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Press Release

Wes Green Earns the ICCF IM Title

Wes Green has earned the title of Correspondence International Master (IM). His Medal and Title Certificate were awarded on July 23, 2013 at the ICCF Congress in Kraków, Poland. Wes achieved his two requisite norms in the Foglar veterans 2006 - GM-B group (Foglar-2006/GMB) and in the Interzonal 2010 Board 3 (Interzonal TT/6) events. In Foglar-2006/GMB his score of 8 in the Category VIII tournament with 15 players exceeded the IM Norm of 7-1/2 by an overscore of 1/2 point. In Interzonal TT/6 his score of 5.0 in the Category X double round robin tournament equaled the IM Norm of 5.0. Wes was pitted against titled players in 18 of the 24 games in these tournaments including four GMs, seven SIMs, six IMs and one LGM. His overall record was 4 wins, and 18 draws with only 2 losses. The links to the crosstables of the cited tournaments are as follows:

<http://www.iccf-webchess.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=8725>

and

<http://www.iccf-webchess.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=24113>

Wes is a retired life insurance actuary living in Green Valley, AZ. He didn't start playing chess seriously until his late twenties, and at the time there was no chess activity available locally, thus he took up correspondence chess in order to have a chance to play. When he later located to a community with more chess activity, he still kept up with his correspondence play." Wes has pretty much given up on OTB these days for the usual reasons: high stress inherent in OTB play, the need for good opening preparation which requires a huge amount of time and effort, momentary lapses which can ruin a good position, etc. He cites that one significant benefit of correspondence is, "meeting players from all over the world." When he attended the 2000 ICCF Congress in Daytona Beach he met many, "ICCF celebrities including four world champions!" Wes also served for several years as the ICCF Online Games Archivist.

Here is a game <http://www.iccfus.com/gameofthemonth/games/green.htm> from the Foglar-2006/GMB tournament. This game develops with Black having two Knights for White's two Bishops and initially the Black side is slightly preferable as the pawns limit the scope of the Bishops. However a Pawn sacrifice by Wes opens the position and at the right moment he 'gives' back the minor piece 'exchanges' to create activity and the initiative. Finally a miscalculation on move 40 by Black seals his opponent's fate.

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[ECO "B12"]
 [Opening "Caro-Kann Advanced Var."]
 [Event "Foglar-2006/GMB"]
 [Site "ICCF"]
 [StartDate "2006"]
 [White "Green,Wesley C (USA)"]
 [Black "IM Isigkeit,Hans-Juergen (GER)"]
 [Result "1-0"]
 [WhiteElo "2438"]
 [BlackElo "2441"]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Be2 c5 6.Be3 Qb6 7.Nc3 c4 I've had very good results with the advance variation. This is the first time I've encountered this move. **8.Qc1** [8.b3 is the most common reply, but after 8...Bb4 9.Bd2 Qa5 10.Na4 c3!? I don't care for white's prospects.] **8...Bb4 9.0-0 Bxc3 10.bxc3 Ne7 11.Rb1 Qc7 12.Nh4 Nbc6 13.Nxf5 Nxf5** White has the bishop pair, but with the center locked this is not an advantage. Perhaps the immediate 13. g4 would have been preferable. **14.Bg5 h6 15.Bf4 0-0 16.g4** White's space and therefore play is on the kingside, black's on the queenside. Since white's kingside space is greater than black's on the queenside, white has the better potential, particularly since play on the kingside is directly against the black king. **16...Nfe7 17.Bg3 Rab8 18.f4 Qd7 19.Bf3 b5 20.a3 a5 21.Qe3 Rb7 22.Bh4 Rfb8 23.Qd2 Ng6 24.Bg3 Nge7 25.f5** sacrificing a pawn to open lines on the black king. **25...exf5 26.gxf5 Nxf5 27.Bg4 Nce7 28.Qf4 g6 29.Bh4 Rb6** [29...g5? 30.Bxg5 hxg5?? 31.Qxg5+ Kf8 32.Bxf5 Nxf5 33.Rxf5] **30.Qf3 b4 31.cxb4 axb4 32.Rxb4 h5 33.Bh3 Rxb4 34.axb4 Rxb4 35.Kh1 Kf8 36.Bxe7+ Kxe7 37.Qg2 Qe6 38.Qg5+ Ke8 39.Bxf5 gxf5 40.Qxh5** The bishops have been exchanged for the knights, material is again even, and white has the initiative. **40...Qg6?** [I'm not sure why he made this move. Perhaps he was hoping for 41. Qxg6 fxc6 with a drawn game. He obviously overlooked the fact that his move loses the queen, so better would have been 40...Kd7 though after 41.Rxf5 Rb1+ 42.Kg2 Qg6+ 43.Qxg6 fxc6 44.Rf6 white has very good winning chances. 44...g5 45.Rd6+ Ke7 46.Rxd5] **41.Qh8+ Ke7 42.Rg1 Qb6 43.Rg8 Rb1+ 44.Kg2 Rb2 45.Kf3** and black resigned. The game might have continued **45...Rxc2 46.Re8+ Kd7 47.e6+** [This doesn't appear to make sense, since white is apparently just giving up a pawn, but after the immediate 47.Rb8 black should be able to hold the draw: 47...Rc3+ 48.Ke2 (48.Kf4, as below after ... 48 Rc3+, is not possible here because of 48...Qxd4+ with mate to follow. With the e5 pawn gone, as in the primary line, the white queen protects the d4 square.) 48...Rc2+ 49.Kd1 Qxd4+ 50.Kxc2 with a perpetual.] **47...fxe6 48.Rb8 Qb3+** [48...Rc3+ 49.Kf4 is even better for white. 49...Qd6+ 50.Kg5 and the best black has now is 50...Qxb8 51.Qxb8] **49.Rxb3 cxb3 50.Qb8 Ke7 51.Qxb3 Rxh2** and white has work left but the win is there. **1-0**
 [Green]