

PROBLEM PAGE

SOLUTIONS (key moves only): February: 69. R-Q8. 70. N-N3. 71. B-B7. 72. P-N6. 73. RxP. 74. Q-R5. March: 75. Q-B5. 76. B-B7. 77. P-B4. 78. R-KB2. 79. N-Q1. 80. K-B1.

Dr Fulton scored a clean sweep in these two sets, shooting through to the top of the ladder. In view of the break in publication, we are calling off the 1960 championships and declaring the end of a ladder ascent. So Dr Fulton will drop to the bottom again, with our congratulations (we have not checked yet how many ascents he has completed, but we will give that next month). For the next issue only the ladder will be at stake, and new championship contests will begin at the start of the New Year.

New solvers are always welcome, with the reminder that everyone must reach the top of the ladder in due course. All problems count for the ladder.

TIE IN SCHOOLBOYS' CHAMPIONSHIP

The eight players in the national schoolboys' championship, held in Palmerston North, divided into two groups, only half a point separating the top four, with a gap of 2½ points to the next bunch. Honours were shared between Auckland and Christchurch, with Te Awamutu and Dunedin also in the running. Mr H.I.Christensen filled the role of D.O.P.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	T1	P1
K.Hartley.... (Mt Albert Grammar)	x	1	½	½	½	1	1	1	5½	1eq
M.Taylor.... (Christchurch B.H.S.)	0	x	½	1	1	1	1	1	5½	1eq
C.Evans..... (Te Awamutu College)	½	½	x	0	1	1	1	1	5	3eq
J.Harraway... (Kings H.S.)	½	0	1	x	½	1	1	1	5	3eq
N.Cooper..... (Christchurch B.H.S.)	½	0	0	½	x	0	½	1	2½	5eq
L.Amies..... (Kings H.S.)	0	0	0	0	1	x	1	½	2½	5eq
J.Pohl..... (Wellington College)	0	0	0	0	½	0	x	1	1½	7
M.Powmell.... (Wairarapa College)	0	0	0	0	0	½	0	x	½	8

OTAGO HOLD BLEDISLOE CUP. - "CN" should have a standing heading recognising Otago's superiority in this competition, maintained in spite of reduction in the size of teams this year to 15. In the final the score was Otago 9, Wellington 6. Full details of the competition will be given in "CN" next month.

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Dr N.Fulton..	22	22	93
F.A.Hirst....	-	-	86
J.H.Patchett.	6	8	77
A.T.Scott....	8	6	71
G.V.Sumner...	14	11	56
T.C.C.Scott..	8	6	26
MrsSpens-Black	4	2	19
A.H.Attwood...	-	6	6

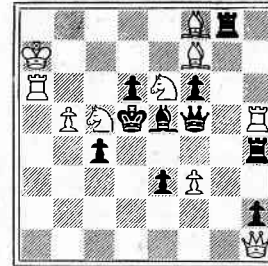
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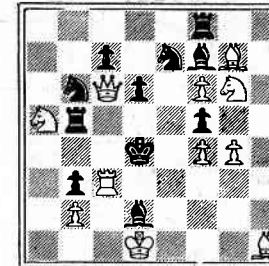
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81.A.M.Sparke '19



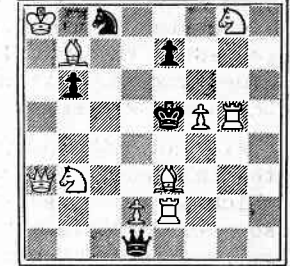
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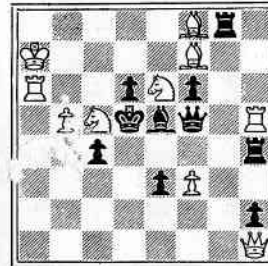
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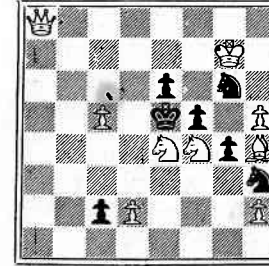
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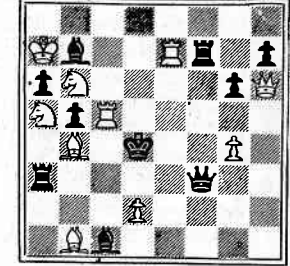
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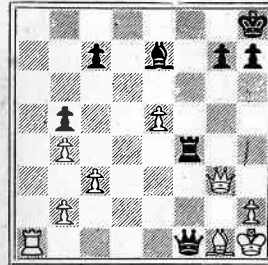


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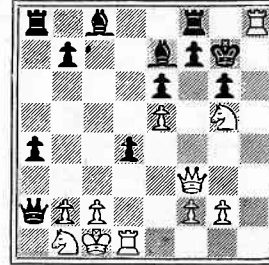
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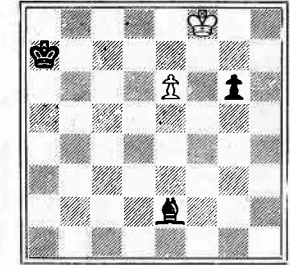
Black plays, has he any resource? 1m, 4pts.

11. 11v12



White plays, wins.

12. 2v3



White plays, what result? 4m, 7pts.

EDITORIAL.....Back on the Job

We deeply regret the break in publication of "CN". The editor was unable to complete the arrangements he hoped to make before departing for overseas for "CN" to appear during his absence, and was kept too busy while abroad to be able to do anything about it.

Now back in harness, we will produce several issues in as quick succession as possible. Clubs are requested to forward news and games urgently for inclusion in the next two issues.

All subscribers will receive the full number of copies for which they have subscribed. As soon as possible notification of revised dates of expiry of subs. will be despatched.

"CHESS FRIENDS OF N.Z." READY TO INCORPORATE

Steps to incorporate "Chess Friends" were one of the tasks the editor of "CN" was unable to carry out before leaving for overseas. However, the inaugural membership is great enough to permit incorporation and this step will be taken without delay.

"Chess Friends" has only 18 inaugural members, but thanks to the warm generosity of several there is at present £33/12/- in a special non-profit interest-earning account in the A.N.Z. Bank in Wellington. (We have not had a chance to check on the discrepancy between this figure and the total in the adjoining column.)

Disappointing feature of the foundation membership list is the inclusion of only one Auckland name. Northerners are welcome to remedy this deficiency at any time -- £1/1/- for membership, £2/2/- for vice-president, any contribution welcome.

Heartening news is the offer of the N.Z. Government to pay £50 towards the cost of O. Sarapu's trip to Australia and £50 towards the cost of a representative to the world junior tourney next year. This greatly reduces the obligation on the N.Z. chess community -- but does not lessen the need for raising funds for such purposes.

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First of a new series of articles. . .

HOW TO IMPROVE... by *Ortvin Sarapu*

To enjoy more and better chess it is necessary to know a bit more about the game. The idea of this series is to give a guide to players who are interested in improving their standard of play, whether beginners or experts.

Chess is known to be one of the most difficult games to learn and has been described as "the Royal game of games." I think it can be proved that there are more books and magazines written about chess than about any other game, or even about all others put together.

Much depends on one's approach to chess. Is it just a game, as is noughts and crosses? Or is it a great game, an art, a science? All approaches seem to give a lot of fun and enjoyment to all.

But to enjoy chess more it is necessary to reach a certain standard of play. How to get a higher standard of play is the main problem. I have improved my game mainly at home and not by playing and playing. However, I must admit that the road to championship strength has not been economical in time spent on it. For players interested in improving fast I wish to eliminate the waste of time I spent in studies of only semi-useful materials.

It may seem paradoxical that play is mainly a test of ability and skill. By playing thousands of games the standard improves slowly. But by playing over games played by grandmasters and masters quickly is more beneficial. It improves --

1. The quick understanding of how pieces move, how openings are played, how proper chess should be, and develops intuition for making good moves without knowing why they are good!
2. Playing fast from books or magazines develops the skill of chess just as a table tennis player has to play a lot of games to get control over the ball.

Chess needs even more skill than say table tennis. Playing over games quickly saves a lot of the time required to "get chess into your system." (Koshnitsky)

It is obvious that by playing over say 500 games you would not become a master. This would only be a start for further study.

For slow study of the game there are books which explain the principles of chess. For example, that the Q is stronger than the B or N, but with exceptions of certain positions where it is the opposite. Then later we get to know why in one position a Bishop is stronger than a Knight and why in other positions a Knight is stronger than a Bishop, etc.

Understanding of the principles and exceptions develops judgment and understanding of positions and chess.

As a recommendation for playing over quickly lots of games without taking much notice of annotations, I would recommend Tartakover's two books of "500 Master Games of Chess." Also other books (there are thousands) with a big number of games by masters.

For slow study of chess principles and exceptions to them I would recommend C.J.S. Purdy's "Guide to Good Chess."

With both quick and slow study of the game it is also necessary to play some games with clocks, writing down the moves for later

analysis. Analysing your own games later is very helpful to find out more about the game and about your own mistakes. I would even recommend writing out notes to each game played, later at home.

Botvinnik explained that this was his main advance preparation for big tournaments. Alekhine also prepared himself to meet Capablanca by annotating all the games from the 1928 New York international tournament.

Botvinnik's book "Championship Chess" was his preparation for the World Championship tournament in 1948.

After general principles become part of a player's system, it is necessary to know all about combinations and positional play. I would recommend books I have studied and found useful -- "My System" (Nimzovitch), "My Best Games of Chess" (Alekhine's three books). World championship tournament books with notes by leading players will come later.

Actually it is more important to study one good book slowly and well than to go through a lot of them without remembering what they were all about.

Deliberately I do not mention books on openings, because I think it is more important to learn to play chess first and only then to concentrate on fine opening innovations.

It is of no use to get a better position after 15 moves and lose on move 20.

The principles of combinations and how to see them quickly can be studied well from "1001 Chess Combinations" and "Winning Chess" by Chernev and Reinfeld. Dr Emanuel Lasker said that chess is 99 per cent tactics (combinations). If he is right it is better to learn combinations first and then concentrate on positional play later.

In "My System" Nimzovitch explains positional play well, and so does Edward Lasker in "Modern Chess Strategy."

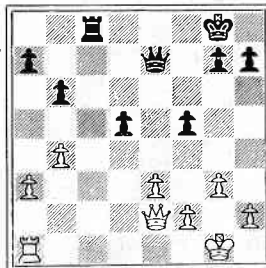
As an example of knowing chess principles (and exceptions) I have taken advantage of them in my games. In the 1960 Auckland Easter tournament the position in the diagram was reached after the following moves in the game O.Sarapu - B.Douglas.

1. P-Q4, P-KB4; 2. P-QB4, P-K3; 3. P-KN3, N-KB3; 4. B-N2, B-K2;
5. N-KB3, O-O; 6. O-O, P-Q4; 7. P-N3, P-QN3; 8. B-QR3, N-R3;
9. N-K5, B-N2; 10. BxB, QxB; 11. N-QB3, KR-Q1; 12. P-K3, P-B4;
13. Q-K2, N-QN5; 14. KR-Q1, QR-B1; 15. P-QR3, N-B3; 16. NxN, BxN;
17. PxBP, QxP; 18. P-QN4, Q-K2; 19. PxP, BxP; 20. NxB, NxN;
21. BxN, RxB; 22. RxR, PxR.

In this very simplified position White has isolated Black's QP and therefore has the better Pawn position, two Pawn islands against three Pawn islands. (This principle comes from Capablanca). The weakness of an isolated Pawn is mainly in the endgame and not in the Pawn itself, but in the square in front of it, where a Knight or other enemy piece can best be placed. (Nimzovitch). Knowing these principles gave me a good guide to formulate a plan of play.

23. R-Q1, Q-K5; 24. Q-Q2.

Not R-Q4, R-B8ch and the exchange of Rooks leads to a draw.



Position after
22....,PxR.

24., R-Q1.

Now Black is getting a defensive Rook and Queen. The defensive Rook is bad in the endgame. (Tarrasch).

25. Q-B3, Q-K2; 26. R-Q4.

Now the square in front of the isolated Pawn is strongly occupied by the Rook.

26., Q-Q2; 27. Q-Q3.

Pressing on the QP and KBP simultaneously to restrict the mobility of Black's pieces.

27., P-KN3?

The principles explained by Dr Alekhine for positions with K plus Q plus R plus P endgames was not known to Brian Douglas, otherwise he would not have exposed his King position so badly. Alekhine pointed out that it may seem strange, that Q plus R on the board looks like an endgame, but it really has too much middlegame character and the safety of the King is more important than being a Pawn up or down. Mobility is important and attack is possible of the King is exposed.

28. P-N5!

As Black is condemned to a passive position or loss of his QP, White can improve his position, after first restricting Black's Q-side Pawns.

28., K-B2; 29. P-QR4, Q-N2; 30. P-R4!

To undermine and to expose Black's King position even more.

30., K-N1; 31. P-KR5!, Q-B2; 32. P-R6!

Controlling the square KN7. White has another threat of Q-N7mate in some variations. Also good was PxP to open the Rook's file, but Black could have the defensive move Q-KN2 in stock to stop attack along this file.

32., Q-QN2; 33. R-QB4.

To activate the Rook. The variation 33...., PxR; 34. QxRch, K-B2; 35. Q-KR8, K-K3; 36. Q-N8ch, etc., is in White's favour because of Black's weak Pawns (QRP, KRP and QBP).

33., Q-K2; 34. R-B6, R-Q2?

This controls the second rank, but loses the first. Now the combined attack of Q plus R against the exposed Black K is fatal. On the other hand it is hard to suggest anything better. Perhaps 33...., PxR was Black's only hope of escaping the loss? From here on White's win is forced!

35. R-B8ch, K-B2.

If 35...., R-Q1??; 36. QxPch!!

36. Q-Q4, K-K3; 37. Q-R8!, Q-B2; 38. R-K8ch, R-K2.

If 38...., K-Q3; 39. Q-K5ch, K-B4; 40. Q-Q4ch!, K-Q3; 41. Q-B4ch, K-B4; 42. R-B8ch! wins the Queen.

39. R-KB8!, Resigns.

The attack with the Q plus R is very powerful, as Alekhine pointed out. I was ready and on the lookout for it, because I knew the principles of this sort of position.

Working out the moves and variations was just a matter of technique and in reality simple.

NEXT MONTH: "How to Improve" will be continued.

AROUND THE CHESS WORLD. . . M. Tal, at 24, is the youngest world champion in the history of chess. He won the title match against M.M. Botvinnik, 12½-8½, winning six games (Nos. 1, 6, 7, 11, 17 and 19) to two (Nos. 8 and 9), with 13 drawn. Pundits abroad expect next year's return match to be a closer contest. . . V. Korchnoi, Tal's bete noir, is now champion of the U.S.S.R., winning this year's event with a score of 14-5, half a point ahead of Geller and Petrosian, with V. Bagirov fourth (more about Bagirov in next issue). Smyslov scored only 10½, failing to win a game until round 13. . . Bobby Fischer has won the U.S. title again, but only after a big pre-tourney row. After the draw (made in secret, as always before) had been announced Fischer protested against being Black in the games against his most dangerous rivals, with Black against S. Reshevsky in what could be the critical last round. He withdrew, but decided at the last minute to play. He had the title won before he had to meet Reshevsky. . . V. Ragosin (U.S.S.R.) has won the second world correspondence championship, with L. Endzelins, champion of South Australia, as runner-up. In C.J.S. Purdy, winner of the first event, Australia now has two correspondence grandmasters. . . Purdy (9½-1½) won the 1960 championship of New South Wales, with F. P. Hutchings, fresh from New Zealand, in tenth place equal with a 50 per cent score. . . Hutchings has made a quick name for himself in Australia, notably by winning the heart of Miss Diana Purdy, daughter of C.J.S. and business manageress of "Chess World." Father's congratulations were qualified ("Your editor may be gaining a son, but he is certainly losing a secretary"). Wedding date, by the way, was November 12. . . Hutchings has been transferred from Sydney to Melbourne, and there in September he competed in a 10-board simul. with clocks against visiting Soviet master V. Bagirov. The visitor scored 10-3, and Hutchings was one of the three winning opponents. . . For the first time (according to L. Barden) U.S.A. have beaten U.S.S.R. in a chess match. U.S.A. took the world students' teams title at Leningrad, with a total of 41 points to the U.S.S.R.'s 39½. In the match between the two leading teams U.S.A. won by 2½-1½, with W.J. Lombardy winning from B. Spassky at top board and scoring best of the board one players. Lombardy is since reported to have entered a seminary and retired from chess for a good many years. . . R.G. Wade scored two good firsts in Dutch tournaments early this year, but later competed in a mighty event at Buenos Aires, finishing last of the 20 players. This was no disgrace, with grandmasters thick in the bottom half of the table, and Wade distinguished himself with a win against Russian champion Korchnoi, who shared first place with S. Reshevsky. We give the score of this game.

Queen's Gambit Accepted

R.G. Wade-V. Korchnoi

1.P-Q4 P-Q4	8.Q-R4chN-Q2	15.R-QB1 O-O	23.R/B1-B3
2.P-QB4 PXP	9.QxN/B4P-K4	16.R-KN1 R-B2	R/Q2-B2
3.N-QB3 N-QB3	10.B-N5 P-KB3	17.NxB QxN	24.R-B3 P-R4
4.N-B3 N-B3	11.B-K3 BxN	18.K-K2 R-Q1	25.RxR RxR
5.P-K4 B-N5	12.PxB B-Q3	19.KR-Q1 R/Q1-Q2	26.R-KB3 RxR
6.P-Q5 N-K4	13.N-N5 N-N3	20.R-Q3 P-KB4	27.KxR K-R2
7.BxP NxB	14.BxN RPxB	21.R-R3 PXP	28.K-K2 P-R5
		22.PXP R-B1	29.Q-B3 Q-K2

30.Q-B3 P-N3
31.Q-N4 K-N2
32.Q-K6 Q-B3
33.QxQch KxQ
34.K-B3 K-N4
35.P-R4 K-R4
36.P-N4 K-N4
37.P-N5 K-R4
38.P-R5 Res.

BREVITY. - Short game from Australian Championship.

Vienna Game

J. Purdy-W.J. Geus
1.P-K4 P-K4
2.N-QB3 N-KB3
3.B-B4 B-B4
4.P-Q3 P-Q3
5.B-N5 BxPch??
6.KxB N-N5ch
7.QxN P-KB3?
8.Q-B3 Res.

WORLD TITLE GEM

We give also the sixth game of the world title match, which as Purdy says "should join the immortals." He goes so far as to say Black's 21st move was "perhaps the most daring sacrifice ever made in a world championship match."

King's Indian Defence

M.M. Botvinnik-M. Tal

1.P-QB4 N-KB3	13.N-Q3 NxN
2.N-KB3 P-KN3	14.QxN KR-B1
3.P-KN3 B-N2	15.R-N1 N-R4
4.B-N2 O-O	16.B-K3 Q-N5
5.P-Q4 P-Q3	17.Q-K2 R-B5
6.N-B3 QN-Q2	18.KR-B1 QR-QB1
7.O-O P-K4	19.K-R2 P-B4
8.P-K4 P-B3	20.PxP BxP
9.P-KR3 Q-N3	21.R-QR1 N-B5
10.P-Q5 PXP	22.PxN PXP
11.BPxP N-B4	23.B-Q2 QxP
12.N-K1 B-Q2	24.QR-N1 P-B6

25.RxQ PxQ
26.R-N3 R-Q5
27.B-K1 B-K4ch
28.K-N1 B-B5
29.NxP RxR
30.NxR/Q4 RxBch
31.B-B1 B-K5
32.N-K2 B-K4
33.P-B4 B-B3
34.RxP BxP
35.R-QB7 BxP
36.RxQRP B-B5
37.R-R8ch K-B2
38.R-R7ch K-K3
39.R-R3 P-Q4
40.K-B2 B-R5ch
41.K-N2 K-Q3
42.N-N3 BxN
43.BxB PxB
44.KxB K-Q4
45.R-R7 P-B6
46.R-QB7 K-Q5
47.Resigns.

RUSSIANS IN AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP. - Sensationally pleasant surprise in this year's Australian championship was the participation of two Russian grandmasters, the well-known Y. Averbakh and almost unknown young V. Bagirov, who finished a surprise fourth in the 1960 U.S.S.R. Championship. The result was no surprise: the Russians finished in the top two places, Averbakh scoring 14-1 and Bagirov 12-3. L. Endzelins (South Australia) scored only 1½ points in the first 5 rounds, but came with a terrific finish to take the Australian title with 9½ points (scoring 8 points in the final 10 rounds). He was able to do so only because both G. Koshnitsky and C.J.S. Purdy, sharing the lead with 9 points, both lost their games in the final round. Sarapu shared sixth place with J. Purdy on 8½, after losing his last game and thus missing the chance to share third place in the event with Endzelins.

PURDY WINS SUB-ZONAL. - C.J.S. Purdy represented Australia in the sub-zonal tournament held in Sydney, the new Australian champion, L. Endzelins, not being available for business reasons. Purdy lost in the first half to B. Hutagalung (Indonesia), who scored 3½-½ in that part of the tourney, but the Australian won every other game (including both against O. Sarapu) and won the event with a score of 7-1. Hutagalung and Sarapu were equal second, with 5½, while Choo Min Wang (Malaya) scored 2 and Lee Chai Sang (Singapore) 0.

Purdy is to meet M. Aaron (India), winner of the other sub-zonal event in Zone 9, in a match to decide the zonal representative in next year's interzonal tourney.

"CN" Book Bargain of the Month, available only until the next issue appears. "Championship Chess," by M.M. Botvinnik. Secondhand, but in first-class condition. Only 10/-, incl. postage.

A. Feneridis: "CN" Player of the Year

Born in Russia and a former chess champion of the Crimea, "CN's" Player of the Year, A. Feneridis, is well settled in Wellington, and is a member of the staff of the Department of Statistics.

He shared the New Zealand title with Rodney Phillips at the Wellington Congress, 1956-57, and was runner-up to O. Sarapu, half a point ahead of Phillips, at the 1959-60 Dunedin Congress. He is also champion of Wellington Chess Club.

A deep-thinking positional player, Feneridis has been kind enough to annotate the following game, played recently by correspondence. "Feny," as he is widely known, mentioned that this was the first game he had annotated in English; we hope it will be the first of many.

Nimzoindian Defence

A. Feneridis	O. Sarapu
1. P-Q4	N-KB3
2. P-QB4	P-K3
3. N-QB3	B-N5
4. P-K3	O-O
5. N-K2	P-Q4
6. P-QR3	B-K2
7. PxP	PxP
8. N-N3	P-B4
9. B-Q3	N-B3
10. O-O	PxP
11. PxP	P-KN3

So far nothing unusual -- all moves according to well-known practice and in accordance with the theory that after 11...., NxP; 12. BxPch, NxB; 13. QxN, B-K3 the resulting position holds equal possibilities. By 11...., P-KN3 Black prepares the transfer of his King's Bishop to the main diagonal, simultaneously restraining White's King's Knight. This appears to be logical. However, according to contemporary chess theory it creates a complex of weak Black squares around the Black King. White immediately concentrates his efforts on these.

12. P-N4

The main road of assault must be cleared. The next series of moves follows this purpose.

12. ... B-N5

By this Black creates a weak square on White's K3, which how-

ever turned out to give a winning tempo to the latter because it provided a square for the Bishop.

13. P-B3	B-K3
14. B-K3	N-Q2
15. N-R4	P-B4
16. N-K2	B-B3
17. B-QN5	R-B1
18. N-B5	NxN
19. BxN	RxB
20. QPxN	

Here is the advantage of correspondence games. After Black's 11th move, P-KN3, I planned a King's attack. Analysing different variations, I found a position I considered losing for Black. After my 20th move this position more or less occurred. The sacrifice of the exchange was part of the plan. If Black does not take White's Rook, White's position becomes dominating, because of his full command of the square Q4 and his advantage on the Queen's wing.

20. ... BxR
21. QxB

The first phase of the plan is fulfilled. Now White needs only to arrange his pieces in the necessary order for the final attack.

21. ... B-B1

The best defence for Black was to give up his QP by P-Q5, thus freeing the Bishop.

22. N-Q4 R-R3
23. N-N5 R-B2

24. N-Q6 RxN

Of course, the Knight cannot be tolerated here, but now White has almost equal material and a winning position.

25. PxR QxP
26. B-B5 Q-B2
27. R-B1 P-N3
28. B-B2 Q-N1
29. Q-Q4 B-N2
30. B-K1 P-KR3
31. B-B3 K-R2
32. R-K1 Q-KB1
33. P-KR4 R-B2

Obviously intending to exchange

the Rook for the Bishop, to prevent the mating attack, but White avoids the exchange.

34. B-N2 B-B3
35. R-K6 B-R5

A mistake. This loses the Bishop. The right move is B-N4, but anyway the game is lost.

36. Q-K5 R-B2
37. Q-N3 Q-KN1

38. P-R5 Resigns.

On 38...., PxP; 39. RxPch, winning the Queen; or 38...., P-KN4; 39. Q-Q6, Q-KB1; 40. QxQ, RxQ; 41. R-K7ch winning much material.

KAY TAKES AUCKLAND C.C. SUMMER CUP

			1	2	3	4	5	6	Tl.	Pl.
This year the Auckland C.C.'s Summer Cup tournament was run in two sections, with nine players in each. The first three from each section played off in the final, with section play games between the finalists carried forward. The section leaders were:- Section one: J.B. Kay 8½, G. Sale 6½, G. West 6½. Section two: A. Lentz 8, R.E. Baeyertz 7½, R.O. Purcell 7½. Kay won the final by half a point from Baeyertz. With one round to go Kay led by 1½ points, but Baeyertz closed the gap by winning from him in the last round. We give the game.	1. J.B. Kay.....	x	0	1	1	1	1	4	1	
	2. R.E. Baeyertz..	1	x	0	1	½	1	3½	2	
	3. A. Lentz.....	0	1	x	0	1	1	3	3	
	4. G. Sale.....	0	0	1	x	1	½	2½	4	
	5. R.O. Purcell...	0	½	0	0	x	1	1½	5	
	6. G. West.....	0	0	0	½	0	x	½	6	

Baeyertz-Kay (King's Indian Defence)

1. P-Q4	N-KB3	10. O-O	PxP	19. RxR	QxR	28. R-K8	R-Q1
2. P-QB4	P-KN3	11. QxP	N-B2	20. PxN	BxN	29. P-B4	B-Q5ch
3. N-QB3	B-N2	12. R-Q1	N-K3	21. BxB	B-Q5	30. K-N2	B-B3
4. P-K4	P-Q3	13. Q-K3	P-N3	22. QxP	Q-Q1	31. P-KR4	P-KR4
5. N-B3	O-O	14. N-Q5	B-N2	23. Q-Q6	Q-N1	32. K-B3	K-R2
6. B-K2	QN-Q2	15. B-R3	N/3-B4	24. QxQ	RxQ	33. K-K4	K-N2
7. P-QN4	P-B4	16. BxN	PxB	25. R-K1	K-B1	34. K-Q5	K-R2
8. NPxP	PxP	17. QR-N1	R-N1	26. B-B6	K-N2	35. KxP	Res.
9. P-K5	N-K1	18. P-K6	BxN	27. P-N3	B-B3		

N.Z.C.A. NEWS. - Many items of interest and importance appear in the last two issues of the N.Z.C.A. bulletin, especially the full list of N.Z. chess masters on the approved basis and a national grading list containing 150 names. In order to give full justice to these items we will report fully on them next month. Also next month will be a further section of Ortvin Sarapu's series on "How to Improve", a feature on a rising young Auckland star, a round-up on the 1960-63 world championship series, club and league reports, and a report on correspondence events.

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Around New Zealand

RODNEY PHILLIPS TAKES NORTH ISLAND TITLE

J.R.Phillips, who felt that he had played better than ever before, took the North Island title in the 1960 tournament held in Hawera. Mr T.H.Phillips was D.O.P. and the field was slightly under usual strength. Scores:-

1. J.R.Phillips (Auckland), 7½-½; 2. R.A.Court (Wellington), 6½;
3. J.E.Howe (Wellington), 5½; 4 equal, R.Chapman (Wellington) and S.Mancewicz (Hawera), 5; 6 equal, L.E.Whitehouse (Hamilton), T.R.Harris (Hawera), B.J.Halpin (Mangakino), 4½; 10. G.E.Trundle (Auckland); 11 equal, B.E.Howard (Auckland), W.L.R.Hamlin (Hawera), 3½; 13 equal, E.Fuglistaller (Hawera), M.Kopytko (Palmerston North), R.Bowler (Stratford); 16. T.Johnson (Hawera), 1.

SARAPU WINS STRONG SOUTH ISLAND TOURNEY

***** Ortvin Sarapu justified his rating as New Zealand's number one player in a particularly strong field in the South Island Championship, held at Queen's Birthday weekend at Christchurch.

1. O.Sarapu (Auckland), 4½-½; 2 equal, A.Feneridis (Wellington), Z.Frankel (Wellington), G.G.Haase (Dunedin), 4-1; 5. R.A.Rasa (Dunedin), 3½; 6.equal, W.B.Petre (Dunedin), K.M.Steele (Wellington), 3; 8 equal, L.Esterman (Dunedin), I.D.Hayes (Dunedin), W.A.Poole (Dunedin), L.J.Walpole (Christchurch), 2½; 12 equal, A.J.Nyman (Christchurch), R.A.Court (Wellington), A.S.Hollander (Christchurch), 2; 15, R.M.O'Callahan (Wellington), 1½; 16 equal, T. van Dijk (Dunedin), M.Ponimoni (Wellington), 1; 18. R.M. Broadbent (Christchurch), ½.

Placings in a subsidiary tourney were: 1. G.V.Sumner (Christchurch), 4½-½; 2.M.Taylor, 4; 3. J.Harraway, 3½.

LYNCH HOLDS HB-EC TITLE

The scoretable tells the story of the HB-EC Championship held in Napier at Queen's Birthday weekend. Interesting point was the participation of E.Davida, a recent arrival from Budapest, Hungary, where

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Tl	P1
1.D.I.Lynch (Hsgs).	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	1
2.E.Davida (Hsgs)..	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	2
3.G.Severinsen (Dv)	0	0	x	1	1	1	0	4	3	4eq
4.J.Holdsworth (Gis)	0	0	0	x	1	0	1	3	4eq	
5.S.Littlewood(Hsgs)	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	3	4eq	
6.R.L.Roundhill (Dv)	0	0	0	1	0	x	1	3	4eq	
7.T.J.S.Gurney (Nap)	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	7eq	
8.L.E.Cook (Waipuk)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	x	1	7eq

he was graded A amateur -- and played right up to it. Dave Lynch's win was his 13th for the HB-EC title, and after the tournament he played a simul, scoring 10-4. Next year's tourney to be in Takapau.

Championship Reserve. - 1. S.Stevens (Tak), 6-1; 2eq, E.Painter (Waipuk), Mrs L. Gilchrist (Nap), J.M.Kivingstone (Dvirke), E.H.Vernon (Gis), 4; 6. P.Grieve (Gis), 3½; 7eq, R.Perrot (Hsgs), K.G.Reeve (Dvirke), 3; 9. R.Thornburrow (Hsgs), 2; 10. Ll.Meredith (Gis), 1½.

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Competition Corner

THE SECTION FOR ALL IMPROVING PLAYERS

FEBRUARY SOLUTIONS

4. (From an American "Chess Review" quiz). White wins.

1.P-R4, K-Q5; 2.P-R5, K-K4; 3.P-R6, K-B3. Black could draw if his K reached R1. But 4.B-R5! is a finesse which makes an exception to the general rule.

5. (Hussong v Hermann, 1930)

1...., QxPch; 2.KxQ, R-R3ch; 3.K-N3, N-K7ch; 4.K-N4, R-B5ch; 5.K-N5, R-R7; 6.QxNch,

KxQ; 7.N-B3, P-R3ch; 8.K-N6, K-N1; 9.NxR, R-B4!!; 10.PxR, N-B5mate.

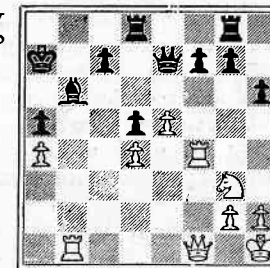
6. (Study by J.Spannur). White wins. 1.R-R8, K-R7; 2.R-N7, R-N4ch; 3.K-K4, R-N5ch; 4.K-Q3, R-N6ch; 5.K-B2, P-N8/Q; 6.R-R8ch, R-R6; 7. R-N2ch, K-R8; 8.RxRmate. 1...., R-N4ch fails against 2.K-K4, R-N5ch; 3.K-Q3, R-N6ch; 4.K-B2, RxR; 5.R-R8ch, R-R6; 6.RxRmate.

7. (From an American "Chess Review" quiz). 1...., B-N8!!

8. (Mieses v Znosko-Borovsky, Ostend, 1907). We

repeat this poser because it calls for study by any improver. 1.RxB, KxR; 2.Q-N5ch, K-R2; 3.QxPch, K-N2; 4.R-B1, R-N1; 5.N-B5, Q-K3; 6.N-Q6ch and wins. It is essential for the Rook to be brought into play. Those with 2.Q-N5ch and 3. QxPch but failing to bring the R into play received modest compensation. J.Arbutnott was closest with 4.R-B3, Q-K3; 5.R-N3ch, K-B1; 6. R-QB3, K-Q2, etc., so gained a little extra. Nothing awarded for 2.RxP. The editor cannot see a win for White after 2...., Q-N5.

9. (Study by P.H.Nygaard). White wins. 1.P-B3, P-N5; 2.RPxP, BPxP; 3.P-B4, P-R5; 4.P-B5 and the Pawn queens with a check.



With the break in publication disrupting interest we declare the end of a ladder ascent at this juncture, and J.Arbutnott, who made a break in Feb and March is the first to reach the top. He gets our congratulations and a fresh start. Because of the break we have cancelled the 1960 championship events, and for the next two sets only the ladder will be at stake. New championships will begin at the start of the New Year.

No-one had a clean score in the last two sets, but this only goes to show how much value there can be in this type of study. The competition is open to all, and those who doubt the value should note Sarapu's quotation from Dr Lasker in this issue.

INTERNATIONAL TEAMS TOURNEY. - A thrill about the international teams tourney recently concluded in Leipzig was to hear on the B.B.C. that J.Penrose (Britain) won from world champion M.Tal in the last round. However, this was the Russians' only lost game, and they won the tourney from U.S.A., with Yugoslavia in third place.