Fair Lawn Week 3

Week 3 coincided with week 1 of GM Camp, where the older and stronger students studied under the guidance of world famous coach GM Alexander Chernin. Noting (not without pride) that some of those students passed through all of the stages of ICA camps (including day camp). Our students have someone to look up to and they did not let us down.

Here some examples showing creativity of our students:

Alex - Daniel L



1.Bxf7! Rxf7 **2.Qxg6+ Kg8 3.Nf5!** Still was not too late to be greedy - 3.Bxh6? - And after 3 ... Nf8 white has no compensation for the sacrificed material. But after the move made by Alex, black has no satisfactory defense against multiple threats - white's attack led to their decisive material advantage.

The game between <u>Sophie</u> and <u>Jessica</u> from the penultimate round was decisive in the fight for first place in the <u>main section</u> of the Day Camp tournament (same as above). By the time of the meeting, Sophie was ahead by half of point and needed a draw to win the tournament. Here is how events unfolded at the decisive moment of the game:

Jessica – Sophie



- **1...Nf4!** Forward! The materialists certainly would prefer a leisurely 1 ... Rxg2 + 2.Kh1 (2.Kxg2 Nf4 +) 2 ... Rg7, and the ending of the game would have been far less spectacular
- **2.Qh8+ Kf7 3.Qxd8 Bxh3** All these moves were executed by black almost instantly. Here experienced Sophie became suspicious and offered a draw. But the offer was declined!
- **4.Qxa8** Careful 4.Qxc7 + followed by exchanging the queen's rook and bishop allowed tighten the resistance, but did not change the assessment of the position. Capturing on a8 led to quick and cute ending:



4...Ne2+ 5.Kh1 Bxg2#

The result of this game led to the final change of leader: <u>Sophie</u> rushed into a desperate chase, but winning the final round of games did not save the situation - <u>Jessica</u> has managed to keep its half-point gap and won the tournament and Sophie took second place.

The debutant of rated tournament, <u>Eric</u>, won Section 2 with a perfect score of 5 out of 5 points. Ilya (also new to the rated tournament) got 2nd place.

Best Students:

<u>Tanya's group</u> – <u>Sophie</u> and <u>Suran</u> (who managed virtually on the last meters of tough race to catch up with her old friend)

Igor's group - <u>Jane</u>
Genry's group - <u>Eric</u>
Thomas's group - <u>Cameron</u>

<u>Problem solving competition</u>: <u>Sophie</u> and <u>Mikhail</u> U1200 section, <u>Jane</u> (U600)

Omnipresent Sophie, who did not leave any of our chess competition without her attention, excelled In <u>Survival in Simul</u> competition as well. Two other students, <u>Gavin</u> and <u>Eric</u>, joined her as winners.

We should note that this year's **Home Work Competition** is very popular among our strongest students. Guess who has excelled in this competition? Of course, **Sophie!**

<u>Jessica</u> and <u>Suran</u> who took this contest very seriously joined her as winners as well. Even though we tried to identify the sole winners, there was no way in this case to do so. Let us hope that in the coming weeks, the representatives of the Unrated Section will ask for H/W; it is not the first time they missed the opportunity to excel in this category.

In the most cheerful chess competition of Day Camp - <u>Team Championship</u> – Pink Fluffy Unicorns (<u>Sophie, Aaron, Jane and Daniel L</u>.) beat all other teams and won 1st place!

<u>Sophie</u> was lucky captain not only in chess, but also in sports: she chaired <u>«Last Place</u>» team (Gavin, Daniel L., Aidan, Daniel N.), which *reassured* everyone with its provocative title, and confidently won <u>Friday's Relay Race</u>

<u>Daniel P</u> won the prize for <u>Best Chess Notation</u>.

Best in **Sports Groups**:

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Age 2003-2004 – <u>Aaron</u>;
Age 2005 2006 – <u>Jessica</u> and <u>Mikhail</u>;
Age 2007 – <u>Cameron</u>
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Sophie (girls) and <u>Aaron</u> (boys) won the <u>Dodge Ball</u> competition. <u>Aidan</u> -- Best <u>Soccer</u> player; he and his brother <u>Cameron</u> made an almost unbeatable team! The girls, as they did a week earlier, decided to leave their prize in this competition unclaimed.

Daniel N won the **Swag Walker** prize.

Alex, who took both chess and sports at our camp very seriously, won the **Best Effort** prize award. A serious approach and a correspondingly a long time spent at the board in most tournament games did not give him an opportunity to participate in Problem Solving and Survival in Simul Competitions, but he was able to deliver one of the best combinations of the week! Almost perfect but there was room to improve: in the future we wish for <u>Alex</u> to try his hand in the Home Work contest!

<u>Jane</u> was awarded with the <u>Healthiest Lunch</u> prize. <u>Gavin</u> won the <u>Art Contest</u> and <u>Daniel L.</u> received the <u>Music Award</u>!

In our closing ceremony, where our students thrilled their coaches with the fact that none of them left the camp without a prize, traditionally completed Week 3.

Hooray Week 4!