

# Chess

## Too young to mate?

THE NEW ZEALAND junior is a generally underrated species — but much feared by senior players and all too common.

The New Zealand adult player is more than thankful when a separate tournament is held so that the juniors can pit their skills against one another instead of him.

Such was the situation this Easter, with Wellington's Civic Chess Club organising an open tourney, and Burroughs sponsoring a junior (under 20) event.

The most amusing aspect of it all was that had the juniors been let loose on the senior tournament they would have, in all likelihood, taken the first four or five places.

Robert Wansink (Whangarei), Kai Jensen (Hamilton) and I shared the excellent prize money, each of us dropping one-and-a-half points out of seven.

Jensen played well throughout, but a lapse in the last game giving him a draw instead of a win allowed him to be pegged back.

The following game he describes as one of his best from the tourney.

Burroughs NZ Junior Championship:

**RUY LOPEZ**  
(Exchange variation)  
J. Adams K. Jensen  
(Dunedin) (Hamilton)

1. e4 e5  
2. Nf3 Nc6  
3. Bb5 a6  
4. Bxc6

The exchange variation of the Lopez, in which Black's pawn weakness is compensated by active piece play.

4. . . . dxc6  
5. O-O f6  
6. d4 Bg4  
7. c3 Bd6  
8. Be3 Ne7  
9. N(b)d2 Qd7  
10. h3 Be6  
11. dxe5 fxe5  
12. Ng5?

Correct is 12.c4! Ng6 13.c5 Be7 14. Qc2 O-O 15. Rfd1 Bf6 16. Ng5! Brg5 17. Nf3 Qe8 18. Nrg5 Bc8 19. Qc4ch Kh8 20. Qe2 with advantage, Gerasimov v. Savon, USSR 1967.

12. . . . Bg8  
13. Nb3 b6  
14. Qe2 h6  
15. Nf3 Be6  
16. R(a)d1 Ng6

One can sense the white king is in for a rough time as Jensen's pieces begin to take up aggressive looking posts.

17. c4 c5  
Squashing any ideas White had of Queenside counterplay.

18. Kh1 Qd7  
19. N(b)d2 Kh7?

A positional error allowing Black's mobile Bishop to be exchanged. Surprisingly, however, the absence of the white knight appears to make the king even more vulnerable — perhaps Black's mistake is a subtle trap!

20. Ng5 ch?! Kg8  
Obviously 20. . . . hrg5  
21. Qh5ch is not appealing.

21. Nxe6 Qxe6  
22. Nf3 Rf7  
23. b3 R(a)f8  
24. Rd3

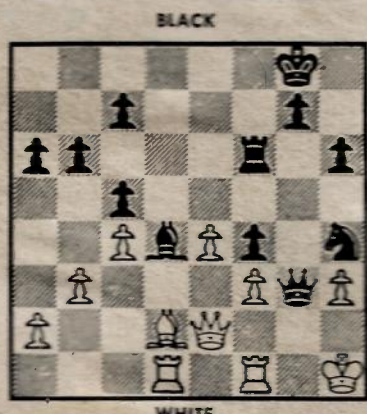
A good defensive idea, but one move too late. Unfortunately for Jonathan Adams, Jensen only needs one move.

24. . . . Rxf3!  
25. gxf3 Nb4  
26. Bc1 Qf6  
27. f4 exf4  
28. f3 Be5  
29. Rf2

This seems a waste of time, but what else? After 29. Rg1 something like this might unfold: 29. . . . Bd4 30. Rg4 Ng6 31. Qg2 Ne5 32. Rxf4 Qd6! 33. Rxf8ch Kxf8 34. Rd1 (Rxd4, Nxf3 dble.ch) Ng4 dble.ch, followed by Nf2 check and wins.

29. . . . Bd4  
30. Rf1 Qg6  
31. R(d)d1 Rf6  
32. Bd2? Qg3ch  
33. Kh1

Thinking to escape after 33. . . . Qrh3ch with 34. Qh2 with a good chance of drawing. But Jensen shows the hallmark of a top player — forcing home the decisive blow.



33. . . . Bg1!  
34. Rxg1 Qxh3ch  
35. Qh2 Qxf3ch  
36. Rg2 Qxd1ch  
37. Resigns

He begins to run out of pieces after 36. Rg1 Qf3ch 37. Rg? Rg6.

A nice game by 17-year-old Kai Jensen.

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