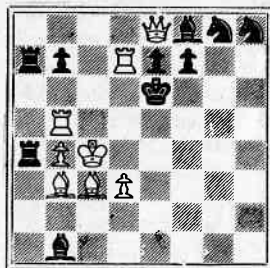


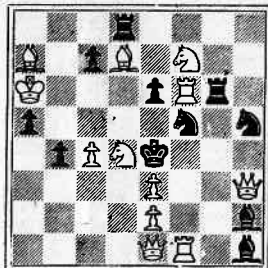
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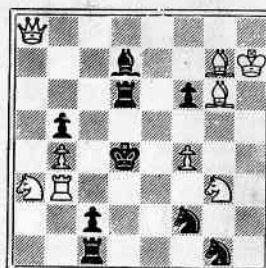
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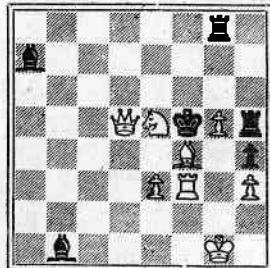


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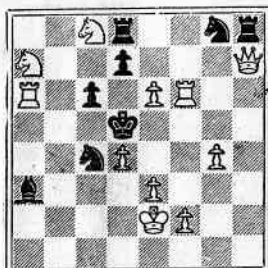


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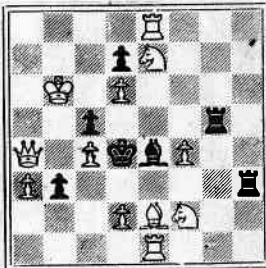
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11v8 Mate in 3



12v7 Mate in 3

NOVEMBER SOLUTIONS. 57.Q-N6.

58. NxQP. 59.B-R6. (B-N5 def. by P-B5). 60.R-B6. KxN; B-Q5. KxB; N-B4. K-K4; B-B3. B-R2; B-B3. 61.K-B6, cooked by K-B7 (NEHF). K-Q2; Q-B8. K-K5; Q-R5. 62.P-Q4.

DECEMBER SOLUTIONS: 63.K-R6.

64.R-B1. 65.B-R2. K-K5; Q-N4. N-N7; Q-Q4. N-B4; B-Q3. N-N3; Q-N3. (B-Q3 def by N-N7; 2.B-R2, K-N5). 66.N-QB2. N-B2; R-R5. B-B2; K-N5. K-B3; N-N4ch. P-R4 or K-K4; QxN. 67.P-K5. 3 lines. 68.B-B4 6 lines.

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F.A.Hirst....	13	18	64	86
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A.T.Scott....	13	11	57	57
Dr Fulton....	13	18	71	49
*G.V.Sumner...	13	18	-	31
K.M.Steele...	12	10	67	22
*Mrs Spens-Black	9	4	-	13

*New solver. Welcome.

EXPERTS' LADDER Nov.Dec.Tot.

Dr Fulton.....	12	15	112
F.A.Hirst.....	7	15	107
A.T.Scott.....	7	6	89

Congratulations to J.H.Patchett, winner of the 1959 championship. He and KMS both missed one line in No.60, and in December KMS missed out on No.65. These were the first points dropped by either. Congratulations also to Dr Fulton, winner of the 1959 experts' event. We regret the cook in No.61, of which we were not aware, and which Dr Fulton found to clinch the issue. Experts' problems have not in the past counted for the ladder, but we hope the new arrangement (see rules, page 39) will be an improvement for all.

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NEW PROBLEM AND IMPROVERS' COMPETITIONS START IN THIS ISSUE

EDITORIAL. . . A Tribute

We regret to report that in the past two months death has claimed both the distinguished personalities whose service to chess was recognised by N.Z.C.A. last year by their election as the first vice-patrons of the association. They are Mr J.C.McCrea, 87, of Auckland, and Mr J.J.Marlow, 97, of Dunedin.

Tributes to these two great friends of chess will be paid next month, but now we throw out the suggestion that New Zealand could with advantage adopt the practice of naming tournaments after distinguished past players and administrators. It would be appropriate for the next annual congress, in Auckland, to be named the McCrae Memorial Tournament. It would also be most appropriate if any special event held in 1963 to mark the centenary of New Zealand chess also marked the centenary of the birth of Mr Marlow as the Marlow Centennial Tournament.

A. Feneridis: "CN" Player of the Year

A. Feneridis, of Wellington, has been chosen by "Chess News" as our New Zealand Player of the Year. He joins our honours list, which now reads:

1957. O. Sarapu	1959. B. C. Menzies
1958. J. R. Phillips	1960. A. Feneridis

After the honours had gone to Auckland in three successive years they have at last moved south, although not yet quite to the South Island. Taking into account performances in major events last year, in both islands, selection hung in doubt until Congress. There the issue was put beyond doubt by Feneridis when he ran Sarapu so close for the national title and just headed off Rodney Phillips for second. Linked with his decisive 2-point win in a very strong Wellington C. C. Championship, Feneridis has proved himself to be in the very top flight of New Zealand chess players.

Next month we will publish a feature on Feneridis, including one or two of his games, we hope annotated by himself.

"CN" has been unable to secure in New Zealand the Player of the Year trophies we had hoped to obtain, except to have them specially made at what would be, for us, exorbitant cost.

However, while the editor is abroad this year he expects to secure suitable trophies which will be presented at the first suitable opportunity.

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COVER PHOTOGRAPH: A study by the
Dunedin "Evening Star" of the
late Mr J. J. Marlow.

Sarapu Again New Zealand Champion

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	0.	1.	2.	Total	Place
1.O.Sarapu (Auckland).....	x	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	1
2.A.Feneridis (Wellington)...	0	x	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	9	2
3.J.R.Phillips (Auckland)....	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	x	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	3
4.L.Esterman (Dunedin).....	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	x	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	4=
5.R.A.Court (Wellington).....	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	x	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	4=
6.F.P.Hutchings (Christchurch)	0	0	1	1	0	x	1	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	6=
7.R.J.Sutton (Auckland).....	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	x	1	0	1	1	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	6=
8.G.G.Haase (Dunedin).....	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	x	1	0	1	1	4	8
9.B.Douglas (Auckland).....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	x	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	9=
10.B.H.P.Marsick (Taumarunui)..	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	0	x	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	9=
11.Z.Frankel (Wellington).....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	x	1	3	11
12.I.D.Hayes (Dunedin).....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	x	1	12

Ortvin Sarapu confirmed his standing as New Zealand's top chess player in the Dunedin Congress, but his win was not so decisive as in his four previous N.Z.Championships. Drawing three games, Sarapu headed Feneridis by only half a point. Feneridis had chased him all the way, and one endgame slip (see next page) was all that gave Sarapu the win in their game.

Rodney Phillips did not play up to his best in coming third. He was the only one of the leading division with a clean score against the bottom half of the field, but luck was with him. Feneridis and Esterman exceeded popular expectations (according to reports to "CN" from north and south). Esterman was a reluctant competitor, but has established himself as being within striking distance of top honours. He and Court are joint N.Z.correspondence champions, and they shared fourth place at Congress. Court's score was a little lower than is usual for him, but of course the first three placegetters made the strongest leading division in a number of years.

Hutchings played to form, and Sutton is being hailed as a prospective national champion. Haase and Douglas have been neck and neck at Congress before, and their positions easily could have been reversed at Dunedin if Douglas had not been struck down by food poisoning. His bad luck followed his game with Sutton, one of the best of the tourney. Marsick scored much as expected, Frankel below expectations, and Hayes found the clock a worse enemy than his opponents.

RESERVES: W.Petre, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$, 1; B.Howard, 8, 2; M.Ponimoni and O.N.Thomson, each 6 $\frac{1}{2}$, 3=; K.M.Steele (withdrew on entering hospital with 3 rounds to go), 6, 5; C.Evans, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$, 6; K.O'Halloran, and R.Colebaker, each 5, 7=; R.S.Watt, R.S.Abbott, L.Wheeler, each 4 $\frac{1}{2}$, 9=; K.Hartley and B.Gloisten, each 4, 12=; J.Harraway, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$, 14.

The Reserves field was generally considered to be below average strength, and lack of numbers posed a problem because it rendered a straight Swiss impracticable. The result was that winner did not play runner-up, but Petre was a worthy candidate for the N.Z.Championship. Unluckiest player was Steele, who was in a position to challenge Petre when forced to withdraw through illness.

SECOND CLASS: L.Amies, 9, 1; J.Amies, 8, 2; N.Hutton, 6, 3; Miss D.Purdy, 4, 4; M.Nome, 3, 5; G.Bishop, 0.

RUNNER-UP'S ONE FATAL SLIP

A.Feneridis lost only one game at the Dunedin Congress, to the winner of the title. This vital game, played in round 5, hinged on a single fatal slip after the adjournment.

(Notes by O. Sarapu).

Ruy Lopez

O.Sarapu	A.Feneridis
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. N-KB3	N-QB3
3. B-N5	N-Q5

I could have expected this, as Feneridis had already played it, against Hayes in round 1.

4. NxN	PxN
5. P-Q3	

Usual and perhaps better here is 5.0-0. I wanted to avoid prepared lines.

5. ...	P-QB3
6. B-QB4	N-KB3
7. 0-0	P-Q3
8. P-QB3	

The basic idea in Bird's Defence is to stop White playing P-Q4. As the game goes, Black cannot prevent it, but when he desires to can also play P-Q4 himself with equality.

8. ...	PxP
9. NxP	B-K2
10. P-Q4	NxP

Feneridis considers this move good for him! I saw this possibility when I played 10.P-Q4, but considered it good for me!

11. BxPch	KxB
12. NxN	R-B1

Because White is ahead in development, Black cannot hold on to the two Bishops and has to go into the endgame with a bad QB against a strong N. As compensation White has an isolated QP. My opponent considers the isolated QP as the greatest evil. I do the opposite and consider the bad B as the more important factor.

13. B-N5!	K-N1
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If 13....,BxB; 14.Q-R5ch, etc.

14. Q-N3ch	P-Q4
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Placing another Pawn on a square the same colour as his Bishop makes the Bishop even more restricted. Better was K-R1.

15. BxB	QxB
16. P-B3	

Restricting further the B and KR.

16. ...	R-B2
17. N-N3	Q-B3

Pressure on the isolated QP as originally planned. For that purpose Black has also left his KR on the KB-file, to increase the pressure later by R-B5. As the whole plan is just not possible to accomplish, the question is whether it was at all good for Black to move 10....,NxP?

18. QR-Q1	P-QN3
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In order to free pressure on the QNP and get an open line for the dead B, Feneridis surrenders the K-file and creates a weak QBP. The open K-file definitely gives White positionally a very big advantage, to say the least. He should have played R-K2.

19. KR-K1	B-Q2
20. R-K5	R-K1
21. R/1-K1	R/1-KB1?

Black loses a tempo rather than connect White's Pawns. This surrender of the open file, already mentioned, is a positional mistake. After 21....,RxB; 22.PxR White's Pawns are a bit more advanced than Black's and they are better supported by the White pieces.

22. Q-B3	P-N3
23. N-R1!	

The N is manoeuvring to the K5 square via Q3.

23. ...	P-KR4
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To stop P-KN4 when B-B4 is played, controlling White's Q3 so that the N cannot get to K5. It is very logical but opens Black's K-side too much. As there are still Queens and two Rooks on the board it is a dangerous adventure.

24. N-B2	B-B4
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25. N-Q3!?

Still good, as if now 25...., BxN; 26.QxB Black will lose a P because of the threat R-K6. Both players overlooked that 26...., Q-N2 saves the Pawn after 27. R-K6, R-B3! etc.

25. ...	K-N2
26. N-B4!	R-B1
27. Q-K3	K-R2
28. P-QN4	B-Q2
29. R-K7?	

A bad mistake to give away a strong R. 29.P-N3 would keep the advantage well in hands of White.

29. ...	R/1-B1
30. P-N5!?	

This isolates Black's QP also, but gives life to the Bishop and a Q-side majority of 2 to 1 for Black. Better was simply P-QR3.

30. ...	K-N1!
31. RxR	RxR
32. PxP	BxP
33. N-Q3	B-N4
34. N-K5	

The N is very well placed now, but its good place displaces the Q and R. As both players are in time trouble the moves up to 40 are fast.

34. ...	R-B2
35. P-N3	K-N2
36. Q-N3	B-B5
37. Q-N2	P-QN4!
38. P-R3	P-R4?
39. Q-Q2	R-R2
40. P-B4	K-R2

In the time scramble Black has created for himself counter-chances on the Q-side and simply threatens to Q one of his Pawns. White must act quickly on the K-side before it is too late.

41. N-B5!	
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The sealed move.

41. ...	Q-B4
42. N-N5ch	K-R3
43. Q-K3	

The only way. There is no time to get the R to K8, because of Q-N8ch etc., with the exchange of

DUNEDIN CONGRESS BOOK

Biggest surprise of the Dunedin Congress was the prompt appearance of a tournament book. It has made our task much lighter, and also enables us to devote less space to write-ups and more to comment on games.

The work of Bob Rasa and Bill Poole, assisted by Les Esterman and Ian Hayes, the tournament book is duplicated and bound in a card cover. It gives the full story of Congress, scores of all games in the Championship, with brief notes, and a selection of games from the other events.

We have heard some criticism of the notes to games. All we can say is that it was a great effort for such a volume to appear so quickly (the first edition was sold out by mid-January, the second published early February) and a miracle that it has any notes at all.

"CN" has a limited stock of copies. Price, including postage, is remarkably low at 3/-.

Queens.	
43. ...	Q-B3

And not Q-K8 now. I thought a long time.

44. ...	K-N2
45. K-N2	P-N5
46. Q-K8	K-R3??

This loses. I demonstrated after the game that I had only a draw if here 46....,PxP! as after 47.R-K6, Q-B4; 48.R-K7ch, RxR; 49.QxRch, K-N1! and White has to give perpetual check by Q-K8ch, K-N2; Q-K7ch etc. After 46...., K-R3?? Feneridis "got maat."

47. R-K6	Q-N2
48. P-B5!	R-R3
49. N-B7ch	K-R2
50. PxPch	QxP
51. Q-R8mate.	

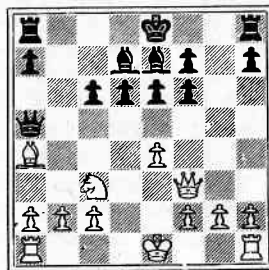
Critical Moments at Dunedin

(Sarapu's notes start at each diagram. In selected cases the earlier moves are given as well).

ROUND ONE

Hutchings-Esterman (Sicilian)

- 1.P-K4 P-QB4 7.B-N5 B-Q2
- 2.N-KB3 N-QB3 8.B-QR4 Q-R4
- 3.P-Q4 PxP 9.QBxN PxB
- 4.NxP N-B5 10.NxN PxN
- 5.N-QB3 P-Q3 11.Q-B3 B-K2
- 6.B-KN5 P-K3



Position after 11....,B-K2

- 12. O-O O-O?

Esterman seems hypnotised by Hutchings' move. His K is definitely safer on K1 or even O-O-O is good for Black.

- 13. Q-R5

Makes room for one of White's Rooks to come over on Black's exposed K position. Esterman takes no care of the coming danger until too late.

- 13. ... KR-Q1

Better is K-R1 or Q-KN4.

- 14. P-B4 P-Q4

Again K-R1.

- 15. R-B3 P-Q5??

Wins a piece but loses the K.

- 16. Q-R6! Resigns

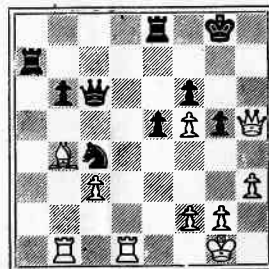
Les expected 16.R-N3ch, K-R1; 17.Q-R6, R-KN1 and Black wins. Now it is all over for him. Later on in the tourney I was the victim of changing the order of moves against Les.

A review of games at the Dunedin Congress by New Zealand Champion
O R T V I N S A R A P U

Sarapu-Sutton (Nimzoindian)

My game with Sutton reached high tension at move 30. As it is perhaps my best game in Dunedin, I include it in the picture.

- 1.P-Q4 N-KB3 16.Q-K4 P-B3
- 2.P-QB4 P-K5 17.P-N5 N-R4
- 3.N-QB3 B-N5 18.B-R3 KR-K1
- 4.P-K3 O-O 19.B-N4 N-B5
- 5.B-Q3 P-Q4 20.KR-Q1 Q-N3
- 6.N-B3 P-B4 21.N-R4 P-QR4
- 7.O-O N-B3 22.PxPep RxB
- 8.P-QR3 PxQP 23.QR-N1 Q-B3
- 9.PxB PxN 24.Q-N6 Q-B1
- 10.PxEP Q-B2 25.P-R3 P-N3
- 11.Q-K2 P-K4 26.Q-R5 R-R2
- 12.PxP NxQP 27.P-K4 P-KN4
- 13.BxPch KxB 28.N-B5 BxN
- 14.Q-Q3chK-N1 29.PxB Q-B3
- 15.QxN B-K3



Position after 29....,Q-B3

Here, to make use of my QR, I played

- 30. R-Q5!

with the following sacrifice in mind.

- 30. ... P-N5!

This trappy play by Black is not easy to meet in time pressure.

- 31. PxP!

A lot of players suggested 31.QxPch, but after 31....R-N2; 32.Q-R5, R-N4; 33.Q-Q1, P-K5! not

only is the White QR out of play, but Black at last has counterplay against White's K.

- 31. ... R-R2

- 32. QxR/8ch!

Sutton did not expect this and was very surprised, he told me later.

- 32. ... QxQ

- 33. QR-Q1

The point of the sacrifice is that now Black is unable to avoid loss of his Queen. For example, 33...., K-N2; 34.R-Q8, Q-R5; 35.B-B8ch!, K-B2; 36.R/1-Q7ch and wins. Sutton played

- 33. ... Q-B2

and lost after

- 34. R-Q8ch K-N2

- 35. R/1-Q7

because he was two Pawns down.

Feneridis and Phillips had good wins.

ROUND TWO

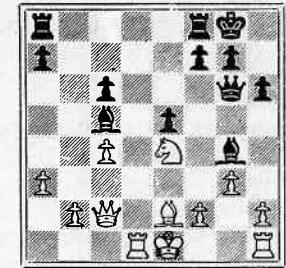
No draws in the two rounds. Nothing unusual happened, the winners won on their merits and naturally.

ROUND THREE

My rivals, Haase, Feneridis and Phillips had a disturbing round. Only Feneridis managed somehow to win a game of changing fortunes. Phillips was happy to get a draw with Esterman, who played the opening with great understanding and as Black achieved a terrific position.

Phillips-Esterman (Nimzoindian)

- 1.P-Q4 N-KB3 10.P-QR3 P-Q5
- 2.P-QB4 P-K3 11.PxP NxP
- 3.N-QB3 B-N5 12.NxN P-K4
- 4.Q-B2 P-QB4 13.N-B6 PxN
- 5.PxP O-O 14.B-N5 P-KR5
- 6.B-B4 BxP 15.BxN QxB
- 7.N-B3 P-Q4 16.N-K4 Q-N3
- 8.P-K3 Q-K2 17.P-KN3 B-N5
- 9.R-Q1 N-B3 18.B-K2



Position after 18.B-K2

From here I think Esterman is going, move by move, away from his advantage.

- 18. ... BxB

Instead it seems 18....,B-R6 would stop O-O and at least win time for attack before the White King gets into "safety."

- 19. QxB B-Q5

- 20. O-O P-KB4

- 21. N-Q2 BxP?

Now Les misses 21....,P-B5! and it is clear Black is on top.

- 22. N-B3 Q-N5

- 23. QxB QxN

- 24. QxP KR-K1

- 25. Q-B7 KR-QB1

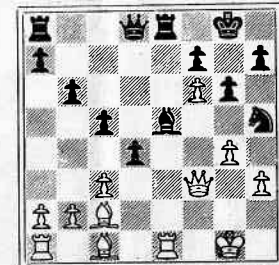
- 26. Q-K5

drawn by repetition of moves.

Esterman was in time trouble when he missed 21....,P-B5!

Marsick-Feneridis (Colle System)

First Feneridis secured a good game, then somehow went astray and Marsick started a terrific attack on the K-side. Feneridis in a bad position gave a piece away.



Position after 22....,BxF

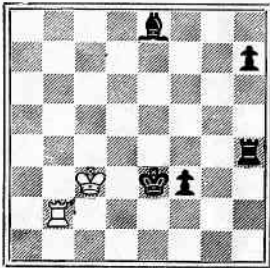
Marsick should have just collected the piece by 23.PxN!! and on B-R7ch simply 24.K-B1.

23. B-N5?

Now Feneridis could follow with 23....,N-N2 and after 24.P-KR4, P-KR3 we have a very complex position. In the game Marsiok "won" his piece but had to give three Pawns for it. The game went:

23. ...	PxP
24. PxP	BxKBP
25. RxRch	QxR
26. BxB	NxB
27. QxN	Q-K6ch
28. K-N2	Q-Q7ch
29. Q-B2	QxP

Bishop and Marsiok against three Pawns and Feneridis arrived after a rocky road, to put it mildly, at this position:



Position after 58....,K-K6

59. B-N5

To stop the BP from queening. It also blocks his own R from getting behind the Black Pawns. An easy draw would be secured by simply 59.R-N7 and after 59...., P-B7; 60.B-N5 and the Rook checks his way to the draw.

59. ...	P-R4
60. B-B1	R-R8
61. B-R6	R-B8ch
62. R-B2?	

This is Bruce's drawing combination but it just loses. 62.K-N4 (threatening R-KR2), P-B7; 63. R-K2ch, K-B6; 64.R-K5, P-R5; 65. R-B5ch etc. still keeps drawing chances, to say the least. After the exchange of Rooks two Pawns

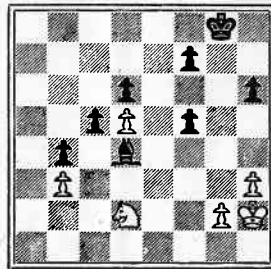
and Feneridis won.

62. ...	RxRch
63. KxR	P-R5
64. B-B8	K-K7
65. B-N4	K-B7
66. K-Q2	K-N6
67. B-R5	P-B7
68. K-K2	and White resigns.

ROUND FOUR

Esterman-Sarapu (Benoni Deferred)

As Feneridis-Phillips had a manoeuvring draw, I possibly provided the big surprise by drawing with two extra Pawns.



Position after 37.N-Q2

At this stage I saw and calculated two moves, B-K4ch and P-B5. As both moves come into the variation I played them in the wrong order.

37. ... B-K4ch?

Instead of 37....,P-B5! The difference is that as in the game Esterman managed to get his K to K4 and block Black's two extra Ps. After 37....,P-B5! Black's K reaches his KB4 and because of zugswang Black breaks into the White position. For example, 37....,P-B5!; 38.N-B4, B-K4; 39. K-N1, K-N2; 40.K-B2, K-B3; 41. K-B3, K-B4 and White must give ground with the K retreat or N-Q2, allowing 42....,B-N7; 43.N-B4, B-B8 and if now 44.NxPch, K-K4 etc., the game is opened up. Black would do even better by including P-KB3 and P-KR4 before he plays the B-N7-B8 manoeuvre. In the game after

38. K-N1

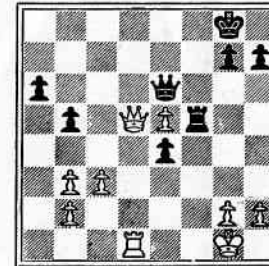
the position is already a draw. I tried to open up later with a P sacrifice, but even that did not change the situation.

A very pretty game was played in this round by B.Douglas against R.Sutton.

ROUND FIVE

Feneridis lost his only game in this tournament. The notes appear elsewhere in this issue.

Phillips-Haase (Ruy Lopez)



Position after 23.QxQ

Haase hurried to recapture his P by RxP and eventually his KP became weak. Rodney played the rest well to win with the extra Pawn on the Q-side. Instead of 23....,RxP? much better would have been just 23....,QxQ!; 24. RxQ and now 24....,P-K6! If then 25.R-Q3?, P-K7! After 23...., RxP the game concluded:

24. Q-Q8ch	Q-K1	35. RxPch	K-B4
25. QxQch	RxQ	36. RxR	KxR
26. K-B2	K-B2	37. K-K4	P-QR4
27. K-K3	K-B3	38. P-B4	K-Q3
28. R-Bich	K-K4	39. K-Q4	K-B3
29. R-B4	K-Q4	40. P-B5	P-R4
30. R-B7	R-K3	41. P-R4	K-B2
31. RxP	P-KR3	42. K-Q5	K-Q2
32. R-Q7ch	K-K4	43. P-B6ch	K-B2
33. R-Q4	K-B4	44. K-B5	P-N5
34. P-N4ch	KxP	45. K-N5	Res.

Marsick's unsound piece sacrifice against Hayes not only misled the latter into giving the

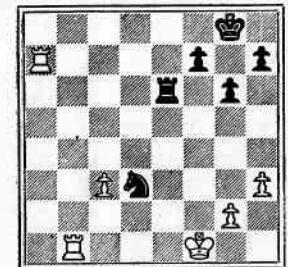
piece back, but also to give away another piece, with resignation to follow.

ROUND SIX

The round of draws, but well-played draws. There was one exception, the Hayes-Phillips game. Rodney scored half a point more than his rivals, and one point on Hayes! Hayes played possibly his best game in this tourney.

Hayes-Phillips (Sicilian Defence)

1. P-K4	P-QB4	16. P-K5!	BxN
2. N-KB3	P-KN3	17. BxB	N/3-K1
3. P-Q4	B-N2	18. Q-K2	PxP
4. P-Q5	P-Q3	19. PxP	BxP
5. P-QB4	N-KB3	20. BxP	N-Q3
6. N-B5	O-O	21. QxB	NxB
7. B-K2	N-R3	22. QxP	NxQP
8. O-O	N-B2	23. QxRch	QxQ
9. P-KR3	P-QR3	24. BxQ	NxN
10. P-QR4	B-Q2	25. PxN	KxB
11. B-K3	QR-N1	26. R-R7	N-K4
12. N-Q2	P-QN4	27. R-K1	R-K1
13. R-PxP	R-PxP	28. K-B1	R-K3
14. P-B4	PxP	29. R-N1	N-Q6
15. NxP	B-N4		



Position after 29....,N-Q6.

In this clearly won position for White Hayes - in time trouble - made the most outstanding blunder of the tournament.

30. R-N7??? R-K8mate.

(To be concluded next month)

Review of Congress Openings ... by Ortvin Sarapu

I have compared New Zealand and Australian opening play before, but it should not be too much to say that at Dunedin I saw more modern variations played than in Melbourne 1957 or Sydney 1959.

It seems to me that New Zealand players are following new variations more closely, and spend more time studying them.

First some statistics. White won 27 games in the N.Z. Championship, Black 25, and 14 draws. It is actually a good result for Black, as usually statistics give White a majority of $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$ in 10 games.

1.P-K4 was just a bit more popular than 1.P-Q4.

SICILIAN SUCCESS Most popular and most successful was the Sicilian Defence. It was played 15 times out of 66 games, or almost every fourth game. Rodney Phillips, as Black, transposed two Sicilians into the K-Indian Defence. These games are classified under the K-Indian Defence. Black scored 8 wins, 5 losses and 2 draws, the score being 9-6 for Black.

Not far behind was the "family" of the Robatsch, Benoni Deferred and Grunfeld Defences. These were played a total of 14 times, and White scored $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $6\frac{1}{2}$ with 6 wins, 5 losses, 3 draws.

The evergreen Ruy Lopez came next with 11 games. White scored $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ with 7 wins, 3 losses, 1 draw.

The Dutch Defence suffered badly this time, $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, and the Nimzo-indian Defence gave 3-2 to White.

The Stonewall Attack and similar Colle System did not prove as good as usual and lost 0-2 and 0-1.

In the 10th round two French Defences were played! This once very popular defence has gone out of favour.

The Queen's Gambit is also forgotten. The declined variation gave a score of $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$. All other openings and systems were used not more than once each.

RUY LOPEZ R.J.Sutton has made some intensive study of the Marshall Variation and plays it every time he can. Only I.D.Hayes allowed him to play his pet variation.

1.P-K4, P-K4; 2.N-KB3, N-QB3; 3.B-N5, P-QR3; 4.B-R4, N-KB3; 5. 5.0-0, P-QN4; 6.B-N3, B-K2; 7.R-K1, 0-0; 8.P-B3, P-Q4!?!
This is the Marshall Pawn sacrifice.

9.PxP, NxP; 10.NxP, NxN; 11.RxN, P-QB3; 12.P-Q4, B-Q3; 13.R-K1, Q-R5; 14.P-N3, Q-R6; 15.Q-Q3.

Sutton had one of his students tourney games, against A.R.Barnett, published in "CN" with his innovation 15....,K-R1! M.C.O. says "Even 15....,B-KN5; 16.N-R3, P-KB4 merits consideration." No longer! Not after Sutton's K-R1! However, expecting improvement by Hayes at Dunedin Sutton played the line suggested by M.C.O.

15....,B-KN5; 16.Q-B1, Q-R4; 17.P-KB4?

Losing too much time in development. Therefore 17.N-Q2, or 17.B-K3 is necessary, but not 17.N-R3 now as BxN and NxP are good for Black.

17....,QR-K1; 18.N-Q2, N-B3!

Threatening RxR and R-K1 with R-K7 to follow. Hayes "sacrificed" R-K5 but still did not stop the attack.

B.Douglas possibly knows more openings than anybody in New Zealand. He knew Sutton's intentions and prepared an "anti-Marshall." Instead of 8.P-QB3 as in Hayes-Sutton, he played 8.P-Q4 and instead of 8....,

P-Q3 leading to the normal closed variation by transposition, Sutton's reply 8....,PxP? did not turn out good. 9.P-K5!, N-K1; 10.B-Q5!, R-N1; 11.P-B3!, B-N2; 12.PxP and White has an excellent position.

In addition to the usual 5.0-0 there are a few alternatives, like 5.P-Q4, 5.N-B3 and 5.Q-K2. I played 5.P-Q4 several times in the N.Z. Championship a few years ago. This time, against B.Marsick:

1.P-K4, P-K4; 2.N-KB3, N-QB3; 3.B-N5, P-QR3; 4.B-R4, N-B3; 5.P-Q4, PxP; 6.0-0, B-K2; 7.P-K5, N-K5; 8.NxP, NxN; 9.QxN.

Now Marsick decided to play, instead of the usual 9....,N-B4, a new move, 9....,N-N4!?

Unfortunately this gives White too much development.

After 10.BxN, BxB; 11.N-B3, 0-0; 12.QR-Q1, P-QN4; 13.B-N3, B-K2; 14.Q-K4, R-N1; 15.KR-K1, White completed his development far ahead of Black.

In Hutchings-Haase 5.N-B3 was played with even better success.

1.P-K4, P-K4; 2.N-KB3, N-QB3; 3.B-N5, P-QR3; 4.B-R4, N-B3; 5.N-B3, P-QN4; 6.B-N3, B-K2; 7.0-0, P-Q3; 8.N-Q5, N-QR4!; 9. 9.NxB, QxN; 10.P-Q4!

In my first match game with C.J.S.Purdy in 1952 I played 10.P-Q3. Hutchings follows a better plan, like Keres-Spassky in the 1956 Candidates. Haase, as did Spassky, goes wrong, on the same move, but in a different way.

Spassky played 10....,B-N2? and Haase 10....,PxP?

Best is considered 10....,0-0!

After 10....,PxP?; 11.R-K1!, 0-0 it is very dangerous to waste time with moves like P-B4. For example, 12.P-K5!, PxP; 13.NxKP, Q-Q3; 14. B-N5, NxB; 15.RPxN, P-B4; 16.Q-B3! White has a very strong game.

In Douglas-Haase 5.Q-K2 was played. This, by the way, stops the open variation, 5.R-K1, NxKP; as does 5.N-B3 or 5.P-Q4.

In the game Douglas-Haase, Haase overlooked a tactical turn and lost a Pawn.

5....,P-QN4; 6.B-N3, B-B4; 7.P-QR4!, P-N5? (correct was R-QN1. MCO); 8.BxPch!, KxB; 9.Q-B4ch, P-Q4; 10.QxB, B-N2. Douglas managed to lose this game, after all this?!

Feneridis specially studied and prepared Bird's Defence, 3...., N-Q5! for Congress. He told me later that he has a Russian book by Panov, with a very thorough analysis of Bird's Defence. M.C.O. has only two columns on this variation. In his games with Bird's Defence, against Hayes and me, Feneridis did not get the main variation. So he took his prepared secret variation back to Wellington with him!

Against the open variation, 5.0-0, NxP; 6.P-Q4, P-QN4; 7.B-N3, P-Q4; 8.NxP!

Phillips-Haase followed Bronstein-Pachman, Interzonal 1958, for a while. 8....,NxN; 9.PxN, B-K3 (P-QB3 Pachman); 10.P-QB3, B-QB4; 11.Q-K2.

Perhaps 11.N-Q2 was better, but even with the move played White held the initiative.

(Sarapu's review of the Congress openings will be continued next month. Sarapu's "How to Improve" articles will begin as soon as this openings review is completed).

SNIPPETS . . . Hearty congratulations to Rodney Phillips (Mt. H.S.) for winning National Scholarships, and to R.Chapman and A.P. Butler (New Plymouth B.H.S.) for passes with credit. . . Congratulations also to Mr J.M.Ranstead, of Matangi, Hamilton, a keen correspondence chess player, on the award of the O.B.E. for his contribution to scientific farming. . . While Sarapu considers New Zealand players know their openings better than the Australians, he also believes there are weaknesses in our endgame play, also a tendency to make more blunders. . . He considers the general standard of New Zealand play to be appreciably higher than when he last competed in a Congress, four years ago. . . In 55 games in New Zealand Congresses, Sarapu has scored 47 wins, 8 draws, no losses. . . Special Congress prize donated by Mr S.Roberston, Rakaia, was awarded to 14-year-old Chris Evans, of Te Awamutu, for his good score in the Reserves. . . FIDE has named L.Schmid (Federal Germany), W.Uhlmann (Democratic Germany), and J.H.Donner (Netherlands) as International Grandmasters and B.Wexler (Argentine), J.Fichtl (Czechoslovakia), M.Mallofre (Spain), and F.J.Perez (Spain) as International Masters. . . FIDE also has created the title of "International Master of Chess Compositions and has awarded the title to A.Ellerman (Argentine), A. Cheron (France), C.Kipping (Great Britain), C.Mansfield (Great Britain), J.Hartong (Netherlands) and A.Gerbtzman (U.S.S.R.). . . Frank Hutchings leaves shortly to take up a position in Sydney. Good luck. . . We hear the tinkle of wedding bells for Tom van Dijk. Best wishes to both. . . Bobby Fischer has made it three in a row in the U.S. Championship. S.Reshevsky could do no better than third. . . S.Gligoric (7½) won the Hastings (England) tourney at New Year, ahead of Averbach and Uhlmann (6½), Bobotsov (5½), Golombek and Kottbauer (4½), Pomar 4. . . Tournament Director at Hastings was Bob Wade. . . The 1960 North Island Championship tournament will be held in Hawera during the May school holidays.

SARAPU TAKES D.R.C.C. TITLE

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J.R.Phillips (facing exams) and G.Stringer withdrew from the D.R.C.C. Championship, and O. Sarapu won comfortably, although perhaps not as convincingly as last year. Against Foulds Sarapu adjourned a Pawn up, but with Bishops of opposite colours, and could not win.

Other results (from a newsletter from R.S.Cole-Baker): Intermediate A Championship, E.F.Tibbitts 1, P.Cross 2; Intermediate B, P.Ruddock 1, C.Utting 2.

The prescribed openings tournament (to be run as a round robin) had so many entrants that it was run in four sections. Results: Section A, B.E.Howard and S. van Dam, 1=; Section B, R.S.Cole-Baker, P.Cross, M.Lloyd 1=; Section C, K.Hartley 1, J.Mackinder and Dr Pinkerton 2=; Section D, I.Hartley 1, P.Hubsher and J.Morpeth 2=.

Friday night handicap, M.Lloyd 1, R.S.Cole-Baker 2; Gambit tournament, B.E.Howard 1, S. van Dam 2.

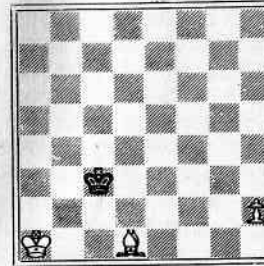
D.R.C.C. CHAMPIONSHIP

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1. <u>O.Sarapu</u> . . .	x	½	1	1	1	1	4½	1
2. <u>F.A.Foulds</u> . .	½	x	0	1	1	1	3½	2=
3. <u>B.Douglas</u> . .	0	1	x	1	1	½	3½	2=
4. <u>A.L.Fletcher</u> 0	0	0	0	x	1	1	2	4
5. <u>B.Howard</u> . . .	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	5
6. <u>S.van Dam</u> . .	0	0	½	0	0	x	½	6

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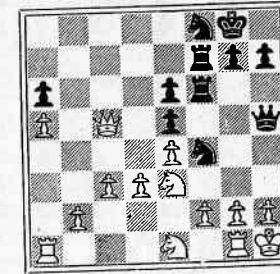
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4. 3v1



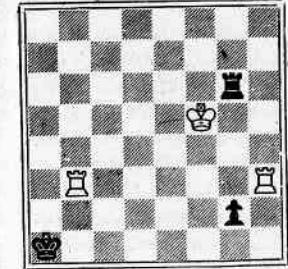
White plays, what result? 3-6 moves. 4pts.

5. 14v11



Black plays, wins. 10 moves, 8pts.

6. 3v3



White plays, can he win. 6-8 moves. 6pts.

DECEMBER SOLUTIONS: 1. Tarrasch v Marrotti Naples, 1914. 1. B-B7, QxR; 2. RxPch, QxR; 3. Q-N7ch, KxP; 4. R-Rmate. 2. Alekhine v Prat, simul, Paris, 1914. 1. Q-R5ch, NxQ; 2. PxPdis ch, K-N3; 3. B-B2ch, K-N4; 4. R-B5ch, K-N3; 5. R-B6ch, K-N4; 6. R-N6ch, K-R5; 7. R-K4ch, N-B5; 8. RxNch, K-R4; 9. P-N3, any; 10. R-R4mate. O'Callahan cryptically comments 4...., K-N5 mates sooner and 6...., K-B5 mates sooner. Those lines cost points. 3. Study by T.R.Dawson. 1. K-Q1, K-B3; 2. K-Q2, K-B4; 3. K-K2, K-B3; 4. K-B3, K-N3; 5. K-K3, K-B4; 6. K-K4, K-B3; 7. K-K-Q4, K-N3; 8. KxP, K-B3; 9. K-Q4, K-N3; 10. P-B4, K-B3; 11. P-QB5, K-B2; 12. K-B4, K-B3; 13. P-B3 and wins. First the correct first move had to be found. Others fail, e.g., 1. K-K2, K-B4 (not K-B3); and now if 2. K-K3, K-Q4 or 2. K-B3, K-B3. Or 1. K-Q2, K-B3; 2. K-K2, K-B4; 3. K-B3, K-B3 (not K-Q4; 4. K-K3!). Now Black retains two options—4...., K-B4 in reply to K-K4 and 4...., K-Q4 in reply to K-K3. The key to this endgame is to note the related squares (White's KB3 and Black's QB3, White's K3 and Black's QN3, White's K2 or K4 and Black's QB4, White's Q2 when he is not in a position to reach KB3 and Black's QB3. White must retain the option to move to any of these squares after Black has moved to the related square, or Black draws. Points were deducted for drifting from the main line (best for Black) after finding the right key.

LADDER

	1	2	3	Tl.
<u>J.Arbutnott</u> ..	4	7	10	21
<u>R.Chapman</u>	4	7	10	21
* <u>R.O'Callahan</u> ..	4	7	10	21
* <u>K.M.Steele</u>	4	7	10	21
* <u>R.J.Sutton</u> ...	4	5	9	18
<u>G.V.Sumner</u>	4	7	-	11
* <u>A.L.Fletcher</u> ..	4	5	-	9
<u>A.T.Scott</u>	4	5	-	9
<u>J.K.Webling</u> ..	4	-	4	8
<u>T.Gurney</u>	-	7	-	7

*Players who will be in top championship grade.

This section is away to a good start. Annual competitions will start with this issue, and asterisks indicating the higher-graded players so far. Others will compete in a secondary event. The first ladder ascent will be completed after the March issue, others after every two further issues.

SUB-ZONAL TOURNEY: For the next world championship series New Zealand is in a sub-zone which also includes Malaya, Australia, the Philippines and New Zealand, and also Indonesia if that country affiliates in time. The sub-zonal tournament, organised by G.Koshnitsky, will probably be held in Melbourne in November. Full story on latest developments will appear next month.

CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ... N.Z.C.C.A. Report

N.Z.C.C.A. HANDICAP TOURNEY, 1958-59.

	Old	New	No.		Dr.	L.	Pts.	Avge.	Bonus.	Final
	Grade.	Grade.	Games.	Won.						
1. Mrs E.C. Brunt....	6	5	8	6	2	0	45.5	5.68	0.2	5.88
2. H.A.S. Lloyd.....	3	2	12	11	0	1	61	5.08	0.6	5.68
3. P.D. Nicol.....	2	1	20	12	3	5	73	3.68	1.4	5.08
4. Mrs M. Boyack....	4	3	8	6	1	1	38	4.75	0.2	4.95
5. J.T. Porter.....	3	2	8	6	1	1	36.5	4.56	0.2	4.76
6. Dr J.F. Filmer....	1	1	15	8	4	3	57	3.8	0.9	4.7
7. Dr N.E.H. Fulton..	1	1	11	7	1	3	45	4.09	0.5	4.59
8. G.O. Jones.....	5	5	14	7	2	5	49	3.5	0.8	4.3
9. R.O. Purocell....	3	3	10	6	1	3	38.5	3.85	0.4	4.25
10. O. Pound.....	5	4	12	6	1	5	42	3.5	0.6	4.1=
10. C. Hoad.....	4	4	12	7	2	3	42	3.5	0.6	4.1=
12. D.G. Brunt.....	5	5	10	6	0	4	35	3.5	0.4	3.9=
12. T.M. Downie.....	2	2	14	5	6	3	43.5	3.1	0.8	3.9=
14. F.A. Mintoft....	1	1	13	6	2	5	41	3.15	0.7	3.85
15. N.S. Traves.....	1	1	8	5	0	3	29	3.62	0.2	3.82
16. Rev. C.L. Ward....	4	4	8	4	2	2	28.5	3.56	0.2	3.76
17. R.G. McAdam.....	1	1	12	6	1	5	37.5	3.12	0.6	3.72
18. R.W. Kitchingman.	1	1	15	6	1	8	39	2.6	0.9	3.5
19. Mrs Spens-Black.	5	5	8	4	0	4	26	3.25	0.2	3.45=
19. W.A. Donald.....	1	1	8	4	1	3	26	3.25	0.2	3.45=
20. Mrs Bearsley....	4	4	12	2	8	2	33	2.75	0.6	3.35
22. A.H. Attwood....	3	3	10	4	2	4	29	2.9	0.4	3.3
23. L.J. Kiley.....	1	1	16	4	4	8	34	2.12	1.0	3.12
24. J. Sloan.....	4	4	15	4	2	9	30	2.0	0.9	2.9
25. J.H. Taylor.....	3	3	11	4	1	6	26	2.36	0.5	2.86
26. Dr E.P. Allen....	2	2	8	3	1	4	20.5	2.56	0.2	2.76
27. Mrs Mullineaux..	5	5	11	2	4	5	24.5	2.22	0.5	2.72
28. J. Davidson.....	3	3	8	3	0	5	19	2.37	0.2	2.57
29. L.I. Meredith....	3	3	13	4	0	9	24	1.84	0.7	2.54
30. W. Neilson.....	4	4	10	2	3	5	21	2.1	0.4	2.5
31. G.S. Bishop.....	6	6	12	3	0	9	21	1.75	0.6	2.35
32. W. Turner.....	2	2	14	3	0	11	20	1.42	0.8	2.22
33. L. Esterman.....	1	1	10	2	2	6	18	1.8	0.4	2.2
34. G. Moncrieff-Wright	4	6	18	2	0	16	15	0.83	1.2	2.03
35. O. Strom.....	3	4	11	3	0	8	15	1.36	0.5	1.86
The following did not qualify, completing less than 8 games:										
E.J. Harrison-Wilkie	6	6	2	2	0	0	12	6	0	6
A.G. Rogers.....	3	3	7	7	0	0	40	5.71	0.1	5.81
J.C. Taylor.....	3	3	7	6	0	1	33	4.71	0.1	4.81
G.W. Butler.....	5	5	4	3	0	1	18	4.5	0	4.5
D.P.H. Smith.....	4	4	2	1	0	1	7	3.5	0	3.0
Mrs J. Craddock....	4	4	6	1	4	1	18	3.0	0	3.0
Mrs H. Reilly.....	3	3	6	3	1	2	17	2.83	0	2.83
P.D. Taylor.....	5	5	6	2	0	4	11	1.83	0	1.83
R.J. Thompson.....	4	4	7	1	2	4	12	1.71	0.1	1.81
W.L. Cook.....	6	6	2	0	1	1	3	1.5	0	1.5
J. Roffey.....	5	5	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
J.F. Richards.....	5	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
D.V. Pfahlert.....	3	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
B.F. Barnard.....	3	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0

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TROPHY TOURNEYS

Championship:

Marsick beat Taylor, drew Court and Fulton. Cunningham beat Kiley drew Eriksen and Esterman. Court beat Goble, Esterman. Eriksen beat Tibbitts. Fulton beat Filmer Hignett. Filmer beat Taylor. Esterman beat Filmer, Goble. Leading score, Cunningham 8, 2 to finish.

T.T.1B:

Snelling drew Rogers. Kitchingman beat Rogers, Day. Enckevort beat Gagen, Day, drew Mintoft. Blomfield beat Porter. Rogers drew Port. Mintoft beat Rogers, Day, Harris. Huygens beat Gagen, Ratliff, drew Porter. Day beat Harris, drew Snelling.

Gagen beat Blomfield. Leading score, Huygens 7, 2 to finish.

T.T.2: Ranstead beat Wilkins.

Stack beat Wilkins. Prentice beat Turner. Lloyd beat Turner, Stack, Prentice. Pearse beat Prentice, Wilkins. Turner beat Ranstead, Wilkins. Leading score, Lloyd 5, 3 to finish.

T.T.3:

No results sent in since 29/10/59. Players please take note!

T.T.4:

Johnston beat Chrisp. Mrs Stack beat Spens-Black, Henderson. Jones beat Hensman. Chrisp beat Jones, Henderson, Mrs Stack. Mrs Spens-Black beat Johnston, Henderson, Tetly. Henderson beat Johnston. Hensman beat Johnston. Leading score, Mrs Spens-Black, 5, 2 to finish.

Play ceases for Trophy tourney players on 31 March. All score sheets must be sent in by 6 April.

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(Handicap tourney results held over until next month. -Editor.)

PROBLEM COMPETITION RULES: These have been revised with the start of a new championship series.

POINTS: 2-mover, correct solution 2pts. 3-mover, correct solution 3 pts plus 1pt for each main line variation given in full. Deduction of 1pt for each notation error. No solution, correct claim, 2pts. for 2-er, 3pts for 3-er. Wrong claim, minus 1pt.

Cooks, 2pts each key for 2-ers, 3pts each key for 3-ers, plus points for variation.

All decision of Problem Editor to be final.

PERPETUAL LADDER: New solvers may join the ladder at any time. Names of solvers not submitting entries for two consecutive issues will be removed, but can be reinstated at any time without loss of points. After February, April, July, November, 1960 issues leader will receive 5/- book token award and start again from bottom. All six problems published each month to count for ladder.

CHAMPIONSHIP: Starting each February annual championships will be conducted, points to be totalled through the calendar year. Solvers to be eligible for either Open (all six problems each issue) or 2-move (first four problems each issue, which will be 2-ers, with an occasional miniature 3-er) sections, but not for both. Solvers to nominate their section. No entry fee. 10/- book token for winner of each section.

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