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24th LIICL Season

Topalov-Kramnik

On September 23, the first step in unifying the World Chess Championship title will take place. Vladimir Kramnik, who wrested the linear title from Garry Kasparov in 2000 will defend that title against the reigning FIDE Champion, Veselin Topalov. The first attempt to unify the title was formulated in the Prague Agreement signed in 2002, and was to have also included the now retired Kasparov and former FIDE Champion Ruslan Ponomarev. The present contest will involve 12 games at classical time controls. Unlike previous title matches there will be no tie-break odds which are normally held by the existing champion. Instead if the match is tied at 6 games apiece, then a series of increasing accelerated tie-break games will be held on October 12th. The match will be held at the Chess Center in Elista, Kalmykia. Money in this case is not a factor on the outcome as the prize fund of \$1M US will be split evenly regardless of the match result. What is at stake are the title and the right to participate in the World championship match next year.

George Berg Takes Blitz Title

Fresh off his win in the LIICL Individual Championship, George Berg captured the 2006 LIICL Blitz title on tie-breaks over Bob Guevara. Each scored 10 of a possible 12 points. Bob Rizzo was third with 9 points.

Ed Rusch was the clear U/1800 winner with a score of 7-1/2. John Shattuck edged out John Kingsley on tie-breaks for the U/1600 section.

Thirty-one players entered the tournament. The unofficial Blitz team title was won by NGC with 25 combined points. EDO was second with 21.

New LIICL Officers

Election Night saw a complete change in the LIICL Board of Directors. The new officers are Steve Romero - President, Paul Montenero - Treasurer and Mike Pappaceno - Rules Director. Complete election results can be found on page 7 of this newsletter.

E-Board Changes

As the LIICL embarks upon its 24th campaign there will be a number of changes as voted on by the Executive Board. With the absence of last year's champs, LIRR, the LIICL will have nine teams this season. That means each week will see at least one team with a bye.

The schedule shown on page 8 of this issue is only temporary and a firm schedule will be adopted from those proposed. The new schedule will contain a number of position rounds but this year there is a limit on the number of times a team may face another (no more than twice during the regular season).

Another change is that the "position" rounds may be predetermined based upon strength of schedule from last year. It was felt by many that there should be some separation of the teams based on the order of finish from last season.

Aside from having two divisions which would require unbalanced schedules this seems to be a fair compromise which incorporates all of the ideas discussed at the recent E-Board.

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Final 2005-2006 LIICL Regular Season Team Standings

Team	Team LIICL			—Games—				—Match—				
	Rating	Pts	TB's	W	L	D	Pts	W	L	D	Pts	F
LIRR	2199	202	222.50	33	4	11	38.5	9	1	2	10.0	0
NGC	2015	174	186.00	25	10	13	31.5	7	3	2	8.0	0
EDO	1848	162	165.25	25	15	8	29.0	6	2	4	8.0	2
LSF	1861	156	140.25	24	18	6	27.0	6	4	2	7.0	0
CCC	1715	150	133.75	25	21	2	26.0	6	3	3	7.5	2
PRA	1925	146	144.25	24	19	5	26.5	7	4	1	7.5	8
Honeywell/KS	1692	130	74.00	18	23	7	21.5	5	6	1	5.5	4
Alumni D	1655	105	38.75	14	32	2	15.0	2	7	3	3.5	3
Alumni E	1601	100	51.25	11	31	6	14.0	2	9	1	2.5	4
Alumni C	1517	88	48.50	9	37	2	10.0	0	11	1	0.5	0

**LIICL Speed Ratings
September 14, 2006**

Rating	Name	Rating	Name
1723	Alikakos G	1566	Montenero P
1702	Anthony M	1649	Muttreja S
1297	Ben-Ami V	2144/12	Nahoczky G
1909	Berg G	1617	Ogen T
1221	Bilkis S	2036	Panico D
1872	Bonfante C	2013	Panico NIII
1568	Cecchini R	1711	Parenti R
1647	Celaru A	1984	Pour D
1815	Celauro S	UNR	Proffman P
1936	Chipkin L	1124	Ragonnet A
1872	Cohen N	1943	Rizzo R
1752/7	Cranston T	1877	Romero S
1203	Cretaro A	1725	Rusch E
1754	DePrisco W	1616	Shattuck J
1679	DiMaio J	1534	Schilling P
1667	Dwulit J	1884	Solomon S
1754	Frohreich F	1514	Solomon Z
1199	Giarrusso R	1560	Sommese A
1547	Giuliano P	1686	Spinnato C
1452	Goldfarb S	1537	Spreckles C
1494	Goldman M	1554	Standing R
1515	Goldstein C	1569	Sussman Dan
1450	Greenwald J	1816	Turiy K
2038	Guevara R	1655	Ulfers E
1452	Hartten E	1277	Union R
1897	Hodos J	1913	Valys A
1831	Hom D	1846	Viale R
1533/12	Hurwitz R	UNR	Vitelli R
1724	Insogna M	1410	Warnock A
1692	Jarosinski M	1478	Watnick M
1858	Johnson W	1823	Wilkie C
1824	Kaye L	1700/14	Willmott P
1452	Kingsley J	1636	Wisbauer R
1793	Kolczynski J	1544	Wu D
1622	Lamb T	1222	Zunino H
1908	Leone D		
1286	Loshin A		
1762	Mahoney K		
1805	Marley K T		
1489	Mastandrea R		

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2006-07 LIICL Pre-Season Ratings

by Team

Team	Name	Post
ADE	Steve Solomon	1829
ADE	Suresh Muttreja	1724
ADE	Tom Ogen	1649
ADE	Matt Insogna	1608
ALC	John Kingsley	1615
ALC	Mel Goldman	1443
ALC	Robert Mastandrea	1397
ALC	Mel Watnick	1385
ALC	Al Loshin	1305
ALD	Frank Frohreich	1729
ALD	Ed Ulfers	1696
ALD	Ed Rusch	1606
ALD	William DePrisco	1571/6
ALD	John Shattuck	1550
ALD	Ed Hartten	1420
ALD	Hugo Zunino	1227
ALE	Julian Hodos	1909
ALE	Adrian Celaru	1582
ALE	Carrie Goldstein	1419
ALE	Walter Thomas	1385
CCC	Terry Lamb	1891
CCC	Rich Viale	1871
CCC	Mike Dorsky	1849/9
CCC	Paul Montenero	1704
CCC	Paul Proffman	1482
CCC	Tony Cretaro	1142
EDO	Len Chipkin	2061
EDO	Steve Romero	1940
EDO	George Alikakos	1870
EDO	Rich Cecchini	1612
EDO	Charles Spreckles	1604
IND	Jeremy Mandelkern	1932EST
IND	Kolman Turiy	1859
IND	Darren Lustig	1690EST
IND	Pete Schilling	1403USCF
LIR	Anna Zatonskih	2479USCF
LIR	James Critelli	2165USCF
LIR	Mike Pappaceno	2113
LIR	Nick III Panico	1996
LIR	Andy Hellenschmidt	1988/5
LIR	Willie Johnson	1943
LIR	Danny Panico	1941
LIR	Robert Guevara	1897
LIR	Frank Paciulli	1844USCF
LIR	Nick Sr. Panico	1655
LSF	Dave Leone	2003
LSF	Charlie Bonfante	1902
LSF	Sal Celauro	1849/11
LSF	Robert Standing	1743
LSF	Jim Kolczynski	1722
LSF	Justin Greenwald	1432
LSF	J Caracciolo	1420
NGC	George Berg	2171
NGC	Clayton Wilkie	1993
NGC	Robert Rizzo	1940
NGC	Keith Rodriguez	1922
NGC	Kevin Mahoney	1881
NGC	Ken Marley	1795
NGC	Danny Wu	1664
NGC	George Egert	1398
PRA	Tim Cranston	1979
PRA	Robert Wisbauer	1937
PRA	Jim Dwulit	1930
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2006 LIICL Blitz Championship

May 19, 2006

#	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Tot	TBrk[S]	TBrk[C]	TBrk[O]
1	George Berg 1st	1824	1909	\$27	\$12	\$9	L4	\$8	\$11	10.0	38.0	36.0	150.0
2	Robert Guevara 2nd	1897	2038	\$28	W18	W7	\$23	\$11	\$4	10.0	33.5	33.0	137.5
3	Robert Rizzo 3rd	1908	1943	B—	\$15	B—	\$9	W4	\$12	9.0	27.0	28.0	102.0
4	Len Chipkin	1934	1936	\$17	W11	\$23	\$1	W3	L2	8.0	44.0	33.0	165.0
5	Julian Hodos	1898	1897	\$20	W7	L11	W14	\$18	\$13	8.0	35.5	26.0	138.0
6	Ed Rusch U/1800	1729	1725	L12	#25	W17	\$22	W10	\$19	7.5	32.0	21.5	113.5
7	Kolman Turiy	1808	1816	\$25	W5	W2	L8	\$14	W10	7.0	42.0	26.0	144.0
8	Dennis Hom	1851	1831	W15	W10	\$29	\$7	L1	W9	7.0	40.0	26.0	142.0
9	Sal Celauro	1849	1815	\$24	\$14	L1	L3	\$23	W8	7.0	39.0	27.0	148.0
10	George Alikakos	1670	1723	W26	W8	W14	\$24	W6	W7	7.0	37.0	24.0	128.5
11	Rich Viale	1837	1846	\$19	W4	\$5	#13	L2	L1	6.5	47.0	29.5	172.5
12	Steve Romero	1917	1877	\$6	L1	W19	\$15	W13	L3	6.0	42.5	24.0	148.0
13	Clayton Wilkie	1822	1823	#22	W26	\$18	D11	W12	L5	6.0	35.5	25.5	135.5
14	William DePrisco	1777	1754	\$31	L9	W10	W5	L7	\$25	6.0	35.5	21.0	117.0
15	John Shattuck U/1600	1546	1616	W8	L3	\$28	L12	W20	\$23	6.0	33.0	18.0	121.0
16	John Kingsley	1442	1452	D30	L22	W20	D27	\$29	\$24	6.0	23.5	14.5	76.5
17	Suresh Muttreja	1666	1649	L4	W27	W6	#25	W19	W18	5.5	33.0	16.5	119.0
18	Frank Frohreich	1790	1754	\$21	W2	L13	W19	L5	W17	5.0	39.5	21.0	131.0
19	Robert Standing	1499	1554	L11	\$21	W12	W18	W17	L6	5.0	35.5	19.0	123.5
20	Tony Sommese	1596	1560	L5	W24	W16	W28	W15	W21	5.0	32.0	15.0	90.5
21	Robert Mastandrea	1519	1489	L18	L19	L24	\$29	\$27	W20	5.0	25.5	11.0	91.5
22	Pete Schilling	1403	1534	D13	\$16	L26	L6	W28	W29	4.5	31.0	16.0	97.5
23	Adrian Celaru	1678	1647	\$29	\$30	L4	L2	L9	L15	4.0	37.5	22.0	131.0
24	Ed Hartten	1454	1452	L9	W20	\$21	L10	W25	L16	4.0	34.0	15.0	105.5
25	Mel Watnick	1463	1478	L7	D6	\$27	D17	W24	L14	4.0	33.5	14.0	110.5
26	Danny Panico	2054	2036	W10	W13	\$22	U—	U—	U—	4.0	17.5	19.0	65.5
27	Justin Greenwald	1476	1450	L1	W17	L25	#16	L21	W28	3.5	33.5	10.5	98.0
28	Mel Goldman	1583	1494	L2	L29	L15	W20	W22	W27	3.0	32.0	6.0	103.5
29	Hugo Zunino	1173	1222	L23	\$28	L8	L21	L16	W22	3.0	29.5	11.0	95.5
30	Jim Dwulit	1692	1667	#16	L23	U—	U—	U—	U—	1.5	10.0	9.0	36.5
31	Victor Ben-Ami	1301	1297	L14	U—	U—	U—	U—	U—	0.0	6.0	0.0	21.0

Key: U = Unplayed\$ = 2.0 # = 1.5 W = 1.0 D = 0.5 L = 0.0

Minutes of the LIICL Executive Board Meeting – August 26, 2006

Huntington Library, Huntington, NY

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Romero at 12:10 PM

Attendees:

President: Steve Romero
Treasurer: Paul Montenero
Rules Director: Mike Pappaceno
Editor: Bob Rizzo
WebMaster: Absent

Teams:

NGC: George Berg
PRA: Mike Pappaceno
Alu C: John Kingsley
Alu D: Ed Rusch
CCC: Paul Montenero
LSF: Bob Standing
EDO: Steve Romero
Alu E: Absent
Ademco/KSF: Absent
LIRR: Absent

1) Determined Prospective Teams

Last Season

Alumni C, EDO, PRA, Ademco/KSF, LSF, CCC, NGC, Alumni D, Alumni E, LIRR (LIRR is probably NOT going to field a team this year – M. Pappaceno)

It was assumed that there would be 9 teams based upon the information that LIRR would not return. Ademco and Alumni E will be contacted to confirm their participation.

2) Determined Team Numbers (selected by picking teams from a hat)

#1 - Alu E, #2 – Alu D, #3 – EDO, #4 – Alu C, #5 – Ade/KSF, #6 – PRA,
#7 – LSF, #8 – NGC, #9 - CCC

3) It was decided to hold off the issuing of 1st Round Pairings & Schedule pending determination of the teams and position round proposal votes.

4) “The Library dates were ratified - 9/15, 9/29, 10/13, 10/27, 11/10, 12/1 (2 additional dates were requested and paid for – the Library has given us \$50 credit toward next year)” Passed 6-0 No abstentions

5) The Treasurer’s Financial Report from John Kingsley: The LIICL has a balance of \$63 in checking and \$502 in savings (we owe Pete Cullen a prize approx. \$50 and we have a \$50 debit from the Library)

6) “Dues will be kept at the current \$120/season” Passed 7-0 No abstentions

7) Bob Rizzo brought a signature card from the Bethpage Federal Credit Union so that the new officers (Romero, Pappaceno & Montenero) could be transferred to the account. BFCU needs a color copy of each officer’s driver’s license (to be emailed to Bob). Bob will deliver the card to the BFCU and John Kingsley will turn over the checkbook to Paul Montenero at round 1.

8) Proposal (M. Pappaceno): “Effective with this season, any player who has an over the board title of higher than U.S.C.F. National Master would be ineligible for any regular season and playoff matches. Any player who is a Senior Master, Fide Master, International Master or International Grandmaster would NOT be allowed to play in the league.” Passed 5-2 No abstentions

9) Proposal (N. Panico): “I am curious as to why CCC got away with having Michael Dorsky being placed on board 3, with an EST rating of 1700 when his USCF is last listed at 1921? Article X - Rules and By-Laws

4) Board positions do have to reflect player strength. A player's board position will be dictated by league rating, where board one is the highest rated player and board four the lowest. A player does not have a provisional LIICL rating until four rated games are played. In lieu of LIICL ratings, USCF ratings will be used if available. The rating list will be updated at mid-season for use in determining board position for the second half of the season.

I recommend that a vote be taken place to have his rating updated at 1921 that way CCC can play in proper board order." Defeated 7-0
No abstentions

Counter Proposal: "No player may be assigned a rating lower than that player's normal USCF floor if an old USCF rating exists."
Passed 7-0 No abstentions

10) Proposal (J. Dwulit): "Link request from Chesscircle.net
From: Robert Graham [mailto:robert@chesscircle.net]
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2006 12:21 PM
To: Jim Dwulit
Subject: Link request from Chesscircle.net

Greetings,

My name is Robert Graham and I am from <http://www.chesscircle.net>. While visiting your site I have noticed that you are collaborated with other chess sites and I wish to invite you to work with my website as well. If you can support chesscircle.net by adding a link to our site, I'll be happy to link back from our site. Please let me know your thoughts in the matter or if you have any questions. I'd also be happy to get your writing on my forum.

Kind regards, Robert Graham" Tabled – Counter Proposal: "Have each captain look at the site and determine if link is appropriate. Vote again on the evening of the first round of the regular season" Passed 7-0 No abstentions

11) Proposal (J. Hodos): "I think we have to modify our system. The "good" players are playing the "average" ones too often, and this is no fun for neither of them. How about splitting into two groups, the "upper" to include 5 best teams, and the "lower" - the other 5, playing the same 12 rounds (three times four). Each year the worst one from the "upper" group to be replaced by the best one from the other." Tabled 7-0 No abstentions (Note that Paul Montenero has subsequently sent a strawman for such a two-division structure which is attached)

12) Proposal (L. Chipkin): "Restore the Game/5 sudden death tie-breaks for the playoffs."
Defeated 5-1 1 abstention

13) Proposal (L. Chipkin): "Change position round pairing rules so as to preclude teams from playing each other so many times."
Tabled 7-0 No abstentions (until a determination of schedule can be made)

14) Proposal (R. Rizzo): "Reestablish consolation playoffs to determine complete order of finish." Passed 7-0 No abstentions

15) Proposal (R. Rizzo): "Raise the number of appearances to qualify for the playoffs from one to three." Defeated 5-2 No abstentions

The meeting ended at 1:32 PM

Election Results LIICL Officers for 2006-2007

President

Steve Romero	31
Keith Rodriguez	4
Frank Frohreich	1
No Vote	4

Treasurer

Paul Montenero	36
Chris Bortzner	4

Rules Director

Mike Pappaceno	40
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2006-2007 LIICL Regular Season Schedule, Rev. A September 12, 2006

Starting time for the regular season is 6:50 PM. Time control is game/85

Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Date	15-Sep	29-Sep	13-Oct	27-Oct	10-Nov	1-Dec	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Location	LIB	LIB	LIB	LIB	LIB	LIB	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
1Alu E	8 W	2 W	6 W S	5 B C	BYE	4 W	3 B	9 B	4 B D	BYE	7 B D
2Alu D	7 W C	1 B	5 W	4 B D	9 B D	3 W	BYE	8 B	9 W	9 W S	6 B
3EDO	6 W	9 B D	4 W	BYE	7 W	2 B S	1 W C	7 B	BYE	8 W	5 B
4Alu C	5 W	8 B S	3 B	2 W	BYE	1 B	9 W D	6 B C	1 W S	7 W	BYE
5Hon/KSF	4 B S	7 B C	2 B D	1 W	8 B S	9 B	8 W	BYE	6 W	6 W	3 W
6PRA	3 B	BYE	1 B	9 W	BYE	8 B	7 W S	4 W D	5 B C	5 B C	2 W
7LSF	2 B	5 W	9 B C	8 W S	3 B	BYE	6 B	3 W	BYE	4 B D	1 W
8NGC	1 B D	4 W	BYE	7 B	5 W	6 W C	5 B	2 W	BYE	3 B	9 W S
9CCC	BYE	3 W	7 W	6 B	2 W C	5 W D	4 B	1 W S	2 B	2 B	8 B C

Explanation: Rounds 5 & 9 are position rounds. Opponents will be determined based upon "Points per Round" for the six teams without byes. Pairings based upon LIICL Points per Round are: First vs. Second, Third vs. Fourth & Fifth vs. Sixth

Playoffs: Round 1: TBD Quarters: TBD Semis: TBD Finals: TBD Individual Final: TBD

Events: All-Star Match: TBD Charity Blitz: TBD GM Simul: TBD Awards Evening: TBD

Key: D = Director UMC= United Methodist Church W= White on Board 1
 S = Secondary Director CCH= The Congregational Church of Huntington B= Black on Board 1
 C = Coffee Duty LIB= Huntington Library TBD= To Be Determined