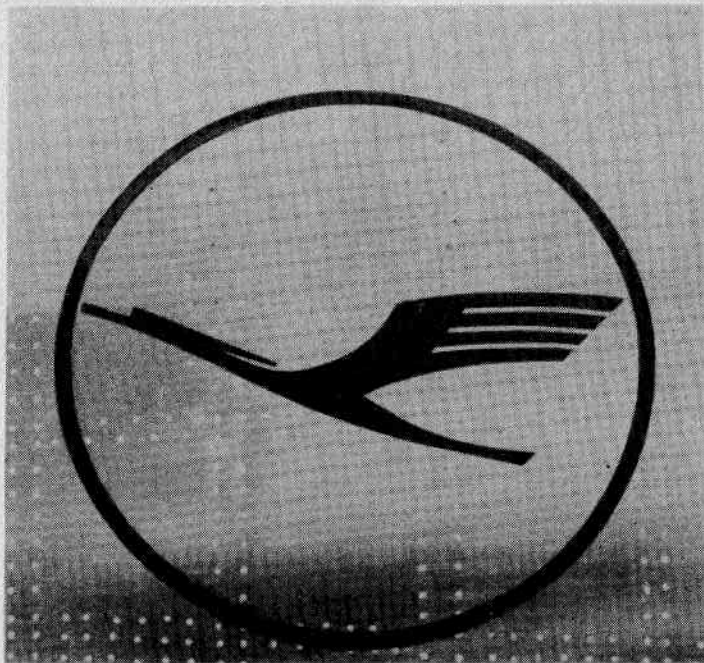


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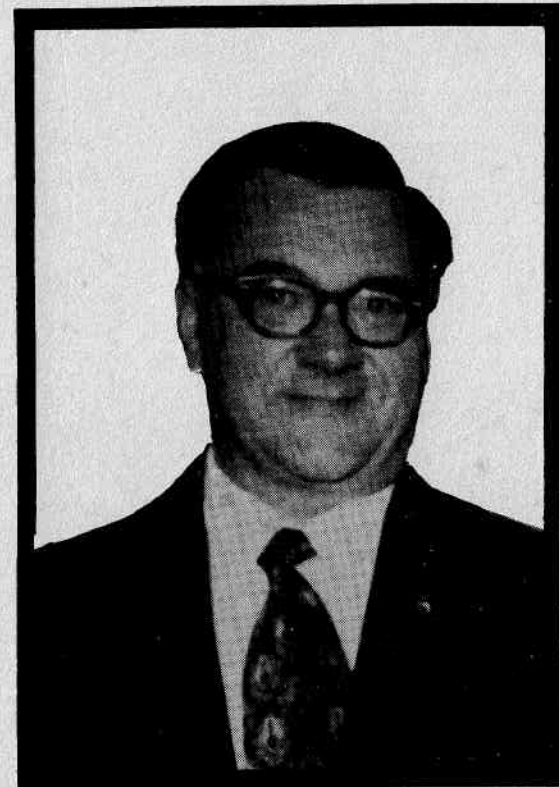
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THE EDITOR'S PAGE

My thanks go to those club officials who answered the call for news; if we get a few more I may have to use both hands to count them! I am also very grateful to those few players who have contributed annotations, articles, etc - some quite regularly and sometimes at rather short notice.

Now that the magazine is finally coming out on time the deadline (6th of month preceding the month of issue) becomes most important. Thus copy for the October issue should reach me by 6 September.

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TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS: we will publish free of charge brief announcements of tournaments organised by NZCA affiliates. An example would be that for the South Island Championship on page 87. To take advantage of this service, tournament organisers should send the following details: venue, date, entry fee, prize fund and organiser's address; also bear in mind our publication dates and deadlines.

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From overseas we note the passing of HENDRIK J.J. SLAVEKOORD in his 70th year. Mr Slavekoord was Chairman of FIDE's Rules Commission from 1969 to 1976 and also FIDE Secretary 1970-72.

International Grandmaster ISAAK BOLE-SLAVSKY also died, in February, aged 58. Boleslavsky was among the world's elite players in the 1950's, his finest result being in the 1950 Candidates Tournament

where he tied for first with Bronstein.

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LIUBEN SPASSOV (Bulgaria) has been awarded the IGM title by FIDE President Euwe, a title he should have been awarded at the 1976 Congress but for a typing error in the summary of applications.

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In the 1977 LADIES' CANDIDATES MATCHES quarter-final results are Chiburdanidze 5½, Aleksandria 4½ and Fatalibekova 6, Kozlovskaya 2. In a third match Lemachko and Ahmilovskaya were tied 5:5. The other match, between Kushnir and Levitina, was delayed due to Kushnir's illness.

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The MEN'S SEMI-FINAL MATCHES began on 1 July. Korchnoy v Polugaevsky is being played at Evian (France) with Lothar Schmid as Chief Arbiter while Spassky v Portisch is being played in Geneva with Harry Golombek as Chief Arbiter.

In France Korchnoy started with a Fischer-like streak, winning the first three games. Polugaevsky was also under pressure in the fourth but, in time trouble, found a saving resource. The match at Geneva started more sedately with two fairly quick draws. In the third, however, Spassky lost after the adjournment from a better position. The Russian broke back to win the fifth and at last report the match was tied 3:3.

Both matches are for the best of 16 games. If tied 8:8, a further 2 game match is played, and so on.

ROTHMANS NORTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIP

Wainuiomata, 16-21 May 1977

Report: Paul Spiller

The tournament was held in Wainuiomata's new Parkway College, about 30 minute's drive from Wellington. Despite its somewhat isolated location the tournament attracted as many entries as the previous year, 52, although the field was considerably weaker. Most of those competing were from the Wellington region clubs although there was a sprinkling from other areas.

The tournament hall and playing conditions were excellent. One criticism of the organisation, however, was that no decent meals were available at or anywhere near the playing rooms.

An encouraging feature was the large number of young and rapidly improving players who took numerous points off their older and more experienced opponents.

As predicted the pre-tournament favourite Vernon Small demolished the field to score 7 points, a half point ahead of Lindsay Cornford. Vernon played very impressively; he never looked to be in any difficulty and probably could have scored a clean sweep if he had not been feeling so generous in rounds 6 and 8.

ROUND BY ROUND:

Round 1

All the top seeds won fairly easily, although David Goodhall, playing the black side of a Sicilian Dragon, lost to M.White.

The following were two quick'sponges'.

V.A.Small-J.Holland, Sicilian Defence:
1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 f4 e5 7 Nf3 Be7 8 fxe5 dxe5 9 Qxd8+ Bxd8 10 Nxe5 Be6 11 Bd3 Nbd7 12 Nxd7 Nxd7 13 Bd2 Nf6 14 h3 Bc7 15 0-0-0 0-0-0 16 Kbl Rd7 17 Na4 h6 18 Bc3 Ne8 19 Nc5 Re7 20 Rhf1 f6 21 e5 Bxe5 22 Nxe6 Bxc3 23 bxc3, 1 : 0.

P.S.Spiller-J.Sarfati, Ruy Lopez:

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Bxc6 dxc6 5 0-0 Qd6 6 d4 exd4 7 Nxd4 Bd7 8 c4 0-0-0 9 Nc3 Nf6 10 f3 Nh5 11 Be3 Nf4 12 Rbl Qh6 13 Qcl Bd6 14 b4 Qh4 15 g3 Nh3+ 16 Kg2 Qf6 17 b5 cxb5 18 cxb5 axb5 19 Nd5 Qe5 20 Nb6+ Kb8 21 Nxd7+ Rxd7 22 Kxh3 h5 23 Rxb5 Qe8 24 Rxb7+ Kxb7 25 Qc6+, 1 : 0.

Round 2

A round almost devoid of surprises except that Spiller drew with Thompson and Goodhall continued his bad form by losing his second round game to Adams.

Cornford won a strange game against Steadman:

L.H.Cornford-M.Steadman, Sicilian Def:
1 e4 e6 2 b3!? d5 3 Bb2 c5 4 Bb5+ Nc6 5 exd5 exd5 6 Qe2+ Be6 7 f4 Nge7 8 Nf3 h6 9 0-0 Qb6 10 d4 c4 11 Nc3 Rd8 12 a4 Nf5 13 a5 Qc7 14 bxc4 Qxf4 15 cxd5 Nxd4 16 Nxd4 Qxd4+ 17 Khl Rxd5 18 Nxd5 Qxd5 19 a6, 1 : 0.

Whitehouse demolished Hilton Bennett nearly as quickly:

H.Bennett-L.E.Whitehouse, Bird's:
1 f4 Nf6 2 Nf3 c5 3 e3 Nc6 4 Be2 d5 5 d3 Qc7 6 0-0 e5 7 fxe5 Nxe5 8 Nc3 Bd7 9 e4 dxe4 10 dxe4 Bd6 11 Nb5 Nxf3+ 12 Rxf3 Bxh2+ 13 Kf1 Qb6 14 Nc3 0-0 15 Bg5 Bg4 16 Rf2 Rad8 17 Nd5 Nxd5 18 Bxg4 Ne3+ 19 Bxe3 Rxd1+ 20 Rxd1 Qxb2 21 a4 Qb4 22 Rd5 Qxe4, 0 : 1.

Round 3

After this round V.Small, P.Green, M.Evans and L.E.Whitehouse emerged as leaders by beating Sims, Arbuthnott, Frankel and P.Cordue respectively. Cornford's game against Oliver was adjourned in an unclear position but was eventually drawn.

Green's game was an interesting King's Indian Defence.

J.Arbuthnott-P.Green: 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 Nf3 0-0 6 Be2 Nc6? 7 0-0 (7 d5!) e5 8 Be3 Ng4 9 Bg5 f6 10 Bh4 h5 11 d5 Ne7 12 Nel

Nh6 13 f3 g5 14 Bf2 Ng6 15 c5 f5 16 Nd3 g4 17 cxd6 cxd6 18 Rcl Rf7 19 b4 Bf6 20 Qb3 Bh4 21 a4 f4 22 a5 Bxf2+ 23 Kxf2 Qh4+ 24 Kgl g3 25 h3 Bxh3! 26 gxh3 Qxh3 27 Rf2 Nh4, 0 : 1.

Also of interest was the clash between the two wild men of the tournament:

B.Marsick-W.Lynn, Sicilian Defence:
1 e4 c5 2 d4 cxd4 3 c3 dxc3 4 Nxc3 d6 5 Bc4 Nf6 6 e5 Qc7 7 Bxf7+ Kxf7 8 exf6 exf6 9 Nf3 Be7 10 0-0 Re8 11 Bf4 Bg4 12 Qd5+ Kf8 13 Nd4 Rd8 14 Ncb5 Qb6 15 Rfel Nc6 16 h3 Nxd4 17 Nxd4 Bc8 18 Qe4? (18 Rxe7!! Kxe7 19 Rel+ Kf8 20 Nb5 wins easily for White) 18...Re8, ½ : ½.

Round 4

Small and Green won convincingly against Whitehouse and Evans respectively to remain on full points. Meanwhile Cornford won a lost game from Marsick in the adjourned session and Lynn beat Oliver to equal Cornford's 3½ points. Nine players followed on 3 points including low rated G.Marner after his win against Arbuthnott.

P.Green-M.Evans, French Defence:
1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 exd5 exd5 4 Bd3 Nc6 5 Nf3 Bg4 6 c3 Bd6 7 0-0 Qd7 8 Rel+ Nge7 9 Bg5 f6 10 Bh4 0-0-0 11 Nbd2 g5 12 Bg3 Bxg3 13 fxg3 h5 14 h3 Bf5 15 Nb3 g4 16 Nc5 Qd6 17 Nh4 Bxd3 18 Qxd3 Ne5 19 Qb5 Qb6 20 Qxb6 axb6 21 dxe5 bxc5 22 exf6 Nc6 23 Ng6 Rhg8 24 Nf4 Rdf8 25 Nxh5 Rg5 26 hxg4 d4 27 Re4 d3 28 Rd1 Ne5 29 Nf4 Rxf6 30 Nxd3 Rd6 31 Nf2 Rxd1+ 32 Nxd1 Nxxg4 33 Ne3 Ne5 34 g4 Nd3 35 Nd1 Ne5 36 Nf2 b5? 37 Nh3, 1 : 0.

Round 5

Small continued his good form with a win against Peter Green who found himself saddled with a weak f-pawn and eventually lost the exchange in time pressure (see annotated games). On the other boards it was a round of missed opportunities. Evans drew a won position against Lynn and Whitehouse swindled a win against Marner from a lost position. Sims missed the win of a piece against Dave Walker and eventually drew.

Cornford easily beat Thompson to trail Small by a half point.

Scores after five rounds: Small 5; Cornford 4½; Green, Lynn, Cordue, Whitehouse & Bennett 4.

Round 6

Small and Cornford drew after 14 moves. Meanwhile Green beat Bennett, Evans beat Cordue and Whitehouse swindled a draw from a hopeless position versus Lynn. Spiller moved to 4½ after a nice win against Walker.

L.H.Cornford-V.A.Small, Sicilian Def:
1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nc6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Be3 Qc7 7 g3 d6 8 Bg2 Bd7 9 0-0 Be7 10 Nce2 Nf6 11 Rcl 0-0 12 c4 Rfd8 13 Qd2 Rac8 14 b3, ½ : ½.

P.Cordue-M.Evans, French Defence:
1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e5 c5 5 a3 Bxc3+ 6 bxc3 Qa5 7 Bd2 Qa4 8 Qg4 g6 9 Kdl Nc6 10 Nf3 Bd7 11 Qf4 0-0-0 12 dxc5 Qa5 13 Qe3 Nge7 14 Nd4 a6 15 Nb3 Qc7 16 f4 h5 17 Bd3 Kb8 18 Ncl Na5 19 Bel Nc4 20 Qgl h4 21 Bf2 Nb2+ 22 Ke2 Nxd3 23 cxd3 d4 24 Bxd4 h3 25 g3 Bc6 26 Rbl Nf5 27 Nb3 Bg2 28 Qf2 Bxhl 29 Rxlh Qc6 30 Rbl Rd7 31 Rgl Qa4 32 g4 Qxb3 33 gxf5 gxf5 34 Qg3 Rdd8 35 Qg7 Rhg8 36 Qxf7 Rxgl 37 Bxgl Qc2+ 38 Kel Qxc3+ 39 Kf2 Qd2+ 40 Kfl Qxd3+ 41 Kf2 Qd2+, 0 : 1.

D.R.Walker-P.S.Spiller, Queen's Gambit:
1 d4 d5 2 c4 e5 3 dxe5 d4 4 Nf3 Nc6 5 a3 Bg4 6 Nbd2 a5 7 g3 Nge7 8 Bg2 Ng6 9 Qc2 Be7 10 Qe4 Qd7 11 Qd5 0-0-0 12 Qb5 Bh3 13 0-0 Bxg2 14 Kxg2 h5 15 Nb3 h4 16 Bg5 hxg3 17 fxg3 Qh3+ 18 Khl Ngxe5 19 Nxa5 Nxa5 20 Qxe5 Nc6 21 Qb5 f6 22 Bd2 Ne5 23 Nh4 Bd6 24 Qd5 g5 25 Qg2 Qxg2 26 Nxxg2 Ng4 27 Rxf6 Rxh2+ 28 Kgl Rdh8 29 Nh4 gxh4 30 Rg6 hxg3 31 Rxxg4 Rhl+ and Black won.

Scores after 6 rounds: Small 5½; Cornford & P.Green 5; Lynn, Evans, Spiller & Whitehouse 4½.

Round 7

Small trounced Lynn in a knight versus bishop endgame. Cornford played well to beat Green when the latter did

not seem to find the right continuation against Cornford's bizarre eighth move (see annotated games). Whitehouse beat Arbutnott and Evans beat Spiller when the latter fell into a well known (even to him!) trap. At this stage several players started a late burst for third place. Bennett, Steadman and Adams won against Brdjanovic, Cordue and Sims to move to 5 points.

M.Evans-P.S.Spiller, Sicilian Defence:
 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 e5 Nd5 4 Nc3 e6
 5 Nxd5 exd5 6 d4 Nc6 7 dxc5 Bxc5 8
 Qxd5 Qb6 9 Bc4 Bxf2+ 10 Ke2 0-0 11
 Rf1 Bc5 12 Ng5 Nd4+ 13 Kd1 Ne6 14
 Ne4 d6 15 exd6 Bxd6?? 16 Nxd6 Rd8
 17 Bf4 Nxf4? 18 Qxf7+ Kh8 19 Qg8+,
 1 : 0.

Scores with one round to go: Small
 6½; Cornford 6; Evans & Whitehouse 5½;
 Green, Cordue, Goodhall, Arbutnott,
 Walker & Adams 5.

Round 8

Pairings for the last round were

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	R.1	R.2	R.3	R.4	R.5	R.6	R.7	R.8	Total	SOS
1 Small V.A.	W30	W19	W27	W3	W9	D2	W15	D4	7	
2 Cornford L.H.	W17	W5	D8	W16	W38	D1	W9	D3	6½	
3 Whitehouse L.E.	W33	W6	W10	L1	W25	D15	W12	D2	6	41.5
4 Evans M.	W46	W13	W23	L9	D15	W10	W7	D1	6	38.5
5 Steadman M.	W18	L2	W38	W20	L7	W26	W10	W9	6	38
6 Bennett H.	W47	L3	W32	W24	W23	L9	W22	W11	6	34.5
7 Spiller P.S.	W34	D38	W19	L10	W5	W13	L4	W15	5½	37.5
8 Oliver D.	W39	W44	D2	L15	L22	W33	W34	W18	5½	32
9 Green P.	W31	W24	W12	W4	L1	W6	L2	L5	5	44.5
10 Cordue P.L.	W20	W22	L3	W7	W16	L4	L5	W24	5	40.5
11 Adams D.	L12	W14	D22	D17	W19	W23	W27	L6	5	37
12 Arbutnott J.	W11	W26	L9	L25	W44	W20	L3	W29	5	35
13 Walker D.R.	W50	L4	W39	W29	D27	L7	D14	W23	5	33
14 Goodhall D.N.A.	L26	L11	W41	W35	W28	D25	D13	W22	5	32.5
15 Lynn K.W.	W45	W28	D16	W8	D4	D3	L1	L7	4½	41
16 Marsick B.H.P.	W32	W29	D15	L2	L10	L34	W45	W27	4½	34
17 Blackburn P.	L2	W40	D33	D11	D30	D24	D19	W34	4½	34
18 Bennett D.	L5	W31	D24	L28	W45	W32	W25	L8	4½	34
19 Mancewicz S.	W40	L1	L7	W52	L11	W44	D17	W33	4½	32
20 Morrison M.K.	L10	W50	W46	L5	W29	L12	D28	W36	4½	31.5
21 Henkel H.	W49	L23	L26	W40	D34	W38	L33	W41	4½	26
22 Brdjanovic M.	W35	L10	D11	W36	W8	D27	L6	L14	4	37.5
23 Frankel Z.	W25	W21	L4	W44	L6	L11	W30	L13	4	37

Evans (5½) v Small (6½), Whitehouse (5½)
 v Cornford (6), Green (5) v Steadman
 (5), Bennett (5) v Adams (5), Spiller
 (4½) v Lynn (4½), Oliver (4½) v D.Bennett
 (4½).

The two first mentioned games were quickly drawn assuring Small of first and Cornford of second place (plus the title). Steadman played well to beat Green (see games section) and H.Bennett proved too good for Adams. Hence Evans, Whitehouse, Steadman and H.Bennett tied for third.

Bill Lynn lived up to his reputation of 'wildman' by sacrificing a piece unsoundly against Spiller on his 8th move; he resigned on his 12th. Oliver joined Spiller on 5½ by defeating D. Bennett.

P.S.Spiller-W.Lynn, Ruy Lopez:
 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 Nf6 4 0-0
 Bc5 5 Nc3 0-0? 6 Nxe5 Nxe5 7 d4 Nfg4
 8 dxc5 Nxh2?? 9 Kxh2 Qh4+ 10 Kgl g5
 11 Bxg5 Qxg5 12 f4, 1 : 0.

	R.1	R.2	R.3	R.4	R.5	R.6	R.7	R.8	Total	SOS
24 Wong M.	W36	L9	D18	L6	W47	D17	W31	L10	4	35
25 Marner G.	L23	W47	W30	W12	L3	D14	L18	D28	4	35
26 White M.	W14	L12	W21	L27	W48	L5	L29	W35	4	34.5
27 Sims M.	W52	W43	L1	W26	D13	D22	L11	L16	4	33.5
28 Baran P.	W42	L15	D36	W18	L14	D30	D20	D25	4	33
29 Ramsay W.	W37	L16	W34	L13	L20	W40	W26	L12	4	33
30 Holland J.	L1	W52	L25	W39	D17	D28	L23	W40	4	30.5
31 Collins Peter	L9	L18	L35	W49	W41	W39	L24	W42	4	28
32 Cunningham P.	L16	W41	L6	L48	W50	L18	W44	W38	4	27.5
33 Mabbett W.	L3	W35	D17	L38	W36	L8	W21	L19	3½	35
34 Sarfati J.	L7	W49	L29	W46	D21	W16	L8	L17	3½	33
35 Noble M.	L22	L33	W31	L14	W46	W48	D38	L26	3½	28.5
36 Bell D.	L24	W45	D28	L22	L33	W47	W39	L20	3½	28
37 Collins Paul	L29	Bye	L40	L42	W43	L45	D47	W51	3½	19.5
38 Thompson S.	W41	D7	L5	W33	L2	L21	D35	L32	3	36.5
39 Phillips J.	L8	W48	L13	L30	W42	L31	L36	W45	3	30
40 Stretch W.	L19	L17	W37	L21	W52	L29	W46	L30	3	28.5
41 Corbett P.D.	L38	L32	L14	W51	L31	W49	W43	L21	3	27
42 Jones L.	L28	L46	L52	W37	L39	W50	W48	L31	3	22
43 Stinson I.P.	Bye	L27	L44	L45	L37	W51	L41	W50	3	18.5
44 Baran M.	W48	L8	W43	L23	L12	L19	L32	D46	2½	31
45 Woodford R.	L15	L36	D50	W43	L18	W37	L16	L39	2½	28
46 Harding R.	L4	W42	L20	L34	L35	W52	L40	D44	2½	27
47 Chandler K.	L6	L25	W51	D50	L24	L36	D37	D48	2½	26.5
48 Hill S.	L44	L39	W49	W32	L26	L35	L42	D47	2½	24.5
49 Foster F.	L21	L34	L48	L31	D51	L41	D50	W52	2	
50 Walker M.	L13	L20	D45	D47	L32	L42	D49	L43	1½	26.5
51 Harrison A.	-	-	L47	L41	D49	L43	W52	L37	1½	20
52 Fisk I.	L27	L30	W42	L19	L40	L46	L51	L49	1	



A. S. HOLLANDER †

It is with the deepest regret that we must record the death, in Christchurch, of Alvan Hollander at the age of 48. Al, as he was known to chess players throughout New Zealand, first came into national prominence when, as President of the Canterbury Club, he played a leading part in acquiring that Club's present property. Later he was instrumental in organising the 1963 Congress (the first Congress to provide Hostel accommodation) and then the 1966 Canterbury Centennial Tournament.

Al became President of the New Zealand Chess Association in 1966 and held that position until the end of 1972. It was during Al Hollander's presidency that New Zealand finally made it to an Olympiad and Al was manager of both the 1970 and 1972 teams. It was largely as a result of his drive and enthusiasm that the teams got away. Al had tried hard to get two previous teams away but without success.

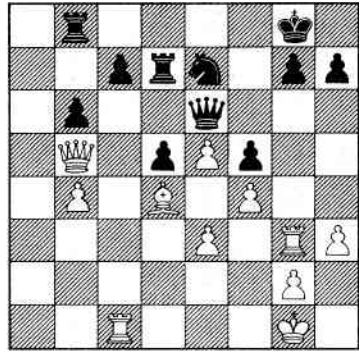
Many of Alvan's activities on behalf of New Zealand Chess will pass into legend and when our history is written Al's name will find a worthy place.

Al leaves a widow and two daughters to whom we offer our deepest sympathy.

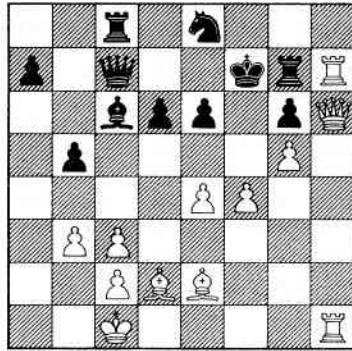
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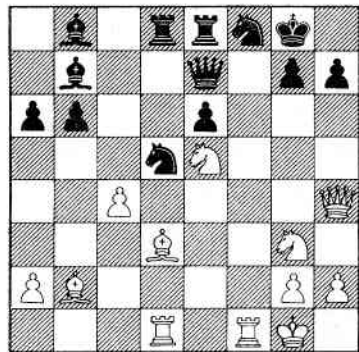
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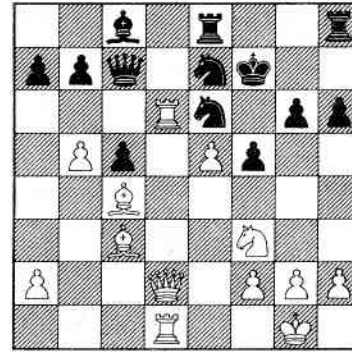
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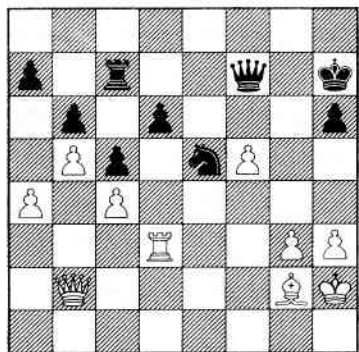
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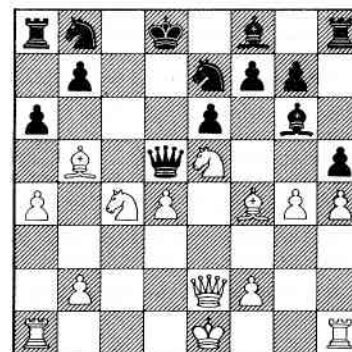
No.3 White to move



No.4 White to move



No.5 White to move



No.6 White to move

AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY OPEN TOURNAMENT

Report: Peter Corbett

This tournament was held on the week-end of 2-3 July and was a five round Swiss with each player having 1½ hours to complete the game. The 52 entries received was very pleasing for the organisers. This is partly reflected in the fact that so few Aucklanders were prepared to play in the North Island Championship in Wellington.

Heading the entries were former New Zealand champions Lev Aptekar and Richard Sutton as well as Olympiad representatives Ewen Green, Wolf Leonhardt and Peter Stuart. Other strong players were Kai Jensen, Tom Stonehouse and Philip Clemance. As usual for Auckland tournaments this year a strong Hamilton contingent arrived to play; however they took no prizes back with them on this occasion.

The first round was preceded by the opening of the tournament by the University Club Patron Dr W.A.Fairhurst who gave a short but interesting talk.

Round one produced few surprises with all the favourites winning, although Kai Jensen was lucky to get the point from George Trundle.

The main features of round two were the defeats of several top players. Leonhardt lost to Aptekar, Stuart to Paul Spiller and Jensen to Brian McIvor. Leading scores: Aptekar, Sutton, Green, Spiller and Pomeroy 2; Stonehouse, S.Van Dam, R.Lane, G.Lander, B.Winslade, G.Walden, P.Blackburn and C.Fox 1½ (these scores reflect the use of accelerated pairings with top seeds knocking each other out of contention-Editor).

Round 3 was eventful for several reasons. The disco on the floor below the tournament started just when most games were entering the most critical phase. However, the music seemed more to relax than infuriate (rumour has it that Peter Stuart was seen singing along at one stage? A second Smyslov perhaps - Ed). Aptekar and Green moved into the lead with wins at the expense

of McIvor and Stonehouse respectively. Leading scores: Aptekar & Green 3; Sutton, Spiller, Lane & Winslade 2½; Stuart, Jensen, Leonhardt, Clemance & others 2.

The penultimate round saw Aptekar take the sole lead by convincingly beating Green. The players on 2½ were all paired against opponents on lower scores. Only Bruce Winslade gained the full point to be in second place as a result of Stonehouse blundering the exchange. Stuart won a good game against Sutton and Jensen beat Spiller to move into contention for the prize money.

Scores after 4 rounds: Aptekar 4; Winslade 3½; Green, Stuart, Jensen, Clemance & Morrison 3; Sutton, Leonhardt, Spiller, Gibson, B.Watson, Mataga & others 2½.

The tournament winner was decided in the opening minutes of round 5 with a quick draw being agreed between Aptekar and Winslade. Stuart beat Merv Morrison to share second place. Philip Clemance was the unfortunate victim of a Green swindle in Ewen's time trouble, missing out on second and letting Green in. Jensen also missed out on a placing by being defeated by Sutton.

Unfortunately tournament winner Aptekar's games are not available but we give a selection of other games.

K.Jensen-G.E.Trundle, Sicilian Defence:
1 e4 c5 2 b3 Nc6 3 Bb2 d6 4 f4 Nf6 5 e5 dxe5 6 fxe5 Nd5 7 Bb5 Bd7 8 Nf3 e6 9 0-0 Qb6 10 Bxc6 Bxc6 11 c4 Ne7 12 Ng5 Nf5 13 Nxf7 Kxf7 14 g4 Qd8 15 Rf2 Ke8 16 gxf5 Qg5+ 17 Kf1 Be4 18 d4 Qe3 19 Qd2 Qh3+ 20 Ke1 Rd8 21 f6 gxf6 22 exf6 Bh6 23 f7+ Ke7 24 Qe2 Bg6 25 d5 Bxf7 26 Bf6+ Kd7 27 Bxh8 Bh5 28 Qxe6+ Qxe6+ 29 dxe6+ Kxe6 30 Rf6+, 1 : 0.

P.W.Stuart-P.S.Spiller, English:
1 c4 c5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Nc3 Nc6 4 d4 cxd4 5 Nxd4 Qb6 6 Nb3 d6 7 e3 g6 8 Be2 Bg7 9 0-0 Bf5 10 c5 dxc5 11 Na4 Qc7 12 Naxc5 0-0 13 Bd2 Rad8 14 Qe1 Rd6 15 Bc3 Rfd8 16 f3 Bc8 17 e4 e5 18 Rcl Bh6 19 f4 Qe7 20 Qh4? Bxf4 21 Rxf4

exf4 22 e5 Nxe5 23 Ne4 Neg4! 24
Bxg4 Qxe4 25 Rel Qc6 26 Bxc8 Rxc8
27 Qxf4 Nd5, 0 : 1.

E.M.Green-T.H.Stonehouse, King's
Indian Defence: 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3
Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 f3 0-0 6 Be3 e5
7 d5 c6 8 Bd3 cxd5 9 cxd5 Nh5 10
Nge2 f5 11 Qd2 f4 12 Bf2 Bf6 13
0-0-0 Bh4 14 Bg1 a6 15 Kbl Nd7 16
Ncl b6 17 Nb3 Nc5 18 Qc2 Bd7 19 Ncl
Qc7 20 b4 Nxd3 21 Nxd3 Rfc8 22 Rcl
a5 23 b5 Bd8 24 Bf2 Qb7 25 Qb3 Nf6
26 Nb2 Ne8 27 Nc4 Qa7 28 Na4 Rab8
29 g3 Rc5 30 Nxc5 bxc5 31 a4 Be7 32
Nxe5 Bxb5 33 axb5 a4 34 Qc4 Qa5 35
Nc6 Rxb5+ 36 Ka2 Qb6 37 Nxe7+ Kf7
38 Rbl Rb3 39 Qxa4, 1 : 0.

P.S.Spiller-R.J.Sutton, French Def:
1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 Nc6 4 Ngf3
Nf6 5 e5 Nd7 6 c3 f6 7 exf6 Qxf6 8
Bb5 Bd6 9 0-0-0 10 Rel e5 11 Qb3
Qf7 12 Ne4 dxe4 13 Bc4 exf3 14
Bxf7+ Rxf7 15 dxe5 Ndx5 16 Bf4 fxg2
17 Kxg2 Bg4 18 Bxe5 Nxe5 19 Re3 Raf8
20 f4 Ng6 21 Rf1 Nh4+ 22 Khl Bd7 23
Qxb7 Bxf4 24 Re4 Ng6 25 Qd5 Bd6 26
Rxf7 Rxf7 27 Kgl Nf4? 28 Rxf4 Bxf4
29 Qa8+ Rf8 30 Qd5+ Rf7, ½ : ½.

M.I.Howard-W.Leonhardt, English:
1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Be7 4 e4 d6
5 Nf3 0-0 6 Bd3 c5 7 dxc5 dxc5 8
Qc2 Nc6 9 a3 Nd4 10 Nxd4 cxd4 11
Ne2 e5 12 0-0 b6 13 f4 Bd6 14 b4
Bb7 15 fxe5 Bxe5 16 Bf4 Re8 17 Bxe5
Rxe5 18 Rf5 Rxf5 19 exf5 Qd6 20 Ng3
Re8 21 Qb2 Ng4 22 Qd2 Re3 23 Rel
Qf4 24 Be4? Bxe4 25 Rxe3 Qxe3+ 26
Qxe3 dxe3 27 Nxe4 e2, 0 : 1.

R.J.Sutton-P.W.Stuart, Nimzowitsch
Attack: 1 Nf3 c5 2 b3 d5 3 e3 Bg4 4
Bb2 e6 5 h3 Bh5 6 g4 Bg6 7 Ne5 a6

8 h4 f6 9 Nxc6 hxc6 10 f4 Qc7 11 Qf3
Nc6 12 Bd3 Nge7 13 Nc3 Nb4 14 Kf2
Nxd3+ 15 cxd3 Nc6 16 f5 gxf5 17 gxf5
d4 18 Ne2 e5 19 exd4 cxd4 20 Rac1
Qd7 21 Qe4 Kf7 22 Ng3 Bb4 23 Ke2 Ne7
24 Rc4 Bd6 25 h5 b5 26 Rcc1 Rac8 27
Rxc8 Qxc8 28 Rcl Qa8 29 Qxa8 Rxa8 30
Kf3 Bb4 31 Rc2 Rc8 32 Rxc8 Nxe8 33
Ke4 Nb6 34 Bcl Ke8 35 Nf1 Kd7 36 Nh2
Kc6 37 Ng4 Be7 38 Bb2 Nd7 39 a3? (39
Nf2 Bb4 40 Bcl Nc5+ 41 Kf3 Kd5 42 a3
Nxb3 -+) Nc5+ 40 Kf3 Nxd3 41 Bal Kd5
42 b4 e4+ 43 Kg3 Ne5 44 h6 gxh6 45
Nxb6 Nc4, 0 : 1.

P.A.Clemance-E.M.Green, Sicilian Def:
1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4
Nf6 5 Nc3 d6 6 Bg5 e6 7 Qd2 a6 8
0-0-0 Bd7 9 f4 b5 10 Bxf6 gxf6 11 g3
Qb6 12 Bh3 h5 13 Kbl b4 14 Nce2 a5
15 Rhfl a4 16 e5 fxe5 17 Nxc6 Bxc6
18 fxe5 b3 19 Qf4 Qc7 20 Nc3 dxe5 21
Qf6 Rh6 22 Qh4 bxa2+ 23 Nxa2 a3 24
b3 Bd5 25 Qg5 Rg6 26 Qe3 Be5 27 Qc3
Qb6 28 Rxd5 exd5 29 Qxe5+ Kf8 30 Qh8
Rg8 31 Qxh5 Ra7 32 Qxd5 Qd6 33 Qc4?
Qe5 34 Be6?? Qb2 mate, 0 : 1.

K.Jensen-R.J.Sutton, Ponziani's Opening:
1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 c3 Nf6 4 d4 Nxe4
5 d5 Ne7 6 Nxe5 Nf6 7 Bg5 Ng6 8 Ng4
Be7 9 Nxf6+ Bxf6 10 Qe2+ Kf8 11 Be3
d6 12 Nd2 Bd7 13 Qh5 Qe7 14 Be2 Re8
15 0-0 Nf4 16 Bxf4 Qxe2 17 Qxe2 Rxe2
18 Rael Rxe1 19 Rxe1 h6 20 Ne4 Bd8
21 c4 f5 22 Nc3 Kf7 23 Kf1 a6 24 b4
Bf6 25 Rcl Re8 26 Be3 g5 27 c5 dxc5
28 bxc5 f4 29 Bd2 Bd4 30 c6 bxc6 31
Ne2 Bb6 32 dxc6 Bf5 33 Nc3 Rd8 34
Bel Rd4 35 Ke2 Rc4 36 Rdl Rxc6 37
Nd5 Re6+ 38 Kf1 Rd6 39 Nc3 Rxd1 40
Nxd1 Bd3+, 0 : 1.

	R.1	R.2	R.3	R.4	R.5	Total	SOS
1 Aptekar L. Feltex	W7	W6	W31	W3	D4	4½	
2 Stuart P.W. North Shore	W9	L5	W12	W8	W22	4	16.5
3 Green E.M. Howick-Pakuranga	W15	W11	W23	L1	W14	4	16
4 Winslade B. Auckland Centre	W43	D17	W25	W23	D1	4	14
5 Spiller P.S. Howick-Pakuranga	W28	W2	D8	L16	W24	3½	15.5
6 Leonhardt W. North Shore	W25	L1	W28	D9	W26	3½	15.5
7 Mataga P. Auckland Centre	L1	W32	W15	D11	W30	3½	15
8 Sutton R.J. Howick-Pakuranga	W48	W13	D5	L2	W16	3½	14.5
9 Watson B.R. Hamilton	L2	W49	W13	D6	W31	3½	13.5
10 Hoffmann P.E. Auck.University	D32	L12	W48	W24	W27	3½	12

	R.1	R.2	R.3	R.4	R.5	Total	SOS
11 Gibson D. Howick-Pakuranga	W18	L3	W20	D7	D19	3	16.5
12 Van Dam S. Auckland Centre	D14	W10	L2	D17	W35	3	15.5
13 Beach P.K. Howick-Pakuranga	W20	L8	L9	W21	W37	3	15
14 Clemance P.A. Auck.University	D12	D23	W18	W31	L3	3	14.5
15 Davies R. Auck.University	L3	W19	L7	W34	W33	3	14.5
16 Jensen K. Hamilton	W17	L31	W33	W5	L8	3	14
17 Trundle G.E. Auckland Centre	L16	D4	W35	D12	W38	3	14
18 Ion G.J. North Shore	L11	W21	L14	W38	W36	3	13
19 Shead D. North Shore	W47	L15	W36	D29	D11	3	12
20 Brimble M.T. Waitemata	L13	W36	L11	W33	W34	3	12
21 Notley P. Auck.University	W27	L18	W41	L13	W44*	3	12
22 Morrison M.K. Auck.Centre	D26	D37	W49	W48*	L2	3	10.5
23 Stonehouse T.H. 2½	33	Pomeroy D.	2	43	Hillier B.	1½	
24 Lane R. 2½	34	Walden G.	2	44	Giles S.	1½	
25 Lewis P. 2½	35	Blackburn P.	2	45	Austin P.	1½	
26 Lander G. 2½	36	Taylor H.	2	46	Holland J.	1½	
27 Bent A. 2½	37	Evans D.J.	2	47	Beattie F.	1½	
28 Howard M.I. 2½	38	McCarthy K.	2	48	Stone P.	1	
29 Belton C.P. 2½	39	Fox C.	2	49	Rogers M.	1	
30 Miller G. 2½	40	Rawnsley D.C.	2	50	Henrys S.	1	
31 McIvor B.W. 2	41	Vermeer J.	2	51	Corbett P.D.	1	
32 Cockcroft J.M. 2	42	Morris N.	2	52	Chaly P.	1	



FOURTH ANNUAL

WINSTONE'S CHESS TOURNAMENT

AT ST.JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL, TAKAPUNA, AUCKLAND

10-11 SEPTEMBER

5-round SWISS

SCHEDULE: Sat. - Round 1 9:30 am
Round 2 2:00 pm
Round 3 6:30 pm

GUARANTEED PRIZES: First \$160
Second \$100
Third \$80
Fourth \$50

Sun. - Round 4 10:00 am
Round 5 2:30 pm

Plus 4 grade prizes of \$40, making a total prize fund of \$550.

N.B. Players should report before 9:15 am on the Saturday.

PAIRINGS: The Director of Play may employ accelerated pairings at his discretion.

TIME CONTROL: 45 moves in 1½ hours + 15 minutes (ie each clock is turned back 15 minutes after Black's 45th move) to complete the game.

ENTRY FORMS: Available from The Secretary, P.O.Box 33587, Takapuna, Auckland 9, OR write, enclosing your entry fee and giving name, address and club (if any).

ENTRY FEE: Advance entry (received by 7 September) \$7.00. Late entries \$8.00 taken up to 9:15 am on the Saturday.

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BREAKING THE PIN

A short story by "Another Phantom Bunny"

Putting aside his book, Angus mused upon the story 'The Egyptologists' he had just read. The antics of the anti heroes in the spoof had given him the glimmering of an idea and he entered the connubial bed with a smile on his face.

The trouble was, Angus's wife did not understand him. He had tried over the years alternatively to sublimate his libido drive by reading, chess, sport and home decorating, but recently another woman had undone all this hard work in one brief encounter.

Next day Angus told his wife he intended joining the local chess club to improve his chess and two nights later he became a fully paid up member. For the next three years he never graced the club's premises, but had one close escape when he was almost drafted on to the committee in his absence and had to plead pressing engagements elsewhere. During this period his wife had understood he had been playing once or twice a week and the occasional out-of-town tournament at weekends or on holidays.

Angus's proud record of non attendance at the club was spoilt one evening when his friend could not meet him as early as usual and he decided to actually visit the clubrooms first. As none knew him he received several overtures regarding his possible future membership of the club, which he thought was droll as he had probably been a member longer than most of them. Yes, he did have a game, several very quick ones in fact, for he had never been a strong player and had not had a match for several years. He did, however, win the last game before leaving early and still suspects his opponent of being that rare species, a 'kind' chess player, or perhaps he was simply bored by winning so easily.

During the next year Angus visited the club several times but always briefly and even started to win his share of encounters among the lower graded members. Then one night he found himself inveigled into taking part in a tournament spread over eight weeks, one

night a week. His friend took askance the information that he would be otherwise engaged for the early hours of their usual meetings and she did her best to prove the delights of her bed outmatched all others. Angus naively tried to explain to her his new found excitement in sitting down to a serious chess match with a clock ticking beside him in a subtle battle of minds, of how he soon became wet through with perspiration, the anguish of a blunder, and the fillip to the ego after a good win; all this made little or no sense to her.

Next week he arrived very late in the evening at his friend's house, his mind full of the hard four-hour draw he had just completed. His friend was somewhat resentful and he, mentally too tired, was unable to tactfully choose the necessary soothing words. In bed he failed to rise to the occasion and finally went back to his own home in the early hours of the morning, leaving her unsatisfied with his conduct. The affair sputtered on for some six months longer, but never fully recovered from the tournament and in due course they stopped seeing each other.

The final scene began when Angus started playing postal chess in addition to his club nights. Up till then he had been almost a model husband and parent but now he shut himself away with his chess books nearly every night, conducting deep analysis into his postal games. Even worse, he tried to interest all his friends and family in playing chess.

That was all five years ago; now his family rarely visit him. He was committed, two years ago, into a mental institution by his family. Due no doubt to their having suffered chess in extremis. Angus is not unhappy; strangely he found several other inmates were also keen chess players. The psychiatrists tend to regard this group as incorrigible and one of them, a Dr Ruben, has written a book 'Chess Games People Play' which is largely based upon Angus and his fellow addicts. The institution, perhaps wrongly, indulges them by

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LOCAL NEWS

The 43rd NEW ZEALAND CORRESPONDENCE CHAMPIONSHIP 1976/77 was won by Phillip Clemanace with 9½/12, a half point ahead of former champion Paul Garbett. Then a big drop back to L.S.Amies and H.P.Whitlock 5½, K.W.Lynn 5, T.J.Free 4 and E.J.Byrne 3½. This was Clemanace's fifth consecutive Trophy Tournament win, starting in 1972/73 with TT 5B, then progressing through 4A, 2 and Reserves.

The Reserve Championship saw a close race won by David Beach (11/12) ahead of Paul Beach and Robert Smith (10½). Class 2 was taken by Greg Waite (8/10) followed by Stuart Cordue (7½).

Perhaps the big news here is Alan Fletcher's resignation (effective Dec. 1977) after 17 years as Secretary-Treasurer of NZCCA. His successor will be J.W.(Sandy) Maxwell of Titahi Bay.



Martin Sims reports on OTAGO NEWS:

The Club's first tournament of the year was an eight round Swiss event with 26 players fighting for the resurrected McClelland Trophy. The surprising winner was Michael Freeman, a sixth former who has always had consistently good results in local events without gaining many first places. He scored 7/8, drawing with second place getters G.Haase and J.Adams (6/8) and amongst his victims were J.Lichter, M.Wong and T.Dowden. The time limit for the tournament was 40 moves in 1½ hours with a ½-hour to finish the game and, in the opinion of Michael, this led to the 'abominable' standard of play.

The following game shows Graham Haase's typical positional style:

G.G.Haase-J.Adams, Polish Opening:
1 Nf3 Nf6 2 g3 g6 3 b4 Bg7 4 Bb2 c6
5 c4 a5 6 b5 d5 7 Na3 0-0 8 Bg2
Nbd7 9 Rcl Ng4 10 Bxg7 Kxg7 11 Qc2
e5 12 0-0 Qe7 13 c5 Ndf6 14 h3 Nh6
15 Qb2 Re8 16 d3 Bd7 17 g4 Nhg8 18
Nh2 Kf8 19 e4 Rac8 20 bxc6 bxc6 21
Qd2 Qd8 22 f4 dxe4 23 dxe4 Rb8 24
g5 Nh5 25 Qd6+ Qe7 26 fxe5 Red8 27
Nc4 Rb5 28 Qxe7+ Nxe7 29 Nd6, 1 : 0.

The OTAGO-SOUTHLAND SCHOOLPUPILS CHAMPIONSHIP, held during the May holidays, was won for the third successive year by Tony Love. He scored 6½/7 in the eight player round robin, conceding a draw in the last round to Michael Freeman who came second with 6 points. Tony Dowden was third on 5 points. Both the standard of play and the prize money were pathetic with Love getting only \$18.00 for first - although the Otago Club is giving \$50 to each of its representatives in the National School-pupils.

The following is the best game from the event:

T.Dowden-A.Love, Trompovsky Attack:
1 d4 Nf6 2 Bg5 d5 3 Bxf6 exf6 4 e3
Be7 5 Bd3 Nc6 6 c3 0-0 7 Qf3 (7 Qc2)
Be6 8 Ne2 Qd7 9 h3 Bd6 10 Nd2 Rfe8
11 0-0 (maybe 11 g4 & 0-0-0) f5 12
Rfel Rad8 13 Nf1 Nb8 14 Nfg3 g6 15
h4 c5 16 h5 Nc6 17 Rac1 c4 18 Bb1
Ne7 19 hxg6? (19 Nf4) hxg6 20 Nf4
Bxf4 (if 20...Kg7 immediately, then 21
Nfh5+!) 21 Qxf4 (21 exf4 may be better)
Kg7 22 f3 f6 23 e4 g5 24 Qd2 f4 25
exd5 Nxd5 26 Ne4 b6 27 Kf2 Ne3 28
Rxe3 fxe3 29 Qxe3 Bf5 30 Rh1 Qe6 31
Qd2 Rh8 32 Re1 Bxe4 33 fxe4? (33 Rxe4)
Rh4 34 e5 Rf4+ 35 Kg1 f5 36 g3 Rg4
37 Kf2 Rh8 38 d5 Rh2+ 39 Kf3 Qh6! (if
39...Rxd2 40 dxe6 with the threat of
Bxf5) 40 Qe3? Rxd2 41 Kxg3 Qh3 mate.

Bunny-bashing time:

C.Benson-T.Dowden, Alekhine Defence:
1 e4 Nf6 2 e5 Nd5 3 d4 d6 4 c4 Nb6
5 f4 dxe5 6 fxe5 Bf5 7 Qf3 e6 8
Qxb7? Qxd4 9 Nc3 Bc5 10 Nge2 Qf2+ 11
Kd1 0-0 12 Qxc7 Na6 13 Qb7 Rfd8+ 14
Bd2 Nb4 15 Qf3 Rxd2+ 16 Kxd2 Nxc4+
17 Kcl Be3+, 0 : 1.

There was also a B grade event and this was won by K.Perry (brother of Roger) with 5/6.



The WAITEMATA CLUB'S annual 5 Minute Tournament was played in two preliminary groups with the top two from each group making the final. The double round robin final was won by John Van Pelt & N.Bridges with 4/6, then J.E. Cater 2½, G.Lander 1½. Van Pelt won the play-off 2½-1½.

Five Waitemata Club members (A.Bent, A.Clevering, P.James, R.Carrucan and D.Ewing) recently played a match versus Crown Lynn Potteries, winning 16:10 (each player played more than one game).



The WELLINGTON REGIONAL SCHOOLPUPILS CHAMPIONSHIP, played in the May holidays, was won by Pat Cordue with Jonathan Sarfati in second place.

The following game was not from this tournament, but was played in a match against the Australian Girls Team.

Kate Marshall-P.L.Cordue, Pirc Defence:
 1 e4 d6 2 d4 Nf6 3 Nc3 g6 4 Nf3 Bg7
 5 Be2 0-0 6 0-0 c6 7 Bg5 Qc7 8 Qd2
 Nbd7 9 Rad1 b5 10 Bd3 Bb7 11 d5 b4
 12 Ne2 cxd5 13 exd5 Nxd5 14 Bh6 Rfc8
 15 Bxg7 Kxg7 16 Ng3 Nc5 17 Rfel Ne6
 18 Re4 a5 19 Rh4 Nf6 20 Ng5 (very
 strong seems 20 Nf5+, e.g. 20...gxf5
 21 Qh6+ Kh8 22 Bxf5 Nf8 23 Ng5 +-)
 20...Nxb5 21 Qxg5 Qc5 22 Qh6+ Kg8
 23 Re1 Re8 24 Ne4 (better was 24 Be4;
 White is given no further chances) Bxe4
 25 Bxe4 d5 26 Bd3 e5 27 Re3 e4 28
 Bf1 Qxc2 29 Reh3 Qxb2 30 g4 Rac8 31
 g5 Nh5, 0 : 1 (time).



Twenty-eight players contested the CANTERBURY SCHOOLPUPILS CHAMPIONSHIP with three Christchurch boys tying for first on 5½ points out of 7: W.Norton, N.Dixon and A.Raizis. These three will play off for the two places in the National Schoolpupils Championship.

Like its Otago counterpart, the standard of play was weak; witness the following game played on board one.

D.Cairns-K.Mackley, Slav Defence:
 1 d4 d5 2 c4 c6 3 Nc3 Bf5? 4 Qb3
 Qd7 5 cxd5 Nf6 6 dxc6 Nxc6 7 d5??
 Nd4 8 Qd1 Nc2+ 9 Kd2 Nxd5! (superior
 to 9...Nxa1 as White now loses his
 queen), 0 : 1.



The match to decide who gains automatic selection for the next New Zealand Championship took place at the Auckland Chess Centre in April through June. The

match was for the best of four games; if a tie resulted then the match would continue with the first won game deciding.

Clemance started as favourite after his win over Goffin at Christmas. In the first game Goffin played his favourite Anti-Sicilian but eight moves in succession with two minor pieces allowed Clemance to take command of the game and Goffin was soon quite lost; he resigned on his 43rd move, a rook in arrears.

The second, third and fourth games ended in draws. Goffin played too cautiously and never really looked like coming back into the match. Hence the final score was 2½:1½.

	1	2	3	4
Philip Clemance	1	½	½	½
Peter Goffin	0	½	½	1½

Game 1:

P.B.Goffin-P.A.Clemance, Sicilian Def:
 1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 Nc6 3 f4 e6 4 Nf3 d5
 5 Bb5 Nge7 6 e5 a6 7 Bxc6+ Nxc6 8
 0-0 Be7 9 d3 0-0 10 Qe2 b5 11 Nd1
 Bb7 12 Nf2 Qd7 13 Nhl f5 14 Be3 d4
 15 Bf2 Nb4 16 Bel Nd5 17 Bd2 Rac8 18
 Nf2 c4 19 Rac1 c3 20 bxc3 Nxc3 21
 Bxc3 Rxc3 22 Nd1 Ra3 23 c4 dxc3 24
 Rc2 b4 25 Ne3 b3 26 axb3 Rxb3 27 Nc4
 Bb4 28 Ra2 c2 29 Rxc2 Qxd3 30 Qxd3
 Rxd3 31 Ng5 Rc8 32 Rfcl h6 33 Nxe6
 Bd5 34 Nb2 Rdc3 35 Rxc3 Bxc3 36 Na4
 Bd4+ 37 Nxd4 Rxc1+ 38 Kf2 Rc4 39 Nb6
 Rxd4 40 Ke3 Re4+ 41 Kd3 Bc6 42 Nc8
 Bb5+, 0 : 1.

Game 4:

P.A.Clemance-P.B.Goffin, Pirc Defence:
 1 e4 d6 2 d4 Nf6 3 Nc3 g6 4 Nf3 Bg7
 5 Be2 0-0 6 0-0 Bg4 7 Be3 Nc6 8 Qd2
 e5 9 d5 Ne7 10 Rad1 Bxf3 11 Bxf3 Nd7
 12 g3 f5 13 Bg2 Nf6 14 Bg5 Qe8 15
 Rde1 a6 16 f4 Nxe4 17 Nxe4 fxe4 18
 Bxe7 Qxe7 19 Rxe4 Qd7 20 fxe5 Bxe5
 21 c3 Rxf1+ 22 Bxf1 Rf8 23 Bg2 Qb5
 24 Re2 Kg7 25 Rf2 Qc5 26 a3 Re8 27
 Qd3 Bf6 28 Be4 Bg5 29 Qf3 Be3 30
 Qf6+ Kh6 31 Qh4+, ½ : ½.



The WELLINGTON QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEK-END TOURNAMENT was organised by the Civic Chess Club (more specifically by

Doug Clark and Ted Stallknecht) and held in the pleasant surroundings of the Wellington Cultural Centre.

Paul Garbett won convincingly beating Noble, Frankel, Wigbout, D.Beach and Sarfati. David Goodhall had to work hard for second place; in round two he won only after a marathon struggle with Tim Spiller. In round three he drew in another very long adjourned game with David Beach, and he finished with wins against Shuker and Oliver.

Jonathan Sarfati was the player who most enhanced his reputation in the tournament, beating Dowman in round 3 and Wigbout in round 4 and losing only to Garbett in the last round. Gary Frost also did well, although benefiting from the accelerated pairing system which was used in rounds two, three and four and seemed to work quite well.

Scores: 1 P.A.Garbett 5/5; 2 D.N.A. Goodhall 4½; 3-4 G.Frost & J.Sarfati 4; 5-8 D.O.Beach, Z.Frankel, T.Spiller & D.Adams 3½; 9-16 I.A.Dowman, G.C. Flower, D.Oliver, R.Shuker, R.Harding, A.Drake, P.Cotton & J.Rickit 3; 17-20 M.Wigbout, M.Sinclair, T.Hughes & L.Mc Laren 2½; 21-27 S.Hill, F.Foster, M. Noble, B.Newman, D.Paul, E.Edwards & M. Waterson 2; 28 J.Blaikie 1½; 29-32 B.Kay, P.Beckford, Y.Schoutsen & T. Thorn 1; 33-34 A.Flower & R.Fortune 0.

Report: P.Garbett



Between the Summer Cup and the Club Championships the NORTH SHORE CHESS CLUB held a five round tournament in seven groups of 6 players. Top rated Peter Stuart had a hard time of it in suffering two losses. The first of these is annotated elsewhere in this issue. The second started off as a comedy of errors with Stuart securing a marked advantage before overlooking a beautiful one mover:

P.W.Stuart-M.J.Livingston, English:
 1 c4 d5? 2 cxd5 Nf6 3 e4 e6 4 Bb5+? Bd7? 5 Bxd7+ Qxd7 6 dxe6 Qxe6 7 Nc3 Bb4 8 f3 Nc6 9 Nge2 Rd8 10 d4 Qc4! 11 d5 0-0 12 Be3 Ne5 13 Qd4! (White returns the pawn aiming for strong pressure against Black's queenside in return) 13...Nd3+ 14 Kd2 Nxb2 15 Rhb1? (correct was 15 Kc2! with advan-

tage) 15...Nxd5!! 16 exd5 Rxd5 17 Rxb2 Rxd4+ 18 Bxd4 (White has more than enough for the queen - but cannot hold on to it) 18...Rd8 19 Rb3 c5 20 Kdl cxd4- 21 Ne4 d3 22 Nc3 f5 23 Nd2 Qd4 24 Rcl Qgl+, 0 : 1.

Only a nice sacrificial attack in the last round combined with cut-throat competition among the other players allowed a three-way tie between Stuart, Livingston & T.P.O'Connor with 3/5.

Grade 2 also saw a three-way tie with D.Shead, J.Guy & J.Cockcroft all scoring 3/5. Other winners were G.Pitts (Grade 3), L.P.Grevers (4), P.Van der Mey & M.Rogers (5), P.Wilcock & A.S. Trafford (6) and A.Parker (7).



At the CIVIC CLUB a match between Paul Garbett and David Beach for the best of six games was played during April and May. Predictably Garbett proved too strong, winning 4:0.

In the first game Beach's Sicilian Pelican met an apparent improvement on the 'book'. After Beach's desperate exchange sacrifice Garbett went astray and had to return the material. Determined play converted the remaining slight advantage into a win in a difficult queen and opposite-coloured-bishop ending.

In the second game White castled long but succumbed to an overwhelming attack before he could attempt anything on the other side:

D.O.Beach-P.A.Garbett, Richter-Veressov Attack: 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nc3 d5 3 Bg5 Nbd7 4 Qd3 g6 5 Nf3 Bg7 6 e4 dxe4 7 Nxe4 0-0 8 0-0-0 h6 9 Bf4 Nxe4 10 Qxe4 Nf6 11 Qel c6 12 Bd3 Bg4 13 c3 b5 14 Qd2 b4 15 cxb4 Qd5 16 Kbl a5 17 Bxh6 axb4 18 b3 Ne4 19 Bxe4 Qxe4+ 20 Kb2 Bxh6 21 Qxh6 Rxa2+, 0 : 1.

The third game was the best of the match - see elsewhere in this issue.

Beach had his best chance to win in the fourth game when Garbett misplayed the opening overlooking an excellent move by Beach. Black failed, however, to consolidate his advantage and was tactically outplayed, losing quite quickly.

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WHEN IS A TAIMANOV A PELICAN?

by Vernon Small

Vernon examines an interesting transpositional possibility in the Sicilian Defence.

'When it has "e5" in it' would seem to be a reasonable reply to the title question. It has long been known that via the Taimanov move order, 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nc6 5 Nb5 d6 6 Bf4 e5, a Pelican can be forced on the unwary Black player. The most famous example is Fischer-Petrosian, Candidates Match 1971, which continued 7 Be3 Nf6 8 Bg5 (strictly speaking this is not a Pelican, but a 'super Pelican', since Black is a tempo up on normal Pelican lines - Ed.) 8...Be6 9 Nlc3 a6 10 Bxf6 gxf6 11 Na3 d5! 12 exd5 Bxa3 13 bxa3 Qa5 14 Qd2 0-0-0 and Black stands very well.

So it appears that if you want to play the Taimanov, and White plays 5 Nb5, it is necessary to know not only the Maroczy-type bind (5...d6 6 c4) but the Pelican as well. But Sveshnikov, playing Black against Karpov in the 41st USSR Championship, revealed that HE could force a Pelican after 5...Nf6 6 Nlc3 d6 7 Bf4 e5. If White does not induce 7...e5 he will find himself in a bad variation of a different type of Sicilian; for example, after 7 Bg5 a6 he is two tempi behind in a Richter-Rauzer.

Thus under the new situation it would appear that after 5 Nb5 it is White who must know both the bind and the Pelican, and Black can content himself with a knowledge of the latter.

Before moving on, it may also be of interest to note that this method of reaching the Pelican avoids many less known lines, especially those involving 7 a4, or moves of the white K-knight other than 6 Ndb5.

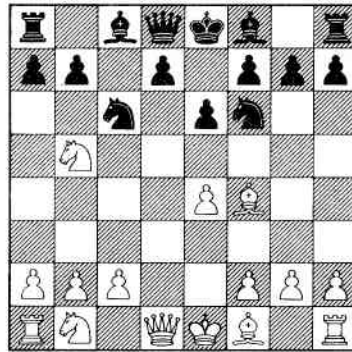
Armed with this tortuous logic I calmly waited for some unsuspecting player to stumble along. It finally happened in the last round of the recent Civic Easter tournament.

Garbett-Small commenced 1 e4 c5 2

Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 e6

Insensitive readers might ask why, if I intended to play a Pelican, I didn't opt for 4...Nf6 and 5...e5. Quite simply, I prefer the 'normal' Taimanov if I can get it and I suspected Paul plays 7 a4 lines against the usual move order; so the 'miracle move order' will take him onto less familiar ground. The game continued:

5 Nb5 Nf6 6 Bf4!



As far as I know there is no mention of this move in any available source. By delaying the development of his QN, White hopes to play c2-c4 firmly controlling d5. So can Black get a Pelican after all?

Black now has 6...d6 (A) and 6...e5 (B).

A 6...d6

1) 7 Nxd6 Bxd6 8 Bxd6 Nxe4 =.
2) 7 Bxd6 Bxd6 8 Qxd6 (or 8 Nxd6+ Ke7 9 Nxc8+ Rxc8 with some compensation for the pawn) 8...Qxd6 9 Nxd6+ Ke7 10 Nxc8+ Raxc8 11 Nc3 and White is a sound pawn up.

B 6...e5! 7 Bg5

Black must now choose between 7...Qa5+

(1), 7...a6 (2), 7...d6 (3) and 7...Bc5! (4).

1) 7...Qa5+ 8 Qd2! Qxd2+ (8...Nxe4? 9 Qxa5 Nxa5 10 Nc7 mate) 9 Nxd2 with clear advantage for White.

2) 7...a6 8 N5c3 d6 9 Nd5 Be6 10 Nlc3 gives one of the less fashionable positions for Black.

3) 7...d6 (the game continuation which is too passive for full equality) 8 c4 Be6 9 N5c3 Qa5 10 Bd3 Be7 11 0-0 Rc8 12 Nd2 0-0 13 h3 a6 14 a3 Qd8 15 Be3 Nd7! with a slight advantage for White (drawn in 35).

4) 7...Bc5! Now if White exchanges on f6, the threat of mate on f2 would give Black time to castle when he would have an improved Macdonnell-Labourdonnais variation. 8 Nd6+ fails to 8...Bxd6 9 Qxd6 Nxe4 of course, while the threat of 8...Bxf2+ and 9...Nxe4 needs attention. Both 8 Bd3 and 8 Nlc3 come into consideration although even then Black can secure good chances:

4a) 8 Bd3 Qb6! 9 Bxf6 (9 0-0 Nxe4) 9...gxf6 (9...Bxf2+? 10 Kf1 gxf6 11 Nlc3! + threatening 12 Nd5 and 12 Na4) 10 Nlc3 Nb4! with an edge for Black.

4b) 8 Nlc3 d6! (8...Qb6 9 Qd2 with advantage, intending 10 Na4) 9 Nd5! (White must play actively; if 9 Bd3 a6 10 Na3 Bxa3 11 bxa3 Qa5 12 Qd2 Be6 is winning for Black - a Pelican Gambit without the pawn minus! After the text Black can institute some really wild tactics) 9...Qa5+ 10 Bd2 Ne4 11 Bxa5 Bxf2+ 12 Ke2 Bg4+ 13 Kd3 Nc5+ 14 Kc3 Bxd1 15 Rxd1 (15 Nbc7+ Kd7 16 Nxa8 Be1+ 17 Kc4 Nxa5+ 18 Kb5 a6+ 19 Kb6 Na4+ 20 Ka7 Bf2+ 21 Nab6+ Nxb6 22 Nxb6+ Kc7 would be a pretty finish) 15...Nxa5 16 Ndc7+ Ke7 17 Nxa8 Rxa8 with two pawns for the exchange. The complications are still raging and Black stands no worse in my opinion.

Although this survey is by no means exhaustive or definitive, it does suggest that there are some interesting possibilities in this largely untried variation for the enterprising player.



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allowing postal chess and matches with other clubs. Regrettably Angus and his new friends have rationalised their situation, believing all non chess players are mad.

The moral of this disjointed story is let your husband have an affair but don't let him play chess.

CHESS IN SCHOOL

A BREAKTHROUGH

by D.R. WALKER

It is an unfortunate truth that most chess players learned the moves by chance. Our beloved game infiltrates from one generation to another like a virus. It might have been an enthusiastic schoolteacher, a 'weirdo' friend or dear old dad who was the carrier, and if you were lucky enough to be a contact then you caught it. Fortunately there is no known cure so the infection will continue to spread in the foreseeable future. What is needed, however, is an epidemic.

It was with this in mind that I campaigned, a few years ago, to get chess into the regular school curriculum at Wanganui Collegiate. We have, like many Intermediate and Secondary schools, a block of time set aside each week for what we call *recreational activities* (synonyms elsewhere may be 'Learning for leisure', 'Clubs Time' and so on). Third formers are divided into groups and taught the rudiments of art, woodwork, debating, drama and music every Friday afternoon. They do one of these activities for a few weeks learning the basics and then move round to the next one in rotation. By the end of the year they have covered the full range and discovered their talents - or lack of them. The scheme continues in the 4th form by asking pupils to choose one activity to pursue for the whole year on Wednesday afternoons.

I managed to get Chess included in the sequence and the results have been most gratifying. Every pupil who leaves school can now play the game with a competence beyond that of merely knowing the moves. Our third form course includes topics like *Develop your pieces; Control the centre; Castle early; Pin, fork & discover the check* - as well as simple endgame stuff like *Queen the pawn and Trap the King*. Our fourth form course develops middle game themes such as *The Open File, Grab Good Squares and Frighten the King*. These are all illustrated by short games on a demonstration board. The majority of class time is, of course, devoted to actually playing the game. We usually

run a large Swiss but other competitions such as small group all-play-all and team matches have also been successful.

The most difficult part of the exercise is, I suppose, getting the 'powers that be' to accept the fact that Chess is a creative activity (not merely a game like ludo), that it is a valuable educational exercise (giving experience in disciplined thinking) and that ability in chess is not related to academic IQ. It can also keep kids off the streets for hours on end.

The drawback is, of course, that the disease can last a life-time.



PHILIP'S ASIAN TEAMS

The New Zealand team for this event, recently announced by the Council, is (in board order):

- 1 Ortvin Sarapu
- 2 Murray Chandler
- 3 Vernon Small
- 4 Paul Garbett
- 5 Bruce Anderson
- 6 Ewen Green



WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

This event is being held in Austria from 4th to 18th September. Kai Jensen is New Zealand's entry.

The Hamilton Chess Club is organising, on Kai's behalf, an appeal for funds to pay his travel expenses. All contributions should be sent direct to Mr B. Bell-Syer, Secretary, Hamilton Chess Club, 5 Balfour Crescent, Hamilton.



1st ASIAN JUNIOR CH'P

On his way back to New Zealand Murray Chandler will play in this event, to be played in Baguio City in the Philippines from 8th to 28th August. There is an IM title for the winner.

ANNOTATED GAMES

The first four games, with notes by Vernon Small, are from the 1977 North Island Championship.

After starting with 4 out of 4 it appeared that Peter Green would provide the strongest challenge to top seed V. Small. After his defeat by the latter, however, he seemed to fade. The following games, selected by the winners, give a false impression of his strength since three of his losses are analysed - unless we remember that strong opposition is a requirement for a well played game.

L.H.CORNFORD P.GREEN

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	d6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	g6
6	Be3	Bg7
7	Be2	0-0
8	g4!?	

Typical Cornford. This advance should turn out badly but with 'Lucky' Lindsay handling a sharp kingside attack things do not always turn out as they should.

8 ... d5!

The tried and true formula - action in the centre to counter a blow on the wing.

9 e5 Ne4
10 f4

The first evidence that White's ambition was misplaced; he must allow the doubling of his c-pawns since after 10 Nxe4 dxe4 11 Bf4 Bxe5! wins an important central pawn.

10 ... Nxc3
11 bxc3 Nc6
12 h4 f6!

This ensures that the White centre is broken after which the white king will have difficulty finding a haven.

13 exf6 Bxf6?

But this is quite wrong. After 13... exf6 the black king would be much safer than in the game and the open e-file

would provide excellent play.

14 h5 e5

Still trying to break through in the centre, but it just isn't fast enough!

15 Nxc6 bxc6
16 hxg6 hxg6
17 fxe5 Bxe5?

With his kingside so shattered it would have been better to sacrifice the e-pawn and try 17...Bh4+ 18 Kd2 Bg5 intending 19...d4!

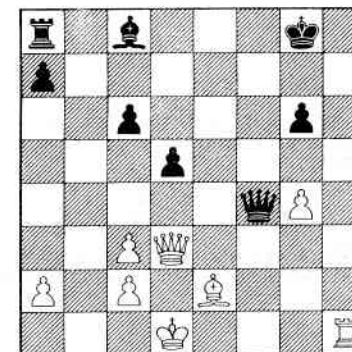
18 Qd3 Qf6
19 0-0-0!

Not 19 Kd2 Ba6! and it is Black who is winning.

19 ... Bf4

If 19...Bxc3 20 Rdf1 Qg7 21 Rxf8+ wins easily for White.

20 Rdf1 Qg5
21 Rxf4 Rxf4
22 Bxf4 Qxf4+
23 Kd1



23 ... Qf7?

It seems that 23...Qg5 was preferable but after 24 Qh3 Rb8! 25 Qh7+ Kf8 26 Rf1+ Ke8 27 Qg8+ Kd7 28 Rf7+ Kd6 29 Qf8+ Ke5 30 Re7 White wins easily.

There was, however, some hope in 23...Qf6! 24 Rh6 Kg7 25 Qh3 Be6!

24 Rh6 Kg7
25 Qh3 Qf4
26 Rh7+ Kf6
27 Qh4+ Ke5
28 Qe7+! Be6
29 Qc7+ Ke4

30 Bd3+ Ke3
31 Rh3+

1 : 0

M.STEADMAN P.GREEN

Four Knights' Opening

1 e4 e5
2 Nf3 Nc6
3 Bc4 Bc5
4 Nc3 Nf6
5 d3 d6
6 Be3 Bb6
7 Qd2 Be6
8 Bd5

A new move. Encyclopaedia of Chess Openings gives 8 Bb3 as equal; 8 Nd5 Bxd5 9 exd5 Ne7 10 Bg5 Qd7 11 Bxf6 gxf6 12 0-0-0 c6 13 dxc6 bxc6 as better for Black (Tartakover-Schlechter, 1907); and 8 Bb5 0-0 9 Bxc6 bxc6 10 0-0 Nd7 11 d4 f6 =.

8 ... Bd7

But this does not look best. Preferable seems 8...Qd7 intending 9...Nd8 and 10...c6.

9 Bg5 h6
10 Bh4 Ne7
11 Bc4

There seems little reason not to take the black b-pawn (unless 8 Bd5 should read 8 Bb5).

11 ... g5
12 Bg3 c6?

12...Nh5 looks stronger - intending Ng6 when the knights can crawl all over f4.

13 0-0-0 Bg4
14 h4!

With the bishop on d7, 14...g4 would now give Black reasonable chances.

14 ... gxh4
15 Rxh4 Bxf3

If 15...h5 immediately, then 16 Ng5 might be awkward to meet.

16 gxf3 h5
17 f4

With his superior development and better king safety, White correctly opts for opening up the position.

17 ... Ng6
18 Rh3 Qd7
19 Rdh1 0-0-0
20 f5 Nf8
21 Bh4 N8h7
22 Qh6!

Completely tying Black down. Any other move would allow Rdg8 with some chances.

22 ... d5!?

A bold attempt to gain freedom from his cramped position. Black obviously did not savour the possibility of passive defence by 22...Qe7 23 Rg1 when the threat of 24 Rg7 is too strong.

23 exd5 Qxf5?

Better chances are offered by 23... cxd5, e.g. 24 Bxf6 Nxf6 25 Qxf6 dxc4 when at least hope can spring eternal.

24 dxc6 Ng4

Further complicating the struggle since, after 24...bxc6, Black has just five too many weak pawns.

25 cxb7+ Kxb7
26 Qg7 Rdf8
27 Bd5+ Kb8
28 Rf3

Black never quite gets the chance to threaten 28...Rhg8.

28 ... Qc8
29 Rxf7 Rxf7
30 Qxf7 Nf8
31 Be7 Bc7
32 Nb5 Nd7
33 Rxh5 Rxh5

About now Black probably wished he had five weak pawns.

34 Qxh5 Nxf2
35 Qg6 Qh8
36 Nxc7

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There is no check on h1 and 36...Kxc7 allows mate in 2.

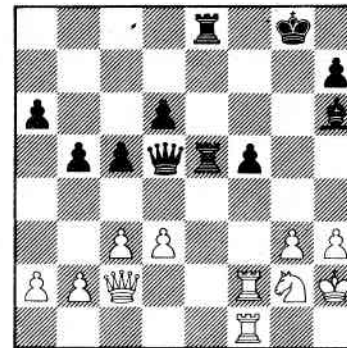


V.A.SMALL P.GREEN

Sicilian Defence

1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 d6 3 g3 Nc6 4 Bg2 g6

5 Nge2 Bg7 6 0-0 Nh6 7 d3 0-0 8 h3
f5 9 Be3 Nf7 10 f4 Bd7 11 Qd2 Rc8
12 Kh2 a6 13 Nd1 b5 14 c3 e5 15 exf5
gxf5 16 fxe5 Ncxe5 17 Nf4 Ng6 18 Nf2
Nxf4 19 Bxf4 Bc6 20 Rae1 Ne5 21 Nd1
Qd7 22 Ne3 Bxg2 23 Qxg2 Rce8 24 Qc2
Qc6 25 Bxe5 Rxe5 26 Ng2 Bh6 27 Re2
Rfe8 28 Ref2 Qd5



White cannot play 29 Nh4 since 29... f4 would expose the white king and rid Black of his weak pawn (30 gxf4 Bxf4+! 31 Rxf4 Re2+).

I had intended playing 29 d4 but lost confidence in the idea because of 29... cxd4 30 cxd4 Qxd4 31 Rxf5 Re2.

So I settled on 'sacrificing' the a-pawn instead:

29 Qd1!

This threatens either 30 d4 or 30 Qh5 finally netting the f-pawn.

29 ... Qxa2
30 d4 cxd4
31 cxd4 R5e6

Or 31...Rd5 32 Qh5 Re6 33 Rxf5 Rxd4 (33...Rxf5 34 Qxf5 Re8 -not 34...Rg6 35 Qc8+ and mates- 35 d5 Rf8 36 Qe6+ Kh8 37 Rxf8+ Bxf8 38 Qf7 wins the bishop) 34 Qf7+ Kh8 35 Rf6 Rde4 36 Rxh6 +.

32 Qh5 Qd5
33 Nh4! Qxd4

This loses material but once the white knight reaches f5, Black's position is indefensible anyway, e.g. 33... Qb7 34 Nxf5 Bg7 35 d5! Rg6 36 Nxd6!

34 Nxf5 Qf6

After the game Paul Garbett jokingly told me that I was lucky that he wasn't

in the field; he also said that Black could do better here with 34...Bf8. Perhaps he should have played after all.

35 Nxd6!

Winning the exchange and the game. The remaining moves were:

35...Qg6 36 Qxg6+ hxg6 37 Nxe8 Rxe8
38 Kg2 Bg7 39 Rd1 Re4 40 Rd6 Rb4 41 Rxa6 Kh7 42 Ra7 Kh6 43 Ra2 Rb3 44 Rf3, 1 : 0.



Our next game is a really wild affair which Len Whitehouse neatly liquidates into a won rook & pawn endgame.

L.E.WHITEHOUSE P.L.CORDUE

Pirc Defence

1 e4 d6
2 d4 g6
3 Nf3 Nf6
4 Nc3 Bg7
5 Be2 0-0
6 0-0 c6
7 a4 Qc7
8 h3 e5
9 Be3 Nbd7
10 d5!?

Somehow this doesn't look right. Black obtains a kingside pawn majority which should give good attacking chances.

10 ... cxd5
11 exd5 a6
12 a5 Nc5?

There is no time to waste. Black should play 12...Ne8 intending ...f5.

13 Na4! Nfe4
14 Nb6 Rb8
15 Ra3

Removing the rook from the a1-h8 diagonal.

15 ... f5
16 b4 Nd7

Now it can be seen how 12...Nc5 damaged Black's game.

17 c4 f4

Forcing the following complications since White has no other way to avoid the loss of a pawn.

18 Nxd7 fxe3!

After 18...Bxd7 19 Bb6 Qc8 20 Qc2 and 21 c5 White's pawns look very menacing.

19 Nxf8!?

White liquidates the more active rook but on b8 the knight would have been more awkward to recapture. It was still possible to take the chicken way out too with 19 Rxe3 Nxf2 20 Rxf2 Bxd7 and White stands no worse.

19 ... exf2+
20 Kh2

20 Rxf2 would give Black a slight edge.

20 ... Qf7!

Black's ace! He switches the queen to the kingside with gain of tempo through the threat of mate via Qf4+. He also tempts 21 Nxc6? Qxc6 22 g4 Bh6! with a raging attack.

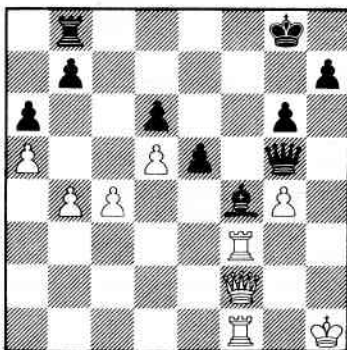
21 Qc1 Qxf8!
22 Ng5

Forced.

22 ... Bh6
23 h4 Qe7
24 Qe3 Bf5
25 g4!?

White has got so involved in the complications that he has forgotten how to play quiet moves. 25 Bf3 was probably quite sufficient.

25 ... Nxc6
26 hxg5 Bxc6
27 Qxf2 Bf4+
28 Kh1 Be4+
29 Bf3 Bxc3+
30 Rxf3 Qg5?



30...Rf8 could have preserved the material imbalance and some chances for Black.

Now Whitehouse confidently transposed to an ending which he plays with fine technique.

31 Rxf4 exf4
32 Qxf4 Qxf4

Black does not realise that the ending is so bad or he would have opted for 32 ...Qe7.

33 Rxf4 Rc8
34 Kg2 Kg7
35 Kf3 h5
36 gxh5 gxh5
37 Re4!

Now the rook can penetrate via e6 to attack the weak pawns.

37 ... Kf7
38 Ke3 Kf6
39 Kd4 Kf7
40 Re6 Rd8
41 Rh6 Rg8
42 Rxd6 Rg4+
43 Kc5 Ke7
44 Rb6 h4
45 Rxb7+ Kf6
46 d6 Rg8
47 Rh7 Rc8+
48 Kd5

1 : 0



Played in the 1976/77 New Zealand Correspondence Championship. Notes are by the winner.

K.W.LYNN P.A.CLEMANCE

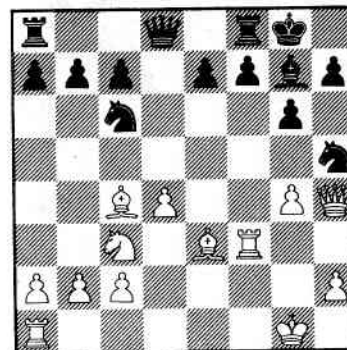
Blackmar-Diemer Gambit

1 d4 Nf6
2 Nc3 d5
3 e4 dxe4
4 f3 exf3
5 Nxf3 g6
6 Bc4 Bg7
7 O-O O-O
8 Qe1 Bg4
9 Qh4 Bxf3
10 Rxf3 Nc6
11 Be3 Nh5

So far as in Van Dijk-Free from the 1974/75 N.Z. Correspondence Championship.

12 g4

This is Van Dijk's suggested improvement over 12 Rdl which he played against Free.



12 ... Nxd4
13 Rh3 Bf6

The beginning of a very interesting combination.

14 Qf2

If 14 Bg5, Black could play 14...Nf3+ 15 Rxf3 Qd4+ 16 Khl Qxc4, or 14...e6.

14 ... Qd7!
15 Qg2 Nxc2

The point.

16 Rd1?

The two alternatives, 16 Qxc2 and 16 gxh5, were both better, e.g.:

1) 16 Qxc2 Qxc4+ 17 Qg2 Qxc4 18 Rxc4 with a knight against four pawns; and not now 18...Bxc3?! 19 Rc5. If Black tries to improve by playing 16...Bxc3 first, then 17 Qg2! still wins a piece.

2) 16 gxh5 Nxe3 17 Rxe3 Bd4 also offers some chances whether White chooses to defend the rook (Leaving B+N versus R + 3 pawns) or sacrifices the exchange by 18 hxg6.

16 ... Nxe3
17 Rxe3 Bd4
18 gxh5

Gaining time for the attack by sacrificing the exchange, but it is too slow. However, the alternative 18 Khl is no better; 18...Nf6 simply leaves Black three pawns ahead.

18 ... Bxe3+
19 Khl Qc6

20 Bd5 Qb6
21 hxg6 hxg6
22 Be4 Rad8
23 Nd5 Qd6
24 h4

Still hoping to harass Black a little yet.

24 ... Qf4!

But this crushes all resistance.

25 Nxf4 Rxd1+
26 Kh2 Bxf4+
27 Kh3 Rd2
28 Qg1 e5

0 : 1

White must lose his bishop at least, e.g. 29 Bxc6 Rh2+ 30 Kg4 fxc6, or 29 Bxb7 Rd3+ winning the queen, or finally 29 Bb1 when 29...Rfd8 threatens 30...R8d3+! or simply 30...Rd1 winning.



The next two games were recently played at the North Shore Chess Club. Notes are by Peter Stuart.

R.B.JOHNSTONE P.W.STUART

Sicilian Defence

1 e4 c5
2 Nf3 Nc6
3 d4 cxd4
4 Nxd4 Nf6
5 Nc3 e5
6 Nb3 Bb4
7 Bd3 d5!
8 exd5 Nxd5
9 Bd2 Bxc3

Next time I would prefer 9...Nxc3 10 bxc3 Bd6 with a slight advantage as in Schlechter-Lasker 1910.

10 bxc3 0-0
11 0-0 f5
12 Re1!

A new move; White aims to immobilise the black central pawns by active piece play. In a game Rezende-Zinn 1970 White gave up the bishop pair by 12 Bc4 Kh8 13 Bxd5 but after 13...Qxd5 14 Be3 Qc4 15 Qd3 Be6 Black had a clear advantage.

12 ... Nf6
13 Bc4+ Kh8
14 Nc5 Qe7
15 Nd3 Rd8?!

Too artificial! Although after 15... e4 the pawns have lost some mobility, at least Black can complete his development, e.g. 16 Nb4 Ne5! 17 Bb3 Be6 or 17 Nd5 Qc5! with a good game in either case.

16	Qe2	Ne4
17	Rd1	Be6
18	Bb3	Bg8
19	f3	Nxd2
20	Rxd2	Rac8!?
21	Qf2	

21 Nxe5? would lose a piece after 21 ...Rxd2 22 Qxd2 (22 Nxc6? Qc5+) Nxe5 since 23 Qd4, 23 Qe2 and 23 Qe3 are met respectively by 23...Nxf3+, 23...Qc5+ and 23...Qc5 24 Qxc5 Rxc5 25 f4 Nc4!

21	...	Qd6
22	Rde2	Re8
23	Nf4!	

Planning to take over the d-file.

23	...	Re7
24	Rd2	Qh6?

Wasting a tempo; the immediate 24... Qf6 was correct.

25	Nd5	Bxd5
26	Rxd5	Qf6
27	Red1	Rec7

Now in time trouble, Black still eyes the weak c-pawns. More prudent, however, was 27...g6 with the idea of retiring the queen to g7.

28	Qg3	g6
29	Rd6	Qe7
30	Re6	Qc5+?

Black will be severely punished for this. Better was 30...Qg7 with the idea 31...Rd7.

31	Kh1	Qxc3
32	Qh4	Rg7?

The fatal mistake. Perhaps some chances were offered by 32...Kg7 33 Qf6+ Kh6; then again, maybe not after 34 h4 with the idea Rd6 and then Qxg6+!

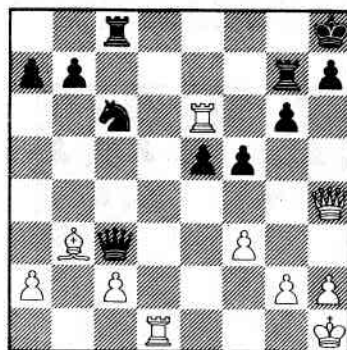
DIAGRAM

33	Qd8+!?	
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Even more effective was 33 Rd8+! Rxd8 34 Qxd8+ etc.

33	...	Rg8
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Or 33...Rxd8 34 Rxd8+ Rg8 35 Rxc8+ Kxc8 36 Rxc6+ Qxb3 37 Rc8+ & 38 axb3.



Position after 32...Rg7

34	Qf6+	Rg7
35	Rd8+	Rxd8
36	Qxd8+	Rg8
37	Qf6+	

1 : 0



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Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	e6
5	Be3	Nf6
6	Nd2	

Somewhat passive though solid. 6 Nc3 a6 7 Be2 Qc7 would transpose to normal variations.

6	...	d5
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The usual equalising move in the Sicilian - which is why 6 Nc3 is the preferred move.

7	exd5	exd5
8	Nxc6	

Continued development by 8 Be2 and 9 0-0 seems preferable.

8	...	bx6
9	Be2	Bd6
10	Nb3	

As will be seen this knight is needed for the defence of the kingside, thus 10 Nf3 was better.

10	...	0-0
11	0-0	Re8

12	Rel	Qc7
13	g3?	

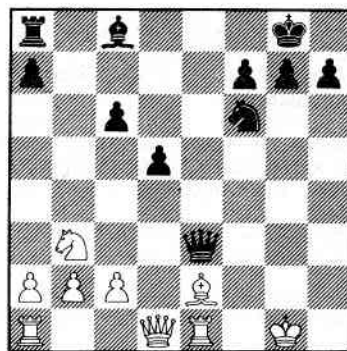
White was faced with a difficult decision. He rejected 13 h3 because after Black establishes a piece on e4, a further f2-f3 would leave gaping holes around his king. Nevertheless this was the lesser evil as Black, after the text, has an automatic combination which entails no risk whatsoever since a perpetual check is always available.

13	...	Rxe3!
14	fxe3	Bxg3
15	hxg3	Qxg3+
16	Kh1	

Of course, not 16 Kf1 Bh3 mate.

16	...	Qh3+
17	Kg1	Qxe3+

Time to take stock. I had seen this far on the 13th move and had decided then that Black's remaining pieces could enter the fray very quickly, as by Ne4 and Bh3. Taking the e-pawn concedes nothing since the position with the white king on h1 and black queen on g3 can be regained. On the positive side the e-file is opened for the black rook.



18	Kh2?!	
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In trying to prevent Black from regaining the above-mentioned position White stumbles into a worse fate.

Correct was 18 Kh1 Qh3+ 19 Kg1 Qg3+ 20 Kh1 when I had prepared 20...Ne4 21 Rf1 Bh3 22 Bf3 Bxf1! 23 Bxe4 (all White's moves are forced) 23...Re8!! reckoning on an easy win. The variations, however, are not so simple after all:

- 1) 24 Qxf1? Rxe4 and 25...Rh4+ wins.
- 2) 24 Qf3 Qh4+ 25 Kg1 Rxe4 wins.
- 3) 24 Bf3 Re1! wins.
- 4) 24 Bxd5 cxd5 25 Qxd5 Be2! wins.

5) 24 Bxh7+! Kh8! (not 24...Kxh7? 25 Qh5+ Kg8 26 Rxf1) 25 Qxf1 Re6! 26 Qg2 (forced) Rh6+ 27 Kg1 Qe3+ 28 Qf2 (28 Kf1 allows mate in 3) 28... Rh1+ 29 Kxh1 Qxf2 30 Bd3 and now 30 ...c5! causes the collapse of White's queenside. Needless to say, this last variation was the product of post mortem analysis since I failed, during the game, to appreciate the point behind 24 Bxh7+.

18	...	Qf2+
19	Kh1	Ne4
20	Rg1	

Also hopeless was 20 Qd3 Ng3+ 21 Qxg3 Qxg3.

20	...	Qh4+
21	Kg2	Qh3 mate

0 : 1



The third game of the match in Wellington. Notes by Paul Garbett.

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Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	e5
6	Ndb5	d6
7	a4	

Varying from 7 Bg5 as played in the first game.

7	...	Be6
8	Nd5!?	

As far as I know this is a new idea. While not earth-shattering, Nd5 here has the advantage of requiring Black to swap his bishop for the knight (Nd5 on move 7 allows Nxd5).

8	...	Bxd5
9	exd5	Nb8
10	Be3	a6
11	Nc3	Be7

12 g3 Nbd7
13 a5

To prevent Qc7, Nb6 and Nc4.

13 ... O-O
14 Bg2 Ne8

Consistent; Black must counteract White's spatial advantage on the queenside by a kingside advance.

15 O-O f5
16 Na4 Nef6?!

Too cautious. Black should try 16...g5 with Ng7 and Qe8 to follow.

17 c4 Qc7
18 Qc2!

Not only defending the c-pawn but also gaining a tempo by hitting the black f-pawn.

18 ... e4
19 Nb6 Nxb6
20 Bxb6 Qc8
21 Rfd1 Nd7!
22 Bd4 Bf6



23 g4!?

A bold attempt to complicate.

23 ... Ne5

Probably best. 23...g6 24 gxf5 gxf5 25 Ra3 looks dangerous.

24 Bxe5 Bxe5
25 gxf5 Qxf5
26 Bxe4 Qg4+
27 Kh1 Qh4
28 f3

The basis of White's defence.

28 ... Rf4
29 Rd2 Kh8

30 Rg1 Rg8
31 b4 g5
32 c5 g4
33 Rdg2 Bd4
34 Qd2! Bxg1
35 Qxf4 Bd4
36 Qd2 dxc5
37 bxc5 Qf6
38 c6 bxc6
39 dxc6 gxf3?

Also bad was 39...Be5 because of 40 Qd7. Better, however, was 39...Ba7 threatening mate although White appears to be winning after 40 Qc1.

40 Rxg8+ Kxg8
41 c7

1 : 0

After 41...Qe6 White can win in a number of ways, the shortest being 42 Bd5.

COMBINATION SOLUTIONS

1. Kexel - Lacunza, Trelew 1974:
1 Rxg7+! Kxg7 2 Qxd7 Qxd7 3 e6+ winning.
2. Fox - Dickerson, Brooklyn Chess Club 1904:
1 Qxg6+!! Kxg6 2 Bh5+ Kxh7 3 Bf7 mate.
3. Reilstab - Novarra, Berlin 1940:
1 Rxf8+! Kxf8 2 Ng6+! hxg6 3 Qh8+ Kf7 4 Qxg7 mate.
4. Zaitsev - Bonsch-Osmolovsky, USSR 1970:
1 Bxe6+ Bxe6 2 Rxe6! Kxe6 3 Qxh6!! Kf7 4 e6+ winning.
5. Rashkovsky - Gordejev, USSR 1972:
1 Rxd6! Nxc4 2 Rxh6+ Kxh6 3 Qh8+ Kg5 4 Be4! Qh7 5 h4+ Kg4 6 Qd8!, 1 : 0.
6. Cohn - Chiszar, Ohio 1944:
1 Nb6! Qxh1+ 2 Kd2 Qxa1 3 Nxf7+! Bxf7 4 Bc7+! Kxc7 5 Qe5+ Kxb6 6 Qc5+ Ka5 7 b4 mate.

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