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WE HAVE DOUBLE BIG NEWS THIS MONTH: Establishment of a book section (page 103) which we hope players and clubs will patronise and help us get "CN" printed; also publication of N.Z.C.C.A. report.

IN THIS ISSUE:

NEXT MONTH: A big selection of games from recent tournaments. Also another in the extremely interesting series of articles by O.Sarapu on New Ideas in the Openings.

LAST CHANCE---LAST CHANCE--

PHILLIPS FOR BASLE

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COURT AND ESTERMAN SHARE N.Z. CORRESPONDENCE CHESS TITLE

R.A.Court, now of Wellington, and L.Esterman, now of Invercargill but shortly to move to Dunedin, are joint N.Z.Correspondence Chess Champions for 1958-59.

Adjudications held up the final decision, but these have now been completed and the full scoretable appears at left.

Results of other 1958-59 Trophy Tourneys and Handicap Tourney will appear in "CN" as soon as they are completed.

Progress results of new season's tourneys will appear in due course.

N.Z.C.C.A. CHAMPIONSHIP, 1958-59

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	Tl.	Pl.
1.R.A.Court	x	0	1	½	1	1	1	1a	1	1	1	1	1	10½	1=
2.L.Esterman	1	x	½	0	1	1	1	1a	1	1	1	1	1	10½	1=
3.M.P.Whitlock	0	½	x	1	1	½	1	1a	1	1	1	1	1	10	3
4.D.I.Lynch	½	1	0	x	½	1	½a	1a	1	1	1	1	1	9½	4
5.J.A.Cunningham	0	0	0	½	x	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	5
6.A.L.Fletcher	0	0	½	0	½	x	½	½	1	½	0	1	1	5½	6
7.E.F.Tibbitts	0	0	0	½a	0	½	x	0a	1	0	1	1a	1	5	7
8.G.A.Saville	0a	0a	0a	0a	0	½	1a	x	1	½a	0	½	1	4½	8
9.Dr J.F.Filmer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	1	1	4	9=
10.L.J.Kiley	0	0	0	0	0	½	1	½a	0	x	1a	1	0	4	9=
11.Dr N.Fulton	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0a	x	½	1	3½	11
12.A.N.Hignett	0	0	0	0	0	0	0a	½	0	0	½	x	1	2	12
13.J.E.Hewitt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	x	1	13

"a" after score = adjudicated.

"CN" TO PUBLISH REGULAR N.Z.C.C.A. REPORTS

Regular reports of N.Z.Correspondence Chess Association activities will appear in "CN" in future.

In offering to forward these reports, the energetic secretary of ZCCA, Mr Spencer Smith, sought an assurance that they be published in full. That assurance has been given readily. Already the number of "CN" readers who are correspondence players justifies devotion of a fair proportion of our space to their activities, and naturally we hope that this new development will lead to further expansion of our circulation. Helping foster correspondence play, we might add, is a major chess magazine function.

RODNEY PHILLIPS TAKES NORTH ISLAND TITLE AT PALMERSTON NORTH

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.	17.	B/c.	Tot.	Pl.
1. J.R.Phillips (Auck)	x	1	1	½	1	1	1	½	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	1
2. R.A.Court (Well.)	0	x	½	1	0	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	5½	2=
3. F.P.Hutchings (Chch)	0	½	x	1	-	½	½	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5½	2=
4. J.E.Howe (Well)	½	0	0	x	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	5½	2=
5. L.E.Whitehouse (Ham)	0	1	-	-	x	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	½	0	-	-	5½	2=
6. B.E.Howard (Auck)	0	0	½	-	0	x	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	½	-	4	6=
7. B.J.Halpin (Manga)	0	0	½	0	-	-	x	-	1	-	½	-	1	-	-	1+	-	-	4	6=
8. D.B.Watkins (P.N.)	½	-	0	-	0	0	-	x	-	1	-	1	1	½	-	-	-	-	4	6=
9. A.Wassilief (P.N.)	-	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	x	1	1	½	-	½	1	-	-	-	4	6=
10. S.Mancewicz (Hawera)	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	0	0	x	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	4	6=
11. B.E.Foan (Well)	0	0	-	0	-	-	½	-	0	-	x	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	3½	11=
12. J.O.Bishop (Morr)	-	0	-	0	-	-	-	0	½	-	0	x	-	1	-	1	1	-	3½	11=
13. H.E.Halpin (Manga)	-	-	-	0	0	-	0	0	-	-	-	-	x	-	1+	½	1	1	3½	11=
14. J.W.Ross (Well)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	½	½	0	0	0	-	x	1	0	-	1	3	14
15. T.Costello (Well)	-	-	-	-	½	0	-	-	0	0	-	-	0+	0	x	-	1	1	2½	15=
16. M.Ponimoni (Well)	-	-	-	-	1	-	0+	-	-	-	-	0	½	1	-	x	-	-	2½	15=
17. M.Kopytko (P.N.)	-	-	-	0	-	½	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	-	0	-	x	1	1½	17

Tied players are given in order of placing on count-back.

The North Island Championship tournament in Palmerston North was distinguished for two reasons -- the clear superiority of Rodney Phillips above the rest of the field and the magnificent organisation of the event by the Scandia C.C. Rodney Phillips made a somewhat hesitant start, having to fight out a hard endgame, which he won, in the first round. His opponent, B.J. Halpin, played well. But thereafter Phillips made every post a winning post, conceding draws only when solidly entrenched in a leading position.

R.A.Court was himself -- unorthodox and spectacular. His game against B.E.Howard was the local sensation of the tourney -- a Queen

and Rook sacrifice of doubtful soundness.

John Howe confirmed his good showing last year, and gave the impression that he is continuing to improve. He was very solid against Phillips and failed only in the endgame against Court and Hutchings.

F.P.Hutchings showed that his play is becoming more mature, but that he continues to improve.

L.E.Whitehouse took a little time to settle down but in the closing stages was playing as well as he has done in years.

One of the players who gained most from the tournament was D.B.Watkins, who was a bit ragged at the start but improved perceptibly later.

B.J.Halpin showed that the lessons of Congress had been well learnt, and was not over-awed by any opponent.

B.E.Howard was another to make a scratchy start and show up much better towards the end.

A player who did not come up to expectations was B.E.Foan, whose showing was well below his Wellington Easter result. (The foregoing comments were supplied by "Anon.")

Rodney Phillips reports that the tournament was superbly organised and run by Scandia C.C. Brunt of the organisation fell on President K. R.Humphries and Secretary V.Arlidge, a though other club members helped a great deal.

Some of the factors which distinguished the tournament were the excellent catering, the souvenir notebooks, the wooden blocks containing three slots (two for names, one for table number), the map showing location of the playing rooms on the bottom of the stencilled schedule of play, the name-tags worn by players and D.O.P. in the early stages.

The tourney was held in the Master Builders board room and D.O.P. was Mr T.H.Phillips.

M.Ponimoni withdrew midway through the tourney, through a family bereavement.T.J. Costello withdrew befo before the last round. The withdrawals explain the odd number of byes.

CHAMPION'S GAME
(Notes by J.R.Phillips)
King's Indian Defence

WHITE	BLACK
J.R.Phillips	B.E.Foan
1.P-QB4	N-KB3
2.N-QB3	P-KN3
3.P-K4	P-Q3
4.P-Q4	B-N2
5.B-K2	O-O
6.B-KN5!	

In giving this move an + exclamation mark, I am + following the analysis of Pachman. When this

game was played I knew nothing about this line and had to rely on my own judgment.

6. ... P-QB4
7.P-Q5 P-QR3
8.P-QR4 Q-R4

Pachman recommends Q-B2. The text occurred in Averbakh-Panno, 1954.

9.B-Q2 QN-Q2

Panno played 9...., P-K4? and after 10. P-KN4, N-K1; 11.P-KR4, P-KB4; 12.P-KR5, P-B5; 13.P-N5 White was on top. 9....,P-K3 was the best move.

10.P-KB4

Somewhat incorrect. 10. P-KN4, Foan's suggestion after the game, is more likely to be best but is rather risky while Black retains the possibility of opening the centre with P-K3. Simple development by N-KB3 and O-O would have left Black in trouble developing his Queenside.

10. ... P-K4

I think this move is now correct. Black hopes to isolate the KP and attack it, as a backward P, along the K-file.

11.PxP

Unties Black's Qside. But 11.N-N5, Q-Q1; 12. NxQP, PxP; 13.BxP,Q-K2; 14.B-Q3, N-K4; 15.NxB, QRxN; 16.BxN, QxB; 17. Q-B2, NxKP!; 18.BxN, KR-K1 with advantage to Black. 11.P-B5 perhaps is White's best, but it is also a move which means that White's own exposed King will tell against him if his K-side attack does not succeed.

11. ... QNxP
12.N-B3 NxNch
13.BxN N-Q2!
14.Q-N3?

Here the Queen is out of play. More solid but not at all aggressive was 14.O-O, N-K4; 15.B-K2. The line 14. N-N5, Q-Q1; 15.NxQP, BxP; 16.R-QN1, B-Q5; 17.NxNP, BxN; 18.RxB, N-K4 is also good for Black. This was the variation I had in mind when I played 13...., N-Q2.

14. ... N-K4
15.N-K2

B-K2 was preferable.

15. ... Q-B2
16.O-O B-Q2
17.B-B3 QR-N1
18.P-R5 P-QN4
19.PxPe.p. RxP
20.Q-R2

The Q must protect the QBP. 20.B-R5, RxQ; 21. BxQ, RxP is good for Black.

20. ... Q-N2
21.N-B1

Splits the White forces into two camps. 21. QR-N1 preserves some unity.

21. ... R-K1
22.B-K2 N-N5!
23.B-Q3 B-R3
24.P-KR3 B-K6ch
25.K-R1 N-B7ch
26.K-R2 NxKP
27.BxN RxB
28.N-Q3 B-Q5
29.BxB RxB

30.R-B3 B-B4
31.N-B1 R-Q7
32.R-QN3 B-K5!

Black must win one of the NPs.

33.K-N3 RxPch
34.K-B4 Q-K2!
35.RxR Q-K4ch
36.K-K3 Q-N6ch
37.KxB P-B4mate.

ROMANCE AND REALISM
(Notes by R.A.Court)

WHITE	BLACK
R.A.Court	B.E.Howard
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-QB4	P-KN3
7.P-B3	B-N2
8.B-K3	B-Q2
9.Q-Q2	P-QR3
10.P-KN4	N-K4
11.B-N3	Q-N3
12.O-O-O	Q-R4
13.P-KR3	O-O
14.K-N1	P-QN4
15.P-B4	N-B5
16.BxN	PxB
17.N-B3	QR-N1
18.P-N3	

Reaching the position

BLACK: B.E.Howard

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

WHITE: R.A.Court.
Position after 18.P-N3.
Black to move.

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in the diagram.

In this position the right combination of romance and realism would be:

18. ... PxP
19.BPxP NxKP
20.NxN RxPch
21.PxR Q-R8ch
22.K-B2 Q-N7ch
23.K-Q3 B-N4mate.

This line was demonstrated by F.P.Hutchings.

Instead, Black tried a different kind of romance:

18. ... NxNP
19.N-Q5 P-B6

Black has done well and here QxQ would give a superior P up game.

20.NxKPch K-R1
21.PxN

The romance of inspiration. Realism does not seem so palatable: 21. Q-K1, NxB; 22.QxN,Q-R6; 23.Q-B1, QxQch; 24.KxQ, B-R3; for instance.

21. ... PxQ

In this position romance took over and got a trifle out of hand. What happened was:

22.RxPch KxR
23.P-B5 B-B6

B-R3 here wins, for if 24.R-R1, P-Q8/Qch.

24.R-R1ch K-N2
25.B-R6ch K-B3
26.B-N5ch K-N2
27.P-B6ch BxP
28.B-R6ch K-R1
29.BxRch Q-R4

And here B-R5 wins. After 30.RxBch, Q-R4; 31.PxQ, P-Q8/Qch; 32. K-N2, P-N4; White loses material.

30.PxQ RxB

Now P-Q8 leaves White a superior endgame.

31.PxPch K-N2
32.R-R7mate.

Realism from move 22

would produce the following intriguing line:

22.BxP	B-B6
23.N-N5	P-KR4
24.BxBch	QxB
25.PxP	K-N2
26.RxP	B-N5
27.RxPch	PxR
28.P-R6ch	K-R1
29.NxPch	K-N1
30.N-K7ch and draws.	

MAN FROM RUNNER-UP

Round 4.

Alekhine's Defence

WHITE	BLACK
J.R.Phillips	R.A.Court
1.P-K4	N-KB3
2.P-K5	N-Q4
3.P-QB4	N-N3
4.P-B5	N-Q4
5.N-QB3	P-B3
6.B-B4	P-Q3
7.Q-N3	PxKP
8.NxN	PxN
9.BxP	P-K3
10.BxNP	BxB
11.QxB	N-Q2
12.P-QN4	R-QN1
13.Q-K4	Q-B2
14.N-K2	P-QR4
15.P-QR3	P-B4
16.Q-QB4	Q-B3
17.O-O	B-K2
18.P-Q4	O-O
19.R-N1	RPxP
20.RPxP	PxP
21.B-B4	QR-B1
22.NxP	Q-Q4
23.QxQ	PxQ
24.N-K6	R-B2
25.KR-Q1	N-B3
26.QR-B1	P-KR3
27.P-N5	P-KN4
28.B-B7	N-K1
29.P-N6	NxB
30.NxN	B-Q1
31.NxP	R-Q2
32.N-B6ch	BxN
33.RxR	Resigns.

1959-60 N.Z.C.C.A. TOURNEYS WELL UNDER WAY

NZCCA secretary Spencer Smith reports that the 1959-60 tourneys are well under way. The Trophy Tourneys commenced on March 1 and play continues until March 31, 1960.

The Handicap Tourney commenced on April 1, with further pairings in July and October.

Those interested in NZCCA play (they can join in the Handicap Tourney at the July pairings) are invited to write Mr Smith:

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OTAGO C.C. JUBILEE BOOKLET: We are grateful for a copy of the Otago C.C.Jubilee Booklet which we have received. Giving a concise but complete history of 75-year-old Otago C.C., the booklet also a list of the club's presidents and champions, but is notable for annotation (in verse) of Morphy's famous game with the Duke of Brunswick and Count Isouard, and for an article by Peter Fama on Chessmanship.

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VAN DIJK RETAINS SOUTH ISLAND TITLE IN DUNEDIN TOURNEY

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	Tl.	Pl.
1. T. van Dijk (Dun)	x	1	-	½	½	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	4	1
2. L. Esterman (Inv)	0	x	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	½	1	-	-	-	3½	2=
3. P. Hutchings (Chch)	-	-	x	-	½	-	1	-	1	0	-	-	1	-	3½	2=
4. R. A. Rasa (Dun)	½	0	-	x	½	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	4=
5. W. A. Poole (Dun)	½	-	½	½	x	-	-	-	-	½	-	-	1	-	3	4=
6. A. E. Turner (Inv)	-	0	-	-	-	x	1	-	½	1	½	-	-	-	3	4=
7. G. J. Haase (Dun)	-	-	0	-	-	0	x	½	1	-	-	1	-	-	2½	7=
8. M. Skerrett (Inv)	-	-	-	0	-	-	½	x	0	-	1	-	1	-	2½	7=
9. K. M. Steele (Dun)	-	-	0	-	-	½	0	1	x	-	-	-	-	1	2½	7=
10. W. Petre (Dun)	0	½	1	-	½	0	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	2	10=
11. R. S. Watt (Dun)	-	0	-	-	-	½	-	0	-	-	x	1	-	½	2	10=
12. I. D. Hayes (Dun)	-	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	-	0	x	1	1	2	10=
13. R. Broadbent (Chch)	-	-	0	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	-	0	x	1	1	13
14. J. Hunter (Chch)	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	½	0	0	x	½	14

An excellent total entry of 36 players took part in the annual South Island Championship tournament at Dunedin at Queen's Birthday weekend, playing being in three grades. T. van Dijk retained his S.I. title, going through the five rounds unbeaten but drawing two games.

In the last round L. Esterman, leading with 3½-½ after 4 rounds, met van Dijk and lost by blundering away a piece in a position offering about equal chances.

"Anon" offers the following comments on the players:

Esterman probably played the best chess, apart from his elementary blunder against van Dijk. He indicated that he is in about the Court, Bello, Turner class.

Turner again tended to rather drawish play and was not quite at his best. Rasa is definitely not at his best. Poole played very (cont. next page)

EARLY ATTACK
Sicilian Def.

WHITE	BLACK
Petre 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. P-B3	P-KN3
7. B-K3	B-N2
8. Q-Q2	0-0
9. 0-0-0	B-K3
10. B-R6?!	NxN
11. BxB	NxKBP
12. PxN	KxB
13. P-KR4	Q-R4
14. K-N1	QR-B1
15. B-R3!	BxB
16. RxB	R-B4
17. P-B4	R-R4
18. Q-N2	Q-N5
19. P-B5	K-R1
20. P-R3	Q-N3

21. Q-K2, P-QR3; 22. N-Q5, NxN; 23. RxN, Q-B3; 24. Q-Q1, R-KN1; 25. Q-Q4ch, P-B3; 26. R-QB3, Q-Q2; 27. R/5-B5; PxP; 28. R-B7, Q-N4?; 29. Rx KP, R-R3; 30. R/3-B7, //Q-B8ch; 31. K-R2, PxP; 32. QxKP, [illegible]

well and repeated his last year's result of 1 win and 4 draws!

Van Dijk did not play as well as last year.

Hutchings played close to his best, except for his loss to Petre in the first round. Hutchings got into time trouble and went astray on move 28, when Q-K3 would have got him out of trouble (see game opposite).

In this tournament Petre played a stronger field than anyone else. However, even the bottom players were strong and the field on average was considerably stronger than the North Island tournament.

With seven players from Invercargill and six from Christchurch, the tournament was by no means a Dunedin-only affair. A pleasing feature was the participation of several schoolboys.

Prizes were presented at the conclusion of the tournament by Otago C.C. patron, Mr J.J.Marlow.

DECISIVE GAME

Q.G.D.,Tarrasch Def.

WHITE	BLACK
T.van Dijk	L.Esterman
1.P-Q4	N-KB3
2.P-QB4	P-K3
3.N-KB3	P-Q4
4.N-B3	P-B4
5.PxQP	NxP
6.P-K4	NxN
7.PxN	PxP
8.PxP	B-N5ch
9.B-Q2	BxB
10.QxB	O-O
11.B-B4	N-B3
12.O-O	N-R4
13.B-Q3	P-QN3
14.QR-Q1	B-N2
15.KR-K1	R-B1
16.Q-K2	Q-K2
17.N-K5	KR-Q1
18.B-N1	P-B3
19.N-N4	N-B3
20.P-Q5!	PxP
21.N-K3!?	P-Q5
22.N-B5	Q-B2
23.B-B2	K-R1?

Better QxRP

24.B-N3	Q-B1
25.N-R4!	P-N3
26.P-B4	P-Q6!
27.RxP	N-Q5!
28.Q-KB2	NxB

S.I. B GRADE

	Pts.	Pl.
Dr R.Gardner(O)	4	1=
R.S.Abbott(C)	4	1=
P.Fama (O)	3½	3
M.Foord (O)	3	4=
M.Muir (O)	3	4=
C.Taylor (C)	3	4=
L.Wheeler (O)	3	4=
J.Harraway (O)	2½	8
L.Amies (O)	2	9=
R.Mitchell (O)	2	9=
N.Poole (O)	1½	11=
N.Ward (I)	1½	11=
O.Hamilton (I)	1	13=
R.Wood (I)	1	13=

S.I. C GRADE

N.Hutton (O)	4	1=
B.Gloisten (C)	4	1=
E.Berry (O)	3½	3
J.Amies (O)	3	4
N.Thomson (O)	2½	5
B.Immens (O)	2	6
G.Bates (O)	1	7
L.Dickie (O)	0	8

29.RxN Q-B4
30.R/3-K3 BxP??
31.RxB Q-QR4
32.R-K7 R-Q7
33.Q-K3 QxRP
34.NxPch PxN
35.Q-R3ch Resigns.

Mate in 2 follows.

ESTERMAN'S BEST

From Round 4.

Blackmar-Diemer Gambit

WHITE	BLACK
R.A.Rasa	L.Esterman
1.P-Q4	N-KB3
2.N-QB3	P-Q4
3.P-K4	PxP
4.P-B3	PxP
5.NxP	P-K3
6.B-N5	B-K2
7.Q-Q2	O-O
8.B-Q3	QN-Q2
9.O-O-O	N-Q4
10.BxB	QxB
11.N-K4	N-N5
12.B-B4	N-N3
13.B-N3	P-QR4
14.P-B3	P-R5
15.PxN	PxB
16.P-QR3	N-Q4
17.KR-B1	P-QN3
18.N-K5	B-N2
19.QR-K1	P-KB3
20.N-Q3	Q-K1
21.K-N1	Q-Q2
22.N-B1	QR-Q1
23.NxP	Q-B2
24.K-R1	Q-N3
25.R-B3	N-K2
26.R-N3	Q-B2
27.Q-QB2	N-B4
28.R-R3	B-Q4
29.R-KB1	BxN/N6
30.QxB	RxP
31.N-N3	NxN
32.RxN	KR-Q1
33.R-K1	P-K4
34.QxQch	KxQ

White lost on time.

SMASHED SICILIAN

From Round 2.

WHITE	BLACK
F.P.Hutchings	K.M.Steele
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	N-Q2
7.B-K2	N-B4
8.O-O	NxN
9.QxN	N-K3
10.Q-K3	NxB
11.QxN	

Black has wasted a lot of time in obtaining a few exchanges while White has developed. However, Black could probably hold out if he concentrated on getting castled quickly.

11. ... B-Q2
12.QR-Q1 R-B1
13.R-Q2 P-KN3

At last he decides to do something about his Kside.

14.Q-K3 P-QR3
15.P-K5! PxP??

A terrible blunder.He should have been content to lose the Pawn and complete his development.

16.KR-Q1 R-B2
17.N-Q5 R-B3
18.QxP P-B3

Here R-N1 was better, but White can win starting with 19.N-B6ch, e.g., RxN; 20.RxB, Q-B1; 21. R-B7, Q-R1; 22.B-N4 or 21....,Q-B4; 22.RxPch, BxR; 23.Q-N8ch.

19.NxPch,RxN; 20.RxB, Q-N3; 21.B-B4!,QxPch; 22.K-R1, Resigns.

IDEAS BEHIND NEW OPENING STRATEGY. . . by Ortvin Sarapu

On many occasions I have been asked by club players:

"Which is the best defence against 1.P-K4 and 1.P-Q4?"

Then, "Which is the best opening (a defence)?"

The best, if there is one, should be an opening (a defence) which is used by the world's best players with success.

I have found that the world's best have changed their tactics as the times have changed.

The first international chess tournament was played in London in 1851 and there the masters preferred 1.P-K4 in nine games out of 10, and Black preferred to answer with 1....,P-K4.

Popular were the Evans and King's Gambits, and also played were the Ruy Lopez, Phillidor, Italian, Petroff, Scotch and Two Knights defences.

The influence of the theories and teachings of Steinitz began to change the popular openings. White's gambits gave way to more sound openings. For example, at Budapest in 1896, only 53 per cent of the games started with 1.P-K4, P-K4. There were 25 per cent starting with 1. P-Q4!, P-Q4! and 12 per cent started with 1.P-K4 but Black differed.

In all the old-time tournaments it was remarkable that White won far more games than White wins today.

An example: Queen's Gambit, 10:4; and Ruy Lopez, 11½-7½.

The "top pops" in Cambridge Springs international tournament, 1904, were:

1.Queen's Gambit; 2.Ruy Lopez; 3.Sicilian Defence.

In the 1920s the Queen's Gambit was as popular as the King's Gambit between 1850 and 1900.

All the 1.P-K4,P-K4 openings except the Ruy Lopez, disappeared almost completely from the masters' "menu."

The tendency to break away from symmetrical openings began in the late 1920s. On 1.P-Q4 Black answered more and more with 1....,N-KB3 and 1.P-K4 with 1....,P-QB4 or P-K3.

In the 1930s and 1940s the "top pops" were:

1.Nimzo-Indian Defence; 2.King's Indian Defence.

Note the word Indian!

The "Indian" defences were a new idea started about the 1920s, but it has been really developed only in the late 1940s and the 1950s.

Today, according to Bronstein, there is no scope for new openings, but for new strategy in the openings.

He says that when Tarrasch was thinking the idea was to avoid weaknesses (but create them in the opponent's position), collect small advantages, take open files, do not attack without sufficient preparation.

Today masters play entirely differently.

They create weak points and Pawns in their own positions, so as to lure the opponent's forces away from other parts of the board. They give open files away to put Rooks in other, more promising, places. They make mock attacks to hide their real intentions.

All the openings were divided by Bronstein into three types of strategical groups:-

No.1, covering two-thirds of all played games: White is trying to get a maximum of space, quick development, and to build a strong Pawn centre.

Black's strategy against that is to play an active defence (even gambits!), based on piece play, and attack against White's Pawn centre. This method is risky, but has hope for a win. The main openings in this group are King's Indian, Sicilian and other Indian defences.

No 2, all symmetrical openings, like the Queen's Gambit and Ruy Lopez.

No.3, in which White restrains himself from building a Pawn centre but tries to control it from a distance. He preserves an elastic position for free manoeuvring, rather than let the centre Pawns be frozen and blocked.

A very interesting idea in this group is with White playing an active defence, a usual defence for Black with an extra tempo.

Under this group come openings like the English and the Reti, which often lead to the Sicilian defence with colours reversed. Then there are the King's Indian and Catalan Defences.

From all these new strategical ideas also come "top pop" openings.

As a good guide for study of the openings, I have here a statistical

summary of a very strong tournament, the Interzonal at Portoroz in September-October 1958.

With the exception of Botvinnik, Smyslov and Keres, all the best players in the world competed.

From 210 games played, statistics show that 102, or nearly 50 per cent, ended in a draw. The number of draws was increased because they were playing for the first six places, rather than for the win of the tournament.

White won 64:44 and that again shows that it is good to have White. But Black scored better than in 1900 and before.

In 79 games, or 37 per cent, White started with 1.P-K4, and won 27, lost 18, and there were 34 draws.

The "top pop" was:

1.Sicilian, 44 times. White scored badly!! +12 -14 =18.

2.King's Indian, 41 times. +9 -8 =24 for White.

3. The "good old" Ruy Lopez, 24 times. +10 -3 =11 for White!!

4.Nimzo-Indian, 21 times. +6 -5 =8 for White.

5.Queen's Gambit, 19 times. +6 -5 =8.

From this we can summarise that the Sicilian and King's Indian Defences are by far the most popular and also the best against 1.P-K4 and 1.P-Q4, P-QB4 or N-KB3.

For those who wish to start to study openings, I would recommend the Sicilian and King's Indian Defences.

On 1.P-K4, if Black plays P-QB4, there is no way for White to avoid the Sicilian Defence or the King's Indian (Robatch Variation).

On 1.P-Q4 or 1.P-QB4 or 1.N-KB3 Black can always play the King's Indian Defence. You can forget all the other openings there are in the books.

When White, there is always the opportunity to play the No.3 group of openings -- the English, the King's Indian or Sicilian Defences with colours reversed and a tempo or move in hand.

NEW DRAGON IDEA. - Now for a new idea, making the Dragon Variation again playable for Black.

In the March "CN" I gave a new variation against White's O-O. Here is a new variation against White's O-O-O.

1.P-K4, P-QB4; 2.N-KB3, P-Q3; 3. P-Q4, PxP; 4.NxP, N-KB3; 5.N-QB3, P-KN3; 6.P-KB3. This is the Rauzer Variation. The other line is 6.

B-K2 etc. 6....,B-N2; 7.B-K3,O-O; 8.Q-Q2, N-QB3; 9.O-O-O. White plans a Pawnstorm on the K-side with P-KN4, P-KR4, P-KR5 etc. 9...., NxN! Not so good are the alternatives 9....,B-K3 (U.S.A.) or 9....,P-Q4 (U.S.S.R.) and their analysed variations.

10.BxN, B-K3; 11.K-N1, Q-B2 (not Q-R4?; 12.N-Q5!); 12.P-KN4, KR-B1; 13.P-KR4. All according to the plan. 13...., Q-R4; 14.P-R3, QR-N1; 15.P-R5, P-N5; 16.PxKNP, BPxP; 17.Q-N5. All this has been analysed by Yugoslav players and published in "Chess" and the British Chess Magazine a few years ago as favourable for White.

17....,Q-B2; 18.P-K5 and now Black springs a surprise sacrifice of a piece for attack. 18...., N-K5!! This is new and changes the whole variation starting from 6.P-KB3 and 9.O-O-O to make it playable for Black.

The only game played with this new idea is Yanoshevic-Zuderman, Yugoslavia, 1958. It was followed by 19.PxN, PxKP; 20.BxQRP?!, QxB etc., and Black won.

Instead of 20.BxQRP, which gives the piece back, Black's attack with all his mighty pieces is too strong for the White K on the Q-side. Note the active defence strategy by Black. NEXT MONTH: New Ideas in the Openings, continued.

LYNCH STILL HOLDS H.B.-E.C. TITLE

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	Tl.	Pl.
1.D.I.Lynch	x	½	1	1	1	1	½	1	6	1
2.J.H.Toye	½	x	½	0	1	1	1	1	5	2=
3.G.Severinsen	0	½	x	½	1	1	1	1	5	2=
4.V.Graham	0	1	½	x	½	0	1	1	4	4
5.J.Holdsworth	0	0	0	½	x	1	½	1	3	5
6.L.E.Cook	0	0	0	1	0	x	1	0	2	6=
7.J.H.Topp	½	0	0	0	½	0	x	1	2	6=
8.S.Severinsen	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	x	1	8

D.I.Lynch was unbeaten in comfortably retaining his title at the 15th H.B.-E.C.Championship tourney held at Waipukurau over Queen's Birthday weekend. The tourney went well and Toye deserved second place (on the count-back from G.Severinsen who, as usual, doubled as D.O.P.). A feature was the showing of J.H.Topp, of Waipukurau, appearing in the championship for the first time, who held Lynch to a draw.

The Reserves saw a tie between R.N.Watson (Waipukurau) amd F.N. Day (Gisborne), with 5½ points each, and in the Second Reserves D.Price (Takapau) won on the count-back from Fischbach and Thornburrow. Mrs R.N. Watson presented the prizes.

ENDGAME STUDIES

5.Evans-Larsen,
Dallas, 1957.

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- - - r - - - k
- - - - - p p -
Q - - - - - - -
- - - q - - - p
- - - - n - - -
- - - R - - - -
P P - - - r P P
- - - R - - K -
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8v8 Black to play and win.

6.Reshevsky-Olaffson,
Dallas, 1957.

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- - - - - - - -
- - k - - p - -
- b - - - - p -
p B - K - n - p
P - - - - P - -
- - - - - - P -
- - - B - - - P
- - - - - - - -
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7v7 White to play and win.

MAY SOLUTIONS: 3. (Wade-Kostro): 1.P-B4, P-B4; 2.P-N4, PxP; 3.P-N3, P-N4; 4.P-B5 and White wins with the opposition. If 1....,K-B3;2.P-N4, K-K3;3.P-N5,K-B3;4.K-Q4,K-K3;5.P-B5,PxPch;6.KxP,K-Q2;7.K-N6.//QxQ,P-K8/Qch.

4.(Alexander-Cuellar): 1....,P-K6; 2. PxP, Q-B6ch; 3.K-N1, R-N4ch, etc. If 2.R-B8ch,K-R2;3.Q-K4,P-B7;4.N-N3,BxN;5.

WHITEHOUSE TAKES WAIKATO TITLE FROM MARSICK

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	Tl.	Pl.
1.L.Whitehouse	x	0	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1=
2.B.Marsick	1	x	1	0	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	5	1=
3.Dr W.Reindler	0	0	x	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	4	3
4.J.Arbuthnott	-	1	0	x	-	½	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	3½	4=
5.B.J.Halpin	-	0	-	-	x	-	½	1	0	-	1	1	-	-	3½	4=
6.J.Kyle	0	0	-	½	-	x	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	3½	4=
7.R.Pickering	0	-	-	-	½	-	x	-	1	1	0	1	-	-	3½	4=
8.C.Western	0	-	-	-	0	0	-	x	-	-	1	-	1	1	3	8
9.J.O.Bishop	-	-	0	-	1	0	0	-	x	½	-	1	-	-	2½	9=
10.H.E.Halpin	-	0	-	0	-	-	0	-	½	x	-	-	1	1	2½	9=
11.C.Evans	-	-	0	-	0	-	1	0	-	-	x	-	½	1	2½	9=
12.J.Evans	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	x	1	1	2	12
13.K.Tahitahi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	½	0	x	½	1	13
14.F.Lawrence	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	0	-	0	0	0	½	x	½	14

L.Whitehouse, Waikato champion two years ago, who lost the title to B.H.P.Marsick last year, regained it in the annual tournament held at Te Awamutu over Queen's Birthday weekend. The tournament was highly successful, although a pre-tourney snag was caused by tentative entries from R.A.Court and B.E.Foan, who were looking for an open tourney, closer than Dunedin, in which they could compete. As the Waikato tourney has been a closed event in the past, these entries had to be declined.

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AUCKLAND INTER-CLUB COMPETITION.- Four clubs, Auckland C.C.,Dominion Road C.C., Remuera C.C., North Shore C.C., have entered A.C.L.'s A grade competition. So far D.R.C.C. has scored a win over A.C.C. Results:

D.R.C.C.		Auckland C.C.	
O.Sarapu.....	1	C.A.Rose.....	0
J.R.Phillips....	a	R.J.Sutton....	a
F.A.Foulds.....	½	M.Velokic.....	½
B.Douglas.....	1	J.B.Kay.....	0
B.Howard.....	1	A.H.Douglas...	0
A.L.Fletcher....	1	J.Mackintosh..	0

Progress score, 4-1 with 1 to come. In the B grade D.R.beat A.C.C.,5½-½.

A DRAWING CHANCE

An interesting and instructive position in which a chance to claim a draw was mi missed, occurred in the 1959 Wellington C.C. Championship a few weeks ago.

BLACK: N.T.Fletcher.

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- - - - - k - -
R - - - - - p -
- - - - - - - p
- - - - - K - P
p - - - P P P -
- r - - - - - -
- - - - - - - -
- - - - - - - -
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WHITE: H.McNabb.

6v5. Black to play his 58th move.

58. ... P-R6

Reaching what we will term position A.

59.K-K6 R-N3ch

60.K-B5 R-N6

Reaching position A again.

61.K-K6 R-N3ch

62.K-B5

Now by playing R-N6 Black can reach position A for a third time. The question is whether, before playing this move, Black can claim a draw. The appropriate FIDE rule (Article 12/3) says the game is drawn "at the request of one of the players when the same position appears three times, and each time the same player has had the move.... This right...belongs to the player --

"(a) who is in a position to play a move leading to such repetition of the position, if he declares his intention of making this move; or

"(b) who is about to reply to a move by which such repeated position had been produced."

We believed that under sub-clause (a), and without the position actually being repeated for a third time, the draw could be claimed. We have consulted C.J.S.Purdy, who has confirmed this view. In the actual game Fletcher did play 62.....R-N6, but did not claim a draw. Then McNabb, who had been playing for time, produced the following crisp finish:

63.P-K5	R-QB6
64.P-N5	PxP
65.P-R6	PxRP
66.K-B6	K-K1
67.P-K6	R-Q6
68.P-B5	P-N5
69.R-R8ch	R-Q1
70.RxP	P-R4
71.R-R7	R-B1
72.R-KN7	K-Q1
73.R-N8ch	K-B2
74.RxRch	Resigns.

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GAMES FROM RESERVES

A brief final selection of games from Congress. First, the only loss suffered by either of the joint winners of the Reserves.

WHITE	BLACK
G.G.Haase	R.E.Baeyertz
1.P-Q4	N-KB3
2.P-QB4	P-QB4
3.P-Q5	P-QN4
4.P-K3	P-K3
5.N-QB3	PxQP
6.PxQP	B-N2
7.P-Q6	P-QR3
8.P-B3	Q-N3
9.P-K4	BxP
10.P-K5?	BxP
11.B-Q3	BxNch
12.PxB	0-0
13.N-K2	P-B5
14.B-B2	R-K1
15.R-B1	N-B3
16.R-B2	P-Q4
17.K-B1	QR-Q1
18.N-Q4	NxN
19.PxN	P-QR4
20.B-N5	R-Q2
21.Q-Q2	P-N5
22.Q-B4	R-Q3
23.R-K2	RxR
24.KxR	R-K3ch
25.K-B2	B-R3
26.R-K1	RxR
27.KxR	P-B6
28.BxN	Q-K3ch
29.K-B2	PxB
30.B-B5	Q-K7ch
31.K-N3	Q-Q7
32.Q-N8ch	K-N2
33.P-KR4	QxQP
34.K-R3	Q-K4
35.Resigns.	

HAASE IN FORM

English Opening

(Notes by G.G.Haase)

WHITE	BLACK
M.Ponimoni	G.Haase
1.P-QB4	N-KB3
2.P-Q4	P-K3
3.P-KN3	P-Q4
4.P-K3?	QN-Q2
5.P-B5	P-B3
6.N-QB3	P-K4
7.B-N2	B-K2
8.KN-K2	0-0
9.P-B3	N-K1
10.P-QN4	P-B4!
11.0-0	N/1-B3
12.Q-B2	P-KN3
13.B-N2	Q-B2
14.QR-K1	P-K5

The White QB is now a mere spectator.

15.Q-N3	R-B2
16.N-B4	N-B1
17.PxP	BPxP
18.P-N5	P-N4
19.N-K2	N-N3
20.P-QR4	B-Q2
21.P-R3	

At last White shows concern about his K-side.

21. ...	R/1-KB1
22.R-B2	Q-B1
23.K-R2	N-N5ch
24.PxN	RxR
25.NxKP	R/7-B2
26.N-Q6	BxN
27.PxB	BxP
28.P-K4	PxP
29.BxP	B-K3
30.P-Q5	PxP

R-B7ch is not decisive.

31.BxP	BxB
32.QxB	Q-KB4!
33.QxQ	RxQ
34.B-R3	R-K4
35.B-N4	R-Q1

If R/1-K1; 36.K-N1,RxN; 37.RxR,RxR;38.P-Q7wins.

36.K-N2,N-B1; 37.K-B2, N-Q2; 38.R-QB1, R-B1ch; 39.K-K1, R/1-K1; 40. R-B2, P-N3; 41.K-Q1, R-Q4ch; 42.K-B1, N-B4!; 43.P-R5?,N-Q6ch and wins.

SNIPPETS. . . Birth. On May 27, at National Women's Hospital, Auckland, to Barbara and Ortvin Sarapu, a son; both well. Congratulations from all chess players. . .A message marking the above event: "All Russia trembles new threat world chess title!" . . Rodney Phillips celebrated his 17th birthday on the final day of the N.I.Cahmpionship. . .Wellington Chess League is making inquiries about reviving the Wellington v. Rest of Province match, inquiries being in the hands of H.F.Pobar. . .Scandia C.C. has jumped by about 10 since the highly successful N.I. tourney. . .A little bird has whispered that it might not be long before Scandia run a Congress. . .Another whisper is that Hawera C.C. might be running the next N.I. tourney. . .Have been told that A.E.Hamsford, of Hutt C.C., drew with Blackburne in 1901. Wonder what other notable results can be recalled by N.Z. players. . . Chess made the B.B.C. news one morning recently, when the British Correspondonce Association had occasion to "tick off" players taking too long about despatch of moves. . .C.Kottnauer, $3\frac{1}{2}$-$1\frac{1}{2}$, won the major event at the annual Whitsun Congress at Ilford, England, ahead of P.H.Clarke and A.Y.Green 3, W.A. Fairhurst $2\frac{1}{2}$, Dr S.Fazekas and R.G.Wade $1\frac{1}{2}$. . .The recent Mar del Plata tournament saw Najdorf and Pachman tie for first, half a point ahead of Fischer and Ivkov. Fischer lost two games early but when he seemed out of it proceeded to string together a run of wins. . ."CN" circulation now comfortably tops 150 and is running up towards the 160 mark.

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WELLINGTON WORKING MEN'S CLUB TO RESUME CLUB PLAY

Civic and Wellington C.C.s are getting regular attendances of 30 to 40 on Friday and Saturday nights in Wellington, but there are indications that there is scope for a club to meet mid-week.

Wellington Working Men's Club have the facilities and a meeting has been called for 8p.m. on Tuesday, June 16, at the club to discuss the prospects.

All chess players interested in mid-week club play are invited to attend the meeting. Early indications were that at least a dozen would attend, including several of Wellington's leading players.

TEENAGE PAGE

J3.

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- - - Q - - - -
- - - - - - - -
- - - - - - - -
- - - - - - - -
- - - - - - - -
K p p - - - - -
- - - - - - - -
k p - - - - - -
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4v3 Mate in 3.

Solution to J2:
R-KR5.

C.Evans scores another 2, now has 4 on junior ladder.

A 5/- book token will be awarded to each junior solver who reaches 20 points.

HINTS ABOUT JUNIORS - By G.Koltanowski.

Organised competition among juniors - although greatly to be encouraged -- is not enough to produce champions.

The only boys who become expert are those who (a) study the game from books or get 1st class instruction, or preferably both, and (b) obtain practice against good players, including adults, in clubs and otherwise.

As regards (b), do not imagine that the practice need be against very strong players. The ideal opponent for practice is one a little stronger than yourself. But there should be time for thought, and this is where lunch-hour games at school fail.

Instruction is a different matter -- the more expert the better. Not many players can afford it. Books are an excellent substitute, and much cheaper. Books are essential anyway, even with instruction. Next month we hope to start a new series or articles designed especially for young players, but also intended for any novice who is ready and willing to improve his own play. Also, reports on schools' events would be welcome.

EXPERTS' PROBLEMS

35.K-R5. a/1....,P-Qch; 2.K-N6. b/1....,R-N1; 2. N-Q4. c/1....,K-N2 or R-N2; 2.N-K7. d/1...., Other R moves; 2.K-N6. A fair catch on this one. NEHF and JHP claimed K-N5, and ATS and FAH both pointed out that this is a good try, defeated only by R-N1.

36.Q-N6. a/1....,K-Q4; 2.N-K3ch. b/1....,K-Q6; 2.Q-N4. c/1....,K-B4; 2.N-K7ch. d/1....,P-B7; 2.NxPch. All perfect on this one.

FAH submitted a perfect result again, to score the maximum of 14. ATS missed one line of 35.

	May	Total
F.A.Hirst	14	30
A.T.Scott	13	27
Dr Fulton	7	22
J.H.Patchett	7	15

P R O B L E M P A G E . . .Edited by Ted Frost. Solutions must reach the Problem Editor by the first of each month.

	May	Ch.	Ladd.
Dr Fulton...	4	16	55
K.M.Steele..	4	16	50
D.G.Brunt...	-	10	40
C.Evans.....	4	10	38
F.A.Hirst...	4	12	34
F.W.Crooke..	2	12	12
A.T.Scott...	4	12	12
T.C.C.Scott.	2	4	4
J.H.Patchett	4	16	4

MAY SOLUTIONS:

33.K-N5. Still examining B-K3, claimed by F.W.C.

34.PxP. Still examining P-K6, claimed by T.C.C.S.

First an apology, our first for a misprint. In No.34 we printed two Queens, but no-one experienced difficulty in picking up the obvious fact that the one on QR7 should be the White K. Claim of no solution, of course, was correct because it was not a legitimate position as printed.

Thanks to a dose of the 'flu we have not had time yet to fully examine claims which vary from the solutions; meantime have not credited any points in those cases, will make whatever adjustments are required later.

Received one mild complaint, that King moves had been turning up as the solution rather frequently. Am watching that -- but it did mean a trap for the experts. Hope this month's 2-ers are tougher than last month's.

CHAMPIONSHIP AND LADDER PROBLEMS.....AND TOUGH ONES FOR THE EXPERTS

37.C.J.Morse'59.

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- b - - - - - -
r - - p - - K -
P - - k - - B R
N - p N - - - -
- P p - - - r -
- - B - - - - -
- - - Q - - - -
- - - - R - - -
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10v7 Mate in 2

38.A.M.Sparke'19.

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- - - - - - B b -
- - - - - - - - -
n P P R p - - -
- q k - - - - -
p - N - - - - -
- p - - - - - -
- - - - N K - -
- - R - Q - - -
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9v7 Mate in 2

39.O.Wurzburg'18

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- Q - - - - - -
- - - - - - - K
- - - - p - - p
- R - - - - - -
p - - - - - - -
- - - - - k - -
- - - - - - - -
- - - - R - - -
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4v4 Mate in 3

40.I.Knoppel'42

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- - - N - - - -
- - - - - - - -
P - - - p - - -
- - - - P - - R
- - P - k - P p
- - Q - - - - K
- - P - - b N p
- - - r - - - r
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10v7 Mate in 3

LAST-MINUTE BURST OF EFFORT ON TOURS FUND

Satisfactory progress is reported on the sale of tickets in the raffle to raise funds to send Rodney Phillips to the World Junior Championship in Basle, Switzerland, in a few weeks' time.

However, only sketchy reports are available, and it is apparent that much will depend on a last-minute effort to get all tickets sold and upon last-minute consideration by everybody as to whether they have made a full contribution.

Dominion Road C.C. are reported to have sold upwards of 40 books of raffle tickets. Wellington C.C. expect to dispose of about the same number. "CN" is handling the disposal of a further 50 or 60.

As the deadline draws close, several further donations have been made, the most notable being a contribution of £10 from the young, but virile, Scandia C.C.

It is now 12 months since "CN" launched the first appeal for this purpose, and the whole venture still remains in doubt. However, our conviction has never wavered, and we remain certain that Rodney Phillips will make the trip. But. . . .

THREE WEEKS LEFT FOR SALE OF RAFFLE TICKETS

"Chess News" TOURS FUND

	£	s	d
Scandia CC	10	-	-
Taranaki CL	2	-	-
North Shore	2	10	-
Wellington CC	2	2	-
Australian donations	10	-	-
June total	£26	12	-
Total to date	£128	14	1

GAME OF THE MONTH: No award is made this month for the "Game of the Month." Readers are reminded that a 5/- book token is available each month for the best club game.

Also, a 5/- book token remains open for the best game submitted by a schoolboy each month.

All "CN" book token awards may be either credited against a subscription or against any book purchase made through "CN".

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