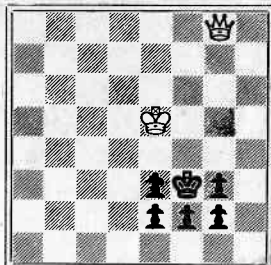
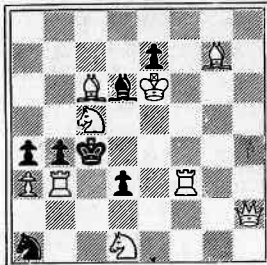


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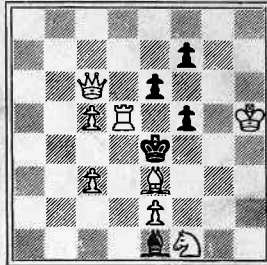
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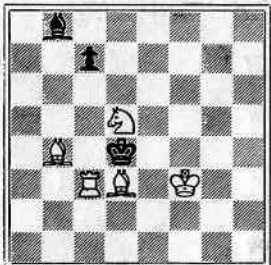
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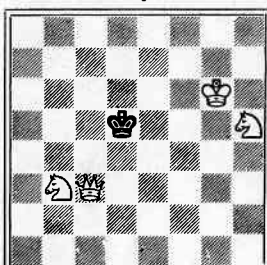
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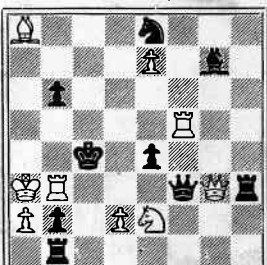
4v1 Mate in 3

61.E.Fasher, 1953



5v3 Mate in 3

62.A.Ellerman, 1946.



9v9 Mate in 2

	Oct.	Ch.	Ladd.
K.M.Steele.	9	45	77
F.A.Hirst..	1	33	55
C.Evans....	4	25	53
D.G.Brunt..	-	10	40
F.W.Crooke.	-	32	32
A.T.Scott..	1	33	33
J.H.Patchett	9	45	33
F.W.Crooke.	-	32	32
Dr Fulton..	4	40	18
T.C.C.Scott	2	12	12
M.R.Wislang	-	4	6

EXPERTS' LADDER

	Oct.	Tl.
Dr Fulton...	11	85
F.A.Hirst...	15	85
A.T.Scott...	-	76

JUNIOR LADDER

	Oct.	Tl.
C.Evans.....	2	18
R.Chapman...	2	12
M.R.Wislang.	-	3

OCTOBER SOLUTIONS:

J7: Q-R4.  
 53: N-K5. N/3-N4 is stopped by PxP.  
 54: N-Q6. N-Q2 is a good try, stopped by N-K7. N/Q5-QB3 is stopped by N-Q6 (NEHF)  
 55: B-R1.  
 a/ 1...K-N7; 2.Q-R7.  
 b/ 1...P-B4; 2.Q-R8. B-Q3 is defeated by 1...K-N7; 2.Q-R8, K-R7.  
 1.B-Q3 is def. by 1...K-N7; 2.Q-R8, K-R7.  
 1.Q-K7 is def. by 1...N-B5; 2.N-B3ch, K-N7; and if 3.R-QN1, KxN.  
 56: B-N1. 12 lines.

Congratulations to KMS for reaching top of ladder. The next ascent will be completed after February. JHP and KMS were the only ones to score 9 points for championship. Several missed out on No.55. No. 56, we agree with FAH, had too many lines. That will not be repeated. This month: 57 for juniors; 57,58,59,60 for championship; 61, 62 for experts. No.58 was composed blindfold. Next month we will tell how.

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Mikhail Tal: World Title Challenger

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**GOING TO DUNEDIN CONGRESS**

Neither of the joint holders, F.A.Foulds or B.Menzies, will be defending the N.Z. title at the forthcoming Dunedin congress. Entries for the championship had not closed when this issue of "CN" went to press, but prospective competitors from the main centres are:-

From Auckland, O.Sarapu, B.E. Howard, K.Hartley and B.Douglas are certain; R.Colebaker and K.O'Halloran are probables; and J.R.Phillips, R.J.Sutton and R.E.Baeyertz are possibles.

From Wellington R.A.Court, O.N. Thomson and M.Ponimoni are definite starters; A.Feneridis and Z.Frankel are probables.

From Christchurch F.P.Hutchings, B.Gloisten and R.S.Abbott are certain entries.

And from Dunedin G.G.Haase is a certain entrant; J.Harraway and K.M.Steele are probables; and I.D.Hayes and W.Petre are possibles. Several schoolboys will also be playing.

A.E.Turner (Invercargill) and B.Marsick (Taumarunui) are possibles and C.Evans (Te Awamutu) is a certain entrant.

A familiar congress face which will be missing this year is that of C.P.Belton, and we understand another "regular," D.I.Lynch also will not be playing.

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**CORRECTION, NYMAN-HUTCHINGS GAME**

A line was dropped from the score of the Nyman-Hutchings game in the October "CN" (Page 81).

The score should read:

- 20. BxB RxB
- 21. Q-K2 R/3-R1
- 22. R/2-R1 etc.

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**STOP PRESS:** Otago retained the Bledisloe Cup in the final played against Wellington on November 7. At the end of play Otago led, 8-4, and seemed certain of at least another 3 or 4 points. Full details and games next month.

**NEXT MONTH:** Pressure of news and experimenting with our new style caused curtailment of the games section this month. Our apologies, but next month will be a bumper games issue, with annotated games from all centres. Notes by Sarapu, Court, Frankel, and Sutton.

Also next month will appear the last in the series of articles on new opening ideas, by O. Sarapu. In February Sarapu will start a new series, "How to Improve."

**OCTOBER ENDGAME SOLUTION**

- 11. (Rossolimo): White wins.
- 1.Q-Q7, R-KN1; 2.Q-B5ch, K-R1;
- 3.Q-N6, Q-KB5; 4.K-B2, Q-B8;
- 5.B-Q4, Q-KR8; 6.B-N2, Q-R6;
- 7.K-N1 and wins.

**TAL WINS CANDIDATES' TOURNAMENT**

	Tal	Kere	Petr	Smys	Glig	Fisc	Olaf	Benk	Tot.	Pl.
1.M.Tal.....	xxxx	0010	1111 2222	0111 1111	1111	1111	1111	1111	20	1
2.P.Keres.....	1101	xxxx	0111 2222	1110 2210	0111	0101	1110	1111	18½	2
3.T.Petrosian...	1111 2222	1111 2222	xxxx	1101 2201	0111	1111	100½	111½	15½	3
4.V.Smyslov.....	1020	0221	1111 2211	xxxx	0210	1110	1111	1011	15	4
5.S.Gligoric....	0200	1100	1110 2210	1101	xxxx	0111	1110	1111	12½	5=
6.R.Fischer.....	0000	1010	0011 1111	1101 2201	1011	xxxx	0111	1111	12½	5=
7.F.Olafsson....	000½	0001	0111 1111	0201	1101	1020	xxxx	00½1	10	7
8.P.Benko.....	000½	0000	1101 2201	1100	1101	1110	xxxx		8	8

Mikhail Tal, 22-year-old Latvian grandmaster, has won the right to challenge M.M.Botvinnik next year for the world chess title.

Tal, champion of U.S.S.R. in 1957 and 1958, winner of the Portoroz interzonal last year, and winner of the Zurich international tournament a few months ago, added to his already illustrious record by winning the 1959 Candidates' Tournament, played in Yugoslavia from early September to October 30. Tal took the lead in the sixteenth round and thereafter was not headed. In a tremendous burst of scoring in the middle of the tournament Tal conceded only three draws in 13 successive games, winning the rest. After 23 rounds Tal (17½) led by 2½ points from his nearest rival, P.Keres.

The two leaders met in round 24 and Keres won in 79 moves. Tal tried to play surely and Keres won a Pawn which he returned for a Kingside attack. Soon after the adjournment Keres won two Pawns and in a difficult endgame with Queen and Knight each Keres played with great precision.

This left Keres with a chance of catching the leader, and at the start of the final round Tal's lead had been reduced to one point. However, Tal drew his final game, with Benko, while Keres lost to Olafsson.

**OUT OF FORM** Keres scored 3-1 against Tal, and the winner's only ===== other loss was in his very first game, to Smyslov. A preliminary examination of the results shows this to have been Smyslov's only win with the White pieces in the entire tournament! His other eight wins were all with Black, and his fourth placing was his lowest ever in a candidates' event. The 1957 world champion was badly out of form, especially in the early stages.

Tal played sparkling chess throughout, and the fact that his middle-game brilliance meant a much smaller proportion of drawn-out endgames than played by the others appears to have helped keep him fresh throughout the 28-round event.

Petrosian scored too many draws (17 in 28 games) to have a winning chance, although he was the early leader.

**THE NON-RUSSIANS** The tournament was a triumph for the Russians, ===== who filled the top four places. S. Gligoric, regarded as their main challenger, was in the running until the last quarter of the tourney. In the final seven games he scored only two points.

For 16-year-old Bobby Fischer the event was a grand success. Only 1½ points below 50 per cent in such distinguished company, he must be regarded as a future world title prospect. He could not gain even half a point from Tal, but won twice from Keres.

Olafsson was responsible for one of the most dramatic events of the tournament. In rounds 7 and 8 Petrosian, regarded by many as the hardest player in the world to beat, lost in succession to Gligoric and Olafsson. In round 15 Olafsson and Petrosian met again, and their game was adjourned. Olafsson won again, and at the end of the game 5000 spectators who had gathered in the square below to watch the game demonstrated, gave Olafsson an ovation and carried him shoulder high. ("CN" will be watching for the game score).

### Dr Reindler Wins Gisborne Open

There was a record entry for the 12th annual 6-round Labour weekend open tournament run by the Gisborne C.C., competitors coming from as far afield as Dannevirke and Te Awamutu. Play generally was of a high standard and competition was keen throughout, culminating in the final round, when there was a possibility of a triple tie for first place. Dr W.Reindler and R.C.Pickering, both from Te Awamutu, and with 4½ points each, were drawn to meet on board 1, while J. Holdsworth (3½) and H.J.Toye (4), both Gisborne players, were on board 2.

Toye won, making him 5. As the other games finished, the crowd gathered around board 1. A powerful attack by Reindler was ably defended, making a draw or even a successful counter-attack a possible outcome. However, Reindler, who had opened with the Polish opening, exerted increasing K-side pressure and eventually won the game and with it the tournament.

Dr Reindler won the Llewellyn Meredith Challenge Cup and miniature. Book trophies were awarded to minor place-getters, down to 6th equal, and R.Perrot (Hastings) also won the trophy for the best score by a player who had not previously competed in a tournament outside his own club.

The tournament was opened by the club patron, Mr E.E.Somervell, and Miss Grieve served refreshments at each interval.

Trophies were presented by the club president, Mr F.N.Day. He thanked the visitors for their attendance and extended a cordial invitation to them to return.

Messrs M.S.Littlewood (Hastings) and T.Gurney (Napier) replied and congratulated Gisborne's D.O.P., Mr Meredith, and all who had helped make the event a success.

- LL. MEREDITH.

	Pts.	Pl.
W.Reindler (Te Awa.)...	5½	1
H.J.Toye (Gisborne)....	5	2
R.C.Pickering (Te Awa.)	4½	3=
J.Arbutnott (Tauranga)	4½	3=
C.Evans (Te.Awa.).....	4	5
R.Perrot (Hastings)....	3½	6=
J.Holdsworth (Gis.)....	3½	6=
C.Gagen (Cambridge)....	3½	6=
T.Gurney (Napier).....	3	9=
C.Western (Tauranga)...	3	9=
R.L.Roundhill (Danne.)..	3	9=
F.N.Day (Gisborne).....	2½	12=
N.F.Coster (Tauranga)..	2½	12=
V.Graham (Waipukurau)..	2½	12=
J.Kyle (Cambridge).....	2	15=
M.S.Littlewood (Hast.)..	2	15=
R.Thornborough (Hast.)..	2	15=
P.Vernon (Gisborne)....	1½	18=
P.Grieve (Gisborne)....	1½	18=
P.Fischbach (Gisborne)..	½	20

R.A.Court, visiting Auckland over Labour weekend for the Auckland open championship tournament, shared top honours with young Auckland B.E. Howard. They tied, each on 5, and while Court took first place on the count-back Howard took the title.

The tourney started as an 8-round Swiss, but R.Purcell withdrew after the first two rounds, in which he lost to

Howard and van Dam. R.Purcell was the Director of Play.

Howard could have done still better if he had not allowed his clock to worry him so much. He had what should have been a winning advantage against Belton in the fifth round, but through time trouble he could not make it stick. A draw eventually was agreed.

#### UPSET IN THIRD ROUND

(Notes by R. A. Court)

Belton underestimated his opponent in round 3, to the extent of indulging in reckless Pawn advances in front of his castled K. The result was a surprise for everybody.

#### Nimzovich Defence

N.K.Morrison	C.P.Belton
1. P-Q4	N-KB3
2. P-QB4	P-K3
3. N-QB3	B-N5
4. P-QR3	BxN
5. PxB	O-O
6. B-N5	

This piece is unable to come in to such activity after the usual 5....,P-QB4 because of Black's counter Q-R4 followed by N-K5.

6. ...	P-KR3
7. B-R4	P-KN4

Hardly a wise idea. This should occur only in case of White playing P-K4, so that the KP can be won as compensation for the weakness.

8. B-N3	P-N3
9. P-K3	B-N2
10. P-B3	N-B3
11. B-Q3	P-Q3
12. N-K2	N-QR4

#### AUCKLAND OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	B.	Tl.	Pl.
1.R.A.Court...	x	½	½	1	1	1	1	-	5	1
2.B.E.Howard..	½	x	½	-	1	1	1	*	5	2
3.C.P.Belton..	½	½	x	0	-	1	1	1	4	3
4.N.K.Morrison	0	-	1	x	0	0	1	1	3	4
5.K.Hartley...	0	0	-	1	x	½	½	1	3	5
6.B.J.Halpin..	0	0	0	1	½	x	-	1	2½	6
7.S.van Dam...	0	0	0	0	½	-	x	1*	1½	7

Tied players in Sonneborn order.  
\* played against R. Purcell.

All White's moves have been natural and indistinguishable from grandmaster style. With his next he carries on in that powerful vein.

13. P-KR4	P-N5
14. P-K4	B-R3

A move has been lost coming here -- something that can make all the difference between a successful counter and irrelevant inactivity.

15. Q-Q2	K-N2
16. P-K5	

Right on the ball!

16. ...	N-R4
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If he retreats, 17.N-B4 is killing.

17. PxNP	NxB
18. NxN	PxP?

R-R1 is necessary, but White would still have a winning advantage.

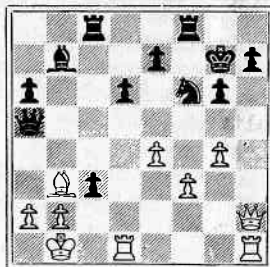
19. N-R5ch	K-N1
20. QxP	Resigns.

#### MISSED HIS CHANCE

(Notes by R. A. Court)

The games of young K.Hartley were quite promising, but in the last round a concise opportunity eluded him.

N.K.Morrison



K.Hartley

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Black has at least one sound defence, but he chose this one:

1. ... P-KR4
2. PxRP QxP??
3. Q-B4 P-KN4

The mate in 4 now is easy to find, but White now played

4. QR-N1?

and after N-R2

5. QxRch

Black was able to struggle on for a long time, though he lost in the end.

ALL-WELLINGTON FINAL

R.A.Court was right on form for the All-Wellington. The field of 12 was divided into two sections, the top three in each qualifying for the final and carrying forward their scores against the other finalists. Court played seven games, winning them all.

There were a number of surprises. Non-qualifiers for the final included Z.Frankel (who has been busy with university work and has been out of form), A.W.Gyles (who showed lack of match practice), and B.E.Foan. In particularly good form were J.Drga, who lost only to Court, and D.Goble, who shared top honours in section B with K. Beyer.

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	Tl.	Fl.
1.R.A.Court....	x	1	1	1	1	1	5	1
2.J.Drga.....	0	x	1/2	1	1	1	3 1/2	2
3.K.J.Beyer....	0	1/2	x	0	1	1	2 1/2	3
4.D.Goble.....	0	0	1	x	0	1/2	1 1/2	
5.R.O'Callahan..	0	0	0	1	x	+	1+	
6.O.N.Thomson...	0	0	0	1/2	+	x	1/2+	

Sutton is Auckland C.C. Champion

The Auckland C.C. championship was convincingly won by R.J.Sutton, with 7 points from 8 games. Runner-up was T.Bollee, with 5 1/2 points. Bollee defaulted one game, as he left for Canada before playing A.H. Douglas.

Detailed results of the club's championships are:-

Senior: R.J.Sutton, 7-1, 1; T.Bollee, 5 1/2, 2; A.H.Douglas and G. Sale, 4 1/2 each, 3=; R.E.Baeyertz and J.B.Kay, 4 each, 5=; J.Mac-Intosh, 3 1/2, 7; Mrs E.L.Short and F.Vincent, each 1 1/2, 8=.

Intermediate: J.J.Hurley, 9 pts, 1; R.O.Purcell, 7, 2; G.West, 6, 3; J.O.Hanlon, 4 1/2, 4; W.Miller, 3 1/2, 5; J.West, 0, 6.

Junior: V.Sorenson, 8 1/2, 1; W.Grassick, 7 1/2, 2; R.West, 6 1/2, 3; Miss M.Mold, 5 1/2, 4; B.Speight, 2, 5; A.Hepplethwaite, 0, 6.

An unusually big membership increase of about 40 over the last three months can be attributed mainly to the publicity gained from window displays in three leading Queen Street stores.

Eighteen of these new members are playing in a first-year players tournament (a 17-rounder) and the present leader is J.Clark

Two rounds of the Summer Cup have now been played. There are 18 players divided into two sections and the first two from each section will go forward into the final.

- J. B. KAY

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TARANAKI ACTIVITY The Taranaki Chess League teams championship has been won for the first time by Inglewood, who tied with New Plymouth and then won the play-off, 4-2.

The annual lightning tournament was held at Stratford on October 17. Entries were badly affected by other sporting attractions such as football and cycle racing -- there were no players from New Plymouth and only one or two from Inglewood. Results: T.R.Harris (Hawera) 1, W.L.R.Hamlin (Hawera) 2, S.Mancewicz (Hawera) 3.

The New Plymouth C.C.Championship is still undecided. K.M.Okey and R.Chapman tied with 4-2 and agreed to a play-off of four games. Okey won the second and third, Chapman the first and fourth. The fifth game is at the moment adjourned. S.Anchor has won the club's intermediate event, 6-0, and W.Woods the junior, 5-1.

- R. CHAPMAN.

A CANTERBURY TALE A good friend of "CN" recently sent us a copy of the Canterbury C.C. annual report, with a brief note: "This success story may interest you." It certainly did. The reports runs to 11 pages, each the equivalent of a foolscap sheet, and printed in similar manner to the new "CN". We can give only a brief selection of a few main features, but have a spare copy if any reader would like to see it.

Finance: There was an excess of £14 of expenditure over income, taking into account £106 proceeds from raffle and £70 first-year expenses on the club's new property. To finance the property purchase (£2160) the club raised £475 through debentures from club members and borrowed £1400 on first mortgage. The club's resources before embarking on this venture were only some £200.

Membership: Total 70 at the start of the year, 100 at the end.

Competition winners: Club championship, A.J.Nyman 1, F.P.Hutchings 2; intermediate, M.W.Taylor 1, C.W.Smyth 2; junior, B.J.Gloisten 1, P.Baldwin 2; Hart Memorial, P.Baldwin 222 points, W.B.Morrissey 158 points; R. van der Bel 82 points; Duff Cup, G.Baldwin; Hollander Rook Miss A. Wellard-King; Improvers' Cup, P.Baldwin; Moore Cup, R.S. Abbott.

Officers elected at the annual meeting on October 27 were: Patron, Mr H.P.Smith; president, Mr A.S.Hollander; immediate past president, Mr R.W.Smith; vice-presidents, Messrs R.M.Abbott and A.J.Nyman; hon. secretary, Mr R.S.Abbott; hon. treasurer, Mr S.W.Taylor; hon. auditor, Mr S.Hindin; committee, Miss A.Wellard-King and Messrs B.N. Gloisten, R. van der Bel and W.B.Morrissey.

OTAGO C.C. R.A.Rasa is probable winner of the Otago C.C. Championship, in which nine players are taking part in a double rounder. Progress scores are: R.A.Rasa, 8 1/2-2 1/2; T. van Dijk, 6 1/2-5 1/2; R.S.Watt, 6 1/2-6 1/2; G.G.Haase, 6-3; K.M.Steele, 5-8; R.W.Lungley, 4-3; W.A.Poole, 4-6; I.D.Hayes, 5 1/2-5 1/2; W.B.Petre, 2 1/2-7 1/2.

Lightning Handicap. - A new event being conducted by Otago C.C. is a double-rounder is being played by 20 players. A senior playing a junior has 5 minutes for the whole

	Sen.	Int.	Jun.
Senior	10-10	10-30	5-30
Inter.	30-10	10-10	10-30
Junior	30-5	30-10	10-10

game, the junior has 30. The adjoining diagram shows how the event works. Originator of the idea was I.H.Penrose. Of course, the

games do not have to be recorded. The advantage is that all players can take part and many games can be played in a short time.

- T. van DLJK.

SNIPPETS . . .

It has been decided that the University Arts Festival will be held next year in Christchurch. The students' teams chess tourney, inaugurated this year at Dunedin, will be part of the festival. . . Friends of C.L.King, widely known as sports editor of "The Dominion" for many years, a member of the well-known Christchurch chess family, and a keen player himself, will be pleased to know he is doing well in hospital after a serious illness. . . A number of young chess players are preparing for the severe test of examinations which will be upon them as this issue of "CN" appears. Special good wishes to J.R.Phillips, J.Howe and L.J.Walpole, who are vieing with each other for scholarships. . . November 14 was fixed as the date for a visit by a group of Wellington players, under the auspices of the Wellington Chess League, to the Manawatu for a friendly match with members of the Palmerston North clubs. It was hoped that the gathering, organised from the Wellington end by H.F.Pobar, would be the forerunner of resumption of the annual Wellington v The Rest of the Province match. . . J. Bateman (Palmerston North) and B.E.Howard (Wanganui) were welcomed as new delegates to the last quarterly meeting of the NZCA Council. . . Mr F.Vincent has been elected to the new office of assistant treasurer of NZCA. . . Selection committee for this year's congress comprises Messrs B.C.Menzies, A.L.Fletcher and C.P.Belton. . . Congratulations to NZCA patron A.W.Gyles upon becoming grandfather to twins. . . Canterbury C.C. has created the new position of patron and Mr H.P.Smith is the first holder of this high office. . . Visitors to Wellington in the past few weeks have included K.R.Humphries (Palmerston North), T.J.S.Gurney (Napier), W.H.Dick (Opotiki) and L.J. Kiley (Rotorua), the two last-named being in the capital on the same day and passing on information about chess in the Bay of Plenty, which will be the subject of a more detailed report next month.

READERS WRITE. . . On the Barnett-Sutton Game

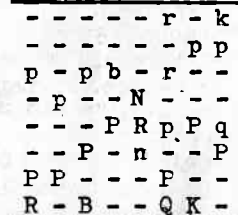
Sir,-After 26.N-K6! in the Barnett-Sutton game (see diagram), Mr Sarapu commented that Black had found a beautiful breakthrough. In this position I would like to see the breakthrough after White plays 27.N-B3. I expect Black's best is 27....,Q-N6ch!!; 28.PxQ, NxQ; 29.KxN, PxP; 30.B-K3, RxNch; 31.K-N2.

I would expect this position to end in a draw. Although Black has the edge he still has to gain the complete break.

The other Black reply to 27.N-B3, I think, is 27....,Q-R3; 28.PxN, PxP; 29.RxP or 28....,Q-N3; 29.Q-Q3 and I think White has to return the piece but I think has good chances to hold his game.

I personally think that 27.N-B3 is White's only reply and that Black will always win back the sacrificed Knight with a slight edge. But is it enough to win? - I am, etc., K.M.STEELE.

BLACK: R.J.Sutton



WHITE: A.R.Barnett

TELEGRAPHIC VICTORY

From the Otago-Canterbury match. (Notes by R.A.Court)

Sicilian Defence

- T.van Dijk 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-K3

A change from the usual P-Q3 (which controls K4), but not likely to be any better, since the Q-side development is retarded in many lines.

6. B-KN5

A strong gambit line here is 6. B-K2; B-N5; 7.O-O, BxN; 8.PxB, NxP; 9.B-B3. Of course, Black can always play 6....B-K2 in this line. White can also play at once 6.NxN, NPxN; 7.P-K5, N-Q4; 8.N-K4 and Black has problems.

6. ... B-N5

7. NxN

Simplest and best. N-N5 does not worry Black.

7. ... NPxN

8. P-Q3

If 8.P-K5, Q-R4 and Black is happy.

8. ... P-KR5

If Black wishes to castle K-side it could be advisable to avoid this weakening move. Possible is Q-R4 and if 9.B-Q2, Q-B2.

9. B-Q2 P-K4

Of course, Black must prevent P-K5, which would cause him trouble on the K-side. Perhaps P-Q3 first here would give him more choice of possible plans.

10. O-O O-O

It is understandable that Black wishes to catch up on development but this move is not well-timed. Better is P-Q3 first, whereupon 11.P-KB4 would be out of the question owing to B-B4ch; 12.K-R1, N-N5; 13.Q-B3, NxRP! Actually, P-Q3 is a much better developing move than O-O, because it gives more

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pieces more possibilities of movement.

- 11. P-QR3 B-R4
12. P-KB4

Of course White's chances lie mostly on the K-side.

- 12. ... P-Q4

The most active and seemingly best reply, which threatens the combination already referred to. However, White's answer puts him ahead of this and owing to his more advanced development, the opening up of the position is likely to be in his favour.

- 13. Q-B3 QPxP

His centre being under so much pressure it seems as though Black must liquidate in this way. But possibly better chances were available by combinational means, say N-N5. Then if 14.PxQP, Q-R5; 15.P-R3, B-N3ch; 16.K-R1, N-B7ch; 17.K-R2, N-N5ch and draws. Or 14. P-KR3, P-KB4; 15.PxN, BPxKP and White must find the best reply.

- 14. NxP BxB
15. NxB Q-B
15. NxB Q-Q5ch

And now Black has the problem of maintaining the material balance.

- 16. K-R1 PxP
17. QxQBP B-K3
18. N-K4

To remove Black's best-placed Knight. After a materialistic move like 18.P-QN3 White would be in serious trouble after B-Q4, threatening N-N5.

- 18. ... QxNP

Dangerous, bringing another White piece into play, but he must break up the Pawns to save the ending.

- 19. QR-N1 Q-Q5
20. NxNch QxN
21. Q-K4 P-N3

Not Q-N3 because of 22.QxR. 21. ...KR-Q1 is a dangerous and uncertain defence, but why worry

when he can get a safe enough position?

22. RxP Q-N4?

Only this leads to the loss. After Q-N2 White can not do much. Now all at once he obtains great pressure.

23. R-N5 Q-K2

24. R-K5 Q-Q3??

Allows a sudden finish. But if

#### OTAGO'S FIRST WIN

Played at board 3 in the Canterbury-Otago match. (Notes by T. van Dijk).

#### Queen's Gambit Decl.

W.A. Poole (O)

Mrs H.R. Abbott (C)

1. P-Q4 P-Q4

2. P-QB4 N-KB3?

3. PxP NxP

4. N-KB5! P-K3

5. P-K4 N-KB3

6. B-Q3 B-K2

7. N-QB5 P-QB4

8. PxP BxP

9. O-O O-O?

10. P-K5 N-Q4

Other moves lose, too.

QR-N1; 25. P-KR4 and it is hard to see how Black can hold the fort for long.

25. R-B6 R-QN1

Nothing can be done. If K-R1; 26. R/5xB or even 26. R-R5, B-B4; 27. Q-K3.

26. RxBch Resigns.

Van Dijk took advantage of all that was offering.

#### CHAMPION'S GAME

From the Wellington C.C. Championship.

(Notes by R.A. Court)

#### French Defence

A. Feneridis R.A. Court

1. P-Q4 P-K3

2. P-K4 P-Q4

3. N-QB5 B-N5

4. P-K5 P-QB4

5. P-QR5 BxNoh

6. PxP N-K2

7. P-QR4 Q-R4

8. Q-Q2 QN-B3

9. N-B5

So far as Kan-Botvinnik, 1945.

9. ... P-B5

Premature.

10. B-K2 B-Q2

11. O-O P-KR5?

A waste of time. The Pawn should move straight to R4.

12. B-R3 N-B4

13. KR-N1 O-O-O

14. P-KN4

11. ...., P-KR4 would have prevented this.

14. ... N/4-K2

Further loss of time.

15. R-N5 Q-R3

If 15. ...., QxRP; 16. R/5-N1 and

after B-Q6 the Queen has no move.

16. Q-B1! QR-K1

17. B-Q6 P-KB3?

The position is sticky.

18. Q-R3 PxKP

19. PxP P-KR4

Neglecting defence of the Queen side. Black's last chance was to play N-Q1 here.

20. QR-N1 P-QN3

21. P-R5! PxKNP

22. N-N5! NxKP

Desperation.

23. R/5-N2

23. Q-B5ch looks pretty because if 23. ...., PxQ; 24. R-N8mate. But Black can play 23. ...., K-N2; 24. Q-B7ch, K-R1; with a defendable position.

23. .... N/4-B5

24. PxP QxQ

There is nothing else.

25. P-N7ch K-Q1

26. N-B7 mate.

**IMPROVERS' COMPETITION:** Next month "CN" will inaugurate an improvers' competition, based on brain-teasing compositions and positions from actual play. All readers will be invited to participate.

## CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ... N.Z.C.C.A. Report

FIRST PROGRESS REPORTS,  
TO 29 OCTOBER, 1959.

### TROPHY TOURNEYS

#### Championship:

Cunningham beat Marsick, Goble, Tibbitts, Filmer, Taylor, Fulton. Filmer beat Eriksen, Tibbitts, Hignett. Marsick beat Filmer, Kiley, Goble. Goble beat Filmer.

#### T.T. 1B:

Snelling beat Harris, Mintoft, Kitchingman. Gagen beat Harris, Snelling, Rogers. Kitchingman beat Ratliff, Mintoft, drew Harris. Porter beat Enckevoort, Gagen. Enckevoort beat Kitchingman. Blomfield beat Mintoft, Kitchingman. Huygens beat Harris, Enckevoort, Mintoft, drew Day, Kitchingman, Snelling.

#### T.T. 2:

Prentice beat Brunt. Ranstead beat Prentice, Stack. Lloyd beat Wilkins, Brunt.

#### T.T. 3:

Perrott beat Barnard. Findon beat Jackson. Barnard beat Reilly, Jackson. Jackson beat Sergeant, Reilly. Found beat Reilly, Barnard, Jackson, K.Hoult.

#### T.T. 4:

Mrs Spens-Black beat Jones, Chrisp. Jones beat Scarr. Scarr beat Spens-Black, Henderson. Henderson beat Hensman, Jones. Johnson beat Jones.

#### Notice to Trophy Tourney Players.

Members are warned that the new rule 6 -- 40 moves by 31 March, 1960 for unfinished games -- will be strictly enforced. Some players who are taking weeks over replies to moves, thereby causing

complaints, face the possibility of having unfinished games defaulted. In Trophy Tourney 2 only five completed games have been received to date. This is not good enough after seven months of play.

### HANDICAP TOURNEY

Kitchingman beat McAdam 2.  
Mrs Spens-Black beat W. Smith 1, Bishop 2, Butler 1.  
Found beat W. Smith 1.  
Lloyd beat Barrington 2, drew Barnard 2.  
J.C. Taylor beat Meredith 1.  
Jackson bt Neilson 1, Rogers 1.  
Fulton beat Traves 1, Mintoft 1.  
Barnard beat Barrington 2, Meredith 1.  
Bishop beat Butler 1.  
W. Smith beat Mrs Black 1, Found 1, Bishop 1.  
Meredith beat Attwood 2.  
J.H. Taylor beat Meredith 1.  
Rogers beat Jackson 1.  
Neilson beat W. Smith 1.  
McAdam beat Mintoft 2, Gagen 1, Traves 1.  
Mrs Mullineaux beat Thompson 2.  
Sloan beat Brunt 1, Neilson 1.  
Butler beat Harrison-Wilkie 1.  
Porter drew Rev. Ward 1.

My apologies to all members for this late report. I have been ill for some time, with a spell in hospital.

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**TEAMS' TOURNEY:** The first progress report on the postal teams event organised by "CN" will appear next month.

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