

Three-legged race

ONLY THREE LEGS — in the Philippines, Indonesia and Australia — took place on the second Asian Grandmasters Circuit in 1979. This drop-off from the first circuit in 1978, when New Zealand was among the six countries participating, may be partly blamed on 1979 being Interzonal year, with a large number of Grandmasters being tied up in these important world Championship elimination events.

The circuit should pick up again this year, and the tremendous boost Burroughs Computers have given of a \$25,000 three-year sponsorship of major national tournaments here in New Zealand will spur organisers to put us on the international map again.

Queensland worked hard for Australia to make its debut on the circuit last year, and was well rewarded. Ian Rogers, 19, made an International Master result, coming in third behind GMs Anatoly Lein (USA) on 7½/10 and Raymond Keene (England) on 6½ points. Shortly afterwards Rogers made a second IM norm when he tied for first place with Keene in the Sydney International.

English Grandmaster Keene gave an instructive lecture involving his game with Australian Max Fuller, the notes of which I have condensed here.

KING'S INDIAN DEFENCE

R. KEENE	M. FULLER
1. d4	Nf6
2. c4	g6
3. Nc3	Bg7
4. e4	d6
5. Be2	0-0
6. Nf3	Bg4

A comparatively unusual variation, but one with which Max did win a nice game against Belgian GM Alberic O'Kelly de Galway in Malta, published in this column. One of Black's ideas is to put pressure on the d4 square, using the moves ...Nc6, ...e5 and ...Nfd7 or ...Ne8. The disadvantage is that he is virtually obliged to exchange his light-squared bishop, and Keene's whole strategy is designed to take advantage of this.

7. Be3	Nfd7
8. h3	Bx13
9. Bx13	Nc6
10. Ne2	e5
11. d5	Ne7

With the idea of 10...e5 11.d5 Nd4.

Now Fuller's plan is to play on the kingside with ...f5, and possibly ...f4. However, the problem is that then White's light-squared bishop can travel via g4 to the dominating e6 square. If White can prise open the h-file first this check will be catastrophic for Black, hence Keene's next move.

12. h4!	f5
13. h5	f4
14. Bd2	Nf6

14...g5 may be better, although White gets his bishop to e6 immediately with 15.Bg4. Keene stressed during the lecture that combinations will come naturally, provided the correct strategic approach is followed. Here White tries to open the kingside to gain space for his king's bishop.

15. hxg6	hxg6
16. g3!	...

Now Black has to allow White to exchange, or to swap pawns himself. Either way, he no longer has a steamroller of pawns with ...g5 and ...g4 on the kingside.

16. ...	g5
17. gx14	gx14
18. Nc3	Qd7?!
19. Bg2!	...

So the bishop will emerge via h3!

19. ...	c6
20. Bh3	Qc7
21. Be6 ch	Rf7



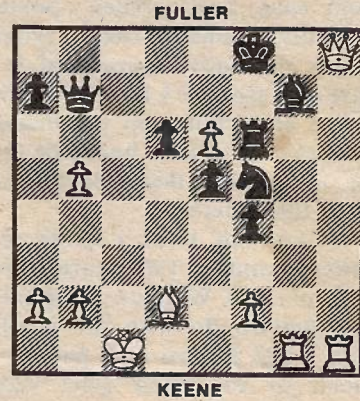
22. Qf3	b5
In desperation Max attempts to burst open the position.	
23. cxb5	cxd5

24. exd5	Re8
25. Qg2	...
25. ...	Nc8
26. Ne4	Nxe4
27. Qxe4	Qb7
28. Qg6	...

White is in no hurry to exchange off his tremendous bishop on e6 for a rook. Now the threat is Rg1.

The positional approach begins to reap rewards in a combinational sense — Black must prevent 29.Bxf7 ch Qxf7 30.Rh8 ch! Kxh8 31.Qxf7 winning the Queen.

28. ...	Rxe6
29. Qh7 ch	Kf8
30. dxe6	Rf6
31. 0-0-0	Ne7
32. Rdg1	Nf5
33. Qh8 chl	...



Sacrificing the Queen, since 33...Bxh8 34.Rxh8 ch Ke7 35.Rh7 ch followed by 36.Rxb7 and White emerges a rook up.

38. ... Resigns

A magnificent positional game.

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