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Press Release

Mehran Divanbaigyzand Earns the ICCF IM Title

Mehran Divanbaigyzand has earned the title of Correspondence International Master (IM), as confirmed via email from International Correspondence Chess Federation (ICCF) Qualifications Commissioner, Neil Limbert. Mehran's Medal and Title Certificate will be awarded at the ICCF Congress to be held in October in Antalya, Turkey.

Mehran achieved his two norms in Friendship of the Americas (CUB/FoA) and in WebServer MasterNorm 044 (WS/MN/044). In the Friendship event he earned a Senior International Master (SIM) norm with his score of 9.0/14 exceeding the IM norm by a full point. Mehran's score of 8.0 in MasterNorm 044 equaled the IM norm and fell a scant ½-point shy of the SIM norm and that title. The crosstables of those tournaments can be located via the following links:

<http://www.iccf-webchess.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=5454>

and

<http://www.iccf-webchess.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=18337>

The following example of Mehran's talents is taken from the Master Norm that gained him the title. It provides a glimpse into the amazing insight that is responsible for his success. His 37th move is a shot from nowhere, a remarkable find that tilts the game in his favor.

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[Opening "Queens Gambit Declined Cambridge Springs var."]

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[StartDate "10.Apr.2009"]

[White "Divanbaigyzand, Mehran (USA)"]

[Black "Simmelroth, Heinz-Dieter (GER)"]

[Result "1-0"]

[WhiteElo "2426"]

[BlackElo "2347"]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Be2 dxc4 10.Bxf6 Nxf6 11.Nxc4 Qc7 12.0-0 Nd5 a rarely played move, more common are 12 . . . Rfd8, 12 . . . Bd7 and [12...b6 13.Rac1 Bb7 14.a3 Bxc3 15.Qxc3 c5 16.Nd2 Rfc8 17.b4 Qe7 18.dxc5 bxc5 19.b5 Nd5 20.Qa5 Nb6 21.Rc2 Qg5 22.Bf3

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Bxf3 23.Nxf3 Qd5 ½-½ Kuljasevic,D (2521)–Ramirez,A (2533)/Richardson USA 2008] **13.Bd3 g6 14.a3 Be7** [14...Bxc3 15.bxc3 c5 16.Rfc1 Rd8 17.Ne5 b6 18.h4 Bb7 19.h5 Kg7 20.hxg6 f6 21.Ng4 f5 22.Ne5 hxg6 23.Qd2 Ne7 ½-½ Goldenberg,I (2219)–Canizares Cuadra,P (2224)/ICCF 2008] **15.Rac1 Rd8 16.Ne5 Kg7N** [16...Bd6 17.Nf3 Nxc3 18.Qxc3 a5 19.h3 a4 20.Rfd1 Qa5 21.Qc2 Bd7 22.Nd2 Be7 23.Be2 Be8 24.Bf3 Qf5 25.Be4 Qa5 26.Nc4 Qc7 27.Ne5 f6 28.Nf3 Bf7 29.Bd3 Kg7 30.Bc4 Ra5 31.Ba2 c5 32.Rd2 Qb6 33.Rcd1 Qa6 34.d5 exd5 35.Bxd5 Bxd5 36.Rxd5 Rxd5 37.Rxd5 Qe6 38.e4 b5 39.Qd3 Ra7 40.h4 Rc7 41.h5 b4 42.Qc4 Rc6 43.g3 Rd6 44.hxg6 hxg6 45.Rxc5 Qxc4 46.Rxc4 Rd1+ 47.Kg2 Rb1 48.Rc2 b3 49.Rd2 Rc1 50.Re2 Bc5 ½-½ Demian,V (2420)–Miettinen,K (2297)/ICCF 2008] **17.Ne4 a5 18.Rfd1 f6 19.Nf3 a4 20.h3 Ra5 21.Ned2 Ra8 22.e4 Nf4 23.Bf1 Bd7 24.g3 Nh5 25.e5 f5 26.Ne1 Kg8** luft for the knight on h5? **27.Nd3 Bc8 28.Nf3 Qa5 29.h4 h6 30.Qe2 Kg7 31.Rc4 Ra7 32.Nfe1 Kh7?! [♠32...Qb5] 33.Qc2±** for the last few moves white has been redeploying his pieces while black is just marking time in a cramped position **33...Ng7 34.Nc5 b5 35.Rc3 g5 36.hxg5 hxg5 37.Ne4!** Where did this come from? How does one find such a move? The shock value alone is worth an exclamation point. **37...fxe4 38.Qxe4+ Nf5** [38...Kg8 39.g4 c5 40.Bd3 Nf5 41.dxc5 Rd4 42.Qe2 Nh4 43.Bh7+ Kxh7 44.Rxd4±] **39.g4 Kg7 40.gxf5 exf5 41.Qxc6 Bd7 42.Qf3 b4 43.axb4 Qxb4** the black queen emerges from her sabbatical but alas too late to matter **44.d5 Rh8 45.Nc2** [45.d6 Bd8 46.Nd3 Qh4 47.Bg2 f4 48.Qe4+–] **45...Qh4** [45...Qxb2 46.Nd4 Rh4 47.d6 Bd8 48.Rc2 Qb7 49.Qxb7 Rxb7 50.e6 Rxd4 51.Rxd4 Bxe6 52.Rxa4+–] **46.Qg2 a3** [46...Qf4 47.Qg3 Qxg3+ 48.fxg3+– the central pawns dominate the board] **47.bxa3 Ra4 48.Nb4** black has had enough as the white rook will go to h3 and force a reduction to a simply winning endgame[48.Rdd3 works just as well] **1-0 (Rizzo)**