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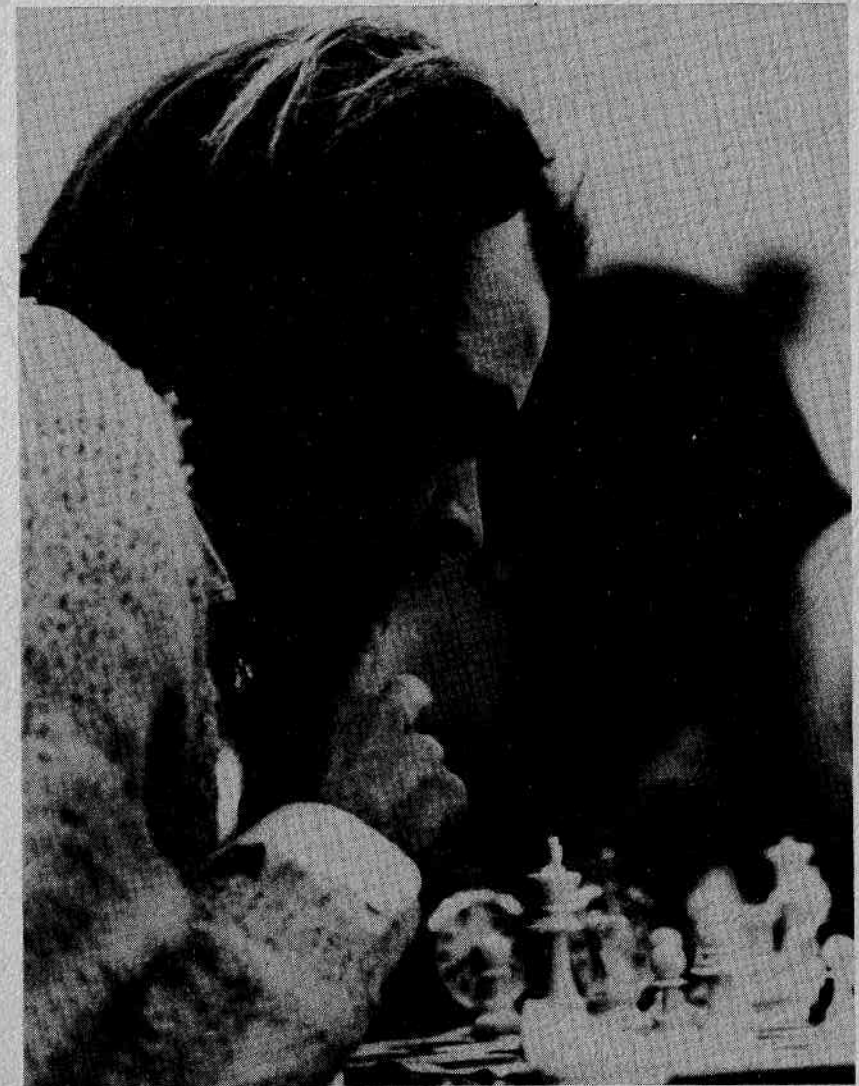
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EDITORIAL:

- P. B. Goffin

As Editor, I wish to take this opportunity of thanking all those players and officials who have worked together in an endeavour to make 'New Zealand Chess' a success and to extend to them and their families the heartiest of seasons greetings. May I express the hope that 1976 will see more and better issues of our magazine.

Issue number six was very well received. Particular thanks are due to those clubs which bought copies in bulk for all their members - Civic, Upper Hutt, Kapiti, Nelson, Auckland Chess Centre, North Shore and North Wellington. The action of these clubs is our guarantee of success. Particular thanks are due also to those members who responded to our suggestion that they seek advertisers. Advertisements appear in this issue as the result of the initiative of members of the Auckland Chess Centre, the A.N.Z. Bank and North Wellington club and the Kelston Boys' High School club. Thanks are also due to the number of people who have sent in articles or contributed news.

So far 600 odd copies have been sold of issue number six. This is below our target of 1,000 per issue but we are sure that when other clubs realise the value of the magazine that this figure will be reached. It is with some satisfaction that we can record overseas sales.

This issue contains material not previously attempted and we look forward to comments from readers. As was stated in our last issue, 'the success or otherwise of this magazine depends ultimately on the individual player, so let us know what you think...'

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Sir,

I would like to have a little say on one or two chess topics.

First, I thought the October 75 magazine was very well produced and presented (Please give one of D. Flude's WINS sometime! - even the C.C. magazine gave three losses of his. If one hadn't known he came second equal, one would have thought he was a tail-ender. Very unfair of them).

Re the N.Z. Championship structure. I think the set-up is all wrong. As it now is, the established players (barring the rare prodigies - Chandler) are virtually given free access (even if it means a daft Swiss system has to be used to make way for them). I'd keep the idea of the Nth & Sth Island winners gaining entry to the following championship. Also winner of the Reserve Champs but I think only ONE player from these three tourneys should be allowed in. In other words a play-off should be arranged if necessary. For the rest the country should be divided into 4 zones, Auckland, Wellington, Dunedin and Christchurch, places being allotted in proportion to chess population. Only one tourney in each place would get the required places and would encourage new (and young) players to improve, not stagnate in the wings.

I suppose, though, to be flexible, the establishment would HAVE to be allowed 3 or 4 top players. Sarapu, Garbett, Chandler. However if 1 or 2 of these won the Nth and Sth Island Champs it would be more economical!

In England (and America?) many players have to go through round after round of qualifying games to even have a chance of getting into the championship. Going from memory I think the players have to score 6½ or 7 out of 11 in one

championship to get an automatic place in the next! If only that were the case here!

(I thought Jensen's report on the Aust. Junior champs was excellent - very interesting and entertaining. You can't go wrong with those personal reports.)

Yours sincerely A. Hurley.

Ed. Mr. Hurley included in his letter some comments about the tournaments conducted by the Correspondence Chess Association. These have been passed over to NZCCA but we do not feel that 'New Zealand Chess' is the place to conduct a discussion about the affairs of another organisation.

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Dear Sir,

An Open Question

The decision of the New Zealand Chess Association Council to limit the entry in this year's championship to twelve players in a 'Round Robin' tournament despite a record entry of 31 contenders will no doubt cause considerable controversy. There can be no doubt that a 'Round Robin' is far superior to a Swiss (unless a Double Round Robin is considered) but is this the only aspect that should be taken into consideration?

Among those not selected this year are a number of players who have in the past shown considerable promise. One, last year, won both the North & South Island Championship, three others finished seventh equal in last year's championship and a fifth is the current joint holder of the New Zealand Schoolpupils' Championship and runner up in the last Australian Junior. Among the older players not selected is a New Zealand Master.

On the October Rating list, thirty of the entrants have a higher rating than the winner of the previous Premier Reserve, who qualified automatically and eight unselected players had a rating higher than the player who finished 2nd = last year and who gained selection. One selected player has not competed for two years.

Never before in the history of New Zealand Chess are there so many young players who are just 'knocking at the door'. One is tempted to wonder how they are ever going to 'cross the threshold' under our present system. It appears to the writer that unless the Swiss System is used and he readily admits that there is probably a majority against this, that some other formula must be sought to replace our present method of selection. This is, however, easier said than done. Area qualifying tournaments do not appear to be the answer. On present membership figures there are about 400 adult players in Auckland, 300 in Wellington, about 40 each in Canterbury and Otago, roughly 100 in the balance of the North Island and perhaps 30 in the South Island. On a pro-rata basis for a field of 12 this would give six players from Auckland, four from Wellington, 1 from the North Island and 1 from the South Island. Such an arrangement would be clearly unacceptable. The present system of qualifying from the Reserve, the North Island Championship and the South Island Championship has merit but it is by no means perfect. The standard of all three tournaments varies in relation to each other and all three vary absolutely depending on where they are played. The players in the Reserve do not get the testing they need against the top players and many of the top championship players do not participate frequently in the North & South Island Championships. There is also insufficient mixing of the players in the three tournaments for proper comparisons to be made.

Unless something is done to give the large number of young players the

benefit of playing under tough competitive conditions against the strongest New Zealand players our Chess will not improve as rapidly as it should.

One solution may be to replace the present Championship at Xmas with an Open Championship and to hold the N.Z. Championship during the August holidays. Such an arrangement could allow about \$1,000 to be offered as prize money which should be sufficient inducement for the top players to participate in a Swiss. Sufficiently large Grade prizes could be offered to enable others to have an incentive. The N.Z. Championship could be limited to the title holder, the North & South Island winners and perhaps the champions from Auckland, Wellington Canterbury and Otago plus three other seeded players. One would expect most of the entrants to have received reasonable prize money from the tournaments they qualified from which would recompense them for travelling expenses. The local organisers would not be involved in such heavy expenses with only a nine round 'Round Robin' to arrange. The present sponsorship of Congress could be transferred to the New Zealand Championship which together with a limited amount of local fund raising should enable sufficient prize money to be made available.

The above ideas are presented with the view of stimulating discussion and at the same time to canvass support for the view that the primary objective of the New Zealand Chess Association is not to provide the best type of tournament on an 'art for art sake' basis but to organise within the particular conditions of New Zealand (relatively long distances between centres with a large population at one end) such tournaments that result in the widest possible promotion of the game.

Signed... A mere pawn.

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ROTHMANS SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIP:

-A.L. Carpinter.

A strong field gathered in Christchurch for the Rothman's South Island Championship, the second to be held on the generally popular week - in - August format which has replaced the old Queen's Birthday lottery. The venue, the Ilam Teachers' College was excellent, with facilities for table-tennis, pool and cards in the post mortem room. Numbers were a little low (26) but the quality of entries was high with previous champions (Carpinter B., Cornford, Jackson and Lynn) likely future champions (Paris and Small) dangerous foreigners (Carpinter A., Chiu, Flude, Jensen, Laird and Spiller) ambitious schoolboys (Bates, Nokes and Love) hungry locals (Baker and Palmer), and even the opposite sex, Jane Cookson. There was no clear pre-tournament favourite and the seeding produced by the grading list contained anomalies. The South still feels that it is a depressed area, grading wise, but the large contingent of Northerners probably made some generous contributions to local gradings, especially Kai Jensen, the second seed.

Round one of the 8 round Swiss produced inevitable surprises. Jensen was given a pawn by Nokes but allowed him plenty of compensation, right down to a drawn ending. Thomson downed Cornford who never really recovered from this setback or a heavy cold which struck about the same time. The other top players won, though some were lucky, notably Chiu against Spiller.

Round two produced draws between the Carpenters, Cornford and Jensen, and Jackson and Chiu. Paris swindled Palmer, and Baker turned the tables against Laird in a tricky but lost ending. Lynn blooded his dreaded BDG on Thomson.

Phil Paris emerged as sole leader with 100% in Round three, when he elegantly short-circuited Lynn's Colle. Small teetered on the verge of obliterating Baker but was reluctant to sacrifice unclearly against such a notoriously greedy

opponent and eventually drew. The Carpenters also reached 2½, Anthony by counter-attacking in Jackson's time trouble, and Bernard by catching Jensen in a prepared line and winning the subsequent superior ending very quickly. Chiu was in poor form allowing Nokes to swindle him horribly.

Round four saw Paris maintain his lead by helping Tony Carpenter annihilate himself. Bernard Carpenter went to 3½ by confusing and outplaying Baker. Small joined him after giving Nokes a lesson in an equal ending. On the other boards Laird and Lynn were bobbing to the surface again with good wins while Jensen touched rock bottom with 1/4 after losing catastrophically to Adams.

Round five was crucial. Vernon Small took the lead with 4½ by steering through complications to win Paris' IQP. Bernard Carpenter's challenge ended when he began a series of silly losses against Laird who now had 4 points with Paris. The other Carpenter, Spiller and Baker were on 3½, thanks to Lynn, Cornford and Thomson respectively.

Small stayed in front by beating Laird in Round six. Paris was hot on his heels after displaying superior stamina, if not positional sense, against B. Carpenter. A. Carpenter and Lynn rose to 4½ when Spiller succumbed in a long battle with the clock and Baker over-reached himself. As in every round, there was plenty of excitement and interest on the lower boards where the top players fallen from grace were struggling with the increasingly vicious strain of rabbits found in N.Z. Swisses these days. Jensen won his first game and began a recovery to respectability.

In Round seven Small's lead became decisive although he was quite content to draw with Tony Carpenter. His nearest rival Paris succumbed to Laird, whose good play continued. With Small on 6, then, Lynn caught Paris, Laird and A. Carpenter on 5 after a scrappy win against Flude. This meant this was still a chance for others to tie for first, especially if Small relaxed against Lynn in the last round.

However, it was not to be. Vernon carefully avoided anything tricky and finally drew the ending easily. Tony Carpenter beat Laird well to take 2nd place alone with 6 points, while Paris and Baker joined Lynn on 5½ to be 3rd equal.

Although Swiss injustices inevitably occurred, the result of the Tournament was a fair one. Vernon Small won often and well, conceding occasional draws, while none of his rivals were very consistent. Vernon is not very well known nationally but is very respected in Christchurch circles. For years the question has been not "could he deliver the goods?" but "when will he?" He will be a dangerous opponent for anyone at the N.Z. Championship this Christmas. Of the others: Tony Carpenter for his Round 4 debacle, Phil Paris for not catching the leader in Round 7, though a cold or flu handicapped him throughout. Others were unlucky, like Craig Laird who just missed prize money after always being near the lead and Chris Baker who had a hard draw. Some of the established players had every reason to be disappointed with their play. There were also players like Spiller, Palmer, Nokes and Adams who are steadily improving.

The tournament was generally well-run and happy, thanks to sound organisation, a noisily efficient D.O.P. in John Johnston and Anne and Bronwyn who made nice refreshments. A valuable by-product of the tournament was the invention of a new blood sport - four-a-side, two table, volley ball-table tennis. Interested masochists should write to the Canterbury Club for the rules. The poker school also dealt some instructive lessons to adherents.

Canterbury is keen to hold next year's tournament if Nelson and Otago decide not to. (Nelson have. Ed.)

FINAL SCORES

6½	V. Small (C)
6	A. Carpenter (A)
5½	P. Paris (O), W. Lynn (N), C. Baker (C)
5	C. Laird (W), R. Nokes (C), P. Spiller (A), L. Palmer (C)
4½	J. Adams (O), K. Jensen (Ha)
4	G. Chiu (A), D. Flude (W), B. Gloisten (C), P. Bates (C)
3½	B. Carpenter (O), L. Cornford (C), J. Jackson (C)
3	A. Nijman (C), R. Colthart (C), A. Love (O)
2½	O. Thomson (C), J. Mathieson (C), A. Knowles (O)
2	D. Pfahlert (Ho)
1	J. Cookson (C)

C = Canterbury, O = Otago, W = Wellington, N = Nelson, Ha = Hamilton, Ho = Hokitika, A = Auckland.

Small - Paris (R5) The decisive game of the tournament.

1 P-K4, P-K3. 2 P-Q4, P-Q4. 3 N-Q2, N-KB3. 4 P-K5, KN-Q2. 5 B-Q3, P-QB4. 6 P-QB3, N-QB3. 7 N-K2, PXP. 8 PXP, Q-N3. 9 N-KB3, P-B3. 10 PXP, NxBP. 11 O-O, B-Q3. 12 N-B3 !, O-O. 13 B-K3, Q-Q1. 14 R-B1, P-K4?! 15 PXP, NXP. 16 B-K2!, Q-R4. 17 B-Q4, NxBch. 18 BxN, B-B5! 19 R-B2, B-B4. 20 R-K2, N-K5. 21 KR-K1, QR-Q1. 22 BxN, PxB. 23 Q-N3ch, K-R1. 24 Q-B4, QR-K1. 25 P-QN4, Q-Q1. 26 NXP, BxN. 27 RxB, RxB. 28 RxB, R-K1. 29 Q-B7!?, B-K4! 30 P-N3, R-B1. 31 Q-B4, BxB. 32 QxB, QxQ. 33 RxB, K-N1. 34 R-Q7, R-B2. 35 R-Q8ch, R-B1. 36 RxBch, KxB. 37 K-N2, K-K2. 38 K-B3, P-QR4. 39 P-QR3, PXP. 40 PXP, Black lost on time while resigning.

A. Carpenter - Laird An important last round struggle.

1 P-Q4, N-KB3. 2 N-KB3, P-QB4. 3 P-QB4, P-K3. 4 N-B3, B-K2. 5 P-Q5, P-Q3. 6 P-K4, O-O. 7 B-K2, Q-R4. 8 N-Q2, P-K4. 9 O-O, QN-Q2. 10 N-N3, Q-Q1. 11 B-K3, N-K1. 12 N-B1, B-KN4. 13 BxB, QxB. 14 N-Q3, P-KN3. 15 R-N1, P-KB4. 16 PXP, PXP. 17 P-KB4, Q-K2. 18 P-QN4, P-K5. 19 N-K1, Q-KN2. 20 N-N5, P-QR3. 21 N-R3, Q-Q5ch. 22 K-R1, QxQ. 23 BxQ, N1-KB3. 24 B-K2, K-B2. 25 N1-B2, PXP. 26 RxB, N-QB4. 27 N-Q4, B-Q2. 28 N3-B2, K-N3. 29 R-N6, N-K1. 30 N-K3, P-KR4. 31 K-N1, R-Q1. 32 N-N3, NxB. 33 PxB, B-B1. 34 P-QN4, N-B2. 35 P-QB5, N-R1. 36 RxBch, RxB. 37 PxB, N-N3. 38 R-QB1, R-Q1. 39 R-B7, RxB. 40 N-B4, NxB. 41 BxN, R-Q1. 42 P-KN3, P-KR5. 43 PXP, K-R4. 44 B-K2ch, K-R3. 45 K-B2, P-QN4. 46 R-B6ch, K-N2. 47 K-K3, K-B2. 48 P-R5, K-K2. 49 P-R6, R-KR1. 50 B-R5, K-Q1. 51 K-Q4, B-N2. 52 R-K6, B-B1. 53 R-K8ch, RxB. 54 BxB, Resigns.

Spiller - Jackson Paul Spiller blunders/sacrifices a piece for a crushing attack.

1 P-K4, P-QB4. 2 N-KB3, P-K3. 3 P-Q3, P-Q4. 4 QN-Q2, N-KB3. 5 P-KN3, N-QB3. 6 B-N2, B-K2. 7 O-O, O-O. 8 R-K1, Q-B2. 9 P-K5, N-Q2. 10 Q-K2, P-QN4. 11 N-KB1, B-N2. 12 B-KB4, N-N3. 13 P-KR4, QR-QB1? 14 N1-R2, P-Q5. 15 N-N5, BxB. 16 BxB, N-R5? 17 N-N4, K-R1. 18 N-KB6! P-KN3. 19 N-N4, P-KR4. 20 B-B6ch, K-R2. 21 Q-Q2, PxB. 22 Q-KN5, N-N5. 23 P-KR5, BxB. 24 KxB, Q-N2ch. 25 R-K4, R-QB2. 26 R-KR1, K-N1. 27 Q-KR6, Resigns.

Palmer - Flude Clash of two wild men.

1 P-KN3, P-KB4. 2 B-N2, N-KB3. 3 P-QB4, P-Q3. 4 P-Q4, P-K3. 5 N-QB3, B-K2. 6 Q-N3, N-B3. 7 N-KB3, O-O. 8 O-O, K-R1. 9 R-Q1, Q-K1. 10 P-Q5, PXP. 11 PXP, N-N1. 12 B-K3, N-R4. 13 N-QN5, N-R3. 14 QR-QB1, P-B5. 15 B-Q4, PXP. 16 RFXP, B-Q2. 17 NxB, NxB. 18 RxB, B-R4. 19 QXP, BxB. 20 RxB, Q-N3. 21 B-R3! QR-K1. 22 N-R4, Q-N8. 23 RxB, BxBch, 24 K-R2, RxBch. 25 BxB, NxB. 26 B-Q4, R-N1. 27 B-K6, Q-B6. 28 BxBch, Resigns. Sorry, Mr Hurley, that this is another Flude loss. Send us some wins David (Ed).

With this article, we commence what we hope will be a series of original articles by the young Auckland player Nigel Metge. Nigel has previously been noted for his swimming at Nelson, his winning at Christchurch and his eclipse at Dunedin. He promises a resurgence at Upper Hutt. - Editor -

The Nimzo-Indian is both a highly sound and active defence against 1 d4. Curiously, though the lines where Black avoids an early d5 seem less popular with players, though it is more in keeping with the hypermodern spirit. This article looks at one such line.

After the familiar moves

- 1 d4 Nf6
- 2 c4 e6
- 3 Nc3 Bb4
- 4 e3 c5

White may follow Rubinstein's suggestion and play

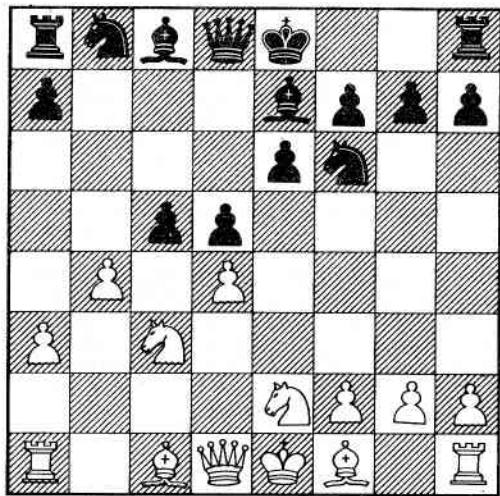
- 5 Ne2 ...

clearly intending to recapture on c3 with a N should Black exchange thus avoiding doubled pawns. Black continues.

- 5 ... cd
- 6 ed d5
- 7 a3 ...

also possible is 7. c5

- 7 Be7
- 8 c5 b6
- 9 b4 bc



White can now recapture ambitiously with 10 dc establishing a Q - side preponderance or more simply with 10 bc. We look at these in turn.

A.

- 10 dc a5
- The usual way to attack Whites Queen side.

- 11 RB1 ab
- 12 ab e5!

New and strong. 120-0 is playable but not as active e.g. 12....0-0. 13 g3, Nc6. 14 Bg2, Rb8. 15 Ba3, Bd7. 16 0-0, Na7. with equality as Black sets up a blockade (17 Nd4, e5!) Not however, 13....e5?! 14 Bg2, Bb7. (Bc6 is hardly better) 15 Bg5, e4. (forced) when white blockades Blacks central pawns e.g. 16 0-0, Na6 (intending to meet 17 Nf4 with Nc7) 17 Nd4 threatening 18 c6 followed by b5 and Black is in terrible shape e.g. 17Rc8 18 Bh3! with advantage.

To return to the position after Black plays e5! White's game is now rather poor as Black's central pawns are mobile and cramp White; e.g.

- 13 g3 Bf5!
- 14 Rb3 d4

(14 Rb2?, d4. followed by ...Be4 is good for Black.)

- 15 Bg2 Ra1
- 16 Nb5 Be4

And White is weak on his white squares.

- or e.g.
- 13 Bg5 Bb7
- 14 Bf6 Bf6

(gf6?!) and now not 15 b5, d4. 16 c6, Nc6! Black stands better.)

We now come to the second alternative.

B.

- 10 bc ...
- Black's counterplay aimed at

forcing e5 leads to some sharp play

- 10 ... 0-0

White could try several moves here. 11 Ng3 is rather useless as the White Knight is poorly placed but 11 Nf4 deserves consideration. This analysis is mostly concerned with the natural 11 g3.

- 11 g3 Nc6
- 12 Bg2 e5!

This secures comfortable positions in all lines.

- 13 de Ne5
- 14 Nd5 ...

On 14 Bd5, Nd5. 15 Nd5 (not Qd5 Nd3ch. 16 Kf1, Bh3ch. 17 Kg1, Bc5! 18 Be3, Be3. 19 fe3, Qd5. with a superior end game) 15....Bc5 with a fierce attack.

- 14 ... Nd5
- 15 Qd5 ...

The natural Bd5 is very bad! If 15 Bd5, Bc5! What now? Certainly not 16 Ba8, Nd3ch. 17 Kf1, Bh3ch. 18 Bg2 (Of course not 18 Kg1, Bf2 mate!) 18...Qa8! 19 Qd3 (not 19 Rg1, Qe3 wins) 19 ..., Qg2ch winning.

If 16 0-0, Bg4 is good for black.

- 15 ... Nd3ch
- 16 Kf1 ...

If 16 Kd2 simply 16...Nf2.

- 16 ... Qd5
- 16...., Bh3 doesn't win: 17 Qd8, Bg2ch. 18 Kg2, Rfd8. 19 Be3, Bc5.=

- 17 Bd5 Bh3ch
- 18 Bg2 ...

Not 18 Kg1, Bc5 Black is winning.

- 18 ... Bg2ch
- 19 Kg2 Bc5

With Black having the better end-game. e.g. 20 f3, Rfe8. with the idea of 21...Ne1ch.

Or 20 Rf1, Rfe8. 21 Nf4, Nf4. 22 Bf4, Re2.

Or 20 f4, Rfe8. 21 Kf3, Nc1. followed by 22....Re3ch.

Supposing all this is correct then it seems that (B) 11 g3 is too weakening. Then the White Knight at e2 will have to move again giving Black quite a lead in development.

OTAGO UNIVERSITY REPORTS:

The Otago University Chess Club has just completed a very successful year, with several tournaments and social events being held. The main credit was due to its hard working president Ray Thomson, and his committee.

The year began with the A.G.M./Stein evening in which former South Island Champions Grant Kerr (also three times New Zealand Olympiad player) and Bob Howard gave a simultaneous exhibition.

The major events of the year were:-

OTAGO UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIP.

- 1. M. Wong Malcolm Wong played some
- 2. J. Adams good chess to win all his
- 3. M. Sims seven games.

OTAGO LIGHTNING CHAMPIONSHIP.

(Prize Money \$115)

A Grade.

- 1. G. Kerr Grant Kerr dropped only
- 2. H. Chin half a point 8½/9 to win
- 3. B. Howard the \$50 First Prize.

B Grade.

- 1. A. Cameron
- 2. G. Thomson
- 3/4. C. Benson
- N. Dodd

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(Prize Money \$250)

- 1/2 Canterbury 9½
- Auckland
- 3 Otago 5
- 4 Victoria 0

N.Z.U. LIGHTNING TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP.

(C.P. Belton Cup)

- 1 Canterbury
- 2 Auckland

O.SARAPU VISIT.

Ortvin showed his master skill in conceding only one defeat and a few draws in a simultaneous exhibition.

MATCHES.

- Students 13 Staff 7
- O.U.C.C. 8 Teachers Coll. 4
- O.U.C.C. 6 Otago Chess Club 12

M. Wong.

WAITEMATA CLUB COMES ALIVE:

- Robert Smith and Nick Bridges



How does a club increase its membership by nearly 50% in less than two months?

The answer was obvious to the Waitemata Chess Club. We staged a Come Alive campaign towards the end of September.

The campaign included an open night to which members of the public were invited, a simultaneous exhibition by club champion, Robert Smith, in Henderson Square Shopping Centre, and the printing of 1000 pamphlets giving information about the club, all for a nominal cost of less than \$40.00.

On the open night, all members were present to welcome new players and give them a friendly game, while Smith played a blindfold game against Mark Brimble, gaining a draw. Nick Bridges also played a simultaneous exhibition against 12 players, conceding two losses.

The public simultaneous exhibition was very well received, with 14 boards filled with willing opponents for almost three hours. Robert Smith played about 100 games in that time, conceding one loss (to a member of the club) and one draw.

Present at the exhibition were President and vice-president of the New Zealand Chess Association, Mr. Charles Belton and Mr. Ortvin Sarapu. It was good to see them along, although thankfully Ortvin did not play - although Charles began a match and had a probably winning position when the game had to be abandoned at the end of the late shopping period.

Pamphlets were given out during the exhibition, and some are now on display at Auckland University, Auckland Technical Institute, and in a member's shop.

The whole campaign was reinforced with posters distributed around local shopping areas - the result of a poster competition for Waitemata members and a large advertisement in a local newspaper.

Another event which Waitemata staged this year, raising about \$200, was a successful attempt at the world non-stop chess-playing record by R. Smith. This was covered by television and acknowledged by the Guinness Book of Records, but unfortunately, since that time the record of 103 hours has been beaten by an American group which clocked up 122 hours.

Waitemata Chess Club's efforts this year have been rewarded by a thriving membership of 34 financial players, with an average attendance each week of more than 20. A fair-sized group for a club which has been in existence for less than 15 years and originally began with the inauspicious title of the Waitemata Bridge, Chess and Draughts Club. Since the early days the club has had its ups and downs, including no less than four moves, but it has finally settled in ideal surroundings at the Kelston Community Centre, corner of Gt. North and Awaroa Roads, with the future looking rosy.

The Club meets every Thursday night from 7.30pm onwards, except for a month at Christmas.

Subscriptions are low: \$10 for seniors, \$7 for students over 18 and senior citizens and \$4 for juniors. Nightly fees are 30c a night for seniors and 20c for others.

Tournament play during the year

The club holds several well-established tournaments throughout the year, including a Half-Hour Tournament, a Five-Minute Tournament and, of course the club championships. There are also prizes for the Reserve Grade winner

and the Most Improved Player. All winners receive trophies, as well as cash prizes, with an option of books; the club champion receives a miniature which he keeps and all place-getters are given specially printed certificates.

Besides the main events, the club also holds other assorted tournaments throughout the year, which include inter-club matches, simultaneous exhibitions, gambit tournaments and swiss tournaments.

The year's winners

Club Champion this year is Robert Smith with 4½ out of 5 in the finals, after qualifying with the same score in the preliminaries. Second equal were Doug Napier and Nick Bridges with 3/5.

The Reserve grade was won by Gaven Martin, with Grant Manning second. Smith also won the club's Half-Hour Tournament (7/7 in the finals) and the Five-Minute Tournament (5/6). Winner of the Most Improved Player award was Nick Bridges.

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A WAITEMATA LADDER GAME

N. Bridges M. Brimble

Caro-Kann

1. P-K4 P-QB3
2. P-KB4! P-Q4
3. P-K5 B-B4
4. N-KB3 P-K3
5. P-Q4 N-KR3?!
6. B-Q3

Interesting is P-KR3 with the idea of P-KN4!?

7. QxB BxB
8. P-QB3 Q-R4+
9. Q-B2 Q-R3

Better is

10. B-K3 N-Q2
11. B-B2 N-B4
12. N-R4 P-KR4
13. BxN NxB
14. BxB B-K2
15. Q-K2 KxB

Better is Q-N3 preventing N-Q2 and supporting P-B4

16. KxQ P-QB4

at last!

Possible is

PxP NxP
N-Q4 followed by N-B3
N-Q4 but black can get his Knight on K5.

17. N-Q2 PxP
18. PxP QR-B1
19. QR-B1 N-N3
20. R-B3?

P-QN3 is the move, followed by N-B3 and K-Q2.

21. PxR RxR
22. R-B1 R-B1
23. NxN RxN

Possibly P-B3 might be a try for a win.

24. K-Q3 P-QN4
25. R-QN1 P-QR3
26. R-N4 RxR
27. PxR Draw agreed



Robert Smith pauses before Nick Bridges during the 'Come Alive' simul.



Kai Jensen receives his prize money at the Winstone's North Shore Tournament from Mr. I. W. Wilkins, Marketing Manager, Winstone, (Auckland) Ltd.

WINSTONES NORTH SHORE OPEN:

-Peter Weir

On 2 and 3 August 1975 the North Shore Chess Club held its second open tournament sponsored by Winstone Limited. The event was a particularly strong one which attracted 70 entries from players from throughout New Zealand. The tournament was won by Hamilton's Kai Jensen who won all five of his games. Second place was taken by Richard Sutton and there was a tie for third equal between Robert Smith of Waitemata, P. Green, Wayne Power, P. Hoffmann of Auckland, Nigel Metge, Michael Livingston of the North Shore and Len Whitehouse of Hamilton. Of this group the strongest impression was made by Wayne Power who was leading at the end of the fourth round and was held back only by his loss to Jensen in the final round. Prizes in the other grades which were divided according to the National ratings were won by -
 Group 2 - Craig Laird of Wellington (3½)
 Group 3 - Jim Cater and Simon Van Dam and R. Lanning of Auckland and H. Bennett of Hamilton.
 Group 4 - was won by M. Morrison of Auckland and R. Johnstone and David Shead of the North Shore.

The unrated player's prize was closely contested and resulted in a win for North Shore's M. Barlow and D. Milne who scored 3½.

The tournament was held in North Shore's magnificent tournament hall over five rounds. Prizes were awarded to 34 of the 70 entrants, first prize being \$100.00.

A pleasing feature of the tournament was the excellent results turned in by such promising young players as K. Jensen, R. Smith, M. Barlow, M. Livingston and W. Wilson.

The event was generously sponsored by Winstone Limited who have already indicated their willingness to support this excellent event in 1976.

DOMINION BREWERIES 40-40 TOURNAMENT:

- L. Jones

What has been said was New Zealand's biggest ever chess tournament was held in the Civic Hall, Upper Hutt on the 28th June, 1975. It attracted 146 players from all over the country.

Organisation for the day started in the middle of 1974 when the Civic Hall was booked. This hall and its attendant facilities contributed much to the success of the day.

One of the most important tasks in such a tournament is the organisation of the Swiss draw. There was only thirty minutes between each game and it says much for the competence and skill of the Swiss draw officials that all rounds started on their appointed time and with no disputed draw decisions.

An interesting fact emerged when one studied the entries. Of the 145 players involved, 33 had no club affiliation. This indicates there are still quite a number of players keen enough to enter a tournament, who are not in clubs.

The tournament attracted a high class field. Of the six players who represented New Zealand at Penang, five entered the 40-40 tournament, viz., A. Day, D. Flude, M. Chandler, P. Clark and R. Gibbons. Also up for the day was L. Cornford and A. Feneridis who was the 1974 winner. But it was C. Laird of Wellington who took off the top prize of \$100 with 5 points from 5 games.

COMPLETE RESULTS

A GRADE

- 5 C Laird
- 4½ S Yee
- 4 L Cornford, M Chandler
- 3½ A Pomeroy, D Goodhall
- 3 P Kelly, A Feneridis, V Lushkott, Z Frankel, D Flude, B Law, A Ward, P Clark
- 2½ A Day, G Malarski, M Wigbout, R Gibbons, C Belton
- 2 R O'Callaghan, R Cockcroft, A Hurley, D Beach, D Simpson, C Vernon
- 1½ B Deben
- 1 W Ramsay, J Kay, P Baran, P Cordue, N Turner
- ½ H Henkel

B GRADE

- 5 D Brunton
- 4 V Vitkovitch, J Skipworth, P Frost, D Johnstone
- 3½ E Hunt
- 3 S Cordue, M Brdjanovic, D Storey, D Keith, G Law, I Barlow, P Bertram, D Oliver
- A Drake, M Grant
- 2½ W Hollis
- 2 G Haworth, P Fomotor, J Payne, J Darwin, L Jones, G Sowerbutts, R Phillips, L Powell, R Castegren
- 1 C Bell, M Sinclair, M Boyack, A Grant, D Ferry
- 0 G Flower

C GRADE Section 1

- 5 P Robinson
- 4 R Shepherd, J Taylor, P McKenzie, P Collins
- 3½ G Ng, S Leitch
- 3 N Evans, R Brookie, C Rolfe, P Cunningham, J Williamson, I van der Werff, A Donselaar
- 2½ J Wood, P Focas
- 2 S Carter, P Chester, S Earle, J Ridge, T Hughes, R Schuitema, M Chamberlain
- 1½ K Russell, B Scott
- 1 L Boekholt, M Watts, A Plater, J Mackie
- 0 R Healey

C GRADE Section 2

- 4½ B King, D Borley
- 4 A Allsobrook, T Saunders, J Grainer, W Forster
- 3 J Coffey, D Town, S Mailen, P Carter, K Bale, P Malthus, O Eatwell, O Ferry
- S Ruth
- 2 N Sainsbury, I Stinson, J Macleod, M Tinsley, K O'Leary, P Donachie, L Mundy
- M Drake, D Leyland
- 1 J Blaikie, N Mythen, J De Graff, S Harlen, K Simpson
- 0 D Catt

D GRADE

- 4½ J Reid, C Feneridis
- 4 M Noble
- 3½ M Turner, K Chandler
- 3 M Baran, G Cunningham, A Boughan, O Forster, S Kilford, G Powell
- 2½ R Snoek
- 2 D Johnstone, S Glen, A Armitage, D Knox, K Melville
- 1½ W Rice
- 1 J Fitzgerald, R Blaikie, D Ligtenberg
- 0 D Warner

ROTHMANS NORTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIP:

- P. Goffin

The Rothman's North Island Championship this year was hosted by the Hamilton Club. The number of entries 54 was a record and comprised a very strong field. The Waikato University was the venue and a very good playing room was provided. The only criticism was the lack of space for post-mortems. All players seemed to enjoy the tournament and I personally heard no complaints. The pre-tourney favourite Paul Garbett was not in his best form and other less favoured players struck good form at the right time.

Round one. This produced no real surprises which was a change from past North Island tourneys.

Round two. This was again an uneventful round, except for the Smith-Chandler game. Chandler won this game and showed he had improved considerably from his performance at Congress. However, no-one thought at this stage that he would tie for first place.

Round three. After this round only Chandler, Green, Garbett, Evans and Small had three points. Close behind on 2½ were Day, Laird, Jensen, and Power. The form of Green looked good at this stage.

Round four. This saw Chandler emerge as a distinctly possible champion by beating Garbett. Green beat L. Whitehouse and Evans kept up his good form by beating Day.

Round five. Chandler dropped his first half point to Green. Garbett beat Power to keep up with the leaders. Russell emerged with a chance beating D. Goodhall. Smith came back into contention by beating Hurley. Evans was stopped by Jensen who was now level with the leaders.

Round six. Chandler beat Evans, Garbett beat Nokes and Green drew with Jensen. This made Chandler with 5½ points clear leader. Garbett, Green and Jensen were next on 5 points. On 4½ were a whole bunch of players waiting to swoop on the leaders if any faltered.

Round seven. Chandler kept his lead by beating Jensen, Garbett and Green drew allowing some of the players ½ a point behind to swoop! Russell drew with Day to come up to 5 points. Smith beat Power to catch the second spot with 5½. Schwartz, who had been playing his way up through the field reached 5 beating Small. Evans got to 5 by beating Belton and Stonehouse came into the picture beating Nokes.

Round Eight. Schwartz beat Chandler and Green beat Carpinter to create a tie for first place both having 6½ points. Garbett drew with Smith and Russell beat Jensen to have a four way tie for third, all on 6 points. So another North Island Championship came to an end with some hopes fulfilled and others dashed.

DETAILED RESULTS

1/2	M.Chandler, E.Green	6½	Trundle, Sinclair, Arbutnott.
3/6	Garbett, Russell, Schwartz, Smith.	6	B.Watson, Knightbridge, P.Cordue 3½
			Whitlock, Truell.
7/10	Evans, Day, Stonehouse, Laird.	5½	40/45 Hoffman, Cochrane, S. Cordue 3
			Brimble, Whitehouse A, Flett.
11/15	Jensen, Nokes, L. Whitehouse 5	46/49	Mancewicz, Mitchell, Fisher 2½
	A. Carpinter, Belton.		Schulz
16/23	Small, van Dam, Power, Skuja 4½	50/52	Miller, Bell, Powell 2
	Spiller, Gibbons, Morrison, Amies.	53	Scott 1
		54	Goodhall C. 0
24/33	van Dyk, Goffin, Lanning, Clark, Hurley, Black, Metge	4	

NATIONAL ELO RATINGS - NOVEMBER, 1975. :

1	Sarapu O	2365	61	Flude D A	1882	121	Chin H	1721
2	Chandler M	2336	62	Sims I M	1882	122	Weir T	1717
3	Fairhurst Dr W	2330	63	Palmer L	1874	123	Poor R	1713
4	Garbett P A	2307	64	Cochrane G T	1873	124	Henderson A J	1710
5	Aptekar L	2279	65	Cordue P	1861	125	Loudon A	1709
6	Sutton R J	2254	66	Johnston J	1860	126	Wong M	1708
7	Kelly P A	2237	67	Sinclair M L	1858	127	Balme A	1704
8	Hall G	2232	68	Walker D R	1856	128	Chiu C	1704
9	Weir P B	2232	69	Belton C	1851	129	Johnston A	1701
10	Stuart P W	2222	70	Eade D	1851	130	Garnett L	1699
11	Small V	2214	71	Amies L S	1850	131	Lark D	1695
12	Green E	2202	72	Evans M	1849	132	Skuja A N	1687
13	Day A	2198	73	Black R	1848	133	Pool T	1686
14	Feneridis A	2157	74	Marlaski G	1843	134	Boyce D A I	1685
15	Cordue S	2140	75	Marsick B H P	1843	135	Lichter D	1683
16	Wansink R	2135	76	Gibbons R	1841	136	Alp W	1678
17	Evans C	2130	77	Whitlock H P	1838	137	Colthart R	1677
18	Carpenter A L	2127	78	Watson B R	1837	138	Brunton D H	1676
19	Stonehouse T	2115	79	Johnstone S	1830	139	Cowan G	1672
20	Smith R	2114	80	Knightbridge W	1829	140	Bennell D	1672
21	Pomeroy A	2110	81	Storey D J H	1826	141	Love T	1672
22	Green P	2109	82	Yee S	1825	142	Ng N	1671
23	Paris P	2106	83	Perry S	1820	143	Adams J	1669
24	Schwartz E	2092	84	Roundill R L	1811	144	Usmar J	1668
25	Jensen K	2076	85	Gifford-Moore D	1796	145	Hoskyn G	1665
26	Kerr A G	2065	86	Brown W	1796	146	Severinsen B	1664
27	Wigbout M	2043	87	Ward A	1794	147	Turner N	1663
28	Russell G K	2041	88	Free T J	1793	148	Pickering M	1662
29	Nokes R	2036	89	Thomson O N	1791	149	Perry R	1662
30	Hensman P	2024	90	Bates P	1789	150	Beutner W	1661
31	Chiu G	2019	91	Foong C L	1787	151	Nijman A	1661
32	Whaley M G	2019	92	Foord M	1785	152	Leishman C	1640
33	Lynch D I	2017	93	van Dam S	1785	153	O'Brien W	1634
34	Brown W A R	2017	94	Walden G	1781	154	Miller G P	1630
35	Cornford L H	2003	95	Arbuthnott J	1776	155	Brimble M T	1629
36	Laird C	2001	96	Lanning R K	1775	156	Nysse J	1629
37	Clemance P	2000	97	Severinson G	1774	157	Genet R	1628
38	Beach P	1989	98	Okey K M	1773	158	Whitehouse A	1627
39	Haase G G	1982	99	Simpson D	1771	159	Thomson R	1626
40	Power P W	1974	100	Johnstone D	1759	160	Vincent F E	1625
41	Gibson D	1973	101	Hollander A S	1758	161	Ng G	1624
42	Van Dijk T	1971	102	Lichter J	1755	162	Morrison M	1621
43	Spiller P	1969	103	Trundle G E	1754	163	Williams B	1618
44	Lynn K W	1968	104	Cater J E	1750	164	Glass R	1617
45	O'Callahan R H	1965	105	McIvor B	1748	165	Alexander R	1616
46	Goffin P B	1953	106	Gloisten B	1745	166	Toye H J	1610
47	Frankel Z	1950	107	Clark P	1744	167	Knowles A	1607
48	Marshall C	1946	108	Roberts M	1743	168	Mancewicz S	1605
49	Metge N	1941	109	Bridges N	1743	169	Mathieson J	1600
50	Carpenter B A	1940	110	McGregor R M	1741	170	van Overen C	1600
51	Beach D	1928	111	Mataga P	1741	171	Campbell I	1598
52	Goodhall D N A	1926	112	Rawnsley P	1740	172	Lichter B	1595
53	Cook N	1916	113	Malley N	1740	173	Wilcox M	1594
54	Baker C	1915	114	Smaill C	1738	174	Shardy Z	1593
55	Hoffman P	1898	115	Grainer J	1732	175	Steel M	1589
56	Whitehouse L E	1894	116	Patterson I	1732	176	Mears G W	1589
57	Hurley A	1892	117	Koloszar P	1729	177	Giles M	1583
58	Wentworth S	1892	118	Baran P	1729	178	Davida E	1579
59	Jackson J	1889	119	Mooyman P	1727	179	Mitchell I R	1573
60	Sinclair B E	1888	120	Wardrop	1724	180	Nawalowalo N	1573

181	Cargo D	1572	241	Adams G	1428	301	Chandler W	1194
182	Metsers P	1570	242	Woodford R G	1425	302	Worthington S	1186
183	Severinsen S	1568	243	Borrell J	1410	303	Cameron D	1183
184	Tallen J	1567	244	Crawford B	1409	304	Scott M W	1181
185	Kay B	1567	245	Watson M	1408	305	Skryba M	1177
186	Clayton I	1565	246	Wright D	1404	306	Graham M	1171
187	Sowerbutts G	1564	247	Bertram P	1402	307	Millman P	1163
188	Gavin D	1564	248	White M	1402	308	Goris J C	1162
189	Delowe S	1558	249	Stelco C	1399	309	Glen T	1160
190	Johnstone B	1557	250	Anderson L	1393	310	Shepherd R	1154
191	Keith D	1554	251	Freeman E	1390	311	Ford R	1149
192	Schulz D	1552	252	Cameron R	1376	312	Edwards F	1146
193	Earle S	1546	253	Wight M	1373	313	Fitzgerald K	1145
194	Fisher E N	1546	254	Mailen S B	1373	314	Hughes T	1134
195	Taylor J	1546	255	Brookie R	1372	315	Cox B	1126
196	Mazur J J	1542	256	Tuckwell I	1364	316	Meakin B	1125
197	Brett B	1540	257	Servies C	1358	317	Donselaar Mrs	1123
198	Kinchant K	1540	258	Sinclair M (WN)	1358	318	Davis R	1121
199	Skipper J	1539	259	Hill S	1354	319	Simpson J	1119
200	Trueill C	1536	260	McLean T	1353	320	Schrijvers M	1115
201	Oldridge C B W	1535	261	Stretch W	1347	321	Goodhall C H	1105
202	Spiller T	1531	262	Cookson J	1344	322	Newman B	1103
203	Walton A	1531	263	Brigham T	1337	323	Bailey A	1091
204	Haapu S	1531	264	Jobson A	1327	324	Severinsen E	1081
205	Gurney T	1524	265	Powell L V	1323	325	Drew P	1074
206	Flett A	1523	266	Warman B	1323	326	Clay B	1071
207	Steffenson D	1523	267	Gosnell M	1316	327	Williams G	1052
208	Thompson S	1522	268	Wilkes J	1315	328	Till R	1050
209	Brannigan K	1519	269	Phillips R	1314	329	Treacy P	1046
210	Grace A	1517	270	Kappeler A	1305	330	Severinsen D	1046
211	Hewitt H E	1515	271	Rekker J	1303	331	Feneridis C	1046
212	Clark D	1515	272	McKinnell M	1298	332	Kinchant Mrs	1029
213	Aldous R	1512	273	Zyskowski Z	1296	333	Mackie J	1015
214	Cunningham L	1512	274	Wilson A	1295	334	Sebalja B	1012
215	Voss P	1510	275	Gootjes P	1293	335	Oliver R	1000
216	Lowe D	1508	276	Purdon G	1284	336	Spackman K	995
217	Barlow I	1504	277	Hunt E	1281	337	Sampson R	995
218	Cockcroft R	1496	278	Phillips J	1266	338	Lang Miss R	992
219	Robinson P G	1495	279	Adams P	1264	339	Gillman R	991
220	Grant M	1491	280	Dunningham M	1258	340	Town D	981
221	Freeman M	1490	281	Sareczky G	1258	341	Stinson I P	977
222	Hanna W	1483	282	Lang D	1254	342	Hay V	957
223	Broadbent R	1482	283	McDonald I	1250	343	Pad R	953
224	Fomotor P	1482	284	Kutt A	1250	344	Schuitema R	945
225	Haworth G	1468	285	Chang A	1244	345	Malone A	929
226	Zyskowski W	1466	286	Boettcher	1243	346	Borsje J	926
227	Perkins K	1459	287	Bell D	1236	347	Loomfield J	920
228	Rolfe C	1458	288	Mead T	1234	348	Quennell R C	917
229	Horwell P	1458	289	Caldwell T	1232	349	Henderson A	912
230	Grunig K	1457	290	Eagle J	1229	350	Schlosmacher G	911
231	Dowden T	1452	291	Munro G	1228	351	Blaikie J	905
232	Lane R	1450	292	Beattie F	1228	352	Taylor D	904
233	Preston J	1450	293	Strickett R	1226	353	Shuker S	881
234	Batchelor D	1447	294	Saunders T	1224	354	McCurdy J	881
235	Flower G	1441	295	Lander G	1222	355	St John T	879
236	Pfahlert D	1436	296	Humphries G	1215	356	Ballantyne B	826
237	Nguyen T	1433	297	Reid J	1209	357	Brown R	818
238	Dallow C	1430	298	Evans N	1200	358	Tegg P	815
239	Steadman M	1429	299	Drake A	1199	359	Old M D	789
240	Millman R	1429	300	Keith J	1199	360	MacLeod J	749

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WITH MURRAY CHANDLER IN YUGOSLAVIA:

Murray has now returned from Europe after a very successful trip. We quote from a letter from his club President Brian Foster, "for the record he played a total of 55 tournament and interclub games in England, winning 40, drawing 7 and losing 8 - most of his losses were to top players (Miles, Reubens, Bellin etc). He had some splendid wins and in the eight tournaments he played was never out of the prize money. Reports from press and chess magazines are still coming through and he obviously made a big impression on the English players. Murray is rather reticent about what the critics are saying but I did extract from him that Barden rates him the world's 3rd best 15 year old. Wade also thinks very highly of his ability and prospects".

We give below his first three games at the World Junior Championship played in Yugoslavia. So far these are the only games received by NZCA. The annotations are by Andrew Day and Peter Stuart.

Carsten (Denmark) - Chandler
Queens Gambit Declined D11/a

16 FxN PxB
17 PxB NP KBPxP

1	P-Q4	P-Q4
2	N-KB3	N-KB3
3	P-QB4	P-K3
4	N-B3	P-B3
5	B-N5	QN-Q2
6	PxP	KPxP
7	P-K3	B-K2
8	Q-B2	N-B1

Black's problem in the exchange variation of the Queen's Gambit Declined is where to place his Queen's Bishop. Ideally he would like to put it on B4 but White easily stops this by B-Q3 and Q-B2. This variation involves the manoeuvre QN-Q2-B1-K3, P-KN3, N-N2 and finally B-KB4.

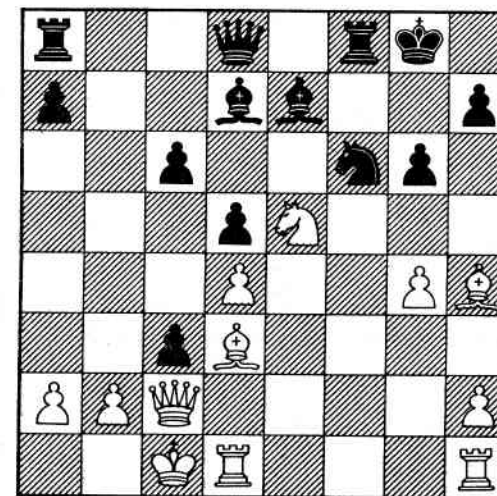
9	B-Q3	P-KN3
10	O-O-O	N-K3
11	B-R4	O-O ?

This makes a target of the King on the King side. Better would be 11...N-N2 keeping on with his plan.

12	N-K5	B-Q2
13	P-KN4	P-QN4
14	P-B4	P-N5
15	P-B5	...

If 15 N-K2 P-B4! 16 P-B5 ...
If 16...PxQP? 17 PxN R-B1 18 PxB RxQch
19 BxR White has a decisive advantage.
If 16...P-B5 17 PxN BxP! 18 P-KR3 PxB
19 QxP with a slight advantage for Black

15	...	NxQP
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18	QR-K1?	...
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The immediate 18 BxP is a better try e.g. 18...PxB 19 QxPch K-R1 20 Q-R6ch K-N1 21 QR-B1! with the powerful threat of R-B5!

18	...	R-QN1
19	BxP	RxP
20	BxPch	NxB
21	Q-N6ch	K-R1
22	BxB	...

If 22 NxP threatening RxB then

22....B-N4ch 23 BxB QxBch 24 QxQ
NxQ 25 N-K5 R1-B7 wins.

22 ... QxB
23 Q-R6 R-N2ch
24 K-B2 ...

If 24 KxR Q-N5ch decisive advantage to Black.

24 ... R-B7ch
25 K-Q3 B-K1
26 RxR R-K6
27 K-K3 ...

Otherwise P-B7 ch was threatened.

27 ... R-B3
28 Q-R4 P-B7ch
29 R-N3 P-B3 = Qch
30 RxQ(1) QxR(8)ch
31 K-Q3 Q-Q8ch
32 K-B5 Q-B8ch
33 K-N4? ...

Going back to Q3 is a lot better.

33 ... Q-Q7ch
34 K-B5? ...

K-R3 is imperative.

34 ... Q-B7ch?

(time trouble) Q-R4ch 35 R-N5
QxR mate!

35 K-N4 P-B4ch
36 PxP Q-K5ch
37 K-R3 R-R3ch
38 K-N2 Q-K7ch
39 Resigns. The slaughter stops.

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Chandler Nieto (Brazil)
Sicilian Defence E87/b.

1 P-K4 P-QB4
2 N-KB3 P-Q3
3 P-Q4 PxP
4 NxP N-KB3
5 N-QB3 P-K3
6 B-K2 P-QR3
7 P-B4 Q-B2
8 O-O P-QN4
9 B-B3 B-N2
10 P-QR3 QN-Q2
11 K-R1 B-K2
12 Q-K2 ...

Black has played the Scheveningen variation of the Sicilian Defence and the game has developed along the normal lines. The moves P-QR3 and K-R1 consume valuable time in this system and could

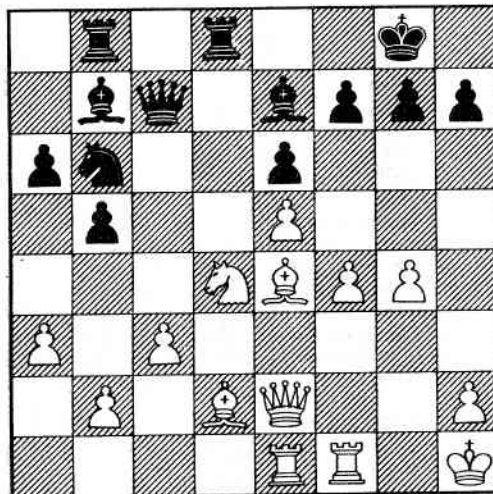
easily be omitted. The manoeuvre Q-K1-N5 is often played so the Queen looks misplaced on K2.

12 ... R-QN1
13 B-Q2 O-O
14 QR-K1 N-N3
15 P-KN4 P-Q4?

Usually it is best to meet a flank attack by a thrust in the centre, here, however, it is premature N-B5 or KN-Q2 would be better.

16 P-K5 N-K5
If N-K1 or KN-Q2 then 17 P-B5.

17 NxN PxN
18 BxP KR-Q1
19 P-B3?



This loses the pawn back again.
19 N-B3 is better.

19 .. N-R5
20 B-B1 BxP!
21 P-B5 ...
If 21 PxB NxP wins.
21 PxP PxP
22 B-KB1 B-KB1
23 B-N5 R-K1
24 B-B4 N-B4

An attempt to win a pawn gives White a pleasant position: 24....BxBch

25 QxB NxNP 26 P-K6 B-Q3 27 BxB QxB
28 P-B6 with a strong attack.

25 B-N2 BxBch
26 KxB QR-Q1
27 K-N1 Q-N3
28 Q-QB2 P-N5

Black's position is unenviable. White is preparing for a thrust in the centre and there is nothing to be done to prevent it.

29 R-B3 P-QR4
30 R(3)-K3 P-R5
31 P-K6 BPxP
32 PxBP Q-R2??

White was threatening P-K7 winning. The move played loses the exchange immediately so ...B-K2 was better.

33 N-B6 Q-N3
34 NxR RxN
35 Q-B5 ...

35 P-K7 wins immediately.

35 ... N-Q6
36 Q-B7ch K-R1
37 B-B7 Q-B4
38 BxR NxR
39 QxBch??

B-N6! wins as the Black Queen must protect the Bishop on KB1.

39 ... QxQ
40 P-K7 Q-K1
41 RxN PxP
42 PxP P-KR3
43 P-B4 Draw

Black gets a perpetual check by 43....Q-N3ch

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Thipsay (India) Chandler
Sicilian Defence E96/a

1 P-K4 P-QB4
2 N-KB3 P-Q3
3 P-Q4 PxP
4 NxP N-KB3
5 N-QB3 P-QR3
6 B-KN5 P-K3
7 P-B4 P-QN4

Black plays the Polugnevsky variation of the Sicilian Defence - a modern form of Russian roulette.

8 P-K5 PxP
9 PxP Q-B2
10 Q-K2 ...

If 10 PxN Q-K4ch recovers the piece.

10 ... KN-Q2
11 O-O-O B-N2

If 11NxP 12 KNxNP! or 11....QxP 12 QxQ NxQ 13 KNxNP

12 N-KB3 ...

The verdict about the sanity of this dangerous system can change almost daily and hence it is not possible to give a clear cut judgment whether it is good or bad. 12 Q-N4 is often played in modern practice with threats of a Knight sacrifice on K6.

12 ... B-N5
13 N-K4 O-O
14 B-B4 B-Q4
15 K-N1? ...

The resulting exchange of Queens gives Black a free hand to attack on the Queen side. Better was 15 Q-K3 and if BxRP 16 B-Q3 and White will unleash a tornado on the King side.

15 ... Q-B5!
16 QxQ PxQ
17 N-N3 R-R2
18 P-B3 B-B4
19 N-Q4 R-N2
20 K-R1 N-N5
21 R-K1 N-R5
22 B-B1 N-Q2

White's play has been listless and his position should collapse in a few moves.

23 N-K4 R(1)-N1
24 N-Q2 BxN?

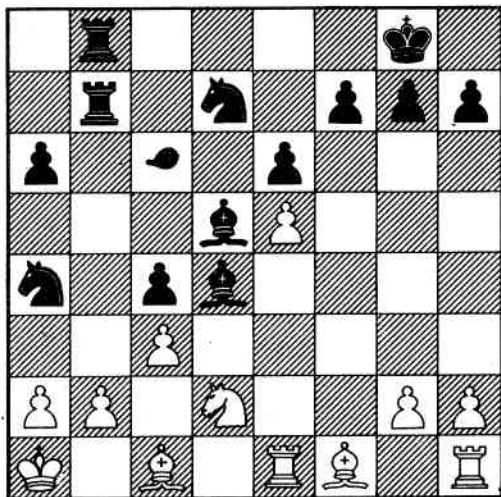
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This last move was not necessary. 24....NxNP immediately followed by 25....N-B5 looks better.

25 Px3 BxNP

If 25....P-B6 26 PxP NxBP 27 B-R3 defends.

26 B-K2 BxP??



Position after Black's 24th move (ExN?).

26....BxP?? A really terrible move. Black slows his attack and opens lines against his King for the sake of winning a pawn. 26....P-B6 followed by 27....N-R5 is decisive.

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| 27 | KR-N1 | B-Q4 |
| 28 | R-N3 | N-R5 |
| 29 | B-R3 | P-B6 |
| 30 | N-B4 | P-B7 |
| 31 | N-Q2 | R-B2 |

Black's attack has run out of steam. If 31....B-K5 threatening 32... R-N8ch then 32 N-N3 holds.

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|----|-------|----------|
| 32 | R-QB1 | R-B3 |
| 33 | B-Q3 | R(1)-QB1 |
| 34 | N-N3 | N(2)-N3 |
| 35 | BxQRP | R-Q1 |
| 36 | B-Q3 | N-B5 |
| 37 | B-K7! | R(1)-QB1 |

While Black's pieces are placed for an ineffective Queen side attack, White's pieces are now well placed for warfare against the Black King.

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| 38 | RxPch | KxR |
| 39 | R-N1ch | K-R3 |
| 40 | B-N5ch | K-N2! |

If 40....K-R4, 41 B-K2ch K-N3 42

B-B1ch K-B4 43 B-Q3ch B-K5 44 R-N5 mate

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|----|--------|-------|
| 41 | B-K7ch | K-R3 |
| 42 | B-N5ch | K-N2 |
| 43 | B-K7ch | K-R3 |
| 44 | B-N5ch | Drawn |

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This photograph of Murray was taken at the North Island Championship this year. We understand that Murray is planning to return to England after the Upper Hutt Congress to further his chess career.

We are sure all players will wish him well.

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BAIRD CUP ROUND 2:

	<u>NAPIER</u>	<u>HASTINGS</u>
R McGregor	0	D Lynch 1
S Wentworth	1/2	I Clayton 1/2
J McGregor	1	L Garnett 0
J Aitken	1	J Grainer 0
T Gurney	1/2	I Tuckwell 1/2
P McSweeney	1/2	C van Overen 1/2
S Severensen	1	J Whitaker 0
T Brigham	0	T Penman 1
M Pichief	1	M Dunningham 0
Total	5 1/2	Total 3 1/2

The McGregor-Lynch game was very exciting. Ian Clayton.

BOOK REVIEW:

THE FRENCH DEFENCE - MAIN LINE WINAWER by John Moles. Batsford Press. Reviewed by Michael Whaley of Auckland. Not yet available ex stock but advance orders are being taken. Likely price \$14.00.

The latest addition to the Batsford Contemporary Chess Opening Series covers the lines arising from the move order 1 P-K4, P-K3. 2 P-Q4, P-Q4. 3 N-QB3, B-N5. 4 P-K5, P-QB4. 5 P-QR3, BxNch. Containing 258 pages with 153 diagrams, the book would be the most detailed work written on one variation of the French.

A first glance is likely to give the reader a shock, as it appears that the book is indexed and set out in a most confusing manner. However, 5 to 10 minutes reading will show that Moles has gone to great lengths to make the study of the book as simple as possible. Transpositional possibilities, being numerous, are referred to throughout the text and Moles has even shown the lazy player, how as Black, to reduce the amount of study by using more forcing lines thus reducing White's possible replies.

It is very obvious from reading the book that Moles has not only a wide knowledge of the defence, but great confidence in it. This confidence is a most important factor as an author with no confidence in a subject cannot do justice to the work. Moles' confidence in this defence is quickly passed to the reader. This must improve the reader's ability to win with the defence as one cannot hope to win if one doubts the quality of the opening.

How often in a game have we come to the end of a variation giving us an advantage only to find that after a few moves the advantage has gone? The reason for this is obvious; No Plan! Moles has made a point of giving explanations of the final position and future plans to follow.

The depth of the work is amazing, due mainly to Moles' own analysis. An example of this springs readily to mind. Most players will be aware of the game Dueball-Uhlmann, Raach 1969. The game proceeded along the normal path in the Poisoned-Pawn variation until Uhlmann introduced 17....R-N5 and won easily. At the Hastings tournament the following year Uhlmann, against Hort did not repeat the move. The question has been asked why by many authors, but the reason has never been disclosed. Moles shows why this move should have lost thus accounting for Uhlmann not repeating it!

Whilst I will concede that the book is written mainly from Black's point of view, it is essential material for players who as White play the Main Line Winawer. There has in the past been so much error by commentators in assessing positions in the French that any player without this volume may find that a line thought good for him may well be lost!!

John Moles, an Irish International, has produced one of the best books in the Batsford series to-date and I am sure that close study of this work will reward the student, regardless of strength, with a better understanding of opening play, thus better tournament results.

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CHANGES IN THE LAWS OF CHESS:

The Congress of FIDE at Nice 1974 made the following changes to the Rules:-

- a) To withdraw the present article 20
- b) To replace the present Article 8 by the following text:

ARTICLE 8 - The touched piece

Provided that he first warns his opponent, the player whose turn it is to move may adjust one or more pieces on their squares.

Except for the above case, if the player having the move touches (a) one or more pieces of the same colour, he must move or capture the first piece touched that can be moved or captured:

(b) one of his own pieces and one of his opponent's pieces, he must capture his opponent's piece with his own piece; or, if this is not possible, move his own piece; or, if even this is not possible, capture his opponent's piece.

If the move or capture is not possible, the player is free to make any legal move he chooses.

If a player wishes to claim a violation of this rule, he must do so before he touches a piece himself.

Together with this new Article 8 go 2 Interpretations, equally proposed by the United States Chess Federation.

Interpretation to the new Article 8 (1):

A player who wishes to adjust one or more pieces when his opponent is absent may make the adjustment after warning the tournament controller of his intention.

A player who touches more pieces than those indicated in this Article may be penalised at the discretion of the tournament controller.

The enforcement of this Article by the tournament controller does not require a claim to be made.

Interpretation to the new Article 8 (2):

Question: If a player, reaching for a piece to make a move (but not having touched it yet), touches another piece with his arm in passing, is this grounds for the opponent to claim that the player must move that piece?

Answer: A piece is considered to be touched under this Article only when a player touches it with the intention of making a move with it. Doubtful cases are left to the discretion of the tournament controller.

COMMENTS ON OUR LAST ISSUE:

" Congratulations on presenting a terrific N.Z. Chess Magazine. I really didn't think it was possible for a magazine of this nature to be produced in New Zealand at such a cheap cost and I am at the moment collecting a list for subscriptions..."

M. D. Old Wellington Working Men's Chess Club.

" Our club fully supports the development of such a magazine and we hope that production will continue indefinitely " David Town, Kapiti Chess Club.

Veteran Grandmaster Miguel Najdorf is with his 65 years of age still in world class. He recently won the 1975 Championship of Argentina against strongest opposition (Panno, Quinteros, L.Bronstein, Sanguineti). With his victory he won the Championship of Argentina for the 8th time and of the 140 games played in these championships, he won 101, drew 32, and lost only 7.

Najdorf was born in Warsaw and at the age of 20 became a Polish National Master. His early successes attracted the attention of Tartakover, whose pupil he became. At the outbreak of the World War II, Najdorf was playing in the Chess Olympiad in Buenos Aires. He remained in Argentina where he was naturalised in 1944.

The masterly way in which Najdorf handles the situation in the following game in converting a minute advantage into a win is particularly noteworthy.

Najdorf S. Giardelli
Nimzo-Indian D57/a

1. d4 Nf6
2. c4 e6
3. Nc3 Bb4

Nimzowitsch's pinning sortie exerting pressure on the Queen's side and centre by restraining e4. When Tarrasch once charged that Nimzowitsch's moves were ugly, he replied: "The beauty of a chess move lies not in its appearance, but in the thought behind it."

4. e3 c5
5. Bd3 0-0
6. Nf3 d5
7. 0-0 Nc6
8. a3 dc:

Intending to win a tempo this way.

9. Bc4: cd:
Giving White an isolated centre pawn.

10. ed: Be7
11. Re1 b6
12. Qd3 Bb7
13. Ba2 Rc8
14. Bg5 Rc7

The perennial problem in over-the-board play is the relative value of the intangible versus the tangibles - material versus time, space and mobility. As almost every position is specifically different, general stratagems may be applied only as a guide, not as a gospel.

The most striking example of the clash of judgement is in sacrificial motifs, involving the loss of a piece, or even or only a pawn or two, or the Queen. Materialist or strategist, the master is prepared to uphold either course.

The following game is a complex illustration of the dangers of a material bent, especially before castling:

Dr. F. Gheorgiu L. Stein
Nimzo Indian D40/a

1. d4 Nf6
2. c4 e6
3. Nc3 Bb4

By this pinning sortie, Black exerts pressure on the Q-side and centre by restraining e4.

4. f3 d5
5. a3 Bd6
6. e4 c5

White was playing to win a piece by a P-fork (e5) at the expense of time (5 P-Moves to 3) but White is sharply rebuffed.

7. cd5: ed5:
8. e5 cd4:
9. Qd4: Qe7
10. Bf4 Nc6
11. Bb5 0-0
12. Bc6: Bc5!

Taking possession of an important diagonal.

13. Nd5: Nd5:
14. Qd5: Rd8
15. Qe4 bc6:
16. Ne2

White has overextended his position - for the sake of a P, and Black now forces a decision in a few more strokes.

16. ... Ba6
17. Be3 Rd5
18. f4 Rad8

Black's forces are fully developed and ready for the final assault.

19. Bc5: Qc5:
20. b4 Qb6
21. Rf1 Rd2

resigns; White's position is no longer defensible, e.g. 22. Rf2, Re2:ch. 23. Re2:, Qg1 mate.

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The Frenchman David Gedult (78) was born in Poland, has never been to school and yet speaks half a dozen languages fluently. During his professional life he worked as musician (coffeehouse fiddler), private detective, confectioner, and fought as mercenary in the Foreign Legion. During the second world war he fought in North Africa against Rommel and was later - for his bravery - knighted. He married a formerly wealthy Egyptian girl and his other love is chess. But he is also a physical culture fanatic working around the clock with expanders, skipping ropes, etc. He is of small stature but very broadly built.

His greatest peculiarity - He never ever plays in tournaments or slow games, but only 10 minute lightning games and he has scored remarkable victories, defeating even some International Masters. Grandmaster and Chess Author Dr. Tartakover dedicated his last book to the Parisian Veteran Master and "Chevalier de l'ordre National du Mérit", who is crossing swords in the following 10 minute duel with the young English Master Levy.

Levy Gedult
King's Gambit E11/b

1. e4 e5
2. f4 How refreshing to see somebody using again an opening synonymous with attack and sacrifice.
2. ... d5!

Falkbeer's Counter-gambit. Falkbeer (1819-1885) was an Austrian player who, living in London for many years, edited 'The Chess Players' Magazine', and ran the "SUNDAY TIMES" (!) chess column.

3. Nf3

His move rips the position wide open and leads to complicated positions.

3. ... de:
4. Ne5: Nc6
5. Bb5 Nf6
In great Gambit style!

6. h3 Levy realises that after 6. Nc6:; bc:; 7. Bc6ch:, Bd7;
8. Ba8:, Bg4: 9. Bc6ch, Ke7; he would lose the Q for R and B with an underdeveloped position.

6. ... Bc5!

7. Nc6: White can no longer resist the temptation.
 7. ... bc:
 8. Bc6:ch Bd7
 9. Ba8: The only way to survive would probably have been 9. Bd7ch although White still suffers from acute under-development.
 9. ... Qa8:
 10. d4 ed: e.p.
 11. Qd3: 0-0! of course not
 11. ..., Qg2:; 12. Qe2ch and White is out of immediate troubles.
 12. Qg3? What else could have been played to protect the g. Pawn. Probably better would have been -

12. Nd2, Qg2:; 13. Qf3, Re8ch;
 14. Kd1, Qg6etc.
 12. ... Re8ch
 13. Kd1 Ne4!
 14. Qf3 Nf2ch
 15. Kd2 Be3ch
 Better than taking the Rook.
 16. Kc3 Ne4ch
 17. Kb3? Shortens the sufferings.
 17. ... Qb7 ch
 18. Kc4 Qb5 mate.

POSTAL PLAY MOVES AHEAD:

- A. Hignett

Activity has intensified with matches started against the United States Postal Chess League and the British Correspondence Chess Society. The match against Australia is now concluded, the score being Australia 27½, New Zealand 20½. The narrow margin illustrates the growing strength of the New Zealand players. The draw, 25 all in the match against Italy shows we can more than hold our own in matches of this kind. It is likely that there will be a return match next year against the Aussies.

There are 35 boards in action in the U.S. match, Bill Forrest of Manurewa being top board and Captain. The 30 boards versus BCCS is also captained by top board Tom van Dijk of Nelson. These events are all open to all grades of players and pairings are made as near as possible to their opponent's rating.

Some years ago New Zealand won a postal match against Canada. There is a strong possibility that another match will be started shortly.

The New Zealand Correspondence Chess Association is building up a sizable group of players who are ready to see the distance in overseas play. This means the incidence of team members dropping out is decreasing.

Membership of the NZCCA is showing a steady rise and a roll of 400 could be realised in the next two or three years. Along with this is the rise in the quality of play in the Association. With three NZ teams in action against overseas opponents, with no disruption of internal tournaments, the results of the overseas matches will be awaited with some interest.

TIT BITS:

The Soviet Zonal Tournament for the World Championship finished in a 'dead heat': Four relatively unknown players - Balashov, Gulko, Savon, Ceshkovsky tied for first with nine points out of 15. An unusually low number of points. Participating Grandmasters such as Gufeld, Taimanov, Vasiukov, Bronstein, Cholmov failed to qualify.

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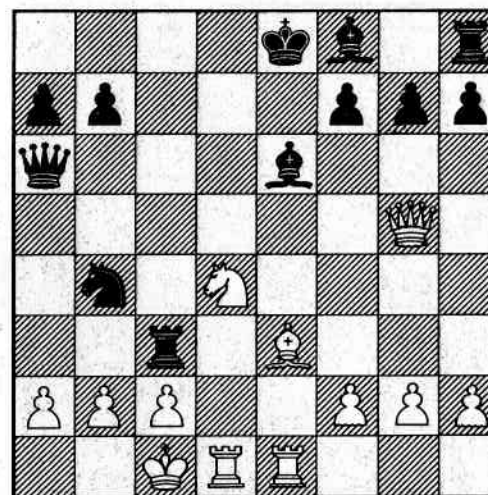
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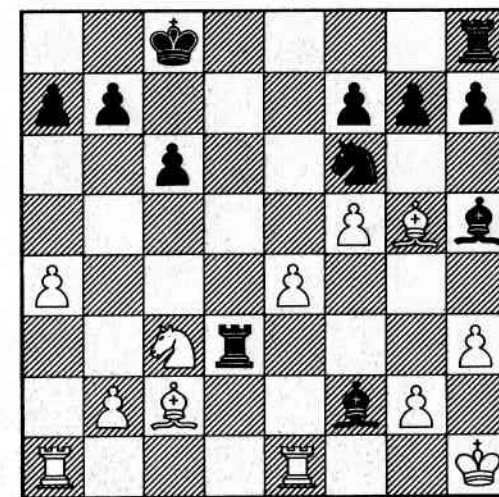
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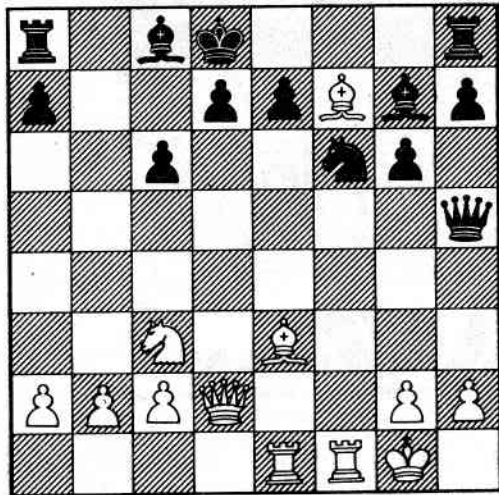


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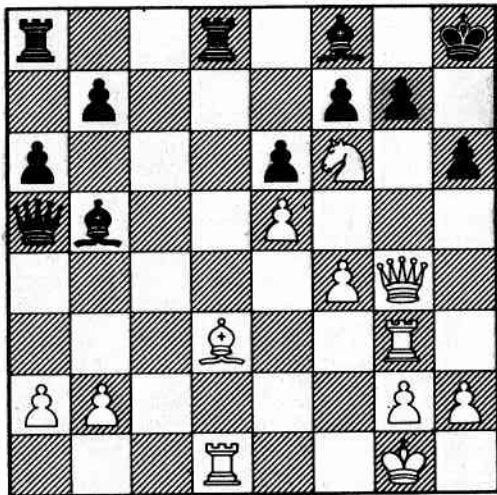
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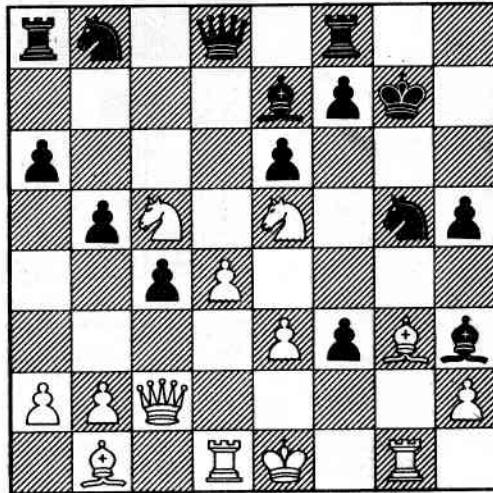
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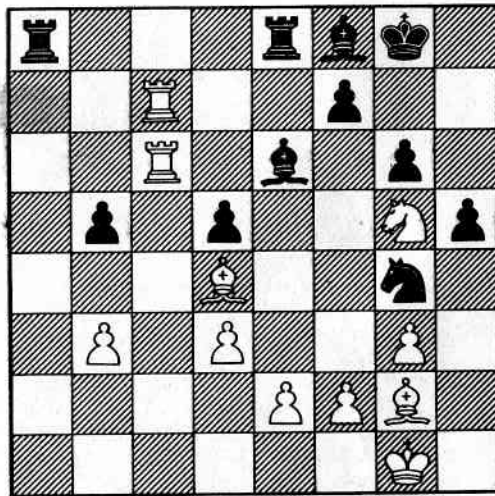
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