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Topalov New 2005 FIDE World Chess Champion

The participants in the 2005 World Chess Championship, held in San Luis, Argentina from September 27 – October 14, were : the 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 (ratings based on July FIDE list, with Garry Kasparov eliminated) in the world, and the pre-tournament favourite; the world's number two and three, Veselin Topalov (Bulagaria) 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 final standings :

1. Topalov	10
2. Anand	8.5
3. Svidler	8.5
4. Morozevich	7
5. Leko	6.5
6. Kasimdzhanov	5.5

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7. Adams	5.5
8. Polgar	4.5

Anand is the second place winner since on tie-break he scored more wins than Svidler. As the second place winner, he automatically qualifies for the quarterfinals of the next 2006 FIDE cycle of candidates' matches. Svidler as the third place finisher and Morozevich as the fourth place winner, have to win a first-round match in order to reach the quarterfinals .

Topalov definitely dominated this tournament, and is a deserved World Champion. It seems that many commentators hold that since this tournament was so strong, Topalov now has as much legitimacy to claim to be World Champion as Kramnik, who is the Classical World Champion. We feel that a match between the two would be good for chess since it would again finally reunite the title under FIDE. We'll see what develops.

FIDE October 1 Rating List

There is still only one player over 2800 : # 1 : Garry Kasparov (Russia), 13th FIDE World Champion – 2812. Although he is now retired, he will be shown on the active rating list for one year after his last game, and then be removed for inactivity.

There are now 18 players in the 2700's. Viswanathan Anand (India), 2000 FIDE World Champion, is in second with a rating of 2788; in the # 3 spot, is Veselin Topalov (Bulgaria), rated 2782 ; Peter Leko (Hungary), the challenger to Kramnik in the 2004 World Championship match, is in the # 4 spot with 2751; Vassily Ivanchuk (Ukraine) holds the # 5 spot, with 2748; Peter Svidler (Russia), has now moved ahead of Vladimir Kramnik, and is # 6 with a rating of 2740; Vladimir Kramnik (Russia), current Classical World Champion, has now fallen to # 7 and has 2739 ; Judit Polgar (Hungary), the strongest women's player in the world, with 2735, is in the # 8 spot.

At # 19 is Ruslan Ponomarev (Ukraine), 2002 FIDE World Champion, at 2704; 12th FIDE World Champion, Anatoly Karpov (Russia) is # 33 – 2672; 2004 FIDE World Champion, Rustan Kasimdzhanov (Uzbekistan) is # 35 at 2670; 1999 FIDE World Champion, Alexander Khalifman (Russia) is # 50 – 2653;

Here are a number of the younger players we're watching : Etienne Bacrot (France) is # 9 – 2725; Alexander Grischuk (Russia) is #11– 2720 ; Teimour Radjabov (Azerbaijan) is # 18 (up from # 23) – 2704; Francisco Vallejo Pons (Spain) is # 29 (down from # 24) – 2674.

The three highest FIDE rated Canadians are : GM Kevin Spraggett, former Canadian Champion, at 2585; GM Mark Bluvshtein at 2544; GM Alexandre Le Siege, 2001 Canadian Champion, at 2528.

Toronto Thanksgiving Day Open – Report

(from Report on ChessTalk by TD Larry Bevand)

Open:

Leonid Gerzhoy & Youri Ochkous 4.5/6 - \$375 each

U2200:
Yevgeni Nahutin 5/6 - \$225
Andrei Gulko 4.5 - \$150

U2000:
Alex Mertchenko & Brendan Fan 5/6 - \$107.50 each
Aman Hamelton, Arthur Calugar and Luc Chamberland 4/6 - \$20 each.

U1800:
Matthew Ramenaden & Haonan Zhou 4.5/6 - \$90 each.
Richard Leu, Behnam Shahi, Jesse Wang Harris Kaufman & Nicholas Lancia all with 3.5 points and \$12 each.

U1600:
Kevin Karl Lyle 5/6 - \$100
Calvin Wu, Isaac Moratis and Jiayang Jiang 4.5/6 - \$45 each.

How Children Develop Life Skills with Chess

(This is Pt. IV of the article “ How Children Develop Skills with Chess “, submitted by David Cohen)

In a learning environment, chess can be used to develop a wide range of **life** skills for the child’s personal growth and ability to interact socially.

Competition

A child will gain self-esteem and confidence from winning; and take defeat and learn from losing

Concentration

In thinking about a move in the chess game, a child can learn patience, to concentrate on a task, and that success comes from your own effort.

Cooperation

Community starts here. The child can help another child from the same school, and together they will then represent their school at a team competition. Additional opportunities exist when the 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.

Fair play

The starting point is the same for all, and the process (the rules) is the same for all.

A child first learns equality: children mix with children of different gender, ethnicity, and age. They discover that all people are equal in opportunity. All participants face the exact same starting position in a chess game. The only advantage, that one player moves first,

is eliminated when the players alternate colours in successive games. Any additional advantage comes from how people with equal opportunities apply themselves to the task.

A child learns to play by the rules, that the same rules apply to everyone, and that they are not changed just for one person. Cheating on the rules is not permitted. A child may also be taught that an exception may be made once, to forgive another person's mistake. This can happen when another player is learning the game and makes a big mistake; the child may permit the other player to change the move, but with the warning and understanding that this will not be permitted a second time.

Hard work

Study plus practice will lead to achieving a goal. Teachers can assign exercises or books from the recommended reading list. The greater the effort by the student, the more they will see the results when they play the game.

Knowledge sharing

In a learning environment, children will share their knowledge by mentoring. For example, a teacher can explain a new rule to the most advanced players in the class. The students will then turn around and explain it to all of the others! Children also play weaker players, to help them improve.

Maturity

Children learn consideration for others, and social behaviour, in the learning environment. Chess provides an opportunity for kids to communicate with each other. This can be particularly important for children with problems of autism or shyness. The moves of the game are one form of communication between the children. The setting for the game, such as choosing colours, is another.

Responsibility

Your actions bring consequences. In chess, a move made by a child brings a response by the other player. The touch-move rule states that when a player touches a piece, that is the piece which the player must move. This is important, because the child learns that actions cannot be changed or taken back. The child learns to live with the consequences of the action, which in chess is the other player's response. From this, a child may also learn self-control - think before you act.

The August Open – Toronto - Upcoming Tournament

This 5 round swiss will be held at the Bayview Games Club, 1681 Bayview Avenue, on November 11 – 13. Time control will be Game/150 min.. Rounds are : Friday – 6:30 pm; Sat. & Sun. – 11:00 am & 5:30 pm. Entry Fee is \$55 (payable in cash by November 10). Late Fee - \$ 10. Non-members of BGC - \$ 15 extra. This is a CFC – rated tournament – membership required or \$ 10 tournament membership. There is also a draw for an early bird door prize, for those who register by November 4 – full entry fee rebate (\$ 55). For further information : Vlad Dobrich 416-722-9709.

The TORONTO SENIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2005

October 18 to November 29

This will be an eight player round-robin tournament comprising of the eight highest rated players born in 1955 or earlier who apply.

The deadline for entries will be 9pm Tuesday, October 11 at the Willowdale Chess Club where the draw for position will take place. A reserve section will be available after the top section is filled.

Schedule: Games will be played on consecutive Tuesdays at 7pm at the Willowdale Chess Club
(Earl Bales Community Centre at the Earl Bales Park near Bathurst and Sheppard intersection)

The event will be CFC rated, and the rating fees will be paid by the GTCL.

Time control: 90 minutes for the game.

ENTRY FEE: \$20, for players born in 1945 or earlier - \$15, for players born in 1935 or earlier - \$10.

PRIZES: Chess books for top 3 finishers & Trophy for the winner.

Chess sets and boards are provided by the Willowdale Chess Club.
Please bring your chess clock.

Entries & Info: Fred Kormendi (416) 223-0126

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ENTRY FEE \$..... enclosed.

The TORONTO JUNIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2005
November 6 to December 18

This will be an eight player round-robin tournament comprising of the eight highest rated players born in 1986 or later who apply.

The deadline for entries will be 7pm Wednesday, November 2 at the BGC where the draw for position will take place. A reserve section will be available after the top section is filled.

Schedule: Games will be played on consecutive Sundays at 3 pm. The Bayview Games Club is open 7 days per week, so individual games may be rescheduled by agreement of both players and upon notification of the TD.

The event will be both CFC and FIDE rated, and the rating fees and admin costs will be paid by the GTCL.

Time control: 90 minutes for 40 moves and 15 minutes for the rest of the game with 30 seconds increment from the first move.

ENTRY FEE: \$60 payable by 7pm, November 2.

PRIZES:

Championship (100% of EFs) 1st - \$240 & Trophy
2nd - \$150
3rd - \$90

Reserve section - 75% of entry fees.

Entries & Info: Vlad Dobrich (416) 722-9709

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