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Playoff Format Update

Radjabov Leads Corus

At the Corus Wijk aan Zee Super-GM tournament Teimour Radjabov has scored an impressive 4.5/5 to lead by one full point over Anand and Topalov. The latter two top the FIDE rating list. Selected games follow:

[Event "Corus A"]
 [Site "Wijk aan Zee NED"]
 [Date "2007.01.18"]
 [Round "5"]
 [White "Navara, D."]
 [Black "Radjabov, T."]
 [ECO "E61"]
 [WhiteElo "2719"]
 [BlackElo "2729"]
 1. d4Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. c4 Bg7 4. Nc3 O-O 5. Bg5 c5 6. d5 b5 7. Nxb5 Ne4 8. Bc1 a6 9. Na3 Qa5+ 10. Nd2 e6 11. g3 exd5 12. Bg2 Nxd2 13. Bxd2 Qd8 14. cxd5 a5 15. Bc3 d6 16. O-O Ba6 17. Qd2 Bxc3 18. bxc3 Nd7 19. Rab1 f5 20. Nb5 Ne5 21. e4 Nc4 22. Qc1 a4 23. exf5 Qd7 24. fxxg6 Bxb5 25. Qg5 Ne5 26. gxh7+ Kh8 27. Rfe1 Bd3 28. Rb6 Rae8 29. Re3 Nc4 30. Rxd3 Re1+ 31. Bf1 Qh3 32. Qg8+ Rxg8 33. hxg8=Q+ Kxg8 34. Rb8+ Kg7 0-1

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More Team Matches

The LIICL Playoffs will feature more team matches this season. The first round will still find team 8 pitted vs 9. As before the winner will advance and the loser will be eliminated. In the second (quarterfinal) round team 1 plays the winner from the first round, team 2 plays 7, team 3 plays 6 and 4 plays 5. The winners in this round advance to the semis but here's where it changes - the losers all get placed in another bracket. They will play against each other based upon ranking - the highest ranked loser plays the lowest ranked loser from round 2. The other two losers from round 2 will also meet in round 3. The winners and losers of each bracket in round 3 will face each other in round 4. This new scheme will determine absolute under 1800 winners and under 1800 second place teams. No longer will tie-breaks be needed for placing. It will also facilitate the matching of Individual games because far less players will be available. As with last season, any match ending in a 2-2 tie will be awarded to the team with tie-break odds. Tie-break odd table will be published and is based upon regular season match play results.

The Mysteries of ChessBase

The ChessBase site on the Internet is one of the best for keeping current. It has interesting articles, links to lectures, an on-line playing site, a huge database, etc. ChessBase also puts out the most popular chess database program and a number of chess playing programs that work with the ChessBase interface. One simply has to load the newest program (Fritz, Junior, Shredder, Hiarcs, etc.) and voila, it appears on the menu of engines available for analysis with ChessBase. Or does it? Well that depends. My Pentium 4 2.66GHz processor running under Windows XP Home Edition didn't seem to like the newest Fritz 10 program. In fact, when I attempted to load it, I got an error that I was missing a necessary .dll file and hence the load failed. This also happened on my laptop which has XP Professional as the interface. So I contacted the mail order house for instructions for returning the "defective" disk. Three weeks later I got the replacement and to my horror, the same thing happened - it would not load due to the "missing" file.

I then contacted another chess player who had Fritz 10 and I was informed that the

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2006-2007 LIICL Regular Season Team Standings

Team	Team Rating	LIICL PPR	TB's PR	Games				Match				F
				W	L	D	Pts	W	L	D	Pts	
NGC	1977	18.0	6.17	20	2	2	21.0	6	0	0	6.0	0
LSF	1874	16.8	5.30	15	3	2	16.0	4	0	1	4.5	0
PRA	1976	14.0	5.55	11	6	3	12.5	3	2	0	3.0	0
CCC	1829	13.7	3.79	13	8	3	14.5	3	1	2	4.0	0
EDO	1869	10.7	7.08	11	9	1	11.5	2	2	2	3.0	3
Alumni D	1702	10.7	4.63	8	12	4	10.0	2	4	0	2.0	0
Honeywell/KS	1703	8.5	2.83	7	15	2	8.0	1	4	1	1.5	5
Alumni E	1570	8.3	1.42	6	15	3	7.5	2	4	0	2.0	4
Alumni C	1464	4.8	0.79	1	22	1	1.5	0	6	0	0.0	1

Individual Class Standings After Round 7

Rating	Name	Team	PPR	G	W	L	D	Bye
Class A								
1978	Rizzo, Robert	NGC	5.00	6	6	0	0	1
2004	Leone, Dave	LSF	4.20	5	3	0	2	2
1920	Bonfante, Charles	LSF	4.20	5	4	1	0	2
2172	Berg, George	NGC	4.00	6	4	1	1	1
1982	Wilkie, Clayton	NGC	4.00	6	4	1	1	1
1967	Romero, Steve	EDO	4.00	6	3	0	3	1
1953	Dwulit, James	PRA	3.80	4	3	0	1	2
2102 /6	Pour, Darius	ALD	3.67	5	4	1	0	1
2100	Pappaceno, Mike	PRA	3.40	5	2	1	2	2
2089	Chipkin, Len	EDO	3.33	5	3	1	1	1
1984	Panico, Nick III	PRA	2.60	3	2	1	0	2
1892	Hodos, Julian	ALE	2.00	4	1	2	1	1
1938	Wisbauer, Robert	PRA	1.80	1	1	0	0	2
Class B								
1901	Celauro, Sal	LSF	4.20	5	4	1	0	2
1854	Viale, Richard	CCC	3.67	6	4	2	0	1
1833	Marley, Ken T	NGC	3.67	4	4	0	0	1
1723	Standing, Robert	LSF	3.40	3	3	0	0	2
1854	Alikakos, George	EDO	3.00	6	3	3	0	1
1745	Frohreich, Frank	ALD	3.00	6	1	1	4	1
1855 /13	Dorsky, Michael	CCC	2.67	5	2	2	1	1
1822	Sommese, Anthon	PRA	2.60	3	2	1	0	2
1727	Muttreja, Suresh	HON	2.33	6	2	4	0	1
1693	Montenero, Paul J	CCC	2.33	3	2	1	0	1
1830	Hom, Dennis	PRA	1.80	4	1	3	0	2
1809	Solomon, Steve	HON	1.33	2	0	1	1	1
1883	Lamb, Terry	CCC	1.00	1	0	1	0	1
1846 /8	Lustig, Darren	IND	1.00	0	0	0	0	1
Class C								
1630	Insogna, Matt	HON	3.00	5	3	2	0	1
1649	Ogen, Tom	HON	2.67	6	2	3	1	1
1671	Wu, Danny	NGC	2.33	2	2	0	0	1
1593	Spreckles, Charle	EDO	2.33	4	2	2	0	1
1528	Shattuck, John	ALD	2.33	5	2	3	0	1
1591	Celaru, Adrian	ALE	2.00	5	1	3	1	1
1623	Kingsley, John	ALC	1.67	4	1	3	0	1
1596	Rusch, Ed	ALD	1.67	5	1	4	0	1
1664 USCF	Kubelle, Matt	IND	1.00	0	0	0	0	1
1626 USCF	Soto, Jorge	IND	1.00	0	0	0	0	1
1554 /7	DePrisco, William	ALD	1.00	1	0	1	0	1
Class D								
1489	Proffman, Paul	CCC	3.67	5	3	0	2	1
1683 /5	Schilling, Pete	ALE	2.33	5	2	3	0	1
1408	Thomas, Walter	ALE	2.33	5	2	3	0	1
1426	Warnock, Andy	CCC	2.00	2	1	0	1	1
1456	Greenwald, Justin	LSF	1.80	2	1	1	0	2
1140	Cretaro, Tony	CCC	1.67	3	1	2	0	1
1435	Goldman, Mel	ALC	1.33	5	0	4	1	1
UNR /1	Kelly, Dave	IND	1.00	0	0	0	0	1
1412	Mastandrea, Robe	ALC	1.00	5	0	5	0	1
1404	Goldstein, Carrie	IND	1.00	0	0	0	0	1
1400 EST	Roman, C	ALC	1.00	1	0	1	0	1
1383	Watnick, Mel	ALC	1.00	5	0	5	0	1
1371	Hartten, Ed	ALD	1.00	2	0	2	0	1
1289	Loshin, Al	ALC	1.00	3	0	3	0	1

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LIICL 2006-07 Mid-Season Ratings

byName			byTeam		
Rating	Name	Team	Rating	Name	Team
1854	Alikakos, George	EDO	1623	Kingsley, John	ALC
2172	Berg, George	NGC	1435	Goldman, Mel	ALC
1920	Bonfante, Charles	LSF	1412	Mastandrea, Robert	ALC
1591	Celaru, Adrian	ALE	1400	EST Roman, C	ALC
1901	Celauro Sal	LSF	1383	Watnick, Mel	ALC
2089	Chipkin, Len	EDO	1289	Loshin, Al	ALC
1140	Cretaro, Tony	CCC	2102	/6 Pour, Darius	ALD
1554	/7 DePrisco, William	ALD	1745	Frohreich, Frank	ALD
1855	/13 Dorsky Michael	CCC	1596	Rusch, Ed	ALD
1953	Dwulit, James	PRA	1554	/7 DePrisco, William	ALD
1745	Frohreich, Frank	ALD	1528	Shattuck, John	ALD
1435	Goldman, Mel	ALC	1371	Hartten, Ed	ALD
1404	Goldstein, Carrie	IND	1892	Hodos, Julian	ALE
1456	Greenwald, Justin	LSF	1683	/5 Schilling, Pete	ALE
1371	Hartten, Ed	ALD	1591	Celaru, Adrian	ALE
1892	Hodos, Julian	ALE	1408	Thomas, Walter	ALE
1830	Hom, Dennis	PRA	1883	Lamb, Terry	CCC
1630	Insogna, Matt	HON	1855	/13 Dorsky Michael	CCC
UNR	/1 Kelly, Dave	IND	1854	Viale, Richard	CCC
1623	Kingsley, John	ALC	1693	Montenero, Paul J	CCC
1664	USCF Kubelle, Matt	IND	1489	Proffman, Paul	CCC
1883	Lamb, Terry	CCC	1426	Warnock, Andy	CCC
2004	Leone, Dave	LSF	1140	Cretaro, Tony	CCC
1289	Loshin, Al	ALC	2089	Chipkin, Len	EDO
1846	/8 Lustig, Darren	IND	1967	Romero, Steve	EDO
1833	Marley, Ken T	NGC	1854	Alikakos, George	EDO
1412	Mastandrea, Robert	ALC	1593	Spreckles, Charles	EDO
1693	Montenero, Paul J	CCC	1809	Solomon, Steve	HON
1727	Muttreja, Suresh	HON	1727	Muttreja, Suresh	HON
1649	Ogen, Tom	HON	1649	Ogen, Tom	HON
1984	Panico, Nick III	PRA	1630	Insogna, Matt	HON
2100	Pappaceno, Mike	PRA	1846	/8 Lustig, Darren	IND
2102	/6 Pour, Darius	ALD	1664	USCF Kubelle, Matt	IND
1489	Proffman, Paul	CCC	1626	USCF Soto, Jorge	IND
1978	Rizzo, Robert	NGC	1404	Goldstein, Carrie	IND
1400	EST Roman, C	ALC	UNR	/1 Kelly, Dave	IND
1967	Romero, Steve	EDO	2004	Leone, Dave	LSF
1596	Rusch, Ed	ALD	1920	Bonfante, Charles	LSF
1683	/5 Schilling, Pete	ALE	1901	Celauro Sal	LSF
1528	Shattuck, John	ALD	1723	Standing, Robert	LSF
1809	Solomon, Steve	HON	1456	Greenwald, Justin	LSF
1822	Sommese, Anthony	PRA	2172	Berg, George	NGC
1626	USCF Soto, Jorge	IND	1982	Wilkie, Clayton	NGC
1593	Spreckles, Charles	EDO	1978	Rizzo, Robert	NGC
1723	Standing, Robert	LSF	1833	Marley, Ken T	NGC
1408	Thomas, Walter	ALE	1671	Wu, Danny	NGC
1854	Viale, Richard	CCC	2100	Pappaceno, Mike	PRA
1426	Warnock, Andy	CCC	1984	Panico, Nick III	PRA
1383	Watnick, Mel	ALC	1953	Dwulit, James	PRA
1982	Wilkie, Clayton	NGC	1938	Wisbauer, Robert	PRA
1938	Wisbauer, Robert	PRA	1830	Hom, Dennis	PRA
1671	Wu, Danny	NGC	1822	Sommese, Anthony	PRA

LIICL Team Tie-Breaks Through Rnd. 7.0

<u>Team</u>	<u>TBs</u>	<u>Game</u> <u>Pts</u>	<u>ALE</u>	<u>ALD</u>	<u>EDO</u>	<u>ALC</u>	<u>HON</u>	<u>PRA</u>	<u>LSF</u>	<u>NGC</u>	<u>CCC</u>
			2.0	2.0	3.0	0.0	1.5	3.0	4.5	6.0	4.0
ALE	8.50	7.5		2.5	0.5	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5
ALD	27.75	10.0	5.5		1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	2.5
EDO	42.50	13.0	3.5	2.5		0.0	0.0	1.5	2.0	1.5	2.0
ALC	4.75	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
HON	17.00	8.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.5		1.0	0.0	0.0	3.5
PRA	27.75	12.5	0.0	0.0	2.5	4.0	3.0		1.5	1.5	0.0
LSF	26.50	16.0	0.0	3.5	2.0	4.0	4.0	2.5		0.0	0.0
NGC	37.00	21.0	4.0	4.0	2.5	4.0	4.0	2.5	0.0		0.0
CCC	22.75	14.5	3.5	1.5	2.0	3.0	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	

Team Results - Round 7

05-Jan-2007

<u>EDO</u>		<u>AlumniE</u>
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ChipkinL	0.5 0.5	HodosJ
RomeroS	1.0 0.0	Schilling P
Alikakos G	1.0 0.0	Celaru A
Spreckles C	1.0 0.0	Thomas W
	3.5 0.5	
<u>AlumniC</u>		<u>CCC</u>
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Kingsley J	1.0 0.0	Dorsky M
MastandreaR	0.0 1.0	Viale R
WatnickM	0.0 1.0	ProffmanP
Forfeit	0.0 1.0	Warnock A
	1.0 3.0	
<u>HON/KSF</u>		<u>NGC</u>
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Forfeit	0.0 1.0	Berg G
MuttrejaS	0.0 1.0	Wilkie C
Ogen T	0.0 1.0	Rizzo R
InsongaM	0.0 1.0	Marley K
	0.0 4.0	

Individual Results - Round 7

05-Jan-2007

<u>White</u>		<u>Black</u>
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HarttenE	0.0 1.0	Rusch E
CelauroS	0.0 1.0	GreenwaldJ
StandingR	1.0 0.0	MonteneroP

The Mysteries of ChessBase

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program installed okay except that it did not appear within ChessBase as an option, it could only be run as a stand-alone program. It seems that ChessBase decided to change the way its engines ran and now the critters have an .engine extension whereas they used to have .eng extensions. When copied to the engine subdirectory this didn't work either. Renaming .engine to .eng was also futile - so now to the ChessBase site for help.

Oh no, it seems that the CB help directory only goes up to version 9. A search of the Internet and the various chess message boards was now in order to see if anyone else encountered and/or solved these problems. After a few hours of research, I concluded that ChessBase forgot to mention a small detail in the list of minimum system requirements for Fritz 10. As my laptop and desktop are a couple of years old, they do not have Service Pack 2 loaded. This was issued by Microsoft in the autumn of 2006. As I have dial-up (okay, I know, I'm still in the stone age of communication) I could not attempt to download the 75MB SP2 file. Estimated download at 52K is 4 hours and 21 minutes. So I sent away for a "free" disk from Microsoft at a cost of \$3.59 S&H. It arrived 5 days later and loaded perfectly. So then did Fritz 10! I could have avoided all of this tzuris if only CB had related this shortcoming to their distributors. The site I purchased from was clueless.

But now I did not see Fritz 10 in ChessBase. Sound familiar? Finally I was able to locate a mention of Steve Lopez on one of the blogs who fields the CB problems. He recommended the solution to my aforementioned chessplaying friend. There was a free upgrade to ChessBase 9.0 which was needed.

I had version 1 but now CB was up to ver. 13! I downloaded the upgrade and installed it. The whole process took about an hour. Guess what! - everything works! I now have the ability to call up Fritz 10 within the ChessBase program (as does my friend). As an added bonus, my tablebases are now being automatically accessed which was not the case prior to these measures. But really why isn't ChessBase upfront about these nuances? ChessBase programs used to be user-friendly. They still may be but it can take some doing before you can be a user. Mysteries solved.

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 [Black "Van Wely, L."]
 [ECO "B90"]
 [WhiteElo "2715"]
 [BlackElo "2683"]
 1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Be3 e5 7. Nb3 Be6 8. f3 Be7 9. Qd2 O-O 10. O-O-O Nbd7 11. g4 b5 12. g5 b4 13. Ne2 Ne8 14. f4 a5 15. f5 a4 16. Nbd4 exd4 17. Nxd4 b3 18. Kb1 bxc2+ 19. Nxc2 Bb3 20. axb3 axb3 21. Na3 Ne5 22. h4 Ra4 23. Qg2 Qa8 24. f6 Bd8 25. Bd4 Nc7 26. fxg7 Kxg7 27. h5 Ne6 28. g6 Rxd4 29. Rxd4 Nxd4 30. h6+ Kf6 31. g7 Rg8 32. Qf2+ Ndf3 33. Bg2 Qxe4+ 34. Ka1 Ke6 35. Rf1 Bg5 36. Bxf3 Qxf3 37. Qxf3 Nxf3 38. Rxf3 Bxh6 39. Rxb3 Rxg7 40. Rh3 Bf4 0-1

2006-2007 LIICL Regular Season Schedule, Rev. D November 7, 2006

Starting time for the regular season is 6:50 PM. Time control is game/85+5 or game/90.

Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Date	15-Sep	29-Sep	13-Oct	27-Oct	10-Nov	01-Dec	05-Jan	19-Jan	02-Feb	09-Feb	23-Feb	09-Mar
Location	LIB	LIB	LIB	LIB	LIB	LIB	LIB	LIB	LIB	LIB	LIB	LIB
1AluE	8 W	2 W	4 B	BYE	2 B D	9 B	3 B	5 W C	BYE	7 B D	6 W S	4 W
2AluD	7 W C	1 B	3 W	9 W S	1 W	8 B	BYE	4 B D	5 B D	6 B	5 W	BYE
3EDO	6 W	9 B D	2 B S	8 W	BYE	7 B	1 W C	BYE	8 B	5 B	4 W	7 W D
4AluC	5 W	8 B S	1 W	7 W	BYE	6 B C	9 W D	2 W S	9 B	BYE	3 B	1 B
5Hon/KSF	4 B S	7 B C	9 B	6 W	9 W	BYE	8 W	1 B	2 W S	3 W	2 B D	BYE
6PRA	3 B	BYE	8 B	5 B C	7 B C	4 W D	BYE	9 W	7 W S	2 W	1 B	8 W
7LSF	2 B	5 W	BYE	4 B D	6 W S	3 W	BYE	8 W	6 B	1 W	9 B C	3 B S
8NGC	1 B D	4 W	6 W C	3 B	BYE	2 W	5 B	7 B	3 W	9 W S	BYE	6 B C
9CCC	BYE	3 W	5 W D	2 B	5 B	1 W S	4 B	6 B	4 W C	8 B C	7 W	BYE
Playoffs:	Round 1: 23-Mar LIB		Quarters: 13-Apr LIB		Semis: 20-Apr LIB		Finals: 20-Apr LIB		Individual Final: 04-May LIB			
Events:	All-Star Match: TBD TBD			Charity Blitz: TBD TBD		GM Simul: TBD TBD		Awards Evening: 01-Jun LIB				
Key:	D = Director S = Secondary Director C = Coffee Duty				CCH= The Congregational Church of Huntington LIB= Huntington Library ENL= East Northport Library				W= White on Board 1 B= Black on Board 1 TBD= To Be Determined			