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## LSF Takes Over First

### Topalov Rejected - Again

The current FIDE rules are quite clear. Last year it was announced by FIDE President Iijumzhinov that any player who was rated over 2700 and could come up with a bank guarantee for the prize fund could challenge for the World Championship. Topalov has done just that – twice. First he was rejected on a technicality that suddenly popped up – the guarantee had to be from one of a menu of banks. Not surprisingly the bank that Topalov, and his manager, Danailov, used was not on the approved FIDE list. So he reapplied using one of the banks on the list and was again rejected.

This time FIDE decided there was insufficient time to organize and hold a Topalov-Kramnik match prior to the scheduled World Championship to be held in Mexico in September. So again FIDE had bent the rules to their benefit. Ironically there would have been more time had they accepted the first application - curiously and curiously. The FIDE Presidential Board press release regarding this matter follows:

PRESS RELEASE, 28 January 2007

FIDE received a bank guarantee

### 3-Way Tie at WAZ

The 2007 edition of the annual Super-GM Wijk aan Zee tournament has ended in a three-way tie amongst Levon Aronian, Veselin Topalov and Teimour Radjabov for first at 8.5 out of 13. The latter two drew their final round face-off whereas Aronian had to beat Sergey Tiviakov to catch the co-leaders at the end. Fourth place was taken by Vladimir Kramnik with 8 points, fifth was Viswanathan Anand at 7.5. Pavel Eljanov, and Michal Krasenkow took gouns B and C respectively.

dated January 19th 2007, on behalf of GM Veselin Topalov for a challenge match against the World Chess Champion Vladimir Kramnik. Whilst the guarantee meets the conditions of the Handbook as per regulation, FIDE has reviewed the possibility of organizing this match as granted by the aforesaid regulation.

In order to organize this match within regulation, and the fact that a challenge match must be concluded no later than six months before the start of the next World Championship Tournament in Mexico City 12th Septem-

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### USA CC Team Hopeful

The USA is nearing qualification into the finals of the 17<sup>th</sup> Correspondence Chess Olympiad. As the table on page 4 shows it is a dogfight amongst 3 teams for the two qualifying spots. Despite only being the 4<sup>th</sup> rated team (and some 75 points less than England and Switzerland) the USA team currently sits with a plus 9 score holding a slim lead over Switzerland and Slovakia. Boards 3 and 4 on the USA team are LIICL members Keith Rodriguez and Bob Rizzo.

Keith is currently 1-0-6 and stands better in his two remaining games. Bob is 0-0-6 and is better in 2 of his last 3 games while being worse in the other. Keith is performing at a 2483 level while Bob is now at 2409. The other members of the USA team are SIM Jason Bokar, Ken Reinhart (who will qualify for his SIM title in this tournament), IM Michael Millstone and IM Corky Schakel.

Keith's amazing victory against a 2500+ player reveals the depth of Keith's vision, a long-range plan which demonstrates that a Rook sometimes can't cover both sides of the board against a Knight with scattered footsoldiers.

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### 2006-2007 LIICL Regular Season Team Standings

Team	Team Rating	LIICL PPR	TB's PR	Games				Match				
				W	L	D	Pts	W	L	D	Pts	
LSF	1874	16.7	9.13	18	4	2	19.0	5	0	1	5.5	0
NGC	1977	16.6	7.57	21	5	2	22.0	6	1	0	6.0	0
PRA	1976	14.3	7.71	14	7	3	15.5	4	2	0	4.0	0
CCC	1829	12.9	4.79	14	11	3	15.5	3	2	2	4.0	0
Alumni D	1702	10.9	4.18	9	13	6	12.0	2	4	1	2.5	0
EDO	1869	10.7	7.88	11	9	1	11.5	2	2	2	3.0	3
Honeywell/KS	1703	9.1	3.54	9	16	3	10.5	2	4	1	2.5	6
Alumni E	1570	8.6	2.21	7	17	4	9.0	2	5	0	2.0	4
Alumni C	1464	5.9	1.46	2	23	3	3.5	0	6	1	0.5	1

## Individual Standings After Round 8

Rating	Name	Team	PPR	G	W	L	D	Bye
<b>Class A</b>								
1978	Rizzo, Robert	NGC	5.00	7	7	0	0	1
2004	Leone, Dave	LSF	4.33	6	4	0	2	2
1920	Bonfante, Charles	LSF	4.33	6	5	1	0	2
1967	Romero, Steve	EDO	4.00	6	3	0	3	2
1953	Dwulit, James	PRA	4.00	5	4	0	1	2
2100	Pappaceno, Mike	PRA	3.67	6	3	1	2	2
2172	Berg, George	NGC	3.57	7	4	2	1	1
1982	Wilkie, Clayton	NGC	3.57	7	4	2	1	1
2089	Chipkin, Len	EDO	3.33	5	3	1	1	2
2102 /6	Pour, Darius	ALD	3.29	5	4	1	0	1
1984	Panico, Nick III	PRA	3.00	4	3	1	0	2
1892	Hodos, Julian	ALE	2.43	5	2	2	1	1
1938	Wisbauer, Robert	PRA	1.67	1	1	0	0	2
<b>Class B</b>								
1901	Celauro Sal	LSF	3.67	6	4	2	0	2
1723	Standing, Robert	LSF	3.67	4	4	0	0	2
1854	Viale, Richard	CCC	3.29	7	4	3	0	1
1833	Marley, Ken T	NGC	3.29	5	4	1	0	1
1854	Alikakos, George	EDO	3.00	6	3	3	0	2
1745	Frohreich, Frank	ALD	3.00	7	1	1	5	1
1727	Muttreja, Suresh	HON	2.71	7	3	4	0	1
1693	Montenero, Paul J	CCC	2.71	4	3	1	0	1
1855 /13	Dorsky Michael	CCC	2.43	6	2	3	1	1
1822	Sommese, Anthon	PRA	2.33	4	2	2	0	2
1830	Hom, Dennis	PRA	1.67	4	1	3	0	2
1809	Solomon, Steve	HON	1.29	2	0	1	1	1
1883	Lamb, Terry	CCC	1.00	2	0	2	0	1
1846 /8	Lustig, Darren	IND	1.00	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Class C</b>								
1630	Insogna, Matt	HON	3.29	6	4	2	0	1
1649	Ogen, Tom	HON	2.71	7	2	3	2	1
1528	Shattuck, John	ALD	2.71	6	3	3	0	1
1593	Spreckles, Charle	EDO	2.33	4	2	2	0	2
1671	Wu, Danny	NGC	2.14	2	2	0	0	1
1591	Celaru, Adrian	ALE	2.14	6	1	3	2	1
1623	Kingsley, John	ALC	1.86	5	1	3	1	1
1596	Rusch, Ed	ALD	1.86	6	1	4	1	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	2	0	2	0	1
<b>Class D</b>								
1489	Proffman, Paul	CCC	3.00	4	3	0	1	1
1408	Thomas, Walter	ALE	2.43	7	2	4	1	1
1683 /5	Schilling, Pete	ALE	2.14	6	2	4	0	1
1426	Warnock, Andy	CCC	1.86	2	1	0	1	1
1456	Greenwald, Justin	LSF	1.67	2	1	1	0	2
1435	Goldman, Mel	ALC	1.57	6	0	4	2	1
1412	Mastandrea, Robe	ALC	1.57	6	1	5	0	1
1140	Cretaro, Tony	CCC	1.57	3	1	2	0	1
UNR /1	Kelly, Dave	IND	1.00	0	0	0	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	6	0	6	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

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

### USA CC Team Hopeful

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Event: ICCF XVII Olympiad Prelim Sec. 3

Opening: [C59]

White: Rodriguez, Keith (USA)

WhiteElo: 2446

Black: Eiben, Pavel (SVK)

BlackElo: 2504

Board: 3

Location: ICCF Webserver

StartDate: 10.01.2006

Plies: 137

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5 d5 5.exd5

Na5 6.Bb5+ c6 7.dxc6 bxc6 8.Be2 h6 9.Nf3 e4

10.Ne5 Bd6 11.d4 exd3 12.Nxd3 Qc7 13.b3 0-0

14.Bb2 Ne4 15.Nc3 f5 16.h3 Ba6 17.0-0 Rad8

18.Qe1 c5 19.Nxe4 fxe4 20.Nf4 Bxe2 21.Nxe2

Nc6 22.Nc3 Nd4 23.Rd1 e3 24.Qxe3 Bf4 25.Qe4

Rfe8 26.Qg6 Re6 27.Qg4 Qf7 28.Rd3 Rde8

29.Qd1 Qb7 30.Bc1 Rg6 31.f3 Bb8 32.Re1

Rxe1+ 33.Qxe1 Kh7 34.Qd1 Qe7 35.f4 Re6

36.Kf1 Qf7 37.Nd5 Ra6 38.Rxd4 cxd4 39.Qd3+

Rg6 40.Qxd4 Qf5 41.Qc4 Rd6 42.Ne7 Qe6

43.Qxe6 Rxe6 44.Nd5 g5 45.f5 Re5 46.Ne3 Rc5

47.b4 Rc3 48.a4 Bf4 49.Ke2 h5 50.Bd2 Rc8

### XVII International Correspondence Chess Federation Olympiad Qualifier

<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>GR</u>	<u>+/-</u>
USA	24.5	15.5	61.3%	14	9
Slovakia	22.5	14.5	60.8%	17	8
Switzerland	20.0	12.0	62.5%	22	8
England	19.5	14.5	57.4%	20	5
Portugal	22.0	19.0	53.7%	13	3
Slovenia	24.5	23.5	51.0%	6	1
Kazakistan	15.0	14.0	51.7%	25	1
Chile	16.5	21.5	43.4%	16	-5
Iceland	15.0	23.0	39.5%	16	-8
Nicaragua	9.5	31.5	23.2%	13	-22

51.c3 Kg7 52.Nd5 Re8+ 53.Kd3 Bxd2 54.Kxd2

Re5 55.f6+ Kf7 56.c4 g4 57.hxg4 h4 58.Kd3 Rg5

59.Ne3 Kxf6 60.b5 Ke6 61.Kd4 Rg8 62.c5 Rd8+

63.Kc4 Rd2 64.a5 Ra2 65.a6 Ra4+ 66.Kb3 Re4

67.Nf5 Rxc4 68.b6 Rg8 69.b7 1-0

## Topalov Rejected - Again

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ber, this year, the match would have to start no later than 23rd February 2007.

The challenger additionally would need to deposit the required sum of money involved, into the FIDE bank account within 45 days before the commencement of the match in accordance with the regulations which has already passed.

A match for the World Chess Cham-

pion title is one of the most prestigious events in the FIDE calendar, and needs careful preparations from everybody involved. In the current situation there will not be sufficient time for proper inspections and negotiations with both players and the organizers. The players will not have enough time to prepare and can only play after having cancelled other contractual obligations.

Even though it might be possible from a pure technical point of view to stage a match before this date, FIDE cannot accept a

match to take place under these circumstances. However, notwithstanding the six month provision in the regulations, if both players can agree to a mutually acceptable date and conditions, then FIDE will assist in the organization of this match.

For further information, contact FIDE Public Relations Director Dr. Peter Rajcsanyi,

- FIDE Legal Director Morten Sand

### Team Results - Round 8

19-Jan-2007

Alumni E			HON/KSF			PRA			CCC
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Hodos J	1.0	0.0	Forfeit			Pappaceno M	1.0	0.0	Lamb T
Schilling P	0.0	1.0	Muttreja S			Panico N III	1.0	0.0	Dorsky M
Celaru A	0.5	0.5	Ogen T			Dwulit J	1.0	0.0	Viale R
Thomas W	0.0	1.0	Insonga M			Sommese A	0.0	1.0	Montenero P
	1.5	2.5					3.0	1.0	
Alumni C			Alumni D			LSF			NGC
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Kingsley J	0.5	0.5	Frohreich F			Leone D	1.0	0.0	Berg G
Goldman M	0.5	0.5	Rusch E			Bonfante C	1.0	0.0	Wilkie C
Mastandrea R	1.0	0.0	DePrisco W			Celauro S	0.0	1.0	Rizzo R
Watnick M	0.0	1.0	Shattuck J			Standing R	1.0	0.0	Marley K
	2.0	2.0					3.0	1.0	

### LIICL Team Tie-Breaks Through Round 8

Team	TBs	Game Pts	ALE	ALD	EDO	ALC	HON	PRA	LSF	NGC	CCC
			<u>2.0</u>	<u>2.5</u>	<u>3.0</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>2.5</u>	<u>4.0</u>	<u>5.5</u>	<u>6.0</u>	<u>4.0</u>
ALE	15.50	9.0		2.5	0.5	4.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5
ALD	29.25	12.0	5.5		1.5	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	2.5
EDO	47.25	13.0	3.5	2.5		0.0	0.0	1.5	2.0	1.5	2.0
ALC	10.25	3.5	0.0	2.0	0.0		0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
HON	24.75	10.5	2.5	0.0	0.0	3.5		1.0	0.0	0.0	3.5
PRA	46.25	15.5	0.0	0.0	2.5	4.0	3.0		1.5	1.5	3.0
LSF	54.75	19.0	0.0	3.5	2.0	4.0	4.0	2.5		3.0	0.0
NGC	53.00	22.0	4.0	4.0	2.5	4.0	4.0	2.5	1.0		0.0
CCC	33.50	15.5	3.5	1.5	2.0	3.0	4.5	1.0	0.0	0.0	

## 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			