

NZ Chessplayer Vol5 No27 Aug 1952. There is an interesting article on Charles Belton in this issue, as well as coverage of a match between Ortvin Sarapu and David Lynch.

NZ Chessplayer Vol5 No29 Dec 1952. The big focus of this issue is the Sarapu vs Purdy match – a landmark event.

NZ Chessplayer Vol6 No30 Feb 1953. Someone has stamped ADVERTISER'S COPY on the front and back covers and also on page 15, but I guess there's nothing we can do about that now. The highlights of this issue are games from the annual championship, Dr Fulton's picket fence in the Major Open, and the Sarapu vs Purdy lightning match.

NZ Chessplayer Vol6 No31 Apr 1953. This issue is somewhat slimmer than the previous ones. Also, I think there is a mistake in the game on page 44 – White is actually Burgess and Black is John Purdy.

NZ Chessplayer Vol6 No32 May 1953. With this issue, the magazine changed from bimonthly to monthly. Two pages are devoted to an obituary, or appreciation, of Fred McSherry who founded the NZ Chessplayer in 1947. There is also an interesting reference on page 54 to tournament books of NZ Championship Congresses; apparently such books were published for Napier 1911-12, Dunedin 1920-21 and Auckland 1921-22. I wonder whether these books have survived anywhere?

NZ Chessplayer Vol6 No33 Jun 1953. There is an interesting article by Ortvin Sarapu on pages 67-69 analysing an endgame Szabo vs Botvinnik, Budapest 1952.

NZ Chessplayer Vol6 No34 Jul 1953. It is yet another good issue. The first appearance of Roger Court on the chess scene, while still a schoolboy, is covered on page 91. Roger was later to become NZ champion.

NZ Chessplayer Vol6 No35 Aug 1953. This particular copy has ADVERTISER'S COPY stamped twice on both the front and back covers, but there's nothing we can do about that. Some of the pages have come out just slightly crooked in the PDF and this is because the staples are slightly misaligned. You can see this by viewing pages 104 and 105. One staple is well clear of the central fold whereas the other is right on it. However, it's another good issue, with Purdy winning the World Correspondence Title, Sarapu giving a blindfold simul, endgame and opening analysis by Sarapu and games from overseas.

NZ Chessplayer Vol6 No37 Oct 1953. The darker colour of the cover, relative to the previous issue, is due to a change from a paper cover to a cardboard cover. A highlight of this issue is Frank Hutchings' picket fence in the schoolboys' championship. I came across further details on Hutchings in Ortvin Sarapu's book Chess Championships (25 years of New Zealand Chess Championships 1952-1977). Hutchings was in the NZ Championship in Dunedin in 1960 (finishing 6<sup>th</sup> equal with Richard Sutton) and married Diana Purdy (daughter of Cecil Purdy) in Sydney later that same year. Sarapu attended the wedding, which was held just after the Zone 10 Championship (also in Sydney). Hutchings led a

long and successful life in Sydney, his obituary appeared in the April 2018 *New Zealand Chess*. His wife, Diana, was also a chess player, which is not too surprising considering that her father had been both Australian champion and World Correspondence Chess Champion.

NZ Chessplayer Vol6 No39 Dec 1953. Much of this issue is devoted to games of the 1953 Zurich/Neuhausen Candidates Tournament, one of the strongest tournaments in history.

NZ Chessplayer Vol7 No40 Jan 1954. The main focus of this issue is games played by Bob Wade in England – annotated by Wade himself.

NZ Chessplayer Vol7 No41 Feb 1954. This issue covers the NZ Championship; Sarapu won his 3<sup>rd</sup> NZ Championship with a 3-point margin over the rest of the field.

NZ Chessplayer Vol7 No44 May 1954. This issue has games from the annual Hastings tournament.

NZ Chessplayer Vol7 No 45 Jun 1954. This issue has a mix of local and overseas news. I have never heard of the National Autumn Tourney before; apparently the first one was held in 1954 and “was a resounding success”.

NZ Chessplayer Vol7 No 46 Jul 1954. Some of the pages are slightly crooked (especially towards the end of the magazine) because of misaligned staples. This issue focuses on New Zealand news, with the South Island Championship being the highlight.

NZ Chessplayer Vol7 No47 Aug-Sep 1954. The issues have been monthly but this one was running late and encompasses two months. This time there is a mix of local and overseas news. The latter, unusually, relates to South Africa and Brazil – not countries that normally feature in chess news.

NZ Chessplayer Vol7 No48 Oct 1954. An unusual feature of this issue is that the pages are scrambled. All the pages from 129 to 144 are present, but they are found in the following order: 129, 130, 131, 132, 139, 140, 135, 136, 137, 138, 133, 134, 141, 142, 143, 144. Evidently a mishap occurred in the process of putting the issue together. There are two pages on the NZ Schoolboys Championships (pages 130 & 131) – apparently girls weren't catered for in those days in terms of chess competition, or possibly just weren't interested. There is also something of definite historical interest – the first-ever NZ rating list (pages 132 & 133). There were only 62 names on the list; however, many players did not appear in the list because they did not compete in the events which were used to generate the list.

NZ Chessplayer Vol8 No49 Mar 1955. On page 1 (which actually has no visible page number), there is an announcement that the publishers of NZ Chessplayer, Artcraft Press, is discontinuing publication, with issue No. 50 to be the last one. However, “a group of Auckland enthusiasts” were planning to continue publication. There is also an interesting article by Ortvín Sarapu on his game against Wolfgang Unzicker at Oldenburg 1949.

NZ Chessplayer Vol8 No50 Jun 1955. This is the last issue to be produced by Artcraft Press. In the issue there is an editorial announcement that production of the magazine is to be done in future by a Wellington group. There is also further analysis of the Sarapu vs Unzicker game and coverage of Max Euwe's tour of South Africa. There is also some local news and correspondence chess association news. So this issue of the magazine was the end of an era. Artcraft Press had produced NZ Chessplayer from its first issue in late 1947 to issue no. 50 in mid-1955: a total of nearly 8 years, and had done the job to a high standard.

NZ Chessplayer Vol50 No1 Sep 1955 . This is the first issue to be produced after transfer of production from Auckland (Alan Fletcher) to Wellington (H.F. Pobar). The Wellington-produced magazine is a non-standard page size so I have had to scan just one page at a time, rather than two. The volume and issue numbers have also changed to a different system. The last of the Auckland-produced magazines was Vol8 No50 Jun 1955, and this first Wellington magazine is Vol50 No1. The main items in this issue are the National Schoolboys' Championship, Overseas News from England, and the National Autumn Open Championship.

NZ Chessplayer Vol50 No2 Oct-Nov 1955. There is a mix of national and international news, including Robert Wade in England, NZ vs Canada correspondence match and an article on the Goteborg Interzonal by Ortvin Sarapu. The standard of presentation isn't quite as good as the previous (Sep) issue, e.g. the misspelling "Serapu" on page 15, but this issue followed soon after the previous one and the new team were probably still adjusting to the task.

NZ Chessplayer Vol50 No3 Jan-Feb 1956. On page 4 the errata sheet unfortunately conceals the result of the Marsick vs Douglas game. The game was drawn. Also, page 13 has somehow scanned slightly crooked but is perfectly readable. This time I included the back cover in the scan. For the two previous issues (50/1 and 50/2) the back cover was blank so I did not include it in the scan. This issue has coverage of the 63<sup>rd</sup> Congress, held in Dunedin; F.A. Foulds won the title (Sarapu did not compete). There is a lengthy article on Telegraphic Chess, which is of historical interest, plus correspondence and local news, as well as more on the New Zealand vs Canada correspondence match.

NZ Chessplayer Vol50 No4 Mar-Apr 1956. It is another interesting issue and it has scanned well. Whether the Championship should be a Swiss is discussed on page 5 (also page 13); this has particular historical interest as it definitely now is a Swiss. The first interclub match by radio-telephone in NZ is described on page 6 – also of historical interest. Pages 8 to 12 cover games from the annual Congress and pages 14-15 focus on the Easter Tournament in Wellington.

NZ Chess News Vol2 No1 Feb 1959. There is good coverage of the New Year's congress and also of the performances of Ortvin Sarapu and Rodney Phillips in the Australian Championship. On page 18 there is a touching obituary for John Roffey; the chess world could do with more like him.

NZ Chess News Vol2 No2 Mar 1959. The page numbering for this issue runs from page 23 to 44 for the pages of text (i.e. excluding the front cover and inside front cover). So the magazine has switched from issue-only page numbers for Vol1 to volume page numbers for Vol2. The issue has good coverage of the annual congress in Hamilton and also of the Sydney tournament. The Editorial stated that membership of NZCA was 772 with numbers in clubs increasing; what they didn't know then was that TV was about to start and that would kill off many clubs in smaller towns during the 1960s.

New Zealand Chess No5 Feb 1975. This early issue of NZ Chess may not read very clearly because of an awkward typeface and also text that is faint in places. However, with a little effort and possibly much enlargement of the PDF it should all, I think, be readable. The issue comprises 20 pages (including the covers). It is in the old descriptive notation and is mainly a report of the Nice Olympiad of 1974, plus coverage of the South Island Championship of August 1974.

New Zealand Chess No6 Oct 1975. No volume number is given but I think this is Volume 1. There is a lot in this issue and, since there is no contents page, I've made the following list of the articles:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Asian Teams Tournament, Penang, Malaysia – by Peter Goffin (pages 1 to 10)
- NZ Championship 1974-1975 – by Graham Haase (pages 10 to 12)
- Australian Junior Championship, Jan 1975 – by Murray Chandler (pages 13 to 15)
- Australian Junior Championship, Jan 1975 – by Kai Jensen (pages 15 to 18)
- Asian-Pacific Championship, Melbourne, Jan-Feb 1975 – by Paul Garbett (pages 18 to 21)
- Australian Open, Adelaide, Feb 1975 – by Paul Garbett (pages 21 to 22)
- Terry Free at the World Championship for the Blind, Germany – by Peter Stuart (pages 22 to 23)
- Book Review: Practical Chess Endings by Paul Keres – reviewed by Malcolm Foord (page 24)

The previous issue was Feb 1975 so a fair amount of material accumulated in the 8-month interval.

NZ Chess No7 Dec 1975. This issue also has a lot in it and, like the Oct 1975 issue, lacks a contents page. So here are the contents:

- Letters to the Editor (pages 1 to 2)
- Rothmans South Island Championship, by A.L. Carpinter (pages 3 to 5)
- Nimzo-Indian 4.e3 c5 (Rubinstein Variation), by N. Metge (pages 6 to 7)
- Otago University Chess Club, by M. Wong (page 7)
- Waitemata Chess Club, by Robert Smith & Nick Bridges (pages 8 to 9)
- Photographs (page 10)
- Winstone's North Shore Open, by Peter Weir (page 11)
- Dominion Breweries 40-40 Tournament, by L. Jones (pages 11-12)

- Rothmans North Island Championship, by P. Goffin (page 13)
- National Rating List (pages 14 to 15 & 21)
- Advertising (page 16)
- Murray Chandler in Yugoslavia (pages 17 to 20)
- Book Review: The French Defence – Main-Line Winawer by John Moles, reviewed by Michael Whaley (page 21)
- Advertising (page 22)
- Changes in the Laws of Chess (page 23)
- Overseas Games, by Wolfgang Leonhardt (pages 24 to 26)
- Postal Chess, by A. Hignett (page 26)
- Combinations (pages 27 to 28)

Some of the pages are a little faint – especially pages 6 & 7, and 18 & 19. However, it appears that these can still be read, especially with some magnification of the PDF

Another one-off publication, “New Zealand Chess Championship Dunedin 1974-75”, produced by Bernard Carpinter for the Otago Chess Club, . It is likely that most or even all of the games are already in the games database, but there are some well-produced photographs of the event which will certainly be of historical interest. In places the text is a bit faint but is still readable; also, the text goes close to the bottom of the page but all of it is visible