## Chess

## Setting up a pecking order

THE ELO rating system, named after Professor Arpad Elo, has been used by FIDE, the world controlling chess body, for several years now.

The advantages of a rating system are that it provides a fairly accurate estimate of a player's strength and it enables players who have never met to compare their respec-tive abilities. It is an invaluable guide for deciding which tournaments should have international master or grandmaster title status.

Elo rated players are in demand for tournaments which would allow players to gain a grading or even an international master norm. Usually two such norms are required to be awarded the title. To play in some tournaments an Elo grade is sometimes necessary. Special tournaments to give players opportunities for Elos are commonplace in London often the unrated player will pay a high entry fee.

Max Fuller organised such a tournament recently. The five unrated players contributed towards the prize money and sponsorship was given by The London Chess Congress, The Friends of Chess, The London Chess Club and Charlton Chess Club. London Central YMCA donated the use of their premises.

I chose the right event to do well in and finished first equal. This could give me a grade that will be very helpful in international tourneys. It was estimated I scored around 2530.

"Maxelo" 1976.

MODERN DEFENCE Littlewood M. Fuller

P. 1	Attlewood	IVI. F
1.	e4	g6
2.	d4	Bg7
3.	Nc3	d6
4.	f4	c6
5.	Nf3	Bg4
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So far these have all been "real" moves. White's next is not really necessary and Black should gain equality with 7... Nd7 in reply.

7. Rb1 e5?

Too optimistic. But this is only exploited by a series of excellent moves by Littlewood.

8. f×e5

d×e5

. B×f3. 10, d×e5! For 9 . . is good for White.

9.		e×d4
0.	N×d4	Qd8
1.	Bc4	Nd7
2.	0-0	Ne5
3.	Bb3	Nf6
4.	h3	Bd7
5.	Nf3!	

White judges correctly that the blockading knight is an important defender. The white pieces now beginned throw their weight around, using the isolated "e" pawn as a strength rather than a weakness.

N×f3 ch 16. R×f3 0.0 17. Rd1!

"When you see a good move look for a better one" was Lasker's maxim. 17, Bg5 is strong but this move forces the win of a piece.

Qe7 18. Qf2

And in view of White's numerous threats Fuller gave up. Although, as he himself said, he played like a rabbit Max did learn from this brevity. This particular session was played before the Guernsey International in which Max won the brilliancy prize for his game against K. B. Richardson. (See last week's column.) He used his pieces superbly with the same iso-lated "e" pawn theme used against him in this game.

Resigns. Paul Littlewood is a young player in his second year at Cambridge University. He specialises in sharp, tactical games and has had some good results recently. He is one of England's young hopes and has good prospects in the chess world — particularly with games like that.

Not many New Zealand players have FIDE ratings. The top few that do are O. Sarapu, many times New Zealand champion (2320), E. Green (2265) playing captain Green (2265) playing captain of the Olympiad team, P. Garbett (2290) former New Zealand champion and W. Fairhurst (2205) many times Scottish champion.

BLACK FINDS the most sensational move in the "Match of the Century". Larsen — Spassky, USSR-World, Belgrade 1970.

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This is from It's Your Move by Teschner and Miles. Lar-sen's Elo is 2625 and Spassky's 2630. The English GM Tony Miles is 2510.

Qh4 ch. 4, Kd1  $9\times1=0$  White resigned. (5,  $B\times1$  ,  $B\times94$  ch and mate is imminent.) then 3 ... Oh4 ch. 4, Kd1 Oh1. 5, Qc3 Q×91 ch. 6, Kc2 Of2. 7, 9×15 Q×e2. 8, Na3 Bb4 and Black wins.) 3 .... 2 . . . 92. 3, Rfl. (If 3, R91 de immediately all over.) K×31 Ov4 everything would tempo. 1. .. Rhi!! 2, K×hi. (After 2, Kfl R×gl ch. 3, champion gives up a rook for SOLUTION: The then world

			"M	exelo" Lor	idon I	nvi	at	ior	1	97	6						
1	M.	G.	Chandler	NZ		X	1/2	1	1/2	1	1	1	1/2	1	1	1	81
2	P.	Litt	lewood	England	2345	1	X	1/2	1	1/2	1	1	1	1	1	1	81/2
3	J.	Nich	nolson	England	2280	0	1/2	X	1	1 2	1/2	1	1/2	1	1	1/2	61
4	K.	J.	Wicker	England		1 2	0	0	X	1	1	1/2	1	1	1	1/2	6
5	M.	J.	Franklin	England	2325	0	1	1/2	0	X	0	1	1	1/2	1	1/2	5
6	M.	Fu	ller	Australia	2320	0	0	1/2	1/2	1	X	1	1/2	0	1	1	5
7	A.	E.	Hanreck	England		0	0	0	1/2	0	1/2	X	1	1	1/2	1	41/2
8	N.	E.	Povah	England	2300	1/2	0	1/2	0	0	1	0	X	1	0	1	31
9	D.	Ru	mens	England	2330	0	0	0	0	1/2	1	0	0	X	1	1	31/2
10	N.	R.	Benjamin	England		0	0	0	0	0	0	1/2	1	0	X	1	21/2
- 11	R.	W.	O'Brien	England		0	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	0	0	0	0	X	12

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