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Christchurch, 1957-58, was a young player's congress. A majority of the competitors were in their teens or early 20's, and the younger brigade took a liberal share of the honours.

Rodney Phillips, at 15, retained the national title, without having to share it this time. After an early set-back, a loss to Dave Lynch in Round 2, Phillips conceded three draws and after taking the lead in the sixth round had it all his own way.

In the championship A.H. Douglas was the competitor to win his first two games, but dropped his third, to Frankel, and at that stage Frankel, O'Callahan and Hutchings (each 2½) shared the lead. Frankel won in the fourth round, to lead alone, Hutchings drawing with Nyman and O'Callahan going down to Lynch.

Hutchings beat Frankel in the 5th round to take over the lead, half a point ahead of Frankel, Phillips and O'Callahan. Phillips beat Hutchings in the critical sixth round while Frankel and O'Callahan both dropped back.

O'Callahan, after being 3½-1½ after five rounds, notched only two draws in the remainder of the tournament. On the other hand, Roger Court, the eventual runner-up, was well back with a score of 2-4 after six rounds, but finished with a rattle. He dropped only half a point in the last five games.

Frankel was the last to have a chance of depriving Phillips of the title being only half a point behind him when they met in the tenth round. However, Phillips won and Frankel lost to Court in the final round to drop back to 4th equal with Hutchings.

Lynch, a former national champion, was a solid and consistent third. Like Phillips he had only but one loss, but - and this has happened before - drew no fewer than 6 of his games. Hutchings, 4th with Frankel, could not win any of his last four games, although he had three draws.

Bruce Marsick, first emergency for the championship, justified his favouritism for the championship reserve despite a loss in the first round (he overlooked a straightforward mate in a sound position). After

that set - back he conceded only two draws and with 9 points finished half a point ahead of Brian Douglas, an Auckland 16 year old who had only been playing for about a year.

Douglas, to the experienced players if not to the general public - who naturally heard and read more about Phillips than anybody else - was the sensation of congress. His strong middle and endgame play showed him to be a youngster of considerable promise.

Championship reserve leaders were far more spread than in the close major open a year ago, and G. Haase was 3rd with 8 points and W.A. Poole 4th with 7½. Poole, incidentally won the best game award for his game against Thomson.

G. Lenz won every game to take the 2nd class, 1½ points ahead of B. Adams. Young Michael Taylor, at 14 the youngest player at congress, was third and won a knock-out tourney for the second class competitors after the tournament was over.

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Ignoring the results, everyone there enjoyed the congress. Organisation was superb, and secretary R. Abbott and all those associated with him worked hard throughout to keep it so. There were "no incidents" and the hospitality was excellent.

Mr H.R. Abbott's address of welcome at the opening had everyone smiling and relaxed. A couple of his briefest anecdotes about those people who always seem to be around asking questions are well worth repeating. They are simply his answers to a couple of typical questions.

"Is chess something like draughts?" - NO - (uncomprising and without elaboration)

"Doesn't it take brains to play chess? Never answer that one.

But in giving advice on smoking habits, cryptic comments at a critical stage, and such sportsmanlike tactics, Mr Abbott made an oversight, - he failed to mention the possibilities of dressing right for the occasion, to which Bruce Marsick forcefully

drew attention. Especially when he turned up in a scarlet T - shirt emblazoned with sputniks and space men.

Finally, we must thank the valiant back room brigade who provided refreshments for 43 thirsty players, and add that Mrs Abbott was charming in presenting the trophies at the conclusion of congress.

(E.G.A.F)

PLAYERS MEETING

The usual players meeting was held immediately after the prize-giving with the President of the Association Mr R.M. Broadbent in the chair.

The following motions were carried as recommendations to the Association.

"That players should be required to wear soft soled footwear"

"That the tournament committee responsible for the conduct of congress endeavour to have floor coverings to assist in eliminating noise".

"That full details of the Swiss system be incorporated in the rules of the Assn;"

"That a maximum of 24 players be selected to play in the next N.Z. Championship".

"That the Swiss system be given a trial in the next N.Z. Championship".

"That the Association check with the N.Z. Bowling Association to make sure that the chess and bowling tournaments did not clash in the same town".

Naturally, most of the above motions were debated at some length, but the Swiss system created the most interest and the longest debate. However when a show of hands was called for, it was carried by a majority of two to one.

(Ed)

W E

A correspondent of the "Chessplayer" broadsheet, by coincidence, was the second editorial - the system. Though her editorial, referred specifically as applied to the N.Z. raised what are in fact objections to its general principle.

We have never quibbled with these objections and they should be accepted without delay. Major Open and other tournaments rejected for the Championship, in fact is, of course, the fact, are, in the main, based on an assumption and unrealistic.

If the system were adopted for the Championship, we are sure that a large increase in entries would be visualised as many as happened in the Major Open. The objection is that, in recent years, Congress entries have fallen to this figure.

We suggested our system because up to now the round Swiss can only be used to ensure that the title goes to the best player over the period. We are sure that entries would run much higher. If they did, the selection would be easier than under the present system. To repeat our previous objection, the difficulty is involved in chaff from a large field to a wider range, than in a restricted one. More important, say half a dozen players, 26 entries, under the present system, less chance of "scratching" than when eliminated from a smaller and tighter round robin.

That, perhaps, is the risk of keeping the round robin. The risk of keeping the round robin ought to be reduced. With due respect to the

WE REPLY TO MISS SWISS

A correspondent in the last issue of the "Chessplayer" broached a subject which, by coincidence, was made the topic of our second editorial - the controversial Swiss system. Though her letter, like our editorial, referred specifically to the system as applied to the N.Z. Championship, she raised what are in fact the standard objections to its general principles.

We have never quite understood why, if these objections are valid, the Swiss system should be accepted without question for the Major Open and other tournaments, and yet rejected for the Championship. The plain fact is, of course, that these objections are, in the main, based on an unwarranted assumption and unrealistic speculation.

If the system were adopted for the Championship, we are told, there would be a large increase in entries. Our correspondent visualises as many as 40. Has this ever happened in the Major Open? Our recollection is that, in recent years at least, total Congress entries have not greatly exceeded this figure.

We suggested ourselves a limit of 20 players because up to this point an eleven round Swiss can confidently be expected to ensure that the title goes to the best player over the period. We doubt whether, in fact, entries would run much above this number. If they did, the selectors' task would still be easier than under the present system. We repeat our previous contention that less difficulty is involved in sorting out the chaff from a large field, where form takes a wider range, than from a relatively restricted one. More important, in eliminating say half a dozen players from a field of 26 entries, under the Swiss there is far less chance of "scratching" a potential winner than when eliminating the same number from a smaller and tighter group under the round robin.

That, perhaps, is the crux of the matter. The risk of keeping out a potential champion ought to be reduced to the minimum. With due respect to the ability of the se-

lectors, we submit that widening the field by introducing the Swiss system would reduce the risk and, inter alia, the intensity and possibly even the number of their headaches.

Incidentally, our correspondent introduces a curious note when she gives her opinion that "there are only about half-a-dozen players in all N.Z. that are up to the standard of a National title". What on earth does this mean exactly? Is there an arbitrary and immutable standard quite independent of the players who compete? Who or what sets it? The title itself? This is plainly absurd. Would she suggest that if the six players she apparently has in mind were not available, the National title should lapse in the meantime?

Perhaps something like this attitude, is at the root of much of the present opposition to trying out the Swiss. A feeling that the players must be tailored to fit the championship of present conditions and the players' needs. We take a different view.

Our correspondent's other objections stem from her primary assumption that the Swiss would lead to an unwieldy increase in entries. Since we think she is mistaken in this, there seems no point in dealing with them. No sane person would think of trying to operate the Swiss under the circumstances she propounds. Let us make our position quite clear. We hold no brief for the Swiss system for its own sake. We advocate it in the present context because we want to see more players take part in the Championship. We think there are a number who are good enough for it, who would gain immeasurably from it, but who under existing conditions have restricted opportunity for entry. Other considerations we have already mentioned.

The point is that with the necessarily limited number of rounds a "bigger" Championship could be run only on the Swiss System. We say again - why not try it and see what happens?

(S.D.)

65th CONGRESS 1957 - 58 AT CHRISTCHURCH

C H A M P I O N S H I P

Players		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	pts	Count
1 J.R. Phillips	Ak	X	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8½	
2 R./P. Court	Dvk	0	X	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	7½	
3 D.I. Lynch	Hastings	1	0	X	½	½	½	1	½	1	½	½	1	7	
4 F.P. Hutchings	C	0	0	½	X	1	½	1	½	½	1	1	½	6½	210
5 Z. Frankel	Wn	0	0	½	0	X	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	6½	198
6 T. Van Dijk	(O)	0	1	½	½	0	X	0	1	1	0	1	1	6	
7 C.P. Belton	Ak	0	0	0	0	1	1	X	1	0	1	½	1	5½	
8 A.H. Douglas	Ak	½	0	½	½	0	0	0	X	½	1	1	1	5	
9 R.M.O'Callahan	Wn	½	1	0	½	0	0	1	½	X	0	1	0	4½	179
10 I.D. Hayes	(O)	0	0	½	0	0	1	0	0	1	X	1	1	4½	137
11 K.M. Steele	(Tu)	½	½	½	0	0	0	½	0	0	0	X	1	3	
12 A.J. Nyman	C	0	0	0	½	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	X	1½	

(Ak=Auckland; Dvk=Dannevirke; C=Canterbury; O=Otago; Wn=Wellington; Tu=Timaru.)

1:B.H.P Marsick 9; 2:BDouglas 8½; 3:G. Haase 8; 4:W. Poole 7½; 5 O. Thomson 7; 6:W. Petre 6½; 7:T. Costello 6; 8:K.M. Okey 6; 9:E.G. Frost 6; 10:M. Logan 6; 11:R.S. Watt 5½; 12:K. Austin 5½; 13:J.K.L. Webling 5½; 14:G. Saville 5; 16:R.L. Roundhill 4½; 17:H.F. Pobar 4; 18:F. Eagles 4; 19:R.J. Woodford 4; 20:C.W. Taylor 3½; 21:E.V. Cuff 2; 22:M. Ponimoni 1.
 (Ponimoni withdrew due to a death in the family after the third round)
 (First figure=placing; second figure=points scored; Placings in sonneborne order)

1:A. Jentz 8; 2:B. Adams 6½; 3:M. Taylor 6; D. Harrison 5; F.R. Best 4; G. Bishop 3; Miss J. Carter and Miss C. Carter 1 each.
 M. Taylor won a special prize which was donated by Mr D. Robertson of Rakaia.
 Championship and Championship Reserve were 11 rounders; Second class a 9 rounder.

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	ROUND	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	pts	Count
Belton C.P.		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	
Frankel Z.		½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	6	
Nyman A.J.		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Steele K.M.		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Hutchings F.P.		½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	6	
Phillips J.R.		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	

(All games annotated)
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 The following position
 Whites' (Phillips) 22



Black has the bet
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 Play continued:-

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24	N x N
25	B - K
26	Q x N
27	Q - Q

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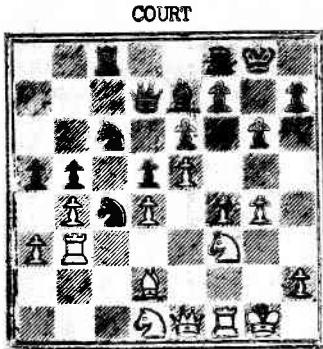
28	Q x Q
29	K - N

NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIP

***** (By The Games Editor)

ROUND 1 FRIDAY			
Belton C.P.	1	Van Dijk T.	0
Frankel Z.	½	Lynch D.I.	½
Nyman A.J.	0	Hayes I.D.	1
Steele K.M.	0	Douglas A.H.	1
Hutchings F.P.	½	O'Callahan R.M.	½
Phillips J.R.	1	Court R.P.	0

(All games annotated by J.D.Steele)
 The crucial game of the round, and, indeed of the championship was Phillips-Court. The following position was reached after Whites' (Phillips) 22nd move



PHILLIPS

Black has the better of things on the Queen's side, and White's attack on the Black King does not seem to amount to much. Play continued:-

22	.....	Q - R2
23	P x P	N x QP
24	N x N	Q x Nch
25	B - K3	N x B
26	Q x N	Q - R5
27	Q - Q3	R - B8?

The straightforward course 27...QxP(R4) was much better, as Black keeps a pawn ahead. If then 28 P-B5, R-B5 and the attack on the Kings side is still making no headway. Black (who was apparently in some time trouble) goes in for a series of checks, but these only assist White to improve the position of his pieces for the assault on the King!

28	Q x QNP	B - B4ch
29	K - N2	Q - K5ch

30	QR - B3	R - QB1
31	Q - Q3	Q - R5
32	K - N3	Q x P(R4)
33	P - B5!?	

Note the good defensive position of the Kt on Q1 protecting the key square QB3, which is the only avenue for Black to assault the loosely defended White King.

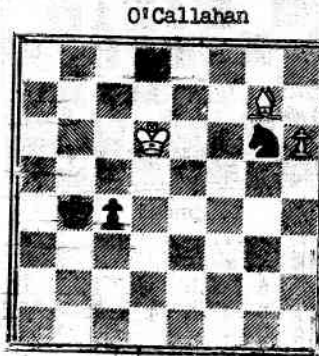
33 KP x P??
 Giving White a target to attack. 33...Q-B2 would have put White in a very precarious position, as 34 R-K1, R-R8 is very strong.

34	NP x P	P - N4
35	P - B6	B - B1
36	Q - B5	P - R3
37	P - K6	

White's attack is now decisive. Phillips has conducted his attack with great economy

37	.....	Q - B2ch
38	K - N2	R - B7ch
39	R(3) - B2	R x R
40	R x R	B - B4
41	P x Pch	Q x P
42	Q x Rch	K - R2
43	Q x B	Resigns.

The game between Hutchings and O'Callahan had an interesting finish. After 55 moves the following position was reached:



Hutchings

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Hutchings v O'Callahan continued:

56 K - K6 P - B6
 57 B x Pch K x B
 58 K - B6 N - B1
 59 K - B7 N - R2
 60 K - N7 N - N4

Drawn, since K-N6 is answered by N-K3 and the RP cannot advance.

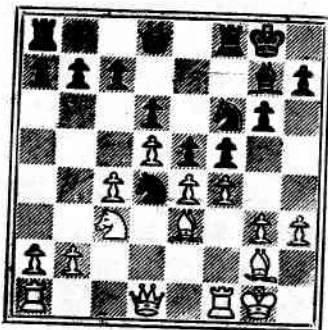
ROUND 2 SATURDAY MORNING

Court (0)	0	O'Callahan (½)	1
Hayes (1)	0	Frankel (½)	1
Van Dijk (0)	1	Steele (0)	0
Douglas (1)	1	Nyman (0)	0
Lynch (½)	1	Phillips (1)	0
Hutchings(½)	1	Belton (1)	0

Court lost again, losing a piece in the opening by transposing moves, and his chance of winning the championship was virtually gone.

Phillips again got into trouble in the opening. Lynch (White) has just played 14: P - KB4, and Phillips tried to simplify the issue in the centre but found himself in still deeper water.

Phillips



Lynch

14	N x P
15 B x N	P x B
16 B x N	P x B
17 N x P	P - B3
18 Q - N3!	R - N1
19 N - N5	Q - Q2
20 N - K6	R - B3
21 QR - K1	R - K1

22 R - K2

The White Kt is now all-powerful and in the hope of stopping the ever-increasing build up of pressure, Phillips gave up the exchange by 22...R(B3)xN, but Lynch made sure he never had adequate compensation for the sacrifice, and won convincingly.

ROUND 3 SATURDAY EVENING

Court (0)	1	Lynch
O'Callahan (½)	1	Belton
Steele (0)	0	Hutchings (1½) 1
Frankel (1½)	1	Douglas (2) 0
Phillips (1)	1	Hayes (1) 0
Nyman (0)	0	Van Dijk (1) 1

Hutchings mounted an overwhelming attack on the King's side against Steele:-

Steele	Hutchings
1 P - Q4	N - KB3
2 P - QB4	P - K3
3 N - QB3	B - N5
4 B - Q2	P - Q4
5 P - K3	O - O
6 N - B3	P - QN3
7 P x P	P x P
8 R - B1	B - N2
9 B - Q3	QN - Q2
10 O - O	P - QR3
11 P - QR3	B - Q3
12 Q - B2	Q - K2
13 N - K2	N - K5
14 N - N3	P - KB4
15 QR - K1	P - KN4
16 B - B1	P - N5
17 N - Q2	Q - R5
18 N(2)x N	BP x N
19 B - K2	R - B3
20 P - R3	P x P
21 Q - Q1	B x N
22 P x B	Q x P
23 Resigns.	

(For game Frankel v Douglas see page 15)

ROUND 4 MONDAY MORNING

Van Dijk (2)	0	Frankel (2½)	1
Hutchings (2½)	½	Nyman (0)	½
Douglas (2)	½	Phillips (2)	½
O'Callahan (2½)	0	Lynch (1½)	1
Belton (1)	½	Steele (0)	½
Hayes (1)	0	Court (1)	1

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ROUND 4:

Steele and Nyman a draw each. Frankel v Hutchings. Games won the C/Reserve, Haase ½, with Thomson, Mars behind. Marsick in the and an interesting game

Eagles

1	P	-	Q4
2	N	-	QB
3	N	-	B3
4	B	-	B4
5	P	-	KN
6	B	-	N2
7	O	-	O
8	P	x	N
9	R	-	N1
10	R	-	N5
11	R	-	N3
12	N	-	Q2
13	B	-	K5
14	P	-	K4
15	R	-	K3
16	B	-	Q6
17	N	x	P
18	P	x	P
19	R(3)	-	K1
20	B	x	N
21	N	-	Q2
22	R	x	R
23	Q	-	K2
24	N	-	K4
25	B	x	B
26	B	-	Q3
27	Q	-	K4
28	R	-	K2
29	Q	-	KN
30	R	x	Rc
31	Q	-	B8
32	Q	x	NP
33	Q	-	N8
34	Q	-	B4
35	P	x	Q

Looks drawish? - but

36	B	-	B2
37	P	-	B5
38	B	x	P
39	K	-	B1
40	P	-	B4

Which allows Black's advance.

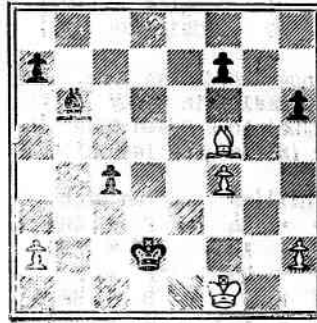
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ROUND 4:

Steele and Nyman both made a start with a draw each. Frankel went into the lead from Hutchings. Games were uninteresting. In the C/Reserve, Haase and Douglas were each 3/4, with Thomson, Marsick and Okey a half pt behind. Marsick in this round met Eagles, and an interesting game ensued:-

Black now controls the Queen side and the White Bishop must be sacrificed.

	Eagles	Marsick
1	P - Q4	N - KB3
2	N - QB3	P - Q4
3	N - B3	B - B4
4	B - B4	P - K3
5	P - KN3	B - N5
6	B - N2	N - K5
7	O - O	N x N
8	p x N	B x P(6)
9	R - N1	B - R4
10	R - N5	P - QB3
11	R - N3	O - O
12	N - Q2	Q - B3
13	B - K5	Q - N3
14	P - K4	P x P
15	R - K3	N - Q2
16	B - Q6	KR - K1
17	N x P	P - K4
18	P x P	B - N3
19	R(3) - K1	N x P
20	B x N	R x B
21	N - Q2	R x R
22	R x R	B x P
23	Q - K2	P - KR3
24	N - K4	B x N
25	B x B	Q - N4
26	B - Q3	K - B1
27	Q - K4	Q - B3
28	R - K2	P - N3
29	Q - KN4	R - K1
30	R x Reh	K x R
31	Q - B8ch	K - K2
32	Q x NPch	K - Q3
33	Q - N8ch	K - Q4
34	Q - B4?	Q x Q
35	P x Q	K - Q5
Looks drawish? - but wait!		
36	B - B2	P - QB4
37	P - B5	P x P
38	B x P	K - B6!
39	K - B1	K - Q7!
40	P - B4	
Which allows Black's Queen side pawns to advance.		
40	.....	P - B5



41	K - N2	K - K6
42	B - B2?	K x P
43	K - B1	K - K6
44	K - K1	B - B2
45	P - KR3	P - KR4
46	K - Q1	P - R5
sewing up the King's side.		
47	B - B5	K - B5
48	B - B8	P - B4
49	K - B2	B - K4
Stops the King!		
50	B - R6	P - B6
51	B - Q3	B - Q5
52	B - K2	K - K6
53	B - R5	P - KB5
54	K - B1	P - B6
55	B x P	K x B and wins.

A brevity from the 2nd Class:

	Anon ?	Harrison
1	P - K4	P - K4
2	B - B4	B - B4
3	N - QB3	Q - KB3
4	N - Q5!!!	Q x P mate

R.O.Scott a well-known chess personality is at present in the Wellington Hospital We wish him a speedy recovery. (Ed)

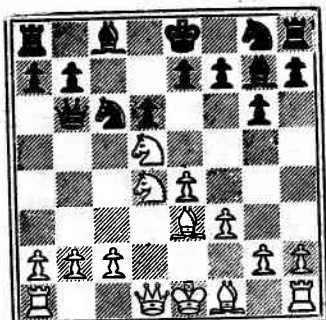
ROUND 5 MONDAY EVENING

Frankel	(3½)	0	Hutchings	(3)	1
Phillips	(2½)	1	Van Dijk	(2)	0
Nyman	(½)	0	Belton	(1½)	1
Lynch	(2½)	½	Hayes	(1)	½
Court	(2)	1	Douglas	(2½)	0
Steele	(½)	0	O'Callahan	(2½)	1

Phillips had now struck top form, and Van Dijk found himself in early difficulty through an injudicious Queen move in the opening. Here is the game in full:-

	Phillips	Van Dijk
1	P - K4	P - QB4
2	N - KB3	P - KN3
3	P - Q4	P x P
4	N x P	B - N2
5	N - QB3	N - QB3
6	B - K3	P - Q3
7	P - B3	Q - N3
8	N - Q5 (See diagram)	
8	.....	Q - Q1?

This voluntary donation of the tempo to White in the opening should be, and proves,



(After White's 8th move)

to be fatal. Having committed himself by 7...Q O N3; Black must willy-nilly follow the only consistent course and play 8... Q x P; when he appears to retain a balance. Although the Black Queen is a little lonely on QN7, Black is very strong on the Black squares. For instance:- 9 R-N1, QxRP; 10: N-B7ch, K-Q1; 11 NxR, NxN; 12 BxN, BxB; and Black has quite a game.

9 Q - Q2 N - B3

10 0 - 0 - 0 KN x N

Seeking safety in exchanges. Blacks position is already so bad that it is difficult to suggest any improvement, but these exchanges simplify the position and highlight the weaknesses in his game.

11	P x N	N x N
12	B x N	B x B
13	Q x B	P - B3
14	B - Q3	B - Q2
15	QR - K1	K - B2
16	Q - K3	P - QR3
17	P - KR4	

From here on White forces Black to weaken his already bad King's position more and more.

17	.....	R - QB1
18	P - KN4	P - KR4
19	Q - K4	P - B4
20	Q - KB4	RP x P
21	P x P	Q - B1
22	P - R5!	

Completely breaking up the King's side.

22	.....	P - KN4
23	Q x NP	R - KN1
24	Q - K3	R x P
25	KR - B1	K - K1
26	B x BP	B x B
27	R x B	Q - N2
28	P - R6	Q - R2
29	R(1) - B1	K - Q2
30	Q - K6ch	K - B2
31	R - B7	Q - N3
32	Q x KPch	Resigns

A forceful game by Phillips. Van Dijk was given no chance of recovering from his bad opening.

Round 5 continued:

Court scored his third win at the expense of Douglas. In the opening Court (White) had the pressure, and now he will utilize his positional advantage.

(After White's 15th move)



White is threatening to capture a rook by 26 RxN and N x NP!

25
26 N(N3) x NP
Now two White pieces are on the answer?

27	N - Q6
28	R x B
29	B x N
30	P - Q6
31	B - N6
32	R x R
33	B - B5
34	B x R

ROUND 6 TU

Douglas	(2½)	½
Hayes	(1½)	1
Steele	(½)	1
Hutchings	(4)	0
Van Dijk	(2)	1
Belton	(2½)	1

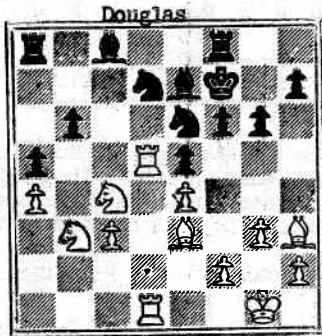
Court, who had lost his first game, then won the next two and had a chance of the championship.

As Black he wins

Round 5 continued:

Court scored his third consecutive win at the expense of Douglas. From a Catalan opening Court(White) had gradually increased the pressure, and now he is able to capitalise his positional advantage by a combination.

(After White's 25th move):



Court

White is threatening to win two pieces for a rook by 26 RxN and if 25...R-Q1 then 26 N x NP!

- 25 R - R2
- 26 N(N3)x NP! R - B2

Now two White pieces are attacked. What is the answer?

- 27 N - Q6ch B x N
- 28 R x B P x N
- 29 B x Nch K - K2
- 30 P - QB4 N - N1
- 31 B - N6 R - B3
- 32 R x R N x R
- 33 B - B5ch K x B
- 34 B x R and White won.

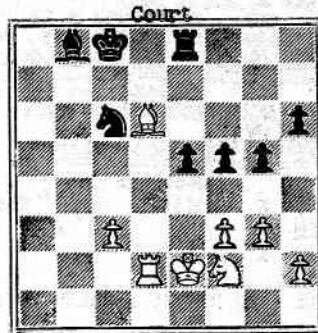
ROUND 6 TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Douglas	(2½)	½	Lynch	(3)	½
Hayes	(1½)	1	O'Callahan	(3½)	0
Steele	(½)	1	Nyman	(½)	0
Hutchings	(4)	0	Phillips	(3½)	1
Van Dijk	(2)	1	Court	(3)	0
Belton	(2½)	1	Frankel	(3½)	0

Court, who had lost his first two games and then won the next three in a row, lost all chance of the championship in this round.

As Black he wins a pawn in the opening

against Van Dijk, but such a spirited resistance was put up that he eventually had to part with it, and the following position was reached:



Van Dijk

Court now saw the chance to wind up the game with a neat little drawing combination and played: (After White's 37th)

- 37 N - Q5ch
- 38 P x N P x Pch
- 39 K - B1 B x B
- 40 R x P K - Q2?

This looks logical even though he voluntarily pins the bishop. However 40...K - B2 would make the draw safe.

- 41 P - N4! P x P??

Completely missing the point. The draw is still there by 41...K-B2; 42 PxP, BxP; 43 N-N4, B-B5; 44 NxP, N-B3.

- 42 N - K4! R - K3
- 43 N - B5ch K - K2
- 44 N x R K x N
- 45 P x B and White won.

Phillips brought off another neat finish against Hutchings. After the 22nd move the position diagramed was reached. (See diagram top of next page)

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|------------|----------|
| Hutchings | Phillips |
| 23 Q - QF2 | R x B! |
| 24 R x R | Q x Pch |
| 25 K - N2 | Q x R |
| 26 Q x N | Q - K7 |

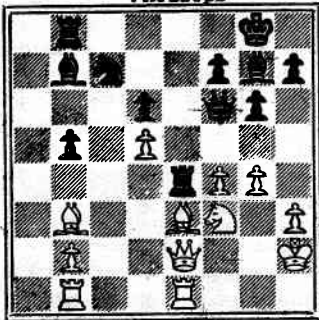
Hutchings v Phillips continued:

Phillips

White toplay
plays:
Q - QB2

Move 23

see
page 9



White Kt
on White
square

Hutchings

27 K - N3 B - K4ch
28 N x B Q x N
29 K - R4

After 29:

(K - B2, R - K1 quickly decides the

issue)

29 P - N4ch
30 K - R5 Q - B3!!
31 B - B2 R - QB1
32 B x Pch K x B
33 Resigns.

Round 7 WEDNESDAY MORNING

Phillips	(4½)	1	Belton	(3½)	0
Frankel	(3½)	1	Steele	(1½)	0
O'Callahan	(3½)	0	Nyman	(½)	1
Hayes	(2½)	0	Douglas	(3)	1
Lynch	(3½)	½	Van Dijk	(2)	½
Court	(3)	1	Hutchings	(4)	0

Phillips was now in fine form, and won well from Belton, making very clever use of his pressure on the Queen's side.

Phillips	Belton
1 P - K4	P - K3
2 P - Q4	P - Q4
3 N - Q2	P - QB4
4 KP x P	Q x P
5 KN - B3	P x P
6 B - B4	Q - Q1
7 O - O	QN - B3
8 N - N3	N - B3
9 Q - K2	B - Q3
10 R - Q1	Q - K2
11 QN x P	N x N
12 N x N	B - Q2
13 B - QN5	R - Q1
14 B - N5	P - QR3

Phillips	Belton
15 B x Bch	R x B
16 R - Q3	O - O
17 R(1) - Q1	R(1) - Q1
18 N - N3	P - KR3
19 B x N	P x B
20 Q - Q2	P - N3
21 N - Q4	R - QB1
22 Q x P	Q - B1
23 Q x P	Q - N2
24 Q x Qch	K x Q
25 P - QB3	R(1) - Q1
26 P - KN3	B - B4
27 N x Pch	Resigns

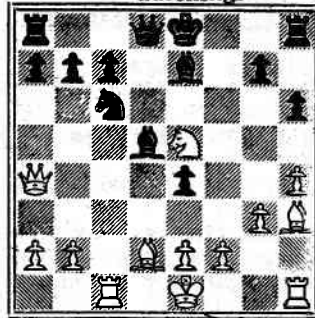
Court opened P-KR4! against Hutchings but the opening ended up as a Sicilian with colours reversed, in which White was even able to use his unusual first move to some effect.

Court	Hutchings
1 P - KR4	P - K4
2 P - QB4	N - KB3
3 N - QB3	P - Q4
4 P x P	N x P
5 P - KN3	B - K2
6 B - N2	B - K3
7 N - B3	N - QB3
8 P - Q3	P - KR3
9 B - Q2	P - B4
10 QR - B1	Q - Q2
11 N x N	B x N
12 Q - R4	P - K5
13 P x P	P x P
14 B - R3!	

He can use his first move after all.

14 Q - Q1
15 N - K5

Hutchings



Court

Court v Hutchings c

15
16 B x P

Black hesitates.
B x R seems to leave
by many avenues, b
answer. If 17 R-Q1,
K-K1, B-Q4. Or 17 P-

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After 16..., B
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ROUND 8 W

Hutchings	(4)	½
Belton	(3½)	0
O'Callahan	(3½)	½
Steele	(1½)	½
Nyman	(1½)	0
Van Dijk	(2½)	0

Frankel won from Ny
change by an overs
again shows the of
of a rook and two
and a knight.

The diagram shows t
White's 3

White's 3



Nym

32
Losing the exchange
results in the loss o
piece.

33 N - Q
34 N x P
35 Q - K
36 R - K
37 QR - K
38 B - N

Contrast the free o

Court v Hutchings continued:

15 P - K6
16 B x P P - B3?

Black hesitates. The cold-blooded 16..., B x R seems to leave Black open to attack by many avenues, but there is always an answer. If 17 R-Q1, QxRch; 18 KxQ, R-Q1ch; 19 K-K1, B-Q4. Or 17 P-B3!, Q - Q4!

This position is very interesting and readers comments will be appreciated.

After 16..., B - B3 Black was merely a pawn down, but was never able to recover.

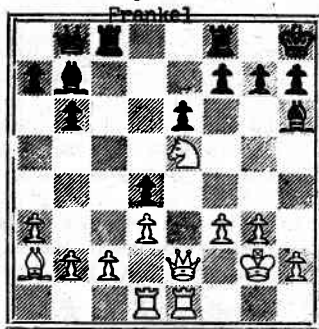
ROUND 8 WEDNESDAY EVENING

Hutchings	(4)	½	Lynch	(4)	½
Belton	(3½)	0	Court	(4)	1
O'Callahan	(3½)	½	Douglas	(4)	½
Steele	(1½)	½	Phillips	(5½)	½
Nyman	(1½)	0	Frankel	(4½)	1
Van Dijk	(2½)	0	Hayes	(2½)	1

Frankel won from Nyman after losing the exchange by an oversight- the resultant play again shows the often demonstrated ability of a rook and two bishops against two rooks and a knight.

The diagram shows the position after:

White's 32nd move



32 B - K6? !

Losing the exchange in a position where it results in the loss of Whites most effective piece.

33	N - Q7	Q - Q3
34	N x R	R x N
35	Q - B1	Q - B3
36	R - K2	P - B4!
37	QR - K1	P - B5
38	B - N3	R - B3!

Contrast the free development of Black's

pieces with the wretchedly cramped position of White's.

	Nyman	Frankel
39	P - N4	R - N3
40	P - R3	P - KR4
41	K - R2	P x P
42	R x B	BP x R
43	RP x P	R - R3ch
44	K - N2	Q - Q3
45	Q - N1	Q - B5!
46	Resigns.	

There is no answer to 46..., Q x NPch

Steele gave Phillips plenty of trouble sacrificing a piece for two pawns on the 12th move. Phillips eventually gave up a piece in turn and remained a pawn ahead but against a stern resistance had to be content with a draw by perpetual check:

	Steele	Phillips
1	P - Q4	N - KB3
2	P - K3	P - KN3
3	B - Q3	B - N2
4	N - Q2	O - O
5	P - KB4	P - Q3
6	KN - B3	N - B3
7	P - B3	P - K4
8	BP x P	P x P
9	O - O	Q - K2
10	B - B4	P - K5
11	N - N5	B - R3
12	N(2)x KP	N x N
13	N x BP!?	K - N2
14	N x B	K x N
15	R x R	Q x R
16	Q - B2	Q - K2
17	B - Q3	N - Q3
18	P - K4ch	K - N2
19	P - K5	N - B4
20	B - Q2	B - Q2
21	R - KB1	R - KB1
22	Q - B1	K - N1
23	B - B2	B - K3
24	B - N5	Q - Q2
25	P - QR3	N(B3)x QP!
26	P x N	Q x Pch
27	R - B2	Q x KP
28	Q - Q2	N - Q5
29	R x Rch	K x R
30	Q - B2ch	K - N2
31	P - KR4	P - KR3
32	B - K7	N - B3
33	Q - B8ch	Draw agreed.

ROUND 9 THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Court	(5)	1/2	Steele	(2)	1/2
Hayes	(3 1/2)	0	Hutchings	(4 1/2)	1
Lynch	(4 1/2)	1	Belton	(3 1/2)	0
Phillips	(6)	1	Nyman	(1 1/2)	0
Douglas	(4 1/2)	0	Van Dijk	(2 1/2)	1
Frankel	(5 1/2)	1	O'Callahan	(4)	0

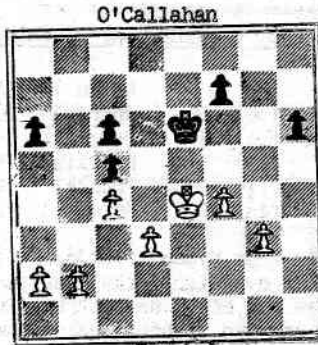
Phillips had another crushing win in this round, but once again his opponent burdened himself with an anaemic line in the French Defence which gave him no chance of counterplay at all. The careful way Phillips builds up his position before the final assault while Black can only sit and watch, is most impressive.

	Phillips		Nyman
1	P - K4	P -	K3
2	P - Q4	P -	Q4
3	N - Q2	P x	P
4	N x P	N -	KB3
5	N x Nch	Q x	N
6	N - KB3	Q -	Q1
7	B - Q3	B -	Q2
8	O - 0	B -	K2
9	Q - K2	B -	QB3
10	P - B3	N -	Q2
11	B - K3	P -	KR3
12	QR - Q1	N -	B3
13	N - K5	B -	Q2
14	P - QB4	P -	B3
15	B - N1	B -	Q3
16	P - B4	Q -	N1
17	Q - Q3	P -	QN3
18	B - KB2	Q -	N2
19	B - R4	P -	B4
20	B x N	P x	B
21	N x BP!	K -	K2
22	N x R	R x	N
23	P - Q5	R -	KN1
24	Q - R7ch	Resigns	

Frankel, who had started very well and then slipped back with successive losses in Rd 5 and 6, scored his third win in a row, but not very convincingly, against O'Callahan. O'Callahan lost a pawn quite early in the game, and, in spite of a spirited resistance had to watch his pieces gradually exchanged off until the following pawn ending was reached: (See diagram) Black is a pawn down, his pawns are all isolated, and therefore incapable of defending each other, and the White King is strongly positioned. White can win now by mobilising his pawn majority on

the Queen side by:-

37 P - Q4, P - B4; (Best: If 37...K - Q3; P - Q5) 38 K - Q3, K - Q3; 39 P - R3, P - QR4; 40 P - N3, P - KR4; 41 K - B3, P x Pch; 42 KxP P - B4ch 43 K - B3, K - B3; 44 P - QN4, and White must obtain a passed pawn, when he can drive the Black King back and then switch his own King over to capture the two defenceless pawns on the King side.



(After Black's 36th move)
Frankel, instead played:
37 P - KN4?

An instructive error, because O'Callahan found the right reply, and an excellent one it is:

37 P - B4ch!
Forking(!) White's King and NNP and so obtaining a "distant" passed pawn, one of the major aims in an endgame. The point about a passed pawn distant from the enemy King is that to stop or capture it, the King must embark on a long trek away from the rest of the battle.
38 K - B3

No better is 38 PxPch, K-B3; because it will cost White both his KBPs to stop Black's KRP

38 P x Pch
39 K x P P - QR4
40 P - N3

And not P - R3?, P - R5!

41 K - R5

White's only chance of winning now.

Frankel v O'Callahan
Frankel

41
42 K x P
Now the advantage of a pawn can be clearly seen, but his King is posing pawns.
43 K - N6
44 K - B6
45 K - K5
46 K - Q6
47 K x P
Again the only winning move
47
48 P - N4
49 P - N5
50 P x P



50
After battling for 40 moves, Black throws it away. The right way was, of course, 51 P-N6, K-R8; 52 P-N7, Stalemate!
51 K - N4

Steele carried on with the game, started in the previous round, and Court won the exchange, but just when things came to light with a imaginative move which ended the game. Court win riskily gave up and after White's 51st move the following position was reached:

Frankel v O'Callahan continued:

Frankel O'Callahan
 41 K - B4
 42 K x P K x P

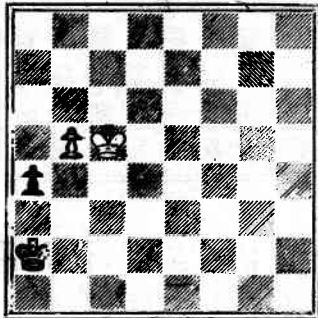
Now the advantage conferred by the distant pawn can be clearly seen. Black is still a pawn down, but his King is nearer the opposing pawns.

43 K - N6 K - K6
 44 K - B6 K x P
 45 K - K5 K - B6
 46 K - Q6 K - N7
 47 K x P(B4)

Again the only winning chance.

47 K x P
 48 P - N4 P - R5!
 49 P - N5 P x P
 50 P x P

O'Callahan



Frankel

50 K - R8??

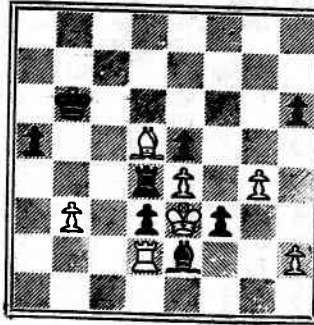
After battling for 40 moves to save a lost game, Black throws it away with a fingerslip. The right way was, of course, 50... P - R6 51 P-N6, K-R8; 52 P-N7, P-R7; 53 P-N8=Q or R, Stalemate!

51 K - N4 Resigns

Steele carried on the good work he had started in the previous round by holding Court to a draw, and what a game it was. Court won the exchange in the middle game, but just when things looked blackest, Steele came to light with a succession of bold and imaginative moves which completely equalised the game. Court, still looking for a win riskily gave up the exchange in turn, and after White's 51st move (P - KN4) the following position was reached with Steele

a pawn to the good:-

Steele



Court

(After White's 51st)

Steele now played 51... P-R5, and the game soon ended in a draw. There seems to be a win here by:-

51 K - B4
 52 P - R4 K - N5
 53 P - N5 P x P
 54 P x P K - B6
 55 P - N6

This pawn must Queen, but...

55 P - B7!
 56 K x P K x R
 57 P - N7 K - B7
 58 P - N8(Q) P - Q7

And now if 59 Q - B8ch, K - N7 wins, or 59 K x B, mate in five.

ROUND 10 FRIDAY MORNING

Frankel	(6½)	0	Phillips	(7)	1
Hutchings	(5½)	½	Douglas	(4½)	½
Nyman	(1½)	0	Court	(5½)	1
Belton	(3½)	1	Hayes	(3½)	0
Van Dijk	(3½)	1	O'Callahan	(4)	0
Steele	(2½)	½	Lynch	(5½)	½

The meeting between Phillips and Frankel, the only two players with a chance of winning the championship resulted in a win for Phillips. The position soon became quite blocked, and, although Phillips had a slight advantage, a draw seemed to be the logical outcome. Frankel, for whom a draw was not enough in view of his half - point deficit tried for more and gave up a pawn for quite inadequate compensation. Even so, he might

Round 10 continued:

have held out, but Phillips completely outplayed him from there on:
Here is the decisive game in full:-

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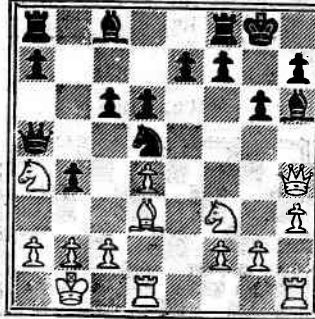
	Frankel	Phillips
1	P - QB4	N - KB3
2	N - QB3	P - KN3
3	P - KN3	N - N2
4	B - N2	O - O
5	P - K4	P - B4
6	KN - K2	N - QB3
7	O - O	P - Q3
8	P - KR3	P - QR3
9	P - Q3	R - N1
10	R - QN1	P - QN4
11	P - N3	N - K1
12	P - B4	B - Q2
13	P - B5	P - K3
14	P - KN4	P - N5
15	N - R4	N - Q5
16	N x N	B x Nch
17	K - R1	N - N2
18	P x NP	BP x P
19	B - N2	P - K4
20	R x Rch	Q x R
21	B x B	BP x B
22	N - N2	N - K3
23	Q - K1	Q - R3
24	P - B5	N x P
25	Q - K2	B - K3
26	R - KB1	R - KB1
27	R x Rch	K x R
28	N - R4	N x N
29	P x N	Q - B8ch
30	K - R2	K - K2
31	B - B1	B x RP
32	P - KR4	B - N6
33	B - N2	B - Q8
34	Q - K2	P - N6
35	Q - KB2	Q - B5ch
36	Resigns	

O'Callahan continued his run of bad luck. He succeeded in throwing a number of spanners in the works when Van Dijk tried to build up a King's side attack. Here is how the game started:

	Van Dijk	O'Callahan
1	P - Q4	P - Q3
2	P - K4	N - KB3
3	N - QB3	P - KN3
4	N - B3	B - N2

	Van Dijk	O'Callahan
5	P - KR3	O - O
6	B - K3	QN - Q2
7	Q - Q2	P - B3
8	O - O - O	P - QN4
9	B - R6?	P - N5
10	N - R4	N x P
11	Q - K3	N(Q2) - B3
12	B - Q3	N - Q4!
13	Q x N	B x Bch
14	K - N1	Q - R4
15	Q - R4	

O'Callahan



Van Dijk

15	.....	B - KN3
16	P - QN3	N - B6ch
17	N x N	P x N
18	K - R1	

Now the obvious line is best:-18...Q - R6
19 R-QN1, P-QR4, threatening 20...P - R5;
21 P - QN4, B - K3; so White does not appear to have anything better than 20 P-Q5, PxP; and Black has two good pawns and an attack to boot. Instead, however he played:

18	.....	B - B4
19	B x B	Q x B
20	R - Q3	P - K4
21	P x P	P - KR3
22	Q - N4	P x P
23	Q x Q	P x Q

Now, although Black still has a pawn ahead it is only a doubled isolated one, so it is not much of an advantage, and VanDijk played the ending very well and actually succeeded in winning.

Hayes	(3½)	1	4½
Lynch	(6)	1	7
O'Callahan(4)	½	½	4½
Douglas	(5)	0	5
Van Dijk	(4½)	½	5
Court	(6½)	1	7½

Phillips who had a...
ionship, quickly ag...
O'Callahan who was a...
thus had some slight...
misfortune in the pr...

Court won well f...
slipped back to equa...
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Court

1	P - Q4
2	B - N5
3	P - QB
4	P x P
5	N - QB
6	N - B3
7	B - B4
8	N - K5
9	P - K3
10	Q - N3
11	B - B4
12	R - QB
13	N x B

This pin, which has...
some time, must prov...

14	P - KB
15	P - K4
16	P x BP
17	P x P
18	B - K5
19	B - Q3
20	O - O
21	B - K4
22	Q - Q1
23	P - B4
24	Q - B3
25	P x P
26	Q - B5
26:Q - N4	wins at on
26	.....
27	R - B3
28	R - R3

Hayes	(3½)	1	4½	Steele	(3)	0	3
Lynch	(6)	1	7	Nyman	(1½)	0	1½
O'Callahan	(4)	½	4½	Phillips	(8)	½	8½
Douglas	(5)	0	5	Belton	(4½)	1	5½
Van Dijk	(4½)	½	5	Hutchings	(6)	½	6½
Court	(6½)	1	7½	Frankel	(6½)	0	6½

Court	Frankel
29 R x N	R - R1
30 R - R3	Q x R
31 Q - N6ch	K - B1
32 Q - B7 mate.	

From page 6.Round 3.Frankel v Douglas.

Phillips who had already won the championship, quickly agreed to a draw against O'Callahan who was a pawn down, and, who thus had some slight compensation for his misfortune in the previous two rounds.

Court won well from Frankel, who thus slipped back to equal fourth. Court's recovery from a very bad start was one of the features of the tournament. He scored 7½ points in the last nine rounds.

VERY IRREGULAR DUTCH DEFENCE

Court	Frankel
1 P - Q4	P - KB4
2 B - N5	P - Q4
3 P - QB4	B - K3
4 P x P	B x P
5 N - QB3	B - B2
6 N - B3	P - KR3
7 B - B4	N - KB3
8 N - K5	P - K3
9 P - K3	B - K2
10 Q - N3	Q - QB1
11 B - B4	P - QB3
12 R - QB1	N - N5
13 N x B	K x N

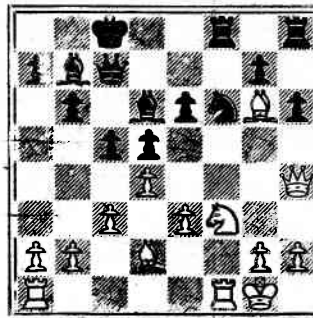
This pin, which has been foreordained for some time, must prove fatal.

14 P - KB3	N - B3
15 P - K4	P - KN4
16 P x BP	Q - Q1
17 P x Pch	K - N2
18 B - K5	P - N4
19 B - Q3	P - QR4
20 O - O	N - R3
21 B - K4	P - R5
22 Q - Q1	N - QN5
23 P - B4	Q - K1
24 Q - B3	R - KB1
25 P x P	P x P
26 Q - B5	
26:Q - N4 wins at once.	
26	Q - R4
27 R - B3	N - Q4
28 R - R3	N - K6

Frankel early prevented Douglas from castling and just when the Black King seemed to have found a haven on the Queen's side, Frankel broke open the position there and won attractively. After Black's 19th (See diagram) Frankel played:-

Frankel	Douglas
20 P x P!	P x P
21 P - QN4	N - K5
22 P x P!	N x B
23 P x B	N x Nch
24 P x N	Q x QP
25 P - QB4	
Persistent	
25	R - B3
26 B - R5	Q - K4
27 P x P!	Q x Pch
28 K - R1	B x P

Douglas



Frankel
(After Black's 19th)

29 QR - B1ch K - Q1?

29....,K-N2 gives prospects of a successful defence:For if 30 Q-N3, K-R1! and if 31: Q x P, R x P!.....

30 Q - N3	Q - N3
31 R - QN1	Q - B2
32 R - N8ch	K - Q2
33 Q x Pch	Resigns

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E

O B I T

ARTHUR. T. CRAVEN:

Dear Sir,

Were a title necessary for your editorial theme song, I would suggest 'Swiss Yoghurt'. The subject may be churned forth regularly, it may be dotted with sweet-sounding notes, but it remains basically sour.

By all means hold a Swiss tournament and give weaker players a chance to meet stronger players - but not for a national championship. The System is so full of anomalies, injustices and contentious points that its ardent supporters engage in heated arguments over them. Under this System it could so happen that the New Zealand championship be dependent upon a last round game between the two weakest players; or that the title be virtually decided by lot by the draw before the last round.

It is simply not good enough, and for important occasions such as the U.S.S.R. championship, or World Zonal Candidates tournies, it could not be considered. Surely it is up to a contender for the N.Z. title to show his worthiness (he has ample opportunities) and not be dependent on a watering down of standard by Swiss.

Yours etc;
D.I. Lynch.

Dear Sir,

In view of the added interest created in the Bledisloe Cup competition by the entry of a new team - S.A.P.C.L. - which incidentally has stimulated enquiries from a South Island district as to how one goes about forming a league, it seems a pity, that the major metropolitan areas such as Auckland and Wellington are now able to enter a League team. When it is realised that both Auckland and Wellington each have two clubs able to field 20 players or in other words have as many members per club as the average country league, it appears that the smaller leagues will have very little chance in competition against a team from either Auckland or Wellington

Leagues, in fact this new rule practically presents the Bledisloe Cup to Auckland, when one considers that the players at present available in that area.

This to my way of thinking is not in the best interests of competition among chess players throughout the country and I would like to see the matter reconsidered.

Yours etc;

F.A. Hirst.

WAIKATO CHESS LEAGUE

The Hon Secretary of the Waikato Chess League, Mr N. Palmer has been kind enough to send us some information, dealing with the formation of the above named League and as Mr Hirst's letter refers to this League the information has been considered as correspondence.

The Waikato League, was formerly known as the South Auckland Provincial Chess League ie: the S.A.P.C.L. to which Mr Hirst refers.

Mr Palmer indicates that the change of name was because; (1) the former name was rather unwieldy; (2) it was associated in the minds of the public with the Pukakohe-Waikuku-Tuakau area.

An extraordinary General meeting held in Te Awamutu recently, decided the change of name, and some other resolutions passed were:-

That the Queen's Birthday week - end tournament be held on two grades if there are enough entries, and that the closing date for the tournament be the 24th of May

That the League enter a team for the Bledisloe Cup match.

That application be made to the N.Z.C.A for the League to hold the 1958/59 Congress in Hamilton.

The correspondence page is open to all It is your page - We invite YOU to use it.

Ed

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O B I T U A R Y

ARTHUR. T. CRAVEN:

Who died on the 2nd of February 1958, aged 83, gave much in time, service and money to New Zealand and Wellington Chess. Joining the N.Z. Chess Assn; Council in 1905, he served for forty years as a delegate, the last ten as Chairman of the Management Committee. He was chairman when the change from running Congresses on the section principle was made, involving much debate and committee work. He served two terms as President of the N. Z. Chess Association. Experience gained in the formative years of the Association was of great help to him in the foundation with others of the first chess League to be formed in N.Z. and he was vice - President of the - Wellington League for many years.

In the Wellington Chess Club Mr Craven was senior vice-President during the eleven years of Mr Kellings' Presidency, and subsequently became Patron of the Club.

In the days when the Wellington Chess Clubs' Telegraphic team contained: W. Mason R.J. Barnes, W. Mackay, A.W. Gyles and F.K. Kelling, all ex N.Z. Champions, Mr Craven used to play about board 7.

The memory he leaves is one of justice in administration and of generosity in thought and action.

(J.L.H.)

WILLIAM JOHN LUCHTERHAND. (Bill Luck)

The many friends of William John Luchterhand better known as Bill Luck will regret to hear of his death after a lengthy and painful illness. He was a past President of the Auckland club as well as President of Remuera. He was a strong player and won the Remuera championship on one occasion.

Remuera club sustained another loss in the death of Sub-Inspector J.B. Finlay who was a highly respected member of the community and member of the club.

(R.E.B.)

CLUB JOTTINGS

REMUERA C.C.

It is gratifying that J.A. Barnes has won the championship for 1957 and secures the cup, a valuable silver trophy originally owned by his late father who was a former N.Z. Champion (six times). The present holder had the cup re-engraved and well deserves his win. After being secretary since the club's inception, and treasurer most of the time, he has put in a great deal of hard work, so his present win is all the more merited. "Congratulations Jack". He and Mrs Barnes turned on a very enjoyable end of season supper evening when a consultation game was played. This proved to be most exciting and (according to our informant) more consultation games should be held, judging from the success of this one.

Another old member and past President B.A. Mayhill and his wife also gave a supper to the "boys" and their wives, - the more usual lightning tourney being the order of the day.

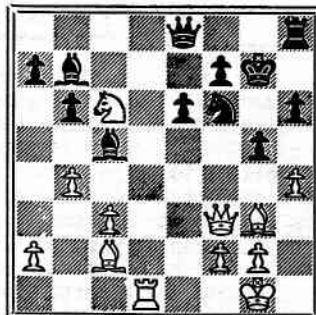
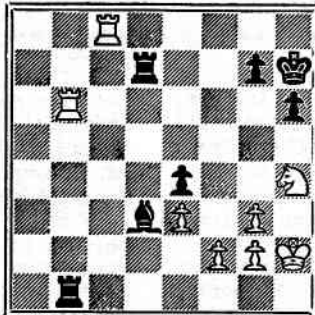
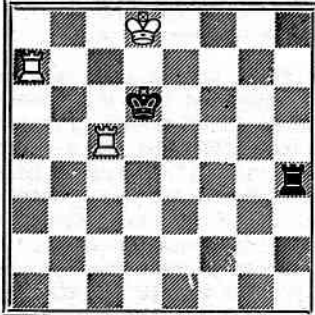
Some of the members have been playing the Gary chess club, U.S.A. an air mail match for about 9 years. Their opponents are of the opinion that this match may be a world - beating marathon and are making enquiries elsewhere on the point. Gary is understood to be the second largest steel producing city in the states. (R.E.B.)

(Is there any reader who knows of a match taking longer to finish? if so - why not, let us know. Ed)

1958 NORTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIP

Will be held in New Plymouth and play will commence at 9 am. on Monday 12 May. The prize list will at least equal entry fees received.

Entries accompanied by entry fee of £1 together with requests for accomadation should be sent as soon as possible to the Club secretary Mr K.M. Okey, 18 Hori St, New Plymouth. (K.M.O)



13 White to move and win 5pts 14 White to move and win 4pts 15 White to move and win 3pts

SOLUTIONS: 9 - 12 (18 possible points)

No 9: 1 Q - Q8ch, K x Q; 2 B - R5ch, K move
3 R - Q8 mate.

No 10:

1 R - B5ch, K - K3; or 1 R - B5ch, K x R;
2 N - B4ch, K - B3; 2 P - N4ch, K x P(5)
3 P - N5ch, K - N2; 3 N - B6ch, K x P
4 N - R5ch, K - B1; 4 N x Q, K x N
5 R - B8 5 N - N3, K - R3
6 N - R5

No 11: (Only solvers: E. Frost and Dr Fulton)

1 P - K4, P x P (Any other move and Whites
2 P - R4, K - Q4 rook pawn marches on)
3 P - R5, P - B5
4 P - R6, K - B3
5 P - B5, P - B5 or 5 P - Q4
6 K - Q1, P - Q4 6 K - Q1! P - K6
7 K - Q2, P - Q5 7 K - K2, P - Q5
8 K - Q1, P - K6; 8 K - Q3, P - B5ch
9 K - K2 9 K - K2

No 12:

1: R x Pch! 2 R x R, Q - B7ch. or
2 K - R1, N - B7ch; 3 Q x R and mate next
move.

E.G.A.Frost	29	18	47
Dr N.E.H.Fulton	24	11	35
F. Hirst	24	6	30
A.T.Scott	24	6	30
K.R.Austin	24	6	30
R. Chapman	16	13	29
C.Huygens	11	3	14
Messrs G.Severinsen, J.Filmer, G.Murphy and C.Thevenard did not send solutions.			

Only one to get the possible. No 11 stumped all, except Mr Frost and Dr Fulton. Mr Frost suggested that No 11 rather than No 10 was worth 7 points. It looks as if he was right. The trap in No 11 is move No 6 where the K (White) must move to Q1 to win.

The present set is the last of this series and the closing date is 30 April.

It certainly looks as if E.G.Frost is a clear winner of this lot. Before getting the next set or series started - what about some ideas?

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SOLUTIONS
No 67: B - Q4; No 68
No 70: Q - KN8; No 71

Variations No 72: (1
2 Q - N1, B x N(N3
3 Q - KR1 mate.

(2
2 Q - N1, any other
1 R - QB5, R, N(or)N
3 R - QR5 mate.

Disallowed as variation
2 Q - Q8mate or 1 R -
Possible: 16.

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- N.E.H.Fulton
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COMMENT

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one solver missed the

No 68: Two fell by the
furnishing Q - B3, the
intrusive move prevented
and the mate by Q -

No 69: Considered very
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No 70: This was the
One solver lost one
Q - K8 is defeated
defeated by N - Q3
it looks too simple

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SOLUTIONS

No 67: B - Q4; No 68:K - B3; No 69: B - N2
No 70:Q - KN8; No 71:B - R8;No 72: R - QB5

Variations No 72: (1): 1 R - QB5, B x R;
2 Q - N1, B x N(N3 or N5) or P - R8 = Q
3 Q - KR1 mate.
(2): 1 R - QB5, B x R;
2 Q - N1, any other; Q - N7 or N8 mate, or
1 R - QB5, R,N(or)KBP moves; 2 QxPch KxQ;
3 R - QR5 mate.

Disallowed as variations: 1 R-QB5, P - K4;
2 Q - Qmate or 1 R-QB5, P-QR3; 2 QxP mate
Possible: 16.

LADDER

N.E.H.Fulton	51	16	67
F.A. Hirst	51	16	67
G.S.Meakin	51	14	65
A.T.Scott	47	16	63
R.F.Montague	50	11	61
N.A.Palmer	41	15	56
A.R.Crews	40	12	52
A.L.Fletcher	33	10	43
C.Huygens	30	4	34
J. Bailey	32	-	32
G. Severinsen	32	-	32
T.C.C.Scott	18	8	26
H.L.Abbott	22	-	22
J.J.Marlow	8	-	8
G.H.Saville	4	-	4
R.G.Hall	3	-	3

COMMENTS

No 67: Not particularly difficult although one solver missed the solution completely.
No 68:Two fell by the wayside on this.Both furnishing Q - B3, but P - N5 a very unobtrusive move prevents the dis ch by K - B4 and the mate by Q - B6 is scotched by BxQ.
No 69: Considered very nice, but no one was caught.
No 70: This was the one that two came down One solver lost one point by sending Q-N8. Q - K8 is defeated by N - Q3 and Q - QB8 is defeated by N - Q3 also.As the solver said it looks too simple to be done.

No 71: No fewer than four solvers hit the deck on this one, although most solvers, seemed to think that No70 was the toughest If that is the case, then this one must rank the neatest of the group. B-R2 is defeated by N-B6 and White cannot mate on the diagonal N - R7. R - QB6 is defeated by Q-Rich So easy to see but easier to miss. N - R2 is comfortably looked after by QxB andQ-R7 is not quite good enough.B-Q5 is shot down by B - N4 or K7.

No 72: Of all those that solved this problem only one sent the wrong solution R-N6, being defeated by P-R8(Q) and White cannot now play QxPch because after KxQ the Rook cannot make the R file without being captured.I agree with most solvers concerning this problem, the solution was fairly obvious after one saw the follow on after QxPch etc. It is not one of the best that has been published. Two short mates and a couple of duals. I have allowed only three variations. Once the second move of White was seen there was nothing to it. This was the only three mover I had when these problems were required for publication, and had been heldfor that reason.However there are plenty now and some real beauties by the same composer, which will cause many a furrowed brow.

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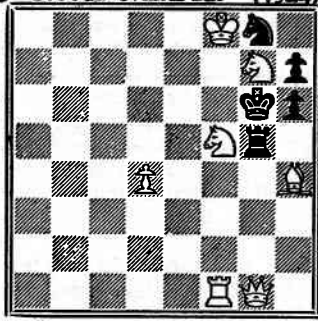
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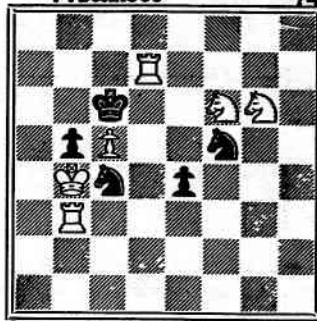
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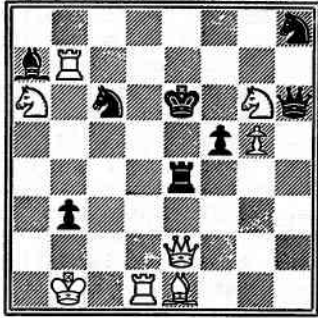
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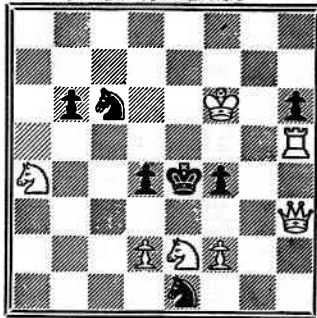
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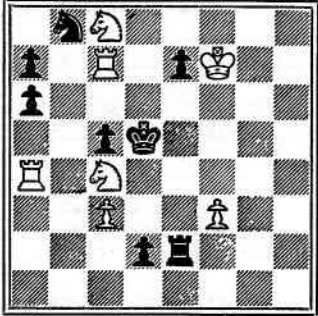
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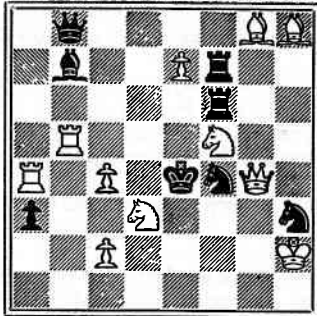
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