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COVER PHOTO : Seven times New Zealand Champion - Orville Sarapu - at the time of his match with Australian C.J.S.Furdy played at Auckland in 1952  
(See one of his games on page 88.)

#### APOLGUY TO SUBSCRIBERS

We apologise because there is only one game in this issue. We had an abundance of local news and a long article on the theory of openings. For this reason we must also hold up the correspondence column. Editor.

#### CORRECTION

Two factual mistakes were made in the last issue. We do not like to make them but somehow they occur.

Rodney Phillips did not win the Auckland Chess Club Summer Tournament but the Dominion Road Summer Tournament. Details of this Tournament in a subsequent issue.

R. B. Raza finished second in the Otago Chess Club Championship 1962-63 with 3 points. His name was omitted in the last issue.

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Auckland Chess League Championship : This was held at Easter time and was won by Rodney Phillips 6½ followed by O.Sarapu 6, C.Evans 4, R.Sutton 3½, A.L.Fletcher 3, J.Hartley and D.J.Cooper 2, J.B.Kay 1. Details in subsequent issues.

Tuned in Easter was won jointly by R.Raza and G.Haase 5 each, Van Dijk 4. Details later.

#### GRAHAM HAASE IN AUSTRALIA

The following is an extract from the 1961-62 New Zealand Champion's letter to the Editor.  
"I was disappointed, as were a number of others, both N.Z. and Australian, with my performance over there, but as you say, the position 2500 out of 24 looks far worse than my score of 2½ points. These points were not scored against the weakest players and I was very pleased with my wins against Lapin and Brown in particular. However, in other games I played some fearful moves. A bad start, (four successive losses, three of which were against the weaker West Australians) upset my balance and my self confidence. The Perth heat was not to blame. There was no recurrence of the oppressive November heat wave and the playing rooms at the University were probably more comfortable than the ones at the Chcn. Congress that Raza and Esterman have decried. I simply could not find form and turned in my worst tournament result ever....You have probably seen the latest "Chess World" which contains Purdy's full account of the Perth story. I can add only a few more points. The organisation was first class and the West Australians were great hosts, but though there are several clubs in the Perth-Fremantle area, chess is weak there in comparison with the Eastern states. Every fourth day of Congress was free and sessions were held in the afternoon only on a time control of 36 moves in 2 hours which I feel we should introduce into our own tournaments. Adjournments were held in the evening.

All my points were gained with White. I propose to send you two games, my loss to Kocsmitsky and my win from Lapin." (To be published in April issue. Editor.)

## THE WORKING OF THE N.Z.C.A. RANKING LIST

by A.L.Fletcher (Chairman, N.Z.C.A. Ranking  
Committee)

(In response to a request from several readers we have asked Mr. Fletcher for a description of the working of the N.Z.C.A. list. He has responded promptly with the following lucid article. Editor.)

There is nothing very recent about chess ranking lists in New Zealand. In the "New Zealand Chessplayer" August 1950, an article appeared describing the table used by the Otago C.C. The table was described in the article as "evolved originally (as far as is known in Dunedin) about 30 years ago by E.G.Short of Seattle".

The Dominion Road C.C. (Auckland) has used a similar system for some years and other clubs in Auckland and elsewhere have either followed suit or anticipated the action. When the H.Q. of the N.Z.C.A. was in Auckland the system was applied to higher national tournaments. Recently the N.Z. Correspondence Chess Association has worked out one for its members, beginning in 1955, and amended it each year up to the present. Overseas chess organisations commonly have their Ranking Lists.

It must be clearly understood that all any Ranking List can do is show players in an ORDER of playing strength. Minor differences in the figures mean little or nothing, but a gap of, say, 100 is considerable (on the scale of comparison used in New Zealand lists). A gap of 200 between two players would justify an assertion that the higher placed player is much the stronger.

The N.Z.C.A. Ranking List concerns itself only with players who appear in tournaments at or above League level, and any regular open tournament sponsored by an affiliated club or League. The tournaments considered therefore include, among others: all Congress play, North Is. Championship and the South Is. Championship, open tournaments at holiday weekends, e.g. Auckland Easter and Labour weekends, Gisborne C.C. Open Labour weekend, Wellington Easter and so on, none of which is an internal Club tournament.

There is often some little difficulty experienced by the Ranking Committee in securing the detailed results of the required events, which explains any lack of enthusiasm it may exhibit towards including in the N.Z.C.A. list tournaments (sometimes strong ones) from "lower down"; club championships, for instance. All or none must be considered. To get all such results necessitates a far better liaison between Committee and organising officials than exists at present.

The List in Action The basis of the N.Z.C.A. Ranking List is the following table. The columns show: 1) The difference in the rating figures of two opponents 2) The adjustment to be made to the figure of both, (one up, one down) should the higher ranked player win. 3) The adjustment similarly should the lower ranked player win. 4) The adjustment similarly for a drawn game.

Difference in rating	Higher player wins	Lower player wins	Draw
0	10	10	0
20	9	11	1
40	8	12	2
60	7	13	3
80	6	14	4
100	5	15	5
120	4	16	6
140	3	17	7
160	2	18	8
180	1	19	9
200 or over	1	20	10

When dealing with a tournament, the Committee first makes sure that all players have a ranking figure. If it is the first appearance of a player he must be given one at the outset. This award of a figure is most easily arrived at and is the only arbitrary action in respect of any ranking figure. By considering the ranking figures and present performance of the rest of the field it is usually clear enough what figure the newcomer should be awarded when his own performance is compared. His opening figure is somewhat below the general figure of the ranked players whose score he equals. Suppose the ranking figures of the first five in an event of 12 players are 670, 621, X (the newcomer), 634, and 592, then clearly 600 would be a reasonable assessment for the new player, and he would be given it, and the tournament then worked accordingly.

Each player is considered in turn. Each game may result in some plus or minus depending on his relation in the list to his opponent. Two typical examples will suffice: A has a figure of 682. In a tourney, first round, he beat B (at 740). In the second round he drew with C (at 630). In the first game he is 58 below his opponent. This is nearest to 60 difference (column 1), and by consulting column 3 in the same line (the lower man having won) we find 13. This means that A is plus 13 in respect of that game and B is minus 13. All adjustments balance thus - plus and minus the same <sup>for each</sup> player concerned. In the second game 630 (C's figure) is 52 lower than A's 682. Looking again at column 1, again nearer to 60 than to 40, we see A's draw will cost him 3 points, and C will go up three points.

When the tournament has been gone over in this way the minus and plus scores of each player are balanced, the credit or debit found, and his original ranking figure on his card amended accordingly. Tournaments are done in the order in which they are played, therefore the non-arrival of any wanted score table holds up any progress whatever.

The N.Z.C.A. Ranking Committee takes great care to produce accurate figures. A final check is to add all plus scores and all minus scores respectively. If they balance your figures are right. If they don't Fred Eoulds, Ortwin Sarapu and the writer exchange pained looks and the error is sought.

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In order to have the Ranking List a mirror of current reality rather than historical allegation, a player's name is removed from the list if two years elapse since his last tournament. If he re-appears, he is allowed his retiring ranking figure less 5 per cent. Only games actually played are considered; byes and wins by default are ignored.

It can happen that a player appears in the list and in the course of a couple of seasons and two or three tournaments has moved up very considerably. It would be a hasty judgment to assume his first figure was too low; this generally indicates a rapid improver who was about rightly placed originally and then began mowing down the players above him in the list. The Canterbury expert R. Clarke, third in his first New Zealand Championship attempt, is a notable example of a rapid rise in the Ranking List; while other players are notable for sizeable fluctuations between one tourney and the next.

The present N.Z.C.A. Ranking Committee is satisfied that the National Ranking List is a useful document which justifies the time spent on its production, and would urge controllers of the relevant tournaments to send to any of the Committee's members a copy of the tourney result. As long as the Committee knows who beat whom it can proceed with its labours.

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### BENEFIT TO CHESS?

In January the following news item was reported in the local press.

#### Marathon Chess Game

"The weight of decision rests heavily this year on Mr. Lawrence Grant of Glasgow. By next Christmas, Mr. Grant, a civil servant, must decide his next move in a marathon chess game with Dr. Munro MacLennan, an old friend living in Majorca. Their game has lasted 36 years. Each man has made 18 moves. Mr. Grant said he and Dr. MacLennan began the game as a means of keeping in touch after they left school. Each year one of the two makes a move, writes it down and mails it to the other. "We usually move about this time of the year," said Mr. Grant. "I got this year's letter from Majorca just before Christmas. Dr. MacLennan is in a strong position and I shall take my time before I make my next move."

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A few weeks ago the "Evening Post" published the following article as the second leader. We leave it to our readers to judge whether writing with such "expert knowledge" about the game helps its development in New Zealand. We mention that when this article was published Ted Frost was no longer on the staff of the "Post". He still edits the Saturday chess column in this paper.

### Is There Anyone for Marathon Chess

In these days when most people set out to get eve-ything over as quickly as possible, it is refreshing (if somewhat surprising) to learn that there are two gentlemen - one in Scotland and one in Majorca - who have been playing the same game of chess for 36 years, and are apparently still far from a decision. The Majorca gentlemen, Dr. Munro MacLennan, seems to have a slight edge at the moment - if moment is the right word in such a contest but the Glasgow gentleman, Mr. Lawrence Grant is plotting his next move with care and when he rushed to the board to make it - by next Christmas - he hopes to be able to turn the tide.

We must confess that chess is a game with which we have no more than a nodding acquaintance. In fact, when we last played it we nodded so frequently that we suspect that our opponent stole more than one march on us and swept us ignominiously from the board. But with all our nodding we did manage to keep ahead of the years in making our shots-pardon, moves. Chess of course, is essentially a game which depends much more on intellect than brawn and even we are aware that a hasty move - say within 20 minutes - can bring disaster. Well, our friends in Glasgow and Majorca should be in no danger of anything like that.

How many times, we wonder, will Mr. Grant have a peek at the board before he makes his fateful move next Christmas? We imagine that by that time, to twist a well-known cricketing expression about the ball looking like a football, the chess board will be about the size of Glasgow's largest playing fields. Not, of course, that that would greatly assist the main processes involved in that all-important annual move. But what of the Doctor in Majorca? We must spare a thought for him. While he is basking in the sunshine or attending to his patients - if there are any in Majorca - he will no doubt be pondering on all the possible moves his friend in Glasgow may make and preparing a telling counter when his turn comes to go to the board in earnest - at Christmas 1964.

Good luck to them both, anyway. May sufficient years remain for Dr. MacLellan and Mr. Grant to enable them to finish the game! For our part we think we will settle for an occasional game of draughts - preferably against one of our grandchildren.

### NEW ZEALAND CHESS ASSOCIATION

#### RATING LIST MARCH 31st 1963

Name, number of tournaments, rating points. (See article by A.L.Fletcher in this issue)

-O.Sarapu	12	931	-G.G.Haase	9	873	-H.McNabb	1	838
-R.J.Sutton	8	898	-A.Feneridis	9	857	-C.Evans	15	836
-J.R.Phillips	7	895	W.A.Poole	5	856	N. Clarke	3	832
-F.A.Foulds	2	883	-L.Esterman	7	849	J.Erikson	4	827

R. Cuthbert  
 - T. Van Dijk  
 J.E.Howe  
 D.I.Lynch  
 -B.Douglas  
 R.A.Court  
 R.A.Pasa  
 -D.J.Cooper  
 K.Beyer  
 -B.E.Howard  
 R.Chapman  
 -W.Reindler  
 L.Walpole  
 -N.T.Fletcher  
 -P.H.P.Marsick  
 -E.Davida  
 W.B.Petre  
 -C.P.Belton  
 A.Nyman  
 -A.L.Fletcher  
 B.J.Halpin  
 -L.E.Whitehouse  
 -Z.Frankel  
 -P.H.O'Callaghan  
 -R.E.Baeyertz  
 K.E.Hartley  
 -H.P.Whitlock  
 -K.M.Steele  
 -K.M.Okey  
 -E.G.A.Frost  
 E.Serenas  
 -J.Arbutanctt  
 -J.B.Kay  
 R.S.Watt  
 T.Lep  
 -H.P.Foord  
 -M.Fournier  
 L.J.Kiley  
 R.B.Hoskins  
 G.Severinson  
 H.de Hey  
 I.D.Hayes  
 -R.Roundill  
 R.Weatherly  
 -G.E.Trundle  
 J.O.Bishop

R. Cuthbert	2	824	K.O'Halloran	3	669	-B.R.Andersen	1	582
-T. Van Dijk	7	822	-G.Turner	3	667	L.Wheeler	2	582
J.E.Howe	4	817	V.Artemiev	1	667	O.Mancewicz	8	580
D.I.Lynch	9	815	-S.Van Dam	5	666	P.T.Baker	1	577
-B.Douglas	10	815	C.E.Newick	1	665	-D.S.Koulin	2	575
R.A.Court	19	789	-Miss M.McGrath	2	665	W.R.Harlin	3	575
R.A.Pasa	5	787	A.Wassilief	5	665	-D.Simpson	1	575
-D.J.Cooper	7	780	-A.Hollander	2	661	K.Humphries	1	574
K.Beyer	7	779	-H.J.Toys	4	656	-Colin White-	2	574
-B.E.Howard	12	769	-G.W.Gilchrist	1	655	house		
R.Chapman	4	764	T.R.Harris	4	656	-A.N.Eignett	1	572
-W.Reindler	11	762	-B.Deben	3	656	-D.A.E.H.Fulton	1	571
L.Walpole	1	760	V.W.Graham	3	651	-I.R.Gordon	3	569
-N.T.Fletcher	2	759	R.J.Brodabent	2	649	A.Bolwell	2	569
-R.H.P.Marsick	8	751	D.F.Goble	3	649	H.A.Palmer	2	569
-E.Davida	4	751	M.J.Skerrett	4	647	-Dr.A.J.Henderson	2	566
W.B.Petre	6	749	R.C.Pickering	5	639	-Z.Shardy	1	561
-C.P.Belton	7	747	-J.L.Hardy	1	639	D.Fickering	1	560
A.Nyman	3	746	-A.M.Louis	3	638	L.E.Cook	4	559
-A.L.Fletcher	6	746	A.B.Miller	1	637	T.Gurney	3	558
B.J.Happin	12	743	J.Kyle	6	634	-R.Taylor Jun.	6	557
-L.E.Whitehouse	12	741	N.Cooper	2	633	J.L.Jeffaves	2	557
-Z.Frankel	12	737	-T.H.Phillips	3	633	-P.Metge	2	556
-P.M.O'Callaghan	11	727	R.Seveinsen	2	633	L.R.Jordan	1	556
-R.E.Baeyertz	5	727	-O.N.Thompson	9	628	V.Sorenson	7	555
K.E.Hartley	9	722	-T.Costello	3	628	K.Reeve	3	552
-H.F.Whitlock	2	712	G.N.Thorby	1	627	I.Boyd	1	552
-K.M.Steele	7	712	J.Topp	4	626	C.W.Taylor	2	551
-K.M.Okey	6	711	A.C.Gagen	5	625	S.Stevens	1	550
-E.G.A.Frost	3	711	H.Halpin	5	620	S.Littlewood	4	549
E.Serenas	1	711	R.Kyle	6	614	-L.S.Taylor	5	545
-J.Arbutnott	5	708	B.Gloistien	5	613	R.Benson	1	545
-J.B.Kay	5	708	R.J.Cockroft	1	611	-S.Spencer Smith	1	545
P.S.Watt	4	705	-A.Beckham	1	609	-C.E.Oldridge	4	534
T.Lep	1	703	J.Harraway	3	609	D.Young	2	531
-M.P.Foord	2	697	C.Western	3	607	-A.Lentz	4	531
-M.Fournier	2	697	G.Sumner	3	603	T.Lawrence	1	535
L.J.Kiley	2	689	J.Holdsworth	6	602	H.Boyack	1	533
R.B.Hoskins	1	686	E.Fuglistaller	2	601	M.Kopytko	3	531
G.Severinson	3	684	B.E.Lawrence	1	595	N.Hutton	1	529
H.de Hey	1	683	-M.Ponimoni	18	594	-R.J.Woodford	3	528
I.D.Hayes	9	682	-D.Fairley	1	593	A.G.Bullock	2	527
-P.Roundill	5	678	-M.K.Morrison	7	591	D.Sloane	1	525
R.Weatherly	3	675	-P.B.Goffin	2	591	R.MacDonald	1	523
-G.E.Trundle	11	671	R.O.Purcell-	3	588	A.G.Webster	3	523
J.O.Bishop	9	670	-Wilkin	1	587	A.J.Wilson	1	519
			S.Seveinsen	2	584			

E.G.Saker	3	517	L.R.Prentice	3	477	G. Hartridge	1	426
W.Tuck	1	517	-D. Stracey	1	476	W.M. Boyen	2	425
N.A.Lindsley	1	516	K.Boom	1	474	F.Edwards	1	425
-L.Amies	1	515	L.Meredith	3	472	-M.Robb	2	423
-J.Evans	2	513	-G.Mears	4	468	G.Thompson	1	419
R.Mitchell	1	513	-J.A.McArthur	1	468	R.Thornburrow	4	403
D.Flude	1	510	B.Knuckley	1	462	F.R.Best	2	387
E.H.Vernon	2	510	J.Resetar	1	462	W.D.Broadfoot	1	386
E.Palmer	1	510	M.Livingston	2	462	-D.A.Burdett	8	342
I.Lawton	1	509	R.Wood	1	461	Mrs. Wieck	1	295
-Dr.Gardner	3	507	P.Rimington	2	460	? Rose	1	287
F.Lawrence	5	505	P.Anderson	1	459			
-A.J.Ratcliff	1	504	M.Spens Black	2	457			
R.H.Smith	2	500	C.Sitwell	1	456			
D.Severinsen	1	500	D.Esterman	2	455			
J.Bracegirdle	3	499	-G.Kerr	1	450			
A.C.Louden	2	494	-Beutner	1	445			
L.Dickie	1	494	M.P.Grieve	6	445			
J.Amies	1	491	A.McLay	2	445			
R.Perrott	6	489	Miss Donovan	1	442			
-I.P.Mitchell-	8	488	W. Hunsche	1	440			
Sharp	1	488	W.Thomsen	1	439			
W.K.Scott	1	488	G.Stacey	1	432			
-P.Tuck	1	484	Petre	1	432			
G.Dyson	1	482	P.Hurley	1	431			
-F.W.Boag	1	480	D.Green	1	429			

For further material  
concerning the N.Z.C.A.  
see page 79

#### THE BENKO OPENING by Roger Chapman

(Roger Chapman won the 1961 North Island Championship, ahead of Rodney Phillips and many other top New Zealand players. No doubt many readers will benefit from his article. Ed.)

1 P-KN3, after being held for many years in popular contempt, has suddenly come into the spotlight following its constant and successful adoption by Benko in the recent Candidates' Tournament at Curacao.

The move itself is not new; its first important appearance in master play was at Baden-Baden in 1925 where Peti experimented with it e.g. Reti-Semisich went 1 P-KN3-PK4; 2, PQ4-FXP; 3, QXP-NQB3; 4 QQR4-BB4; 5.BN2-KMK2; 6.NKB3-FQ3; 7.FB3-BQ2; 8.QB2-BB4; 9.PK4-BQ2; 10.QNQ2-QB1! with a fine game for Black.

Later in the same tournament, 1 PKN3 reappeared in the game Reti-Alekhine, which resulted in a crushing win for Alekhine, in one of his greatest brilliancies. It is generally overlooked, however, that Reti obtained a perfectly satisfactory position from the opening, only to go

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astray later on : 1, PKN3-Px4; 2, NKB/ (better than the move he played against Samisch - the idea is to get a sort of Alekhine's Defence in reverse), IK5; 3, NQ4-FQ4; 4, PQ3-PxP; 5, QxP-NKB3; 6, BN2-BN5ch; 7, BQ2-BxBch; 8, NxB-O-O; 9, PQB4-NR3; 10, PXP-NQN5; 11, QB4-QNxQP; 12, QNN3-PB3; 13, O-O-PK1; 14, KRQ1-BN5; 15, RQ2-QB1 with about even chances.

Nevertheless, the result of this game seems to have discouraged all the masters (even Peti) from further ventures in this direction. M.C.O. gives it one column : 1...PQ4; 2, BN2-NKB3; 3, PKB4-FB4; 4, NKB3-NB3; 5, PB3-FK3; 6, PQ3-QB2; 7, O-O-EK2; 8, QN2-PK4 - a sort of Bird's Opening leading to an even game which is rather an unambitious objective for the player of the white pieces

Thus, 1 P-KN3 remained almost completely unexplored in master chess until last year when it was used by Benko, perhaps because

(a) Its highly flexible nature is completely in line with current thought in the openings, exemplified by such systems as the Robatsch Defence 1...PKN3, which is still unrefuted, and is consistently used by Penrose and Alexander, though even Robatsch seems to have been coming unstuck with it lately (see Najdorf-Robatsch, January issue).

(b) In the previous Candidates in 1959, Benko had convincingly demonstrated that he was far behind his opponents in knowledge of opening theory.

In the 1962 Candidates then, an opening which had hitherto been considered to offer White no more than equality had surprisingly good results in Benko's hands :

	Fischer	Tal	Petrosian	Geller	Filip	Korchnoi	Keres
Benko v.	1½	1½	½0	½½	1	½	0

In addition, Korchnoi used it against Fischer in round 26, drawing in 41 moves. Total score 6½-5½.

Even more surprising in some ways is the fact that Benko scored 4½-1½ with it in the first eleven rounds, before his first loss as White, to Keres in round 13.

The outstanding feature of the opening is its flexibility - it can transpose into the English, Reti, Kings Indian Reversed, Sicilian, Catalan Dutch etc. as well as a number of independent lines, such as employed by Benko against Fischer and Tal.

Benko-Fischer (round 1) went : 1.PKN3-PKN3; 2.BN2-BN2; 3.PQ4-PQ3; 4.FK4-NKB3; NK2-O-O; 6.O-O-QN2. Because white has refrained from PQB4, ...FB4 would lose much of its point, white's centre being highly flexible. Still, the immediate 6...FK4 seems more to the point than the text.

7.QNB3 By omitting PQB4 altogether white gains a tempo as against the normal set up against the King's Indian (into which this has now otherwise transposed), and deprives Black of a target for his usual Q-side counter play.

7...FB3 8.PQR4

After P-QB4, this move would create a serious weakness at b4 - as it is, it simply threatens to gain space on the Q-wing by P-R5, and thus largely nullify the idea behind Black's opening, which Fischer unwisely allows.

8...FK4; 9.PR5-PXP; 10.NXF-MB4; 11.FB3-PK1; 12.PK1-KNQ2; 13.BK3-QB2; 14.FB4-White has a clear advantage; his position is solid, without the brittle centre usually associated with this set-up. Black's KB has no targets on the Q-side, and his prospects on the Q-side are practically nil. Benko went on to win well;

14...PQ1; 15.QQ2-PQ4; 16.FXPp.-PXP; 17.PQ4-NK3; 18.FN5-NK4; 19.BX1-BXBch; 20.QXB-PQB4; 21.QQ2-BN2; 22.QRQ1-PK3; 23.PK5!-BxB; 24.KXB-QN2ch; 25.NB2-RQ1; 26.FXP-NB3; 27.PXR-PXR; 28.QK3-KB2; 29.QB3-QN1; 30.NK4-NXBch; 31.QXN-RQ2; 32.QB6-QQ1; 33.KB3-KN2; 34.FM4-FK4; 35.FXP-PKB2ch; 36.KN2-QR5; 37.PKB1-PXR; 38.KXR-QXRPch; 39.QN2-QK6; 40.QK2-QKR6ch - here the game was adjourned but Black resigned without resuming.

Benko - Tal (round 3) diverged with :

8...FQR4. Preventing the strong PR5.

9. FN3!-PK1; 10.BQR3

With pressure on the QP; Black's problem, which in the outcome he fails to solve, is how to relieve this pressure, and get active play for his pieces, particularly to attack White's centre.

10...QB2; 11.QQ2-IX4; 12.QRQ1-PXP; 13.NXP-MB4; 14.FB3-PN3.

Creating a serious weakness at c6 - it is clear that Black has a lifeless game. In the sequel, White gradually increased his advantage in space and reduced Black to complete passivity. Tal gave up the exchange in desperation, but to no avail, and Benko forced resignation on move 41 - his first win against Tal after 4 losses and a draw.

In neither of these games, then, did the King's Indian formation give Black any grounds for confidence. However, Benko's idea in these games was to some extent anticipated in a game Pi-c-Milic, Belgrade 1954, which went :

1. NKB3-NKB3; 2.PKN3-FKN3; 3.BN2-BN2; 4.O-O-O; 5.PQ4-PQ3; 6.NB3-QN2; 7.PK4-PK4; 8.PK1-PXP; 9.NXP-PK1; 10.PKR3-MB4; 11.NN3-NK3; 12.SK3-PQR4; 13.FQR4 and since it was the last round of the tournament, a draw was agreed a few moves later. Instead of 11.NN3 however, 11.FQR4-PB3; 12.PR5 would have transposed into Benko-Fischer.

The only conclusion I would attempt to draw is that the King's Indian formation (which has it must be said, been getting a bit of a beating in recent tournaments) seems unsatisfactory for Black here because :

(a) White's omission of PQB4 makes his centre more secure, and his position more solid generally.

(b) He is there<sup>fore</sup> able to gain space on the Q-wing with PQR4 and thus deny Black his normal Q-side play - a manoeuvre he cannot normally afford.

(c) If Black plays the customary ...PQB3, his QP becomes weak, and his whole position is liable to become dangerously cramped and passive. This should be contrasted with the normal system for White (with PQB4), where Black can cover up the weakness of his QP by counter play on the Q-side, and against White's somewhat brittle centre.

Similarly, the Black KB is not allowed its usual scope on the long a1-h8 diagonal.

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Benko-Keres (round 13) is not important theoretically, since after 1.fK3-fK4; 2.fK4-NK3; 3.NQ3-NB3; 4.BN2-EB4; the game had transposed into a variation of the Vienna known to be fairly innocuous to Black - Keres won. In any case Benko need not have played 2.fK4, but could have, for example, transposed into the English (one of his favourites) with 2.fQB4.

Later, in the British Championship, the game Frankiin-Penrose followed a different pattern, Penrose countering with a Sicilian type formation;

1. fK3-fK3; 2.BN2-BN2; 3.fQ4-fQ3; 4.fK4-fQ3; 5.PXP-QR4ch; 6.BQ2-QxBP  
7.3 B3-NK3; 8.NK2-O-O; 9.O-O-NB3; 10.NQ2-PQ1; 11.NN3-N3; 12. NB4-PQR4.  
White could now have continued 13. BxN-PxB; 14. NQ5-QR2; when Penrose claims equality through the threats of ...PB4 and ...PR5, but this seems doubtful in view of White's command of b5 and d5, and the difficulty Black will have in successfully unravelling his Q-side.

It is of course, far too early to attempt to come to any conclusion about the merits or otherwise of the Benko Opening (if that is what it should be called), but the possibilities for White seem almost limitless, and we shall just have to wait and see how the experts overseas propose to deal with it.

## NEW ZEALAND CHESS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Quarterly Meeting held in the Otago Chess Club Rooms on Saturday 23rd March 1963 at 8 p.m.

Present : Dr. R.Garner (Chairman), R.Rasa, W.Petre, I.Hayes, L.Esterman and P.Glass.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence was read and received.

Annual Meeting The Secretary reported on the Annual Meeting held at Christchurch during Congress. A copy of the minutes had not yet been received.

Cardoso Visit : It was reported that Mr. Cardoso was still keen to tour New Zealand but he would notify the Association when he was available.

Application for Membership was received from the Cromwell Chess Club and accepted.

Joint Holders of N.Z.Championship Title : It was resolved that a letter received from Mr. A.W.Gyles be referred to the Rules Committee in Auckland.

Esterman/Rasa.

Dunedin Easter Open An application was received from the Otago Chess Club to hold an Open Tournament in Easter 1963. This was granted - the tourney to hold full New Zealand rating. Esterman/Glass.

Blackburn Cup A letter was received reporting a win to Palmerston North Scandia on a countback over Dannevirke - score 5 all.

Bledisloe Cup: ENTRIES FOR 1963 ARE TO BE CALLED.

N.Z.Schoolboys Championship : Applications are called for the holding of this event.

South Island Championship : Crowwell are appointed to run the 1963 tourney Rasa/Glass.

Auckland v. Sydney : A report was received from Auckland regarding their match with Sydney. Lost 2½ to 7½ and Schoolboys 1 to 5.

G.G.Haase' Trip to Australia : The Secretary was instructed to invite Mr. Haase to give a report of his trip.

Zone 10 Tourney : A letter was received from the Chess Federation of Indonesia stating that the next tournament would be held at Djakarta from Sept. 10th to October 10th 1963. The tourney would contain 8 players meeting each other twice and New Zealand are invited to send one player. Prizes to the first three placed and the Indonesian Ministry of Sports will pay living expenses (free accommodation and some pocket money) for each player while in Indonesia. Closing date for entries 10th July 1963.

Bulletin : It was resolved that a bulletin would not be sent to affiliates until the Chairman has seen Mr. Frankel in Wellington. (The meeting took place and a satisfactory agreement was concluded. Editor)

Best Game Prize N.Z. Congress : Moved that the two entries for the Best Game Prize be sent to Dr. N.Fulton, the donor, for judging.

Secretary : Mr. L.Esterman resigned from the position owing to his transfer. Resolved that the resignation be accepted and Mr. Esterman thanked for his services in the past. Gardner/Glass.

Mr. P.J.Glass was appointed Secretary. Esterman/retire.

Bank Authority : Resolved that Mr. P.J.Glass replace Mr. L.Esterman as a trustee to jointly operate the Post Office Savings Bank and Bank of New Zealand accounts. Gardner/Esterman.

## NEW ZEALAND CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION

### N.Z.C.C.A. PLAYING CANADIAN C.C.A.

Early last year Mr. J.F.Cleeve, Secretary of the Canadian Correspondence Chess Association wrote his New Zealand counterpart and suggested a match at about twenty boards. His plan was that the 20 should comprise players of four grades of strength. The N.Z.C.C.A. accepted the match on this basis, and after both teams had been organised, play officially began on 1st October 1962. Games uncompleted at 30th September 1964 are to be adjudicated. The pairings are as follows, N.Z. names first :

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| 1 - O.Sarapu, Auckland          | v. | F.J.Yernool, Saskatchewan      |
| 2 - D.I.Lynch, Hastings         |    | R.A.Cayford, Montreal          |
| 3 - C.Evans, Te Awamutu         |    | A.Talavs, Victoria B.C.        |
| 4 - A.L.Fletcher, Auckland      |    | J.F.Cleeve, Fernie B.C.        |
| 5 - A.N.Hignett, Auckland       |    | M.Edwig, Calgary, Alberta      |
| 6 - Dr. E.N.H.Fulton, Ashburton |    | O.M.MacConnell, Montreal       |
| 7 - F.P.Sneiling, Whakatane     |    | A.Sproson, South Burnaby, B.C. |
| 8 - W.H.Dick, Orotiki           |    | J.E.Bourdon, Montreal          |
| 9 - A.C.Gagen, Cambridge        |    | A.M.Fraser, Stella-ton, N.S.   |
| 10 - W.A. Donald, Auckland      |    | G.D.Stank, Montreal            |

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14. W.A.Tabb, Auckland		W.J.Powe, Regina, Saskatchewan
15 R.W.Kitchingman, Paumati Beach		P.R. DeGruchy, Pointe Claire
16 E.V.Stack, Palmerston North		J.T.Carson, Sarnia, Ontario
17 Victor Goodier, Lower Hutt		A.Hopkins, Toronto
18 T.A.McDonald, Martinborough		K.D.Wilson, Montreal
19 B.F.Barnard, Tuakau		J.J.Miccol, Toronto
20 D.G.Brunt, Henderson		C.S.Wellish, Halifax A.S.
21 -J.H.McArthur, Auckland		O.C.Cooke, Camp Borden, Ont.
22 -Mrs. E.M.Trendle, Wellington		S.F.Davies, Burnaby, B.C.

Two games are in progress at each board. No results have yet been notified to the New Zealand Captain, A.L.Fletcher, at top board, O.Savage has won a piece in his Black game.

From 1953-5 a similar match was conducted between New Zealand and Canada at 50 boards. This match was never completed owing mainly to Canadian defections.

#### N.Z. Correspondence Chess Association - Season 1963/4 - Draw

##### 30th N.Z. Correspondence Chess Championship -

1. J.Liiksen, Wellington; 2.-D.J.Cooper, Auckland; 3.J.A.Cunningham, Dunedin; 4. L.J.Kiley, Wanganui; 5.-A.H.Hignett, Auckland; 6.-B.L.Howard, Auckland; 7.-D.R.Walker, Wanganui; 8.-Z.Frankel, Wellington; 9. P.J.Brown Onehunga; 10. A.J.McDermott, Dunedin; 11. Neil Smith, Upper Hutt; 12. P.A.Court, Wellington.

##### Trophy Tourney 1B - Reserve Championship

1.-W.A.Donald, Auckland; 2. J.T.Porter, Waikuru; 3. A.C.Cagen, Cambridge; 4. E.W.Eutchings, Waikanae; 5.-C.C.Saunders, New Plymouth; 6. R.W.Park, Auckland; 7. W.H.Dick, Orotiki; 8. Edwin Fuglistaller, Hawera; 9. W.E.E.Creamer, Papakura.

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1. A.C.Kuit, Manurewa, Auck.; 2. R.W.Kitchingman, Paumati Beach; 3. R.T.Baker, Nelson; 4.-G.R. ter Horst, Wellington; 5. A.van Luckevort, Whakatane; 6.-O.N.Thomson, Wellington; 7. W.J.Tabb, Auckland; 8. J.O.Bishop, Morrinsville.

##### Trophy Tourney 2

1. J.C.Taylor, Wellington; 2.-L.G.Slater, Auckland; 3. E.V.Stack, Palmerston North; 4.-P.W.Boag, Ashburton; 5. D.I.Flude, Wellington; 6. H.W.Wilkins, Wellington. 7. R.W.Perrott, Havelock North; 8. Victor Goodier, Lower Hutt; 9.-L.S.Amies, Dunedin.

Trophy Tourney 3

1. I.R. Mitchell, Auckland; 2. R.L. Mills, Tauanga; 3. W.H. Hopkins, Palmerston North; 4. B.W. Barnett, Auckland; 5. D.S. Moulin, Christchurch; 6. J.N. Pudd, Auckland; 7. Michael Browne, Christchurch; 8. E.J. Jackson, Auckland; 9. A.C. Loudon, Hastings; 10. B. Hart, Auckland; 11. D.G. Brunt, Auckland; 12. J. Pivac, Auckland.

Trophy Tourney no. 4A

1. L.S. Taylor, Auckland; 2. R.F. Patterson, Dunedin; 3. E.O. Blazek, Upper Hutt; 4. R.T. Ball, Wellington; 5. A.C. Barrington, Upper Moutere; 6. H.O. Hensman, Queenstown; 7. Roland Metge, Auckland; 8. I.L. Meredith, Gisborne; 9. J.H. MacArthur, Auckland; 10. J.A. Beach, Hastings; 11. M.D. Campbell, Dunedin.

Trophy Tourney 4B

1. G.W. Napier, Porirua; 2. G.H. Turner, Auckland; 3. John Jenkins, Wellington; 4. Roger Lindley, Hawera; 5. D.L. McGregor-MacDonald, Havelock North; 6. Rev. P.H. Robinson, Stokes Valley Wgtn.; 7. V. Sorensen, Auckland; 8. W.J. Henderson, Waiapu.

Trophy Tourney 5A

1. E.E. Pryor, Auckland; 2. H.J.H. Irvine, Auckland; 3. Dr. W.A. Johnston, Tai Tapu, Canterbury; 4. Paul Bennett, Wellington; 5. D. Drake, Upper Hutt; 6. W.R. Dobson, Christchurch; 7. F.G. Basham, Wellington; 8. P.W. Ellis, New Plymouth.

Trophy Tourney 5B

1. T.F. Dwyer, Lower Hutt; 2. D.H. Price, Wanganui; 3. D.G. Smith, Wellington; 4. R.S. Robins, K. Canterbury; 5. Robert Dockerty, Hamilton; 6. Mrs. Hedwig Wieck, Auckland; 7. J.F. Muller, Nth. Auckland; 8. D.G. Young, Te Awamutu.

Odd numbers have the move against greater odds and lesser evens.

Even numbers have the move against greater evens and lesser odds.

Examples : No. 7 has White versus 9, 11, 13, 2, 4, 6.

No. 6 has White against 8, 10, 12, 1, 3, 5,

Tourney begins 1st March 1963. Play ceases 31st March 1964.

Time Limit : 72 hours (see Rules).

D.G. Brunt, TT Director,  
7 Awaroa Road, Henderson, Auckland.

BE SURE TO STUDY THE NEW PLAYING RULES!

M.B. Mr. Len Kiley has relinquished his position as N.Z.C.C.A. Handicap Tournaments Director. The new Handicap Director is Mr. C. Huygens, 84 Tilahi St. Nelson South (April 1963).

Mr. Huygens has asked us to print that Mr. W. Hopkins withdrew from the Handicap Tournament.

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### PROBLEM SOLVING COMPETITION

We restate the conditions of this competition because our explanatory notes in the January issue were not quite clear to some of our subscribers.

The conditions are as follows:

- 1) We will publish a problem and a study or two problems in every issue.
- 2) The best solver of these two problems (or problem and study) will receive a BOOK PRIZE. The book will be specified every month.
- 3) By "best solver" we mean the competitor providing the correct solution, or better solutions than the rest of the competitors. A "solution" in turn means not only giving the key move but the full solution with any important sidelines. This can be done by showing the actual moves and/or giving suitable descriptive notes. Mr. G. Severinsen's descriptive notes to the endgame study in the January issue provide a good example of what we mean. (See below)
- 4) Apart from the monthly competition we will run a ladder which will close December 1963. Every solver, whether winning a book prize in the given month or not, will have a place on the ladder according to the number of points scored.
- 5) Scoring of points will depend on the accuracy and quality of the solutions. If a solution submitted happens to be unfinished or contains inaccuracies, proportional points will be awarded.

#### Solutions to Problem no.1 and Endgame no.1 (January issue)

We have announced last month that the winner is Mr. Gilbert Severinsen of Takapau Hawkes Bay. Here are his solutions.

PROBLEM: 1. Q-QN2, K-Q2 only move; 2. Q-K5; if K-B1 then 3. Q-B7 mate, if 2...K-B3; 3.Q-Q5 mate.

Mr. Severinsen writes "Pather easy, I thought, for a three mover." We agree, but it is very economical and neat. Surprisingly enough some of our subscribers thought that the problem is "incapable of solution".

ENDGAME STUDY: 1. R-Q8 the only move to save both Bishops and the only move to try for a win. 1...R-R7 a good try to save the game - nothing better.  
2. BxP forced to prevent Black queening with a win. 2...R-B5ch neither Rook or Bishop could be taken without a loss.  
3. K-K3 indirectly protecting (B or R4). 3...R-R5 both Bishops again in danger.  
4. B-QN3 once again protecting indirectly (B on R4). 4...R-N5 now something must fall. Not 4...R-R6; 5.R-Q4ch, K any; 6.R-N4.  
5. R-Q4ch, RxR only move.  
6. B-K7, Resigns. So it is the Bishops that live to win the day. What a beautiful game! The Rook must fall. I take it that you will not require the balance of the moves to actual mate, such as 6...R-KB5; 7.B-K6ch-K-N6; 8.B-Q6 and the Rook falls followed by an easy mate.

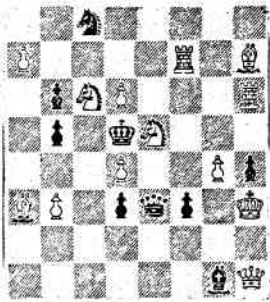
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This month's prize is: "The Art of Checkmate" by Georges Renaud and Victor Kahn, a brilliant study of mating patterns

**Problem no.2 (three points)**

White to play and mate in two.

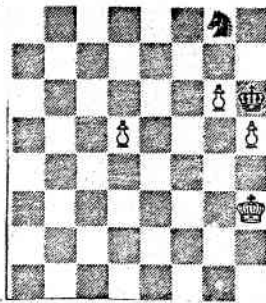
H.L.Musante, First Prize, American Chess Bulletin 1961.



**Endgame no.2 (six points)**

J.Baw. White to play and win.

First Prize. Hungarian Composing Tourney.



Entries close 1st June

**NEWS FROM CLUBS AND LEAGUES**

North Island Championship will be conducted by the Rotorua Chess Club during the May school holidays and will be held at the Rotorua Boys' High School under ideal conditions. The entry fee is £1.1.0. per player payable to Mrs. M.A.Spens-Black, 67 Tarewa Rd., Rotorua. Competitors must make their own arrangements for accommodation. A list of hotels and prices will be supplied by Mrs. Spens-Black. A special circular was apparently sent to Clubs in September last year in which the closing date for entries was given as March 31st 1963. However we understand that late entries are still accepted. Prospective competitors should endeavour to post them promptly. The entry should contain the ranking of the player in his club or grade in which normally competing.

AUCKLAND: Congress 1963-64 will be held at Auckland under the sponsorship of the Auckland Chess League - Secretary, L.S.Taylor, 22 Court Crescent, Panmure, Auckland E.2. It is proposed to hold the Congress for a period of 11 days with one round per day not including Sundays. Opening day, Friday 27th December with the last round and Prize Giving on Wednesday 8th January. Players Meeting at 10am Friday 27th December; Official Opening 2.0pm; First Round 2.30pm. Will all intending players write immediately to the Secretary expressing opinions on this new programme.

Dominion Road Chess Club

The 1963 Annual Report provides interesting news. The Club membership is 54, a slight increase over last year. Also the financial position of the Club is not bad. Excess of income over expenditure in the current and property fund accounts was about £76 for the year. The Club's assets are valued at over £600. Although financially this Club cannot be compared with the Canterbury Club, it certainly seems to take first

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place among New Zealand clubs in respect of playing activity and strength. The following is an extract from the Club's Report, concerning competitions.

"Competitions" The Club Championship was annexed once more by Ortwin Sarapu with Alan Fletcher taking a well-earned second place. Tom Phillips won the second section, while Tom Putt showed the continuing improvement in his form to finish second. The Tuesday Swiss, which drew a disappointingly small entry, was won easily by Dave Cooper. Fourteen year old Richard Taylor, one of our most promising juniors, won the Prescribed Openings Tournament ahead of Dave Cooper. Another extremely promising schoolboy, Glen Turner won the "A" section of the Friday Round Robin with a clean score. The "B" section was also won by a schoolboy with a clean score, the victor being Jack Mackinder. The Committee this year tried an experiment, running a speed tournament in which all moves had to be made in 30 minutes. The rounds were played each night. Unfortunately the tournament bogged down just before the end and Dave Cooper, who had already built up an unassailable lead, was declared the winner. The perpetual tourney went to Don Burdett.

Summer Cup 1963 Section A 1st J.R. Phillips; Section B 1st equal R. Wilkins and G. Turner; Section C 1st C. Utting.

Outside Competitions As we have come to expect, a number of our members distinguished themselves in outside competitions. Particularly noteworthy here is the sharing of the N.Z. title by Ortwin Sarapu and Richard Sutton, with Chris Evans an excellent fourth in his first attempt. It is worth noting that the Club has supplied the New Zealand Champion for every year since 1955 with the exception of 1962. (Ortwin Sarapu took the title for 1960, 1961 and 1963; Rodney Phillips for 1957 and 1958; Fred Foulds for 1956 and 1959; Barry Menzies for 1959 and Richard Sutton for 1963.)

Another tournament over which we seem to have established a complete hegemony is the N.Z. Schoolboys' which has also been won every year since 1955 bar one by a Club member. This year Chris Evans successfully defended his title. Glen Turner and Richard Taylor were first and second in the Auckland Metropolitan Schoolboys.

Club members also made clean sweeps of the Auckland title (won by Richard Sutton with Rodney Phillips and Ortwin Sarapu equal second) and South Auckland title (won by Ortwin Sarapu followed by Brian Douglas with Rodney Phillips and Chris Evans equal third.)

Another notable performance was Jack Arbuthnott's third place in the N.Z. Championship Reserves.

Team Matches This year we entered two teams in the Auckland League Teams Tournament. Our "A" grade team won the tourney by decisively beating University in the Key match. The "B" grade team finished low in its section after performing rather erratically.

Instruction Nights During the year a series of eight instruction nights was given by Ortwin Sarapu, Rodney Phillips, Fred Foulds and Brian Douglas. Attendances were poor on the whole and few non-club members attended."

Papatoetoe Chess Club The following officers were elected at the Annual Meeting held in March; Patron, Mr. C.J.Mahon; President, Mr. C.G.Gentil; Vice-President, Mr.J.Temple; Club Captain, Mr. W.R.Donald; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. R.V.Closey 63 Hillside Rd.Papatoetoe; Committee, Messrs. T.F.Smith, G.Hodge, E.Idoine, G.A.Clark and D.Fairley.

DUNEDIN Otago Chess Club : At the Otago Chess Club's Annual Meeting, the following were elected to office: Patron, Mr. G.D.Wright; President, Mr. R.Cooper; Past President, Mr.R.Rasa; Senior Vice-President Mr. R.Lockhart; Junior Vice-President, Mr.J.Harraway; Secretary, M.R.Foord 39 Park St. Dunedin; Treasurer, R.J.Glass. Committee, L.Hellyer, G.Haase, L.Amies, M.Robb, and W.Petre.

The Club's Annual Report shows that its finances are in a fairly healthy state. The membership of the Club is 63. We have already published the results of the various club competitions. Several members of the Club had considerable success in outside competitions. The most notable ones were L.Esterman, fifth in the N.Z.Championship 1962-63 and first in the South Island Championship 1962; G.Haase, second in South Island Championship 1962; Dr. Gardner, first in the S.Island B grade 1962; M.Robb, and R.Smith, first and second respectively in the Otago/Southland Schoolboys' Tournament. M.Robb, second in the Waikato Schoolboys' Championship. In the remainder of the report we find that Club members have visited the Cromwell Club to assist in the foundation of this new Club. Friendly matches were won against the Invercargill and Cromwell Clubs when these visited Dunedin to attend a "country weekend".

Coaching classes were held during the winter and Graham Haase coached schoolboys during specially organised "Schoolboys' Nights".

A feature somewhat unknown in most clubs and certainly a useful one appears to be the "Athenaeum Cup" competition. The following is an extract from the Report concerning this. "This Cup which may be held for one month by the member with the greatest increase in ladder points, no player to win it twice in one season, was won by the following : Apr., P.Collins; May, M.Robb; June, G.Bates; July, J.Harraway; Aug. M.Foord; Sept., L.Esterman; Oct., G.Kerr; Nov., L.Wall; Dec., R.Cooper; Feb. L.Amies."

All these activities testify to the vitality of the Club. We are told, and could have well gathered so that not a small part of this success is due to the Club's very able and active Secretary, Michael Foord.

Other past officers of the Club, some of them known to us as great enthusiasts of the game and able administrators were : Patron, Mr.G.D.Wright; President, Mr. R.A.Rasa; Past President, Mr. G.G.Haase; Senior Vice-President, Mr. R.Cooper; Junior Vice-President, Mr. J.Lockhart; Hon.Treasurer, Mr. R.J.Glass; Hon.Auditor, Mr. J.F.Lang; Hon. Solicitor, Mr.W.Lang; Committee, Messrs. J.R.Anderson, I.Hayes, J.Harraway, L.Hellyer, and W.Petre.

WAIKATO CHESS LEAGUE The Waikato League's Annual Queen's Birthday Tournament will be held in the Te Awamutu Club's Rooms, Sloan St. Te Awamutu, on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 1st 2nd and 3rd June 1963, commencing at 9am. Entries are invited and will close with the undersigned at 5pm Thursday, May 30th 1963. Entry fee of 15/- may be paid at the Tournament.

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No post entries will be received after 30th May. Players requiring accommodation please write to Dr.W.Reindler, Sloane St. Te Awamutu. This tournament will be a six round Swiss. Sec. W.A.Palmer, Hon. Sec., Waikato Chess League, 123 Pembroke St., Hamilton, Phone.40-527.

INVERCARGILL CHESS CLUB Rooms Red Cross Building, Cor. Forth and Clyde Sts. Thursday nights. Annual General Meeting on 7/3/1963, The Club had a very prosperous year. New membership was up to 29 last year, organisation of a successful South Island Tournament, and acquisition of 15 new sets and boards are among the achievements.

Officers 1963: President, N.Poole; Vice-President, R.Wood; Club Captain, A.McCall; Sec.Treas. B.Knuckey, 8 Morton St. Ingl.; Committee, M.J.Skerret E.Nixon, C.Gray, R.Pimington, W.Jackson; Auditor, F.Walker.

Opening Night was held on 14-3-63. A simultaneous display by T.Van Dijk resulted in 16 wins and one loss, no draws. The winner was A.H.Hartley, winner of the Handicap Trophy last year.

PALMERSTON NORTH Results of the Palmerston North Scandia Chess Club versus Dannevirke Chess Club for the Blackburn Cup 1962. P.N.Scandia names first. Board 1, A.Wassilieff R.L.Roundill  $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Bd.2, F.Weil F.G.McKean 1-0; Bd.3, B.Watkins S.Severinsen 1-0; Bd.4, K.Humphries G.N.Thorby 0-1; Bd.5, E.Staak K.G.Reeve  $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Bd.6, H.Christensen J.Williams 0-1; Bd.7, E.Koptyko E.H.Menzies 0-1; Bd.8, F.Gatley F.W.Edwards 1-0; Bd.9, I.Whitson G.Botsoverky 0-1; Bd.10, A.Crews J.S.Phillips 1-0. Total score 5-5. Palmerston North Scandia won by count back (29-26).

CHRISTCHURCH The 35-35 Round Robin Summer Tournament was won by P.Clarke. The Club Competitions have begun and in the first round a surprise was A.Kyran's win against P.Clarke.

WHAKATANE AND EDGECLUMBE Mr. Van Enckevoort has communicated to us a news item which we print with pleasure.

"It may interest you that Whakatane has now a Chess Club. This is its second year. The membership has reached a figure of fifteen. Club nights are on Thursday at the Red Cross Rooms. Any travelling chess player is welcome. The Club's Secretary is Mr.J.Lees, the chemist at Whakatane.

After a lapse of two years, the Edgecumbe Chess Club is again active, mainly as a result of the efforts of F.Snelling. Membership is ten and it is hoped that several players from Kawerau will join. The Club meets on Monday evenings at the Edgecumbe College. The address of the Secretary is Mr. F.Snelling, R.D.2, Whakatane."

WELLINGTON Wellington League Eight teams are competing in the A grade Team Competitions. They are: Victoria University, Working Men's Club, Wellington Black, Wellington White, Hungaria, Statistics, Upper Hutt and Lower Hutt. The B grade teams are: Upper Hutt, Wellington, Victoria, Lower Hutt, Hungaria, Working Men's, Civic no.1 and no.2. Matches are played on four boards. The Director of Play is W.A.Poole, 26 Kelburn Parade, Wgtn.

Dr. P. Allerhand former New Zealand Champion is competing again in this year's Wellington Club Competitions. He plays in the Championship Reserve Tournament although he would be a strong contender for the title in the actual Club Championship.

Wellington Club Annual Meeting An Amusing Affair This took place on 7th April. About 25 members gathered in time (8pm) in front of the Club Rooms. No one had a key to get in. John Eriksen volunteered to drive Ted Frost to his home (about three miles away) to find one. They went and in the meantime a member of the Club found a way to break in. It was decided to start the meeting. The Secretary, Rev. A. B. Miller reported that he had left the minute-book with the Auditor and it was decided not to confirm the minutes of the last annual meeting. The Treasurer, Mr. Woodford, had not arrived with the accounts. It was however decided to proceed with the meeting regardless.

In the meantime, the Treasurer turned up with the accounts and John Eriksen and Ted Frost arrived to find the meeting in full swing. The President, Mr. Poole, presenting his annual report, mentioned that it would have to be a short one because he had not known that the annual meeting was due until that afternoon.

In spite of all this, the reports of the officers have shown a satisfactory state of finance, club competitions and general administrative matters. We regret that we have at the moment no full list of officers elected and cannot publish therefore.

This amusing affair is not a reflection on the abilities of the Club officers. It merely shows that things in this Club are done informally. It is one of the most efficient Clubs in New Zealand.

P.S. Undermining the foundations of the country There was a motion that no tea should be served in the Club because it interfered with games. It was lost by 12 votes to 13. Long live our way of life!

#### MAROCZY BIND GETS PETROSYAN COUNTER-TREATMENT

White: F. Yerhoff Black: O. Sarapu Played at the top board of the N.Z.-Canada Correspondence Match reported earlier. F. Yerhoff is Correspondence Chess Champion of Canada. Notes by O. Sarapu  
1. Pk4-PQ4; 2. NKB3-NQB3; 3. PQ4-PxP; 4. NxP-PKN3; 5. PQB4 (The Maroczy variation, it is to stop Black's PQ4 for ever. Beside this there are other variations worked out against this variation once so strong against the Sicilian.) 5...NKB3; 6. NQB3-NxN; (Petrosyan played this against Keres at Curacao and got that much talked about position when he agreed to draw. Fischer claimed that Petrosyan had a winning position when the draw was agreed.) 7. QxN-PQ3; 8. PK5? (Keres continued 8. PB5-BN2; 9. BN5ch-BQ2; 10. PxP-O-O! etc.) 8...PxP; 9. QxKP-BN2; 10. NQ5 (white continues with his plan, but the attack is premature and only helps Black.) 10...O-O!; 11. NxPch-KK1; 12. BN5-NN1! (This retreat is actually an attack and White must lose a piece.) 13. QK2-PB3; 14. Nxfch-PxN; 15. BK3-PK1. (The game is not yet finished and it seems almost a certain win for Sarapu. Ed)