

Mad Chess Festival

(Sat., 23 Aug. 2003)

A total of 35-players, representing 57 entries, participated in the four events of this mad festival. Pizza and fried chicken were provided by the organizer to help create a party-like atmosphere.

The rated Mad Rapid was held concurrently with the non-rated Mad Active. Five players (Gary Basanta, Bobby Meng, Gavriilo Bojovic, Alejandro Diaz and Yamei Wang) took up the challenge to play simultaneously. Tables were set up side by side to facilitate two games being played simultaneously. Four tables were joined together when three simul players were playing each other in one of the rounds. There were several rarely seen cases of an A player giving an simul to a master and an expert. There were also cases of two simul players playing each other on both boards. In summary, the concept provided a lot of entertainment for the spectators.

At the end, IM Dave Ross, master Bobby Meng and former BC champion Dragoljub Milicevic emerged from the 15-player rated Mad Rapid with 4-1 scores to tie for first. The field of 3 former BC champions and 6 other master/experts made this the strongest rated active event in BC since the 1991 BC Rapid Championship.

Former BC co-champion Mayo Fuentebella wisely declined the simul challenge to win the 16-player non-rated Mad Active event with 4.5-.5. Ninth-ranked Yamei Wang (4-1) was the surprise second place finisher from the very strong field of 3 masters and 4 experts despite playing simultaneously in both events! Special mention must also be made for Bobby Meng who played concurrently in the last round against two former BC champions on board 1 of both events!

FM Gary Basanta recovered from his poor "simul" results earlier in the day by winning the 20-player Mad Blitz with 12-2! Mayo Fuentebella (11-3) and Bobby Meng (10.5-3.5) were the second and third place finishers from the very strong field of 4 masters and 6 experts!

Finally, FM Basanta scored 5.5/6 against four hardy souls in the clocked Mad Simul. The only draw was conceded to Jason Feng who was playing two boards.

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Mad Rapid (Rated)

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#	Player	Rating	Rd. 1	Rd. 2	Rd. 3	Rd. 4	Rd. 5	Total	Prize
1	Bobby Meng	S 2256	+5	+10	=6	+7	=2	4	=1st \$70
2	Dragoljub Milicevic	2170	+14	=7	+4	+6	=1	4	=1st \$70
3	IM Dave Ross	2350	-7	+8	+9	+5	+6	4	=1st \$70
4	Nick Beqo	2170	=8	+15	-2	+10	+7	3.5	
5	James Kerry	1945	-1	+12	+14	-3	+8	3	
6	FM Gary Basanta	S 2397	+15	+9	=1	-2	-3	2.5	EF \$20
7	Gavrilo Bojovic	S 2082	+3	=2	+10	-1	-4	2.5	
8	Yamei Wang	S 1967	=4	-3	+15	+9	-5	2.5	
9	Alejandro Diaz	S 1981	+11	-6	-3	-8	+12	2	
10	Brad Booker	2129	+12	-1	-7	-4	+11	2	
11	Louie Jiang	1193	-9	-14	=12	+13	-10	1.5	
12	Michael Docherty	Unr	-10	-5	=11	+14	-9	1.5	
13	Jason Feng	1672	=0	-0	-0	-11	+14	1.5	
14	Desmond Stephens	1740	-2	+11	-5	-12	-13	1	
15	Phil Allan	2002	-6	-4	-8	-0	-0	0	

Mad Active (Non-rated)

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#	Player	Rating	Rd. 1	Rd. 2	Rd. 3	Rd. 4	Rd. 5	Total	Prize
1	Mayo Fuentebella	2348	+2	+12	=4	+5	+3	4.5	1st \$100
2	Yamei Wang	S 1967	-1	+15	+12	+7	+6	4	
3	Bobby Meng	S 2256	=10	+14	+5	+4	-1	3.5	
4	FM Gary Basanta	S 2397	+11	+7	=1	-3	+8	3.5	
5	Justin Hardy	2082	+9	+6	-3	-1	+11	3	
6	Gavrilo Bojovic	S 2082	+16	-5	+11	+9	-2	3	
7	Alejandro Diaz	S 1981	+15	-4	+8	-2	=9	2.5	
8	Luc Poitras	2192	=14	+10	-7	+12	-4	2.5	
9	Alexander Reid	1491	-5	+16	+10	-6	=7	2.5	
10	Don Monteith	1777	=3	-8	-9	+15	+14	2.5	
11	Tony Verma	1856	-4	+13	-6	+14	-5	2	
12	Paul Burke	2078	+13	-1	-2	-8	+16	2	
13	Brianna Reid	1131	-12	-11	-14	+16	+15	2	
14	Richard Reid	1758	=8	-3	+13	-11	-10	1.5	
15	Paul Docherty	Unr	-7	-2	+16	-10	-13	1	
16	Brendan Steele	Unr	-6	-9	-15	-13	-12	0	

Mad Blitz

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#	Player	Rating	Rd. 1	Rd. 2	Rd. 3	Rd. 4	Rd. 5	Rd. 6	Rd. 7	Total	Prize
1	FM Gary Basanta	2397	++10	++16	==2	+3	++9	++7	+5	12	1st \$100
2	Mayo Fuentebella	2348	++5	++6	==1	+7	+3	++4	+9	11	
3	Bobby Meng	2256	++4	++12	++11	=1	-2	+10	+7	10.5	
4	Yamei Wang	1967	--3	++20	+13	+5	++15	--2	+10	8	
5	James Kerry	1945	--2	++18	+12	+4	+16	++11	=1	8	
6	Mike Yip	2127	++8	--2	--10	++12	--11	++19	++16	8	
7	IM Dave Ross	2350	=-11	++14	++16	=2	++10	--1	=3	7.5	
8	Don Monteith	1777	--6	--10	++14	+13	++17	+9	+12	7.5	
9	Justin Hardy	2082	+17	++19	+15	+11	--1	+8	=2	7	
10	James Chan	1963	--1	++8	++6	++15	--7	=3	=4	7	
11	Gavrilo Bojovic	2082	+7	++13	--3	=9	++6	--5	+15	7	
12	Alejandro Diaz	1981	++18	--3	=5	--6	++13	+16	+8	7	
13	Ralf Schuetzhold	2051	+14	--11	=4	=8	--12	++20	++18	6.5	
14	Desmond Stephens	1740	=13	--7	--8	++20	--18	++17	++19	6.5	
15	Brad Booker	2129	+19	++17	+9	--10	--4	+18	+11	6	
16	Nicholas Spears	2186	++20	--1	--7	++19	+5	=12	--6	5.5	
17	Bill Van Camp	1762	+9	--15	+19	+18	--8	--14	++20	5	
18	Jason Feng	1672	--12	--5	+20	+17	++14	+15	--13	5	
19	James Makra	1900	+15	--9	+17	--16	++20	--6	--14	4	
20	Philip Kalambay	1200	--16	--4	+18	--14	--19	--13	--17	1	