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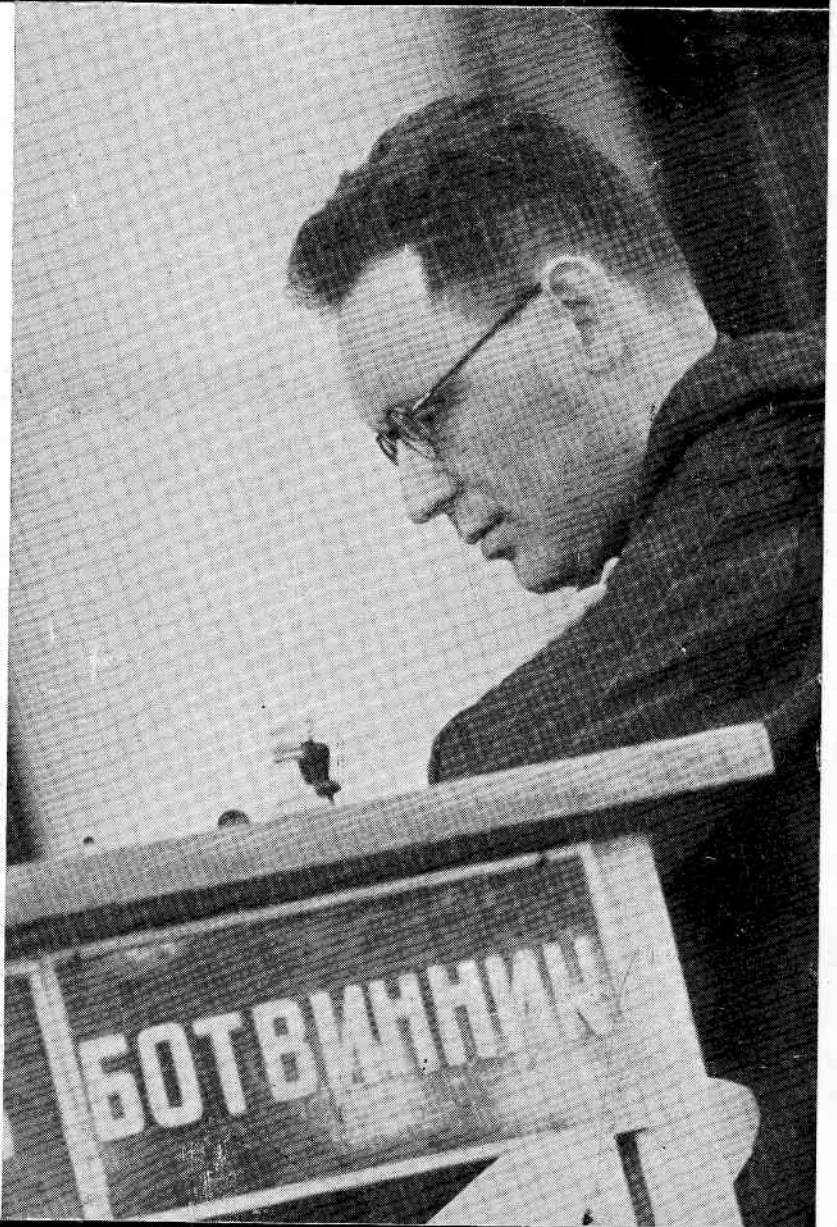
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READERS' VIEWS

BAEYERTZ—KWOK GAME

Sir,—Re game No. 162 Bayertz v Kwok, note to move 9. I have failed to see the point in your note, it appears to me that 9 N x KP wins at least a pawn without incurring any disadvantage. Perhaps I have missed something here.—Yours, etc., R. J. Calthart, Christchurch.

(The reason for stating that Black comes out best was that after 9 N x P, P x N; 10 Q x B, N—B3; White's development is so bad on the Queen's side. He can win pawns, but Black is developing all the time and if he can keep his Bishop on the long diagonal and get R—KB1, the attack on the KB pawn is deadly, especially if N x KP is played and the Knight also brought to bear on the KBP allowing N x KBP in some variations. Admittedly, White wins material, but it is by use of the Queen alone. There are so many lines of play that it would take too much space to analyse.—H. D. Addis).

AN APPRECIATION

Sir,—I would like to congratulate you on the publication of the "N.Z. Chessplayer." It is an excellent magazine and gives me many an hour of pleasure in playing over the games and solving the problems. I am always eagerly looking forward to the next issue. I enclose a couple of my own problems, recently composed, in the hope that you may find room for them in one or other of your issues.—Yours, etc., L. Pleasants, Napier.

(We are very grateful for your appreciation and the problems are first class. They will certainly go in. We will be glad if other readers will follow your lead.—Ed.).

BETTER AND BETTER

Sir,—The Purdy travelling set has given every satisfaction to my friend and I think it is a bargain at the price. I have three volumes of the old "Chessplayer's Chronicle" (edited by Howard Staunton), Vol. 6, 8 and 9 for 1846, '48 and '49, and it is great fun comparing them with the games of the present day. I am delighted with the "N.Z. Chessplayer," it improves with every copy and I am very pleased that you will be publishing every two months. Could you tell me if chess clocks are procurable in New Zealand and I would be obliged if you could put me in the way of procuring a copy of the F.I.D.E. rules.—Yours, etc., E. A. Le Petit, Invercargill.

(Chess clocks are not obtainable in this country and it will be some time before any are imported. The F.I.D.E. rules are in the course of revision and no doubt copies will be available when revision is completed. The N.Z. C.A. may be able to help.—Ed.)

THAT ADJUDICATION

Sir,—I read with interest the letter in your Winter, 1948, copy of the "N.Z. Chessplayer" concerning the adjudication of a game between R. G. Wade

and A. E. Nield. It appears to bring out the doubt that is in the minds of many chess players as to the basis of adjudication. I am only a beginner in match play, but on occasions where adjudication has been necessary different adjudicators have used different bases in deciding whether a game is a draw or a win. Some adjudicators seem to claim that in order for a player to be awarded a win on adjudication it is necessary for the winning play to be demonstrated either by the player who claims a win or by the adjudicator. Others make similar claims to that made by A. E. Nield in his letter to you, that if one player has a superiority of position he may be awarded a win. Perhaps you could enlighten a beginner in this direction. I should say that there is some ruling set down by a responsible Chess authority.

Re your feature "Mate in ? Moves": Is there anything wrong with a mate in one for Black in No. 1 problem by making the move N(R7)—KB6?—Yours, etc., Alan Graham, Auckland.

(The adjudication question is discussed elsewhere in this issue. Regarding No. 1 in "Mate in ? Moves," remove the white Knight from QB2. Somebody put it there when we were not looking. Diagram mistakes are quite common in chess publications, a tremendous amount of checking and rechecking being necessary to eliminate them. As this is our first error since we commenced publication, no doubt we will be forgiven.—Ed.).

Sir,—The N.Z. Association's Bulletin No. 7 which has been sent out to the affiliated clubs, still fails to make clear my position in the matter of the Wellington-Auckland adjudication complaint, although I had advised the Association of the circumstances. Naturally, I would never have given my opinion on the position had I known that it had already been adjudicated by the authorised adjudicators. Therefore, in any discussion of the matter it should be made clear that I did not know this.—Yours, etc. C. J. S. Purdy, Sydney.

Sir,—In your Winter, 1948, issue you published a letter from Mr. A. E. Nield with reference to his game in the Auckland versus Wellington telegraphic match which was adjudicated a draw by Mr. Darwin and myself. We regret that Mr. Nield saw fit to take the action of referring the game to Mr. Purdy, and this without apparently making it clear that the game had already been adjudicated. I still consider that our decision was fair. There are no specific rules laid down for adjudications and the general policy is left entirely to the adjudicators concerned. We appreciate that Mr. Purdy, in accordance with his policy of placing the onus on the weaker side to prove a draw, would in this instance be justified in adjudicating a win for black. We however, work on the general policy that where there is any doubt the benefit of that doubt must go to the weaker side. I do not propose to discourse on the

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respective merits of these points of view, but would simply point out that in the game under consideration we spent a considerable amount of time—some hours in fact—endeavouring to prove a win for Black. At the end of this time we were still doubtful, and therefore in accordance with our stated policy awarded a draw.—H. R. Abbott, Christchurch.

Sir,—Having been drawn quite unwittingly into the controversy over the Wade-Neild adjudication, I feel that I am entitled to make some remarks in amplification of my verdict on the position.

I understand that my friend Roy Abbott claims that both verdicts are justifiable, having regard to the fact that adjudicators may follow different policies. That is true, but it is only fair to add that I was following the orthodox policy, and the Christchurch Board an unorthodox policy.

It is an almost universally accepted convention among adjudicators that where one side is a pawn up without obvious compensation, the normal policy is reversed, i.e., instead of presuming the position a draw until a win seems demonstrable or virtually demonstrable, you presume a win unless a draw is demonstrable or virtually demonstrable.

Roy Abbott repudiates this policy, and he is quite correct in claiming that he is entitled to do so, in the absence of definite rules for the guidance of adjudicators.

However, this creates a very piquant position. It means that if Auckland and Wellington, say, have a very close match, the result may absolutely depend on whether the adjudications are entrusted to Dunedin or Christchurch.—Yours, etc., C. J. S. Purdy, Sydney.

MATE IN ? MOVES

Sir,—Let me first of all compliment you on your new article "Mate in ? Moves" and as evidence of my interest I put forward the following moves for your speculation: In No. 1, instead of 1 Q x N ch; 2 K x Q, R—N7 ch; 3 K—K1, N(4)—B6 mate; try 1 N(7)—B6. And in No. 5, instead of 1 Q—R5, N—B3; etc., what are the implications of 1 Q—R5, B—B3?—Yours, etc., G. L. Calnan, Auckland.

(The first question is answered above but we are afraid we have no alibi for the second. Which only goes to show that even we can make mistakes. We are unhorsed.—Ed.)

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AROUND THE N.Z. CLUBS

AUCKLAND

The club championship was played in two sections this year and the players to go forward to the finals were: Section 1, A. E. Nield and C. P. Belton; Section 2, C. B. Newick and K. R. Gillmore. These four players took part in a double round final which resulted in A. E. Nield securing the title with 4½ points, C. B. Newick being second with 4, followed by K. R. Gillmore 3 and C. P. Belton ½ (two games defaulted). The minor level tournament was won by H. M. Bagnall, 10 points, with Mrs. J. Sayers, 9 points, second.

A consolation tournament, run under the Swiss system, drew 14 entries and was won by R. W. Park with 4 points out of 5.

Three teams were entered in the Auckland Chess League competition and the first grade team retained the Eades Cup by winning four matches and drawing one (with Dominion Road A). In the second grade, which was played in two sections, the A team won all its matches and has to play off with Watersiders, winners of the other section.

INVERCARGILL

The Invercargill club was to go into recess about the end of October. A tournament run during the winter months resulted in a tie between Dr. Ramsay and Mrs. Fred Walker, who will play off for the first prize.

CANTERBURY

The Annual Report of the Canterbury Chess Club is to hand and the position on the whole seems to be a very satisfactory one. The membership is now 83, of which 46 are ordinary members. Outside of these, the largest individual groups are schoolboys 18, and life members 9. An effort is to be made to increase the ordinary membership and put the club on a sounder footing.

Somewhere about 50 secondary schoolboys took part in a tournament which resulted as follows: Seniors, D. C. M. Manson, West Christchurch D.H.S.; Grade 2, R. Wynyard, West Christchurch D.H.S.; and J. Crosbie equal 1st; Grade 3, R. Bowley 1st. Girls, Miss P. Tobin, 1st. If this tournament becomes an annual event, as is hoped, it should do much to foster chess in Canterbury.

The usual club tournaments were completed with the following results: Senior championship, W. M. Stewart 1, L. J. Darwin 2, W. E. Moore 3; Intermediate, C. P. Collins 1, Miss A. Wellard-King 2;

Junior, G. Gant 1, J. O'Reilly 2; Drummond Cup, S. Hollander 16, D. Manson and R. Burns 15 each; Hollander Rook and Silver Knight, Miss A. Wellard-King. The Improvers' Cup, a trophy donated by Mr. A. E. Hadler, was awarded to J. Crosbie. The Duff Trophy, an award for the player winning the greatest number of games during the year went to S. Hollander with 109 wins. The Hart Memorial was very closely contested and by the last month R. Burns, F. Newsome, D. C. M. Manson and S. Hollander all had two points each. S. Hollander was the winner, the others being runners-up.

OBITUARY

Mr. A. J. Stephens

It is with the deepest regret that the Remuera Chess Club announces the death of its Vice-President, Mr. A. J. Stephens. Mr. Stephens was the first Vice-President of the club, which was formed a little over two years ago, and was a very keen member. He played for the club's A team in the League inter-club competitions and had the distinction of never having lost a game in these matches. He was many years ago a member of the Canterbury Chess Club. To Mrs. Stephens we extend our sincere sympathy in her sad loss.

DOMINION ROAD

The club championship resulted: F. G. McSherry, A. W. Glen 6, A. L. Given 5½, H. H. Douglas, W. J. Tabb, W. B. Catton 4, W. Lee 3½, A. G. Rowland 2½, D. E. Miller ½. Glen was awarded the title on the Sonneborn-Berger. The Douglas Cup (handicap) five Swiss rounds, went to 16-year-old J. Bailey with a clean score of 5 points.

NEW F.I.D.E. RULES

The draft of the new F.I.D.E. rules will probably be published in "Chess" at an early date so that players the world over may have an opportunity to scrutinize them.

NETHERLANDS CHAMPION

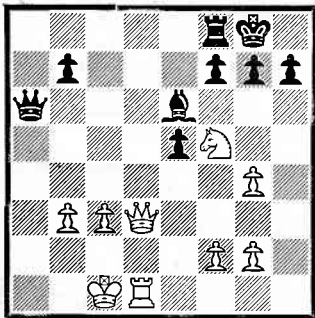
Euwe retained his Dutch title in a match with Van Scheltinga which he won 5½-2½. Dr. Euwe has held this title continuously for 21 years.

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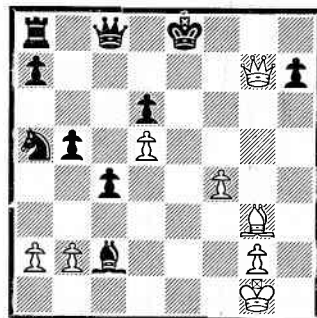
Announce the Mate!

This page is designed to assist the inexperienced player in exercising his ability to recognise a mating position when it arises. The positions are all taken from master games and the correct moves will be found on page 11. Try to find the mate before looking at the answers. NOTE that the reader plays from the bottom of the board in each case.



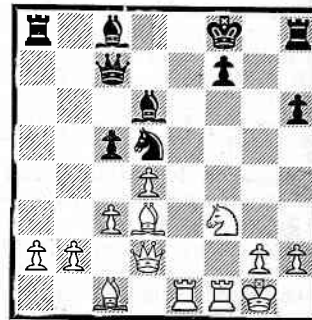
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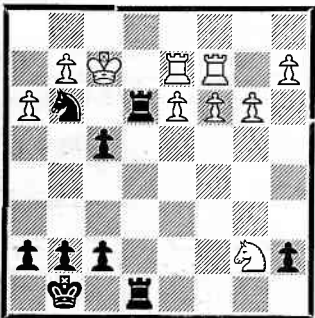
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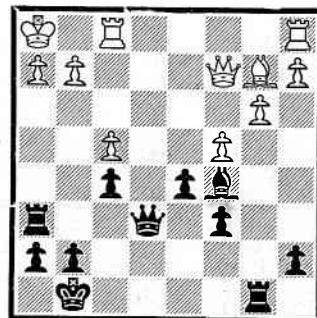
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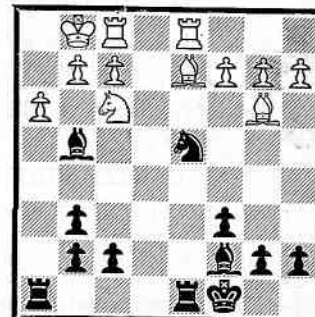
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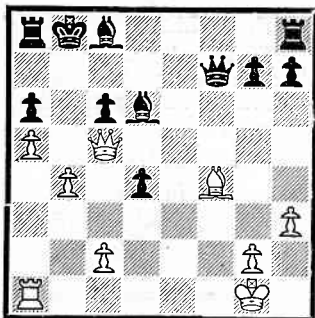
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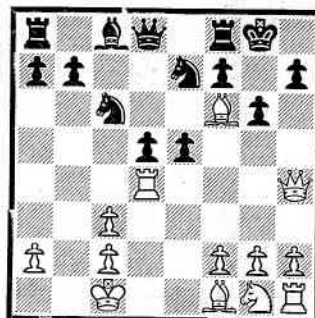
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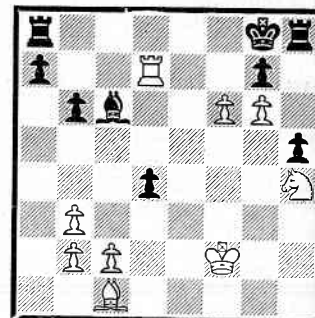
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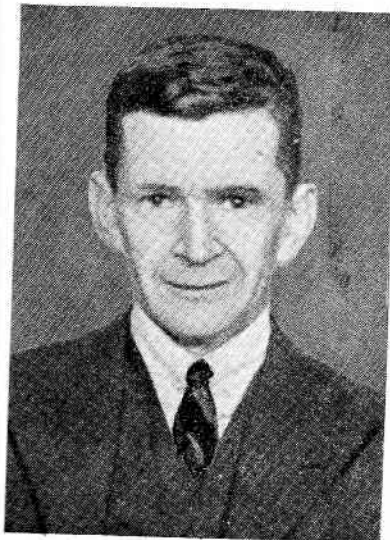


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New Zealand Personalities

R. O. SCOTT

R. O. Scott, well-known congress and correspondence player, has had a varied chess career and has probably been a member of more clubs than any other player in New Zealand. Born 1895 at Two Harbours in the State of Minnesota, U.S.A., he came to New Zealand with his parents when he was only four years of age. He was educated at



the Aramoho (Wanganui) Public School, School for the Deaf (Christchurch) and the Wanganui District High School. Chess came to him when he was 24 and boarding at the Y.M.C.A. at Auckland.

In 1920 he joined the Auckland Chess Club and upon returning to Wanganui a year later became a member of the local club. He was secretary and treasurer for Wanganui for four years playing there continually until 1946 when he was elected a life member. At this time he was also secretary of the N.Z. Correspondence Chess Association. For short periods he was a member of the Otago, Canterbury, Oamaru and Gisborne clubs and at present belongs to Wellington, Civic and Rangataua, being N.Z. C.A. delegate for the last named club. He has visited the majority of New Zealand clubs and has given several simultaneous displays.

In the competition field Scott's record is consistent and impressive. Although he played in his first N.Z. Congress in 1928-29, it was not until 1931 that he first won the Wanganui Club's championship, an event that he annexed eight times in all. 1947 saw him come second in the Champion of Champions' contest at Wellington and the 1947-48 Civic Club championship.

Congress records of recent years are abundantly sprinkled with the name of R. O. Scott. Six prizes out of 14 congresses is his total to date. Fortune did not favour him much in his earlier years from 1928-29 to 1931-32, his best performance being in the latter at Napier, when he was sixth out of 13 with 6½ points. Returning to congress play after a lapse of a few years in 1938-39 at Wanganui he showed much improved form and was equal sixth. 1939-40 at Wellington, equal fourth, was probably his best year. In this contest he inadvertently lost to Severne on time, drew a worse game with Gyles and lost the last

game of the series to the champion, Dunlop. It was in this contest that he defeated Allerhand in the most exciting game of his career. He was equal third at Timaru in 1940-41 and equal fourth at Palmerston North 1946-47, when he earned the title of drawing master, with eight draws in 11 games. In the last contest at Dunedin 1947-48, he secured fourth place behind Wade, Lepviikman, and McNabb.

In telegraphic matches, Scott has represented Wellington five times and Wanganui, Otago and Auckland once. He took part in the first Wellington v. "Rest of the Province" match and has represented the Rest three times on board one and Wellington twice.

Altogether Scott's chess life has been a full and reasonably successful one. That he is a better player than the figures actually show will be readily accepted by his numerous opponents. He generally makes more than an average number of blunders after good play, is susceptible to fatigue and sometimes drifts unnecessarily into clock trouble.

Inaugural South Auckland Tourney



Players who took part in the South Auckland championship at Hamilton. The winner, E. L. Avery, is fourth from left.

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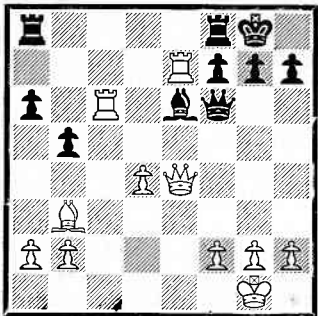
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the latter appeared to be getting the better of it. After an irregular opening (Trundle white) 1 N—KB3, P—QR3?; 2 P—Q4, P—Q4; 3 P—QB4, N—KB3; 4 N—B3, P—K3; 5 B—N5, P—B3; the Semi-Slav was reached and the following position arose after 23 moves:



The game continued 24 R7 x B, P x R; 25 R x KP?, Q x P ch; 26 K—R1, Q—B8 mate. White evidently did not want an exchange of Queens by 25 Q x P ch because Black would then have drawing chances.

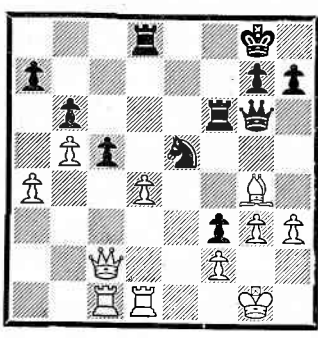
The other leaders, with the exception of Simpson, who lost to Newick, retained their positions and the points were Newick, Baeyertz, Rotherham 3½, Nield, Trundle 3, Fletcher, McSherry, Simpson 2½.

Competition in the next round (Saturday afternoon and evening) was keen, all the above eight fighting hard to hold or improve their positions. Newick beat Rotherham, Nield beat Simpson, Trundle beat Baeyertz, while Fletcher and McSherry, both anxious to get the full point, fought out a session of 6½ hours for a draw.

Had Newick won his game in the sixth round the tournament would have been over, but once again Trundle brought off a surprise. Trundle beat Newick, Nield beat Rotherham, Baeyertz beat McSherry and Fletcher beat Nathan. This left Nield and Trundle in the lead with 5 points each, Newick and Baeyertz being next with 4½ and another round was necessary.

The final round, the seventh, did not produce the thrills of some of the earlier ones and was more interesting than exciting. Nield beat Trundle, who played a Grunfeld Defence, in 35 moves and won the title. Newick beat Baeyertz, Fletcher beat Haight, and Glen and

Tabb helped themselves to another point each by defeating Nathan and Rotherham respectively. The Tabb-Rotherham game decided the issue of the Grade 2 struggle and was well played on the part of the winner. The opening was an irregular Centre Counter and after 28 moves the following position arose:



Tabb (white) played 29 Q—R2 ch, to which Rotherham replied with N—B2 and the game continued 30 P x P, R x R ch; 31 R x R, P—KR4; 32 P—B6, P x B; 33 P—B7, Q—B4; 34 Q—B4, and Rotherham resigned a few moves later.

It has been said that New Zealand chess players are not funny

and after participating in the Auckland championship we will agree that they take their pleasures very seriously. Few of the players exhibited any idiosyncracies that made them outstanding, nor were there any temperamental outbursts because the light was bad or the clocks wouldn't work. Perhaps the organisation was to blame, there was certainly not much to complain about. Most seemed to imagine that their chairs were meant to be sat upon and refused to budge during the whole session. A. E. Nield could be observed wandering around peering over shoulders in a pre-occupied manner, while Byrce Newick, violently gesticulating with wide-sweeping arms, would be whispering in somebody's ear about pins and threats that were designed to skittle his opponent completely. Alan Fletcher smiled beatifically when the gods were kind and frowned heavily when the going was tough. George Trundle smiled gratefully when encouraged, but otherwise stuck grimly to the work in hand. Rudy Baeyertz (President of the Auckland Chess League) seemed content to lose himself in the intimacy of Caissa's grip but did his stuff with a natty speech at the finish.

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SCORE ANALYSIS

	Ttl. pts	%
1. A. E. Nield, W13, W16, L3, W10, W12, W11 W3	6	95.00
2. C. B. Newick, W15, D6, W9, W12, W11, L3, W5	5½	90.26
3. G. E. Trundle, W19, W10, W1, L11, W5, W2, L1	5	84.68
4. A. L. Fletcher, D7, W21, L5, W13, D8, W14, W9	5	80.88
5. R. E. Baeyertz, W9, D12, W4, W16, L3, W8, L2	4½	76.53
6. A. W. Glen, W20, D2, L11, L8, W21, W12, W14	4½	70.96
7. W. J. Tabb, D4, W8, L12, L14, W17, W18, W11	4½	68.13
8. F. G. McSherry, D11, L7, W21, W6, D4, L5, W15	4	63.58
9. F. A. Haight, L5, W22, L2, W18, W16, W15, L4	4	61.03
10. A. H. Douglas, W18, L3, W14, L1, L15, W21, W17	4	60.97
11. W. D. B. Rotherham, D8, W17, W6, W3, L2, L1, L7	3½	58.33
12. J. Simpson, W22, D5, W7, L2, L1, L6, W16	3½	53.75
13. I. Crawford, L1, W15, W17, L4, L14, D16, W18	3½	49.41
14. J. A. Nathan, L16, W19, L10, W7, W13, L4, L6	3	40.42
15. E. V. Stack, L2, L13, W20, W19, W10, L9, L8	3	38.63
16. J. A. Barnes, W14, L1, W18, L5, L9, D13, L12	2½	28.88
17. Mrs. E. L. Short, D21, L11, L13, W20, L7, W19, L10	2½	23.65
18. C. Utting, L10, W20, L16, L9, W19, L7, L13	2	11.00
19. B. A. Mayhill, L3, L14, W22, L15, L18, L17, W21	2	17.39
20. D. E. Miller, L6, L18, L15, L17, L22, W22, W22	2	7.69
21. J. Bailey, D17, L4, L8, W22, L6, L10, L19	1½	6.79
22. L. J. Tuttle, L12, L9, L19, L21, L20, L20, L20	0	0.00

On account of illness, L. J. Tuttle was compelled to default all his games after the second round.

Soest - Baarn Tournament

Wade's Good Performance

Just as we were going to press we received word of the final result of the Soest-Baarn tournament held at Baarn, Holland, from October 16 to 24. A lot of copy already prepared for this issue will therefore have to stand over until later. Readers will agree that this event is most important so far as New Zealanders are concerned.

The result was: H. Golombek (England) 7-2, E. Spanjaard (Netherlands) and R. G. Wade (New Zealand) 5½-3½, P. de Vos (Belgium) 5-4, S. Rubinstein (Belgium) and L. Prins (Netherlands) 4½-4½, D. J. S. de Lange (Netherlands) and B. H. Wood (England) 4-5, J. Visser (Netherlands) 3½-5½, J. G. Baay (Netherlands) 1½-7½. Golombek lost one game and drew two.

Bob Wade's excellent showing in this event will be good reading for New Zealand enthusiasts. It is to be hoped that this will be the forerunner of a completely successful tour by the N.Z. champion. In the first round he scored his only loss by refusing a draw by repetition of moves against Golombek, getting an inferior position and missing a drawing chance in the ending.

In Round 2, Wade was drawn against Spanjaard.

Game No. 166

E. Spanjaard (White), R. G. Wade (Black).

1 P-Q4, N-KB3; 2 P-QB4, P-K3; 3 N-QB3 P-Q4; 4 N-B3, P-B3; 5 B-N5, P x P; 6 P-K4, P-N4; 7 P-K5, P-KR3; 8 B-R4, P-N4; 9 P x N P x B; 10 N-K5, Q x BP;

11 N x BP was a threat.

11 P-KN3, N-Q2; 12 P-B4, B-QN2; 13 B-N2,

B-N5; 14 B x P, B x B; 15 N x B, B x N ch; 16 P x B, N-N3; 17 Q-B3, Q-B4; 18 Castles (Q), Q-Q4; 19 KR-B1, P x P; 20 P x P, Q x Q; 21 P x Q, P-B3; 22 P-B5, K-Q2; 23 N-N4, QR-K1; 24 N-R6, K-B3; 25 P x P, R x P; 26 N-B5, R-Q3; 27 N-K4, R-K3; and drew by repetition of moves.

Round 3 produced another draw, this time against the redoubtable Dutch player Prins.

Game No. 167

R. G. Wade (White), L. Prins (Black).

1 P-K4, P-K4; 2 N-QB3, P-KN3;

Prins doesn't play orthodox openings.

3 P-Q4, P x P; 4 Q x P, P-KB3; 5 B-K3, N-B3; 6 Q-Q2, KN-K2; 7 B-QB4, P-Q3; 8 KN-K2, B-Q2; 9 N-B4, Q-B1; 10 P-KR4, P-KR4; 11 B-N3, B-N2; 12 N(B4)-Q5;

Prins suggested 12 N(B3)-Q5 as stronger as N-KN1 is the best reply.

12, P-N3; 13 B-KB4, N x N; 14 N x N, N-K2; 15 Q-B3, N x N; 16 B x N, R-QN1; 17 Q-KN3, B-K3; 18 Q x P, ch, K-B1; 19 R-R4, B x B; 20 R-KN3, K-K2; 21 Q x B ch, B-B2; 22 P-K5, QP x P; 23 B x P, P x B; 24 R-K3, Q-B1; 25 Q x P ch, K-Q1; 26 Q-KB5,

Wade remarks that a stronger line is 26 O-O-O ch, K-B1; 27 Q-B5 ch, K-N2; 28 R-Q7, when B-N3 is best for Black.

26, R-R3;

Wade says he overlooked this resource.

27 Castles (Q) ch, R-R3; 28 R x R ch, P x R; 29 Q-B6 ch, K-Q2; 30 R-KB3, K-K1; draw agreed.

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In Round 4 Wade played a King's Indian Defence against S. Rubinstein, who resigned on the 43rd move. Rubinstein is a son of the great Akiba Rubinstein. In Round 5 he claimed another victim in the Indonesian player, J. G. Baay. Round 6 brought a keenly contested draw with Paul de Vos, the Belgium champion, and in Round 7 Wade was a doubled pawn up during the most of the game against Visser but was only able to secure the draw. In Round 8, Wade had the white men against England's B. H. Wood.

Game No. 168

CARO-KANN DEFENCE

R. G. Wade (White), B. H. Wood (Black).

1 P—K4, P—QB3; 2 P—Q4, P—Q4; 3 N—QB3, P x P; 4 N x P, N—KB3; 5 N x N, NP x N; 6 B—QB4, B—B4; 7 N—K2, P—K3; 8 N—B4!?

Best, as I knew, was 8 N—N3, B—N3; 9 P—KR4. However, Wood never plays the Caro-Kann and had prepared it because against Golombek in Round 1 I had tried: 1 P—K4, P—QB3; 2 P—Q4, P—Q4; 3 P—K5!?!—Wade.

8 P—K4?; 9 Q—R5, B—N3; 10 N x B, BP x N; 11 Q—R3, Q—Q2; 12 Q—QN3, P—QN4; 13 B—K6, Q x P; 14 Castles, N—Q2; 15 B—B7 ch, K—Q1; 16 B—K3, Q—QN5; 17 Q—K6, K—B2; 18 B—K8, Q—K2; 19 B x N, Q x B; 20 Q x P, B—N2; 21 Q—R4, Q—Q1; 22 Q—QN4, B—B1; 23 Q—B3, B—Q3; 24 KR—Q1, Q—K2; 25 P—QR4, P—N5; 26 Q—B4, P—QR4; 27 R—Q2, KR—K1; 28 QR—Q1, Q—K3; 29 Q—K2, KR—Q1; 30 B—B4, K—N2; 31 P—KN3, Q—B3; 32 B—K3, Q—K3; 33 B—N5, R—Q2; 34 P—QB4, Q—B4; 35 R x B, R x R; 36 R x R, Q x B; 37 R—Q7 ch, K—N3; 38 P—B5 ch! K x P; 39 P—B4, Q—B4; 40 Q—K3, ch, K—B5; 41 P—N3 mate.

In the last round against de Lange, Wade played an end-game, as he admits, atrociously. He was an insecure two pawns up and with this draw, tied for second place. Except for his loss against Golombek none outplayed him. His result was without luck and no player badly blundered against him.

COOK WINS AT GISBORNE

LABOUR WEEK-END SWISS

Sixteen competitors, ranging from novices to district champions, took part in a special tournament conducted by the Gisborne Chess Club during the

ANNOUNCE THE MATE!

SOLUTIONS

No. 1.—White mates in 3 moves.
1 N—K7 ch, K—R1; 2 Q x P ch, K x Q; 3 R—R1.

No. 2.—White mates in 3 moves.
1 Q—N8 ch, K—K2 (1, K—Q2; 2 Q—B7 ch, K—Q1; 3 B—R4); 2 B—R4 ch, K—Q2; 3 Q—B7.

No. 3.—White mates in 4 moves.
1 Q x P ch, R x Q; 2 B x R ch, K—N1; 3 R—K8 ch, B—B1; 4 R x B.

No. 4.—Black mates in 4 moves.
1, N—R8 ch; 2 K—N1, R—K8 ch; 3 K—R2, N—N6; 4 Any, R—KR8. White may prolong it by throwing his Rooks away but—Of course if 2 K—B1 then R—K8 mates.

No. 5.—Black mates in 6 moves.
1, R x P ch; 2 K x R, Q—R3 ch; 3 K—N3, Q—N3 ch; 4 K—R2, Q—R4 ch; 5 K—N3, Q—N5 ch; 6 K—R2, Q—R5.

No. 6.—Black mates in 3 moves.

1, N—K7 ch; 2 K—R1, R x P ch; 3 P x R (3 N—R2, R x N), B x N.

No. 7.—White mates in 4 moves.
1 B x Bh, Q—B2; 2 Q—N6ch, B—N2; 3 Q x Q ch, K—R2; 4 B—B5 or Q—N6.

No. 8.—White mates in 3 moves.
1 Q x P ch, K x Q; 2 R—R4 ch, K—N1; 3 R—R8.

No. 9.—White mates in 3 moves.
1 P—B7 ch, K—B1; 2 B—B4, B x R; 3 B—Q6.

Labour Day week-end. Sessions were held each morning and afternoon (2½ to 3 hours), Saturday's play being in the Army Hall and Sunday and Monday in the Y.M.C.A. (by kind permission). Mr. H. J. Toye, president of the club, acted as director of play, assisted by Mr. Ll. Meredith, hon. secretary. Mr. Toye was also adjudicator with assistance from two or three of the most experienced players. Time control was 40 moves in 1½ hours (!)

Probably owing to the wide range of playing strength, only three draws occurred and most of the games finished within the time limit. With the exception of two or three games, the adjudicators had no difficulty in coming to a prompt decision. First, second and third prizes were awarded, the tie for third place being awarded on the Sonneborn points. The special prize for a competitor who had not previously competed in an open tournament was awarded to F. Day.

The visiting players were entertained at billiards on Saturday evening and many friendly games were played during the free time.

THE SCORE SHEET

	P.	W.	D.	L.	S.
1 Les. Cook (Waipukurau)	5½	5	1	0	19
2 F. Beamish (Puha)	5	5	0	1	15½
3 J. H. Walker (Gisborne)	4	3	2	1	13½
4 M. S. Littlewood (Hastings)	4	3	2	1	12½
5 T. G. Paterson (Hastings)	4	4	0	2	9
6 M. F. Robinson (Gisborne)	3½	3	1	2	9
7 Ll. Meredith (Gisborne)	3	3	0	3	7
8 F. Day (Gisborne)	3	3	0	3	5½
9 D. Cranswick (Gisborne)	3	3	0	3	5
10 C. Smythe, Jun. (Gisborne)	2	2	0	4	4
11 J. S. McMahon (Gisborne)	2	2	0	4	3
11. R. Hutchins (Gisborne)	2	2	0	4	3
11 T. Stitchbury (Wairoa)	2	2	0	4	2
11 C. Smythe, Sen. (Gisborne)	2	2	0	4	2
11 P. Thoope (Gisborne)	2	2	0	4	2
16 K. Flint (Gisborne)	1	1	0	5	2

(P) played, (W) won, (D) drawn, (L) lost, (S) Sonneborn points.

Cook drew with Walker; Beamish L Cook; Walker D Cook; Littlewood L Beamish; Littlewood D Walker; Robinson L Cook; Paterson L Beamish, Littlewood; Robinson D Littlewood, L Beamish; Paterson L Beamish, Littlewood; Robinson D Littlewood, L Walker, Beamish; Meredith L Walker, Littlewood, Robinson; Day L Cook, Paterson, Meredith.

WITHOUT FEAR - WITHOUT FAVOUR

BAD ORGANISING AND MUDDLING IN CHESS MATTERS

By ARTHUR JOHNSTONE, M.A.

When I was introduced to chess a few years ago I was surprised to find that such an outstandingly fine pastime had not become an indoor game played on a national basis and that there were not numerous clubs throughout the country affiliated to the N.Z. Association.

Upon my initiation to a club, I soon discovered the reason and the further I examined the administration side, the worse it appeared.

Where a number of players associate together in a club for the mutual interest of playing chess, the first principle should be that the payment of equal subscriptions entitles the members to enjoy equal rights and be considered and catered for in the club's programme, whatever their playing strength may be. How many clubs fail in this understanding? Where A and B grade players are amply provided for, the newcomer to the game and the weaker players are consistently neglected. When a club fails to appreciate that newcomers to the game are weak players before they become strong and fails to provide equally for them, as I have seen, it signs its own death warrant.

There are abundant examples of this attitude in the telegraphic matches. There is a great deal of scrounging around for strong players who will only take part when something special is on. These players expect to get a large share of the plums while loyal workers and consistently attending members are dropped. Under these circumstances loyal workers will be lost and their subscriptions will not be available for exploitation by the "haven't time plum getters" who usually have the time to take the plums. Of course the club administration is to blame if the membership falls off to the limit of the "twenty plum hunters." If winning a match is more important than a healthy club membership, a decline in the latter will be the result. I have known telegraphic matches to be played with no provision whatever for the rest of the members who are selfishly neglected.

The motto of all honest clubs should be "Equal rights for equal Subscriptions." This is the only real club spirit. The question that must be finally decided is: Is a club formed for the mutual benefit of members or merely to win matches and for exploitation by a few?

Again, I am surprised to find that the laws of chess are not enforced. Only the rules make chess the game it is; yet I have been in clubs where I have repeatedly seen the touch and move rule frequently flouted by players of long experience and well up in championship play. I know there will be plenty of "tongue in the cheek" denials, but I have set myself out to study and see for myself. If there is any place where the rules should be insisted upon

it is within the club premises, no matter if the game is casual or otherwise. If one infringes the touch and move rule, then every succeeding move is illegal.

Now about the cable match New Zealand v. Australia. At a meeting of the N.Z. Association, on a resolution submitted by me, the manager for the match, Mr. R. G. Wade, was instructed to write to Australia and request that the teams be increased from 8 to 10 as it was desirable of giving as many N.Z. players as possible an opportunity to take part. Although I have asked for the production of any correspondence between Mr. Wade and Australia in relation to the increase of the team I have failed to get any satisfaction from the then management committee members from whom I have requested the information. The present secretary of the Association, Mr. A. W. Gyles, informed me that he has not seen any letters regarding the request to Australia, or the refusal of the request. Failing last year's committee producing the evidence I feel justified in stating I am of the opinion that the N.Z. Chess Association meeting of delegates instructions were deliberately flouted to suit the ideas of one or two others. No reason has been offered why the N.Z. players were wrongly instructed that their clocks must be started against them as soon as the code move was received by a player's teller. That meant the N.Z. player's clock was running against him all the time the coded move was being played on the duplicate board, checked, then transferred to the N.Z. player's board and again checked. Knowing I made a specialty of studying rules and administration, I was approached several times by players regarding the matter and finally I asked if any special arrangements had been made to alter the "rule of the move" for this match and I was advised that none of the management committee had any knowledge of any alteration of the rules for the match. Next morning I was asked if I would discuss the matter with the umpire. The result was the umpire immediately called the players together before the second day's play had commenced and countermanded the wrong instructions, giving orders for the N.Z. players' clocks to be put back two minutes. Unfortunately, on the first day's play the N.Z. players had lost anywhere from ten to twenty minutes playing time and some players were in serious time trouble as a result. I contend that with things being equal between players the N.Z. team would have lost because they were playing under the time handicap of ten to twenty minutes in a day's play. The full charge and costs for the cable match N.Z. v. Australia was £32 19/4 and after receiving subscriptions and donations towards costs the net amount payable by the N.Z. Chess Association is £23 19/4. The Association's annual income, I am informed, is about £30. It appears it is time that the N.Z. Chess Association was reorganised for the establishment of chess on a national scale and not merely for "Big Chess" for a few.



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WORLD CHESS DIGEST

World Championship

WEAK PAWN

The game that follows was one of the key games in the World Championship. Before this game, played in the third round, Keres had scored two brilliant wins from Euwe and Smyslov. In this encounter it is quite apparent that Keres is playing an inferior opening to complicate matters, confident in his ability to outplay Reshevsky. But Reshevsky is not to be overawed and Keres is never given the slightest chance of counter-play. This inability to make any impression on Reshevsky must have been a severe psychological setback to Keres and left him at a disadvantage for his meeting with Botvinnik, where, as is well known he put up a miserable showing. A favourable result against Reshevsky might well have given Keres the confidence he so sadly lacked against Botvinnik. Notes by J. D. Steele.

Game No. 169

KING'S INDIAN DEFENCE

S. Reshevsky P. Keres
(White) (Black)

1 N-KB3, N-KB3; 2 P-B4, P-QN3;

Strategically wrong. The object of the fianchetto development of the QB is to put pressure on the square e4. This can be achieved when White has played P-Q4 and N-KB3, since the combined pressure of the black KN and QB prevent White's P-K4 for some time. In this position, however, there is nothing to stop White from playing P-K4.

3 P-Q3!

Enforcing P-K4 and gaining control of the white squares in the centre.

3, P-N3;

Black has already to make a difficult choice. White cannot be prevented from forming a strong cen-

tral phalanx. The effort to narrow its scope by P-Q4 would be well answered by 4 P x P, N x P; 5 P-K4, N-KB3; 6 N-B3, and White cannot be prevented from playing P-Q4 with an appreciable advantage in position (6, B-N2; 7 P-K5, followed by 8 P-K6). Black therefore chooses a King's Indian formation, but as will be seen later on, the move P-QN3 does not fit in with the King's Indian setup for two very important reasons: (1) The black Queen is denied access to the thematic squares QN3 and QR4; (2) after an eventual P-QB3 (to deny the white pieces access to Q5) the QBP will be without pawn support.

4 P-K4, P-Q3; 5 N-QB3, B-KN2; 6 P-Q4!

Now a well-known position of the King's Indian Defence has been reached, but Black has the additional move P-QN3 thrown in. But far from being an advantage, it would be better for Black if the pawn were still on QN2.

6, Castles; 7 B-K2, B-N2;

This is not the old Keres! It should be quite apparent that the QB has no future on QN2. The best plan was to continue 7 QN-Q2 and P-K4, reserving the decision as to the development of the QB until White's intentions in the centre were clearer.

8 Q-B2, P-K4; 9 P x P,

Showing that Reshevsky has already grasped the implications of the fianchetto development of Black's QB.

9, P x P; 10 B-K3,

There is no need for White to embroil himself in the tactical niceties after 10 N x P, N x P! which are in Black's favour.

10, R-K1; 11 Castles (K), QN-Q2; 12 KR-Q1, P-B3;

Black cannot very well complete his development without this move,

but it seriously weakens his pawn position on the Q side.

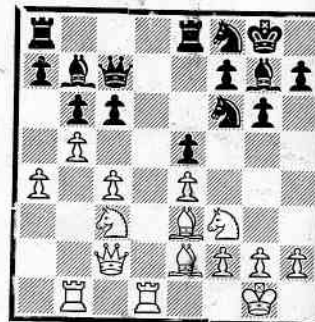
13 P-QN4, Q-K2;

Q-B2 would have been better. The Queen needs to defend the KP.

14 QR-N1, N-B1; 15 P-QR4, Q-B2; 16 P-N5!

Showing up the weakening effect of P-QN3 on Black's pawn position. Black must now surrender control of d5. Worse still, he cannot play 16 P-B4 with the idea of continuing N-K3-Q5 because White gets there first with 17 N-Q5! e.g., 17, N x N; 18 BP x N, and Black will be slowly strangled. Or 17, Q-N1; 18 P-R5, N x N (forced); 19 BP x N, and White can prepare to break through on the QR file at his leisure.

Keres



Reshevsky

16, KR-Q1; 17 R x R, R x R; 18 P-R5;

Threatening to win a pawn. Black is now to be left with a very weak pawn on QN3.

18, N-N5; 19 RP x P, RP x P; 20 B-N5, P-B3; 21 P x P, B x P; 22 B-Q2, P-B4;

Keres at last sees an opportunity for attack but Reshevsky's position on the K-side is solid and the net result can only be the weakening of Black's own King's position.

23 B-N5,

Not 23 P x P, P-K5! with good attacking chances.

23, R-K1; 24 P-R3, P x P; 25 QN x P, B x N; 26 Q x B, N-B3; 27 Q-K3,

After an intermezzo on the K-side, White returns to the attack on the QNP.

27, N(1)-Q2; 28 Q-N3, R-N1?

A better defence appears to be 28, R-K3; although White could give up a pawn for a promising attack by 29 P-B5, N x P; 30 Q-N5. Both players are now in severe time trouble, having four minutes each for the next 12 moves. Keres, being the defender, has the more difficult task, while Reshevsky, who has always revelled in such situations, seems quite at home.

29 B-K3, N-B4; 30 Q-B2, R-R1; 31 N-N5, R-K1; 32 P-R4!

Another excellent move by Reshevsky, weakening Black's K-side still further.

32, P-K5; 33 N-R3, R-Q1; 34 N-B4, R-Q3; 35 P-R5,

P-N4; 36 N-Q5, N x N; 37 P x N, P-R3; 38 B x N, P x B; 39 Q x KP, B-Q5??

Loses at once, but there was no hope of holding the game.

40 Q-K8 ch, K-N2; 41 R-N8, resigns.

NO REST

Although the Siesta Variation has been considered unsound as a defence to the Ruy Lopez, it was at one time a great favourite with Paul Keres. In the following game from the recent World Championship (Round 11) Keres produces an innovation that has set the theorists talking again. Notes by H. McNabb.

Game No. 170

RUY LOPEZ

Dr. M. Euwe (White) P. Keres (Black)

1 P-K4, P-K4; 2 N-KB3, N-Q B 3; B-N5, P-QR3; 4 B-R4, P-Q3; 5 P-B3, P-B4;

The Siesta Variation, which is given a question mark in M.C.O.; but of course Keres has found an improvement. This simultaneous challenge to White's centre and the opening up of the KB file appears quite logical in view of the fact that it is made without loss of time, as White's reply, immediately returning the tempo, is considered best.

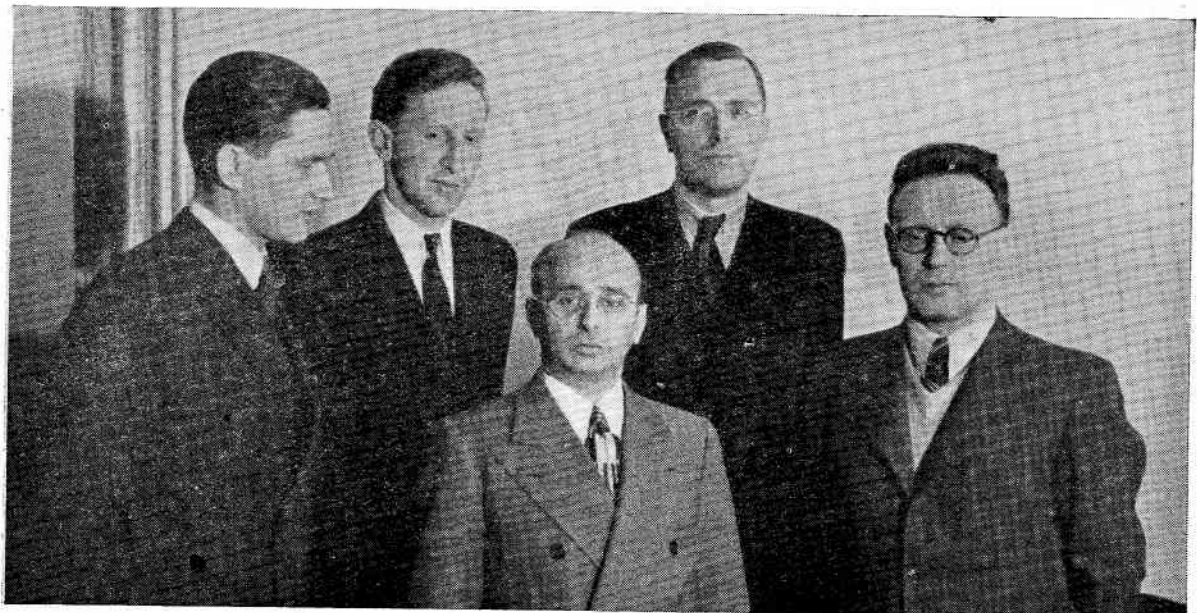
6 P x P, B x P; 7 P-Q4 P-K5;

Opening up the game by 7, P x P would be poor strategy for although Black has as many pieces in play as his opponent, one is pinned, his KB has little scope and White could occupy the completely open King's file with a Rook sooner than Black. After the text, White has yet to solve the problem of an open file for his Rook development.

8 N-N5, P-Q4;

Not only gives added support to the King pawn but more freedom for the King's Bishop and prevents a possible P-Q5 by White.

PLAYERS IN THE RECENT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP



From left: P. Keres, V. Smyslov, S. Reshevsky, Dr. M. Euwe, M. Botvinnik.

9 P-B3, P-K6;

This very interesting pawn sacrifice brings the Siesta right back into the limelight. Whether it is a genuine attempt to rehabilitate the variation, or whether it is an attempt to complicate and give Euwe a chance to go wrong, only time will tell. In any case, it is extremely difficult to meet in over the board play and an opening innovation often has the merit of getting an opponent short of time. If now 10 B x P, P-R3; 11 N-KR3, B x KN; with a good game.

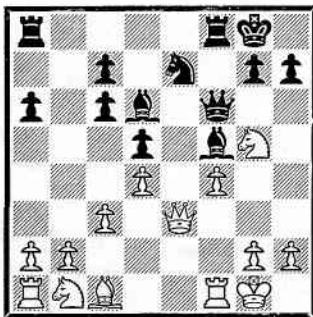
10 P-KB4,

This is practically forced owing to his precariously placed King's Knight, but the move decreases the manoeuvrability of his Queen's Bishop.

10, B-Q3; 11 Q-B3, Q-B3; 12 Q x P ch, N-K2; 13 B x N ch, P x B; 14 Castles, Castles (K);

As compensation for his pawn minus and his weak Queen-side pawns, Black is ahead in development; he has the two Bishops and his pieces are excellently placed and co-operative, whereas the deployment of White's Queen-side pieces to good posts is a difficult problem, particularly the Bishop which is playing a very passive role. Black, however, must take care to prevent White from establishing a Knight on his strong point K5.

Keres



Euwe

15 N-Q2?

This move is the source of White's downfall, but it takes some high class chess to prove it. Better as Purdy has suggested, is 15 N-B3 (threatening N-K5), B x N; 16

R x B, B x P; 17 Q x B, Q x Q; 18 B x Q, R x B; 19 N-K5, with slightly the better of it.

15, N-N3; 16 P-KN3, QR-K1; 17 Q-B2, B-Q6; 18 R-K1, R x R ch; 19 Q x R, B x P!

One of those brilliant dynamic moves for which Keres is famous. He now smashes his way to victory in a few moves.

20 P x B,

No resource is 20 Q-K6 ch, Q x Q; 21 N x Q, B-K6 ch; 22 K-R1, R-B8 ch; 23 K-N2, R-B7 ch; wins.

20, N x P; 21 QN-B3, N-K7 ch; 22 K-N2, P-R3; 23 Q-Q2, Q-B4; 24 Q-K3, P x N; 25 B-Q2, B-K5; 26 resigns.

Surely the kind of game most of us like to see.

Auckland Championship

PINNED

The following game is a good example of the disastrous effects of a pin. A. E. Nield plays upon his opponent's lack of mobility with telling effect. Notes by the Editor.

Game No. 171

RUY LOPEZ

A. E. Nield J. A. Barnes

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|------------|---------|
| 1. P-K 4 | P-K 4 |
| 2. N-K B 3 | N-Q B 3 |
| 3. B-N 5 | P-Q R 3 |
| 4. B-R 4 | N-B 3 |
| 5. Castles | P-Q N 4 |
| 6. B-N 3 | B-K 2 |
| 7. Q-K 2 | Castles |

The position arrived at is now the same as between Keres and Euwe in their sixth round game in the recent World Championship. Keres played 8 P-B3, following a line with which he was successful against Lilienthal at Parnu. Nield decides to hit the QNP at once.

8. P-Q R 4

M.C.O. gives this move on the sixth instead of Nield's Q-K2 (p. 305, Col. 121). It should be noted that the text preserves the R2-B8 diagonal for the white Bishop where P-B3 does not.

8. P-N 5
9. P-B 3 P x P

P-QR4 gives Black some chances of counterplay. If 10 P x P, then 10 N x P, threatening B-R3.

10. N P x P P-Q 3

Black could have tried N-QR4 followed by P-Q3 and P-B4. A

bad position is one thing, but cramp is cramp!

11. P-Q 4 B-N 5

The main purpose served by this move is to prevent P-Q4. As that move has already been made White does not have to worry.

12. B-K 3 P x P

12 N x P; 13 B-Q5.

13. P x P N-N 5?

14. P-Q 5 B x N

15. Q x B N-Q 6

16. B-Q 4 N-K 4

17. Q-K 2 Q-N 1

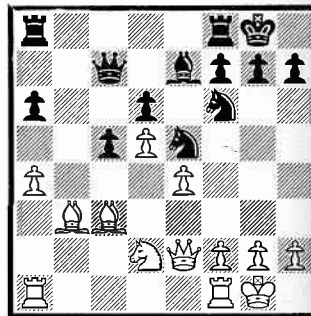
18. N-Q 2 P-B 4

19. B-B 3

White's policy is to maintain a grip on the centre and thereby prevent Black from developing an adequate defence on the King's wing. P x P e.p. would relieve the tension.

19. Q-B 2

Barnes



Nield

20. P-B 4!

Hitting where it hurts most. The real strategy behind White's tactics is now apparent. The King's defenders will be driven away from their best posts. Black could try N-N3 but he has little choice.

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; 22 K-R1,
R-B7 ch;

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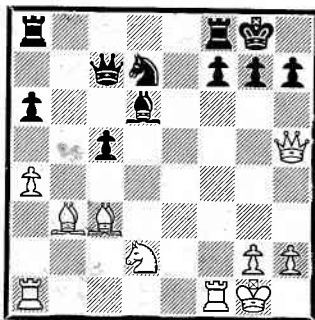
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20. Q N-Q 2
21. P-K 5 P x P?

N-K1 at once was better. The text only delays the inevitable, gives up Black's only remaining safeguard in the centre and loses a piece.

22. P x P N-K 1
23. P-Q 6 N x Q P
24. P x N B x P
25. Q-R 5!

Barnes



Nield

25. P-N 3?

Giving up the black squares. N-K4 may have been better but Black's pieces are totally inadequate for the defence. The vital weakness is the pinned KB pawn.

26. Q-R 6 N-K 4

Black has to close the two diagonals and guard against the threat of N-K4 and N5. Botvinnik would fail in such a situation.

27. N-K 4 B-K 2
28. B-B 4

Black threatened to play P-B5 releasing the vital pinned pawn. Of course, he cannot play N x B.

28. Q R-K 1?

K-R1 at once was necessary.

29. R-B 3

The Greeks come bearing gifts!

29. K-R 1
30. R-KR 3 B-R 5

A last desperate throw. But there are too many threats.

31. N-B 6! Q-K 2
32. Q x P mate.

The pinned pawn was friendless to the last.

BISHOP v. KNIGHT

The Morphy-Alapin Defence (Alapin's Defence Deferred) to the Ruy Lopez is seldom seen in match play although almost everything else has been tried from time to time in the effort to break the Lopez grip. The following game, played in the recent Auckland championship, appears to demonstrate that the best Black can hope for is a draw. Notes by A. E. Nield.

Game No. 172

RUY LOPEZ

A. W. Glen C. E. Newick

1. P-K 4 P-K 4
2. N-K B 3 N-Q B 3
3. B-N 5 P-Q R 3
4. B-R 4 B-N 5

The Morphy-Alapin Defence. M.C.O.'s comment on this variation is that it "merits interest because no theoretical refutation is known." It's practical value, however, is that it is little known and so throws the player of the white pieces upon his own resources.

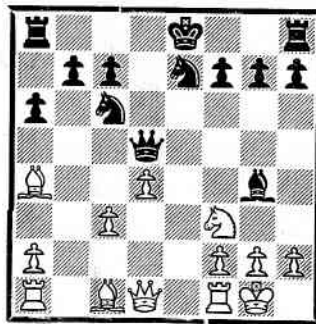
5. P-B 3 B-R 4

6. Castles

Recommended by the books, but as Black's Bishop is out of play at R4, the following line by White is worth consideration: 6 B x N, QP (or NP) x B; 7 N x P, Q-K2; 8 P-Q4, P-B3; 9 N-B4, Q x P ch; 10 B-K3, Q x NP; 11 K-Q2, B-N3; 12 R-N1, Q x RP; 13 R x P, followed by Q-K2 with a strong attack.

6. K N-K 2
7. P-Q 4 P x P
8. P x P P-Q 4
9. P x P Q x P
10. N-B 3 B x N
11. P x B B-N 5

Newick



Glen

12. B-N 3 B x N
13. B x Q B x Q
14. B x N ch N x B
15. R x B Castles (Q)
16. B-B 4 K R-K 1
17. R-K 1 N-K 2
18. K-B 1 N-Q 4
19. R x R

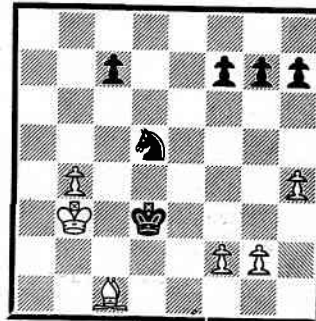
Preferable is B-Q2 at once, leaving Black to exchange Rooks if he wants to. If instead, Black plays 19 ... K-Q2; then 20 P-QB4, N-N3; 21 KR-B1, followed by B-K3, K-K2 and K-Q3 with advantage.

19. R x R
20. B-Q 2 K-Q 2
21. R-K 1 R x R ch
22. K x R K-B 3
23. K-Q 1

Better is 23 K-K2 and 24 K-Q3, preventing the black King's entry at B4 and threatening to dislodge his Knight. White would then have more scope in the centre.

23. K-N 4
24. K-B 2 K-B 5
25. P-Q R 3 P-Q R 4
26. P-R 3 P-Q R 4
27. P-K R 4 P-N 5
28. B P x P P x P
29. P x P K x Q P
30. K-N 3 K-Q 6
31. B-B 1

Newick



Glen

31. P-K B 3

31 ... P-R4 is an alternative as it restrains a possible advance of the white KNP and forestalls White's next move. However, White's only chance of winning lies in the capture of the QBP and the advance of his QNP, to prevent which the black King must remain at hand to support his Knight and threatened pawn. In a position like this, the usual end-game superiority of Bishop over Knight is at a

minimum and with ordinary care on both sides, the game should be drawn.

32. P—R 5 N—B 6
 33. B—B 4 N—N 4
 33 P—B3 is simpler.
 34. B—K 3 N—Q 5 ch
 35. K—R 4 N—K 3
 36. P—N 5

36 K—N5 is more promising if White still has hopes of victory as nothing is to be gained by the exchange of the Queen-side pawns.

- 36 K—B5; 37 K—R5, P—KB4; 38 P—N3, P—N4; 39 P x P e.p., P x P; 40 P—N6, P x P ch; 41 K x P, K—Q4; 42 K—N5, P—N4; 43 K—N4, K—K5; 44 K—B4, P—N5; 45 K—B3, P—B5; 46 P x P, N x P; 47 K—Q2, N—N7; 48 B—R7, K—B6; 49 B—N6, N—B5; 50 B—R7, K—N7; 51 B—K3, N—Q4; 52 B—R7, K—B8; 53 K—Q3, N—B5 ch; 54 K—K4, N—R6; 55 K—B5, drawn.

The legitimate result of a game well played by both parties. The youthful Glen has fully held his own against his more experienced opponent.

DEATH IN THE PAWN AVALANCHE

W. Reindler, well-known Wanganui player, has supplied this translation from the German of a really beautiful King's Gambit. With the notes it appeared in the "Oesterreichische Schachzeitung," Vienna, about 1936. We have an eye for snappy annotations, and would like to hear from any player who can produce a published note neater than that after White's 11th move in the following game, played at Muvau, 1925.

Game No. 173

KING'S GAMBIT

- Itze Dr. Reinle
 1. P—K 4 P—K 4
 2. P—K B 4 P x P
 3. N—K B 3 P—K N 4

The classical defence to the King's Gambit. A more modern player would have continued with 3 P—Q4; 4 P x P, B—Q3; and relinquished the captured pawn.

4. B—B 4 P—N 5
 5. N—K 5

The well-known Salvio Gambit. Weak is the enticing move 5 B x P ch? because of the sequel 5 K x B; 6 N—K5 ch, K—K1; 7 Q x P, N—KB3; 8 Q x P, P—Q3!; 9 N—KB3, R—N1; 10 Castles, R—N5; with better play for Black.

5. Q—R 5 ch
 6. K—B 1 B—N 2 !?

A notable innovation. More usual replies are 6 N—KB3, 6, N—KR3; 6, N—QB3 and 6, P—KB3.

7. N x B P P—Q 4!!

Continued in the true spirit of the gambit. A rapid development of all forces is the aim at the cost of minor material. This is justified because White's King's side is perforated and pretty well paralysed.

8. B x P B—Q5!

The first harbinger of the threatening tidal wave.

9. Q—K1 P—N 6

10. P—K R 3 P—B 6!

The two Black pawns have done a fine job. White is completely immobilised and can but watch how Black makes his final preparations for the slaughter of White's King standing sadly on B1.

11. N x R

The last meal before the execution (!!)

11. B x R P

An elegant finish. White has to take the Bishop, and then follows a most unusual smothering mate.

12. R x B Q x R

13. P x Q P—N7 mate

STRANGLER

Playing for Otago against Canterbury in the telegraphic Bledisloe Cup, R. W. Lungley (Otago champion) conducts a crushing attack which his cramped opponent is unable to counter. Notes by J. D. Steele.

Game No. 174

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED (Orthodox Defence)

(White) (Black)

W. M. Stewart R. W. Lungley

- 1 N—KB3, N—KB3; 2 P—Q4, P—Q4; 3 P—QB4, P—K3; 4 B—N5, QN—Q2; 5 P—K3, P—B3; 6

B—Q3, Q—R4 ch;

Leading to a position similar to the Cambridge Springs Defence.

- 7 QN—Q2, P x P; 8 B x P, N—K5;

Black's system of defence is ingenious, but results in the waste of a good deal of time.

- 9 P—KR4?

A wasted move and an unnecessary weakening of the King's side. After 9 B—B4, B—N5; 10 P—QR3, N x N; 11 N x N, B x N ch; 12 Q x B, White has the advantage of the two Bishops and a considerably freer game. In fact, Black's game would already be difficult.

- 9, B—N5; 10 B—B4, N(2)—B3; 11 B—Q3, B—Q2; 12 P—QR3, N x N; 13 N x N, B—K2; 14 P—QN4?

This only results in the opening of lines on the Queen's side to Black's advantage. White should have made the most of his bad 9th move by playing 14 P—R5! which would force a weakening of the black King's side, e.g., 14 P—KR3; 15 K—B1, and White has a boa-constrictor grip with such moves as B—K5, R—R3—N3 and N—B4, coming up.

- 14, Q—Q1, 15 R—QB1?

Quite illogical anyway. White's pawns on Q4 and QN4 prevent Black's P—QB4. More to the point was 15 N—B4, O—O; 16 P—R5, N—Q4; 17 B—K5, with a strong attack.

- 15, N—Q4; 16 B—N3.

And here, 16 B—K5 was better since both 16, B x P; and 16, P—B3 would weaken the black King's side too much.

- 16, Castles; 17 P—K4, N—B3; 18 P—K5?

This merely results in the shutting in of the white QB. Better is 18 N—B4, B—K1; 19 B—N1, with the strong threat of 20 Q—Q3 and 21 P—K5.

- 18, N—Q4; 19 Q—R5, P—KB4!

This excellent move brings White's planned K-side attack to a standstill and the attack passes to Black.

followed the book. White's next

20 P-B4,

Or 20 P x P, e.p., N x P; 21 Q-K2, B-K1; 22 Q x P ch, B-B2; 23 Q-K2, P-QR4! and White's position is torn open.

20 , P-QR4;

Black now demolishes White's position with a few powerful strokes.

21 P x P, Q x P; 22 Q-Q1, B x QRP; 23 R-R1, Q-B6; 24 K-K2, Q x P; 25 N-B3, Q-K6 ch; 26 K-B1, B-B4; 27 R x R, R x R; 28 Q-Q2, R-R8 ch; 29 Resigns.

EXPERIENCE TELLS

Youthful Noel Henderson won the Major Open at Dunedin last year and will consequently be one of those privileged to contest the N.Z. championship at Wanganui next Christmas. In this game, from the recent All-Wellington championship, his inferior development is severely punished by his more experienced opponent. Gyles, however, slips a bit near the end and Henderson makes a gallant effort to pull the game out of the fire. Notes by A. W. Gyles.

Game No. 175

RUY LOPEZ

A. W. Gyles N. S. Henderson

1. P-K 4 P-K 4
2. N-K B 3 N-Q B 3
3. B-N 5 P-Q R 3
4. B-R 4 B-B 4

Unusual here but played on the 4th move instead of P-QR3. It can be met by N x P.

5. Castles P-Q 3

N x P was now a real threat and had to be met.

6. P-B 3 P-Q N 4
7. B-B 2 B-K N 5
8. P-K R 3 B-R 4
9. P-Q 3 P-K R 3?
10. P-K N4 B-N 3
11. P-Q 4

White wants to play P-Q4 early and this is a necessary preliminary. It is playable here as Black has weakened his King side for castling.

11. P x P
12. P x P B-N 3
13. N-B 3 K N-K 2
14. B-K 3 P-Q 4?

White now has control of the

centre and Black feels that he must attack it.

15. P x P! B x B
16. Q x B N-N 5
If 16 N x KP then N x P.
17. Q-K 4 Q N x Q P
18. N-K 5 Castles
19. P-N 5 P-K B 4

The fireworks begin. Black should have taken the pawn, allowing White to attack on the open KR file.

20. Q-R 4 P-B 5
21. P x P P x P

If instead P x B, White plays P x P with an easy win.

22. K-R 1 N x N

If 22 , K-R2; then 23 R-KN1, P x B; 24 Q-K4 ch, K-R1; 25 Q-N4 wins.

23. Q x R P Q-Q 4 ch
24. K-R 2 N-K7
25. R-N 1 ch N-N 6
26. B x P N-B 4
27. R x N ch N x R
28. R-K N 1 Q-R 8 ch
29. R x Q N x R
30. Q-N 6 ch K-R 1
31. B-R 6

In the excitement White misses a mate in three commencing with N-B7 ch. As a result of a few forcing moves by Black, White had still to fight a long ending.

31. R x P ch
32. K x N R-B 8 ch
33. K-N 2 R-K N 1
34. Q x R ch K x Q
35. K x R B x P
36. N-Q 3 and won.

NIL DESPERANDUM

Below is a game from the 1948 South Auckland Championship. Black fails in the opening, recovers and finally goes overboard when he appears to have good chances. Notes by the Editor.

Game No. 176

TWO KNIGHTS DEFENCE

A. G. Jones A. Scott

1. P-K 4 P-K 4
2. N-K B 3 N-Q B 3
3. B-B 4 N-B 3
4. N-N 5 P-Q 4
5. P x P N-Q R 4
6. B-N 5 ch P-B 3
7. P x P P x P

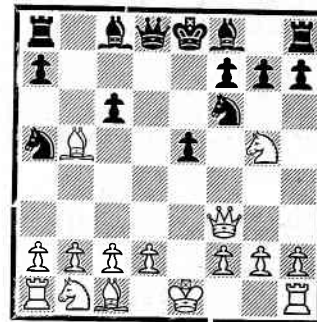
Up to this point the game has

move was first advocated by Staunton.

8. Q-B 3

Playable, but B-K2 is more usual. B-Q3 also appears quite playable here but, as it is a violation of opening principles, should only lead to ultimate disaster.

Scott



Jones

8. P-K 5?

Giving up a pawn for some reason or other. Q-N3 is probably best. 8 P x B; 9 Q x R, B-QB4; 10 O-O, O-O; 11 P-QN4, B x NP; 12 N-QB3, and Black has insufficient compensation for the material minus.

9. N x K P N x N
10. Q x N ch Q-K 2

Obviously B-K2 would not do.

11. Q x Q ch B x Q
12. B-R 4

B-K2 appears better. Black's command of the QN file could be unpleasant for the white Bishop.

12. B-Q 2
13. P-Q 3 Q R-N 1

14. Castles Castles
15. B-Q 2 N-N 2

16. N-B 3 N-B 4
17. B-N 3 B-B 3

18. K R-K 1 B-B 4
19. B-K 3

Offering wholesale exchanges to capitalise on his pawn plus.

19. N-K 3

Black's game is already lost.

20. B x N

B x P may have lost a little time but the resultant pawn majority on the Queen's side would be overwhelming.

20. B x B
21. B-B 5 K R-Q 1
22. B-R 3 R-N 3

23. N-R 4 R-N 4
 24. P-Q B 4 R-K B 4
 25. Q R-Q 1 B-Q 5!
 26. K R-B 1

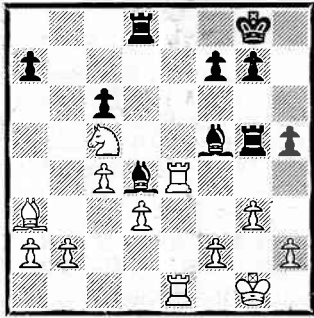
If 26 R-K2, then 26 ... B x QBP; 27 P x B (27 QR-K1, B-K3), B x P ch; 28 R x B, R x R ch and mate next move.

26. R-K 1
 27. Q R-K 1 R-K N 4
 28. P-K N 3

Unnecessary. White is too slow in taking advantage of his Queenside majority. The text only weakens the King's position to no purpose.

28. P-K R 4
 29. R-K 4 R-Q 1
 30. K R-K 1 B-K B 4
 31. N-B 5

Scott



Jones

31. ... B-B 3?

Weak. 31 ... B x R winning the exchange was more than Black could have hoped for. 31 ... B x N; 32 R-K8 ch, R x R; 33 R x R ch, K-R2; 34 B x B, B x P, with a more or less equal game.

32. R-K 8 ch R x R
 33. R x R ch K-R 2
 34. N-K 4 B x N
 35. R x B P-Q B 4
 36. P-Q N 4

Black cannot survive against the march of the pawns. The game continued for another nine moves and was then adjudicated a win for White.

STAYING POWER

Spencer Smith, N.Z. C.C.A. secretary, took this game from the Wanganui champion in this year's

local champs. True, the loser makes a terrible 22nd move, but despite this and the game's length we rather like it for the determination we see in Black's play. Black acquires a passed pawn at QN6 which he uses for a neat Queen manoeuvre (moves 49-52) which completes White's downfall. Note how Black can with impunity offer Queen exchanges at Q4 and K5. This is why he wins—his Queen is better than White's.

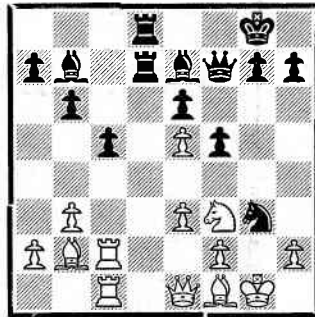
Game No. 177

QUEEN'S PAWN GAME

N. M. Cromarty S. Smith

1. P-Q 4 N-K B 3
 2. N-K B 3 P-K 3
 3. P-K 3 P-Q N 3
 4. P-K N 3 B-N 2
 5. B-N 2 B-K 2
 6. P-B 4 P-Q 4
 7. Castles Q N-Q 2
 8. Q N-Q 2 Castles
 9. P-N 3 N-K 5
 10. B-N 2 P-K B 4
 11. R-B 1 P-B 4
 12. Q-K 2 B-R 3
 13. K R-Q 1 Q-K 1
 14. Q-K 1 R-B 1
 15. R-B 2 B-N 2
 16. R(1)-B 1 Q-B 2
 17. N-K 5 N x N (4)
 18. P x N K R-Q 1
 19. N-B 3 P x P
 20. R x P R-Q 2
 21. R (4)-B 2 R(B1)-Q 1
 22. B-B 1? N x N P

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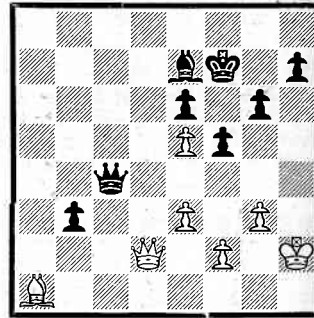


Cromarty

23. RP x N, B x N; 24 B-K2, Q-R4; 25 B x B, Q x B; 26 R-K2, R-Q6; 27 B-B3, Q-Q4; 28 K-R2 R-Q2; 29 Q-B1, R-Q8; 30 R(K2)-K1, R x R(K8); 31 Q x R, P-QN4; 32 R-B2, P-N5; 33 R-Q2, Q-B3; 34 B-N2, R-Q4; 35 Q-K2, Q-Q2; 36 R x R,

- Q x R; 37 Q-N5, K-B2; 38 Q-K2, P-N3; 39 Q-B2, Q-B6; 40 Q-Q2, Q-Q4; 41 Q-K2, P-QR4; 42 Q-B2, Q-B3; 43 K-N1, Q-K5; 44 Q-Q2, P-QB5; 45 P x P, Q x P; 46 B-R1, P-R5; 47 K-R2, P-N6; 48 P x P, P x P;

Smith



Cromarty

49. K-N 1 Q-B 7!
 50. Q-Q 4 Q-N 8 ch!
 51. K-R 2 Q-K 5!
 52. Q-Q 7 Q-B 7
 53. B-Q 4 Q x P ch
 54. K-R 3 Q-B 8 ch
 55. K-R 2 Q-QB 5

56 Q-N7, P-N4; 57 Q-R7, P-N5; 58 Q-N8, Q-K7 ch; 59 K-N1, Q-K8 ch; 60 K-N2, Q-K7 ch; 61 K-N1, Q-B6; 62 Q x P, Q x P ch; 63 K-B1, Q-B6 ch; 64 K-N1, P-N 6; 65 Q-B2, P-R4; 66 Q-KN2, Q-Q8 ch; 67 Q-B1, Q-N5; 68 Q-KB4, P-R5; 69 Q x Q, P x Q; 70 K-N2, B-N5; 71 P-K4, B-K8; 72 B-N1, K-N3; 73 B-K3, P-R6 ch; 74 K-R1, B-B7; 75 resigns.

LIGHTNING STRIKES

Some surprising things can happen when players are pressed for time. The following game was played during a lightning tournament at Dominion Road.

Game No. 178

TWO KNIGHTS DEFENCE

- (White) (Black)
 B. A. Mayhill F. G. McSherry
 1 P-K4, P-K4; 2 N-KB3, N-QB3; 3 B-B4, N-B3; 4 N-N2, P-Q4; 5 P x P, N-Q5; 6 P-Q4, Q x P; 7 N x BP, Q-B3; 8 P-Q4, Q x P; 9 R-B1, N-B6 ch; 10 K-K2, B-KN5; 11 N x R, N-Q5 ch; 12 K-K1, B x Q; 13 N-B3, N-B6 ch; 14 K x B, Q x R mate.

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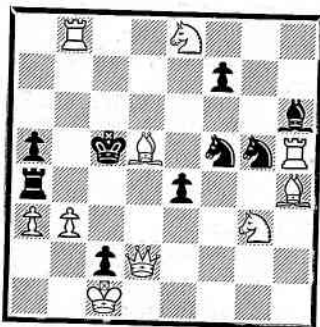
—B2; 38 Q—
2. Q—B6; 40
—K2, P—QR4;
K—N1, Q—
5; 45 P x P.
—R5; 47 K—
P x P;



Q—B 7!
—N 8 ch!
Q—K 5!
Q—B 7
Q x P ch
—B 8 ch
Q—QB 5

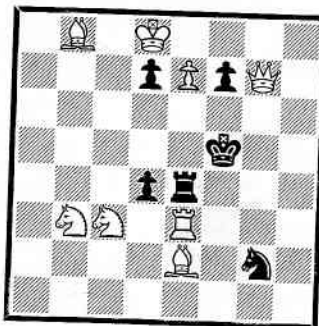
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—K7 ch; 59 K
—K—N2, Q—
—B6; 62 Q x
B1, Q—B6 ch;
55 Q—B2, P—
Q8 ch; 67 Q—
B4, P—R5; 69
—N2, B—N5;
2 B—N1, K—
B6 ch; 74 K—
ns.

22—C Cox, Stapleford.



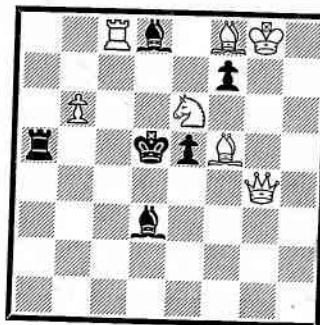
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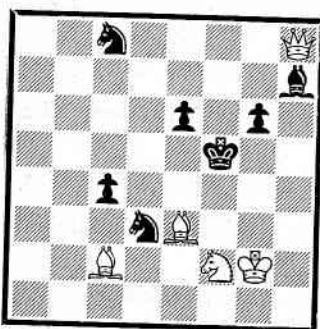
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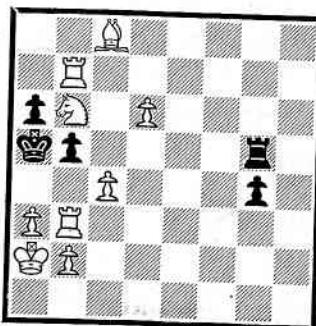
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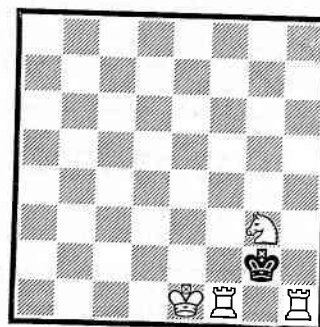
White to move and mate in three

26—G. Hume.



White to move and mate in three

27—Unknown.



White to move and mate in three

SOLUTIONS

- No. 16 (Elworthy) Key—N—N3.
1, Any; 2 Q, B or N mates.
No. 17 (Barran). Key—Q—Q6.
1, Any; 2 Q, B or N mates.
No. 18 (Bowell). Key—R—KR4.
No. 19 (Ulander). Key—Q—B6.
1, B x Q; 2 N—Q3 ch. 1
. . . ., B x N (or K x R); 2 Q x B
ch. 1, B—R7 (others); P x N.
No. 20 (Unknown). Key—R—
QR1.
No. 21 (Walker). Key—K—N2.

Correct solutions were sent in by
W. S. King (Christchurch) 16, 17,
18, 20, 21; A. D. Harris (Auckland)
16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21; W. J. D.
Barnes (Tokanui) 16, 18, 21; E. A.
Le Petit (Invercargill) 16, 17, 18,
19, 20, 21.

TO THE EDITOR

E. A. Le Petit — No. 20, R—
QR1. The Bristol theme in a two-
mover is rather rare. (Mr. Le Pet-
it's letters are welcome. We are
glad he enjoys the problems).

W. J. D. Barnes—I can get No.
20 out in three moves but not two.
(Keep right on trying Mr. Barnes.
Most of the fun in a problem evap-
orates once it has been solved.
Write again).

W. S. King—In the "Mate in ?
Moves" section, I presume the
Black Queen on QN 7 should be
on QB6, otherwise N—B6 mates at
once. (Hands up all those who
didn't see this mate!—Ed.). My
compliments to the Editor, yourself
and all concerned on the high

standard of matter, problems and
production of the "N.Z. Chessplay-
er." The notification as to the com-
ing two-monthly issue is indeed
very acceptable news. May all
efforts be amply rewarded by in-
creasing circulation. (Many thanks,
Mr. King, Your pleasure is our re-
ward).

L. Pleasants—I think it would be
a good idea to state the number of
pieces in each problem. (We think
our new diagrams make this un-
necessary. The space is useful.
What do you think?)

J. Yates, Greymouth—(Thanks
for problem which is under consid-
eration. There is a lot of timber
but everything appears snug. See
you later).

STRIKES

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DEFENCE

(Black)
G. McSherry
2 N—KB3, N
—B3; 4 N—N5,
—Q5; 6 P—Q6,
—B3; 8 P—Q3,
—B6 ch; 10 K—
—R, N—Q5 ch;
3 N—B3, N—
x R mate.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Correspondence players please note that the Secretary's address has been changed and now is: P.O. Box 287, Wanganui.

FIRST PROGRESS REPORT

TROPHY TOURNEYS AND HANDICAP TOURNEY, 20/10/48

CHAMPIONSHIP

Cunningham beat Grant, Campbell, Smith and Tibbitts.

Tibbitts beat Lungley, Campbell.

Cole beat Whitlock, Campbell.

Lynch beat Lungley, Smith, Tibbitts, Cole, drew Broom and Cunningham.

Smith drew Whitlock, Broom and Tibbitts.

Broom beat Cunningham, Cole.

Campbell drew Smith, Cromarty, Lungley, Whitlock, Grant, Broom, Lynch and Byrne.

Grant beat Broom, Byrne beat Broom, drew Tibbitts.

T.T. Class 1.B.

Sloan beat Fulton, Mintoft, Moore.

Le Petit beat Fulton, Mintoft.

Severinsen beat Paterson, Kiley, drew Allen.

Moore beat Severinsen, Allen, King, Kiley, Le Petit.

Mintoft beat Fulton, Severinsen, drew Mitchell.

Kiley beat King, drew Sloan, Allen.

Smith beat Allen, Le Petit and Fulton.

Paterson beat Sloan, Le Petit, Kiley, Moore, drew King.

King beat Fulton, Sloan, Dick, drew Allen.

Mitchell beat Sloan, Kiley, drew Paterson, Allen.

Dick beat Moore, drew Sloan.

Fulton beat Mitchell.

T.T. Class 1.C.

McKenzie beat Miss Hollis, Kurney.

Miss Hollis beat Donald, Kurney, Wright.

Ratliff beat Kurney.

Kurney drew Hooper, Jones, Toye, Wright, Watts.

Donald beat McKenzie, Watts, drew Kurney.

Toye beat Donald.

Hooper beat Donald.

Wright beat Ratliff.

T.T. Class 2

Sims beat Hignett, Littlewood, McDiarmid, Keam, Beamish, Adkins, Cook Morris, drew Stack, Pearce, Guthrie, Eades.

Stack beat Morris, Hignett, Guthrie.

Keam beat Morris, Hignett.

Littlewood beat Eades, Hignett, Stack.

Beamish beat Morris, Keam, Hignett, drew Stack.

Hignett beat Eades, Cook.

Cook beat Littlewood, Keam; Guthrie (default).

T.T. Class 3

Mathieson beat Jessett, Cusack.

Hignett beat Miss Wilkinson, Mathieson, drew Collins.

Cusack beat Collins, Miss Wilkinson, Miss Collinson.

Yates beat Jessett, Miss Wilkinson.

Jessett beat Miss Wilkinson, Cusack, Wilkins, Miss Collinson.

Wilkins beat Orbell, Nabbs, Cusack, Mathieson.

Collins beat Mathieson.

Miss Wilkinson beat Wilkins.

Frost drew Hignett, Yates, Wilkins.

T.T. Class 4

Duggan beat McClellan.

Pilkington beat Dick, Smith.

Jones beat McClellan, Hartnell, Dick, Neale.

McClellan beat Hartnell, Smith, Robinson, drew Vincent, Pilkington.

Neale beat McClellan, Neilson.

Vincent beat Dick.

Neilson beat Dick, McClellan.

McCombie beat Smith, Neale.

Hartnell beat Duggan.

Robinson beat Smith, Jones, Neilson.

Dick beat McCombie, McClellan, Hartnell.

T.T. Class 5

Fenwick beat Mills, Chrisp, Mitchell, Stanley, Miss Moncrieff.

Taylor beat White, Chrisp, Miss Moncrieff, Mrs Forrest.

Hardiman beat Mitchell, Miss Moncrieff.

Meehan beat Meikle, Miss Moncrieff.

Miss Moncrieff beat Mitchell, drew Mills, Stanley.

Meikle beat Mitchell, Miss Moncrieff.

White beat Mitchell, Miss Moncrieff.

Mrs. Forrest beat Miss Moncrieff, Meikle, Chrisp, Mills.

Stanley beat Meehan.

Chrisp beat Meikle, Miss Moncrieff, Mitchell.



HANDICAP TOURNEY

P. D. Taylor beat Duggan, Meikle, Wing; Simpson beat Teece; Anderson beat T. Mitchell 2, Graham 2, Chrisp; Marsick beat Paull 2, Young 2, G. S. Smith; F. L. Collins beat Graham 2, P. D. Taylor; Calnan beat Hemingway 2, Honore; Neale beat S. Severinsen 2, Walker; Duggan beat P. D. Taylor, G. O. Jones; Byrne beat McKay, T. Mitchell; Meikle beat Taylor; Sloane beat R. Severinsen, Duggan; Mrs. Eades beat McKenzie; Kiley beat Mrs. Eades 2, McKenzie, Traves; Teece beat G. H. Dick 1½, Simpson, O'Connell; T. Mitchell beat A. Smith; S. Severinsen beat Davy; McKay beat Byrne, Dick Jeffs 2; O'Connell beat McKay 2, Teece, drew Dick; A. Smith beat Anderson; Thorne beat McKay, Meikle 2, A. Smith, T. Mitchell 2, Wing 2; G. S. Smith beat Miss Collinson, Marsick; Lee beat Chrisp; Dick beat McKay; J. W. Collins beat Young; Mrs. Walker beat Teece, Hollander 1½, Pilkington, Simpson 2; Rogers beat Dougherty; Gyles beat Kiley 2; P. W. R. Jackson beat Jeffs; Jeffries beat R. Severinsen; R. Severinsen beat Jeffries; Gant beat Simpson; Harrison-Wilkie beat Wing; Donald beat Traves 2, Kiley; Ross beat Johnson 2; Chrisp beat Anderson; Luck beat Fulton, G. Mitchell; J. A. Jackson beat P. D.

Taylor; Mrs. Forrest beat Blomfield; Robinson beat Young; Hartnell beat Young; Parsons beat King 2; Faulkner beat Johnston; Walker beat Chrisp.
Promotion: R. Thorne from Grade 6 to Grade 5.

AUCKLAND MEMBERS' MEETING

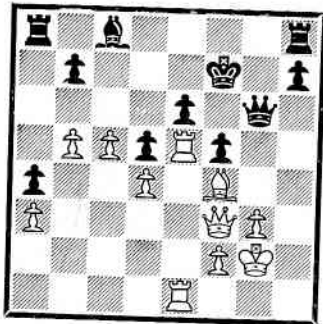
On Tuesday, 31st August, Auckland Correspondence members met in the Auckland Chess Club room which had been made available for the occasion. Miss Hollis welcomed members on behalf of the Auckland Chess Club. The Secretary gave an account concerning the running of the Association by the Wanganui committee, financial position, growth of membership, news concerning the tourneys, and invited members to examine the minute and other books. A plea was then made for members to bring forward suggestions for the advancement of the Association.

At the conclusion of the meeting a flash-light photograph was taken and this was followed by a "caterpillar" simultaneous, the "caterpillars" being Messrs. Taylor, Neild and Fletcher. Supper was served during the game and an enjoyable evening was brought to a close at 11 p.m. Thanks are due to Messrs. Keam, Park, Adkins and Stack who made all the arrangements for the meeting.

BRILLIANCY AWARD

The brilliancy award for the season of 1946-47 went to G. Severinsen, of Takapau, for his game against E. J. Denys, Christchurch. The opening play on both sides was rather indifferent but after Black's 33 . . . , R-R1, the following position was reached:

Denys



Severinsen

White continued vigorously:

34. R x Q P P-R 4

If 34 . . . , P x R; 35 Q x P ch, K-N2; 36 R-K7 ch, and mate follows. If 35 . . . , K-B3; 36 Q-K5 ch, K-B2; 37 Q-B7 ch, K-B1 (37 . . . , K-B3; 38 Q-K7 mate); Q-Q8 ch, K-N2; 39 R-K7 ch, wins.

35. R-Q 6 Q-N 5

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36. Q-K 3 P-R 5

37. R x K P! P x P

If 37 . . . , B x R; 38 Q x B ch, K-B1; 39 B-Q6 ch, K-N2; 40 B-K5 ch, K-B1; 41 Q-B6 ch, wins.

38. R-B 6 ch K x R

Forced. White's move is a good illustration of examining every check, no matter how ridiculous it

may look at first glance.

39. Q-K7 ch K-N 3
40. Q-Q 6 ch B-K 3

If 40 . . . , K-R4; 41 R-R1, ch. 40 . . . , K-R2; 41 R-K7 ch, Q-N2; 42 Q-R6 ch, and mate next move.

41. R x B ch Resigns.

Notes are by H. R. Abbott.

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