking ahead [and cannot] afford to underestimate your opponent.”

- *Ron Guidry*, major league baseball pitcher, New York Yankees 1975-88; 4-time All-Star (1978-9, 1982-3); winner 5 Gold Glove awards 1982-6; winner Cy Young award for best pitcher 1978; winner two World Series Championships 1977-8.

[cover story, 'Ron Guidry: A fierce competitor on the field and the board' by Bruce Pandolfini, *Chess Life*, 1983.09, p.6.]

“[When playing chess, Ron Guidry] puts up a poker face and cleverly disguises his intentions.”

- *Bruce Pandolfini*, chess author.

[cover story, 'Ron Guidry: A fierce competitor on the field and the board' by Bruce Pandolfini, *Chess Life*, 1983.09, p.6.]

## **Basketball**

In 1935, the Ontario men's basketball champions from Long Branch (Toronto) played chess once per week!

['Basketball Champions Developing into Chess Fiends', *Toronto Star*, 1935.11.19.]

“... the [chess] competition was very steep and very exciting.”

- *Elvin Hayes*, basketball player; 1968 US College Player of the Year; 16 years (1968-84) in National Basketball Association (NBA); 12-time NBA All-Star; among top four all-time in NBA for games and minutes played, points scored, and rebounds; won NBA Championship 1977-78; member Basketball Hall of Fame, NBA 50th Anniversary All-Time Team.

['Celebrities and Chess' by Irwin Fisk, *Chess Life*, 1992.01, p.88]

## **Toronto Thanksgiving Open – Upcoming Tournament**

Date : October 8 – 10, 2005

Location : Tartu College, 310 Bloor St. West ( One block east of Spadina Avenue)

Prizes : \$ 3000 ( based on 100 players )

Style:           6 round Swiss,5 sections Open U2200, U2000, U1800, U1600 (w/UNR)  
All sections are CFC rated. Top section is also rated by FIDE

Rounds:       10:00 am & 4:30 pm

Time  
Control:       40 moves in 2 hours, then 1 hour S/D

Registration: 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. (sharp) Saturday before the Tournament [only player registering before 9:30 a.m. are guaranteed to be paired for 10:00 a.m.] or **in advance by mail**. Make cheque payable

to "Larry Bevand" and send to Chess'n Math, 1683 Bayview Ave., Toronto, Ontario, M4G 3C1  
(No Postdated Cheques)

Entry Fee: \$60. for Adults, \$40 for Juniors (Under 21) (Late Fee of \$10.00 to on site entries without advance phone or email registration)

Byes: Maximum 2 – ½ point byes available in rounds 1-5 if requested in advance

Misc: Bring sets and clocks. No Smoking in the Building.

Press here to find [Tartu College](#)

Information: Chess'n Math (416) 486-3395  
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Entry Form – 2005 Thanksgiving Open

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Rating \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ CFC# \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Entry Fee \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ CFC Fee \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ CFC exp. date \_\_\_\_\_ Jr. DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Total Fee \_\_\_\_\_

Byes Requested: Round 1 2 3 4 5 (circle round of bye request)

**Make cheque payable to :** Larry Bevand c/o Chess'n Math  
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