

Broadening the horizons

JONATHAN SARFATI'S 50 per cent score in the World Junior Championship was respectable by usual New Zealand standards, but a little disappointing considering the 19-year-old Wellington student's excellent 1983 tournament record. His 6½ points from 13 games sufficed, however, for 27th equal position from the 61 competitors present in Belfort, France, for the premier youth competition. The winner, Kiril Georgiev from Bulgaria, scored 11 points to pip the Russian Valery Salov on 10½ and Saeed Saeed from the United Arab Emirates on 9. Apart from the junior title Georgiev automatically becomes an International Master, and receives one Grandmaster norm — the latter no doubt eyed wistfully by England's pre-tournament favourite Nigel Short, who could manage only fourth equal.

Sarfati qualified for Belfort by his first equal with Adrian Lloyd in the New Zealand Junior Championship, Lloyd choosing instead to try for an instant International Master title at the Asian Junior Championship in Malaysia next month. Other leading results in senior events scored by Jonathan this year are first equal (with Leonard McLaren, another promising Wellington junior) in the Philips Tournament, first equal in the Dominion Breweries 40-40, and a convincing victory in the North Island Championship. Clearly he has reached a stage where further international competition must be considered. It was a shame that, partly for academic reasons, he could not stay in Europe following Belfort, but his next overseas foray, as a member of New Zealand's squad to the Asian Teams Championship in New Delhi, was not far off.

It has been encouraging to see the increased level of New Zealand representation internationally thus far in 1983, particularly of juniors. We have always, for reasons that have never been totally clear, had a good share of talent — despite the lack of organised training programmes. Perhaps in some measure it is the result of the example set by top senior New Zealand masters, most of whom are well versed in opening theory and current trends. Our biggest single handicap remains a lack of vital international competition, aggravated by lack of funds. Unlike Sarfati, whose family bore the brunt of his airfare, the Australian representative in France even had a surplus in his expenses raised which he used to prolong his European stay. Yet our juniors have proved on several occasions to be at least as good as their Aussie counterparts.

Last year Sarfati's progress received an unfortunate setback when the New Zealand Chess Association declined to accept his entry to the national championship when it arrived a week after the closing date. On current form he will, however, pose a definite

threat to the established elite in the forthcoming congress over the Christmas period. In the following game, from Belfort, he successfully capitalises on a space advantage with a controlled kingside pawn assault.

ALEKHINE'S DEFENCE

J. SARFATI (New Zealand)	J. GRANDA (Peru)
1. e4	Nf6
2. e5	Nd5
3. d4	d6
4. Nf3	g6
5. Bc4	Nb6
6. Bb3	d5

Avoiding 6...Bg7 7.Ng5 d5 8.f4! with a powerful centre for White; nevertheless Black still suffers the slight spatial disadvantage that typifies the Alekhine Defence.

7. Bf4	Bg7
8. Nbd2	O-O
9. O-O	Bf5
10. Qe2	Nc6
11. c3	Na5
12. Bd1	Qd7
13. Nb3	Nxb3
14. axb3	a5
15. Qe3	a4
16. bxa4	Nxa4
17. b3	Nb6
18. Be2	Qc6
19. Bh6	

The exchange of dark-squared bishops will weaken the Black kingside. Of course Granda cannot win a pawn with 19...Bxh6 20.Qxh6 Qxc3, because of 21.Ng5.

19. ...	Nd7
20. Bxg7	Kxg7
21. Nd2	Qb6

Planning to counterattack with the central break...c5.

22. b4!	Ra7
23. f4	h5
24. h3	Rfa8
25. Rxa7	Rxa7
26. g4	hxg4
27. hxg4	Bc2
28. Qh3!	Ra8

Granda hastens back towards the h-file with his rook, but he's a tempo out. Sarfati's next move discovers an attack on Black's knight at d7.



29. g5	Qe6
30. Qh6 ch	Kg8
31. Kf2!	Be4?

31...Qf5? 32.Rh1! Qxf4 ch 33.Nf3 and White mates on the h-file. But a more resilient defence was 31...Nf8! 32.Rh1 f6 with the idea of running with the king after 33.Qh8 ch Kf7.

32. Nxe4	Qf5
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If 32...dxe4 33.Rh1 f6 34.Qh8 ch Kf7 35.Rh7 really is mate. As it is Sarfati just remains a piece up.

33. Ng3	Resigns
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