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 Editorial. . .SWISS SYSTEM

AUCKLAND C.C. PLAN RAFFLE TO BOOST  
 PHILLIPS-FOR-BASLE FUND APPEAL

A big boost to the fund being r  
 raised to send J.R.Phillips to the  
 World Junior Championships in Basle,  
 Switzerland, next year will be given  
 by a raffle to be run by Auckland CC.

We understand that the raffle will  
 be conducted on a national basis,  
 with a substantial prize list. Full  
 details will be given in the next  
 issue of "CN," and the venture will  
 have the full support of this jour-  
 nal. A big object will be to secure  
 donations from non-chessplayers.

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McNABB, LTP, BELLO, van DIJK FOR  
 CONGRESS AT HAMILTON.

H.McNabb, of Nelson, a former  
 N.Z.Championship runner-up, is an  
 addition to the list of probable  
 entrants for this year's event, given  
 in the October "CN." Other intending  
 entrants are T.Lep (a former champion  
 and W.Bello (runner-up a couple of  
 years ago), of Scandia Club.

R.A.Rasa will not be playing, but  
 South Island champion T.van Dijk  
 intends to enter. Another Dunedin  
 entrant for the championship will be  
 G.Haase, while I.D.Hayes intends to  
 play in the Reserves.

The vote against adoption of the  
 Swiss system at the coming Congress,  
 taken at the last N.Z.C.A. Council  
 meeting, was decisive. It is to be  
 hoped, in the interests of chess  
 generally, that this question is  
 now permitted to rest as it is  
 for a time.

Although that vote was decisive,  
 it is generally acknowledged that  
 the Swiss has a valuable role to  
 fill in N.Z. chess. With this in  
 mind N.Z.C.A. has revised the rules  
 for this type of tournament, and  
 the new rules appear to be both  
 clear and excellent for their  
 purpose. They can best be tested by  
 trial and error, and as we presume  
 they will be used in the Reserves  
 tourney at the coming Congress, the  
 results will be watched with con-  
 siderable interest. We forecast a  
 worthwhile success.

We note one inconsistency in the  
 N.Z.C.A.Council decisions: A tie for  
 round robin tourneys, count-back for  
 Swiss. We suggest tie or play-off for both, with no count-backs at all.

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ERIKSEN COMFORTABLY WINS WELLINGTON OPEN EVENT

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	Tl.	Pl.
1. J.E. Eriksen (Wn)	x	1	1	1/2	1	1	-	-	1	-	5 1/2	1
2. K. Beyer (Wn)	0	x	-	1	-	1	-	0	1	1	4	2=
3. J. Howe (Wn)	0	-	x	0	1	1	-	1	-	1	4	2=
4. B. Marsick (Taum)	1/2	0	1	x	-	-	1	0	-	1	3 1/2	4
5. Z. Frankel (Wn)	0	-	0	-	x	-	0	1	1	1	3	5
6. M. Ponimoni (Wn)	0	0	0	-	-	x	1	1	1/2	-	2 1/2	6=
7. O.N. Thomson (Wn)	-	-	-	0	1	0	x	1	0	1/2	2 1/2	6=
8. R.A. Court (N.Ply)	-	1	0	1	0	0	0	x	-	-	2	8
9. R.O'Callahan (Wn)	0	0	-	-	0	1/2	1	-	x	0	1 1/2	9=
10. A. Wassilief (P.N.)	-	0	0	0	0	-	1/2	-	1	x	1 1/2	9=

Court lost to Thomson by default.

Tied players in alphabetical order.

As a warm-up for the Hamilton Congress the Wellington Chess League's open Labour weekend tournament was not a conspicuous success for N.Z. Championship contenders except J.E. Eriksen. But it was an interesting tournament with plenty of exciting moments.

Eriksen was unbeaten, although O'Callahan missed a win in their game in the final round. Beyer was as steady as ever, and lost only to Eriksen and Court, who did not have a good tourney but showed in his game with Beyer that he will be a force to be reckoned with at Hamilton. Howe, runner-up with Beyer, also had a good tournament, his score including wins from Court and Frankel. Marsick looked sure of second place until he allowed Beyer to trap his Q in the final round. Frankel started with three losses, finished with three wins.

Reserves Tourney

1. K.R. Humphries (PN) 5.
2. H. Drga 4 1/2.
3. R.J. Cockroft 4.
4. E.J. Sharp 4.
5. D. Goble 3 1/2.
6. G. Gotlieb 3.
7. C.O. Prittenbass 3.
8. Miss M. McGrath 2 1/2.
9. O. Jenkins 2.
10. Miss C. Donovan 1 1/2.
11. G. Bishop 1.

The Wellington tourney was conducted in a pleasant atmosphere, Civic CC being hosts for the first round and Wellington CC for the third, other rounds being played at the VIC private hotel. Mr T. J. Costello was DOP for most of the tourney. In each section six rounds were played on the Swiss system.

INTERESTING ROUND

One of the most interesting rounds was the second, in which Eriksen made a slip and allowed Marsick to secure a creditable draw, Frankel missed the

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winning move against Howe, and Court sacrificed a Pawn to force an endgame win over Beyer.

Ruy Lopez

WHITE	BLACK
J.Eriksen	B.Marsick
1.P-K4	P-K4
2.N-KB3	N-QB3
3.B-N5	P-QR3
4.B-R4	N-B3
5.Q-K2	P-QN4
6.B-N3	B-K2
7.P-QR4	P-N5
8.P-Q4	P-Q4
9.QN-Q2	QPxP
10.PxP	PxN
11.QxBP	B-N2
12.PxN	BxP
13.N-K4	Q-K2
14.O-O	O-O
15.NxBch	QxN
16.QxQ	PxQ
17.B-K3	P-QR4
18.QR-Q1	QR-Q1
19.R-Q5	RxR
20.BxR	R-Q1
21.R-Q1?	N-K4
22.P-KB4	RxB
23.RxR	BxR
24.PxN	PxP
25.B-N5	B-B3

26.B-Q8 BxRP  
 27.P-QN3 Draw agreed.  
 The main line is 27..., B-B3; 28.BxP, B-K5; 29. BxKP, BxBP; 30.B-B7, BxNP; 31.BxP and the NP falls. An interesting try is 27. ..., BxP; 28. PxB, P-R5 and 29.PxP BxP.

Queen's Pawn Game

WHITE	BLACK
K.Beyer	R.A.Court
1.N-KB3	N-KB3
2.P-Q4	P-K3
3.P-B4	P-QN3
4.P-KN3	B-N2
5.B-N2	B-K2
6.N-B3	N-K5
7.NxN	BxN
8.O-O	O-O
9.B-Q2	P-KB4
10.B-B3	Q-K1
11.R-B1	P-Q3
12.Q-Q2	Q-R4
13.N-K1	N-Q2
14.P-KB3	B-N2
15.N-Q3	P-KN4
16.P-K4	R-B3
17.QR-K1	R-R3
18.B-R1	PxP

19.PxP	R-B1
20.RxRch	BxR
21.P-Q5	P-K4
22.R-KB1	R-B3
23.Q-K1	B-B1
24.R-B2	Q-N3
25.B-Q2	P-KR4
26.Q-K2	P-N5
27.B-N2	RxR
28.QxR	N-B3
29.Q-K3	K-R2
30.Q-N5	P-R4
31.P-QR4	B-Q2
32.QxQch	KxQ
33.P-N3	B-K2
34.K-B2	B-K1
35.K-K2	P-R5
36.PxP	N-R4
37.P-R3	P-N6
38.B-B3	BxP
39.K-B1	B-N4
40.BxB	KxB
41.B-N4	B-N3
42.B-B3	N-B5
43.NxN	PxN
44.P-N4	PxP
45.P-QR5	PxP
46.P-K5	P-N6
47.PxP	PxP
48.P-B5 and White Res.	

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ATTACK ON THE KB FILE slipped into time trouble  
Against John Howe, and erred on the very  
Frankel obtained pros- last move before time  
pects for attack on the control.

25.PxB B-K2  
26.Q-B5 KR-N1  
Now White has 4 moves to  
make in about 3 minutes.

KB file, and the foll-  
owing position was  
reached, White to play:

French Defence  
WHITE BLACK  
B.H.P.Marsick R.A.Court

Black: Z.Frankel

- - - - - r k -  
p p - - - r p -  
- - p - - q - p  
- - - p - p n Q  
- - - P - - - -  
- - P B - P - -  
P P - - R - P P  
- - - - R - K -

1.P-K4 P-K3  
2.P-Q4 P-Q4  
3.N-QB3 N-KB3  
4.B-N5 B-N5  
5.P-K5 P-KR3  
6.B-Q2 KN-Q2  
7.Q-N4 B-B1  
8.P-KB4 P-QR3  
9.N-KB3 P-QB4  
10.N-K2 N-QB3

27.QxKP Q-N4  
28.N-N3 R-N5  
29.R-B4 P-B4  
30.Q-R4?  
Time was almost up, and  
White heaved a sigh of  
relief. But . . .  
30. . . . QxQ  
31.RxQ RxR  
32.BxRP and although  
White put up a spirited  
resistance Black won.

White: J.E.Howe.  
The game proceeded:

21.P-KR4 N-K5!  
22.PxN BPxP  
23.B-N1 Q-B5  
24.R-K3 Q-B7ch  
25.K-R1

11.P-QB3 Q-N3  
12.QR-N1 Pxp  
13.N/2xP N-B4  
14.B-K3 B-Q2  
15.B-K2 Q-B2  
16.O-O N-K5  
17.B-Q3 O-O-O  
18.BxN PxB  
19.N-Q2 P-B4  
20.PxPep Pxp  
21.N/4xP Q-Q3

Now Black played QxNP  
and eventually lost. He  
should have played

25. . . . R-B5  
26.P-N3 R-B6  
and wins.

White now has 9 moves to  
make in 11 minutes.

ERROR IN TIME TROUBLE

In Round 3 Marsick  
had the better of his  
game with Court, but

22.P-B5 N-K4  
23.Q-R3 Q-Q6  
24.QR-K1 BxN

KINGSIDE ATTACK

From Round 3.

WHITE BLACK  
J.Eriksen J.Howe  
1.P-K4 P-K4  
2.N-KB3 N-KB3  
3.B-B4 NxP  
4.N-B3 N-KB3  
5.NxP P-Q4  
6.B-N3 B-K2  
7.P-Q4 O-O  
8.O-O B-B4  
9.P-N4 B-K3  
10.P-B4 P-B4  
11.P-B5 Pxp  
12.PxB Pxn

13.PxPch	K-R1
14.P-N5	B-Q3
15.B-KB4	BxN
16.BxB	N-B3
17.BxBP	N-K5
18.QxP	Q-N3ch
19.K-R1	NxB
20.PxN	QR-Q1
21.Q-K4	Q-B4
22.R-B5	QxBP
23.R-KN1	R-Q5
24.Q-K8	R-Q1
25.Q-K1	Q-R6
26.R/1-B1	N-Q5
27.R/5-B4	NxB
28.R-R4	QxRch
29.QxQ	N-Q7
30.Q-R3	Resigns.

CORNERED CUBEN

King's Indian Defence

WHITE BLACK

K.Beyer B.Marsick  
 1.P-Q4, N-KB3; 2.N-KB3,  
 P-KN3; 3.P-B4, B-N2;  
 4.N-B3, O-O; 5.P-K4,  
 P-Q3; 6.B-K2, QN-Q2;  
 7.P-KR3, P-B4; 8.P-Q5,  
 Q-B4; 9.B-Q2, N-K1;  
 10.O-O, N-N3; 11.Q-B2,  
 B-Q2; 12.P-QR3, R-B1;  
 13.R-R2, P-QR3??; 14.  
 N-N5, QxB; 15.QxQ and  
 wins. More games from  
 this tourney next month.

V. GRAHAM UNBEATEN IN GISBORNE TOURNEY

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	Tl.	Pl.
1.V.Graham(Waipuk.)	x	1	-	1/2	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	5 1/2	1
2.H.J.Toys (Gis)	0	x	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	5	2
3.R.J.Woodford(Wn)	-	0	x	1	-	0	-	1	1	1	-	-	4	3
4.J.Topp (Waipuk)	1/2	0	0	x	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	3 1/2	4
5.L.E.Cook (Waipuk)	0	0	-	0	x	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	3	5=
6.J.Kyle (Camb)	0	-	1	0	0	x	1	-	-	1	-	-	3	5=
7.E.Barrington(Gis)	0	-	-	0	0	0	x	-	1	1	-	1	3	5=
8.A.C.Gagen (Camb)	-	0	0	-	0	-	-	x	1	-	1	1	3	5=
9.E.H.Vernon (Gis)	-	-	0	-	-	-	0	0	x	0	1	1	2	9
10.D.Mogford (Gis)	-	-	0	-	-	0	0	-	1	x	1/2	0	1 1/2	10=
11.R.Kyle (Camb)	-	0	-	0	-	-	0	0	1/2	x	1	1 1/2	10=	
12.P.Fischbach(Gis)	0	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	1	0	x	1	12

Visitors from Wellington, Waipukurau and Cambridge took part in the 11th annual Labour weekend tournament run by the Gisborne Chess Club. The Meredith Challenge Cup was won by V.Graham, of Waipukurau, who was unbeaten, while book vouchers were awarded to Toys, Woodford and Topp for gaining places. The novice trophy was won by D. Mogford. The tournament was opened by Gisborne CC patron, Mr E.E.Somervell, and at the conclusion the hosts were thanked for their hospitality by Messrs Woodford, J.Kyle and Cook. Special thanks were extended to the club president, Miss S.Dodd, and Mrs F.Day who, with other helpers, provided refreshments. There were special compliments to Mr L.L.Meredith, donor of the trophy at stake, energetic Gisborne CC secretary, and DOP.

The visitors were unanimous in their expressions of appreciation of Gisborne hospitality. Without being rated a major tournament, this is one of the North Island's most popular events.

A METHOD OF OBTAINING THE MOST OBJECTIVE JUDGMENT OF A POSITION. . .

. . .by O.Sarapu.

The foundation of all thinking, combinations, strategy, plans, etc, is the position existing on the board.

The position gives us directions, advice on plans, and has all the secrets hidden in itself. It all depends how much, how clear, and how well we understand the position.

If we understand it well, we are able to make a good plan of continuation. It is most unlikely that if we overestimate or underestimate our position, that we will be able to find the best variation to continue, because our variation was already wrongly judged.

Now, how to get an objective judgment of a position?

We have principles of positional play and valuation of pieces, etc. These are the tools to work on the position. For example, a position like the following.

Before I explain the method and point of this article, I would like to say that this method cannot be successfully applied to all positions. Judgment in some cases, in positions where both sides have near-balancing advantages, has to be left for plan

Black: O.Sarapu  
- - - r r - k -  
p p - - - p p p  
- q - p b b - -  
- - p - n - - -  
- - P - P - - -  
- P - B B P - -  
P - - Q - - P P  
- R - - N R K -

White: E.Basta.  
Melbourne,1957.

and variation. This will be the theme of my next article: "Planning variations on sound positional bases." Now to examine the position at left, with White to move. The first question we would ask ourselves when we see this position the first time is: "Who has the better position?" This question is not easy to answer without deep and thorough investigation.

The method of obtaining the most objective judgment of the position consists of detailed comparison of the opposing forces.

(a) But before that, we examine the material situation. The material is equal, both have exchanged N and P.

(b) Examining the position, we compare first always the position of the Kings. Both Ks are castled and safe from direct threats. The White P on KB3 is a weakness as much as an advantage in the endgame. It allows



the King to reach the centre fast. + So we can judge the Ks as being =.

(c) The Queens are next to be compared. Neither the White nor Black Q directly threatens anything. The White Q is indirectly threatened by the Black R, and it over-protects the attacked KB. The Black Q is indirectly threatened by the White R and B. So we can say that both Qs are badly placed, but because the Black Q is indirectly twice attacked to White's one, we give the White Q a small ±.

(d) We compare QR's and KR's separately. The Black KR is better because it is on the centre file and attacks, indirectly, the White Q and also the White B.

Black's QR is also superior, being on a half-open file while White's is on a blocked file. So Black has a small + for both QR and KR.

(e) The Bishops. The White KB is badly placed, attacked by a N and cramped by White's own Pawns. Black's QB, which is on the same colour, has more squares but is in the way of his own KR. So we can say safely that the light-coloured Bishops give a slight + to Black.

Now the dark-coloured Bishops. The White QB has a lot of free squares

and is a good Bishop. It has only one defect, it is indirectly threatened by the Black KR. The Black KB has strong centre squares on K4 and Q5 and is on the long diagonal. Its defect is the Q and QBP which obstruct it somewhat. We can judge the dark-coloured Bishops as about =.

(f) The Knights. The Black N here obviously is better placed and has a lot of good squares like Q5 and QN5 to go to. The White N disconnects the White Rs and can get to his ideal Q5 square only after 4 moves. So we give Black a + for his N.

(g) Pawns. We compare them individually and as a team. We can say the KR and KN Ps are =. There is a plus for the White KBP, because it is not blocked and can move. On the other hand it takes away KB3 from his N.

The White KP against the Black QP gives White a ±, because the Black QP is backward on a half-open file. The White KP is guarded and well-placed. The QBPs are approximately =. Both are attacked by pieces and protected by P and pieces. The QNPs and QRP are also about =.

As a team White's Ps have more mobility and he has an advantage on the K-side and in the centre. On the

Aside the Ps are approximately =. So considering the P position White has a  $\pm$ . After this we can say that Black's pieces are much better placed than White's. On the other hand the White Ps are better placed than Black's. We know which pieces are well placed and we know which Pawns provide structural superiority.

Now we can compare Black's advantages against White's. We have got to make plans and compare them, whether or not we can make an objective judgment of the position now. This we will do in our next article.

As the position stands it is obvious that Black has more and better advantages than White. Therefore I would judge and answer the first question: "Who has the better position?" with confidence, only after I have checked all possibilities of a surprise combination, as  $\mp$  for Black.

The symbols of =,  $\pm$  (White advantage),  $\mp$  (Black advantage),  $\pm$  (small advantage to White),  $\mp$  (small advantage to Black) are useful for saving space.

This method of judging positions, to my knowledge, has not been published in any chess books.

REMEMBER: Copy deadline, 1st of month.

AUCKLAND C.L. TITLE TO B. DOUGLAS	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	TL	Pl.
1. B. Douglas (DR)	x	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$3\frac{1}{2}$	1
2. A.H. Douglas (AC)	$\frac{1}{2}$	x	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	3	2
3. S. van Dam (DR)	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	x	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$
4. B.E. Howard (DR)	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	x	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	2	5
5. A.G. Rowland (DR)	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	x	1	2	5
6. F. Vincent (AC)	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	C	x	$1\frac{1}{2}$	6

The Auckland Chess League Championship was played in the last fortnight in October, with play at both the Auckland and Dominion Road CCs, and with O. Sarapu as DOP.

In Round 3 the two Douglases drew by repetition after only 15 moves. In Round 4 Vincent caused an upset when he beat A.H. Douglas. In a superior position Douglas blundered and lost his Q for R and P. Vincent played the ending well, winning in spite of having a very bad Bishop.

In the final round A.H. Douglas had an exciting game with Howard, but could do no more than draw. Brian Douglas took the title by winning the exchange and then after blundering away a P securing a draw which left him unbeaten. His opponent in this game was Rowland.

On the next page we give the deciding moves in one of the winner's games, and the exciting last-round game.

BISHOP SACRIFICE

Black: B.Douglas

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- - - - - r k -
- - - - - r p p
- - - R b - - -
- - p - - - - q
- p P - P p - b
- P - - - P - -
- P Q - R - P P
- - N - N - - K

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White: A.G.Rowland.

Position after White's 28th move.

28. ... B-N6  
 29.P-KR3 BxRP

This sacrifice gives at least a draw.

30.PxB QxPch  
 31.K-N1 BxN  
 32.RxB R-B3  
 33.RxR

After 33.Q-Q3, Q-N6ch; 34.K-B1, RxR; 35.QxR, Q-N5ch Black has at least a draw. If 33.R-Q2, Q-N6ch; 34.K-B1, QxPch; 35.R-B2, Q-R6ch; 36.K-K2, R/B1-Q1 and there appears to be no satisfactory defence against Black's numerous threats.

33. ... RxR  
 34.R-K2

Obviously forced.

34. ... R-KR3!

35.R-R2

Again forced. If 35.R-N2, Q-R8ch; 36.K-B2, R-R7.

35. ... Q-N6ch  
 36.Q-N2 Q-K8ch  
 37.Q-B1 QxQch  
 38.KxQ RxR  
 39.N-Q3 P-KN4  
 40.NxQBP RxP  
 41.P-K5 K-B2  
 42.K-K1 P-KR4

and Black won. (Notes by B.Douglas).

KEEN ENCOUNTER

From the final round.

Irregular Opening

WHITE BLACK

B.E.Howard A.H.Douglas  
 1.P-QR3 P-K4  
 2.P-QB4 P-QN3  
 3.P-K4 P-Q3  
 4.N-QB3 P-KB4  
 5.P-Q4 PxQP  
 6.QxP N-QB3  
 7.Q-Q1 N-KB3  
 8.PxP BxP  
 9.B-Q3 BxB  
 10.QxB N-K4  
 11.Q-K2 B-K2  
 12.N-KB3 NxN  
 13.CxN O-O

14.Q-Q3 P-B3  
 15.O-O Q-B2  
 16.B-N5 QR-Q1  
 17.QR-K1 P-Q4  
 18.PxP PxP  
 19.R-K6 N-N5  
 20.Q-R3 NxBP  
 21.Q-K3 BxB  
 22.QxB Q-B4!  
 23.R-K3 P-KR3?

Sarapu suggested N-N5! as winning.

24.Q-N3 P-Q5  
 25.R-K5 Q-B5  
 26.N-K2 P-Q6  
 27.R-K7 P-KN4  
 28.Q-K5 R-B2  
 29.RxR QxR  
 30.RxN PxN!  
 31.RxQ R-Q8ch  
 32.K-B2 P-Qch  
 33.QxQ RxQ  
 34.RxP R-QN8  
 35.P-QN4 R-N6  
 36.R-QN7 RxRP  
 37.RxP K-N2  
 38.R-QB6 R-QN6

and a draw was agreed eventually.

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BOOKS: "CN" will make an offer for chess books or magazines for resale.

BLEDISLOE CUP GAMES

Our first game from the Bledisloe Cup series is from the first match, Auckland-Waikato.

Caro-kann Defence.

WHITE	BLACK
F.A.Foulds	W.Reindler
1.P-K4	P-QB3
2.P-Q4	P-Q4
3.N-QB3	PxP
4.NxP	N-Q2
5.N-B3	KN-B3
6.N-N3	P-K3
7.B-Q3	B-Q3
8.Q-K2	O-O

White's strategy is to obtain an advantage in development and attack quickly on the Kingside. Black will endeavour to develop passively and break in the centre with P-QB4 or P-K4. (Notes by F.A.Foulds).

9.B-N5 Q-R4ch  
With an eye on K4 and QB4:  
10.B-Q2

In an effort to keep ahead in development, White goes astray. From an aggressive post at N5, keeping a K-side defender under

===== OTAGO BLEDISLOE CUP VICTORY CONFIRMED

The two games from the Bledisloe Cup final not determined when the last issue of "CN" went to press were finalised by agreement, and resulted: M.Velekich(A) 1/2, W.A. Poole (O) 1/2; S. van Dam (A) 1, R.McDermid (O) 0. This made the final score Otago 12 1/2, Auckland 7 1/2, for Otago's sixth successive win of the Cup.

===== attack, the B retreats to a defensive position. Correct is 10.P-QB3.

10. ... Q-B2  
11.O-O-O P-B4  
Too early. Black could take advantage of the unfortunate position of the White Q, caused by his mechanical development, with R-K1 and P-K4.

12.N-K4 PxP  
13.NxP B-K4  
14.N-N5 Q-N3  
15.P-KB4 B-Q5  
Not PxPch, 16.KxB,P-QR3;  
17.B-K3.

16.NxB	QxN
17.B-B3	Q-R5
18.BxN	NxB
19.NxNch	PxN
20.BxPch	KxB
If K-R1; 21.B-K4, P-B4;	
+22.Q-R5ch, K-N2; 23.	
+Q-N5ch, K-R1; 24.R-Q3.	
Or if 20....,K-N2; 21.	
Q-N4ch, K-R1; 22.R-Q3.	
21.Q-R5ch	K-N2
22.Q-N4ch	K-R1
Forced!	
23.R-Q3	Q-K5
24.R-R3ch	Q-R2
25.R-K1	
A slip in a winning position. Correct is R-Q1.	
25. ...	R-N1
26.RxQch	KxR
27.Q-R4ch	K-N2
28.R-Q1	P-N3
Black fights back. White's material advantage is not extensive.	
29.Q-N4ch	K-R2
30.Q-R5ch	K-N2
31.R-Q3	B-R3
32.R-Q7	KR-KB1
33.Q-N4ch	K-R2
34.QxKP	QR-K1
35.RxPch	Resigns.
If K-N1; 36.R-K7ch and RxR.	

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GAMES FROM THE FINAL  
Q.G.D., Orthodox Defence

WHITE	BLACK
M.Skerrett	G.Sale
1.P-Q4	P-Q4
2.P-QB4	P-K3
3.N-QB3	N-KB3
4.P-K3	B-K2
5.N-KB3	QN-Q2
6.B-Q3	P-QB3
7.P-B5	Q-B2
8.B-Q2	P-K4
9.PxP	NxKP
10.NxN	CxN
11.P-QN4	P-Q5
12.N-K2	PxP
13.BxKP	B-N5
14.O-O	O-O-O
15.Q-B2	N-Q4
16.B-Q4	Q-N4
17.P-B4	Q-R3
18.Q-R4	K-N1
19.B-K5ch	K-R1
20.N-Q4	B-Q2
21.QR-K1	QR-K1
22.R-B3	R-QB1
23.B-B5!	BxB
24.QxPch	Resigns.

FIRST GAME FINISHED

French Defence.

WHITE	BLACK
C.A.Rose	J.F.Lang
1.P-K4	P-K3

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME FOR HAMILTON CONGRESS

The timetable for the coming Congress, which will be submitted to the players' meeting on opening day, is given below. For what we believe will be the first time the evening of New Year's Eve and morning of New Year's Day will be free. This will relieve the pressure of the programme, coming at mid-week. There will be only eight games during that week.

	8.45am-12.45pm.	2pm-6pm.....	7pm-11pm.
Sat, Dec. 27	Opening, 10am	Round 1	Adj. Games.
	and players' meeting.		
Sun, Dec. 28	Motor Trip, 10am.		
Mon, Dec. 29	Round 2	Adj. Games	Round 3
Tues, Dec. 30	Adj. Games	Round 4	Adj. Games
Wed, Dec. 31	Round 5	Adj. Games	Free.
Thu, Jan. 1	Free	Round 6	Adj. Games.
Fri, Jan. 2	Round 7	Adj. Games	Round 8
Sat, Jan. 3	Adj. Games	Round 9	Adj. Games
Sun, Jan. 4	Motor trip by arrangement.		
Mon, Jan. 5	Round 10	Adj. Games	Round 11
Tue, Jan. 6	Prizegiving, 10am.		

2.P-Q4	P-Q4	12.NxP	KN-B3
3.P-K5	P-QB4	13.B-N5	N-B2
4.P-QB3	N-QB3	14.BxN	BxB
5.N-B3	Q-N3	15.Q-R5	BxN
6.B-Q3	B-Q2	16.RxB	P-N3
7.PxP	BxP	17.BxP	PxB
8.O-O	P-B3	18.QxP	O-O-O
9.P-QN4	B-K2	19.R-K3, N-Q3; 20.N-R3,	
10.R-K1	PxP	N-B4; 21.R/3-K1, QR-N1;	
11.P-N5	N-Q1	22.Q-B6, Q-Q3 and wins.	

## GAMES FROM NATIONAL SCHOOLBOYS' CHAMPIONSHIP

As a selection from the national schoolboys' championship, we give three games from the first round. The other game, J.D.Prince-I.D. Burry, was drawn after 46 moves.

Nimzovitch Attack

WHITE	BLACK
R.Patterson	E.Kelly
1.N-KB3	N-KB3
2.P-QN3	N-B3
3.B-N2	P-K3
4.P-K3	P-Q4
5.B-N5	B-Q2
6.O-O	B-K2
7.P-B4	O-O
8.N-B3	PxP
9.PxP	P-QR3
10.B-R4	B-N5
11.P-QR3	B-K2
12.P-Q4	N-R2
13.B-B2	R-B1
14.P-K4	P-B4
15.P-Q5	Q-B2
16.P-K5	N-K1
17.Q-Q3	P-KN3
18.P-Q6	NxP
19.PxN	BxP

20.KR-Q1	BxPch
21.NxB	B-B3
22.N-K4	P-B4
23.N-B6ch	K-B2
24.NxP	Q-B5
25.Q-QB3	K-K1
26.Q-N7	Resigns.

Sicilian Defence

W:A.P.Butler	B:R.Flude
1.P-K4	P-QB4
2.N-KB3	P-Q3
3.P-Q4	PxP
4.NxP	N-KB3
5.N-QB3	P-KN3
6.B-K2	B-N2
7.N-N3	O-O
8.B-K3	N-QB3
9.Q-Q2	B-K3
10.B-R6	P-Q4
11.BxB	KxB
12.PxP	NxP
13.P-QR3	P-QN3??
14.B-B3	NxN
15.QxNch	P-KB3
16.R-Q1	Q-B2
17.QxN	QxQ
18.BxQ and wins.	

Final selection of games from schoolboys' events will appear next month.

Grunfeld Defence

WHITE	BLACK
C.A.A.Smyth	L.J.Walpole
1.P-Q4	N-KB3
2.P-QB4	P-KN3
3.N-QB3	P-Q4
4.PxP	NxP
5.P-K4	NxN
6.PxN	P-QB4
7.P-Q5	B-N2
8.Q-N3	O-O
9.R-N1	N-Q2
10.B-K2	N-B3
11.B-Q3	R-K1
12.P-QB4	P-N3
13.P-B3	N-Q2
14.N-K2	N-K4
15.B-B2	B-QR3
16.B-N2	BxP
17.Q-B3	N-Q6ch
18.Resigns.	

OTAGO GAME

From the first round of the Otago Schoolboys' Championship. (Notes by R.A.Rasa)

Queen's Pawn Game

WHITE	BLACK
D.Jackson	C.Neville
1.P-Q4	P-Q4
2.P-K3	N-KB3
3.B-Q3	N-QB3

4.N-Q2  
White wants to play  
either P-K4 or P-QB4,  
but with his next move  
Black spoils this  
attempt. . .

- 4. . . . P-K4
- 5.P-QB3 P-K5
- 6.B-B2 B-KN5
- 7.P-B3 PXP
- 8.KNxP Q-K2
- 9.Q-K2

Here White could castle,  
for taking the P would  
put Black's Q in real  
danger.

- 9. . . . P-KN3
- 10.O-O B-R3
- 11.N-N3 O-O

Castling on the Q-side  
here would spare Black  
many troubles.

- 12.P-KR3 BxN
- 13.QxB N-K5!
- 14.N-Q2 KR-K1?
- 15.NxN PxN
- 16.BxP?!

Very bold, but inadequate.

- 16. . . . QxB
- 17.QxPch K-R1
- 18.Q-B6ch K-N1
- 19.Q-B7ch K-R1
- 20.Q-B6ch B-N2
- 21.Q-B2 B-R3?

22.R-K1 P-KN4?  
23.Q-B6ch B-N2  
24.QxP R-KN1  
25.Q-B4 Q-K1?  
Surely Q-KN3! was the  
best square for Black's  
Q, with all sorts of  
nasty threats.

- 26.P-K4 Q-Q2
- 27.P-K5 Q-Q4
- 28.R-K2 QR-KB1
- 29.Q-K4 Q-QN4
- 30.Q-B2 N-K2
- 31.B-K3 N-B4
- 32.B-B4? NxP!
- 33.PxN RxB
- 34.R-Q1 Q-Q4!
- 35.QxBP? RxP
- 36.R/l-K1 R-QN5
- 37.P-K6 RxP
- 38.P-K7 RxR
- 39.RxR Q-Q8ch
- 40.K-B2 B-Q5ch
- 41.K-B3 Q-Q6ch
- 42.K-B4 QxR

and Black won easily.

FROM CANTERBURY

Another provincial school-  
boy title game.

Queen's Pawn Game

WHITE BLACK

- L.J.Walpole M.W.Taylor
- 1.P-Q4 P-Q4

- 2.N-KB3 N-KB3
- 3.P-K3 P-K3
- 4.B-Q3 P-B4
- 5.P-B3 B-Q3
- 6.QN-Q2 QN-Q2
- 7.O-O O-O
- 8.R-K1 PXP
- 9.KPxP Q-B2
- 10.Q-K2 F-KR3
- 11.N-K5 P-R3
- 12.P-B4 R-K1
- 13.P-KN4 B-K2
- 14.QN-B3 NxN
- 15.NxN N-Q2
- 16.NxP KxN
- 17.QxPch K-B1
- 18.B-N6 N-K4
- 19.QxN QxQ
- 20.BPxQ R-Q1
- 21.R-B1ch K-N1
- 22.R-B7 R-Q2
- 23.B-B4 R-B2
- 24.B-N3 BxP
- 25.QR-KB1 B-K3
- 26.R/7-B3 R/2-B1
- 27.B-B7ch BxB
- 28.RxB R-K1
- 29.R/7-B5 R-KB1
- 30.RxRch RxR
- 31.RxRch KxR
- 32.K-B2 K-B2
- 33.K-B3 P-KR4
- 34.K-B4 P-QN4

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Readers Write to the Editor. . .

NOVELTY COMPETITION

Sir, - I would like to suggest a novelty competition for "CN", not necessarily with prizes, for which subject would be set each month. The winning entry, with any other worthwhile entries, could be published.

I have listed below some ideas for subjects for such a corner:

"Mate in eight" (or any number of moves under 20).

"Polygamy." "A Queen Sacrifice."

"Zugzwang." "Stalemate."

"The King takes a walk."

"Danish Gambit brevity."

"My Luckiest win." (position given and method of victory.)

"A game from my first tournament."

"Swindled."

Brevities would be preferred generally, I think. In other cases a position could be given and the

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conclusion of the game.

WALPOLE-TAYLOR cont.

- 35.P-N3 K-K3
- 36.P-B4 NPxP
- 37.PxP PxP
- 38.K-K4 B-N5
- 39.P-Q5ch K-K2
- 40.K-Q4 P-B6
- 41.B-K1 P-N4
- 42.BxP BxBch
- 43.KxB and wins.

For a start at least, players should submit their own games, I think such a column would prove very interesting an amusing.- I am, etc.,  
J.H.PATCHETT.  
(The object of "CN" is to entertain as well as inform, and such a competition

+ is an excellent idea. With "Game of the month" and Problems we are giving away all the prizes our budget will permit, so the alternatives are to have none or charge an entry fee. We will try first without prizes or entry fees, and run a simple competition as an experiment. First subject: "Queen Sacrifice." Position plus conclusion to be given, the game to have been played in New Zealand, preferably by the entrant, but not necessarily so. Entries close Dec.1. Ideas, opinions welcome. - EDITOR).

PERPETUAL GRADING SYSTEM

Sir, - On instructions from the Dominion Road Chess Club I send details of our Perpetual Grading/Rating system, as we would like to see a similar system adopted in every New Zealand club.

Our members are divided into eight "grades" and a player's grading is determined by his "perpetual rating," i.e., grade 8 consists of those players with a perpetual rating of 1-100, grade 2 is 100-200 and so on up to grade 1, which is above 700. When a player joins the club his playing strength is assessed and



he is given a perpetual rating, which automatically determines his grading. Perpetual points are either won or lost whenever a tournament game is played, the number of points won or lost depending on the difference between the perpetual ratings of the two players. To quote a few examples:

we would be pleased to supply fuller details on request. - I am, etc.,  
B. DOUGLAS.

Difference in Rating	Score for		Score if Drawn
	Win	Loss	
	By higher/rated /lower		
0-20	10	10	0
20-40	9	11	1
40-60	8	12	2
140-160	3	17	7
200 or more	1	20	10

The number of points lost or gained by one player is always equal to the number gained or lost by his opponent. In the case of draws the lower-rated player wins a few points while his opponent loses the same number. For instance: If player A with a rating of 420 beats player B with a rating of 458 then player A would win 11 points while player B would lose 11. If B beat A, B would win 9 and A lose 9. In the case of a draw A gains 1, B loses 1.

We have found this system to work very smoothly and is simple to operate. If any clubs are interested

OTAGO SCHOOLBOYS' CHESS

Sir, - Remembering my own first steps as a chessplayer, when only a schoolboy at an age of 11 years, I have advocated more chess activities among schoolboys for many years at Otago Chess Club. This year the valuable support and enthusiasm of Graham Haase - himself a strong player and teacher at Otago Boys' High School -- gave the club its big chance. Transferring the school's chess club meetings to Otago Chess Club rooms made it possible for other schools to join in and now the regular Friday nights are consistently attended by 20-24 boys from almost all Dunedin schools. The keenness of those lads is indeed the best award the organisers could ever wish.

Amongst the different activities the club staged the first of its kind in New Zealand -- a chess Quiz Kid competition. The fitting climax of the season, of course, was the recent schoolboys' championship, with 14 entries (twice as many as last year) and a much higher overall standard of chess than (Cont.foot next page)

GAMES FROM THE PORTOROZ INTERZONAL TOURNAMENT

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 Queen's Pawn Game  
 (Notes by O.Sarapu)  
 WHITE BLACK  
 L.Pachman T.Petrosian  
 1.P-QB4 N-KB3  
 2.N-KB3 P-Q3  
 3.P-Q4 B-N5

Petrosian likes to play openings unusually and is "writing" his own opening books.

4.N-QB3 P-KN3  
5.P-K4

Pachman, the well-known theoretician, wants to

transpose to the Kings Indian Defence.

5. ... BxN!?!  
6.QxB KN-Q2!?!

Black moves his only developed piece again and retreats it! On top of that, he has given away the two Bishops and developed White's Q with tempo. On the other hand, Black is preparing centre-demolishing strategy with B-N2 and P-QB4 or P-K4 etc., with the

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weak QP as the target.

7.P-K5?

A mistake. Here B-K3 would keep the advantage of development against Black strategy.

7. ... N-QB3!

8.PxP NxQP

9.Q-K4 P-K4

10.PxP QxP

11.N-Q5 Q-Q3

12.B-B4 N-K3

13.B-K3 B-N2

White must have realised by now that Black is better developed.

14.O-O-O?! O-O!

Petrosian is sacrificing his Q, or, it is better to say, "the big exchange," which he has thoroughly and exactly calculated.

15.N-N6?

He should not accept this sacrifice.

15. ... QxRch!

16.KxR PxN

17.P-QR3 N/2-B4

18.Q-B2 P-K5

19.P-KB3 QR-Q1ch

20.K-K1 N-Q5

21.BxN BxB

OTAGO SCHOOLBOYS' CHESS (cont.) before. The competition was so strong that a couple of hot favourites were left unplaced. We could wish, of course, a better showing by our lads in the national tourney, but we are determined to be there again next year -- better prepared than ever. - I am, etc.,

R.A.RASA.

FIRST. - Congratulations on your enterprising new magazine. The monthly publication ensures up-to-date news. Notably, of the six English-language chess magazines I receive, "Chess News" was the first to give the full story and results of the Portoroz Interzonal. - I am, etc., B.MARSICK.

REMINDER. - Please write "For Publication" on letters which are for publication.

22.PxP NxB

All the Black pieces are well placed, both K and Q files are open, and the White K in the centre has no defence. The "material advantage"

Q v R and N is useless.

- 23.B-K2 KR-K1
- 24.R-B1 R-K2
- 25.R-B3 R/1-K1
- 26.R-Q3 B-N8
- 27.P-R3 B-R7!

Threatening B-N6ch, winning material. White is helpless.

- 28.B-B3 B-N6ch
- 29.K-Q1 N-B7ch
- 30.K-Q2 B-B5ch
- 31.K-B3 NxR
- 32.KxR R-K6ch
- 33.K-Q4 B-R3
- 34.P-B5 P-QN4!
- 35.BxP B-N2ch
- 36.K-Q5 R/1-K3

White lost on time. He was thinking about R/6-K4ch and after K-Q4, R-K7dis ch wins the Q.

Caro-Kann Defence

WHITE BLACK

M.Tal G.Fuster

1.P-K4 P-QB3

U.S.S.R. AGAIN WINS INTERNATIONAL TEAMS TOURNAMENT

Thirtysix nations were represented at the international teams tournament held in Munich during the first three weeks in October, the 200-odd players taking part including practically all the leading grandmasters and masters, except for the many Russians unable to make their team.

First four qualifying tournaments were held, nine teams in each, with a round robin between the four-man teams. Section winners were U.S.S.R. (27-5), Spain (23½-8½), Argentina (23-9) and Czechoslovakia (25).

Depending on their placings, the 36 teams were graded into three sections, with a round robin among the teams in each. Russia won the top section, 34½-9½, with Yugoslavia 29, Argentina 25½, U.S.A. 24, and Czechoslovakia, East Germany and West Germany each 22. A round was played every day, and most nations entered a six-man team so players could be rested. The Russian team comprised Botvinnik, Smyslov, Keres, Bronstein, Tal and Petrosian.

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2.P-Q4	P-Q4	13.B-KN3	NxB
3.N-QB3	PxP	14.BPxN	Q-B2
4.NxP	N-Q2	15.N-K5	B-Q3
5.N-KB3	KN-B3	16.P-KR4, P-B3;	17.BxP,
6.NxNch	NxN	PxN;	18.PxP, B-K2;
7.B-QB4	B-B4	19.KR-B1, R-KB1;	20.
8.Q-K2	P-K3	RxRch, BxR;	21.Q-B3,
9.B-KN5	B-K2	Q-K2;	22.Q-N3, R-N1;
10.O-O-O	P-KR3	23.B-Q7ch, QxB;	24.RxQ,
11.B-R4	N-K5	KxR;	25.Q-B7ch, B-K2;
12.P-KN4	B-R2	26.P-K6ch, K-Q1;	27.QxP, Res.

KEN COMPETITION AND COMPLICATIONS IN OTAGO EVENT

Five players - R.A.Rasa, T. van Dijk, K.M.Steele, W.B.Petre and G.G.Haase - are competing in the double-round final of the Otago C.C.Championship. So far Rasa has scored 2-0 and van Dijk 3-0.

Two double-round qualifying tourneys were held, but some complications resulted. There were 11 entrants, so there were 6 in one section and 5 in the other. Unfortunately, J.F.Lang had to withdraw, and as he was in the smaller section it had only four players while the other had six. It was intended that the top two from each section should qualify for the final, but in each there was a tie for second. In group B K.M.Steele and R.S.Watt had a 2-game play-off, each winning one game, and the third and fourth games were each drawn. At that stage Watt withdrew. In group A, which finished later, Haase and Petre tied for second, but there was no time for a second play-off so both graduated to the final. Details of the qualifying tourneys follow:

Group A

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	Tl.	Pl.
1.R.A.Rasa	xx	1½	11	1½	1½	11	8½	1
2.W.B.Petre	0½	xx	11	0½	10	11	6	2=
3.G.G.Haase	00	00	xx	11	11	11	6	2=
4.I.D.Hayes	0½	1½	00	xx	10	1½	4½	4
5.W.A.Poole	0½	01	00	01	xx	10	3½	5
6.R.W.Lungley	00	00	00	0½	01	xx	1½	6

Group B

	1.	2.	3.	4.	Tl.	Pl.
1.T.van Dijk	xx	10	10	11	4	1
2.K.M.Steele	01	xx	10	10	3	2=
3.R.S.Watt	01	01	xx	01	3	2=
4.W.Stenhouse	00	01	01	xx	2	4

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15.N-Q5 NxN  
 16.BPxN BxN  
 17.PxB N-N1  
 18.P-B6! N-Q2  
 19.PxP KxP  
 20.Q-N4ch K-R1  
 21.Q-R5?  
 White seems to gain a strong K-side attack with P-B5.  
 21. ... B-Q5!  
 22.QxPch K-N1

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PLAY-OFF GAME

We give a game in the play-off between K.M. Steele and R.S.Watt.

King Fianchetto

WHITE	BLACK
K.M.Steele	R.S.Watt
1.P-KN3	P-K4
2.P-QB4	N-KB3
3.B-N2	B-B4
4.N-QB3	P-QR3
5.N-KB3	P-Q3
6.O-O	O-O
7.P-Q4	PxP
8.NxP	QN-Q2
9.P-QR3	P-QR4
10.P-K4	N-K4
11.P-N3	P-KR3
12.K-R1	B-Q2
13.P-B4	N-B3
14.N-B5	Q-B1

23.R-R2 B-N2  
 24.Q-R5 P-KB4  
 25.B-N2 Q-K1  
 26.Q-Q1 N-B3  
 27.R-K1 Q-B2  
 28.BxN BxB  
 29.R-K6 QR-K1  
 30.R/2-K2 K-N2  
 31.Q-K1 RxR  
 32.PxR Q-K1  
 33.BxP? Q-N4!  
 34.B-N2 B-B6??  
 35.QxBch Resigns.

GAME OF THE MONTH

For the first time our 5/- book token award goes to a young woman player. The game was played in the All-Wellington B grade.

Queen's Pawn Game

WHITE BLACK

R.Flude Miss M.McGrath

- 1.P-Q4 N-KB3
- 2.P-QB4 P-K3
- 3.N-KB3 P-QB4
- 4.P-Q5 PXP
- 5.PXP P-Q3
- 6.N-B3 B-K2
- 7.P-K4 O-O
- 8.B-K2 P-QR3
- 9.P-QR4 N-K1
- 10.B-QB4 B-N5
- 11.Q-Q3 N-Q2
- 12.O-O BxN
- 13.QxB,N-K4; 14.Q-K2, P-B4; 15.B-N3, P-B5; 16. P-B3, B-N4; 17.N-Q1,R-B3; 18.N-B2, R-N3; 19.N-N4, 20.NxN, PxN; 21.B-Q2, P-P-KR4; 22.B-B3, Q-Q3; 23. B-B4, P-R5; 24.P-R3,N-B3; 25.P-R5, N-R4; 26.B-K1, N-N6; 27.BxN, RPxB; 28.R-R4; R-KB1; 29.R-N1, R/B1-B3; 30.P-N4, PXP; 31. R/4xP, Q-B4ch; 32.K-B1, QxP; 33.RxP, R-Q3; 34.R-N8ch, K-R2; 35.R-QR8,R-N3; 36.R-QN8,RxRch; 37.RxR, Q-B4; 38.K-K1, B-Q1; 39.K-Q1,P-R4 (Cont.next page)

F.P.HUTCHINGS WINS CANTERBURY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

F.P.Hutchings (9) has won the Canterbury CC championship from L.J.Walpole (8½), with O.C. Chandler and R.W.Smith each on 6½. Winner of the Intermediate Championship was R.S.Abbott (5½) from D.Hewison and C.W.Taylor (each 3). S.F.Zucker won the Junior Championship after tying with F.R.Best on 6, while E.B.Miles and J.Tyrell each scored 5.

In the Hart Memorial F.P.Hutchings scored 920-1146, J.Hunter (who rejoined the club this year) 920-1080, and Walpole 920-1047. R.W.Smith won the Duff Cup, Miss A.Wellard-King the Hollander Rook, M.W.Taylor the Improvers' Cup, and the Moore Cup is still in progress.

Canterbury CC membership was 70 this season (74 last), including 7 lady members and 8 schoolboys, as well as 7 country members.

Mr Hunter won a section of the Chess Quiz evening held on June 24 and Mr D.Higgins won a second section.

Officers of the club for the next year are: President, Mr R.W.Smith; immediate past president, Mr G.G.Parkins; vice-presidents, Mr R.M. Broadbent and Miss Wellard-King; secretary, Mr R.S.Abbott; treasurer, Mr F.R.Best; auditor, Mr S.Hindin; tournament secretary, Mr A.J.Nyman; committee, Mrs R.S.Abbott and Messrs A.S.Holland-er, R. van de Bel, and C.W.Taylor.

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SNIPPETS. . . World champion M.Botvinnik has accepted an invitation to play in the Hastings Congress at New Year. . . Another visitor to England for that event is expected to be Bobby Fischer. . . V.Ragosin, Soviet vice-president of the International Chess Federation, celebrated his 50th birthday early last month by becoming world correspondence chess champion. . . Chessplayers will regret the death of Sir William Appleton, a keen member of the Ngaio CC in his younger days. . . Wellington have not risen to the bait and offered winning lines in the Phillips-Eriksen and Phillips-Hardy Bledisloe Cup games. . . Takapau CC have retained the Frost Cup, beating Waipukurau, 6-3, in the third of their annual series of matches. . . Otago CC is looking forward to staging Congress next year and already has started raising funds. . . Otago CC has also held a special meeting and decided to approach other S.I.clubs

+ with a view to forming a league or other organisation to make rules for and control the S.I.Championship, which has no official basis at present. . . Canterbury CC have exchanged visits with Ashburton, Lincoln, and North Beach Clubs this season. . . Formation of a Canterbury League has been postponed because only three clubs were interested and that was considered insufficient. . . Mr Brian Douglas has succeeded Mr C.J.Stuart as delegate of Canterbury CC on the NZCA. . . K.M.Steele has done a lot of analysis of the Thompson-Hirst Game of the Month ("CN" September), starting with the sacrifice 16...RXPch and we will give details next month. . . W.A.Poolc cryptically informs us that his game of the month (October) contains a terrible oversight on his part, which his opponent saw and thought so simple it could not work, but Poolc did not tell us what the error was, and we have not had time to look. Who will help us out?

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FLUDE-McGRATH (cont.) 40.R-N5, Q-Q5ch; 41.K-B2, P-R5; 42.R-N4, B-R4; 43.RxP, Q-B6ch; 44.K-Q1, R-N3; 45.B-R2, Q-R8ch; 46.K-B2, R-N7ch; 47.K-Q3, RxQ; 48.KxR, Q-K8ch; 49. Resigns. Many club games are held over.. A big selection will appear next month.

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PROBLEM LADDER

	Oct.	Tot.
F.A.Hirst..	4	12
J.H.Patchett	4	10
D.G.Brunton..	2	8
N.Fulton...	4	8
R.M.Bibby..	-	4
C.Smyth....	-	4
M.R.Wislang-	-	2
R.Chapman -	-	2

PROBLEM PAGE.... Opinion is divided on whether we should increase the number of competition problems, so in the meantime we will keep the number at 2. However, this time we introduce a 3-er, for which the scoring will be 2 for the correct solution plus 1 point for each variation given correctly in full, and with 1 point deducted for each error in notation. Next month, with two months between Dec. and Feb. issues, we will give 6 problems, all for competition. We are somewhat disappointed at absence of entries from our four young solvers this month, but appreciate that examinations must come first. They have scope to make up the leeway this month and next, particularly during the holidays. This month's problems complete the 1st ladder ascent, and after next issue of "CN" the leader will drop back to the foot of the ladder. Remember: New solvers can join ladder at any time.

OCTOBER SOLUTIONS

- 7. N-K3.
- 8. K-R6. DGB claims Q-B5, def. by PxQ or K-B5. Perhaps DGB set up White P on d6 instead of a Black one. FAH comments on competition problems: "Both good - not too difficult for the enthusiastic beginner, but needing thought."
- 9. P-Q6. "Rather tough for beginners like me." - NEHF.
- 10. B-N7. 1...., N/Q-B3ch; 2. K-R8. 1...., N-B4; 2. Q-N5. 1...., N-B2; 2. B-Q4. NEHF claims B-B3, def. by N-B1ch. On first appearance in "Chess" many made same claim.

COMPETITION PROBLEMS..... ONE FOR BEGINNERS.. BY A VETERAN

11. C. Mansfield ('31)	12. A. H. Robbins ('37)	13. E. Pradignat ('07)	14. A. J. Levett ('57)
- b - - - - R -	- - - B - - - -	- - - - - - - -	r - k - - - - -
- - - - - - - -	- - - p - p - -	- P B P - - - -	r - P - p - K -
- - - - - - - -	- - - - P P - -	- - k N - - - -	- - B - b - - -
- - - - - p - -	- P - p - k - K	- - - - - P - -	- - N - - - n -
R - - - r k - -	- - - p - P - -	- - - K - - - -	- - - - - - - -
- - - B - N - p	- - - P - - - -	- - - - - - - -	- - - P - - - -
p - - - - Q - p	- - - - N - - -	- - - - - - - -	- - - - Q - - B
K n - - N - - -	- - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - -
7v8 Mate in 2	8v5 Mate in 3	6v1 Mate in 2	7v6 Mate in 2

PAUSE BEFORE BIG 1959 TOURS FUND EFFORT

There has come a pause in the rate of contribution towards the Tours Fund, which has the object of sending Rodney Phillips to the next World Junior Championship tourney in Basle. This, we feel, is partly due to the season, partly to the fact that those players with whom "CN" is in direct contact already have given generously, and partly because the target still seems a long way off.

A great deal more about the appeal will be known after the meeting of the NZCA Council to be held shortly after "CN" goes to press, but in the meantime it appears that the raffle to be run by Auckland CC will make a substantial contribution. "CN" has offered assistance in organising this raffle, and we hope that players throughout the country will assist in using this means of obtaining support from non-chessplayers.

In addition, of course, all other contributions, large or small, will be welcome, and in particular hope that other clubs collecting for the Penny Fund will forward progress contributions. Inglewood provided a grand example, and Hamilton E. have entered into the spirit of the Penny Fund by forwarding regular contributions, but other clubs which have been busy have not yet reported progress.

+C.N. TOURS FUND	£	s	d
+Anon.	1	-	-
+E. Frost+	1	1	-
+ Oct. total	2	1	-
+ Prev. Ack.	35	1	6
+Total to date	£37	2	6
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+C.N. PENNY FUND	£	s	d
+Hamilton E.C.C.	-	5	-
+Prev. Ack.	4	8	6
+ Total to date	£4	13	6
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+N.Z.C.A. RECEIPTS			
+Prev. Ack.	£15	17	-
+++++			
+PROMISED-	£	s	d
+ Prev. Ack.	7	2	-
+ Less receipts+	1	1	-
+ Balance	£6	1	-
+++++			
+COMBINED FUNDS	£	s	d
+CN TOURS FUND	37	2	6
+CN PENNY FUND	4	13	6
+NZCA Fund	15	17	-
+ Total cash	£57	13	-
+ Promised	6	1	-
+Grand total	£63	14	-

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