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EDITORIAL

- P.B. Goffin

This sixth issue of 'New Zealand Chess' marks yet another attempt to get a New Zealand chess magazine under way. The last issue was particularly well received and 800 copies were distributed. Unfortunately we were unable to continue with the printing method used and alternatives which would be viable from an economic point of view were not easy to find. High hopes were placed on a method which would have relied solely on advertising to meet the costs but nothing came of this and so we have had to fall back on our own resources. We think the printing method used for this issue will prove satisfactory.

The copy for this issue was originally written for a magazine which should have appeared in April. Since this time some big events have occurred in New Zealand Chess such as the Rothmans North & South Island Championships, Upper Hutt's 40-40 Tournament, the Wellington Philips Tournament and North Shore's Winstones Tournament. 34 Teams are playing in the Auckland Star Business House Tournament and all over the country clubs are reporting increased interest.

These events will be covered in our next issue which will be produced in December. Copy for this issue should reach me by November 6th. We would like to receive as much information from clubs as possible about their activities. We would also welcome letters from individual players about any aspect of chess activity.

The success or otherwise of this magazine depends ultimately on the individual player so let us know what you think about the magazine.

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AN EASTERN ODYSSEY

- P.B. Goffin

On a fine morning early in December, six intrepid chess players, namely A. Day, P. Goffin, D. Flude, M. Chandler, P. Clark, R. Gibbons took off for Penang in Malaysia to participate in the first Asian teams tournament. The tournament was organised by the Malaysian Chess Federation to wind up the F.I.D.E. 50th Anniversary celebrations. Teams from Zone 10 countries were invited to attend the tourney and seminar. F.I.D.E. were at the same time holding a Bureaux meeting, so quite a gathering of international chess personalities were expected.

The team, after several adventures on the way, duly arrived in Penang and were met by Mr. Fang and Mr. Gong of the Penang Chess Assn. The first sight of Penang came during the drive from the airport to the city of Georgetown which is the main town on the island. The fact that we were in a tropical climate was immediately apparent although the temperature - around 80 F was not oppressive. The trees and vegetation were so different that an unreal sensation came over you, as if you were living in a dream. The people and buildings also contributed to this feeling. The influence of Chinese and Indian architecture, the temples of various religions, the Malay, Chinese and Indian people who live on the island, all made a tremendous visual impact, that I will never forget. On the road to the city, we passed ramshackle dwellings which were the houses of the poorer people. The fact that they were set back in the jungle on the side of the road made them look a bit exotic but I should think the reality of life in those conditions would be far from easy.

The increasing density of dwellings and people suggested we were approaching the town and sure enough we had arrived. Again the difference of everything and everyone was dramatic. We were taken on a drive around the town to show us the main streets and then taken to the Chinese Assn. building where we were to stay for the 4 days prior to the start of the tournament.

The street where we were staying was typical of one of the secondary streets in Georgetown - narrow, with open-air stalls, eating places, masses of people, cars trishaws, noise and smells! The sense of smell was reawakened in Penang. It was not a question of offensive smells but new and different ones.

The place we were staying at proved to be a bit spartan when viewed in the light of N.Z. conditions. The rooms each had two low wooden couches with wooden slatts on them and a hard thin mattress, pillow and one blanket. A wash stand and a fan, which was built into the roof and could be operated at varying speeds completed the furnishings of the room. However, sleeping on these beds was good and the hard surface produced a very comfortable and deep sleep.

A new experience was the Chinese bath. This is a large basin with a plug hole in the bottom. It is built into the corner of the bathroom which has a mosaic tyle floor with a drain in one corner. The idea is to fill the tub with water (cold), stand on the floor naked, lather up the old torso with soap - then, taking a plastic bucket, fill it with water out of the tub and toss it over yourself. The effect on the person involved tends to produce loud inarticulate sounds usually originating from the throat such as "arrrrgronchraanggabakkerbut" etc. In fact, if you take an early walk down a Georgetown street, you can hear Chinese taking their baths and the sounds heard are as varied as the smells smelled.

However, we soon settled into a routine and had a very pleasant 4 days pottering about the shops, sampling the different food and seeing the various places of interest. We learnt the art of bargaining as were told never to pay the price asked for something. D. Flude proved to be an expert at this and we had some merry moments watching him whittle away the profit of some unfortunate streetside trader. One such incident I recall is Flude walking off in a huff muttering to himself "If he came down to \$4each I would take them", and the trader shouting out to the by now out of earshot Flude "two for \$4!!" Needless to say the rest of us burst into laughter, much to the surprise of the trader.

We discovered a restaurant which specialised in Western style food and we soon found ourselves heading that way for lunch each day. The food was delicious and with French wines at about \$2.00 a bottle, we spent many enjoyable hours eating and drinking at this place. We tried the local foods and found that the Malay was the most interesting and although very spicy, not too hot. They specialised in seafoods, fish, crab, crayfish, prawns etc. The Chinese food was much the same as you would get in a good Chinese restaurant in N.Z. but more varied with different vegetables. We were not game to try the Indian curries as were told that they were very hot.

We visited several very interesting places during those few days. Mr. Gong took us to the Pagoda of the 1,000,000 Buddhas. We climbed to the top of the Pagoda and had an excellent view of the city. The Temple was set amongst low hills and was approached by a winding path. This path was set on either side by a huge Bazaar with hundreds of stalls selling all sorts of things ranging from ivory chess sets to floppy hats. A great deal of fun was had in seeing who could beat the traders down to the lowest price!

We also had a look at a reserve which was a sort of Botanical Garden. The unusual feature of this was the monkeys, which are everywhere on the Island, being fed by hand. You could see the monkeys swinging from branch to branch in very tall trees and I was interested to see Day and Gibbons steering well clear of these trees. Cows might not fly but monkeys in tall trees might be just as bad!

Well, the 4 days holiday passed quickly. We played some practical games to try and build up a bit of form but these were not successful due to the environment in which they were played; high temperatures, noise, etc.

On the 5th day of our sojourn in Penang we moved into the Merlin Hotel which was where all the teams were by now staying. The Merlin is a modern, air conditioned tourist Hotel with about 5 restaurants, bars, snack bars, swimming pool, sundeck and barbecue area. We had been given rooms on the 6th floor which gave a tremendous view of the city and waterfront. The rooms were very comfortable, furnished in European style and we quickly settled into the new routine. However, we continued to eat at the Eden Restaurant as the Hotel prices were very high.

On the evening of the 5th day was the opening ceremony. This was a splendid occasion in true Eastern style with flowery speeches, a live chess display featuring the game Torre-Portisch, which Torre won. The teams were welcomed by the Governor of Penang and the Tourney was officially under way.

Round 1 v. Indonesia Result: N.Z. - 0 Indonesia - 4

We had decided at a pre-match talk to go for wins at all cost in this round because we felt Indonesia would be too good for us if we played passively. However, this was an incorrect decision as our game subsequently showed.

Board 1 A. Bachtier v A. Day Petrov Defence 1-0

1) P-K4 P-K4 2) N-KB3 N-KB3 3) N-QB3 N-QB3 4) B-B4 NxP 5) NxN P-Q4
6) B-Q3 PxN 7) BxP B-Q3 8) BxN+ Px13 9) P-KR3 P-K5! 10) Q-K2 0-0
11) N-R2 P-QR4 12) 0-0 B-R3 13) P-QB4 BxN+? with 13. ... P-KB4
followed by P-B5 Q-N4 black has an overwhelming game. However, after 13. ... BxNch White slowly got out of his development difficulties and started to give Black problems. Later in the game Day missed drawing chances also.

Board 2 P. Goffin v J. Sampouw Ruy Lopez Exchange Var. 0-1

1) P-K4 P-K4 2) NKB3 N-QB3 3) B-N5 P-QR3 4) BxN QPxB 5) 0-0 QB-N5
6) P-KR3 B-R4 7) P-Q3 avoiding the P-KN4 var. in which Sampouw had a special var. of his own. 7)... B-Q3 8) B-K3 P-B3 9) QN-Q2 Q-Q2
(I considered here NxKP but it is not sound eg: 10. NxP BxQ 11. NxQ BxP 12. N-B5 BxN 13. NxP BxP advantage for black). 10) P-QR4 N-K2
11) N-N3 BxN 12) QxB 0-0 13) N-B5 Q-B1 14) P-Q4! (Q-N4 is safer).
14)... BxN 15) PxB P-B4 16) B-N5 N-N3 17) Q-N3+ K-R1 18) PxB QxP
19) B-Q2!? this ultimately lost but White was looking to win material on the Q side. Correct is 19. B-K3 when things look fairly even.

Board 3 M. Sinulingga v D. Flude. Sicilian Defence 1-0

Flude played the opening well but trying for a win compromised his position and the Indonesian broke through.

Board 4. M. Chandler v A. Dipo Centre Counter 0-1
Murray Chandler played steadily but went slowly down hill. His game lasted the longest of the tour!!

Well, this was a tough lesson. All of us were out-played. The lesson we learnt was not to compromise our positions by aggressive moves that left weaknesses which the opponent could exploit after the threat was parried. We also decided to play the positions as we naturally would from now on. In the other matches from this round Australia beat Malaysia 4-0. Singapore beat HongKong 3½-½. Philippines beat Japan 4-0.

Round 2 v Philippines - Result: NZ ½ - Philippines 3½

Board 1 A. Day v G. Bordonada Caro Kann ½-½
1) P-K4 P-QB3 2) P-QB4 P-Q4 3) KPXP PXP 4) PXP KN-B3 5) B-N5+ QN-Q2
6) N-QB3 P-QR3 7) B-R4 P-QN4 8) B-B2 N-N3 9) N-B3 N/NXP 10) P-Q4 P-K3
11) 0-0 B-K2 12) B-N5 NxN 13) PxN N-Q4 14) P-Q2 Q-B2 15) N-K5 B-Q3
16) R-K1 B-N2 17) Q-R5 N-B3 18) Q-R3 B-Q4 19) P-QR4 QR-B1 20) Q-N3 R-KN1
21) Q-R3 P-R3 22) P-KB4 P-N5 23) P-B4 BxBP 24) NxB QxN 25) B-N3 Q-Q5 26) BK3 Q-B6 27) BxKP K-B1 28) QR-B1 Q-R6 29) QR-R1? Q-B6 30) QR-B1? Q-R6
Agreed drawn.

Day could have won here with the odd looking move B-N3!! - this unblocks the KR3-B8 diagonal for the Queen to combine with the rook on QB8 - it also cuts off the effect of the Black Queen across the 3rd rank and protects the QRP.

Board 2 C. Caturla v D. Flude Sicilian 1-0
1) P-K4 P-QB3 2) N-KB3 N-QB3 3) P-Q4 PXP 4) NXP N-B3 5) QN-B3 P-Q3
6) B-N5 P-K3 7) Q-Q2 P-QR3 8) 0-0-0 B-Q2 9) P-B3 R-QB1 10) K-N1 P-R3
11) B-K3 N-K4 12) P-KN4 B-K2 13) P-KR4 P-QN4 14) B-Q3 P-N5 15) QN-K2
N-B5 16) BxN RxB 17) P-N5 N-N1 18) P-B4+ PQR4 19) Q-Q3 R-B4 20) P-K5
P-Q4 21) P-N6 P-R4 22) PXP+ KXP 23) KR-N1 R-R3 24) P-B5 Q-B1 25) BxR
NxB 26) PXPch Resigns.

Flude never had a chance in this game. He got a cramped game with no counter play and that was that!

Board 3 R. Gibbons v R. Mascarinas English 0-1
Gibbon, like Flude, went slowly down-hill. The Philippine team was a very well disciplined and strong team. During the rounds cakes and soft drinks would be brought out a couple of times. The Philippines would never eat theirs until the game was over. Day quickly downed his and sat eying his opponent's cakes hungrily for the rest of the game.

Board 4 R. Maninang v P. Clarke French 1-0
Philip Clarke played well in this game. It was a long game and he probably had a drawing chance a couple of times but the Philippino proved to be a good end game player and made no mistake.

The other results from this round's matches were: Japan 3 Malaysia 1. Singapore 1 Indonesia 3. Australia 4 HongKong 0.

Round 3 v Japan Result: 2½ - 1½ to N.Z.

Board 1 T. Sato v A. Day ½-½
See notated games.

Board 2. P. Goffin v H. Tenjinbayashi Philidor 0-1
1) P-K4 P-K4 2) N-B3 P-Q3 3) B-B4 N-QB3 4) P-B3 B-N5 5) P-Q4 Q-K2
6) Q-N3 N-Q1 7) KN-Q2 KN-B3 8) 0-0 P-KN3 9) P-B4 PxBP 10) P-KR3 B-Q2
11) P-K5 PXP 12) PXP QXP 13) N-KB3 Q-QB4+ 14) N-Q4 B-Q3 15) BXP BxB
16) RxB Q-K4 17) R-B2 o-o 18) NQ2 P-QR4 19) P-QR4? N-K5 20) NxN QxN
21. Rf1-KB1 N-1c3! and Black has stopped White's attack and with his pawn to the good ultimately won.

Board 3 N.Seki v M. Chandler Sicilian 0-1
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-N5 P-K3 7) P-B4 P-QN4 8) P-K5 PXP 9) PXP Q-B2 10) N-B3 KN-Q2
11) N-K4 B-N2 12) Q-Q3 B-Q4 13) B-B4 N-B3 14) N-Q6+ BxN 15) PxB Q-R4+
16. B-Q2 Q-N3 17) PQN3 R-QB1 18) P-B4 PXP 19) PXP BxN 20) QxB 0-0
21) B-B3 QN-K4 22) Q-N3 P-B3 23) B-Q3 QXP 24) R-Q1 NxB+ 25) resigns.
A good game by M. Chandler who gained a lot of confidence from this win.

Board 4 P. Clarke v Y. Matsumoto French 1-0
Another long game by Clarke who played it well. A lot of manoeuvring won a pawn which resulted in a win in 50 moves.

Other results from this round were: Malaysia ½, HongKong 3½. Indonesia 1 Australia 3. Philippines 3½ Singapore: ½.

Round 4 v Malaysia Result: 3½ - ½

Board 1 A. Day v A. Ahmad Caro Kann 1-0
Day had a good win which was his first of the tourney.

Board 2 S.K. Chen v P. Goffin 0-1 Pirc
See anotated games.

Board 3 M. Chandler v S. Quah Sicilian ½-½
Chandler attempted a bold sacrifice in this game and in an unclear position his opponent offered a draw which Chandler was instructed to accept, however he probably could have won.

1) P-K4 P-QB4 2) KN-B3 P-Q3 3) P-Q4 PXP 4) NXP KN-B3 5) N-QB3 P-QR3
6) B-QB4 P-K3 7) 0-0 P-QN4 8) B-N3 B-K2 9) P-QR3 BN2 10) BXP PxB
11) NXP Q-Q2 12) N-Q5 BxN 13) PxB K-B2 14) N-N5+ K-B1 15) N-K6+ K-B7
16) P-KN4 Q-N2 17) P-N5 NXP 18) R-K1 N-N3 AGREED DRAWN 19) Q-R5ch
probably wins.

Board 4 K. Tann v R. Gibbons Kings Gambit 0-1
See anotated games.

Other results from Round 4 - Singapore 4 Japan 0. Australia 2 Philippines 2. Hong Kong ½ Indonesia 3½.
Standings at the half way mark were Australia, Philippines 13, Indonesia 11½, Singapore 9, New Zealand 6½, Hong Kong 4½, Japan 4½, Malaysia 2.

Round 5 v Singapore Result: N.Z. 1½ Singapore 2½

Board 1 A. Day v C. Giam French ½-½
A fairly quick exchange var. resulted in the usual exchanges and the game was drawn in 33 moves.

Board 2 S. Lim v P. Goffin Grunfeld 1-0
Goffin played badly in this game overlooking the loss of a pawn which allowed Lim an easy win.

Board 3 D. Flude v P. Chan Sicilian 1-0
An excellent win by Flude who hit his best form in this game.
See Anotated games.

Board 4 T. Wong v R. Gibbons Larsen 1-0
Gibbons played, perhaps, even worse than Goffin and was quickly beaten.

Results from the other games in this Round: Malaysia 1 Indonesia 3. Philippines 3 Hong Kong 1. Japan ½ Australia 3½.

Round 6 v Australia Result: N.Z. $\frac{1}{2}$ Australia $3\frac{1}{2}$

Board 1 M. Fuller v P. Goffin Pirc 1-0
Goffin was outplayed in this game and lost quickly.

Board 2 D. Flude v W. Woodhams Sicilian 0-1

Flude played this game well and only the experience of Woodhams carried him through. Time pressure probably caused Flude's loss. During the middle part of the game, Flude commented that he had plenty of time, but when Woodhams made his 40th move and started Flude's clock, only a couple of seconds elapsed before the flag fell. Flude's comment was "I told you I had plenty of time!"

Board 3 A. Pope v M. Chandler Sicilian $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

Another good performance by Chandler who at the adjournment probably had the better of things but analysis by both teams failed to find a clear road to victory and a draw was agreed without resuming.

Board 4 P. Clarke v W. Jordan Sicilian 0-1

Clarke did not play as well in this game as he had in his others. His position slowly deteriorated until just before adjournment he had nothing left and resigned.

Other results from this round were: HongKong 1 Japan 3. Indonesia $1\frac{1}{2}$ Philippines $2\frac{1}{2}$. Singapore 4 Malaysia 0.

Standings after the completion of Round 6 were: Australia 20, Philippines $18\frac{1}{2}$, Indonesia 16, Singapore $15\frac{1}{2}$, N.Z. $8\frac{1}{2}$, Japan 8, Hong Kong $6\frac{1}{2}$, Malaysia 3.

Round 7 v Hong Kong Result: 2 - 2

Board 1 A. Day v W. Kan Ruy Lopez 0-1

Day had a difficult game but should have drawn.

Board 2 Sin v Chandler Sicilian 0-1

Another good win to Chandler who had played well throughout the tourney.

Board 3 R. Gibbons v Y. Chen English 0-1

Gibbons, after a quiet opening succeeded in losing the exchange and that was that.

Board 4 C. Pang v P. Clarke French 0-1

A good win by Clarke who handled the French well each time he played it.
1) P-K4 P-K3 2) P-Q4 P-Q4 3) N-QB3 B-N5 4) P-QR3 BxN+ 5) PxB N-K2
6) P-K5 P-QB4 7) N-B3 P-B5 8) P-QR4 QN-B3 9) B-R3 B-Q2 10) B-K2 0-0
11) B-Q6 R-K1 12) 0-0 N-B4 13) B-R3 P-B3 14) Q-Q2 PXP 15) PXP QN-K2
16) KR-Q1 B-B3 17) N-Q4 N-N3 18) P-KN3 NxBP 19) P-B4 N-Q2 20) B-R5
P-KN3 21) B-N4 N-B3 22) B-B3 N-Q3 23) R-K1 N/Q-K5 24) BxN NxB 25) Q-K3
P-K4 26) PXP RXP 27) Q-B4 R-K1 28) R-KB1 Q-Q2 29) Q-R6 Q-N2 30) Q-R3
NxBP 31) N-K6 N-K7 32) K-N2 P-Q5+ 33) K-B2 Q-B3+ 34) KxN QxNch 35) QxQ
RxQ+ 36) K-Q2 QR-K1 37) R-B2 R-K6 38) B-N2 P-B6+ 39) resigns
White was in time trouble towards the end of the game.

The other matches resulted in a very close finish between Philippines and Australia. Philippines had a clean sweep against Malaysia winning 4-0. This meant that Australia had to beat Singapore $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ or better to win. However, Australia could only draw 2 - 2 with Singapore and the Philippines won by half a point. Indonesia finished 3rd, beating Japan $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$. So the final standings were Philippines $22\frac{1}{2}$, Australia 22, Indonesia $19\frac{1}{2}$, Singapore $17\frac{1}{2}$, New Zealand $10\frac{1}{2}$, Japan, HongKong $8\frac{1}{2}$, Malaysia 3.

N.Z. did well to finish in 5th place as most of the teams were at full strength. The play of Day in patches, Chandler and Clarke was very good and fitted in well with the plan of the team. On the other hand Goffin, Flude and Gibbons had a brief flash of form and for the rest played badly.

The team had several days in Penang before flying to Kuala Lumpur and these were spent in more shopping and sightseeing. We entertained several teams and had some lightning chess in our rooms after the tourney. We spent a day in Kuala Lumpur and were royally looked after by Mr. Singam of the Malaysian Chess Federation. Then a long flight direct to Sydney, by-passing Darwin, then home on Boxing Day to New Zealand.

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Pirc Defence

White: S.K. Chew - Malaysia

Black: P. Goffin - New Zealand

Annotations by P. Goffin

1. P-K4 P-Q3
2. P-Q4 N-KB3
3. N-QB3 P-KN3
4. P-B4 B-N2
5. N-B3 P-QB4

As played by Fischer in his match with Spasski Black avoids the complications of the 5... 0-0 var. and immediately forces White to a decision in the centre.

6. PXP

White's other tries are A. 6) B-N5+ when 6)...KN-Q2 gives Black good chances. B. 6) P-K5 KN-Q2, 7) KFXP 0-0 8) B-K3 R-K1, 9) Q-Q2 PXP/5 10) BXP P-K4! 11) PXP QN-B3 (Day-Goffin 74)

C. 6) P-Q5 and after 0-0 Black has no troubles.

6. ... Q-R4

7. B-Q3

White has 3 other choices here 7. Q-Q3 B-N5+ N-Q2 all are unsatisfactory due to the neglect of the Black Squares.

7. ... QxBP

8. Q-K2 B-N5! more accurate than 8. ... N-B3 or 0-0 when with a timely P-KR3 White can block this bishop move. The exchange of White's KN for Black's Q.B. is very important for Black in this var. otherwise White builds a formidable position with K side attacking chances.

9. B-K3 Q-R4

10. 0-0 N-B3

11. P-QR3

I have reached this position 4 times in tournament games and White has always played the text move. Why?

11. ... N-N5 is obviously wrong!
11. ... R-QB1
12. P-KR3 BxN
13. QxB o-o
14. P-QN4

So this is why! I don't think much of it. White now has seriously weakened his Q Side and Black now uses the Bishop file to further this weakness.

14. ... Q-Q1
15. N-K2 N-Q2
16. QR-Q1 N-N3
17. P-KN4?

Obviously hoping to divert B Black from his Q Side operation. It is difficult to find a satisfactory move for White. Any ideas?!

17. ... N-R5
18. P-QN5

He wants to play N-N3 but can't because of ... N-Q5

18. ... N-R4

Funny looking horses these but look at the pressure they put on the Q.B. file.

19. P-K5
Trying to exploit the Black Queen position.

19. ... N-N7

20. R-B1

QR-K1 is better

20. ... PXP

21. B-K4 ExP

22. NxP R-B6!
23. R-QR1??

Again QR-K1 is imperative.

23. ... RxB
24. Resigns

Although White failed in this game and did not play particularly well, it gives some idea of the problems this var. poses White.

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PENANG

- A. Day

It's called the Pearl of the Orient and it is. We were entertained for three glorious weeks at the expense of the Malaysian Chess Federation, good food, duty free shopping and friendly faces made for the holiday of a lifetime.

The tournament was played in the Dewan Sri Penang which we later discovered was the Public Library. The Philippines team arrived complete with cameraman and reporter - it was obvious they meant business from the start.

The competition quickly settled down to a struggle between the three strong teams: Philippines, Australia and Indonesia. We decided to concentrate on beating the weaker teams which brought us a reasonable measure of success.

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White: T. Sato - Japan
Black: A. Day - New Zealand

E13/c Petroff's Defence

Annotations by A. Day

- 1. P-K4 P-K4
- 2. N-KB3 N-KB3
- 3. NxP P-Q3
- 4. N-KB3 NxP
- 5. P-Q4 P-Q4
- 6. B-Q3 B-K2
- 7. O-O N-QB3
- 8. R-K1 B-KN5

All this is a well known variation of the Petroff. If Now 9. BxN, PxB, 10. RxP, BxN 11. QxB (11. PxB, P-B4, 12. R-B4, O-O!) NxP. 12. Q-Q3, N-K3 and Black stands well.

- 9. P-B4 N-B3
- 10. PxP KNxP
- 11. N-B3 O-O

My opponent was a study in character, he would break into "Oohs" and "Aahs" after the most innocent looking moves

When I castled, a safe enough move, my opponent started puffing and blowing like a volcano.

- 12. B-K4 N-B3
- 12. ... B-K3 blocking the advance of the QP is slightly better.

- 13. P-Q5 N-N5
- 14. P-OR3 NxB
- 15. RxN BxN
- 16. QxB N-R3
- 17. P-QN4 N-N1

Black is in difficulties over his lack of development, and alternative plan would be 17... Q-Q2 followed by... QR-K1 but this would leave the knight out on a limb for a long time to come. White on the other hand has an isolated QP which is a strength

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rather than a weakness as it cramps Black's movements.

- 18. B-K3 N-Q2
- 19. Q-Q4 B-B3
- 20. R-Q1
- 20. QR-K1 seems better e.g.
- 20. ... BxB 21. RxB, R-K1
- 22. RxBch, QxR 23. R-K4

- 20. ... R-K1
- 21. P-KR3?
- 21. RxBch, QxR. 22. BxB, NxB
- 23. P-Q6! is better.

- 21. ... RxR
- 22. NxR BxB
- 23. RxB N-K4
- 24. Q-B3
- 24. Q-B5, Q-K2 25. N-N5, P-KN3,
- 26. Q-B4 is good for White.

- 24. ... Q-K2
- 25. N-N3 N-N3

White threatened 26. R-K4 pinning the knight

- 26. R-K4 Q-N4

If 26. ... Q-Q2, 27. N-R5, P-KB3, 28. QxBP! wins for White.

- 27. P-KR4

If 27. QxBP, QxP holds for Black.

- 27. ... NxP
- 28. QxBP P-B4
- 29. R-QB4

Another of my opponent's peculiarities was the way he moved his pieces. The rook did not move from K4 to QB4 in a straight line but in a V shape via K1 and QB1.

- 29. ... R-K1
- 30. QxP P-B5

If 30. ... R-K8ch 31. K-R2, N-N3 threatening ... Q-R3ch. Then 32. Q-B8ch and QxP saves White.

- 31. R-B8 RxR
- 32. QxBch K-B2
- 33. Q-K6ch?

Better is 33. Q-N7ch with the idea of getting the QRP with check or going into an ending a pawn up after an exchange of queens. e.g. 33. ... K-K1, 34. Q-R8ch or 33. ... K-N3 34. Q-R6ch.

- 33. ... K-B1
- 34. P-Q6 PxN

35. PxB N-N3

Not 35. ... QxP?? 36. Q-K7ch, K-N1 37. Q-K8mate.

- 36. P-Q7 Q-Q1
- 37. K-R2 N-R1

The Knight was awkwardly placed on N3 and it will make a better blockader for the QP than the Queen.

- 38. P-R4 N-B2
- 39. P-R5 Q-K2
- 40. Q-Q5 N-Q1
- 41. P-N5 Q-K6 (sealed move)

This position was subjected to intensive analysis by both teams and it appears that with best play a draw results. Black has nothing to fear from 42. Q-B5ch, K-K2 43. QxP, Q-R3ch, 44. QxQ, PxQ 45. K-R3, KxP, 46. K-N4, N-B2, 47. K-R5, N-Q3, 48. P-N4, NxP, or from 42. Q-R5, Q-R3, 43. QxQ PxQ, 44. P-N6, P-R3! 45. K-R3, K-K2, 46. K-N4, KxP, 47. K-R5, N-N2.

- 42. Q-Q6ch K-B2
- 43. P-R6 P-N3

If 43. ... Q-R3ch, 44. QxQ, PxQ, 45. P-N6 and one of the pawns gets through, the move played allows Black to get a perpetual check.

- 44. P-N6 Q-R3ch
- 45. K-N1 Q-B8ch

Drawn.

If White ventures out with his King he risks losing his QRP eg: 46. K-B2, Q-N7ch, 47. K-K3, Q-N6ch, 48. K-B4, Q-R5ch, 49. K-N5, Q-R4ch, 50. K-B4, QxRP.

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1. P-K4 P-K4
2. P-KB4 PXP
3. N-KB3 P-Q3
4. P-Q4 P-KN4
5. B-QB4 P-KN5
6. O-O PXP
7. QxBP

Unclear position according to
Encyclopaedia of Chess Openings.

7. ... Q-KB3
8. P-K5 PXP
9. PXP QXP
10. BxKBPch!?

More cautious is 10. B-QN3 or 10.
K-R1 the immediate 10. BxKB(4)P
Q-Q5ch; 11. B-K3 QxB(5) wins for
Black.

10. ... KxB
11. BxKBP Q-KB4!

Better than 11... Q-KB3 When 12.
N-Q2 would be good because of
13. N-K4 with gain of tempo by
attack on Black's Queen.

11. ... QxQNP?? 12. B-K5 dis ch
wins crushingly for White
11. ... Q-B5ch?? 12. B-K3 dis ch
Q-KB4. 13. Q-Q5ch++
12. N-Q2?!

Too slow, better was 12. Q-N3ch
Q-K3! 13. B-K5 dis ch, followed
by 14. BxR

12. ... N-KB3
13. QR-K1 N-QB3
14. Q-QN3ch Q-Q4!
15. P-QB4

Not 15. QxQ, NxQ; 16. B-K5 dis ch
K-N1; 17. BxR B-QB4ch! and Black
wins.

15. ... Q-KB4
16. B-K5? QxB
17. RxQ NXR
18. N-K4 B-K2
19. P-QB5 dis ch K-N2
20. Q-Qn3ch N-KN3

White's attack has evaporated,
Black's King is safe and with
three minor pieces and a rook
for the Queen he has an easy
win.

21. NxN BxN
22. QxBPch B-K2
23. R-K1 R-K1
24. P-KR4 P-KR4
25. K-R1 K-R3
26. P-B6

Hoping for 26. ... PXP;
27. QxP winning apiece.

26. ... B-Q1!
- Now 27. Q-KN3 BxKRP etc.
White either loses the major
exchange or a whole rook.
27. Resigns.

1975 North Island Co-Champions.
Murray Chandler and Ewen Green.

1975 South Island Champion.
Vernon Small.

1975 N.Z. Schoolpupil Co-Champions
Kai Jensen and Robert Wansink.

ROTHMAN'S N. Z. CHAMPIONSHIP 1974 - 1975.

- G. Haase

Organised by Otago at the start of its Centennial year, the tournament attracted a good entry of 65 players and was successful from most viewpoints. Good bed/breakfast accommodation for 28 players was provided at the University's Arana Hall which was a short walking distance from the venue of play at the newly-designed Teachers' College.

Extra events, including in order, a wine and cheese evening, lightning tournament, bus trip around the Dunedin area, annual meeting and Centennial dinner added great enjoyment and interest to what is, of necessity, a very serious eleven days of chess.

On one day a double-booking at the playing hall with a wedding celebration caused the organisers some anxious moments and necessitated a quick evacuation to other nearby playing rooms - which some said were even better!! Apart from this, the main trouble-spot seemed to be the Swiss system in Championship which did have a few critics. Two grounds for criticism were:

1. Players could not prepare well in advance for known opponents.
2. The stronger players would of necessity meet in the earlier rounds and some bizarre pairings would result towards the end.

When was a N.Z. Championship last won with 7½ points? When did three quarters of the players finish within 2 points of this tally? The winner Paul Garbett was an early leader but four successive draws enabled several players to catch him in round 6. He stumbled in round 8 with his only loss (to Cornford) but scored 2½ points in the last three rounds to secure first place.

Ortvin Sarapu got five draws and a win in the first six rounds. He then lost twice (unusual for him) and was no longer a serious threat to the leaders, although he finished strongly with three wins. "This is not Sarapu's Waterloo." (Quote at Centennial dinner).

Dr. Fairhurst secured many good positions and again finished with a high placing, though he had too many draws (6 in all) to draw clear of the other leaders. He led after 8 rounds (with Cornford) but lost soon after to Richard Sutton.

Lindsay Cornford has not played in Championship since 1966 and his unpredicted success was a personal triumph. It also kept some prize money in the South Island (unusual event). He struck fear into the hearts of the North Island contingent when, with bold aggressive play, he beat Green and Garbett in successive rounds and snatched the lead. His loss to Pomeroy in round 10 prevents his gaining the highest honour.

Richard Sutton showed bad form in the first half and three successive losses left him with only 2 points after six rounds. He scored 4½ points in the last five rounds!

Ewen Green started well and looked to be a strong contender but in some later games he spent too much time studying complicated positions.

Arthur Pomeroy played sound Chess and secured his finest result to date. In round 11 against Sarapu he lost his way with the White pieces in an exchange Lopez and stayed on 6½ points.

Andrew Day arrived a little late from Malaysia and became the undisputed "King of Draws". (He got eight). He probably feels some could have been won. In contrast, Graham Haase got no draws and notched the greatest number of wins. With the White pieces he played boldly; with Black he often handicapped himself. Tony Carpenter gave a creditable performance in his first championship as did schoolboy Kai Jensen who extracted a flood of valuable half-points from leading players in the first five rounds.

The youthful Murray Chandler was expected to do just a little better in view of his good showing in Malaysia. Judging from the excellent results of Chandler and Jensen in the Australian junior, there can be little doubt that these two fine young players gained much from congress.

A lot of interest centered on Grant Kerr, just returned to New Zealand after a lengthy chess pilgrimage in Europe. After two exciting draws with Sarapu and Fairhurst which indicated an insight and imagination not seen in him before in this country, he lapsed somewhat and became less incisive while more prone to indiscretion in the opening.

William Lynn was his usual self, with many of his games displaying a lack of symmetry and a pulsating urgency.

Nigel Metge was not recognisable as the confident young player who stormed through the reserve championship last year, and gained only a modest tally of points. Malcolm Ford, also in his first championship, found that championship points do not come easily, being unable to strike the rhythm which has brought him success at other times.

The Championship Reserve attracted 50 players of whom 19 were Otago Players. There was an interesting duel between the winners Philip Paris (Dunedin) and Grant Russell (Auckland) whose scores never differed by more than half a point. Russell was unbeaten and Paris lost only once to P. Weir who finished third.

- 1 = P. Paris & G. Russell ($8\frac{1}{2}$)
 3 P. Weir (8)
 4= D. Beach & C. Marshall ($7\frac{1}{2}$)
 6= J. Arbuthnott, P. Bates, J. Lichter, R. Nokes (7)
 10= R. Gibbons, T. Free, M. Wong, G. Trundle, D. Lichter ($6\frac{1}{2}$)
 15= Z. Frankel, L. Palmer, J. Cater, A. Hurley, R. Smith, P. Spiller, T. Love, M. Sims, J. Adams, G. Adams (6)
 25= S. Van Dam, R. Perry, J. Taylor, T. Dowden, S. Earle, M. Freeman, J. Nysse ($5\frac{1}{2}$ points)
 32= I. Campbell, R. Baeyertz, P. Voss, G. Howarth, A. Knowles, D. Cargo (5)
 38= I. Mitchell, G. Flower, R. Cockcroft, M. Watson, P. Fomoter, N. Cameron ($4\frac{1}{2}$)
 44= B. Crawford, W. Chandler, J. Borrell (4)
 47 A. Chang (3)
 48 D. Cameron ($2\frac{1}{2}$)
 49 V. Hay ($1\frac{1}{2}$)
 J. Rudkins did not appear.

The director of play was Gerald Williams, well known for his work with school pupil chess. His assistant was John Harraway.

The Editor wishes to apologise for the absence of games, but unfortunately none have been sent to Auckland. I would appreciate some games sent in by championship players, which are annotated. These will be published in later issues.

The Swiss System of pairing for the Championship was to say the best only a partial success. The fact that between 12th and 13th places there is a gap of $1\frac{1}{2}$ points shows that the 4 bottom players were not up to the necessary standard. I think that the number of players in the Championship Tourney should be restricted to 12. This ensures that the standard is high for qualification and that all players are playing each other once.

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- M. Chandler

Myself and Kai Jensen, after coming 1st and 2nd respectively in the N.Z. Schoolboys, qualified to participate in the Australian Junior Championships, held in Tasmania.

Of course finance was a problem, but thanks to the generosity of the Wellington Clubs, Wainuiomata voluntary organisations and my school, the whole sum of money was raised for me. My thanks particularly to Brian Foster, President of the Pencarrow Chess Club, who undertook this fund-raising and put in a tremendous amount of work.

Kai and I left from different airports but met in Hobart because of a mix-up in the billets. We ended up staying with the same people and I'm sure this helped our chess a lot, having someone from home around.

The play was held at a school and we could not complain about the conditions. The D.O.P.s did a good job and everything went smoothly in a relaxed atmosphere. There were 42 players from all parts of Australia competing.

Round 1 Kai and I both won, Kai playing our billet. Goldschmidt, top seed, only drew.

Round 2 I won, playing David Dick, one of the frontrunners in the tourney. Kai won also.

Round 3 This round, the two N.Z.ers played each other. We drew, which left us 2nd, with 8 others on $2\frac{1}{2}$ points, behind G. Frean on 3 points.

Round 4 Frean lost to Goldschmidt who had come up from behind. Kai and I both won, though Kai had a narrow shave against Rogers. Thinking he had made his last move of the time control he walked off. I, having finished my game, glanced down at his scoresheet and saw he had missed a move. I took off after him, yelled out he had missed a move, and trusting Kai charged back and made one immediately with seconds to spare! I apologised to his unlucky opponent, who just laughed! Five of us 1st equal.

Round 5 I beat M. Goldschmidt to become sole leader on $4\frac{1}{2}$, as Kai drew with G. Frean.

Chandler $4\frac{1}{2}$, Jensen 4, Smith 4, Lazer 4.

Round 6 I lost, unfortunately! to Lazer, who took the lead with Kai - Kai beating Smith. Leaders Jensen, Lazer 5. Chandler, Goldschmidt, Frean $4\frac{1}{2}$.

Round 7 Kai sacked the exchange and after some worrying moments (for me!) won against Lazer. I took care of Frean. Jensen 6, Chandler $5\frac{1}{2}$, Goldschmidt, Lazer, West 5.

Round 8 Kai demolished Goldschmidt who wasn't playing too well, and I beat West. Jensen 7 and undefeated, Chandler $6\frac{1}{2}$, Lazer 6.

Round 9 Bad round for N.Z. Kai drew with D. Dick, myself with D. Tree - Lazer moved up to 2nd place.

Jensen 7½ (undefeated), Lazer and Chandler 7, Goldschmidt, Dick, Tree 6.

Round 10 Second to last round. Paper reports Kai had it in the bag! Terrible day for N.Z. - Kai lost at this late stage to Tree. However, I won, beating Rogers and was now coming 1st as Lazer had lost to Goldschmidt.

Chandler 8, Jensen 7½, Goldschmidt, Lazer, Dick, Tree 7.

Round 11 Both Kai and I won easily, leaving myself 1st and Kai 2nd, a new record for N.Z. However, because of my nationality I could not take up the title, which went to D.Dick.

Final Position - first 10 placegetters.

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| 1. M. Chandler | NZ | 9 points |
| 2. K. Jensen | NZ | 8½ |
| 3. D. Dick | NSW | 8 |
| 4. W. Lazer | NSW | 7½ |
| 5. M. Goldschmidt | NSW | 7 |
| 6. G. Frean | VIC | 7 |
| 7. D. Tree | QLD | 7 |
| 8. G. West | VIC | 7 |
| 9. J. Stirling | NSW | 6½ |
| 10. D. Johansen | VIC | 6½ |

In August Murray represented New Zealand at the World Junior Championship held in Yugoslavia.
Scoring 6 points out of a possible 13, Murray finished 24th equal. A very creditable performance.
Congratulations Murray.

The following is my game against top seed, Martin Goldschmidt, in Round 5. He did not have a particularly successful tournament coming out 5th equal on 7 points.

White: M. Goldschmidt
Black: M. Chandler

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| 1. P-Q4 | N-KB3 |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-K3 |
| 3. N-QB3 | P-Q4 |
| 4. B-KN5 | QN-Q2 |
| 5. PxP | PxP |

The exchange variation of the Cambridge Springs Defence.

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| 6. P-K3 | P-B3 |
| 7. B-Q3 | B-K2 |
| 8. P-KR3?! | ... |

Seems to lose a lot of time.
Better is 8. N-KB3 or 8. Q-B2.

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| 8. ... | O-O |
| 9. N-B3 | N-K5! |

Frees Black's game considerably.

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| 10. BxB | QxB |
| 11. Q-B2 | P-KB4 |
| 12. O-O?! | |

I had expected 12. O-O-O, with White intending moves such as P-KN4 etc. Now Black can build up a strong attack with passive play from White.

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| 12. ... | K-R1 |
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Knowing Martin was top seed I was playing carefully, with safe moves.

13. QR-K1?

Hems in his major pieces, which instead of helping in defence, hinder him.

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| 13. ... | P-KN4 |
| 14. N-Q2 | |

Trying for counterplay with moves such as P-KB3 and P-KB4 in mind.

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| 14. ... | QN-B3 |
| 15. P-KB3 | N-N6 |
| 16. R-B2 | E-Q2 |
| 17. P-K4 | |

Striving to work up play in the centre.

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| 17. ... | N(3) - R4 |
| 18. P-K5?! | |

Creates a passed pawn but his chances of reaching the end game are quickly diminishing.

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| 18. ... | P-N5 |
| 19. N-K2 | PxRP |
| 20. P-B4?? | |

20. RxRP offers a better chance but moves such as R-KN1 and Q-R5 should force the win for Black.

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| 20. ... | P-R7ch! |
| 21. Resigns. | Mate follows Q-R5ch. |

LIGHTNING TOURNEY

- M. Chandler

During the Tournament a lightning tournament was held, which Kai, following Robert Wansink's footsteps from the previous year, won. I came 2nd equal with David Dick and Ian Rogers.

However, Rogers won the playoff with Dick for the title, as again residential qualifications stopped N.Z. from holding the title.

Thanks again to those people who made our worthwhile trip possible.

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REPORT ON THE AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

- K. Jensen

These took place in Hobart, Tasmania from the 16th to 27th January. They consisted of 11 rounds, one each day, with one rest day. The time limit was 40 moves in two hours. Playing sessions were from ten in the morning until two in the afternoon and adjournments were played from three to five.

The Australian Junior Lightning Championships were also held during this period, on the afternoon of the 21st; (the rest day was the 22nd - presumably so that we could recuperate).

The two N.Z. representatives were Murray Chandler and myself. We came expecting to find at least one budding Grandmaster and five or six other players of higher standard than ourselves as we had both been told beforehand that no New Zealand had ever come higher than 4th place.

We managed to shift things around so that we could be billeted together and thereby coordinate our operations better. This was more luck than good judgement as billets were apparently very hard to find and it was only by purest chance that we were in contact with each other at all.

For the purposes of the tournament, we were assigned ELO ratings somewhere between 1600 and 1800. I think mine was 1770. I was 11th in the tournament ranking and Murray was 14th.

The first round gave us both fairly easy wins. Murray's opponent was less than gracious, refusing to speak to him or to shake hands, and throwing his scoresheet at him with the words, 'sign it', in lieu of a resignation. There was a draw on the first board and a six move win to the higher-rated player on second board.

(1. P-K4; 2. N-KB3, P-Q3; 3. B-B4, B-N5; 4. P-B3, NQB3; 5. Q-N3, BxN; 6. BxP+ 1-Q). Black's first move has been omitted and should be P-K4.

In the second round Murray played on second board, against 3rd rated David Dick of New South Wales. It was a Pirc Defence, Austrian Attack, which Murray converted into a sort of Benoni by pushing his QP forward. He quickly won a pawn and Dick walked into a mate with the Queens off the board. I had another easy opponent and won quickly.

In round three we met each other. I had Black and played the Goteburg Najdorf. The game followed book line in which white ended with nothing better than a perpetual.

After this round, Greg Frean of Victoria was the sole leader on 3/3. Murray, myself and six others were on 2½.

In the fourth round, Goldschmidt, the highest rated player in the tournament, who had drawn his first game but won the next two, beat Frean on first board; I played Ian Rogers of Victoria as White. I played an unusual system against his Najdorf, one which I had essayed without success against Arthur Pomerey in the N.Z. Champs. It consisted of playing an early P-KN4 in the B-KB4 line. Rogers played the best reply P-QN5, forcing away my QN and weakening my KP. I had to castle Q-side owing to my weakened pawns and he could have got a lot of counterplay on that side. But he played as passively as a sack of flour and allowed me a strong K-side attack for a pawn. We both got into time trouble, he more than me, and I got the pawn back with a strong passed Q-P which gave me a won game. I made my 40th move with 2 minutes to spare. I won the game in the adjournment. Murray's game was a well-conducted defence in his favourite line of the Najdorf (... P-QN4). His opponent sacked three or four pieces but was elegantly held off.

This left us two, Goldschmidt, Lazer and Smith on top. The next round saw Murray with Black against Goldschmidt on first board. The game was a Cambridge Springs Exchange; Murray got a strong K-side attack and won in about 25 moves, making it look quite easy. So much for the strongest Australian player!

On board two Lazer and Smith drew. On board three I drew a 3B-N5+ Sicilian as White against Greg Frean, without either side having much advantage. The situation was now that Murray led on 4½/5. Lazer, myself and Smith were on 4.

The next round, the sixth was a small setback for N.Z. Lazer beat Murray on board one in quite quick time, Murray forsaking his normal 7... P-QN4 Najdorf on the grounds that he was afraid of an improvement. I got a minimal end game advantage out of a Pelikaan Sicilian (as White) against Murray Smith. He thought he was okay after he obtained the two bishops but fell into a complex trap which netted me a pawn. After that it was easy. Now Lazer and I led, trailed by Goldschmidt, Frean and Murray.

In the seventh round I had black against Lazer. I played the Dragon. He made it a classical and we speedily got into one of the sharpest theoretical lines, the Stockholm Attack of which I could remember nothing. I sacked the exchanged to release his pressure but got nowhere near enough compensation. He went pawn-grabbing on the queen side and I was able to open up the game. He made a ludicrous defensive blunder and I speedily pinned his queen to his king with a rook.

Murray won an unorthodox Dragon against Frean on board 2 after a long, tense struggle and we two were clear of the rest of the field. I was on 6, Murray was on 5½, Goldschmidt, Lazer and Guy West of Victoria were on 5.

Round eight saw me facing Goldschmidt on first board and Murray against West on board two. I played the King's Indian and Goldschmidt speedily made it into a Taimanov's variation. I played an inferior move to get us out of the books and after some positional manoeuvring Goldschmidt made a series of blunders, leaving me a piece up.

Murray had a much harder game. He plays the Dutch Defence against the Q.P. usually, and West's Victorian team mates had prepared him for this. He played the curious gambit 1. N-KB3, P-KB4, 2. P-K4 PxP, 3. N-N5. Murray got the worst of the opening and appeared to be in trouble until he whipped up a strong counter-attack.

Slowly we were out-distancing the Australians. Lazer beat Frean on board three, which left him the only player within ½ point of Murray. Round 9 changed this situation. I played David Dick on first board. The opening was an unorthodox Alekhines in which we exchanged queens quite early. I had a slight space advantage which was made greater by Dick's positional errors. Nevertheless I was unable to find a win in the blocked position that eventually resulted.

Murray played David Tree on second board and Tree played his customary Taimanov - (by this stage we knew something about the openings of everyone there). In that game too the queens came off quite early. In the end game that followed Murray somehow lost a bishop for two pawns, but Tree allowed him to exchange off all the other pawns and he, too, secured a draw.

On third board Lazer beat Rogers and Murray abruptly found himself on the same number of points as Lazer. On the other boards, however, matters contrived themselves so that there was no-one else within half a point of these two.

The tenth round was a disaster for me, if not for New Zealand. I had black against Tree, played the poisoned-pawn, Najdorf so as to avoid any prepared lines and obtained an excellent game. However, I made the mistake of underestimating his possibilities for King-side attack and castling on that side. I found myself thoroughly crushed and resigned on my 21st move.

On board two, Goldschmidt played a gambit line of the French against Lazer and after a long and turbulent game, won.

Murray meanwhile beat Rogers on board three in a sharp variation of the two knights in which he was for some time worried about his chances of survival. This put him in the lead with 8/10 and me ½ point behind him with no less than 4 people snapping at my heels.

The 11th round was perhaps one of the easiest for us, although we both had black. Murray, on board one, had an unorthodox approach to the Najdorf played against him by D. Johansen of Victoria. He quickly obtained a slightly superior game and his opponent allowed him to win a piece and then his queen.

My opponent, J. Martis of Western Australia, offered equally slight resistance. He played a Yugoslav against my Dragon and I played the 10. Q-N1 line. He seemed a bit out of his depth and I steered the game into a favourable line for me. He used a great deal of time and found himself with 5 minutes for 20 moves where I had an hour. He sacrificed unsoundly and I forced the exchange of queens, whereupon he resigned.

This left us in an unassailable first and second place. David Dick came sole third, which made him Australian Junior Champion, as we could not take the title. We could, however, take the prize money, and between us carried off 60% or \$177. The comment of the Tasmanian senator, whose name escapes me, who gave out the prizes, was "either Australian chess is going downhill or New Zealand chess is improving and I for one think it is the latter." Murray got a cup to remind him that he had won.

The Lightning Championship was equally successful from our point of view. It consisted of four all-play-all elimination tournaments, from which three qualified, followed by an eleven round final. We both qualified, although I was involved in a play-off. The final was a very unclear event right from the start and I was astonished when I found that I had won with the slight score of 8/11. I am not well known in New Zealand for my lightning Chess ability.

Murray came second equal with David Dick and Ian Rogers, and these two had a play-off to determine who would get the title which Rogers won. I got a cup, slightly smaller than Murray's at the final prize-giving ceremony. Between us we took twenty of the thirty dollars of prize money from this tournament as well.

The top placings for the Australian Junior:

1st M. Chandler NZ
 2nd K. Jensen NZ
 3rd D. Dick NSW
 4th W. Lazer NSW

Kai has since added to his Tournament successes by coming 1st equal again in the 1975 N.Z. Schoolpupil Championship with Robert Wansink.

In the Lightning Final:

1st K. Jensen
 2 = M. Chandler
 D. Dick
 I. Rogers

He also won the Winstone's Week-end Tournament organised by the North Shore club in August.

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ASIAN - PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIP

Melbourne 16 Jan-Feb.

- P. Garbett

This was an extremely well organised and enjoyable tournament. The accommodation and playing conditions at the Hotel Sheraton were excellent, and this, together with the friendliness shown by all competitors to each other, and additional features such as the rapid production of tournament bulletins really 'made' the tournament.

As rather expected, Torre proved in a class of his own in this tournament, scoring 10 points out of 12 and conceding draws only to Bordonada and Fuller, with just one loss to, of all people, Hoshino of Japan, who produced brilliant attacking chess in his only win in the whole tournament!

Tan Lian Ann of Singapore's second place was a fine achievement for a player who it seems gets little opportunity to play much chess and virtually none to prepare thoroughly. Tan's great natural ability is demonstrated by the fact that in 1962-63 he came second in the Australian Championship at the age of fourteen.

Balinas (Philippines) and Jamieson (Australia) pursued quite different paths to their target of 8 points and the International Master title. Both, with luck on their side, just made it.

Balinas started off dismally with 1½ points out of his first 5 games, but with some brilliant and very aggressive chess and a little help from the opposition, scored six wins and a draw out of his last seven games. Jamieson, in complete contrast won his first five games then lost to Balinas, drew with Bordonada, lost to Torre and lost from an advantageous adjourned position against Bachtiar. Finally, it was I who made him able to achieve the title when after having had a big advantage for most of the game, I went astray a move or two before adjournment and then missed a drawing line straight after adjournment. He then had only to draw with Tan and beat Hoshino to become Australia's first International Master since Cecil Purdy.

Next came Bordonada (Philippines) 6½ points, Fuller (Australia), Bachtiar (Indonesia) Garbett (NZ) and Woodhams (Australia) 6 points. Fuller and Bordonada played the role of drawing Masters (8 draws and 7 draws each),

while Woodhams and myself were at the opposite extreme (2 draws each). All these players played very good chess at times, but either lacked consistency or were out of form and didn't quite reach the sought after 8 points.

Not far behind were two sharp and experienced tacticians Giam (Singapore) and Sampow (Indonesia) on 5 points. The fact that they scored almost 60% and yet came only 10th equal highlights the evenness of much of the field.

Hoshino (Japan) and Cornford (NZ) 1 point were the only players who took a real hammering in the tournament. Hoshino lacked opening knowledge and experience, yet, as his draw with Fuller and win against Torre showed, if given a good position he could play really well.

Lindsay Cornford's play was not really as bad as his result suggests, but his experienced opponents refused to provide Lindsay with the opportunity to exercise his tactical ability and exploited to the full their deeper positional understanding of the game. Lindsay never became demoralised and continued to play in great spirit and I'm sure the experience will have improved his play a great deal. I would also like to say how much I appreciated his willingness to help me out with numerous adjourned games (I had no less than seven, some of them very complex).

As for my play, it went through three phases. In rounds 1 - 4, I played very well, in rounds 5 - 8 poorly or at least erratically, and in rounds 10 - 13 rather well again. My best efforts were wins against Sampow (Round 3) to whom I lost at the Nice Olympiad, and Balinas (Round 4) and my play in the second half of a nine hour marathon with Woodhams (Round 12) where I succeeded in defending a very difficult position and obtained a draw. The games against Sampow and Balinas are annotated below.

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Garbett - Balinas

- Zonal Round 4.

1. P-K4 P-QB4
2. N-KB3 P-Q3
3. P-Q4 PxP
4. NxP N-KB3
5. N-QB3 P-QR3
6. P-B4 QN-Q2
7. P-QR4 P-KN3(?)

Rather dubious after committing the QN to Q2.

8. B-K2 B-N2
9. B-K3 N-B4

The alternatives are not promising.

- If 9. P-QN3, 10. B-B3, B-N2, 11. P-K5, BxB, 12. QxB, PxB, 13. N-B6, Q-B1 (if Q-B2, 14. PxB, N-R4, 15. N-Q5) 14. PxB, N-R4, 15. 0-0, R-B1, 16. P-KN4 wins. and if 9. 0-0, White sets up a bind with N-N3, P-R5, B-B3 etc.

10. B-B3 P-K4
11. PxB PxB
12. N-B5! QxQch
13. RxQ PxB
14. BxN PxB
15. BxP

If 15. NxP, NxN, 16. BxN, B-B1 Black rather surprisingly seems to survive. 19

15. ... B-B1
16. BxB RxB
17. 0-0 K-K2

The alternative NxB, 18. NxN, P-B4 loses to a fine move 19. R-Q5! The only other possibility is to concede the KR pawn with 18. B-K3, 19. N-B6ch, K-K2.

18. B-B3! ... Maintaining pressure on the long diagonal and clearing the K file.

18. ... R-QN1
19. KR-K1 K-K3
20. R-Q2 N-Q2
21. R(1)-Q1, N-B3(?)

This loses a pawn but Black's position is very bad anyway. On 21. P-B4 I was planning 22. B-Q5ch followed by B-B4 and N-Q5 or R-Q6.

22. R-Q8 N-Q2
23. B-N4ch! P-B4
24. RxR NxB
25. BxPch K-K2
26. B-Q3 B-Q2

27. R-K1
Here and on the next move R-KB1 is much more exact.

27. ... K-K3
28. B-B4ch K-B4
29. R-KB1ch K-N3
30. B-Q3ch K-N2
31. P-QN3?

Now Black's pieces become very active. I think best is 31.B-K4.

31. ... B-B3
32. N-K4 N-K3
33. N-N3 N-B5
34. N-B5ch Setting a trap.
34. ... K-B3?

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Sampouw - Garbett - Zonal Round 3.

1. P-QN3 P-Q4
2. B-N2 B-N5

An idea of Tal's which has become moderately popular.

3. N-KB3 N-KB3
4. P-K3 P-K3
5. B-K2 B-Q3
6. P-KR3 B-R4
7. P-Q3 QN-Q2
8. P-KN4

I think this is a mistake, but a very understandable one, as there is nothing White can really aim for in the centre or on the Q side.

8. ... B-N3
9. QN-Q2 Q-K2
10. N-Q4

This attempt to activate White's pieces turns out badly, but Black was threatening a pawn onslaught in the centre.

10. ... P-QR3
11. B-KB3 P-QB4
12. N-K2 P-KR3

Prevents P-N5 and provides an escape for the QB.

13. B-N2 P-K4
14. N-N3 P-K5
15. PXP PXP
16. Q-K2

Black now proceeds to exploit the weaknesses in White's position.

16. ... B-K4
17. BxB QxB
18. O-O N-N3!
19. P-QR4 O-O
20. P-R5 QN-Q4
21. N-B4 Q-K3

Which Black, in time trouble, falls into. After K-R1 the situation is unclear. I was considering 35. N-K7 but this seems to lead to a drawn R and P ending. The risky looking 35.R-K1 or possibly 35. N-Q6 may give winning chances.

35. N-Q4! B-Q4
36. N-K2 K-N4
37. NxN Pxn
38. BxRP R-Q1 Hastens the end.
39. R-Q1 R-Q2
40. B-K4 B-B3
41. RxxR BxxR
42. BxNP Black resigns

22. Q-Q2 QR-Q1
23. Q-B1 KR-K1
24. Q-R3 N-N5
25. Q-N2 P-KR4

Having probed the Q-side, Black turns to the weakest part of White's position.

26. PXP NxRP
27. QR-Q1 R-Q4
28. RxxR QxxR
29. Q-B1 NxN
30. PxN R-Q1
31. K-R2 N-B3

White was by now in bad time trouble; some bad play now turns an inferior position into a definite loss.

32. R-B2?? Q-Q8
33. Q-N2 Q-K8!
34. R-B1 Q-K7
35. Q-B3 N-N5
36. Q-K5 NXP
37. Q-B4

Threatening to break lose with R-B2, N-K5 etc, but there is a fatal flaw in White's position.

37. ... N-K8!
38. R-B2 N-B6ch
39. RxN PxxR
40. QxP(B3) QxQ
41. BxQ R-Q2
42. N-N6 R-K2
43. N-Q5 R-K4
44. N-B4 B-K5
45. K-N2 BxBch

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Here the game was adjourned, but the win is now simple.

46. KxB P-B5
47. PXP R-QB4!

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White resigns

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AUSTRALIAN OPEN - ADELAIDE FEBRUARY 4 - 16.

- P Garbett

This tournament was won by Max Fuller of Australia who played with consistency and determination to score 7 wins, 4 draws and no losses. Other results: 2nd= Grefe (US) Hamilton (AUS) Zaric (AUS) Torre(PHIL) 8pts. 6th= Bordonada (PHIL) Doeza (AUS) Pope (AUS) 7½pts 9th= Garbett (NZ) Ginat (AUS) Parr (AUS) Sulik (AUS) 7 pts.

Much of the tournament was played in conditions of extreme heat as Adelaide was suffering from a prolonged heatwave; but despite this the standard of play among the top thirty players remained consistently high, at least by N.Z. standards.

In the early rounds I played quite well, scoring 4½ out of 6, including a draw with Doug Hamilton, ex-Australian champion, who recently appears to have returned to his best form.

The crucial game for me was against Zaric in Round 7, when I threw away a winning attack and lost. The rest of the tournament was a grim battle for survival. I succeeded in drawing three games in a row, all from inferior positions. Finally, I had the good fortune to meet the one Australian against whom I have a hoodoo, having beaten him in two Australian Junior Champs. As in the past, he obligingly blundered early on and so I achieved a moderately good score.

The Australian Open Lightning tournament was won by Arthur Pope. I came fourth equal with Paul Doeza, but a few of the strongest players including Torre and Fuller were not playing.

The tournament ended on a high note with a big barbecue and party put on by the Koschnitskys, who incidentally, very kindly put me up during the tournament.

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P. Garbett v G. Lambert - Australian Open - Round 3.

1. P-K4 P-Q3
2. P-Q4 N-KB3
3. N-QB3 P-KN3
4. N-B3 B-N2
5. P-KR3 O-O
6. B-K2 N-B3
P-B3 seems more promising.

7. P-Q5 N-N1
8. B-K3 P-B3
9. O-O PXP
10. PXP QN-Q2
11. Q-Q2 N-B4
12. QR-Q1 P-QR3
13. B-Q4 Q-B2

Increases White's grip on the position.

14. R-K1 P-QN4
15. P-QR3 B-N2
16. B-B1 R-K1

17. N-R2! B-QB1(?)
Partly threatening N-N4 but also to tempt Black into B-B1 or P-KR4.
18. P-QN4 QN-Q2
19. P-QR4 PXP
Much stronger than when Black's bishop is on QN2.

20. NXP R-N1
21. P-QB4 N-K4
22. P-B5 NXP
Rather than accept utter passivity, Black sacrifices a knight for 2 pawns.

23. BxN BxB
24. QxN BxN+
25. KxB PXP+

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26. Q-K5 QxQ+
 27. RxQ Pxp
 28. P-KN4! K-N2
 Black's bishop would be extremely dangerous on B4.
 29. R-QR5 B-K3
 30. N-B5 R-Q1
 31. NxB+ Pxn
 32. RxR RxR
 33. B-B4 R-Q3
 34. RxRP K-B3
 35. R-R2 R-B3
 36. R-B2 K-K4
 37. B-N3 RxR
 38. BxR K-B5

39. K-N2 P-R4
 40. BxP Pxp
 41. P-R4 P-N6
 Now the win is fairly simple; Black is slowly reduced to
 42. B-Q3 P-K4
 43. B-B4 P-N7
 44. B-Q3 P-K5
 45. B-B2 P-K3
 46. B-N1 P-K4
 47. B-B2 K-B4
 48. K-N3 K-N3
 49. KxP and White won.

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TERRY FREE AT THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE BLIND.

- P. Stuart

This event was generally well organised and a great success. There were 24 players from 21 countries including defending World Champion Cabarkapa, Dr. Florian who is an IM blinded quite recently, and Rudenski - the first time the USSR has been represented, plus of course, Terry Free from New Zealand.

For a while it appeared that Dr. Florian was going to have a runaway victory; he beat Rudenski (round 4) and Cabarkapa (round 5) and had a possible 6 points, 2 points clear of the field, but then came down with influenza so only just drew against Wunsche in round 7 and then lost his next two rounds to Milotzki and Mehidic, allowing Rudenski to gain a half point lead which he held to the end.

Terry's play was very patchy. In the first round Maenhout overlooked the win of a piece and in round 2 Terry should have won but sealed a weak move instead of forcing the win of a pawn. Against Wunsche he put a piece en pris and in round 5 overlooked the loss of the exchange. I would think much of the blame for all this lies in the fact that Terry had not got over the effects of 40 hours travelling since he has never played as badly against me! Better play in the second half of the tournament saw Terry recover to finish equal seventh to eleventh, which is probably a fair indication of his strength in this sort of company.

I was surprised to find that there are various degrees of blindness - Manetta and Burdio both used ordinary sets and several others used braille sets but relied on sight rather than touch. Mehidic, totally blind, used a braille set but touched pieces only when moving them.

On the night before the first round, players and seconds were guests of the local Prince and Princess at a rather sumptuous banquet in the castle - waiters continually hovering around filling wine glasses etc! This performance was repeated by the West German War Blind Association towards the end of the tournament and the Bad Berleburg local authority outdid them both at the closing ceremony.

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White: T. Free
 Black: M. Winkelmann (Switzerland)

1. e4 e6
 2. d4 d5
 3. Nc3 Bb4
 4. Bd2
 An old favourite with Terry.

4. ... de
 5. Qg4 Qxd4
 6. 0-0-0 Ne7
 Here correct was 6... Nf6.

7. Nb5 Bxd2+
 8. Rxd2 Qe5?
 Necessary was 8... Qb6 although White would have the advantage.

9. f4
 It was only after playing this move that Terry discovered the pretty 9. Qxg7! winning a rook by 9.... Ng6; 10. Qxe5, Nxe5; 11. Nxc7+ since 9.... Qxg7 leads to mate after 10. Nxc7+.

9. ... Qc5
 10. Qxg7 Rg8
 11. Qxh7 a6
 12. Nc3 Qf5
 13. Nxe4! Qxh7

After the alternative 13... Qxf4 White gains a huge lead in development by 14. Nh3 Qe5; 15. Bd3.

14. Nf6+ Kf8
 15. Nxe7+ Kg7
 16. Ng5 Nd7

White has emerged from the complications with a solid extra pawn.

17. N1f3 Ng6
 18. g3 Nb6
 19. h4 f6
 20. Ne4 Ne7
 21. g4 f5
 22. gf ef
 23. Rg1+ Kh6
 24. Rxxg8 Nxxg8
 25. Ng3 Be6
 26. Nd4 Re8

As a consequence of his weak 25th Black must lose his other K-side pawn.

27. Bd3 Kg7
 28. Ngxf5 Bxf5

29. Rg2+ Kf6
 30. Nxf5 Nd5
 31. Rg4 Nb4
 32. Ng7 Nxd3+
 33. Kd2! Rd8
 34. cd Ne7
 35. Nh5+ Ke6
 36. Rg5

White is ready to start advancing the passed pawns.

36. ... Rf8
 37. Ng7+ Kf6
 38. h5 Rh8
 39. Ke3 Rg8
 40. h6 Rh8
 41. Rh5 Kg6
 42. f5+!

Provoking liquidation to a simple rook and pawn ending.

42. ... Nxf5+
 43. Rxf5 Rxh6
 44. Rc5 Kxg7
 45. Rxc7+ Kf6
 46. Rxb7 Ke5
 47. Rb4 Rg6
 48. a4 Kd5
 49. Rd4+ Kc5
 50. b4+ Kc6
 51. Kf4 Rg1
 52. Ke5 Re1+
 53. Re4 Ra1
 54. d5 Kb5
 55. Rd4 Rb1
 56. Rc4 Rxb4
 57. Rxb4 Kxb4
 58. d4 Kxa5
 59. d5 Kb4
 60. d6 d5
 61. d7 d4
 62. d8Q a3
 63. Qb8+ Kc3
 64. Qb1

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BOOK REVIEW.

PRACTICAL CHESS ENDINGS by Paul Keres. Batsford Press. Reviewed by Malcolm Ford of Dunedin. Available from NZCA at \$ 9.15.

One of the last benefits that Keres did for the world of chess was to write "Practical Chess Endings" the English translation of which appeared in 1974.

This book does not set out to compete with other books on the endings. Indeed, Keres frequently refers the reader to "specialised books on the endings," without naming any example of the sort of book he means. We need, then, to make clear what are the objectives of "Practical Chess Endings." These are best stated in the author's own words.

"In order to pin-point basic principles, I have decided to cut down on the number of examples but to examine them in greater detail than is customary. In this way I hope to make end-game theory a little more palatable. This has necessarily led me to reject many purely theoretical analyses and restrict myself to material which will be of most benefit to the practical player."

A full study of the work leads me to agree that Keres' aim has been achieved. What his own modesty prevented him from saying was that no one else was better qualified than he to perform this detailed examination of basic positions.

The contents have been chosen so that all the common and important types of ending are dealt with. Fifty pages are given over to pawn endings, then thirty-six pages to endings featuring queens.

Logically, the greatest attention is paid to rook endings - more than 100 pages. The vitally important positions of R and P versus R receive a 32 page treatment. The book concludes with its chapters on bishop and knight endings, making in all 262 pages of instruction.

The Batsford Press retains its high standard of clarity. The use of heavy type for the moves in the main line of each position makes this easy to follow in cases where there are numerous variations.

In all there are 333 diagrams. These are very clear. The pieces on the black squares showing up much better than they do in some chess books. John Littlewood's translation reads so smoothly that one would think the original was written in English. Surprisingly few are the mistakes in printing or notation. The first of these is on page 4, (K-R3 for K-R8) but I came across only four more.

Every player will profit from this book. I particularly appreciated the explanation of the concept of related squares, and enjoyed the subtleties of R plus P versus R plus P games, along with the surprise draw of bishop against rook plus pawn on the sixth (see page 170).

But the serious player will not buy "Practical Chess Endings" for its highlights alone. He will study it so that he can first identify basic positions and learn to play towards these, or avoid them, as the case might be; how to proceed from these to the ultimate victory, or if on the potentially losing side of the board, how to find the best defence. This is one of the most important chess books of recent years, and we recommend it to anyone who wants to deepen his knowledge of endings and begin gaining extra half points in tournaments.

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