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 STOP PRESS...New Chairman of N.Z.C.A.
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As this issue of "CN" was going to press we awaited N.Z.C.A. Bulletin following the annual meeting of Council in June, but we understand that Mr A.L. Fletcher has been elected chairman of Council. A full report on the meeting will be given next month.

We understand also that a remit was received from Otago concerning the resolution of ties in tournaments, a question which has been raised by several readers in letters to "CN". We have withheld comment pending further official action.

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ANNOTATED GAMES NEXT MONTH WILL INCLUDE Esterman v Kiley, Harraway v Muir, Halpin v Phillips (annotated by Sarapu), and Phillips v Whitehouse.

RODNEY PHILLIPS ON HIS WAY TO
WORLD JUNIOR TOURNEY IN BASLE

Success has crowned the magnificent effort made by the N.Z. chess community during the past year for the purpose of sending Rodney Phillips to the World Junior Championship in Basle.

Rodney left Auckland by air on Saturday, July 11, for Sydney, on his way to Switzerland. "CN" had not received full information about the financial arrangements as this issue went to press, but it is understood that the raffle was sufficiently successful to ensure that at least the bulk of the £500 would be found. Also, our friends across the Tasman were most helpful.

Rodney's programme was an overnight stay in Sydney and then on to Zurich with only stops for an hour or so here and there, arriving in Zurich at 4:15pm on July 14.

Play in the tourney will be from July 17 to August 8, with playing arrangements dependent upon the number of entrants. The only name of an entrant to reach N.Z. to date is Tomson (USSR).

Rodney will return to N.Z. via London, New York, etc., with

stops here and there for a day or two on the way. This round-the-world trip is a few £s cheaper than return via Australia.

We hope that cable reports will keep N.Z.ers up-to-date on Rodney's progress, and we hope to see some game scores which Rodney will mail home if he gets the chance.

After Rodney's return "CN" will publish (we hope in September) an exclusive report by him in his trip.

*"CN" has not been concerned about Rodney's prospects in Basle -- we have been concerned only to help him to get there. But a good friend of ours, who knows him well, has written: "Rodney's chances of winning the world title are not too good. It is a long way and there will be a very strong field."

"John Purdy finished at the bottom in the second grade, after not qualifying for the final. Wade and Lajos Steiner played in inter-zonal tourneys and finished low. Australasia has done badly in international chess so far.

"I expect Rodney to finish with 50 per cent. If lucky he can get in the final (10 players or so). It will depend on the number of players -- in Europe it will be many."

Editorial.....A FORWARD LOOK

As we have stated, "CN" has not been concerned about the results Rodney Phillips might achieve in Basle. We have been concerned only to get him there.

N.Z. -- Australia, too, for that matter -- will only produce successful results in international play through a regular programme of participation. Most chess champions are made, not born. And incentives must be provided to induce promising players to work to improve.

A cycle of play abroad, stronger competition, growing enthusiasm must be established. As that cycle develops, there will be more chess players and they will be more ready to help other players and the game generally.

The success of the appeal for Phillips for Basle has been magnificent. But we hope N.Z. players will not feel that that is the end of this particular road for another 10 years or more. Rather should it be regarded as just the start.

...And with that thought in mind, let us say that "CN" is going to announce a project within a few weeks which we hope will help to bring this about.

IDEAS BEHIND NEW OPENING STRATEGY (2)by Ortvin Sarapu

As the statistics show, the main defence openings are the Sicilian against P-K4 and King's Indian against the rest.

These defences are not only the most popular, but give a good score against White.

The Sicilian Defence has improved in the last 10 years a lot, with new variations like the Najdorf, Boleslavsky, and improved Paulsen, and even the Dragon has made a strong comeback.

This month I will introduce the Najdorf Variation and explain some of the ideas in this variation.

The usual initial moves are:

1. P-K4, P-QB4; 2. N-KB3, P-Q3; 3. P-Q4, PXP; 4. NXP, N-KB3; 5. N-QB3, P-QR3!

Najdorf's idea was to play P-K4. P-QR3 is only a landmark, or signal, an improvement on the Boleslavsky Variation (5....., N-QB3 and later P-K4). The immediate 5....., P-K4 is strongly answered by 6. B-N5ch and after 6....., B-Q2 or QN-Q2 White has a strong post at KB5 for his N. To avoid this B check the Boleslavsky first has N-QB3, awaiting B-K2 and then playing P-K4.

The Najdorf keeps the option of developing Black's QN at Q2 or B3. As P-QR3 is played in most variations it is no loss of time.

After 5....., P-QR3! White has a big choice of variations:

- a/ 6. B-K2 "the original, unsuspecting."
- b/ 6. P-KB4 "the reaction to Black's success."
- c/ 6. P-KN3 "positional pressure on square Q5."
- d/ 6. B-QB4 "to discourage P-K4 by Black."
- e/ 6. B-KN5 "most popular, and also pressing on square Q5."

The move P-K4 by Black in the Sicilian was considered for a long time to be weak. The reasons were that it weakens Q4 in Black's position and his QP is backward.

As Boleslavsky proved, there is for Black the possibility to free himself from all these disadvantages by simply playing P-Q4 at the right moment.

Then, because Black's KP means he has one P in the centre against none, there are even prospects for Black to gain an advantage.

As examples, I will give some of

the best variations for Black against the different 6th moves by White.

a/ 6.B-K2.

6.....,P-K4!; 7.N-N3.

An even more passive game for White results after 7.N-B3 (see Lajos Steiner-Boleslavsky, 1949 Interzonal).

7.....,B-K2; 8.O-O, O-O; 9.B-K3, Q-B2; 10.P-QR4.

Preventing P-QN4, which gives Black a good chance to play QN-Q2 and B-N2 with P-Q4 to follow.

10.....,P-QN3; 11.Q-Q2, B-K3.

This or B-N2 is a matter of taste. Here Black reserves the square QN2 for his Q.

12.KR-Q1, R-B1; 13.Q-K1, Q-N2!;

14.R-Q2, QN-Q2; 15.P-KB3, P-Q4!

Here it comes, charged with power.

16.PxP, NxP; 17.NxN, BxN; 18.

QR-Q1, N-B1; 19.N-B1, P-K5 etc.

(Unzicker-Bronstein, 1955) with clear advantage for Black, whose position is very dynamic. No wonder White was looking for means to stop P-Q4 by Black, or to prevent P-K4.

b/ 6.P-KB4

It was found that even here it is o.k. to play 6.....,P-K4!; 7.N-KB3, Q-B2; 8.B-Q3, B-K2; 9.O-O.

Now 9.....,O-O is a bit risky for

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Black, because of the White K-side attack. O-O can be postponed for a while by 9.....,P-Q N4! as 10.P-QR4, P-N5; 11.N-Q5, NxN; 12.PxN is good for Black.

c/ 6.P-KN3

The idea here is to play B-N2 and press on square Q5, making P-Q4 difficult for Black.

6.....,P-K4; 7.N-K2, B-K2; 8.B-N2, O-O; 9.O-O, QN-Q2.

Here Black has an alternative which I consider best. He can play 9.....,Q-B2, intending to play P-QN4 next. If now 10.P-QR4, P-QN3; 11.N-Q5, NxN; 12.QxN, B-N2; 13.Q-Q1 (Q-Q3?, N-Q2!), N-Q2! and Black is ahead in development.

10.P-QR4, P-QN3; 11.N-Q5, NxN;

12.QxN, R-R2; 13.B-K3, R-B2; 14.

N-QB3, N-B4; 15.Q-Q2, B-N2; 16.

KR-Q1, Q-R1. (Medina-Najdorf, Mar-

del Plata 1953). The position is equal.

A similar idea is the Pilnik method, 6.B-K2 and later B-KB3, but it is also harmless for Black.

d/ 6.B-QB4.

Against this it is not so good to play 6.....,P-K4 as White can now hold square Q5. For example, 7.

N/4-K2, B-K3; 8.BxB, PxB; 9.O-O,

B-K2; 10.B-N5, N-R4; 11.P-B4, BxB;

12.PxB etc., is good for White (O.

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Sarapu-Dr Bohatirchuk, by corres.)

6....,P-K3.

Also 6....,QN-Q2 is playable. In preference to all other variations I suggest the following: 7.O-O, P-QN4; 8.B-N3, P-N5; 9.N-R4, NxP; 10.Q-B3, P-Q4; 11.P-QB4, PxPe.p.; 12.NxBP, N-B4, etc. Black stands well, although apart from 6.B-KN5 this is the most dangerous line for Black.

e/ 6.B-KN5.

This is known today as White's best. Against it Black usually plays 6....,P-K3; 7.P-KB4, Q-B2.

A sharp variation here is 7...., Q-N3; 8.Q-Q2, QxP!?

8.Q-B3, N-QB3.

Here 8....,Q-Q2 transfers to the Rauzer Variation.

9.O-O-O, B-Q2; 10.B-R4, B-K2; 11.P-KN4, NxN; 12.RxN, B-B3; 13. B-N2, QR-B1; 14.KR-Q1, O-O (P-QN4!); 15.P-N5, N-Q2; 16.R/4-Q2, N-B4; 17.Q-K3, P-QN4 etc., with a good game for Black. (P.Keres-G.Stahlberg, 1955).

Besides this variation, Black also has the Argentinian Variation. 6.B-KN5, P-K3; 7.P-KB4, B-K2; 8. Q-B3, P-R3; 9.B-R4, P-KN4!?!; 10. PxP, KN-Q2; NxP!, PxN; 12.Q-R5ch, K-B1; 13.B-N5!, R-R2!! This is the

TAL WINS CANDIDATES' "PREVIEW"

TOURNAMENT IN ZURICH

M.Tal (Latvia) won an international tourney in Zurich, May 19-June 8, ahead of S.Gligoric (Yugoslavia) 2, P.Keres and R.Fischer 3-4, and P.Olafsson (Iceland), G. Barcza, H.Donner, A.Duckstein, B.Larsen and W.Unzicker.

We hear that half-points separated the leaders and that Fischer lost his last-round game, against a Swiss player!

Sarapu has heard from Keres about the Zurich event, and writes:

"Fischer seems to be right on top of world chess. Olafsson, who was equal with Bobby at the Interzonal, has fallen back.

"S.Gligoric, who will play at home in Yugoslavia in the September-October Candidates' Tourney, has the advantage of living at home and having the crowd on his side.

"I tip him to win!" adds Sarapu.

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Bobby Fischer improvement against Gligoric, 1958 Interzonal. The game ended with a draw after 14.Q-N6, R-N2, etc. As this game was in the last round, a draw was agreed although Black has better prospects.
NEXT MONTH: More on Openings.

A "BOTVINNIK" FINISH

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The deciding game from the Wellington Easter tourney, with notes by O.Sarapu. Alekhine's Defence

WHITE	BLACK
R.A.Court	Z.Frankel
1.P-K4	N-KB3
2.P-K5	N-Q4
3.P-Q4	P-Q3
4.P-QB4	N-N3
5.PxP	

More usual here is 5. P-KB4, the 4-Pawn attack, or 5.N-KB3. Both moves are considered to give White an advantage against Alekhine's Defence.

5. ... KPxP
Also good for Black is BPxP with P-N3 and B-N2 to follow.

6.B-Q3	N-B3
7.B-K3	B-K2
8.N-QB3	B-B3
9.B-K2	

A concession, indicating that White has not made up his mind how to play the opening and

what to do in the middle-game. Moving his KB twice in 9 moves, White gives Black time to develop his pieces purposefully for the middlegame. Botter was 9.KN-K2?

9. ...	B-B4
10.N-B3	O-O
11.O-O	R-K1
12.R-B1	N-Q2?

Taking a piece away from the centre, or moving one that controls a centre square can be dangerous. Here the regrouping plan by Frankel is good in itself, but the order of moves should be first N-K2 and then N-Q2. As played, White could reduce pressure on his QP by N-Q5 and, if he wants it, NxB to follow.

13.Q-Q2?	N-K2
14.N-K1!?	

With dangerous threats to the Black Bishops. White is threatening P-KN4, P-KB4 and then

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P-KB5. Though this looks good, White should play on the Q-side, where he has the advantage of space (P-Q4 and P-QB4) and his Bishops are pointing more in that direction.

14. ... P-KR3!
Frankel is ready to meet all threats on the K-side.

15.P-B4 B-R2
16.P-KN4?
Threatening P-N5 to win the other Bishop. The ? is given because White exposes his King position too much with an insecure centre.

16. ... N-KN3
17.B-B3
If now 17.P-N5 then PxP; 18.PxP, RxB!; 19. PxB (not QxR, BxPetc), R-K3 etc.

17. ...	P-B3
18.N-K4	N-R5!

A correct and sound Pawn sacrifice. Frankel at his best produces brilliant ideas. Whether White accepts the P or not, Black takes the

initiative.

19.NxQP R-K3

20.P-QB5

Not NxNP, Q-N3! threatening RxB!

20. ... Q-K2

21.N-B4 NxBch

22.NxN R-Q1?

It is a real problem to find out exactly what Black planned to play against 23.P-N5!!

23.Q-K2??

And what did White see, or fear, after 23.P-N5? can be explained only by the participants, as after 23.P-N5!! , PxP; 24.PxP White can reply to RxB with 25.PxB!

Again and again we see how strategy can be over-ruled by a sudden tactical possibility.

23. ... NxP!

24.P-B5

After 24.PxN, B-Q6! and BxN removes the guardian from the White B, which gives Black his piece back. White's position, especially in the centre, collapses

like a house of cards. With very energetic and powerful play by Frankel it seems like a game from Botvinnik.

24. ... R-K5!

25.KN-K5 R/lxP!

26.Q-KB2 BxN

27.NxB QxN

28.BxR RxPch!

There are no concessions for White. Black takes the maximum out of his position.

29.K-R1 Q-Q4ch

30.Q-B3 RxB

31.RxN

White should have resigned here. There followed 31....,QxR; 32.R-K1, BxP; 33.Resigns.

AUCKLAND INTER-SCHOOLS

Auckland Grammar and Mt Albert Grammar were unbeaten until they met late in June. Mt Albert won 5-1, and with two matches to go lead by 1½pts. At Board 1, I.D.Burry drew with J.R.Phillips.

TEENAGE CORNER

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J4. J.Aizikowitz

K - - - - - k

- Q - - - - - B

- - - - - -

p - - - - - p

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3v4 Mate in 2.

Solution J3: 1.Q-R5.

a/l....,R-QB1; 2.KxP.

b/l....,Rany; 2.QxP.

c/l....,P-B7; 2.Q-B3.

Two new solvers

this month. Welcome.

June.T1.

C.Evans 6 10

R.Chapman 6 6

M.R.Wislang 3 3

There were 3 main lines, and these must be given for extra points. MRW referred to them, but that doesn't count. Your editor has had too much to do to get a regular article organised, but it will come.

TAL'S TOUGHEST OPPONENT . . . by Alexander Kotov in "Soviet Weekly"

The opponents of every Grandmaster, no matter how strong and experienced he may be, are divided into three categories. The first group consists of chess players against whom it is easy to play, and the majority of his games with them end in his favour.

There are others who come out about even with him. But finally there are the formidable opponents whom the Grandmaster manages to beat very rarely and the majority of his encounters with them end in his defeat. Even the world's strongest invariably had such hard nuts to crack. Alekhine failed to win from the middling Hungarian Master Asztalos three times, and Botvinnik has suffered more than one defeat at the hands of Master Ilya Kan.

Numerous examples of this kind could be cited.

At the 1958 USSR
 championship in
 Riga, one of the
 games wound up
 quite unexpectedly.
 In the position in
 the diagram at left
 White suddenly

WHITE

played 1.P-R6ch?, RXP; 2.QxR??, KxQ; 3.P-N7 and after the evident 3....., QxRch immediately resigned.

Quite a remarkable "combination" for a USSR championship meet, but the reader will be still more surprised when he learns that this absurd sacrifice was made by none other than the player who won that championship, Mikhail Tal.

It was Tal, usually quick to see the numerous complex variations on the board, who missed the obvious in this game with Grandmaster Victor Korchnoi.

An important factor in this slip is that Korchnoi is an extremely difficult opponent for Tal. They had met many times before this encounter and Tal suffered defeat at his hands three times; the best he could do was draw. He hasn't so far succeeded in winning a single game from Korchnoi.

And here is what happened in this year's national title meet in Tbilisi. When the penultimate round started Tigran Petrosian was in the lead with 12½ points, with Tal on his heels only ½ a point behind. The

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outcome of the tournament depended on these two final laps on the home stretch. Usually the Riga Grandmaster, Tal, steps on the gas in the final stage of the contest, and this was expected at Tbilisi. The experts, however, were sceptical about Tal making a successful finish, for they knew that he was to come up against Korchnoi in the penultimate game. Here is this interesting game.

Sicilian Defence.

WHITE	BLACK
M. Tal	V. Korchnoi
1. P-K4	P-QB4
2. N-KB3	P-Q3
3. P-Q4	PxP
4. NxP	N-KB3
5. N-QB3	P-QR3
6. B-KN5	QN-Q2
7. B-QB4	Q-R4
8. Q-Q2	P-K3

This is one of the most popular variants of recent times. White is striving to set up an

attack in the centre, counting on sacrificing a piece on K6 at a favourable moment. Black replies by creating counterplay on the K-side in an effort to fortify himself to his advantage.

This is very intricate play for both sides, and it is quite understandable why it is so easy to slip up.

9. O-O	P-R3
10. B-R4	B-K2
11. QR-Q1	N-K4
12. B-QN3	P-KN4
13. B-N3	N-R4
14. B-R4ch	

The beginning of a far-calculated manoeuvre whose defect, however, is superficial assessment of the position. Usually Grandmaster Tal correctly evaluates his chances in the most tangled position, but in his encounters with Korchnoi he is unrecognisable. That is what happened this time, too,

and the Riga Grand-Master loses confidence. Actually the quiet 14.N/3-K2 gives White good prospects.

14. . . .	P-N4
15. BxN	QPxB
16. N-B6	Q-B2
17. NxB	KxN!

It is possible that in his calculations Tal underestimated the danger this move holds for him. In the event of 17. . . ., QxN/2; 18. B-N3, White could soon start an attack on the Q-side, whereas now Black succeeds in fully mobilising his pieces.

18. B-N3	N-B3
19. Q-K3	B-N2
20. P-QR4	

Now this attack only brings White trouble. The quiet 20. P-B3, however, would lead to exchanges and a speedy draw, but because of his standing in the tourney Tal had to play for a win at all costs.

20. . . .	P-QN5
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21.N-R2 P-QR4
 22.P-QB3 B-R3
 23.KR-K1 PXP
 24.R-QB1 QR-QN1
 25.RXP Q-N3
 26.QxQ?

In playing against Korchnoi, Tal is simply unrecognisable. The Qs can be preserved by playing 26.Q-N3, and if White decides to exchange them it is better to do so by 26.P-B3, QxQ; 27.R/K1 xQ. White's inexact play permits Korchnoi to soon obtain a decisive advantage.

26. ... RxQ
 27.R-B7ch K-Q3
 28.R-R7?

Again a mistake. 28.RXP, RxB; 29.RxN, RxP; 30.N-B3 leaves some hope for White's salvation. Now, however, he simply remains a P down.

28. ... B-N2!
 29.B-B4 R-R1!
 30.R-Q1ch K-K2
 31.RxR BxR
 32.B-N5 BxP

34.NxP B-N2
 35.N-Q3 P-K5
 36.N-K5 B-Q4

Korchnoi manoeuvres faultlessly in the end-game. That's usually the case! If one player loses confidence in himself, then his opponent plays with redoubled strength.

37.R-N1 R-N1
 38.R-QB1 R-N2
 39.K-B1 N-K1
 40.R-Q1 N-B2
 41.B-K2

At this point the game was adjourned and Tal sealed the move with the Bishop. On resuming play Black easily realised his material and positional superiority.

41. ... P-B3
 42.N-N4 P-B4
 43.N-K5 R-N7
 44.R-B1 R-R7
 45.N-N6ch K-Q3
 46.N-R8

Tal seeks the slightest chance for salvation, but Korchnoi confidently goes on to win.

46. ... P-K4

47.R-Q1 K-K3
 48.B-R5 K-B3
 49.B-B7

The only way to save the Knight that went astray, but now White gets for it a lost Rook ending.

49. ... BxB
 50.NxB KxN
 51.R-Q7ch K-K3
 52.RxN P-B5
 53.R-B6ch K-Q4
 54.RxP P-B6!

The mating threat helps Black obtain a decisive advantage.

55.PxP PXP
 56.K-K1 RxRP
 57.R-QN6 R-R8ch
 58.K-Q2 R-KB8
 59.K-K3 P-N5
 60.R-N5ch K-B5!

61.Resigns.

The only way for White not to lose another Pawn, on B2 (after 61. ..., R-K8ch), is to play 61.RxP, but then the exchange of Rooks gives Black an easily won P ending. Korchnoi's 5th win over Tal, without a single loss!

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Correspondence Game

One of the games won by one of the present joint holders of the N.Z. Correspondence Championship. Gruenfeld Defence

WHITE BLACK

L. Esterman A.N. Hignett (Notes by L. Esterman)

- 1. P-Q4 N-KB3
2. P-QB4 P-KN3
3. N-QB3 P-Q4
4. PxP NxP
5. P-KN3 B-N2
6. B-N2 N-N3
7. P-K3 O-O
8. KN-K2 P-K4!
9. P-Q5 N-R3
9...., P-QB3!
10. O-O N-N5?
10...., N-B5!
11. P-QR3 N-R3
12. P-K4 N-B5
13. Q-Q3! N-Q3
14. P-QN4 P-QB4??
Weakens the square Q6.
15. PxPe.p. R-K1
Necessary
16. R-Q1 B-B1
17. PxP BxP
18. B-K3 N-B2
19. P-QR4

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This secures QN5.
19. ... N-K3
20. B-B5 N-B1
NxB costs a piece, but so does.
21. Q-N5! Resigns.

From the N.I. Tourney

A sharp win by the champion.

Sicilian Defence

WHITE BLACK

- J.R. Phillips F.P. Hutchings
1. P-K4 P-QB4
2. N-KB3 N-QB3
3. P-Q4 PxP
4. NxP N-B3
5. N-QB3 P-Q3
6. B-KN5 P-K3
7. B-N5 B-Q2
8. B-QR4 P-QR3
9. NxN BxN
10. BxB4h PxB
11. P-K5 Q-R4
12. BxN PxB
13. PxQP Q-K4ch
14. K-B1 BxP
15. Q-B3 QR-B1
16. P-KN3 P-KB4
17. K-N2 O-O
18. KR-K1 Q-QR4

- 19. Q-R5 B-K4
20. R-K3 BxN
21. RxB QR-N1
22. Q-N5ch K-R1
23. Q-B6ch K-N1
24. P-QN3 QR-Q1
25. R-B4 Q-Q4ch
26. K-N1 Q-B6
27. R-KR4 R-Q2
28. Q-N5ch K-R1
29. Q-R6 Resigns.

Rook v Two Pieces

John Howe, Wellington's most promising young player, made no mistake in the following win with Rook and Pawn majority versus two pieces. His opponent, B.E. Foan, did not live up to his Wellington form when he played in the N.I. championship.

Sicilian Defence

WHITE BLACK

- J. Howe B.E. Foan
1. P-K4 P-QB4
2. P-QB3 N-KB3
3. P-K5 N-Q4
4. P-Q4 P-Q3
5. N-B3 P-K3

6. B-N5ch B-Q2
 7. BxBch NxB
 8. P-B4 N/4-N3
 9. O-O PxpP
 10. QxP PxpP
 11. NxB Q-B3
 12. N-KB3 QxQ
 13. NxQ B-Q3
 14. P-QN3 O-O
 15. B-K3 B-K4
 16. N-Q2 P-KN3
 17. QR-Q1 B-N2
 18. N-N5 N-B1
 19. N-B3 N-K4
 20. NxN BxN
 21. R-Q7 P-QR3
 22. N-B7 R-N1
 23. B-B5 P-KN4
 24. BxR N-N3
 25. B-K6 NxR
 26. NxRP BxB
 27. NxR BxN
 28. R-Q1 N-B1
 29. P-B5 B-K4
 30. R-Q8 P-B4
 31. R-R8 B-Q5
 32. P-QN4 P-K4
 33. R-N8 P-K5
 34. RxP P-B5
 35. P-B6 P-K6
 36. PxpP PxpP
 37. K-B1 N-K3
 38. P-B7 NxP

39. RxN P-R4
 40. P-QR4 K-B1
 41. P-R5 B-K4
 42. R-B4 BxP
 43. P-R6 P-K7ch
 44. KxP B-N3
 45. P-R7 BxP
 46. R-B8ch K-K2
 47. R-B7ch K-Q3
 48. RxB and wins.

Two Tourneys, One Loss

Adrian Turner, of Invercargill, has lost only one game in the last two S.I. Championships, although a high proportion of draws have kept him from top honours. Here is his only loss, in the 1959 event.

Petroff Defence

WHITE BLACK
 L. Esterman A. B. Turner
 (Notes by L. Esterman)

1. P-K4 P-K4
 2. N-KB3 N-KB3
 3. P-Q4 PxpP
 4. P-K5 N-K5
 5. QxP P-Q4
 6. PxpPe.p. NxQP
 7. N-B3 N-B3

8. Q-KB4 P-KN3
 9. B-Q2 B-N2
 10. O-O-O O-O
 11. P-KR4 Q-B3
 My 11th move was to discourage this.
 12. QxQ BxQ
 13. N-Q5! B-Q1
 14. B-Q3?

I spent a long time looking at 14. B-KR6, R-K1; 15. B-N5 but could not see who stood better so discarded the line for this non-committal move.

14. ... B-K3
 15. N-B4 B-B4
 16. BxB NxB
 17. B-B3 N-Q3
 18. QR-K1 KR-K1! but this sets a trap.

18. ... N-N4
 N-K1 holds the position.
 19. B-Q3 N/4-Q5?
 20. NxN NxN
 21. B-N4 B-B3
 22. BxR KxB
 23. N-Q5 B-Q1
 24. P-QB3 N-B4
 25. P-KN3 P-KR4
 26. R-K2 P-QB3

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- 27.N-K3 N-Q3
- 28.R-Q1 B-K2
- 29.P-B3 P-QN4
- 30.K-B2! P-QR4
- 31.P-KN4 PxP
- 32.PxP N-K5

At last.

- 33.P-R5 PxP
- 34.N-B5! Resigns.

Lucky Draw

Luck appeared to play an appreciable part in the S.I. event. Winner T. van Dijk seems to have enjoyed a generous share, for instance in his last-round game against L. Esterman. However, Esterman had a measure of good fortune in securing a draw in the following game, from Round 2.

(Notes by T. van Dijk)

Catalan System

WHITE	BLACK
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- | | |
|-------------|-------------|
| L. Esterman | W. B. Petre |
| 1.P-Q4 | N-KB3 |
| 2.P-QB4 | P-K3 |
| 3.P-KN3 | P-Q4 |
| 4.B-N2 | P-B3 |

Now the fianchettoed

Bishop is supposed to bite on granite. C.J.S. Purdy thinks that this is a fallacy and that the Pawn should be played to B4 when White fianchettoes his Bishop.

- 5.N-KB3 QN-Q2
- 6.Q-B2 B-Q3
- 7.O-O O-O
- 8.QN-Q2 P-K4

Black is first. His freeing move P-K4 gives him a good game, especially because the White QN is not so well-placed at Q2 as on B3.

- 9.QPxP NxP
- 10.NxN BxN
- 11.N-B3 B-B2!?

This move involves the sacrifice of a Pawn for the pair of Bishops and it is a most aggressive continuation.

- 12.B-N5 P-KR3!
- 13.BxN QxB
- 14.PxP B-N3
- 15.PxP PxP

It seems that Esterman's play for simple positions has paid off. He is a Pawn up and

the Black QBP looks very weak. However, Black gets counterplay against the White KP and his Bishops work well.

- 16.QR-B1 B-R3
- 17.N-R4 QR-K1
- 18.B-B3 R-K3!
- 19.P-N3 KR-K1
- 20.N-N2 BxP
- 21.BxB RxB
- 22.QxP BxPch
- 23.K-R1 QxQ
- 24.RxQ RxP

Here the players agreed to a draw. Black is a Pawn up and has winning chances, but there was another round the same day, so why try too hard and perhaps lose?

Quietly Does It

When A.E. Turner notches a win it often is in most effective fashion, quiet and smooth. Here is a case in point, from Round 2 of the South

Island Championship.
(Notes by T. van Dijk)

WHITE	BLACK
A.E. Turner	G.G. Haase
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. N-KB3	N-QB3
3. B-N5	P-QR3
4. B-R4	N-B3
5. Q-K2	
5. ...	P-Q3
6. P-B3	B-K2
7. P-Q3	O-O
8. QN-Q2	P-QN4
9. B-B2	N-K1
10. N-B1	

With the quiet centre position White has elected to play, he can afford to play this move before castling.

10. ...	P-B4
11. B-N3ch!	K-R1
12. B-Q5!	B-Q2
13. PxP	N-B3

Black will never get the Pawn back and better would have been RxP, accepting, however, a dangerous

attack on his King-side as well.

14. B-K6	BxB
15. PxB	Q-K1
16. P-Q4	PxP
17. NxP	NxN
18. PxN	Q-N3
19. N-N3	QR-K1
20. P-B4	N-Q4
21. P-B5	Q-B3
22. Q-K4	P-B3
23. O-O	Q-R5
24. QxQ	BxQ
25. N-K4	B-B3
26. R-Q1	B-K2

White has all the advantages he wants -- a strong passed P, a good Bishop and the discrepancy in development is disappearing.

27. P-KN4	P-KR3
28. B-Q2	R-QB1
29. QR-B1	N-B3
30. NxN	BxN
31. B-B4	B-K2
32. R-B2	R-B2
33. R/1-QB1	R/1-B1
34. K-B2	K-N1
35. P-N4	K-B1
36. P-Q5	P-B4
37. PxP	RxP
38. RxR	PxR

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39. P-Q6	B-R5ch
40. K-B3	R-B3
41. K-K4	Resigns.

Even hours of analysis would not show any chance for Black.

Waikato Game

One of the wins gained by the new Waikato titleholder. The manner in which Whitehouse wins the exchange and a Pawn is an instructive example of the traps which can exist in long series of exchanges.

Queen's Gambit Decl.

WHITE	BLACK
L.E. Whitehouse	J. Arbutnott
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-QB4	N-KB3
3. Pxp	NxP
4. P-K4	N-KB3
5. N-QB3	B-N5
6. P-KB3	B-R4
7. B-K3	P-K3
8. KN-K2	B-K2
9. N-N3	B-N3
10. B-Q3	O-O

- 11. O-O QN-Q2
- 12. P-B4 P-KR3
- 13. R-QB1 P-B4
- 14. P-B5 PxBP
- 15. BxP PxB
- 16. PxB B-R2
- 17. QN-K2 R-B1
- 18. Q-N3 N-B4
- 19. BxN BxBch
- 20. K-R1 B-N3
- 21. N-B4 K-R1
- 22. B-B4 B-N1
- 23. KR-Q1 Q-K2
- 24. R-K1 Q-Q3
- 25. Q-KB3 Q-QB3
- 26. BxBP QxQ
- 27. N-N6ch K-R2
- 28. NXRch RxN
- 29. BxBch KxB
- 30. PxB R-B2
- 31. R-B3ch K-R2
- 32. N-K4 N-Q4
- 33. N-Q6 R-B2
- 34. RxB BxR
- 35. NxB B-N3
- 36. N-Q6 N-K6
- 37. P-QR4 P-QR4
- 38. R-QB1 P-KR4
- 39. R-QB6 N-Q4
- 40. N-B7 B-K6
- 41. R-QR6 P-R5
- 42. K-N2 N-B5ch
- 43. K-B1 N-Q6

- 44. K-K2 N-B4
- 45. R-R8 Resigns.

GAME OF THE MONTH

A pretty game from the Auckland C.C. Championship.

Sicilian Defence

WHITE	BLACK
A.H. Douglas	F. Vincent

- | | |
|----------------------|--------|
| 1. P-K4 | P-QB4 |
| 2. N-KB3 | P-Q3 |
| 3. P-Q4 | PxB |
| 4. NxB | N-QB3? |
| 5. P-QB4! | N-B3 |
| 6. N-QB3 | P-QR3 |
| 7. B-K3 | P-K3 |
| 8. B-K2 | B-K2 |
| 9. O-O | B-Q2 |
| 10. P-B4 | NxN |
| 11. QxN | QR-B1 |
| 12. QR-Q1 | Q-B2 |
| 13. R-Q2 | O-O |
| 14. R-B3 | N-N5 |
| 15. R-N3 | P-K4 |
| 16. PxB | NxB |
| 17. B-R6 | B-B3 |
| 18. N-Q5!! | N-B6ch |
| 19. BxN | BxQch |
| 20. RxB | Q-Q1 |
| 21. BxB | Q-R5 |
| If 21...., P-B3; 22. | |
| BxBdis ch, K-B2; 23. | |

R-N7ch and mates.
 22. N-B6ch QxN
 23. BxQmate.
 A 5/- book token goes to A.H. Douglas for this delightful game. All readers are reminded that a 5/- book token prize is offering each month. The trophy may be used for extension of subscription or as a credit against any purchase from "CN".

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UNIVERSITIES' TEAMS TOURNEY

During the first week of the August term holidays an inter-university arts congress is to be held in Dunedin. Besides plays, music, fine arts, and debating there will be a chess teams tournament. Teams of four players from the different universities will take part in a 5-round competition from August 17-19, and the event will close with a match N.Z. Universities versus Otago.

Teams from Auckland, Victoria, Canterbury, Otago and Massey will take part, together with a combined Canterbury Agricultural College (Lincoln)-Otago team. The games will be played at Otago C.C. rooms and organisation is in the hands of S.I. Champion T. van Dijk.

Several centres are reported to be very enthusiastic about the idea. Any players interested are urged to get in touch with their local university chess organisation.

("CN" understands the tourney will be conducted on the same lines as international teams events, totalling the scores of each team. The team scoring most out of the poss-

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of 20 points. If the event is successful efforts will be made to have it incorporated as a regular feature in the inter-university winter sports tournament. In order to help boost interest in this type of event, which we believe could be very popular in New Zealand, "CN" is offering some modest trophies. -- six months' subscription to the player scoring best at each of the four boards. Regardless of the teams' result, this type of award has been found overseas to promote competitive interest among the players. Teams tournaments of this kind, we suggest, would be ideal weekend events, with teams of any size from two to 20.)

AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY-C.C.

There were 27 members present at the inaugural meeting of Auckland University C.C., and it is believed many others are interested. A further general meeting is to be held this month.

(An active club is also functioning at Victoria, with 20 or 30 members, and another at Canterbury University, with 35 members.)

FENERIDIS LEADS IN WELLINGTON

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.

Wellington CC's 1959 Championship attracted 24 entries, and play started in three sections of eight, in which full round robins were played. The top four in each section qualified for the Championship and the remainder for Senior B.

At the end of the section play A.Feneridis had a clean score, 7-0. J.Eriksen, holder of the club title, conceded only half a point, a draw to J.Howe in the last round, and H.McNabb, making a grand comeback, also conceded only half a point, a draw with R.A.Court in the final round. Feneridis, Eriksen and McNabb were the section winners, the results being:-

Championship Senior B

Section A

H.McNabb 6½-1½	V.Artemiev 3-4
B.E.Foan 5½-1½	A.B.Miller 2-5
(McNabb 0, Flet-cher ½)	J.L.Hardy 1½-4½
	(1 unfinished)
R.A.Court 4½-1½	M.Earle 0-7
(1 unfinished, Foan 0, McNabb ½)	
N.T.Fletcher 3-4	

be seeded into the event and that the two to qualify. Seeded are R.A.Court, O'Callahan, N.T.Fletcher, Z.Frankel, J.Howe, A.W.Gyles, K.Beyer, H.McNabb.

Championship

Senior B

Section B

J.Eriksen 6½-1½	T.J.Costello 3½
J.Howe 5½-1½	D.Cooper 3-4.
(½ Eriksen, 0 O'Callahan)	Two players withdrew.
J.Drga 4-3	
R.O'Callahan 3½-3½	

Section C

A.Feneridis 7-0	E.Frost 2½-4½
Z.Frankel 5-2	O.N.Thomson 2½
(0 Fuller, 0 Feneridis)	G.Nysse 2-5
K.Beyer 4½-2½	H.J.Fuller 1½
J.K.L.Webling 3-4	

In both sections the players carry forward their scores and in the finals meet the qualifiers from the other sections.-The tournament will run to the end of August.

ALL-WELLINGTON CHAMPIONSHIP

Nineteen players were nominated for the 1959 All-Wellington Championship, and after one withdrawal the Wellington Chess League decided that 10 players would other eight play off; the top five A.Feneridis, J.Eriksen, R.A.Court, N.T.Fletcher, Z.Frankel, J.Howe, A.W.Gyles, K.Beyer, H.McNabb.

SNIPPETS. . . Sarapu advises he is a definite starter for the Dunedin Congress. Who else? It looks like being tough. . . R.A.Rasa and T.van Dijk have each lost a game in Otago C.C.Championship and a late starter in L.Esterman will make it interesting. . . Congratulations to T.van Dijk on his recent naturalisation. The more Kiwis the merrier. . . T.Bolles, $4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$, leads in Auckland C.C.Championship, with R.J. Sutton and A.H.Douglas, each $2\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ also scoring well. . . Players throughout N.Z. will regret to hear Max Ponimoni is having a lengthy spell in Wellington Hospital. . . Invercargill C.C. has invited Otago players over for the final weekend in July. . . Students at Otago Dental School beat Staff, 9-2, in a return match. . . Dental School also beat Medical School, 6-4. . . Mention of hospitals reminds us that from time to time "CN" has received donations of a few shillings, which have paid for free copies for any chess players we hear are in hospital. Contributions (just a shilling or two) would not be unwelcome, and names of any players out of action sent to us will ensure they get a copy while they are laid aside. . .

OBITUARY, J.A.Moir, late June. Tribute next month. . . D.R.C.C. have won the Auckland A grade teams tourney decisively, winning from Auckland CC 5-1, Remuera $5\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$, North Shore 5-1. Of the "against" points an out-of-form F.A.Foulds contributed 2, with a loss and 2 draws. . . Sarapu gave a simul at Papatoetoe CC for Tours Fund, 32 wins, 1 draw, 0 losses. . . Rodney Phillips gave a simul at Dominion Road, 5 draws, 3 losses, 24 wins at 32 boards. This simul raised 26 for Tours Fund. . . Hamilton C.C. were to have paid a friendly visit to Dominion Road late last month, but we have not heard the result. . . Brian Douglas won from Rodney Phillips in Dominion Road championship. . . Chess is thriving in the Nelson district, with three clubs operating, Nelson, Mapua, Motueka. More information about them next month. . . "CN" is grateful for a grand build-up from "N.S.W. Chess Bulletin" which refers to an "astonishing amount of material" in our columns. The 35 subscribers whose subs. are due for renewal this month, please note. . . Extra cash sales in Auckland put "CN" paid circulation over 160 last month.

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Table with columns: Name, June, Ch., Ladd. Rows include Dr. Fulton, K.M. Steele, C. Evans, D.G. Brunt, F.A. Hirst, F.W. Crooke, A.T. Scott, J.H. Patchett, M.R. Wislang, T.C.C. Scott.

JUNE SOLUTIONS:

37. P-N5. Examining K-B7, claimed by T.C.C.S.
38. N-B4. "Solve-at-a-glance," says ATS. But JHP points out that N-Q4 is a good try, def. only by QxBP.// to answer by mail.

CHAMPIONSHIP AND LADDER PROBLEMS AND TOUGH ONES FOR THE EXPERTS

Table with 4 columns: 41. A. Ellerman, '26; 42. B. Sommer, '21; 43. L. Knotek, '48; 44. O.M. Olsen, '39. Each column contains a chess diagram and a solution (e.g., 9v8 Mate in 2).

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JUNE ENDGAME SOLUTIONS: No. 5 (Evans-Larsen): 1....,R-B8ch; 2.RxR, Q-B4ch; 3.K-R1, N-B7ch; 4.K-N1, N-R6ch etc. wins. If 2.KxR, Q-KB4ch; 3.R-B3, RxRch; 4.K-K2, N-B6ch; 5.K-B2, Q-B4ch; 6.K-N3, Q-KN4ch; 7.K-B2,R-Q7 wins. No. 6 (Reshevsky-Olafsson): 1.P-R3, NxP; 2.B-K8, N-B8; 3.B-K1, N-K6ch; 4.K-K5, N-B5ch; 5.K-B6, B-Q5ch; 6.KxBP, N-Q3ch; 7.K-B8, NxB; 8.KxN, B-K6; 9.BxPch, K-B3; 10.K-B7, BxP; 11.KxP, and Black resigns after K-R5. More endgame studies next month.

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EXPERTS' PROBLEMS: No. 39. R/5-K5. a/1....,K-B7 or K-N7; 2.R/5-K3. b/1....,K-B5 or K-N5; 2.R/1-K3. c/1....,K-N6; 2.R-KN5. d/1....,P-QR6; 2.Q-QN3. e/1....,P-KR4; 2.R-KN5. No. 40. P-QR7. a/1....,BxP; 2.N-B7. b/1....,RxN or R/R8any; 2.P-R8=Q. c/1....,R-Q4; 2.NxKP. Neither apparently presented undue difficulty.

No allowance in No. 40 for lines leading to earlier mates. FAH retains his lead, but dropped a point through not mentioning line c in No. 40.

	June	Tot.
F.A.Hirst	13	43
N.E.H.Fulton	14	41
A.T.Scott	14	36
J.H.Patchett	6	21

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