



Now Kouatly should play 1... Rxc2! winning, but instead he captured the knight, 1... gxf6? Play proceeded 2.g7 ch Kg8? (2... Ke7 is the last chance) 3.Bh7 ch! Kxh7 4.g8=Q ch!! 4... Resigns. Black is

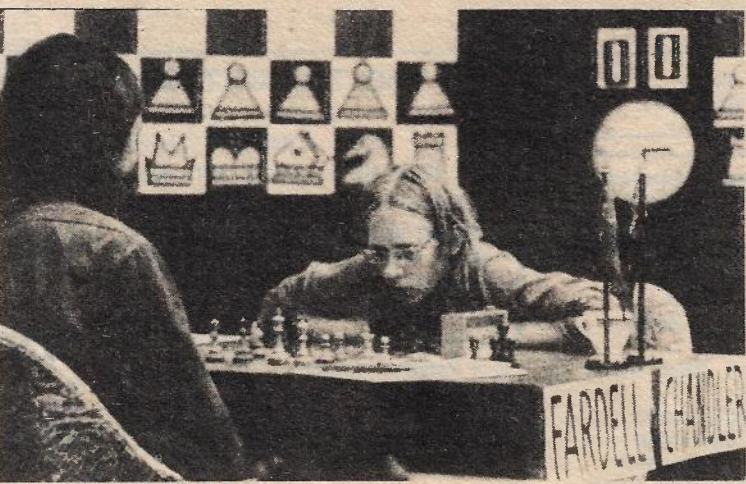
Making it in Manila

ALTHOUGH I arrived three days late for the first Asian Junior Chess Championships the organisers allowed me to postpone my games and play them on rest days.

That was just as well because, in the end, I won by a slim half-point margin over my two closest rivals, Bachar Kouatly of Lebanon and Pravin Thipsay of India.

I played Kouatly in my first game and our con-

troversial encounter was being talked about weeks later. I had just arrived at Baguio, Philippines, where the tournament was being held, when I learnt I was playing the only international master in the event. I didn't even know Lebanon was in Asia! After drinking several cups of coffee to stay awake, we sat down to play and reached the following position. I am losing, but I saw a combination and played 1.Nxf6!?



Chandler in action: late but winning.

mated in three after 4... Bxg8 5.Rd7 ch Bf7 6.Rxf7 ch and 7.Qg7 mate.

After that break I played safely and ended up with three draws in total, the most important of these being against Thipsay in Round 8 — he being my closest rival at the time.

My prize in the tournament was the title of Asian Junior Chess Champion, a tour of the Philippines plus a paid trip to the world junior champs in Austria. Also I gained the title of international master.

Here is one of my more exciting games from the Asian Junior which I also showed on television in Manila after the tournament was over.

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| M. Chandler
(New Zealand) | L. Tobing
(Indonesia) |
| 1. e4 | c6 |
| 2. Nc3 | d5 |
| 3. Nf3 | Bg4 |
| 4. h3 | Bxf3 |
| 5. Qxf3 | d4 |

As is common in international events I had prepared for my opponent before the game but my books did not mention Tobing's obvious move.

6. Bc4 e6
On 6... dxc3 7.Qxf7 ch Kd7 8.dxc3 White must win with two pawns for the piece plus the open d-file leading straight to black's king.

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| 7. Ne2 | c5 |
| 8. 0-0 | Nc6 |
| 9. Qg3 | a6 |
| 10. a4 | Qd6? |

Superior is 10... Nf6. Aside from the whole plan of queenside castling being faulty, the queen is misplaced here.

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| 11. f4 | Nge7 |
| 12. d3 | Na5 |
| 13. Ba2 | 0-0-0 |
| 14. Bd2 | Nac6 |
| 15. f5! | |

Opening up the position for the two bishops is strategically correct and I decide that exchanging queens would not ease his position as I gain control of the e file. He cannot keep the position closed by 15... e5 as his f-pawn would be hanging. So, Tobing decided to sacrifice a pawn for a knight blockade on e5.

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| 15. ... | Ne5 |
| 16. fxe6 | f6 |
| (16... fxe6? 17.Nf4.) | |
| 17. Nf4 | h5 |
| 18. Rab1 | h4 |
| 19. Qf2 | N(7)c6 |
| 20. a5 | |

White wants to play 20... Nd5 in this position (with the idea 21.b4) but in that case Black has 20... a5! closing the queenside.

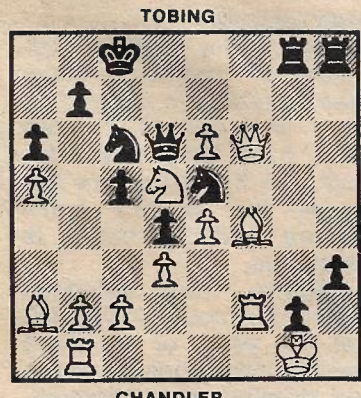
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| 20. ... | g5?! |
| 21. Nd5 | g4 |
| 22. Qxf6 | Bg7 |

Before capturing on f6 I calculated 22... Nj3 ch 23.Rxf3! gxf3 24.Bf4 Bg7 25.Nb6 ch and I capture the queen with check.

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| 23. Qxg7 | Rdg8 |
| 24. Qf6 | gxh3 |

Again on... Nf3 ch I take with the rook.

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| 25. Bf4 | hxc2! |
| 26. Rf2 | h3 |



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Tobing has chosen the most dangerous continuation and I must be very careful. He threatens now 27... h2 ch! 28.Bxh2 Nf3 ch! and 29... Qxh2 mate.

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| 27. Bh2! | Rf8 |
| 28. Nb6 ch | Kc7 |
| A little embarrassing, but on 28... Kb8 29.Nd7 ch! is winning. | |
| 29. Qg7 ch | Kd8 |
| 30. Nc4! | Rxf2 |
| 31. Nxd6 | Rhf8 |
| 32. Nf7 ch | Resigns |

MURRAY CHANDLER

PLAYER	COUNTRY	CROSS SCORE											T
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
1 Murray Chandler	New Zealand	1	1/2	1/2	1	1	1	1/2	1	1	1	1	8.5
2 Bachar Kouatly	Lebanon	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
3 Pravin M. Thipsay	India	1/2	1	0	1	1/2	1	0	1	1	1	1	8
4 Dan Fardell	Australia	1/2	0	0	0	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1	1	6
5 Sassan Rabbii	Iran	0	0	1/2	0	0	1	1/2	1	1/2	1	1	5.5
6 Andronico Yap	Philippines	0	0	0	1/2	0	0	1	1/2	1	1	1	5
7 Adrian Pacis	Philippines	0	0	1	1/2	1/2	0	0	1	1/2	0	1	4.5
8 Lim Chye Seng	Singapore	1/2	0	0	1/2	0	1/2	0	0	1	1	1	3.5
9 Anton F. L. Tobing	Indonesia	0	0	0	0	1/2	0	1/2	1	0	1/2	1	3.5
10 Goh Yoon Wah	Malaysia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1/2	0	2.5
11 Phillip Goodings	Hongkong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

*Tie break: Kouatly -8W, Thipsay 7W; Lim- 12.25 SB, L. Tobing - 9.75 SB.