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Next Month "Chess News" will present:

- Report on Wellington Easter Tourney.
- Preview of N.I. Championship Tourney, to be held at Palmerston North.
- Further instalment of round-by-round report, Hamilton Congress and more of the N.Z. players' games at Sydney.
- Another article in the series by Ortvin Sarapu.

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OTAGO C.C. 75th ANNIVERSARY

Otago C.C. intends soon to publish a special publication, with Robin Mitchell as editor, to mark the club's 75th anniversary. It will appear shortly before or at Queen's Birthday weekend, when the South Island Championships will be played in Dunedin.

There are plans for an anniversary dinner and also for a picnic later in the year.

GOING UP. . ."CN" circulation now tops 140, a spurt this month due to R.W.Baeyertz taking 6 subs "on spec" for Remuera C.C. members.

COMING EVENTS. . .

Wellington Easter. .Wellington Chess League is hoping for, and expecting a strong entry for their Easter Tournament (advertised below).

Certain starters as "CN" went to press were Z.Frankel, F.P.Hutchings, M.Ponimoni, B.E.Foan (a recent arrival from Britain), O.N.Thomson and Miss M.McGrath.

There are prospects of several other competitors from outside Wellington taking part.

Entries can be notified through the editor of "CN", although they do not have to be lodged in advance.

Endeavours will be made to arrange accommodation for early enquirers.

North Island Championship. .This event will be staged at Palmerston North. It will be an 8-round Swiss, starting on (See col.2, next page)

Editorial....ONE THOUSAND??

One thousand? What significance should that figure have for New Zealand chess players?

We suggest that it should be a target, the target for 1959 which will prove that chess is becoming increasingly popular in New Zealand.

In the last NZCA bulletin the affiliations are listed, and with NZCCA excluded, their total membership adds up to 772.

We believe it has remained pretty much the same for a good many years. But now, we feel certain, chess is on the march. An easy way to prove it is through increased club membership -- more clubs, more in the clubs.

How should we go about it? First and foremost, by devoting a minimum of time to administrative quibbling. We believe that in general NZ chess is administered by able and enthusiastic personnel, nationally and locally. Let them get on with the job, without splitting hairs.

Second, through learners' classes, tournaments run as tournaments and not "anything goes," and publicity, to build interest in the clubs.

Third, and perhaps most important of all, forget the "little game" complex. Chess is growing -- will be big.

COMING EVENTS (cont)

May 8. The location is not fixed yet, but the Director of Play will be NZCA secretary T.H.Phillips. The tourney will be run under NZCA's new rules. Entry fee, £1.

This event will be previewed by "CN" next month.

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GRADING CHESSPLAYERS

In co-operation with Bruce Marsick, the editor of "CN" has set out to apply the Harkness grading system, which is proving exceedingly popular in the United States, to New Zealand players.

The objective is to provide a numerical rating for every player for each tournament in which he competes, averages giving annual ratings.

To build up a reliable background of form, results dating back more than 10 years are being taken into account, and altogether some 30 or 40 tournaments will be taken into account before the first current rating list is prepared.

This work will take several months, but is well under way. In the U.S. and Britain rating has given the game a considerable boost, and it is an integral part of Chess in Russia. It builds interest, has practical uses.

HUTCHINGS AWARDED BEST GAME PRIZE FOR HAMILTON CONGRESS

F.P.Hutchings, of Christchurch, has been awarded the prize for the best game at the Hamilton Congress for his Round 7 win against R.A.Court. This game was played when Hutchings was in peak form, being the last of four consecutive wins in Rounds 4, 5, 6 and 7. Here is the Best Game, with notes by O.Sarapu.

Sicilian Defence

WHITE	BLACK
F.P.Hutchings	R.A.Court
1.P-K4	P-QB4
2.N-KB3	P-K3
3.P-Q4	PxP
4.NxP	P-QR3
5.N-QB3	

NZ players are more opening conscious than Australians. This variation is old, used by L.Poulsen in the 19th century. It suffered a blow because of Maroczy's 5.P-QB4 and mainly because of the following line: 5.P-QB4,N-KB3; 6. N-QB3,B-N5; 7.B-Q3, N-B3; 8.N-B2 and it was believed that Black was very weak on the dark-coloured squares. In 1955 came the improvement by the Russian master Kan, 8....,BxNch; 9. PxB, P-Q4! with a good game for Black. Because of this, research is still under way seeking improvements for White, either from the move played or from 5.P-QB4.

5. ...	Q-B2
6.P-QR3	

This is new!? Usual and analysed by the Russians are 6.B-K2,P-KN3,P-KB4 and B-Q3! The last is the best-recommended so far.

6. ...	N-KB3
7.B-K2	P-QN4
8.O-O	B-N2
9.B-B3	N-B3
10.R-K1	N-K4

This idea turns out to be time-wasting and it weakens Black's position. A simple K-side development with preparation for P-Q4 is better.

11.B-B4!	NxBch
12.QxN	P-K4
13.B-N3	P-Q3
14.N-B5	

The position indicates that although Black has got the two Bishops they are useless against strong Knights and good development.

14. ...	P-N3
15.N-K3	B-N2
16.B-R4	N-Q2
17.N/K3-Q5!	

Possession of this important key square is the real refutation of Black's plan from 10..., N-K4.

17. ...	Q-B4
18.QR-Q1	P-B3

This loses a Pawn and further weakens the position, but even O-O loses a Pawn after 19.P-QN4and B-K7 or N-K7ch, etc. Therefore the move played

by Court has the best practical chances against White's superiority.

19.Q-N4!	O-O-O
20.P-QN4	Q-R2
21.NxBP	BxN
22.BxB	KR-B1
23.RxP	R-B2
24.KR-Q1!	

After this there is no hope for Black to get counterplay along the KB file.

24. ...	P-KN4
25.R/1-Q2	P-KR4
26.QxNP	R/1-B1
27.Q-B5	K-N1
28.RxN	RxB
29.R-Q8ch	K-B2
30.QxPch	K-B3
31.R/2-Q6ch	K-B2
32.R/6-Q7ch	K-B3
33.Q-B7mate.	

A game of high standard. The best game Hutchings has produced to my knowledge.

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Notify "Chess News" promptly if you change your address.

ROUND-BY-ROUND REPORT, N.Z. CHAMPIONSHIP, cont.

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Round 4

Eriksen...	½	Foulds....	½
Lepviikman	0	van Dijk..	1
Bello.....	1	Marsick...	0
Court.....	0	Menzies...	1
Hutchings.	1	Lynch.....	0
Belton....	0	Frankel...	1

Foulds 3½, Menzies 3, Belton 3, Eriksen 2½, Frankel 2½, van Dijk 2, Court 2, Bello 2.

Belton's run of wins was brought to an end by Frankel, who gradually built up K-side pressure and finally caught the opposing King in a mating net in front of advancing Pawns. This round produced one of the most-analysed positions of the Congress, in the drawn game between Eriksen and Foulds. Menzies built up so much pressure on the Q-side, after Court had missed his chance of holding the centre, that Court became so constricted that he lost on time. Lynch allowed Hutchings to give a Pawn-fork and lost a piece, van Dijk won a N and P ending against Lepviikman, and Marsick could not hold his game with Bello.

Ruy Lopez

WHITE	BLACK
F.P.Hutchings	D.I.Lynch
1.P-K4	P-K4
2.N-KB3	N-QB3
3.B-N5	P-QR3
4.B-R4	N-B3
5.O-O	B-K2
6.Q-K2	P-QN4
7.B-N3	P-Q3
8.P-B3	N-QR4
9.B-B2	P-B4
10.P-QR4	QR-N1
11.P-Q3	B-Q2
12.QN-Q2	O-O
13.R-Q1	Q-B2
14.N-B1	KR-B1

15.N-K3, N-B3; 16.PxP, PxP; 17.P-QN3, R-R1; 18. B-N2, Q-N2; 19.N-Q5, B-Q1; 20.RxR, RxR; 21. P-Q4, B-K3; 22.NxNch, BxN; 23.P-Q5, Resigns.

Alekhine's Defence
(Notes by O.Sarapu)

WHITE	BLACK
C.P.Belton	Z.Frankel
1.P-K4	N-KB3
2.N-QB3	P-Q4!

Best. Black will have easy equality.

3.PxP	NxP
4.Q-B3	

An independent and original idea, taking both the player and the opponent out of the book.

4. ...	P-QB3?

Better is N-KB3, reserving the square QB3 for the QN.

5.B-B4	P-K3

This has good and bad points. It holds the square Q4 but blocks Black's QB behind his own men.

6.KN-K2	N-Q2
7.O-O?	

White is clearly ahead in development and wants to increase it even more. On the other hand, with this move he gives Black too much play in the centre. P-Q4! would be better for White.

7. ...	N-K4!
8.Q-K4	NxB
9.QxN	B-K2
10.N-N3	O-O

Though White is still ahead in development, Black's position is preferable. He has two Bishops for the endgame and no weaknesses to speak of in his position.

11.R-K1	B-Q2
12.P-QR3	P-QN4!

The open game favours Black and he gets the initiative with a kind of minority attack on the Queenside.

13.Q-N3	Q-N3
14.NxN	

Eliminates the "threatening" N but opens the "threatening" QB file for the Rooks.

14. ...	BPxN
15.Q-B3	QR-K1

Possibly because of the threat N-B5 Frankel changes from the minority attack to a majority attack on the Kside and in the centre. Both plans seem good for Black. The Qside minority attack would proceed with KR-B1 and P-QR4, P-QN5, etc.

16.P-Q3	P-B3
17.Q-Q2	R-B2
18.P-Q4	

White seems to play without a long-range plan. Hence 16.P-Q3 and 18.P-Q4. It is

difficult to form a good plan in position such as White now finds himself.

18. ... B-KB1
19.Q-Q1 P-K4!
20.B-K3 P-K5!

A signal for a King-sider.

21.P-QB3 P-B4
22.B-B4 B-Q3

The possession of White's square KB4 is of vital importance for Black as well as White, for the attack as well as the defence.

23.Q-B1 Q-B2
24.N-K2 R-K3

P-KR3 is more exact.

25.BxB QxB
26.Q-B4 P-KR3

Now this move has lost much of its value, as after the exchange of Queens Black's attack has lost much of its power.

27.QxQ RxQ
28.K-B1

Loss of time, when time is important. White should play P-KB4 immediately, followed by K-B2, P-KN3,K-K3, R-KB1 and White would have a defensible position, as Black's B is weak and his position closed.

28. ... P-N4
29.P-KB4 R-N2
30.K-B2 B-K1!
31.P-KN3 B-R4
32.PxP?

Opening lines only helps Black. R-KN1 is a better defence.

32. ... PxP
33.K-K3 R-KB3
34.R-KN1 R/3-KN3?

Why not BxN and P-B5,etc?

35.KR-KB1 BxN
36.KxB R-KB3
37.P-QR4

At last White has counterplay, but too late.

37. ... PxP
38.RxP R-KR3
39.R-B2 P-B5
40.PxP PxP
41.R-N4 P-K6
42.R-B3 RxPch
43.K-Q3 and White Res.

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PHILLIPS FOR BASLE!

CRUCIAL POSITION

BLACK: F.A.Foulds

R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
P	-	-	p	k	-	p	-
-	-	p	-	p	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	P	P
-	-	r	-	-	-	-	-
P	-	-	-	-	K	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WHITE: J.Eriksen.

Position after 60.K/N3-B2. Black played 60...., R-QR6 and the question is whether or not White can win by playing 61. P-R7. This position has been exhaustively analysed and analysis will be given later. Comments would be welcome, but in the meantime here is the continuation of the game:

61.P-R5 PxP
62.P-R7 RxPch
63.K-N3 R-R6ch
64.K-R4 PxP

65.R-K8ch, K-B4; 66.R-B8ch, K-K5; 67.P-R8/Qch, RxQ; 68.RxR, P-B5; 69. R-B8,K-Q5;70.R-Q8,P-B6; 71.RxPch,K-K6; Drawn.

Nimzovitch Attack

WHITE	BLACK
R.A.Court	B.Menzies
1.N-KB3	N-KB3
2.P-QB4	P-KN3
3.P-QN3	B-N2
4.B-N2	O-O
5.P-KN3	P-Q3
6.B-N2	QN-Q2
7.O-O	P-K4
8.Q-B2	P-QR4
9.N-B3	N-B4
10.P-Q3	P-B3
11.QR-Q1	Q-K2
12.B-QR3	N-R3
13.KR-K1	N-K1
14.P-Q4	N-N5
15.Q-N1	B-N5
16.PxP	PxP
17.P-KR3	B-B4
18.Q-B1	Q-B2
19.B-N2	N-Q3
20.P-R3	N-B7
21.R-B1	N-Q5
22.NxN	PxN
23.N-R2	P-B4
24.Q-Q2	QR-Q1
25.N-B1	KR-K1
26.N-Q3	P-R5
27.P-KN4	B-QB1
28.B-Q5	PxP
29.QR-K1	N-K5
30.BxN	RxB
31.Q-N5	P-N3
32.B-B1	Q-K2
33.QxQ	RxQ
34.B-N2	B-QR3
35.R-B1	RxP
36.KR-K1	R/1-K1
37.RxR	RxR
38.P-QR4	R-Q7

White lost on time.

Round 5

Marsick...0 Eriksen...1
Foulds....1 Lepviikman0
Menzies...1 Bello.....0
Lynch.....0 Court.....1
Frankel...0 Hutchings.1
van Dijk..1 Bello.....0

Foulds $4\frac{1}{2}$, Menzies 4, Eriksen $3\frac{1}{2}$, Belton 3, Court 3, van Dijk 3, Frankel $2\frac{1}{2}$, Hutchings $2\frac{1}{2}$.

Eriksen just built up steadily against Marsick and built up a mating attack, and Foulds adopted the same tactics against Lepviikman. Bello played the Carokann against Menzies and attacked, but the attack was repulsed and Menzies unerringly concentrated on the weaknosses in Black's position. Court prevailed in an 80-mover against Lynch. Van Dijk gainee the upper hand against Belton, who played the Sicilian. Hutchings played the Robatsch Defence (or is it more correctly a system, often transposing into regular defences?) against Frankel, held the initiative and secured a Q and R mate on the back rank when Frankel blundered.

Robatsch Defence

WHITE	BLACK
Z.Frankel	F.P.Hutchings
1.P-Q4	P-Q3
2.P-QB4	N-KB3
3.N-QB3	P-KN3
4.P-K4	B-N2
5.P-B3	O-O
6.B-K3	QN-Q2
7.Q-Q2	P-B4
8.P-Q5	P-QR3
9.P-QR4	N-K1

10.KN-K2	N-K4
11.N-N3	N-B2
12.P-R5	R-N1
13.B-K2	B-Q2
14.O-O	P-QN4
15.PxPe.p.	RxP
16.P-B4	N-N5
17.BxN	BxB
18.P-B5	Q-N1
19.R-R2	K-R1
20.P-R3	B-R4
21.NxB	PxN
22.K-R1	N-K1
23.B-R6	R-N1
24.BxB	RxB
25.P-K5	PxP
26.N-R4	R-N5
27.NxP	RxBP
28.NxP	Q-N6
29.R-R3	Q-B7
30.R-B2??	Q-N8ch
31.K-R2	R-B8
32.P-KN3	R-R8ch
33.K-N2	P-K5
34.Resigns.	

Caro-kann Defence

WHITE	BLACK
B.Menzies	W.Bello
1.P-K4	P-QB3
2.P-Q4	P-Q4
3.N-QB3	PxP
4.NxP	B-B4
5.N-N3	B-N3
6.N-B3	N-Q2
7.B-Q3	KN-B3
8.O-O	BxB
9.QxB	P-K3
10.R-K1	B-K2
11.P-N3	Q-B2
12.P-B4	O-O-O
13.B-N2	P-KR4
14.B-B3	B-Q3
15.N-K4	NxN
16.QxN	N-B3
17.Q-K2	KR-N1
18.N-K5	P-KN3
19.Q-B3	N-N5
20.QxKBP	BxN
21.QxPch	K-N1
22.PxB	Q-N3
23.R-K2	KR-B1
24.P-QN4	NxBP
25.P-B5	Q-N4
26.RxN	RxR
27.KxR	Q-Q6
28.Q-N3	R-B1ch
29.K-N1	Q-K6ch
30.K-R1	P-R5
31.Q-Q1	Q-B7
32.Q-Q4	Q-B4
33.P-K6	Resigns.

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The round-by-round report from Congress will be continued next month.

Vienna Game

WHITE	BLACK
B.Marsick	J.Eriksen
1.P-K4	P-K4
2.N-QB3	B-B4
3.B-B4	N-KB3
4.Q-K2	P-Q3
5.P-Q3	N-B3
6.B-K3	N-Q5
7.Q-Q2	B-Q2
8.P-QR3	P-QN4
9.P-QN4	B-N3
10.B-R2	P-QR4
11.N-Q5	NxN
12.PxN	PxP
13.PxP	Q-R5
14.BxN	QxB
15.P-QB3	Q-N5
16.P-B3	Q-N3
17.R-Q1	O-O
18.B-N1	P-KB4
19.N-R3	QR-K1
20.Q-N5	Q-B2
21.Q-Q2	P-K5
22.QPxP	PxP
23.PxP	BxN
24.PxB	B-B7ch
25.K-K2	Q-B6ch
26.K-B1	QxRch
27.K-K2	Q-B6ch
28.K-B1	B-K6ch
29.K-K1	Q-B8mate.

PHILLIPS FOR BASLE!

A SYSTEM TO SEE COMBINATIONS.....by O. Sarapu

All of us have seen combinations and from time to time have had them played against us.

I was told many times that seeing combinations is something you are born with, a natural talent, something mysterious, a brilliant flash of thought, or sheer genius.

When Paul Morphy came to Europe and beat everyone, even Anderssen was under the impression that Morphy possessed a superhuman mind for combinations.

Even today, especially when we are surprised by an unexpected combination by a strong player, we are all inclined to get such an impression, a feeling that the opponent possesses a terrific talent to create combinations from nothing.

Well, I cannot agree with this. A combination, to my way of thinking, is not created, but is there in the first place. It is in the position, either clearly visible or very deeply masked. Experimenting with known combinations, I have noticed that some players see difficult combinations much quicker than sometimes they see easy ones.

Some types of combination are more common than others.

Also, I have noticed, there is always a reason for a combination to happen. The reason is either a weakness in the opponent's position or a "tip" for a combination. No combination is possible without a reason -- a weakness or a tip.

The basic elements of a combination, as formulated by C.J.S. Purdy, are: Pins, forks, skewers, nets or ties.

These elements can materialise when there is a weakness or a "tip" already in the position.

Here is where I differ from Purdy. He believes that combinations can happen against you, even when you have a superior position. I believe that combinations can happen only when there is a weakness in the opponent's position. Even when one has many weaknesses in his own position, the crucial point is whether just one weaknoss in the opponent's position can be exploited decisively before one's own weaknesses are exploited.

Combinations just don't happen even when you have a superior position. They happen when you allow

a weakness to develop in your own position which can be exploited by your opponent, regardless of the weaknesses you have induced him to make in his own position.

As an example, let us examine the following study by A.Selesniev:

BLACK

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- - - - - - - R -
- - - - - - - - -
p - - - - - - - -
- - - - - - - - -
- k - - - - - - r
- P p - - - - - p
P - K - - - - - -
- - - - - - - - -
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WHITE

Black has a Pawn up, a strong Passed Pawn on the K-side. Everything seems to be in Black's favour. Except that he has two weaknesses in his position:

1.His King cannot move sideways, nor satisfactorily forward, but only back. 2. The K and R are on the same rank. From the first weakness there is the possibility of a net, from the second the possibility of a skewer. Once we have seen the weaknesses, we have the tip for a combination, and in this case it is clear and simple.

1.R-N5!! Forming the net around the Black K, which cannot retreat.If say 1....,P-R7; 2.P-R3ch, KxP; 3. R-R5ch, K-N5; 4.R-R4ch, winning the Rook and stopping the Pawn from Queening. Or if 1....,R-R1; then 2.P-R3ch, KxP; 3.R-N4 with mate to follow.

This combination was not created, it was in the position. The tip, mainly the badly-placed Black King, was exploited by White before Black could utilise his advantage in material.

I have worked out a system for seeing combinations, which can succeed if it is applied consistently:

1.First one should set out to find all the weaknesses in the opponent's position as well as assessing the weaknesses in one's own position.

2.Then comes the search for ways and means of taking advantage of the opponent's weaknesses with a combination, applying pins, forks, skewers, nets, ties.

Once we are used to looking for a and seeing the weaknesses in all kinds of positions it becomes amazingly simple to find the hidden brilliant combinations.

Next month, another Sarapu article.

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SCORES, U.S.CHAMPIONSHIP: Fischer 8½-2½, Reshevsky 7½, Sherwin 6½, Bisguier 6, D.Byrne 6, Evans 6, Lombardy 6, Benko 5½, R.Byrne 4, Kalme 4, Mednis 3, Wernstein 3.

GAMES FROM THE RESERVES

King's Indian Defence

From Round 3.

WHITE	BLACK
R.J.Sutton	G.Haase
1.N-KB3	N-KB3
2.P-B4	P-KN3
3.P-KN3	B-N2
4.B-N2	P-Q3
5.P-Q4	N-B3
6.P-Q5	N-N1
7.N-B3	QN-Q2
8.O-O	P-QR4
9.R-N1	P-K4
10.PxPe.p.	PxP
11.N-Q4	N-B4
12.B-N5	P-K4
13.N/4-N5	O-O
14.N-Q5	N-K3
15.BxN	BxB
16.NxB	RxN
17.Q-Q2	N-B4
18.QR-Q1	E-Q2
19.N-B3	K-N2
20.N-K4	NxN
21.BxN	B-B3
22.BxB	PxB
23.R-B1	Q-K2
24.R-B3	Q-B2
25.Q-B2	R/1-KB1
26.P-K3	P-R4
27.R-R3	P-KR5
28.RxP	PxP
29.RPxP	R-B6
30.Q-K2	Q-B4
31.R-R3	R-KR1
32.K-N2	Q-R6ch
33.Resigns.	

If 33.KxR, R-B1ch; 34. K-K4, Q-B4mate.

French Defence

From Round 6.

WHITE	BLACK
L.E.Whitehouse	R.J.Sutton
1.P-K4	P-K3
2.P-Q4	P-Q4
3.N-QB3	N-KB3
4.B-KN5	B-N5
5.B-Q3	PxP
6.BxP	P-B4
7.PxP	O-O
8.Q-B3	N-R3
9.N-K2	NxP
10.O-O	N/4xB
11.NxN	B-K2
12.KR-Q1	B-Q2
13.NxNch	BxN
14.BxB	Resigns.

A piece is lost. If 14....,PxB; 15.QxNP.

Sorry to have given Sutton's only two losses together--we will show the 3rd prizewinner at his best next month.

From Round 9.Brian Douglas misses the odd half-point that would have made all the difference.

BLACK: B.Douglas

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

WHITE: M.Ponimoni.

White to play.

33.R-QB7	P-B6
34.B-B4	P-Q6
35.RxQBP!	P-Q7
36.BxP	RxB
37.P-R7	R-Q8ch
38.N-B1	R-R8??

Draw agreed.

Black could have won with 38....,N-Q5! which saves the extra piece.

CORRECTION...In the Reserves scoretable last month we recorded Mills-Pobar as a win for Mills. The game was drawn,Pobar scoring 3, not 2½.

POSTAL CHESS. . .Inter-school Event

Four firm entries for the inter-school postal tournament (announced in last issue) had been received as this issue of "CN" went to press and the tourney is getting under way. The four entries are:

Mt. Albert Grammar, Auckland.
Te Awamutu College.
Otago Boys' H.S., Dunedin.
King's High School, Dunedin.

Late entries, if lodged promptly, will be accepted. The basis of play is simple: Each school plays two games against each opponent, moves determined by consultation among the players, whether there are only two or 22 of them.

An experiment, we hope this event will demonstrate the team value of chess, will provide the opportunity for fruitful discussion on various openings and middlegame positions, and of course also prove keenly competitive. There is no entry fee.

INTER-CLUB TEAMS COMPETITION.

"CN" has been asked to sponsor an interclub teams tourney by post. We are happy to do so, and entries are called forthwith. The basis of the event will be simple, so that each competitor will play a full part in his team's effort without being too heavily committed.

Teams will comprise eight players, and each player will meet two opponents, playing two games against each. The draw will be arranged so that members of each team among them will meet players from all other teams.

Winning team will be the one scoring most points out of the possible, which will be 32.

ENTRIES CLOSE WITH THE EDITOR, "CN" ON MARCH 31. They must be received by that date, because all entries must be in when the draw is made.

Individual players can enter, as well as club groups. Individual players will be grouped in teams -- South Island Country, North Island Country, East Coast, etc.

No entry fee, no prizes. This is also an experiment, competitive postal chess for fun.

MATCH AGAINST BRITISH TEAM...Entries are also invited for a correspondence match against a British team, each player to play two games against one opponent. An invitation for such a match has been brought out by Mr B.E.Foan, and negotiations are in train with the British Correspondence Chess Association.

THE SYDNEY TOURNAMENT . . . Report from Ortvin Sarapu

The Sydney tournament was a bit too tiring, with five-hour sessions and six games in a row each week. At Melbourne two years ago there were 4-hour sessions and one rest day a week. I was the king of adjourned games. At one stage I had three unfinished games when starting a new round. With a Swiss system event they did not know how to draw the next round, so made a judgment of the adjourned positions.

I was not in my best form, not in the best condition (due to the heat) and suffered from adjourned games (all six in the last week). But also my opponents were stronger than in Melbourne. No-one who played in Melbourne scored as many points as I did. I gained revenge on Awdiew and Ozols, who beat me in Melbourne, but Hanks beat me again, this time in 99 moves (after I blundered through fatigue in a drawn position after three adjournments). He has the best score against me in Australasia, but finished behind me both times.

I expected to get into form as the tourney progressed, but instead fatigue set in. The last three rounds were played as though in a dream. I felt I could not play at all. It was my good luck that Koshnitsky and also Rodney Phillips were also fatigued. Apart from Wotulo, I was the most disappointed player.

THE PLAYERS...Steiner's win was deserved, but not achieved by brilliant play. He had the good fortune that Ozols offered him a draw in a won position, after Ozols had had the bad luck to draw with Wotulo by repetition of moves when he was a piece up and thought the position had occurred only twice. Fatigue also affected Steiner at the end. He was Pawns down and had a lost game against John Purdy, but won. He had a lost game with Klass and drew, and a lost game with Viner but won, all in the last four rounds. In the last round, when sure of at least finishing second he played a good game with Kellner and won well.

Berger played badly at the start, but came into form at the end. He had the good fortune to meet Steiner in the second half and beat him. He beat me when we were in time trouble on both sides and I blundered and lost a Pawn in an even position.

Bachtiar left a piece en prise in a won position against Berger and the game ended in a draw!

Bachtiar is a very fine player. He has a natural talent and the best of the Indonesians. He should have finished higher.

Wotulo was leading for a long time, with Steiner and I. When I lost to Bachtiar in the 9th round they went on together, but suddenly Wotulo lost 4 games in a row, the fourth of them being to Rodney.

C.J.S.Purdy is only a shadow of his former self -- in a game with Poder he went so far as to make two moves in a row. While his opponent was thinking he thought it was his move! I think he has been doing too much business and not had the time to practise and improve.

R.Pikler impressed me a lot. He is a very fine player and could finish much higher than 6=. His musical interests, with lack of practice, were against him.

. . .AND RODNEY. Rodney did very well for his first showing in a big tourney and after having a bad start. He is a bit too nervous while playing,which can be a big hindrance. He also played badly in endgames. He was two Pawns up on John Purdy and only drew. Also, against Awdiew he had three Pawns for the exchange and drew. Against Szewczyk he was a Pawn up and drew. He bought the book on R and P endgames by Cheron, so next time?!

(Sarapu had blood poisoning before the tourney, in bed with a temperature, and this cleared up just before the tourney, but he was not fit. "To my surprise I collected points," he wrote. - Ed.)

SPECTATORS SAW IT

"My game with Steiner could have changed the whole tourney -- if I had seen the combination spectators showed me -- the forced win!" writes Sarapu. Here is the game, notes by Sarapu.

Queen's Pawn Game

WHITE	BLACK
L.Steiner	O.Sarapu
1.P-Q4	N-KB3
2.P-QB4	P-K3
3.N-KB3	P-B4
4.P-KN3	

If White is keen to get advantage in the opening 4.P-Q5 is the only way.

4. ...	PxP!
5.NxP	N-B3
6.B-N2	Q-N3!
7.N-N3	N-K4!

With the threat on the White QBP, Black has at least equality. White plays the opening very passively and carefully.

8.Q-B2?

With this "developing" move Black's position gets even better. Steiner did not like to

block his QB by QN-Q2.

8. ... Q-B2
9.P-B5 P-Q3
10.P-B4 N/4-Q2
11.B-Q2?

Loses a Pawn for little play. A better chance for equality is P-B6.

11. ... PxP
12.B-R5

This was the plan, but even after the self-pin 12....,N-N3; 13.N-B3, B-Q2 there is sufficient defence against the threat of P-K4,K5 etc. Here I had the brilliant idea of sacrificing the exchange for the long diagonal and attack.

12. ... Q-N1!
13.0-0 P-QN3
14.BxR QxB
15.B-B3 P-KR4!?

The alternative was the natural B-N2, preventing White's next move.

16.P-KR3 B-N2
17.K-R2 B-N7
18.R-Q1

Here the move I considered for a long time was N-N5ch. (See diagram).

BLACK: O.Sarapu.

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

WHITE: L.Steiner.

Position after 18.R-Q1. If 18....,N-N5ch; 19.PxN (otherwise BxP), B-R8!! (I only considered B-B8 etc.); 20.RxB (if P-K4, PxPdis ch; 21.K-N1, BxP and wins the Q if it stays on the second rank with R-R8ch, etc. If Q-B1, then BxN etc wins). After 20.RxB, PxPdis ch; 21.K-N1, QxR; 22.K-B2, R-R7ch; 23.K-K3, Q-N8ch; winning the KNP and the advancing Black KNP wins.

18. ... P-B5?
19.N-Q4

Now this N comes to life and blocks the strong Black diagonal. From now on I am struggling for a draw.

19. ... B-B4
20.QN-Q2 P-QN4
21.N/2-B3 BxN
22.NxB Q-B3
23.B-Q4 BxB
24.RxB N-B4
25.R/1-Q1 0-0
26.P-N3 N-Q4
27.Q-B1 PxP
28.PxP Q-N3
29.Q-N2 P-R4
30.P-K4 N-B3
31.N-N5 R-B1
32.Q-QB2 P-N3
33.P-QN4 PxP
34.RxP K-N2
35.Q-QN2 Q-B3
36.R-QB1 R-QN1
37.Q-B2 N/3-Q2
38.N-B3 Q-N3
39.N-Q4?

For the last 14 moves and up to move 46 both of us were in time trouble. With this "winning" move Steiner gives away his advantage. R-QN1! offers strong winning chances.

39. ... N-R3!
40.Q-N2 P-K4!

Not NxR?; 41.NxKP dis ch and mate next move.

41.N-B6 NxR

42.NxR NxN
43.QxPch Q-B3
44.R-B5 QxQ
45.RxQ N/1-B3
46.RxP Drawn

Here I offered a draw, as the position has no winning chances for Black. White can exchange one or two Pawns then give up his R for the last P.

WIN FROM MASTER

As his first win from an International Master, Rodney Phillips' game against C.J.S.Purdy is historic. And it is a worthy first, as all will see. (Notes by J.R. Phillips).

Ruy Lopez

WHITE BLACK
J.R.Phillips C.Purdy
1.P-K4 P-K4
2.N-KB3 N-QB3
3.B-N5 P-QR3
4.B-R4 N-B3
5.P-Q3

A quiet variation favoured by Steinitz. The idea is, by setting up a solid central position with Pawns on QB3, Q3 and K4, that White will be able to undertake a Kside attack without fear of a central breakthrough by Black in retaliation. On the other hand, as usual when White plays P-QB3 early, Black can counter quickly and effectively with P-Q4.

5. ... P-QN4
6.B-N3 B-B4
7.B-K3

The obvious square for the Bishop, but perhaps KN5 was better, although Black might later be able to drive away the Bishops with Pawns.

7. ... P-Q3
8.P-B3 O-O
9.QN-Q2 R-K1

Allowing 10.N-N5, but this is easily met by B-K3. White will win the two Bishops, but Black will have an open KB file with an outpost on KB5, a strengthened centre, and an increased lead in development.

10.Q-K2 Q-K2

I expected 10....,B-K3; 11.B-B2, BxB. If now 12. PxB, PxP will give White double isolated KPs. If 12.QxB, PxP; 13.PxP,Q-K2; 14.O-O,QR-Q1 and Black stands quite well.

11.P-KR3 N-QR4
12.B-N5!?

Giving up a move for a temporary pin and a more active position.

12. ... P-KR3
13.B-R4 NxB
14.NxN B-N3
15.P-KN4

Still reserving the option of castling on either side. White attempts to take advantage of the weakness provoked by his 12th move.

15. ... Q-K3

So White's 12th move makes Black give back the move.

16.O-O-O

White declares his intentions. He leaves the Qside and central activity to Black, but himself prepares a Kside attack.

16. ... N-R2
To take the sting from P-N5, which could now be met either with an exchange or P-KR4.
17.B-N3!
Blocks the KN file but hinders P-Q4, prepares N-R4-B5 and also prepares a Kside Pawnstorm.
17. ... P-QB4
18.K-N1 N-B1
19.QN-Q2 Q-B3
20.N-B1 B-N2!
Exact play. Deters 21.N-K3 because of 21....,P-B5.
21.N-R4 P-Q4
22.P-B3
Black's strategy has gained him a slight advantage. He now comes to take advantage of the weak Black squares on White's Kside.
22. ... N-K3
23.N-B5 N-B5
Perhaps slightly inexact. 23....,QR-Q1;24.PxP,N-B5 is playable for Black. However, 23....,N-B5 defends the threat of N-Q6+ and threatens a possible NxQP as well as P-B5.
24.Q-R2 P-KN3?
Drives the N off.P-KN4 allows Black's Kside to be broken into after 25.P-KR4. 24....,NxQP is met by 25.RxN,PxP; 26.R-Q6. 24....,P-B5 is met by 25.PxBP,NPxP (25....,QPxKP; 26.R-Q6); 26.BxN, PxB; 27.QxP and 27....,QPxP is still met by 28.R-Q6.
25.B-R4
Missing 25.NxPch, K-N2; 26.P-KR4!, P-B5; 27. P-N5, Q-K3; 28.BxN, PxB; 29.QxP, when 29....,BPxP; 30.RxP, PxP is met by 31.R-Q6.
25. ... Q-R1?
A result of time trouble. Now White gets on top. 25....,P-KN4 is still objectionable, but 25...., Q-K3 was very much better than the text.
26.N-Q6 KR-QN1
27.NxB RxN
28.B-N3 PxP
29.BPxP Q-B3
From move 26 we both had only about 5-10 minutes until the time control at move 45.
30.N-K3 B-B2
31.KR-B1 Q-Q1
32.BxN PxB
33.N-Q5 B-Q3
34.Q-KB2
White's advantage is clear and the KBP can only be held by...
34. ... P-N4
...which can still be well met by...
35.P-KR4 R-QB1
36.PxP PxP
37.R-R1 B-K4
38.Q-R2 R-B3
39.Q-R7ch K-B1
40.Q-B5?
Q-R8ch won a piece.
40. ... B-N2
41.R-R5 R-N3
42.R/1-R1 K-N1
43.P-K5! R-Q2
If 43...., QxN; 44. Q-B8ch.
44.N-B6ch BxN
45.PxB Resigns.

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TRIPLE TIE FOR ALL-WELLINGTON TITLE

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	Tl.	Pl.
1. J.Eriksen	x	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	5	1=
2. N.T.Fletcher	0	x	½	½	1	1	1	1	5	1=
3. R.O'Callahan	1	½	x	½	1	0	1	1	5	1=
4. E.Young	0	½	½	x	1	1	1	½	4½	4
5. M.Ponimoni	1	0	0	0	x	1	1	1	4	5
6. Z.Frankel	0	0	1	0	0	x	1	½	2½	6
7. V.Artemiev	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	7=
8. K.Beyer	0	0	0	½	0	½	0	x	1	7=

Tied players in alphabetical order.

Eriksen seemed to have the All-Wellington comfortably won after 4 straight wins. Then, after losses to O'Callahan and Ponimoni, he found it necessary to beat Young to share in a tie. Fletcher made a late run to join the leaders, and a three-game play-off is contemplated.

DOMINION ROAD JUST BEAT AUCKLAND C.C.

Shortly before Christmas Dominion Road C.C. met Auckland C.C. in a 16-board match, and Dominion Road won by the odd half-point, 8½-7½.

At Board 1 Sarapu beat C.A.Rose, at Board 2 J.R.Phillips and C.P. Belton had an adjudicated draw after Phillips had pressed hard but erred in time trouble, and seemed to have a slightly inferior position. At Board 3 F.A.Foulds played the Alekhine Defence against R.J.Sutton, who played aggressively and won a piece and the game. At Board 4 B.Menzies won from M.Velekic.

"CHESS NEWS" PLAYER OF THE YEAR

B.C.Menzies, joint winner of the N.Z.Championship, 1958-59, and selected as our Player of the Year, started playing chess in February, 1948, just 10 years ago. Attended his first Congress in 1949-50, when he was second in the First Class. In 1950 he won the Dominion Road C.C. Championship, a performance he repeated in 1954, 1955 and 1956.

Menzies has played in four Auckland Chess League Championships, being third three times and fifth once. He played in the Major Open at the 1951-52 Congress, coming 3rd, and was fourth equal in the N.Z. Championship twice, in 1952-53 and 1956-57.

One of the many who have equalled meritorious playing records by hard work as chess administrators, Barry Menzies was elected secretary of Dominion Road C.C. in 1951, after only 18 months' membership. Except for 1953-54, when he was club captain, he has held that office continuously since. He has also held [illegible] and N.Z.C.A. offices.

ON E N D G A M E S

No further comment on the Eriksen-Marsick endgame, except that K.M. Steele appears to have had the last word. His analysis has been checked in Auckland and confirmed. But here is another endgame with Bishops of opposite colours:-

BLACK

-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	p	-	-	B	-	p	p
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
P	-	-	-	K	p	-	-
-	-	-	-	b	P	k	P
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WHITE

In this position, which occurred in a match game "somewhere in NZ", a draw was agreed. It is Black to play, and the position has been analysed by T.van Dijk, who gives a win to Black after 1....,P-R5!

The variations are:

If 2.B-B6, KxP; 3.BxP, P-R6.

If 2.B-Q6, P-KN5; 3. B-K5, P-N6; 4.RPxP, P-R6!; 5.P-N4. P-R7; 6.BxP, KxB; 7.P-N5, K-N7 and Black's Bishop can hold the White P from Queening.

And if 2.P-R3, KxP followed by K-N7 and the RP wins again.

ALL-WELLINGTON GAME

Nolan Fletcher's win in the final round, which enabled him to share in the triple tie. Brief notes by N.T.Fletcher.

Ruy Lopez

WHITE	BLACK
N.T.Fletcher	V.Artemiev
1.P-K4	P-K4
2.N-KB3	N-QB3
3.B-N5	P-QR3
4.B-R4	N-B3
5.O-O	P-QN4
6.B-N3	B-Q3
7.R-K1	N-QR4
8.P-Q4	NxB
9.RPxN	Q-K2
10.PxP	BxKP
11.N-QB3	P-QB3
12.NxB	QxN
13.P-KB4	Q-B2
14.P-K5	N-N1
15.N-K4	N-K2
16.N-Q6ch	K-B1
17.P-KB5	P-KN3
18.B-R6ch	K-N1
19.N-K8	Q-N3ch
20.K-R1	N-Q4
21.QxN	PxQ
22.N-B6ch	QxN
23.PxQ	B-N2

At last!

24.R-K7 B-B3

Black seems to be able to answer all threats, such as QR-K1, by P-Q3.

25.RxQRP! R-Q1

26.P-QB3 B-N2

Black is in a Zugswang.

27.R-QR7 B-B3

28.K-N1 R-QN1

29.P-QN4 R-Q1

30.K-B2 PxBP

31.R-K3 P-B5

Mate on N6 would look inartistic!

32.R-K5 Resigns -- yes, mate is two squares closer to the King.

Send us those club games -- 5/- trophies waiting.

SNIPPETS. . .A.Bachtiar (Indonesia), 7-1, won the lightning tourney held in conjunction with the Sydney tourney, with L.Steiner and O.Sarapu, each 6½-1½, second equal. . .Three club champions in tourneys just decided are Z.Frankel (Civic), J.E. Eriksen (Wellington) and T.van Dijk (Otago). Full details next month. . . B.C.Menzies, Dominion Road C.C. secretary, has been too busy buying and preparing no fewer than 25 separate prizes in preparation for the club's annual meeting that he has not had time to select and annotate a "Player of the Year" game for us. It will follow. . .Outstanding feature of Congress we did not mention last month was the display of determination by each of the four players who shared honours in the two events. They proved that will-to-win earns points in a tournament. . .Nor did we mention the Championship player, who, after his clock had eaten up a full couple of valuable minutes, muttered surprisedly, "Why, I'm in check. . .Congratulations to G.J. Knight, Wellington schoolboy champion not so many years ago, who has passed a milestone in his career with admission to the Bar. . .Shock in Wellington before Christmas was the result of a match between Wellington League and Wellington waterside workers' teams. Although the League team looked strong on paper and were headed by A.Feneridis and J.Eriksen, the watersiders won . . . M.Tal could not make it three in a row in the U.S.S.R.Championship. The new champion is Tigran Petrosian, 13½-4½ (9 wins, 9 draws), a point ahead of Tal (who lost two games) and Spassky. . .Petrosian will be playing in the Candidates' Tourney, which is to be held at Portoroz, Yugoslavia, scene of last year's Interzonal, from September 6 to October 26 this year, and the new Russian champion will be the subject of our next profile of the Candidates . . .Southern exponents of the Robatsch Defence will find the February issue of "Chess World" of added interest, for it contains a special article on this opening, which was played by Koshnitsky at Sydney. . .Botvinnik made one of his rare sorties outside Russia just before Christmas, winning a tourney at Wageningen, Holland, ahead of Salo Flohr and J.H.Donner, who tied for second. . .Olafsson has won a grandmaster tourney at Beverwijk, Holland.

P R O B L E M P A G E . . .

It was a pleasure to receive so many complimentary remarks about last month's problems, but somewhat disappointing there were not more entries. Probably the number will grow when "CN" is printed and has printed diagrams. We were sorry too that CE, our youngest solver, missed out on both problems, submitting solutions refuted by notes from NEHF. NEHF, incidentally, gains a bonus point for showing a flaw in line b of the cook solution for No.15. We gave 1.R-KB7,R-K2;2.N-B7ch,any; 3.RxP. NEFH points out this is knocked out by RxB, but this does not knock out the cook. There remains the beautiful line 1. R-KB7,R-K2;2.RxPch,K-N2;3.N-N4 and the Black R is pinned. Bonus points, incidentally, are added to total for competition concerning that problem.

	Mar.	Ch.	Lad.
J.H.Patchett	4	4	44
N.Fulton....	4	4	43+
K.M.Steele..	4	4	34
D.G.Brunt...	4	4	31
C.Evans.....	-	-	28
F.A.First...	4	4	26

+Includes 1 bonus pt.

FEBRUARY SOLUTIONS:

21.P-N5."N-K4 a good try, stopped by B-N2" (NEHF).

22.B-Q6. "I think this is the best problem I have ever attempted to solve.(KMS). "Good try,B-B5, stopped by PxP; also K-R8, stopped by P-B4"(NEHF). 23.N-Q4. 24.K-B7. a/1...,K-B4;2.P-R3,KxP;3.P-Q3, K-B4; 4.R-B3. b/1...,KxBP; 2.P-B3,K-B4; 3.R-K6,K-B5; 4.R-B6. c/1...,KxRP; 2.P-R3,K-R4; 3.R-K6,K-R5; 4.R-R6. d/1...,K-R4;2.R-KN3,KxP; 3.P-B3, //K-R5;4.R-R6. d/1...K-R4;2.R-KN3,K-R3;3.R-N5,K-R2;4.R-R4.

C O M P E T I T I O N P R O B L E M S.....ONE FOR BEGINNERS....AND A 3-ER

25.E.Petite'57

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- Q b - r - - n
- - R - - N - -
- - - - - p - -
- - - - - p - K
- - - p - k N -
- r - - p - p -
- - - - R - B -
- - B - - - - -
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8v10 Mate in 2

26.A.Ellerman'21

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- - - - - - B r -
K - - - - - B - -
R - - p N p - -
- P N k b q - R
- - p - - - - r
- - - - p P - -
- - - - - - - p
- - - - - - - Q
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10v10 Mate in 2

27.Schudo

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- - - - - - - - -
- - - - - - - - -
- - - - - - - - -
- - - - - - - - p
- - P - - - - - K
- - - - - - k - -
- - - Q - - - - -
- - B - - - - - b
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4v3 Mate in 2

28.W.Massman'41

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- - - b - - - -
- - - - - - - -
- - - - N - K -
- - B - P - - -
- - P - k - N -
- - - - - - - -
- - - - B - - -
- - - - - - - -
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7v2 Mate in 3

TOURS FUND: ON EVE OF THE BIG EFFORT

Response to the circular from the organiser of the "Phillips for Basle" raffle, Mr F.Vincent, gives every indication of success. Altogether firm orders for ticket books number 240, and many clubs -- especially the smaller ones -- have not yet responded.

With all clubs in, indications are that sales will far exceed that number.

Major prizes will be (tentatively): 1st, £75; 2nd, £20. Several minor prizes (list not yet finalised) will range from £5 in value to £12.

Books will be in the hands of sellers the first week in April.

"Chess News" has undertaken to distribute a number of books, and some of our readers who probably are not directly associated with clubs will receive a book or two from us.

"CN" will award a prize of one year's subscription to the person selling most tickets in the raffle. We are sure this venture can be an outstanding success if many players make just a small effort each.

There have been no further direct contributions in the past month, presumably because everyone is awaiting the results of the raffle.

COMBINED FUNDS	£	s	d
CN Tours Fund	43	18	6
CN Penny Fund	6	-	1
NZCA Fund	44	10	-
Total cash	£94	8	7
Promised	6	1	-
Grand total	£100	9	7

LATE NEWS: INGLEWOOD CC. Annual meeting of the Inglewood C.C. was held on February 25, with 13 present. The retiring president, Mr A. M. Standish, presented trophies to the club champion, M.Bracegirdle, and junior champion, R.Tuck.

Officers elected were: President, Mr G.L.Parker; vice-president, Mr I.Bracegirdle; secretary-treasurer, Mr L.R.Prentice. It was reported that the club ended the year with 15 financial and one life member. The club meets in Nelson's tea-rooms, 7.30pm every Wednesday.

OTAGO C.C. RESULTS: Intermediate, A.Lentz 1, I.Penrose 2; Junior, I. Henderson 1, M.Nome 2.

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