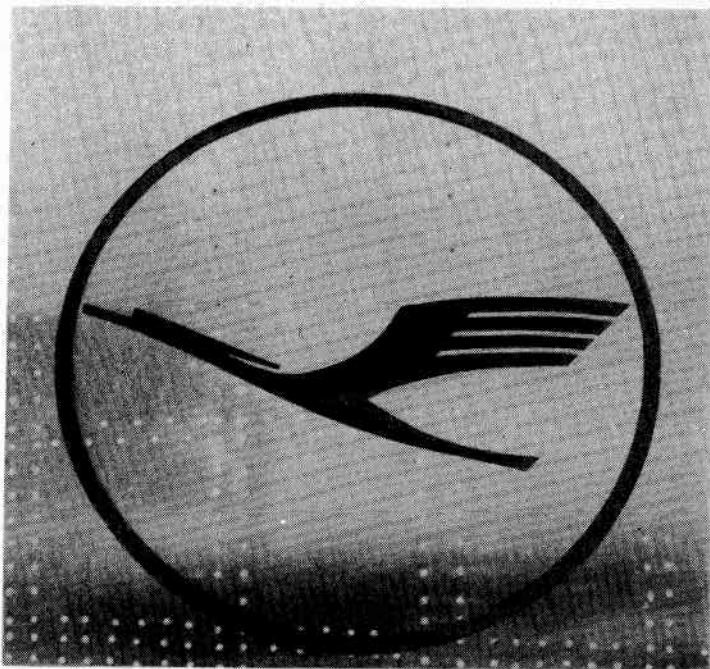


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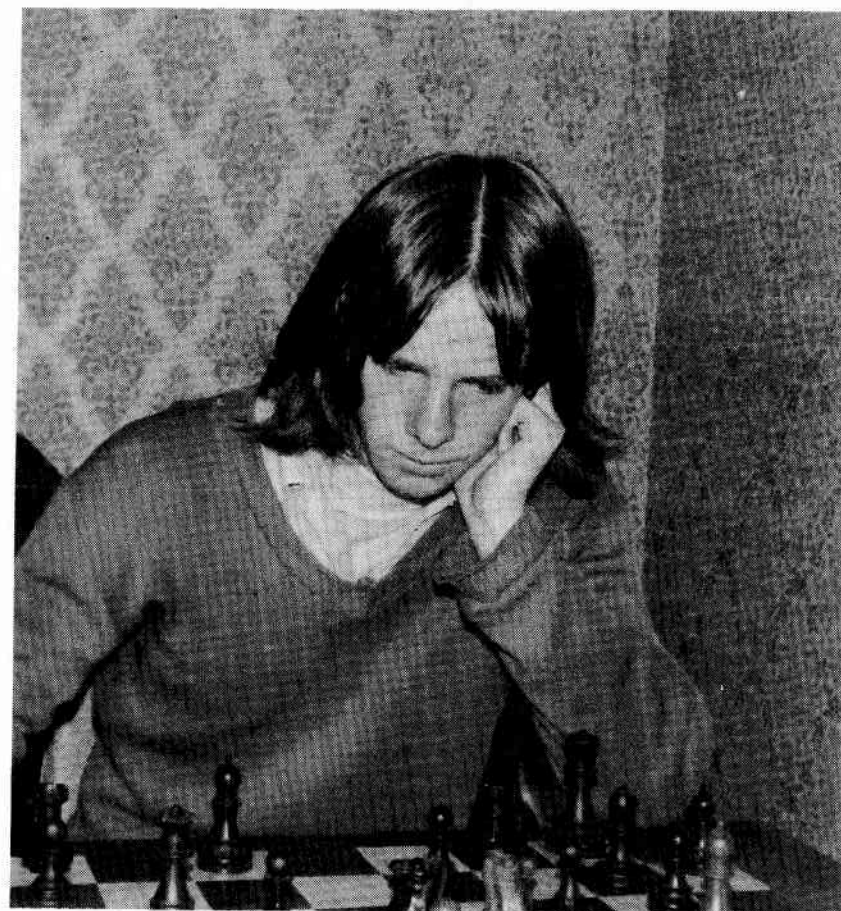
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MURRAY CHANDLER - I.M.

In winning the FIRST ASIAN JUNIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP held at the Pines Hotel, Baguio, Philippines in August, Murray (17) gained the International Master title he had set his sights on before he left New Zealand in April of last year. Murray scored 8½ points out of a possible 10 to edge out Lebanese IM Bachar Kouatly and India's Pravin Thipsay who both finished on 8 points. Congratulations Murray!

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	Total
1	Murray CHANDLER	New Zealand	x	1	½	½	1	1	1	½	1	1	1	8½
2	Bachar KOUATLY	Lebanon	0	x	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
3	Pravin M. THIPSAY	India	½	1	x	1	½	1	0	1	1	1	1	8
4	Dan FARDELL	Australia	½	0	0	x	1	½	½	½	1	1	1	6
5	Sassan RABII	Iran	0	0	½	0	x	1	½	1	½	1	1	5½
6	Andronico YAP	Philippines	0	0	0	½	0	x	1	½	1	1	1	5
7	Adrian PACIS	Philippines	0	0	1	½	½	0	x	1	½	0	1	4½
8	LIM Chye Seng	Singapore	½	0	0	½	0	½	0	x	0	1	1	3½
9	Anton F.L.TOBING	Indonesia	0	0	0	½	0	½	1	x	½	1	1	3½
10	GOH Yoon Wah	Malaysia	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	½	x	1	2½
11	Phillip GOODINGS	Hong Kong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	0

Ties were broken first by number of wins, then by Gelbfuhs scores.

Aside from the cash prize, Chandler earned the Presidents' Award which guaranteed his transportation to the World Junior Championship in Austria, a major resolution of the first Asian Chess Presidents' Conference. A selection of games follows.

Pacis - Thipsay, Sicilian Defence: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 4 0-0 Bg7 5 Nc3 d6 6 Bxc6+ bxc6 7 d4 cxd4 8 Nxd4 Qc7 9 Bg5 Nf6 10 Qd2 0-0 11 Kh1 Rb8 12 Nb3 Ba6 13 Rfel Rfe8 14 Rad1 Nd7 15 f4 Nb6 16 Na5 Nd7 17 Nb3 Nb6 18 Na5 c5 19 b3 Bc8 20 f5 gxf5 21 Bh6 f6 22 e5 Bxh6 23 Qxh6 fxe5 24 Rd3 f4 25 Rxe5 dxe5 26 Nb5 Qd7 27 Rxd7 Bxd7 28 Nc7 Rf8 29 Qg5+ Kh8 30 Qxe5+ Kg8 31 Nd5 Nxd5 32 Qxd5+ Kh8 33 Qe5+ Kg8 34 Nc4 Rbd8 35 h4 Bf5 36 Qxf4 Bxc2 37 Qg5+ Bg6 38 Ne3 Kf7 39 h5 Bd3 40 Nd5 Rde8 41 Qe5 Bb1 42 Nc7 Rd8 43 Qe6+ Kg7 44 Qxe7+ Kh6 45 Qe3+, 1 : 0.

Chandler - Kouatly, Sicilian Defence: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 e5 6 Ndb5 d6 7 Bg5 a6 8 Na3 b5 9 Nd5 Be7 10 Bxf6 Bxf6 11 h4 Bxh4 12 Rxb4 Qxh4 13 Nc7+ Ke7 14 Nxa8 Qxe4+ 15 Qe2 Qb4+ 16 c3 Qa5 17 Qe3 Be6 18 Nb6 Rb8 19 Qg5+ Kf8 20 Rd1 Qxb6 21 Rxd6 b4 22 Nb1 Bxa2 23 Nd2 bxc3 24 bxc3 Be6 25 Bd3 h6 26 Qh4 Qc7 27 Ne4 a5 28 g4 Ne7 29 Qg3 Ng6 30 Bc2 Nf4 31 g5 h5 32 Rd2 Rb2 33 g6 f6 34 f3 Qb6 35 Nxf6 gxf6 36 g7+ Kg8? 37 Bh7+ Kxh7 38 g8Q+, 1 : 0.

Pacis - Chandler, Caro-Kann Defence: 1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 dxe4 4 Nxe4 Nd7 5 Nf3 Ngf6 6 Nxf6+ Nxf6 7 Bc4 Bf5 (7...Bg4 is not possible because of 8 Bxf7+ Kxf7 9 Ne5+ regaining the piece) 8 0-0 Qc7 (normal here is 8...e6) 9 Qe2 e6 10 h3 Bd6 (10...Be7 is probably better) 11 Bd3 0-0 12 Bg5 Bxd3 13 Qxd3 Be7 14 c4 Rfd8 15 Qe2 a5 (with the idea Ra6 and Rb6) 16 Rad1 Ra6 17 Rfel a4 18 a3?! h6 (if 18...Rb6 then 19 Qc2 Rb3 20 Nd2) 19 Bh4 Qf4 20 Bg3 Qf5 21 Ne5 (planning Bh2, g4 and Nf7) 21... Ne8 22 Rd3 Nd6 23 Bh2 (an immediate Rf3 would be better; I would have played 23...

Qh5) 23...Bf6 24 g4 Qh7 25 c5? Nb5 26 Nxf7 (White has to try something since the backward d-pawn is weak and Black will double rooks on the d-file) 26...Kxf7 27 Qxe6+ Kf8 28 Rf3 Qg6 (I also considered 28...Raa8 with the following possibility: 29 Rxf6+ gxf6 30 Qxf6+ Kg8 31 Re7 Rf8 32 Qe6+ Rf7 33 Bd6 Rf8 34 Re8 Nxd6 35 cxd6 Rxe8 36 Qxe8+ Rf8 37 d7 Qf7 and Black is winning) 29 Be5 Re8 30 Bd6+ Nxd6 31 Qxd6+ Kg8 32 Rxe8+ Qxe8 33 Re3 Qf8 34 Qd7 Ra8 35 Qxb7 Bxd4 36 Re2 Re8, 0 : 1. Notes are by Murray Chandler from the Tournament Bulletin.

Chandler - Goh, French Defence: 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 e5 c5 4 c3 Nc6 5 Nf3 Bd7 6 dxc5 Qc7 7 Bf4 Bxc5 8 b4 Bb6 9 Bd3 Nge7 10 Bg3 h5 11 0-0 g5 12 Nxc5 h4 13 Bf4 f6 14 Nh7 Rxh7 15 Bxh7 0-0-0 16 a4 a5 17 Na3 fxe5 18 Nb5 Qb8 19 Bg5 Rh8 20 Bc2 e4 21 Bxe4 Qe5 22 Bxe7 Nxe7 23 Bd3 Bxb5 24 axb5 h3 25 g3 Nf5 26 Qe2 Qd6 27 Bxf5 exf5 28 bxa5 Bc5 29 Rael, 1 : 0.



'STOP CHANDLER'

From the Tournament Bulletin

Chandler - Lumban Tobing, Caro-Kann Defence: 1 e4 c6 2 Nc3 d5 3 Nf3 Bg4 4 h3 Bxf3 5 Qxf3 d4 6 Bc4 e6 7 Ne2 c5 8 0-0 Nc6 9 Qg3 a6 10 a4 Qd6 11 f4 Nge7 12 d3 Na5 13 Ba2 0-0-0 14 Bd2 Nac6 15 f5 Ne5 16 fxe6 f6 17 Nf4 h5 18 Rab1 h4 19 Qf2 N7c6 20 a5 g5 21 Nd5 g4 22 Qxf6 Bg7 23 Qxg7 Rdg8 24 Qf6 gxh3 25 Bf4 hxg2 26 Rf2 h3 27 Bh2 Rf8 28 Nb6+ Kc7 29 Qg7+ Kd8 30 Nc4 Rxf2 31 Nxd6 Rhf8 32 Nf7+, 1 : 0.

Rabii - Chandler, English: 1 e4 c6 2 c4 e5 3 d4 d6 4 Nc3 Nd7 5 f4 exd4 6 Qxd4 Qb6 7 Nf3 Ngf6 8 Qxb6 axb6 9 Bd3 g6 10 0-0 Bg7 11 Be3 0-0 12 Rad1 Ng4 13 Rfel Nxe3 14 Rxe3 Bxc3 15 bxc3 Rxa2 16 Bf1 Nc5 17 Rxd6 Be6 18 Nd4 Ral 19 Kf2 Rfa8 20 Nxe6 fxe6 21 Be2 Rcl 22 Kf3 Ra3 23 f5 Rxc3 24 Rxc3 Rxc3+ 25 Kf4 Rc2 26 Bf3 Kf7 27 Ke5 Rxc4 28 f6 b5 29 Rd4 Rc3 30 Rdl b4 31 Rbl Nd3+ 32 Kd4 c5+, 0 : 1.



Paul Spiller

CANDIDATES SEMI-FINALS:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
Victor KORCHNOY	1	1	1	½	½	1	1	0	½	½	½	½	½	8½
Lev POLUGAEVSKY	0	0	0	½	½	0	0	1	½	½	½	½	½	4½

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

Boris SPASSKY	½	½	0	½	1	½	½	0	1	½	½	½	1	1	½	8½
Lajos PORTISCH	½	½	1	½	0	½	½	1	0	½	½	½	0	0	½	6½

In Evian Korchnoy crushed Polugaevsky, running up a 6-1 lead in the 16 game match before coasting to a win. Korchnoy was not allowed to play under the Dutch flag since he has not completed the one year residential qualification.

A few miles away in Geneva Spassky twice came from behind before winning two games in a row near the end. Portisch missed a great opportunity to win in the twelfth game but played weakly in the second session to allow Spassky the half point after 75 moves. Having lost the thirteenth, Portisch overextended himself in the fourteenth game trying too hard to level the match.

We give two games from each match:

Polugaevsky - Korchnoy (2), Queen's Indian Defence: 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 b6 4 g3 Bb7 5 Bg2 Be7 6 0-0 0-0 7 Nc3 Ne4 8 Qc2 Nxc3 9 Qxc3 f5 10 b3 Bf6 11 Bb2 Nc6 12 Rad1 Ne7 13 Nel Bxg2 14 Nxc2 g5 15 Qc2 Ng6 16 e4 f4 17 e5 Bg7 18 Qe4 Qe7 19 Rd3 Rad8 20 Rel d6 21 exd6 Qxd6 22 Red1 Qe7 23 Nel Qf6 24 Rld2 Qf5 25 Qxf5 exf5 26 Ng2 g4! 27 Nxf4 Nxf4 28 gxf4 Bh6 29 Re2 Bxf4 30 Re6 Rfe8 31 Rf6 Rel+ 32 Kg2 Rf8 33 Rxf8+ Kxf8 34 d5 Bd6! 35 Bc3 Rcl 36 Bd2 Rc2 37 a4 f4 38 h3 f3+ 39 Kf1 h5 40 hxg4 hxg4 41 Ke1, 0 : 1.

Korchnoy - Polugaevsky (7), Slav Defence: 1 c4 Nf6 2 Nc3 e6 3 Nf5 d5 4 d4 c6 5 e3 Nbd7 6 Bd3 dxc4 7 Bxc4 b5 8 Bd3 Bb7 9 0-0 b4 10 Ne4 Be7 11 Nxf6+ Nxf6 12 e4 0-0 13 Qc2 (Korchnoy played 13 e5 in the third game) 13...h6 14 Be3 Rc8 15 Rfd1 c5 16 dxc5 Ng4 17 Bd4 e5 18 h3 exd4 19 hxg4 Rxc5 20 Qd2 a5 21 Rac1 Qd7 22 Rxc5 Bxc5 23 g5 hxg5 24 Qxg5 Qe7 25 Qh5 g6 26 Qh6 Qf6 27 Bc4 d3 28 e5 Qf5 29 Rxd3 Be4 30 Rd6 Qg4 31 Rf6 Bf5 32 b3 Bd4? 33 Nxd4 Qxd4 34 Rxc6+! Bxc6 35 Qxc6+ Kh8 36 Qh6+ Kg8 37 e6 Qe4 38 exf7+ Rxf7 39 Qf6 Qb1+ 40 Kh2 Qh7+ 41 Kg3 Qd3+ 42 f3 Qxc4 43 Qd8+, 1 : 0.

Portisch - Spassky (6), Benoni Defence: 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 d6 4 Nc3 g6 5 Nf3 Bg7 6 e4 0-0 7 Bf4 a6 8 a4 Qa5 9 Bd2 e6 10 Be2 exd5 11 cxd5 Bg4 12 0-0 Nbd7 13 h3 Bxf3 14 Bxf3 c4 15 Nb5 Qb6 16 Be3 Nc5 17 Na3 Qb4 18 Rcl b5 19 axb5 axb5 20 Nc2 Qxb2 21 Rbl Qe5 22 Bd4 Qe8 23 e5 Nfd7 24 exd6 Nb3 25 Bxg7 Kxg7 26 Rel Qb8 27 Nd4 Ndc5 28 Ne6+!? fxe6 29 dxe6 Ra6 30 e7 Re8 31 Rxb3! Qxd6! 32 Qxd6 Rxd6 33 Rxb5 Nd3 34 Re2 Kf6 35 Rb7 Re6 36 Rc2 R8xe7 37 Rxe7 Rxe7 38 Rxc4 Rel+ 39 Kh2 Nxf2 40 Rd4 Ke5 41 Rd7 Rhl+ 42 Kg3 Ne4+ 43 Bxe4 Kxe4 44 Kg4 Rgl 45 Re7+ Kd5 46 Re2 h6 47 h4 Ral, ½ : ½.

Spassky - Portisch (13), Closed Sicilian: 1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 Nc6 3 g3 g6 4 Bg2 Bg7 5 d3 d6 6 f4 e5 7 Nh3 exf4 8 Bxf4 Nge7 9 0-0 h6 10 Rbl 0-0 11 a3 Be6 12 Be3 Ne5 13 Nf4 Bd7 14 Kh1 Kh7 15 Qd2 Bc6 16 h3 Qd7 17 g4 Rc8 18 Rf2 b6 (here or last move b7-b5 is better) 19 Raf1 Bb7 20 Qe2 Rce8 21 Bcl Kg8 22 Qe3 b5 23 Qg3 b4 24 axb4 cxb4 25 Nd1 d5? 26 d4 N5c6 27 exd5 Nxd4 28 c4 bxc3 29 bxc3 Nb3 30 Ba3 Rc8 31 c4 Na5 32 Re2 Rfe8 33 Rfel Bf8 34 Nh5 Nxd5 35 cxd5 gxh5 36 gxh5+ Bg7 37 Bb2 f6 38 Bxf6 Rxe2 39 Rxe2 Qf7 40 Re6, 1 : 0.



FIDE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

This meeting (23/24 July, Geneva) was called by President Euwe after strong protests from Eastern European countries over the handling of the South African question at the Haifa General Assembly which was not attended by a number of countries. At that meeting South Africa was readmitted into FIDE and the latest meeting reconsidered this decision. Prior to the Geneva meeting Dr Euwe and Mr F. Campomanes visited South Africa on a fact-finding mission; the tenor of their reports (which were given to the meeting) differed somewhat, Dr Euwe apparently favouring South Africa's continued membership while Mr Campomanes was not satisfied with the progress made by the South African

Chess Federation regarding equality in chess for all races.

After a number of Western delegates had walked out in protest at the wording in one clause, the following resolution was approved:

1. *The World Chess Federation (FIDE) unanimously condemns the South African Government policy of racial discrimination, declaring it to be a violation of human rights incompatible with the spirit of tolerance and brotherhood which characterizes the chess world.*
2. *FIDE acknowledges and encourages the efforts of the South African Chess Federation to promote racial harmony in South Africa through chess.*
3. *Unfortunately the existing reality is not satisfactory and the equality of opportunity for all chess players has only taken the first steps.*
4. *Therefore FIDE decides:*
 - a) *to withdraw temporarily the South African Chess Federation from official FIDE activities until the situation has cleared in such a way that there is no discrimination in chess any more.*
 - b) *FIDE will establish a permanent commission to investigate and receive reports of progress or regression in this field affecting chess players in South Africa. This commission should report for discussion and results by the General Assembly not later than 1980.*



PHILIPS ASIAN CHESS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

The deadline for entries has been extended to allow more time for several countries thought likely to wish to enter.

The following countries have indicated they wish to compete: Australia, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Papua-New Guinea, Peoples' Republic of China, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand - all from Zone 10. The only Zone 10 country yet to enter is Hong Kong. With only a few days to go before entries close, it seems unlikely that

Zone 9 (Asia) will be represented, although there were indications that Iran and India would be coming. Information on the composition of teams is not yet available.

The tournament and player accommodation will be at Grafton Hall in Auckland. Dr Lim Kok Ann (Singapore) will be Chief Arbiter providing he can finalise leave arrangements - if not then his deputy Ted Stallknecht will direct.

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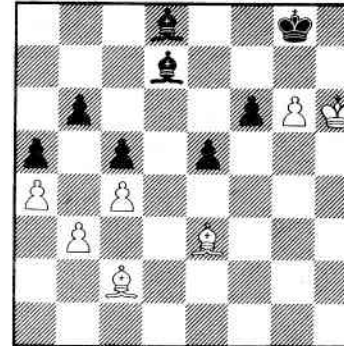
World Junior: Reports have Murray Chandler 15= and Kai Jensen 21=. Kai won their individual clash!

Winstone's Tournament: Tony Carpinter won from a strong field with 4½/5.

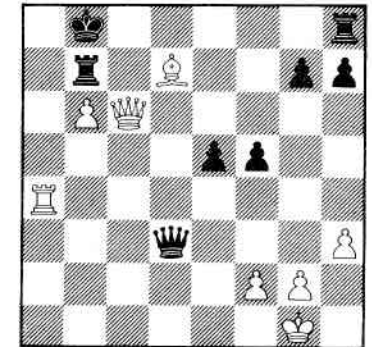
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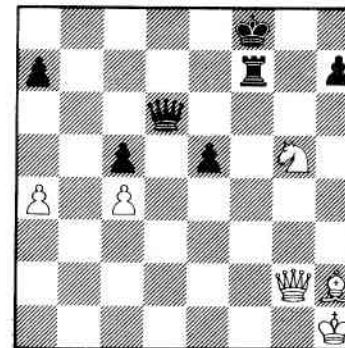
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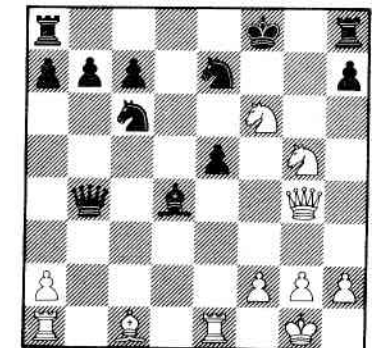
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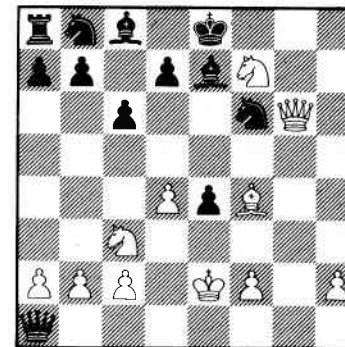
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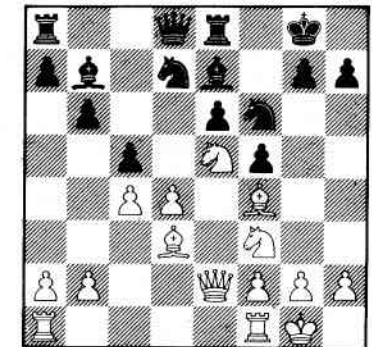
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No.4 White to move



No.5 White to move



No.6 White to move

TRIPLE TIE IN SOUTH ISLAND CH'P

by Martin Sims

The RANK XEROX 1977 SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIP was held in Dunedin from 22nd to 27th August. In the score table below the following abbreviations are used: C = Canterbury; Civ = Civic; G = Gisborne; HP = Howick-Pakuranga; O = Otago; OU = Otago University; T = Timaru.

			R.1	R.2	R.3	R.4	R.5	R.6	R.7	R.8	Total	SOS
1	Perry R.L.	O	W21	W11	D6	D3	D8	W2	W4	D5	6	40.5
2	Anderson B.R.	C	W20	W17	W8	W5	L4	L1	W7	W6	6	38.5
3	Cornford L.H.	G	W19	W7	L5	D1	D9	W20	W10	W4	6	37
4	Jackson J.R.	C	W15	W16	W9	W6	W2	D5	L1	L3	5½	40.5
5	Love A.J.	O	W14	W12	W3	L2	W20	D4	D6	D1	5½	39.5
6	Paris P.O.	O	W22	W13	D1	L4	W7	W8	D5	L2	5	40
7	Adams J.M.	OU	W24	L3	W14	W12	L6	W19	L2	W9	5	34.5
8	Nijman A.J.	C	W26	W9	L2	W23	D1	L6	D13	W15	5	33.5
9	Beach P.K.	HP	W10	L8	L4	W14	D3	W16	W17	L7	4½	37
10	Cairns D.J.A.	C	L9	W24	D16	D13	D17	W11	L3	W19	4½	31
11	Gibson W.F.	C	L12	L1	W18	W16	W23	L10	W19	D13	4½	31
12	Weegenaar D.	O	W11	L5	W17	L7	L19	D21	D16	W23	4	30.5
13	Wong M.A.	O	W25	L6	L23	D10	D15	W24	D8	D11	4	29.5
14	Bowler Mrs E.G.	T	L5	W18	L7	L9	L25	W26	W24	W20	4	27
15	Black J.R.	O	L4	D26	L19	W25	D13	W23	W20*	L8	4	26.5
16	Davies R.E.	HP	W18	L4	D10	L11	W22	L9	D12	D17	3½	33
17	Sims I.M.	C	W23	L2	L12	D22	D10	W25	L9	D16	3½	30
18	Perry K.	O	L16	L14	L11	L21	W26	W22	D23	W24	3½	24
19	White M.	O	L3	W25	W15	L20	W12	L7	L11	L10	3	33
20	Pointon A.B.	Civ	L2	W21	W26	W19	L5	L3	f	L14	3	33
21	Chang A.R.	O	L1	L20	L25	W18	L24	D12	W26	D22	3	25
22	Rombouts M.J.	OU	L6	L23	W24	D17	L16	L18	W25	D21	3	25
23	Cameron D.	O	L17	W22	W13	L8	L11	L15	D18	L12	2½	
24	Hay V.	O	L7	L10	L22	W26	W21	L13	L14	L18	2	28.5
25	Borrrell D.	C	L13	L19	W21	L15	W14	L17	L22	L26	2	26
26	Bowler J.	T	L8	D15	L20	L24	L18	L14	L21	W25	1½	

When the Otago Chess Club finalised entries for the South Island Championship it looked as though Bruce Anderson (Canterbury) would have first place sewn up. Rumour had had Garbett, Stuart and Small coming down but when the 26 hopefuls turned up on Monday morning Bruce was top seed, 200 rating points ahead of second seed Phil Paris (Otago). It soon became clear, however, that he was not going to have things all to himself and this tournament, unlike the North Island Championship, produced an exciting finish reminiscent of the last time the event was held in Dunedin (1974, when four tied for first).

The field was solid rather than strong and there were three ex-South Island Champions present: Bruce Anderson (1964, 1965, 1968, 1969, 1970), Jon Jackson (1973) and Lindsay Cornford (1974). Of the 26 entries 13 came from Otago, 7 from Canterbury, 2 from Auckland, 2 from Timaru and 1 each from Wellington and Gisborne.

The tournament got off to a bright start with the announcement that the prize fund was to be increased by \$40 to \$320. As a result prizes were increased and an extra grade prize added. Prizes were: 1st \$160, 2nd \$80, 3rd \$45; under 1750 grade \$20 and under 1400 \$15. The second encouraging feature was the decision to ban smoking from

the playing room.

Round by round:

Round 1: As usual the big fish ruthlessly ate the little fish and, just as usual, there was an upset. This dubious honour went to Bill Gibson who lost a crazy entertaining game against bottom seed David Weegenaar:

W.Gibson - D.Weegenaar, Queen's Gambit:
 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 d5 4 Bg5 Nbd7
 5 Nf3 Bb4 6 cxd5 Bxc3+ 7 bxc3 exd5 8
 e3 Nb6 9 Ne5 0-0 10 Bd3 Qd6 11 0-0
 Ne4 12 Bf4 Qe6 13 Qc2 f5 14 a4 g5
 15 Bg3 Qh6 16 Bxe4 dxe4 17 f4 exf3
 18 Rxf3 g4 19 Bf4 Qf6 20 Rg3? h5 21
 h4 Be2 22 c4 Qxh4 23 a5 Nd7 24 Ng6
 Qf6 25 Nxf8 Rxf8 26 Rd1? h4 27 d5
 Bf7 28 d6 c6 29 Qb1 hxg3 30 Qxb7 Nc5
 31 Qxc6 Ne4 32 d7 Qh4 33 Bxg3 Nxxg3
 34 Qd6 Qh1+ 35 Kf2 Ne4+ 36 Ke2 Bxc4+,
 0 : 1.

The following was the best game of the round:

B.R.Anderson - A.B.Pointon, Sicilian:
 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4
 g6 5 Nc3 Bg7 6 Be3 Nf6 7 Bc4 d6 8
 f3 Qb6 9 Nf5 Qxb2 10 Nxxg7+ Kf8 11
 Nd5 Nxd5 12 Bxd5 Kxxg7 13 0-0 (with
 the threat of 14 Bxc6 followed by ...
 Bd4+) 13...f6 14 Qd2 h5 15 f4 Qa3 16
 f5 g5 17 Bxxg5 fxxg5 18 Qxxg5+ Kf8 19
 f6 Ke8 20 Qg7 Qe3+ 21 Khl exf6 22
 Qxh8+ Kd7 23 Qg7+ Kd8 24 Rxf6, 1 : 0.

Round 2: Several good games were played in this round, the highlight being Beach - Nijman (see games section). Those with the maximum 2 points were Anderson, Paris, Cornford, Jackson, Love, R.Perry and Nijman.

M.Sims - B.R.Anderson, Ruy Lopez: 1 e4
 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Bxc6 dxc6
 5 0-0 f6 6 d4 Bg4 7 dxe5 Qxd1 8 Rxd1
 fxe5 9 Rd3 Bd6 10 Nbd2 Nf6 11 Nc4
 0-0! 12 Nfxe5 Be2 13 Rd2? (13 Re3 =)
 Bxc4 14 Nxc4 Nxe4 15 Re2 Rae8 16 Be3
 b5 17 Nd2? (17 Nxd6 =) 17...Nxf2 18
 Rxf2 Rxe3 19 Rxf8+ Kxf8 20 Kf2 Bc5
 21 Kf1 Ke7 22 Re1 Ke6 23 Rxe3+ Bxe3
 24 Ke2 Bxd2 25 Kxd2 Kd5 26 Ke3? (26
 Kd3, though still losing, is the best
 chance) 26...a5! 27 Kd3 c5 28 c4+
 bxc4+ 29 Ke3 a4 30 h3 Ke5 31 g3 g5,
 0 : 1.

P.O.Paris - M.A.Wong, King's Indian Def:
 1 d4 Nf6 2 g3 g6 3 Bg2 Bg7 4 e4 d6
 5 Nge2 0-0 6 0-0 e5 7 Nbc3 c6? (7...
 Nc6!) 8 a4 (the observant reader will
 no doubt recognise this position as
 having come from Benko's games against
 Fischer and Tal, Curacao Candidates
 1962; Fischer now played 8...Nbd7 and
 lost horribly. Wong's next move was
 played by Tal but he did not fare any
 better) 8...a5 9 b3 Qc7 10 Ba3 Rd8 11
 Qd2 Bf8 12 Rad1 Nbd7 13 f4 Re8 14 Khl
 exd4 15 Qxd4 d5 16 Bxf8 Rxf8 17 exd5
 Nxd5 18 Bxd5 cxd5 19 Nxd5 Qc6 20 Kgl
 Re8 21 Nec3 b6 22 Ne4 Ba6 23 Nef6+
 Nxf6 24 Nxf6+ Kf8 25 Nxxh7+ Kg8 25
 Nf6+ Kf8 27 Nxe8 Bxf1 28 Rxf1 Rxe8 29
 Qh8+ Ke7 30 Rel+, 1 : 0.

W.Gibson - R.Perry, Grunfeld Defence:
 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 d5 4 Bg5 Ne4
 5 cxd5 Nxxg5 6 h4 Ne4 7 Nxe4 Qxd5 8
 Nc3 Qa5 9 h5 Bg7 10 hxg6 hxg6 11
 Rxxh8 Bxxh8 12 e3 c5 13 Bb5+ Nc6 14
 Ne2 a6! (played after a lot of thought)
 15 Bxc6 bxc6 16 Qa4 Qxa4 17 Nxa4 cxd4
 18 Nxd4 Bxd4 19 exd4 Be6 20 b3 Bd5 21
 g3 0-0-0 22 Nb6+ Kc7 23 Nxd5 Rxd5 24
 0-0-0 Kd6 25 Kc2 Rf5 26 f4 g5 27
 fxxg5 Rxxg5 28 Rd3 Rg4 29 Kc3 Kd5 30
 b4 e6 31 Rf3 f5 32 Rd3 Re4 33 Rd2
 Re3+ 34 Rd3 Re2 35 Kb3 Ke4 36 Rd1
 Kf3 37 Rcl Kxxg3 38 Rxc6 f4 39 Rxa6 f3
 40 Ra8 Re4 41 Rg8+ Rg4 42 Rf8 f2 43
 Rxf2 Kxf2 44 b5 Ke3 45 d5 exd5 46
 a4 d4, 0 : 1.

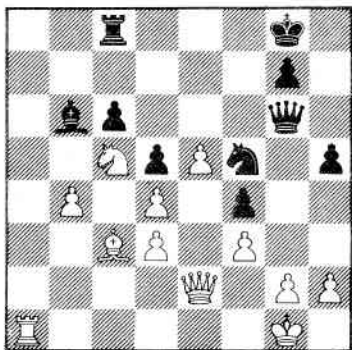
Round 3: The thinning out process got under way in earnest. Love beat Cornford in a miserable game whilst Jon Jackson handed Paul Beach his second loss:

J.Jackson - P.Beach, Sicilian Defence:
 1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 d6 3 f4 Nc6 4 Nf3 g6
 5 Bc4 Bg7 6 0-0 Nf6 (6...e6 and Nge7
 seems more flexible) 7 f5 0-0 8 d3 a6
 9 a4 Bd7 10 Qel Nd4 11 Qh4 Nxf3+ 12
 Rxf3 Qb6 13 Rh3 Rad8?? (13...h5 was
 necessary) 14 Nd5 Nxd5 15 Qxh7 mate.

Showpiece of the round was Nijman's great fight against Anderson - but he threw it all away on the first move after the adjournment!
 B.R.Anderson - A.Nijman, Ruy Lopez: 1 e4
 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5
 0-0 Be7 6 Rel b5 7 Bb3 0-0 8 h3 d6
 9 c3 Na5 10 Bc2 c5 11 d4 Qc7 12 Nbd2
 Nc6 13 d5 Nb8 14 a4 Bb7 15 c4 b4 16
 Nf1 Bc8 17 Ng3 Re8 18 Nf5 Bxf5 19
 exf5 Bf8 20 Ng5 Re7 21 Ne4 Nxe4 22

Bxe4 Nd7 23 Bg5 f6 24 Bd2 R7e8 25 b3 Kf7! (the game is just starting) 26 Qh5+ Ke7! 27 Qxh7 Kd8 28 Qg6 a5 29 Kf1 Re7 30 Ke2 Kc8 31 Kd1 Kb7 32 Kc2 Qd8 33 Rh1 Qe8 34 Qg4 Qf7 35 Rag1 Ree8 36 Qf3 Be7 37 g4 Rh8 38 h4 Ka6 39 g5 Nb6 40 g6 Qe8 41 h5 Qd7 42 Rh3 Rag8 43 Rgh1 Bd8 44 h6 Nc8 45 hxg7 Rzxh3 46 Rxh3 Ne7! 47 Rh7 Re8 48 Qh5 Ng8 49 Rh8 Qc8 50 Qh7 Be7 51 f4 exf4 52 Bxf4 Kb6 53 Bd3 Kc7 54 Qh2 Qd8 55 Rh3 Qd7 56 Re3 Rd8 57 Re6 Qc8 58 Qf2 Rd7?? (58...Kb6 and how is White to break in?) 59 Qxc5+, 1 : 0.

Some of the higher rated players were finding the going pretty tough against their much lower rated opponents. See how Malcolm Wong (1754) with the white pieces self destructs against Doug Cameron (1183):



Malcolm's passive play has allowed his opponent some counterplay for his two pawn minus. Note how effectively Malcolm manages to turn his game into a loss: 1 Kh1? h4 2 Rg1?? Ng3+, 0 : 1.

It was this round that saw chess hit the front page of a local paper when White played Black, i.e. Mike White met Ross Black, and, fortunately for everyone's understanding, White had White and Black had Black. The result? White won of course.

Leaders: Anderson, Jackson & Love 3; Paris & R.Perry 2½.

Round 4: Cantabrians Anderson and Jackson moved into the lead by overcoming Otago's Love and Paris respectively. Both games, however, showed that the leaders were not playing convincing chess:

A.J.Love - B.R.Anderson, Sicilian Def: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 d6 6 Bc4 e6 7 Bb3 Be7 8 Be3 0-0 9 Qe2 a6 10 0-0-0 Qc7 11 Kb1 b5 12 Nxc6 Qxc6 13 Bd4 Bb7 14 Rhel Rfe8 15 f4 b4 16 Ba4 Qc7 17 Bxe8 bxc3 18 Bxf6 Bxf6 19 e5 Qb6 20 b3 dxe5 21 fxe5 Be7 22 Ba4 (Black has full compensation for the exchange; White's Ba4 has little scope and his king is not secure) 22...Bd5 23 Qe3 Qa5 24 Qf4 h6 25 Rf1 f5 26 exf6 Bxf6 27 Qg3 Rf8 28 Qd6 Rd8 29 Qg3 Bg5 30 Rd3 Bd2 31 Rd1 Qb4 32 Qe5 Rf8 33 R3xd2 cxd2 34 Qe2 Rb8 35 Qxd2?? (after 35 Bd7 White should be able to hold the position) 35...Qxa4 and Black won (0 : 1, 40).

Paris played the same system with which he beat Wong in round two, built up a good game, but blew himself up in time trouble.

Ari Nijman was having a great tournament:

A.Nijman - D.Cameron, Nimzoindian Def: 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 d5 4 Nf3 Bb4 5 a3 Bxc3+ 6 bxc3 0-0 7 e3 Nd7 8 Bd3 Re8 9 cxd5 e5? 10 dxe5 Nxe5 11 Nxe5 Rxe5 12 c4 Bf5 13 0-0 Ne4 14 Bb2 Re7 15 f3 Nd6 16 e4 Bg6 17 c5 Ne8 18 Bc4 Rd7 19 a4 c6 20 Qb3 Nf6 21 Rad1 Bh5 22 d6 Nxe4 23 fxe4 Bxd1 24 Bxf7+ Kh8 25 Bxg7+ Kxg7 26 Qc3+ Kh6 27 Qh3+ Kg7 28 Qc3+ Kh6 29 Rf6+ Kg7 30 Rg6+, 1 : 0.

Leaders: Anderson & Jackson 4; Love, R.Perry, Adams, Nijman & Pointon 3; Paris & Cornford 2½.

Round 5: The board one clash between Anderson and Jackson saw the latter emerge as sole leader and many now thought he could not be headed as Jon was a point ahead of the field and he had already met and beaten the top two seeds.

B.R.Anderson - J.Jackson, Nimzoindian Defence: 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 g3 Ne4 5 Qc2 f5 6 Bg2 c5 7 d5 Qf6 8 Bxe4 Bxc3+ 9 bxc3 fxe4 10 Be3 d6 11 Nh3 h6 12 Nf4 e5 13 Ng2 Bf5 14 Rb1 b6 15 0-0 0-0 16 Rb3 Qe7 17 Nh4 Bh7 18 a4 Nd7 19 Ra3 Nf6 20 a5 g5 21 Ng2 bxa5 22 h4 Ng4 23 hxg5 hxg5 24 Qd2 Rf5 25 f3 exf3 26 exf3 Raf8 27 Qe2 Qf7 28 Bxg5 Rxf3 29 Rxf3 Qxf3 30 Qxf3 Rxf3 31 Rxa5 Bd3 32 Nh4 Rxg3+, 0 : 1.

Leaders after five rounds: Jackson 5; Anderson & Love 4; Paris, R.Perry & Nijman 3½.

Round 6: Anderson's challenge looked as though it had come to a complete halt when he crashed to Roger Perry after building up a dream position:

R.L.Perry - B.R.Anderson, Sicilian Def: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Be2 Nbd7 7 0-0 e6 8 Be3 Qc7 9 Nb3 b5 10 a3 Bb7 11 Bd3 Be7 12 f4 Nc5! 13 Bxc5 dxc5 14 e5 Nd5 15 Nxd5 Bxd5 16 Nd2 c4 17 Be4 Rd8 18 Qf3 Qb6+ 19 Kh1 Qd4 20 Bxd5 Rxd5 21 Ne4 Qxb2? 22 Nc3 Rd8?? 23 Ra2, 1 : 0.

Jon Jackson only drew against Tony Love but still retained his one point lead. Cornford began his long climb back while Paris dealt with Nijman in instructive fashion:

P.O.Paris - A.Nijman, Ruy Lopez: 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Bxc6 dxc6 5 0-0 Bg4 6 h3 h5 7 d3 Bxf3 8 Qxf3 Qd7 9 Qg3 f6 10 Qg6+ Qf7 11 Qxf7+ Kxf7 12 f4 exf4 13 Bxf4 Bd6 14 Nd2 Bxf4 15 Rxf4 g5 16 Rf2 Ne7 17 Raf1 Rh6 18 Nc4 Ke6 19 Ne3 Rf8 20 Nf5 Nxf5 21 Rxf5 Rg8 22 g3 Rhg6 23 Kf2 Rd8 24 Ke3 h4 25 g4 Rd6 26 d4 Ke7 27 c3 b6 28 e5 fxe5 29 dxe5 Rd8 30 Rf7+ Ke6 31 Ke4 Rd2 32 R7f6+ Rxf6 33 Rxf6+ Ke7 34 Kf5 Rxb2 35 Kxg5 Rxa2 36 Kh6 Rh2 37 g5 Rxh3 38 g6 Rxc3 39 g7 Rg3 40 Rg6 h3 41 Rxg3 h2 42 Rh3 h1N, 1 : 0.

Blunder of the tournament:

J.R.Black - D.Cameron, King's Gambit: 1 e4 e5 2 f4 Qh4+ 3 g3 exf4??? 4 gxh4 and 1 : 0, 16.

Leaders: Jackson 5½; Paris, Love & R. Perry 4½; Anderson, Cornford & Adams 4.

Round 7: Roger Perry threw the tournament wide open by beating Jackson. Roger was certainly showing his fighting qualities in this tournament as he looked to be quite lost at one stage of the game. These two shared the lead but four players were only a half point behind them so a hard fought last round was on.

J.Jackson - R.L.Perry, Sicilian Defence: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 g3 g6 4 Bg2 Bg7 5 0-0 Nc6 6 c3 e5 7 d3 Nge7 8 a3 0-0 9 b4 b6 10 b5 Na5 11 a4 a6 12 Na3

Be6 13 Rb1 axb5 14 Nxb5 Nec6 15 Ng5 Bc8 16 f4 f6 17 Nf3 Na7 18 f5 gxf5 19 Nh4 Nxb5 20 axb5 fxe4 21 dxe4 Be6 22 Ra1 Nc4 23 Ra6 Rf7 24 Nf5 Rxa6 25 bxa6 Ra7 26 Bh3 Qe8 27 Qg4 Bxf5 28 Rxf5 Rxa6 29 Rxf6 Ra1 30 Rf1 Kh8 31 Qe2 b5 32 Bf5 Nb6 33 g4 Na4 34 g5 Qg8 35 g6 Qc4 36 Qh5 h6 37 Qh4 Nxc3 38 Qd8+ Qg8 39 Qxd6 Ne2+ 40 Kg2 Rxc1 41 Be6 Qe8 42 Rxc1 Nxc1 43 Bf7 Qa8 44 Kf2 c4 45 Qd7 Nd3+ 46 Ke3 Qb8 47 Kd2 Nc5 48 Qc6 Nb3+ 49 Kc3 Qd8 50 Bd5 Qa5+, 0 : 1.

Anderson ground down Adams while Love and Paris split the point during the adjournment. Highlight of the round was the following game:

M.White - W.Gibson, Ruy Lopez: 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 0-0 Be7 6 Re1 b5 7 Bb3 0-0 8 c3 d5 9 exd5 e4 10 dxc6 exf3 11 Qxf3?! (11 d4) 11...Bg4 12 Qg3 (12 Qe3 Re8 -) 12 ..Re8 13 f3 (better is 13 f4 or 13 d4) 13...Qd3?! (Enterprising play but is it sound? The authorities disagree - see Wade & Harding, The Marshall Attack, p. 100- but it seems well worth a try over the board) 14 Na3 Bc5+ 15 Kh1 (better was 15 Re3) 15...Rxe1+ 16 Qxe1 Bxf3! 17 Bc2 Bxg2+ 18 Kxg2 Qd5+ 19 Kh3 Re8 20 Qd1 (preventing ...Ne4) 20...Ne4 21 Bxe4 Rxe4 22 d3 Qf5+ 23 Kg3 Bd6+ (Quicker was 23...Qf2+ 24 Kh3 Rh4 mate) 24 Kg2 Rg4+ 25 Kh1 Qd5+ 26 Qf3 Qxf3 mate, 0 : 1.

Leaders with one round to go: Jackson & R.Perry 5½; Anderson, Paris, Cornford & Love 5.

Round 8: Pairings for this vital last round were Cornford (5) v Jackson (5½), Love (5) v Perry (5½) and Paris (5) v Anderson (5). All games in this round were hard fought, the first draw not coming until 2½ hours of the round had elapsed.

On the top boards Love and Perry fought out a draw, Anderson beat Paris and all attention was focused on Cornford - Jackson. Lindsay gained an early advantage and gradually increased it to gain the full point, thus knocking out Jon Jackson.

L.H.Cornford - J.Jackson, French Defence: 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 e5 c5 4 c3 Nc6 5 Nf3 Qb6 6 a3 c4 7 Be2 Na5 8 Nbd2 Ne7 9 0-0 Bd7 10 Rab1 Nb3 11 Nxb3 cxb3 12 Nd2 Ba4 13 Re1 0-0-0 14 Nf1 Nc6

15 Be3 Na5 16 Nd2 Bb5 17 Rcl Bc4 18 Bxc4 Nxc4 19 Nxc4 dxc4 20 d5 Bc5 21 d6 f6 22 Qg4 Bxe3 23 Rxe3 fxe5 24 Qxe6+ Kb8 25 Qxc4 Rxd6 26 Rxe5 Rf8 27 Qe2 Qd8 28 Re7 Rd2 29 Qe5+ Qd6? 30 Qxd6+ Rxd6 31 Re2 Rfd8 32 f3 Kc7 33 Kf2 Rh6 34 h3 Rd5 35 Rcel Rg6 36 Re7+ Kc6 37 Rle6+ Rxe6 38 Rxe6+ Kc5 39 Ke2 Rg5 40 g4 Kd5 41 Re7 Kc6 42 Kd3 b5 43 Ke4 Kd6 44 Re8 Rg6 45 h4 Rh6 46 h5 g6 47 Re5 gxh5 48 g5 Rg6 49 Rxb5 Re6+ 50 Kf5 Re3 51 Kf4 Re2 52 Rxb3 Kc6 53 Kg3, 1 : 0.

On the lower boards play was equally spirited with the only lady player providing the day's best entertainment value:

Mrs E.Bowler - A.B.Pointon, Queen's Gambit: 1 c4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 g3 c6 5 Bg2 dxc4 6 e3 Bb4 7 Bd2 Qa5 8 Nge2 Nd5 9 0-0 c5 10 a3 Bxc3 11 Nxc3 Nxc3 12 Bxc3 Qc7 13 d5! 0-0 14 Qg4 f6 15 Rad1 exd5 16 Bxd5+ Kh8 17 Qh5 g6 18 Qh6 Qg7 19 Qh4 Nd7 20 Bxc4 Nb6? 21 Rd8! g5 22 Rxf8+ Qxf8 23 Qxg5 Nd7 24 Rd1 Qg7 25 Bxf6!, 1 : 0.

The three winners each received \$95. Of these Cornford was the luckiest; after his early setback he had two "easy" games and he never played Paris or Anderson, the two players rated above him. It is ironic that he is the current North Island champion although "only" coming second in that event while now he has come first equal in the South Island Championship but, because of the residential qualification, his name will not appear on the trophy. Still, it has been a good double for Lindsay.

Anderson, too, was lucky to be able to get back after his two losses in rounds 5 and 6. His play was not convincing; perhaps he still hasn't regained his form of old. He was the only top player not to have any draws and this reflects his no-holds-barred approach to the game. He often skates on thin ice but it takes a good player to pin him down.

Roger Perry was the only undefeated player in the event but he had his share of lucky escapes, e.g. he was losing to both Jackson and Anderson at some stage and yet took two valuable points from these games. His play featured some horrible time scrambles

and reflected great determination. Since his tie-break score was the highest of the winners Roger gains automatic entry into the next New Zealand Championship if he enters.

Sympathy must go to Jon Jackson who deserved a better fate after playing so well. He scored 5 points in the first 5 rounds but only ½ in the last three.

Good showings were made by that ever-green, Ari Nijman, and young David Cairns. The \$20 grade prize for those under 1750 was shared by Nijman and Jonathan Adams while the \$15 prize for the under-1400's was split between D. Weegenaar and Mrs E.Bowler. The prizes were presented by a Rank Xerox representative (Mr R.Robins) and the President of the Otago Chess Club, Mr G.Haase, himself an ex South Island champion (1961).

Like the North Island Championship there were few draws, only 20 games being drawn out of the 104 played.

Michael Freeman did an excellent job as Director of Play and the Otago club must be congratulated on running the tournament well, giving the players a relaxing playing schedule and providing free tea, coffee and biscuits.

We give a few more games below.

R.E.Davies - W.Gibson, Caro-Kann Def: 1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 dxe4 4 Nxe4 Nf6 5 Nxf6+ gxf6 6 Bc4 Bf5 7 Bf4 e6 8 Qd2 Bd6 9 0-0-0 Qc7 10 Ne2 Nd7 11 Bxd6 Qxd6 12 Ng3 Bg6 13 Qh6 Qf8 14 Qf4 0-0-0 15 Ne4 Bxe4 16 Qxe4 Qd6 17 g3 h5 18 f4 f5 19 Qf3 Nf6 20 h3 Rdg8 21 Rhgl Rg7 22 Be2 Rhg8 23 Rd3 h4 24 g4 fxg4 25 hxg4 Rxxg4 26 Rxxg4 Rxxg4 27 f5 Rgl+ 28 Bdl Rg3 29 Qf2 Ne4 30 Qf1 Rxd3 31 cxd3 Ng3 32 Qf2 Nxf5 33 d5 cxd5 34 Qxa7 h3, 0 : 1.

P.O.Paris - J.Jackson, King's Indian Attack: 1 e4 d6 2 d4 Nf6 3 Nc3 g6 4 g3 Bg7 5 Bg2 0-0 6 Nge2 Nc6 7 0-0 e5 8 h3 Nxd4 9 Nxd4 exd4 10 Qxd4 Be6 11 Qd3 Nd7 12 f4 Nc5 13 Qf3 f5 14 exf5 Bxf5 15 g4 Bd7 16 Bd2 Kh8 17 Rael Bc6 18 Qg3 Bxxg2 19 Qxxg2 Qd7 20 b4 Ne6 21 Qxb7 Rae8 22 Nd5 Rb8 23 Qa6

c6 24 Qa4 Rf7 25 f5 gxf5 26 gxf5 Bd4+ 27 Kh1 Ng7 28 Ne3 Nxf5 29 Nxf5 Rxf5 30 Qb3 c5 31 Qd3 Rbf8 32 Rxf5 Rxf5 33 c3 Qc6+ 34 Qe4 Rf1+ 35 Kg2 Rf2+ 36 Kgl Re2+ 37 Qxd4+ cxd4 38 Rxe2 dxc3, 0 : 1 (time).

A.B.Pointon - A.J.Love, French Defence: 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 exd5 exd5 5 Qf3 Nc6 6 Bb5 Nge7 7 Bf4 0-0 8 0-0-0 a6 9 Bxc6 bxc6 10 h4 Be6 11 h5 Qd7 12 Rd3 Rab8 13 h6 g6 14 Bxc7? Qxc7 15 Qf6 Nf5 16 Rf3 Be7 17 Nxd5 cxd5, 0 : 1.

L.H.Cornford - A.B.Pointon, Sicilian: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 g6 5 Nc3 Bg7 6 Be3 Nf6 7 Nxc6 bxc6 8 e5 Ng8 9 f4 f6 10 e6 d5 11 f5 Bh6 12 Bd4 Qd6 13 g4 c5 14 Nb5 Qb6 15 Bf2 d4 16 Bg3 Kf8 17 Nc7 Bb7 18 Nxa8 Bxa8 19 Rgl Qxb2 20 Bg2 Qc3+ 21 Kf1 Bxxg2+ 22 Rxxg2 Be3 23 Rb1 Qc4+ 24 Qd3 Qd5 25 Bf2 Bxf2 26 Kxf2 Qxa2 27 Rb5 Qd5 28 c4 Qe5 29 h3 gxf5 30 gxf5 Nh6 31 Qf3, 1 : 0.



LOCAL NEWS

The AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP was played over the period April through August. It was run as a 10 round Swiss and had a good entry both in terms of strength and numbers - 27 took part. It resulted in a convincing victory for Robert Wansink with a perfect 10:0. He was never in any serious danger in any game. Nigel Metge put in a good performance in scoring 8½, losing to Wansink and drawing with Spiller. The other favoured players either cancelled each other out or struck trouble elsewhere.

Scores: 1 R.Wansink 10; 2 J.N.Metge 8½; 3-4 P.Spiller & M.J.Livingston 7; 5 P.A.Clemance 6½; 6-11 P.K.Beach, P.Lewis, M.T.Brimble, D.Pomeroy, M.I.Howard & A.Hames 6; 12-14 D.Gibson, R.E.Davies & P.Austin 5½; 15-16 J.Vermeer & S.Henrys 5; 17-20 H.McAlister, G.Sharrow, H.Taylor & P.D.Corbett 4; 21 M.Parkinson 3½; 22-27 R.Hillier, D.Reid, B.Sheppard, J.Barnes, M.Treadwell & W.Palmer 3.

P.A.Clemance - P.S.Spiller, Ruy Lopez: 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6

5 0-0 Be7 6 Rel b5 7 Bb3 0-0 8 d4 d6 9 c3 Bg4 10 Be3 Na5 11 Bc2 Nc4 12 Bcl Nd7 13 h3 Bh5 14 b3 Ncb6 15 Nbd2 Re8 16 Nf1 exd4 17 cxd4 Bf6 18 Bb2 c5 19 Ng3 Bxf3 20 Qxf3 cxd4 21 Nf5 Ne5 22 Qg3 Rac8 23 Rac1 g6 24 Bxd4 Kh8 25 Nh6 Kg7 26 Qe3 Bg5 27 f4 Bxxh6 28 Bb6 Bxxf4 29 Qf2 Qg5 30 Be3 Bxe3 31 Rxe3 Nd3 32 h4 Qh6 33 Bxd3 Rxxl+ 34 Kh2 Qh5 35 g3 Qe5, 0 : 1.



The 1977 OTAGO UNIVERSITY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP was won by Jonathan Adams with a 7-1 score. Well back in second place were M.Wilcox, M.Rombouts & R.Jackson on 4 points. Nine competed with a fast time limit of 40 moves in 1½ hours; the standard of play was not high.

N.Dodd - C.Fawcett, Queen's Indian Def: 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Nc6?! 4 e3 b6 5 Nf3 Bb7 6 a3 a5 7 Bd3 Be7 8 0-0 0-0 9 Rel d6 10 Qc2 g6 11 e4 e5 12 d5 Nb8 13 h3 h5 14 Re3 c6 15 Ng5 cxd5? 16 exd5 Kg7 17 Rg3 h4?! 18 Ne6+! fxe6 19 Rxxg6+ Kf7 20 Bh6 Rg8 21 Rxxg8 Kxxg8 22 Bh7+ Kh8 23 Qg6 Bf8 24 Bg5 Be7 25 Bxxf6+ Bxxf6 26 Ne4 Bg7 27 Qh5 Nd7 28 Bf5+ Kg8 29 Bxe6+, 1 : 0.



A new chess club with a difference has been formed recently - the HAMILTON PHONE CHESS CLUB caters for people who are unable to attend an ordinary club. As the name suggests, the club's members play chess by telephone - something that would not be economically feasible in most overseas countries where phone users pay by the minute, even for local calls!



WAITEMATA NEWS: The Waitemata Club's Championship Preliminaries, a 7-round Swiss, were won by John Van Pelt with 6½ points. Other qualifiers are N.Bridges 6; G.Sell, G.Lander & P.Smith-West 5; and J.E.Cater 4 (on countback from A.Bent). Then followed L.Sheridan 3½; P.Peterson, K.Hoffman & P.James 3; M.Clapson & D.Ewing 2; T.Chafee, B.Stewart & B.Carrucan 1.

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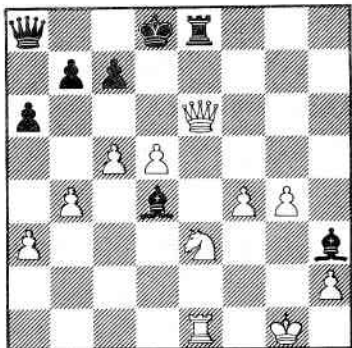
by Peter Stuart

Organised by the Auckland Chess Association, this event was held from 29th August to 2nd September in the rooms of the Auckland Chess Centre.

There were two changes in the composition of the field due to withdrawals. Matthew Barlow, runner up in the Auckland Provincial event, declined to play and David Gollogly replaced him after a play-off described elsewhere in this issue. The Otago-Southland winner, Tony Love, also opted out, his replacement being third place getter Tony Dowden. Furthermore there was a three-way tie in the Canterbury event and this had been resolved in favour of Warwick Norton and Nigel Dixon.

Undoubtedly the favourites were Patrick Cordue (Wellington) and Bruce Watson (Hamilton), both of whom have had several successes in open events. The Otago pair of Michael Freeman and Tony Dowden have been around for some years but, having played most of their chess down south, were somewhat of an unknown quantity to us in the north.

In the event Patrick Cordue won comfortably by a full point after taking the lead after round two and never relinquishing it. In round one, however, he had a slight fright against 12-year old Jonathan Sarfati. After completely outplaying his opponent Cordue had four pawns for a piece with a strong position as well, but a time pressure error lost a second piece in this position (after 40...Re8):



After 41 Qf5 Rxe3 42 Rxe3 Bxe3+ 43 Khl the game was adjourned, Cordue realising that he had at least a perpetual check. Closer examination, however, revealed a win in all lines. On 43...Ke7 (sealed) there followed 44 Qh7+ Kf6 45 g5 mate. Equally gruesome alternatives were 43...Qc8 44 Qf8+ Kd7 45 c6+ winning the queen, or 43...Qa7 44 Qf8+ Kd7 45 Qf7+ Kd8 46 c6 mating in three.

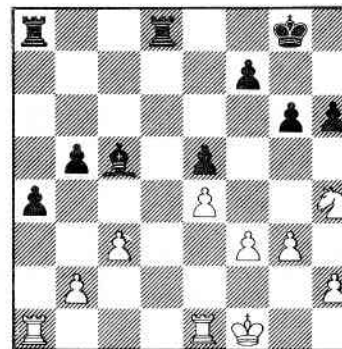
Cordue's win against chief rival Watson in round two after the latter went badly astray losing decisive material left him alone in the lead. His troubles, however, were not over yet; his most critical moment occurred in the following round three clash:

W.Norton - P.L.Cordue, Pirc Defence:
 1 e4 d6 2 d4 Nf6 3 Nc3 g6 4 Bg5 Bg7
 5 Qd2 c6 6 f4 b5 7 Bd3 0-0 8 Nf3 Re8
 9 0-0 b4 10 Ne2 Qb6 11 Khl Ba6 12 f5
 c5 13 e5 c4 14 exf6 exf6 15 fxe6
 cxd3 16 gxf7+ Kxf7 17 cxd3 fxe5 18
 Nxe5+ Kg8 19 Qf4 Qb7 20 Qf5 Bh6 21
 Nf7 Bf8 22 Qg5+ Bg7 23 Ng3? (missing
 23 Nh6+ Kh8 24 Rf7 Bxh6 25 Qf6+ with
 an easy win) 23...Qe7 24 Nh6+, ½ : ½.
 White has perpetual check.

After this narrow escape Cordue's lead was never really in danger again. The main feature of Patrick's opening play was the Pirc - he played it with either colour whenever possible!

By the middle of the tournament the two northern representatives were lying second and third. David Gollogly had a bad start, losing from this position against Watson (diagram next page).

Play (with Watson having White) continued: 29 Red1 Kf8 30 Ke2 Ke7 31 Ng2 Ra7 32 f4 Rad7?! (a bit risky, though Black should still draw; safer was 32...Rxd1 33 Rxd1 Rd7) 33 Rxd7+ Rxd7 34 fxe5 g5? (panicking in time pressure; Black had planned 34...Ke6 35 Nf4+ Kxe5 36 Nd3+ Kd6 but now noticed 37 Rd1 when 37...Kc6 is impossible; 37...Re7, however, is quite okay) 35 Nel Ke6 36 Nd3 Ba7? (the losing move; either 36...Bb6 or 36...Be7 had to be tried) 37



Rf1 Re7 38 Rf6+ Kd7 39 Rd6+ Kc7 40 Rxb6 and White won.

By scoring 4½ points in the next five rounds Gollogly was in a position to challenge for the lead - if he could beat Cordue in the last round. An incorrect piece sacrifice, however, ended any chance of that; in fact, if Cordue had required the whole point he may well have looked a little harder and avoided Gollogly's perpetual check (see games section).

Watson looked good for second place throughout the middle of the tournament even if his play was not really convincing; as with Gollogly, his opponents' mistakes provided some easy points. An agreed draw with Freeman in round six soon after sacrificing a pawn for an attack allowed Gollogly to catch up, but the real tragedy for Bruce occurred in the last round when he refused Dixon's draw offer because he thought a win was necessary to avoid relegation to third place - possibly he misjudged the complicated Gollogly - Cordue game. Anyway a draw with Dixon would have given him second place on tie-break points. After declining the draw offer Watson's position became difficult and a time trouble error losing a pawn was soon fatal. Despite this loss Watson still finished an easy third, the top three having already opened up a big gap.

Warwick Norton of Christchurch came in fourth and, being at least two years younger than most of his opponents, will have better opportunities in the years to come. His best effort was versus Cordue (game given above). Here is

his game against Sarfati:

W.Norton - J.Sarfati, Ruy Lopez: 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 d4 exd4 6 0-0 b5 7 Bb3 Be7 8 e5 Ng4 9 Re1 Bb7 10 h3 Nh6 11 Bxh6 gxh6 12 c3 dxc3 13 Nxc3 Bg5 14 Nd5 Kf8 15 g3 Be7 16 Qd2 Kg7 17 Nd4 Nxd4 18 Qxd4 Bxd5 19 Qxd5 Rf8 20 f4 c6 21 Qe4 Bc5+ 22 Khl Rh8 23 f5 Qg5 24 Qf3 Rae8 25 h4 Qd8 26 f6+ Kf8 27 Qh5 Re6 28 Qxh6+ Ke8 29 Bxe6 dxe6 30 Rac1 Bf2 31 Red1 Qb6 32 Qd2 Qc7 33 Qxf2 Qxe5 34 Rxc6 Qb8 35 Qd4 Qa8 36 Qd7+ Kf8 37 Qd8+, 1 : 0.

The two Otago boys drew too many games to have greater aspirations than middle order placings. Michael Freeman suffered the effects of a cold and was probably not at his best.

Nigel Dixon (Christchurch) looked likely to share last place but avoided that by winning his last game, a result that greatly affected the final placings.

N.Dixon - B.R.Watson, Sicilian Defence:
 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 a6 5 Be2 Nf6 6 Nc3 d6 7 Be3 Be7 8 0-0 Nc6 9 Nxc6 bxc6 10 f4 0-0 11 Bf3 Rb8 12 Rb1 Bb7 13 Qe2 c5 14 Rfd1 Qc7 15 g4 Bc6 16 g5 Nd7 17 Qg2 Qb7 18 h4 Rbd8 19 h5 Kh8 20 Kf2 f5 21 h6 g6 22 exf5 Bxf3 23 Qxf3 Qxf3+ 24 Kxf3 Rxf5 25 Kg4 Nb6 26 b3 Rdf8 27 Re1 Kg8 28 Rbd1 Rd8 29 Bcl Kf7 30 Re2 Nd5 31 Nxd5 Rxd5 32 Rxd5 exd5 33 f5 gxf5+ 34 Kxf5 Rg8 35 Bf4 Rg6 36 a3 Bd8 37 b4 Bc7? 38 bxc5 Bb8 39 Rd2 d4 40 Rxd4 Re6 41 cxd6 Bxd6 42 Rxd6 Re2 43 Rd7+ Kg8 44 Rg7+ Kh8 45 Be5 a5 46 Ra7+ Kg8 47 Ke6 Rxe5+ 48 Kxe5 a4 49 Ke6, 1 : 0.

Jonathan Sarfati, at 12 years, gave away too much experience to his rivals but had one nice win:

J.Sarfati - N.Dixon, Ruy Lopez: 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 0-0 Be7 6 Re1 b5 7 Bb3 0-0 8 c3 d5 9 exd5 Nxd5 10 Nxe5 Nxe5 11 Rxe5 c6 12 d4 Bd6 13 Re1 Qh4 14 g3 Qh3 15 Be3 Bg4 16 Qd3 Nf6 17 Nd2 Rae8 18 a4 Bf5 19 Qf1 Qh5 20 Bd1 Qg6 21 axb5 axb5 22 Nf3 Nd5 23 Nh4 Qf6 24 Nxf5 Qxf5 25 Bd2 Qg6 26 Bf3 Qc2 27 Rxe8 Rxe8 28 Bxd5 cxd5 29 Qcl Qf5 30 Be3 h5 31 Qb1 Qf3 32 Qd3 h4 33 Qxb5! Rxe3 34 Ra8+ Kh7 35 fxe3 Qxe3+ 36 Kfl hxg3 37 hxg3 Qf3+ 38 Kel Bxg3+ 39 Kd2 Bf4+ 40 Kc2 Qg2+ 41 Kb3 Bcl 42 Qd3+ Qg6 43 Qxg6+ Kxg6 44 Kc2 and White won in

57 moves.

The final standings:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1 Cordue P.L.	16	x ½	1 ½	1	1	1	1	6
2 Gollogly D.A.	17	½ x	0	1 ½	1	1	1	5
3 Watson B.R.	17	0	1 x	1	1 ½	0	1	4½
4 Norton W.	14	½	0	0 x	½	½	1	3½
5 Dowden T.	16	0	½	0 ½	x	½	½	3
6 Freeman M.	16	0	0	½	½	½	x ½	3
7 Dixon N.	17	0	0	1	0	½	½ x	2
8 Sarfati J.	12	0	0	0	0	0	1 x	1

I spent an enjoyable week directing the tournament - there were absolutely no hassles, disputes, etc. Probably there were far more games of pool played than chess - Patrick Cordue wields a nifty cue, but I think the others had best stick to chess!



MERIT AWARD SCHEME

The MERIT AWARD SCHEME, soon to be released by N.Z.C.A., is based on a Swedish idea of Bronze, Silver and Gold badges.

Before obtaining a badge a set of twelve positions must be solved. Each set of positions becomes progressively more difficult to solve. A student must be able to demonstrate, on the chessboard, that he knows the correct winning procedure. For example one position for the Gold Badge is the mate with bishop and knight.

The scheme is designed to encourage and promote junior chess within New Zealand through chess clubs, schools and other youth groups.

The Bronze, Silver and Gold Badge brochures may be obtained free from the New Zealand Chess Association, P.O.Box 8802, Symonds Street, AUCKLAND.

LOCAL NEWS contd

In an interclub match played 8 August Howick-Pakuranga defeated Parnell 7:5. The individual board results (Howick names first) were: P.K.Beach 1, R.K.N. Lanning 0; D.Gibson 0, A.H.Kasmara 1; R.Lane 0, D.Bennell 1; R.Parrott 1, S. Martin 0; J.Fink 1, R.Smart 0; P.Shnaeder 1, M.Wurzer 0; E.Grinberg 0, W.Velich 1; R.Aylett 1, W.Brown 0; D.Rawnsley 1, S.Devlin 0; A.Baldwin 0, P.McCarthy 1; P.Baldwin 1, R.Spiller 0; E.Shnaeder 0, G.Roberts 1.

R.Lanning - P.Beach, King's Indian Attack: 1 g3 e5 2 Bg2 d5 3 d3 c6 4 Nf3 Bd6 5 0-0 f5 6 c4 Nf6 7 Bg5 0-0 8 cxd5 Kh8 9 Nc3 Qe8 10 Bxf6 Rxf6 11 Nd2 Rh6 12 e4? f4 13 Nc4 Bc7 14 dxc6 Nxc6 15 Nb5 Bb8 16 gxf4 exf4 17 Nd2 f3 18 Nxf3 Qh5 19 Nc3 Bxh2+ 20 Kh1 Bf4+ 21 Kgl Nd4 22 Rel Bg4, 0 : 1.



SARAPU CLOCK SIMUL: Current N.Z. champion Ortvin Sarapu played a clock simul on 13 boards against a strong Auckland University selection including Paul Spiller, Dave Gibson and Paul Beach.

Sarapu won all 13 games impressing with the speed at which he moved, often using less than a quarter of the time taken by his opponent. One example:

O.Sarapu - P.D.Corbett, Grunfeld Def: 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 d5 4 cxd5 Nxd5 5 e4 Nxc3 6 bxc3 Bg7 7 Bc4 c5 8 Ne2 Nc6 9 Be3 cxd4 10 cxd4 0-0 11 0-0 Bg4 12 f3 Na5 13 Bd3 Be6 14 d5 Bd7 15 Rac1 b6 16 Nd4 Rc8 17 Qd2 Rc5 18 Rxc5 bxc5 19 Nb3 Nxb3 20 axb3 Qb6 21 Bc4 a5 22 Qf2 Rc8 23 Rc1 Qb4?! 24 h3 Qa3 25 Rc2 a4?! 26 Ra2 Qb4 27 Bd2 Bc3 28 Bxc3 Qxc3 29 Qd2 Qxd2 30 Rxd2 a3 31 Ra2 Ra8 32 Kf1 Ra5 33 Ke2 Kf8 34 Kd3 Ke8 35 Kc3 Kd8 36 b4 cxb4+ 37 Kxb4 Ra7 38 Rxa3 and White won.



The 1977 NELSON DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP was won by Ge Cornelissen. In a 5-round tournament (45 moves/45 minutes) he scored four wins and a draw to take the title by ½-point from William Lynn who

LETTERS

FUND RAISING FANTASIA

Dear Sir,

Hitting the old money raising trail again. Well, you could have knocked me over with a feather when they told me; "NZCA is going to invite you to go to Austria for the World Junior Championship", Paul Spiller whispered confidently just before the first round of the Auckland University Open, "but they are not going to be able to give you any money".

Fair enough, I s'pose. What with the Asian Teams looming large and a distinct lack of funds at the best of times, the Association had troubles of its own.

I've raised money to go to Australia once, but never anything as ambitious as this. The air fare alone was \$1230, twice as much as I've ever had in my life (a wandering student I etc).

Nothing daunted, Hamilton Chess Club and I sat down to work it out. The master plan that emerged was: phase one, pay as much as I could myself (after all, the pleasures of Europe would be mine); phase two, write to as many chess clubs as we could think of to beg donations; phase three, hold a simultaneous exhibition somewhere and persuade gullible businessmen to sponsor it; and phase four, take a leaf out of Waitemata's book by running a sponsored lightning chess marathon.

All of which came to pass. At the moment of writing I have got together approximately two-thirds of the total cost of the trip from my own resources, plus a loan from my employers (The Waikato Times). Donations from chess clubs have begun generously. The Wellington clubs have earned my undying gratitude - Civic came through with a massive cheque for \$132, Upper Hutt for \$50.

The simul was held at Chartwell Square shopping centre. Sponsorship worked out at about \$2.75 per win. God bless those lads on the far two tables who just sat there and walked into Fool's mate after Fool's mate (this might not please the purists but it certainly clears them off the board quickly). The end result: 78 games, 76 wins (with donations, \$215).

The marathon also went well. A bit of negotiation found us a niche under the wing of one of the local radio stations.

This particular business was organising a boating and leisure exhibition and we were one of the star turns. We played in the studio at the exhibition, with a big display window to let the public see but not touch. The target was nothing ambitious - a mere 100 hours. Businesses sponsored me on a per hour basis, for a total of \$250. And it all went very smoothly with the 100 hours passing almost too quickly.

The result of the fund raising: I have about \$700 to add to my own loot, which is enough to make the whole trip possible. My heartfelt thanks to the commanders and troops of the Hamilton Chess Club, especially those unfortunates who volunteered to do the 12 hour night watches at the marathon.

Donations are still welcome - I'll still be in debt when I get back!

Note: two days after the marathon finished, the following article, headed *Hard nights cloud kings, blur bishops*, appeared in The Waikato Times:

The nights were worst - keeping your eyes open in daytime is nothing. But at night, especially in the early hours of the morning when you're feeling feverish from lack of sleep and aching with tension, that's when it gets hard.

In the studio where we were playing chess there was a display of Rugby League jerseys on the wall and on the last night of the marathon, near the 90 hour mark, I kept thinking they were people.

I had been told that days and days without sleep could make you hallucinate but I hadn't taken it seriously. Now, with the room full of rugby jerseys coming alive, I saw the proof.

But that wasn't the craziest thing. What really frightened me was when I actually forgot how to play the game. Just before dawn, with the end in sight, the pieces started to get fuzzy - my eyes went out of focus and abruptly I couldn't make a single rational move. Years and years of studying chess, playing through games; hundreds of top flight tournament matches; I've played two opponents 'blindfold' (without seeing the board, just holding the positions in my head) simultaneously. And now, because of a paltry few days without sleep, some connections weren't meeting up there and I couldn't make sense of the game. I was drifting,

fuzzy - I kept assigning characters to the pieces. This is the farmer, I'd think, looking at the white king, and those over there (pawns) are his sheep. And those black ones over there are the farm next door. But two neighbouring farmers don't hack each other to pieces in bloody battle, so suddenly I wasn't able to keep my attack moving.

Something had to be done; I had a fear that this loss of memory might be permanent. The Guinness Book of Records says marathon players are allowed to take a 5-minute break each hour and that these breaks may be hoarded up. At this moment I had about 40 minutes in the kitty and I used them all. Not sleeping - that would have made me worse. Instead, I went for a long walk then sprinted up and down the asphalt outside.

Then back to the board and, glory be, I could play again. When the 100 hours finally finished I felt fine - daytime again. I felt I could have gone for another 22 hours, to break the world record. But what that final night would have been like, I can't guess!

Kai Jensen, Hamilton

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SWISS PAIRINGS

Dear Sir,

A pairing sequence designed to sort out grade prizes:

Accelerated Swiss pairings seem to be a common feature of weekend tournaments; however similar to the normal Swiss draw it does not sort individual grades (for grade prizes) on an equitable basis. The idea of the Swiss system is to find a winner. The round robin on the other hand is the ideal pairing method for sorting out players within a grade - also it is the most equitable.

Most major tournaments offer some form of grade prizes. The system explained below is designed to sort out grade prizes on a more equitable basis and also to allow rapidly improving players to prove their talent.

Suppose a tournament has r rounds, and let x equal the number of rounds paired within a grade, and let y equal the number of players within the smallest grade. Using the formula $2x \leq y$,

making x as large as possible, the number of intergrade pairings can be determined.

To clarify, consider the following example: the Premier Reserve Championship has 11 rounds with several grade prizes being offered. Suppose the smallest grade has 12 players. Using the formula, where $y = 12$, we find $x = 3$. Hence the first three of the eleven rounds would be paired considering each grade as a separate tournament. The remaining eight rounds would be paired using the normal method.

This system could be applied to all Swiss tournaments with 7 or more rounds.

The main advantage of the system is that it would result in a certain minimum number of intragrade games being played by each participant within a grade. This gives each player an opportunity to eliminate his competition to some degree and hence improve his chances of winning his grade prize. Lower rated players who performed well within their grade would face higher rated players who are on form and not higher rated players having a poor tournament. The higher rated players who perform below expectation in the first part of the tournament would have an opportunity to make up lost ground by defeating lower rated players who also performed poorly within their grade. Hence the lower rated players who outperform their equals in the early stages of the tournament would probably win their grades as the other players in their groups would still be losing (in theory) at least until near the end of the tournament.

I have not had the opportunity to apply this system in a tournament, but the ideas behind it appear to be theoretically sound. I gather the participants in the main championship at Congress prefer a round robin in preference to an 11-round Swiss of 24 players as each player meets everyone else. Perhaps by incorporating features of a round robin and accelerated Swiss (or Swiss-within-a-Swiss system) a more equitable pairing sequence would be arrived at to sort out grade prizes without hindering the determination of the major placings within the tournament.

N.P.Bridges, Waitemata

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DOMINION BREWERIES 40-40 TOURNAMENT

REPORT: PAUL GARBETT

This year's Upper Hutt 40-40 Tournament was held on 25th June and featured a record number of players - 148.

The A grade ran an interesting course. Most of the favourites won their first two games but in the third round Garbett found himself in trouble against Goodhall and just managed to scrape a draw in a time scramble. Feneridis drew with Bernard Carpinter in an evenly fought game. This left D.Beach and Cockcroft in the lead.

In the fourth round Beach beat Cockcroft with some attractive attacking play. Garbett beat Carpinter while Feneridis showed his tactical ability under pressure by turning a lost position against Goodhall into a win in a wild time scramble.

Going into the final round the leaders were D.Beach 4, Garbett & Feneridis 3½. Garbett obtained a slight advantage versus Beach and gradually converted it to a win with accurate play. Feneridis beat Cockcroft to tie Garbett with 4½ points.

In the B grade, where 46 players participated, John Grainer of Hastings had no trouble getting 5 points. Peter Collins came second with 4½. In the C grade two sections were necessary because of the large number (76) of players; the two winners were Peter McKenzie and Sam Haapu (Junior).

The Upper Hutt Chess Club (and families) did a fine job in organising, in arranging the draw in quick time and in feeding the assembled horde of chess players.

Here are two games from the A grade.

R.Shuker - D.G.Johnstone, French Def:
1 d4 e6 2 e4 d5 3 e5 c5 4 Nf3 Nc6 5 c3 Qb6 6 Bd3 cxd4 7 cxd4 Bb4+ 8 Nc3 Bd7 9 0-0 Nxd4 10 Nxd4 Qxd4 11 Qe2 Ne7 12 Nb5 Bxb5 13 Bxb5+ Nc6 14 a3 Be7 15 Rd1 Qh4? (15...Qb6 was necessary) 16 Be3 0-0 17 Bxc6 bxc6 18 Rd4, 1 : 0.

D.O.Beach - P.A.Garbett, Sicilian Def:
1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 c3 Nf6 4 e5 Nd5 5 d4 cxd4 6 cxd4 d6 7 Nc3?! (removes Black's well placed knight but leaves a pawn weakness) 7...dxe5 8 dxe5 Bb4 9

Bd2 Nxc3 10 bxc6 Bc5 11 Qc2 Qc7 (not 11...0-0? 12 Ng5 g6 13 Ne4 or 13 h4) 12 Bd3 h6 13 0-0 Nd7 (with the idea of b6 and Bb7 to follow) 14 Bf4 (14 Re1 looks slightly better) 14...b6 15 Nd4 Bxd4 (Sometimes it is difficult to exchange when playing all out for a win; here it is justified because (a) Black will be left with a potential passed pawn on the queenside, (b) White's d-pawn can probably be blockaded and will eventually become vulnerable, and (c) although White has two bishops in an open position, his black square bishop is confined by his pawns and may well end up tied to defending them) 16 cxd4 Qxc2 17 Bxc2 Bb7 18 Bb3 Ke7 19 Rfd1 (possibly better was 19 Bcl Rhc8 20 Ba3+ Ke8 21 f4 Ba6!; this would lead to rook exchanges on the c-file but White's bishops would be more active than in the game) 19...Rhd8 20 Racl Rac8 21 f3 Nb8 (the first of a series of moves which increases Black's grip on the centre) 22 Rxc8 Rxc8 23 Kf2 Rd8 24 Ke3 Rd7 25 Bc2 Bd5 26 Bb3 Nc6 27 Bxd5 Rxd5 28 Ke4 Ra5 29 Ral Ra4 30 Be3 Kd7 31 a3 Nb4 32 f4 Nc2 33 Ra2 Nxa3 34 Bcl Nb5 35 Rxa4 Nc3+ 36 Kd3 Nxa4 37 g4 Kc6 38 f5 Kd5 39 f6 g5 40 h4 gxh4 41 Bxh6 h3 42 Bf4 b5 43 g5 Nb6 44 Bh2 Nd7 45 Bf4 Nf8 46 Bg3 Ng6 47 Bh2 a5 48 Bg3 b4, 0 : 1.

A Grade results: 1-2 P.A.Garbett & A. Feneridis 4½; 3 D.O.Beach 4; 4-6 B.Deben, B.A.Carpinter & R.Shuker 3½; 7-11 R.Cockcroft, R.M.O'Callahan, P.L.Cordue, P. Preece & G.Marner 3; 12-16 D.Goodhall, Z.Frankel, P.Clark, J.Mazur & P.Bertram 2½; 17-20 M.Wigbout, D.G.Johnstone, I.A. Downman & T.Spiller 2; 21-22 J.B.Kay & K. Knegt 1½; 23-25 P.Baran, W.Ramsay & H. Henkel 1; 26 J.Nysse 0.

B Grade: 1 J.Grainer 5; 2 Peter Collins 4½; 3-8 M.Gillespie, D.Adams, G.C. Flower, D.Keith, J.Sarfati & G.Frost 4; 9 S.Mancewicz 3½ 46 players.

C Grade, section 1: 1 P.McKenzie 5; 2 M.Noble 4½; 3-5 W.Dinkgreve, F.Foster & M.Staples 4; 6-9 S.Ruth, J.Phillips, D. Paul & A.Slingsby 3½ 40 players.

Section 2: 1 S.Haapu Jr 5; 2-5 E.Pooley, G.Hewitt, H.Cregson & P.Symmans 4; 6-9 R.Mitchell, J.Middleton, K.McGrath & K.Chandler 3½ 36 players.

LOCAL NEWS contd

scored 3 wins & 2 draws. Ten players competed and all agreed that it was a good move to hold the tournament while Tom Van Dijk was overseas. Cornelissen has been an active member of the Nelson Club for 18 years and has always threatened to win a local tournament; in 1971 he finished 1st equal in the same event but lost the play-off.



The 1977 HUTT VALLEY & WAINUIOMATA INTER-INTERMEDIATE TEAM TOURNAMENT had only six schools taking part this year. Overall winner was St. Bernards who now hold the H.V.I.S. Trophy.

Form I section: 1 St. Bernards 12; 2 Naenae 10; 3 Hutt 'A' 8½. Form II: 1 Maidstone 13½; 2 Hutt 9½; 3 St. Bernards 9.

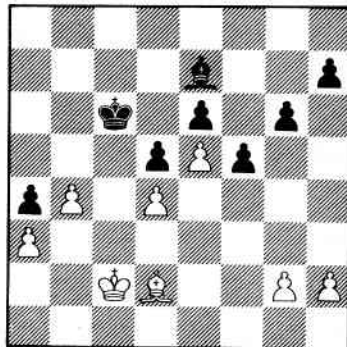
The overall scores were: 1 St Bernards 21, 2 Hutt 18, 3 Naenae 15, 4 Taita 14, 5 Maidstone (1 team) 13½, 6 Wainuiomata 8, 7 Hutt 'B' (1 team) 6½.



AUCKLAND SCHOOLPUPILS PLAY-OFF: The withdrawal of Matthew Barlow, runner-up in the Auckland Provincial Schoolpupils Championship, from the national event in August necessitated a play-off among the seven players who tied for third.

Only four were available and a double round robin was played. Steadman and Ion proved to be well out of form and were never in contention after losing their first games to Sidnam & Gollogly respectively. Thus the critical games were the two clashes between David Gollogly and Grant Sidnam. In both games Gollogly lost a pawn early in the piece but in the first Sidnam kindly agreed to a draw while probably winning. In the return encounter Sidnam returned the pawn for attacking chances and the following position was eventually reached after 41 moves (diagram next column):

Notwithstanding the passed b-pawn, Black (Gollogly) stands better though the game should easily be drawn. Play continued: 42 Kc3 h5 43 g3 h4 44 Kd3 h3 45 Kc3 Kb5 46 Kd3 g5 (the only winning try) 47 Kc3 f4! 48 gxf4? (Lack



of experience tells; of course, after 48 g4!, the black bishop is also impotent and the draw is obvious) 48...gxf4 49 Bxf4 Bh4 (this is a classic example of good bishop versus bad - not even an extra protected passed pawn can save White) 50 Kd3 Be1 51 Be3 Bg3! 52 Bg1 Bf4! 53 Kc2 (preventing 53...Bc1) Kc4 54 Kb2 Bd2 55 Kc2 Bc3 56 Be3 Bxd4 57 Bxd4 Kxd4 58 Kd2 Kxe5 59 Ke3 d4+ and Black won in 67 moves.

The following was probably the best game:
D.A.Gollogly - G.J.Ion, Sicilian Def:
1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 4 0-0 Bg7 5 c3 e6 6 d4 cxd4 7 cxd4 Nge7 8 Nc3 0-0 9 Be3 d5 10 e5 Bd7 11 Re1 Rc8 12 Bxc6 Bxc6 13 Qd2 Nf5 14 Bg5 Qd7 15 g4 Ne7 16 Bf6 Rc7 17 Qf4 h6 18 Re3 g5 19 Qg3 Ng6 20 h4 gxh4 21 Nxh4 Kh7 22 Nxxg6 fxg6 23 g5 h5 24 Kg2 Qf7 25 Rh1 R7c8 26 Qh4 Be8 27 R3h3 Kg8 28 Qg3 a6 29 Qf3 Rc4 30 Ne2 Rc2 31 Nf4 Rxb2 32 Nxh5 gxh5 33 Rxxh5 Qxxh5 34 Rxxh5 Bxxh5 35 Qxxh5 Bxxf6 36 exf6 Rf7 37 Qh4 Rh7 38 Qg4 Rb6 39 g6 Rh8 40 g7 Rh6 41 f7+, 1 : 0.

Final scores: 1 D.A.Gollogly 5; 2 G. Sidnam 4½; 3 M.Steadman 2½; 4 G.J.Ion 0.



This year's AUCKLAND INTER-SCHOOLS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP had 14 entries in the Secondary Schools A grade. In the North Zone Rangitoto College (26½) won a close race from Auckland Grammar (25) while Rosehill College ran away with the South Zone, 8½ points ahead of second placed Hillary College on 23½. In the semi-finals Rangitoto beat Hillary 6:0 and

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MIKE WHALEY

It is not often that you prepare a line and your opponent plays straight into it. This happened to me in the last Congress, but Bruce Anderson, instead of being the hunted, turned out to be the hunter. As a result I discarded the variation without further thought - but did it deserve such treatment? I'll let you be the judge.

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 e6 4 Nc3 exd5 5 cxd5 d6 6 Nf3 g6 7 Bf4!

This move puts pressure on Black's weak point d6 thus preventing Nbd7 at an early stage.



Black now has two main lines, 7...Bg7 as played by Anderson or the more recommended 7...a6.

A 7...a6 8 a4 Bg7 9 e4! (better than the older 9 e3) 9...0-0 10 Be2 and now:

1. 10...Qe7? (this allows the knight to be developed and that is all it has going for it) 11 Nd2 Nbd7 12 0-0 Ne5 13 h3 Ne8 14 Bh2 f5 15 f4 Nd7 16 Bd3 and White has it all in this position.

2. 10...Nh5 (not much better than 1 above) 11 Bg5 f6 12 Bd2 f5 (how else does Black bring the bishop & knight back into play) 13 exf5 Bxf5 14 Ng5 Bd4 15 0-0 Ng7 16 Qb3 Qf6 17 Kh1 Nd7 18 g4 Rae8 19 Rael and again it is White for choice (Brinck-Clausen - Bilek 1968).

3. 10...Bg4 11 0-0 and now:

Auckland Grammar beat Rosehill 4½:1½.

In the final the Rangitoto team, headed by Matthew Barlow and David Gollogly, found the lower board strength of the Auckland Grammar team too much - Auckland won 4:2 with Peter Mataga beating Barlow on board one.

Auckland Grammar also won the B grade with 25½ points, ten ahead of Hillary College and Henderson High School.

The Intermediate School section had eleven teams competing. The final was won by Normal over Blockhouse Bay 'A' 4½:1½ with Kowhai 'A' beating Waikowhai 4:2 in the play-off for third place. This year, for the first time, all the Intermediate section matches were played in the Auckland Chess Centre rooms on Thursday afternoons.



The first round matches in this year's BLEDISLOE CUP telegraphic competition have been played although the results of the 10 adjudications from the Otago v Canterbury match have not yet been received (the score is tied at 5:5).

In the other match Auckland overwhelmed Wellington 13½:6½ thanks to greater strength on the lower boards. For the first time in memory all 20 games were completed on the day!

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WELLINGTON

1 O.Sarapu	0:1	P.A.Garbett
2 E.M.Green	½:½	D.O.Beach
3 A.R.Day	½:½	B.J.Deben
4 P.W.Stuart	½:½	R.M.O'Callahan
5 T.H.Stonehouse	1:0	R.Cockcroft
6 M.G.Whaley	½:½	M.Wigbout
7 P.W.Power	½:½	Z.Frankel
8 G.Chiu	0:1	M.Evans
9 D.Gibson	0:1	B.A.Carpenter
10 P.S.Spiller	½:½	A.Borren
11 B.A.Hart	1:0	R.Kent
12 J.N.Metge	½:½	R.Teece
13 R.Craig	1:0	W.Gnojek
14 G.E.Trundle	1:0	Z.Shardy
15 P.Mataga	1:0	J.J.Mazur
16 D.A.Gollogly	1:0	J.Nyssa
17 R.K.N.Lanning	1:0	C.Dallow
18 K.D.Kinchant	1:0	Peter Collins
19 T.J.Free	1:0	G.Marner
20 M.I.Howard	1:0	P.Chin

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3a. 11...Ne8 12 Qd2 Nd7 13 Rael Qa5! 14 Bg5 f6 15 Bh4! Bxf3 16 Bxf3 b5 17 axb5 axb5 18 Bg4 Ne5 19 Be6+ Kh8 20 f4 Nc4 21 Qc2 Nc7 22 f5 and White had a slight advantage (space and possible pressure on the weak squares d6 and f6) in Gligoric-Levy 1970.

3b. 11...Bxf3 12 Bxf3 Re8 13 Re1 Bf8?! (13...Qc7 looks a better try) 14 Qb3! Qc7 15 e5 dxe5 16 Rxe5 Bd6 17 Ne4! is to White's advantage due to the weak squares around the black king.

3c. 11...Re8 (best) 12 Nd2 Bxe2 13 Qxe2 Nh5 14 Be3 and now 14...b6?! 15 g4! Nf6 16 Bf4 Ra7 17 Nc4 (Korchnoy-Minic 1971), 14...Nd7 15 a5 Qc7 16 g4! (Gligoric-Miles 1974), and 14...Bd4!? 15 Qd3 Qf6 16 Nf3!? Bxe3 17 fxe3 Nd7 18 g4! are all better for White.

Now back to the point of this article, 7...Bg7. The omission of a7-a6 allows a check without b7-b5 coming to the rescue. The resulting placement of Black's pieces takes a bit of sorting out to gain equality thus giving White a good chance of obtaining a strong initiative.

B 7...Bg7?! 8 Qa4+ Bd7 9 Qb3 Qc7 10 e4 0-0. Now 11 Be2 is the most common reply but a game Sherwin-Kane (USA 1973) had caught my eye, so11 e5!!? and both Anderson and Kane played 11...dxe5 12 Bxe5 but now they diverged.



1. 12...Qc8 (Kane's move) 13 Be2 Bg4 14 0-0 Qf5 15 Qxb7 Nbd7 16 Bd6! with a slight advantage for White.

2. 12...Qa5 (Anderson's idea) 13 Qxb7 (if I was going to defend I wanted something for the effort) 13...Ne4!? 14 Bxg7 Kxg7 15 Qb3 (thinking about

taking the rook did not merit the time on the clock) 15...Re8 16 Be2 Bf5. Now, wanting to get my king off the e-file, I played 17 Kf1 which is just hopeless as the Rh1 cannot be developed. But let's try 17 0-0! when White can complete his development and be a pawn to the good. I rejected this because of 17...Nxc3 18 bxc3 Rxe2 but 19 Qb7! wins the exchange and causes Black all sorts of problems in stopping the d-pawn.

Before you consider playing this line you must be prepared to face:

3. 12...Re8 13 0-0-0 Rxe5 14 d6! when White should win but the defence of his king might cause a few problems.

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ANNOTATED GAMES

First off, Patrick Cordue provides some deep analysis of his last round game from the National Junior.

D.A.Gollogly P.L.Cordue

Pirc Defence

1	e4	d6
2	d4	Nf6
3	Nc3	g6
4	Bg5	

The Byrne Variation, one of White's most aggressive continuations.

4	...	Bg7
5	Qd2	c6

After 5...0-0 6 0-0-0 White's attack will come much more quickly than his opponent's. It is better for Black to delay castling and take immediate action on the queenside.

6	f4	b5
7	Bd3	0-0

Black can reasonably safely castle now as, if White castles long, it is Black's attack which is already under way.

8	Nf3	Nbd7
9	0-0	b4
10	Nd1	Qb6
11	e5	

'Book' is 11 Nf2 e5 12 c3 bxc3 13 bxc3 Qa5.

11	...	dxe5
12	fxe5	Nd5

Unfortunately 12...Nxe5 fails to 13 Nxe5 Qxd4+ 14 Qe3.

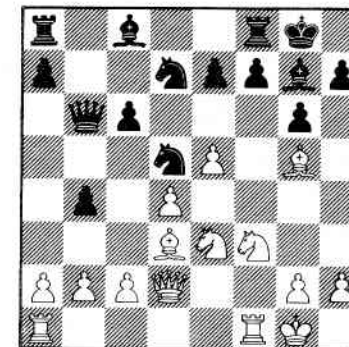
13 Ne3

13 Nf2 or 13 Kh1 would be met by 13...c5 14 c3 bxc3 15 bxc3 Qa5 followed by f7-f6. 13 Bh6? is met by 13...Nxe5! (not 13...Bxh6 14 Qxh6 Nxe5 15 Ng5 Qxd4+ 16 Kh1 Nf6 17 Rxf6) 14 Nxe5 Qxd4+.

See diagram next column

13 ... Nxe5!?

Creating complications. Safer was 13 ...f6, e.g. 14 Nc4 Qc7 15 Bh6 c5 16 Bxg7 Kxg7 17 c3 bxc3 18 bxc3 N7b6 19 Racl Nxc4 20 Bxc4 Nb6 21 Bd3 Bb7 =, or 14 Nxd5 cxd5 15 exf6 exf6 16 Be3 (16 Bh6 Ne5! 17 Bxg7 Nxf3+ 18 Rxf3



Qxd4+, or 17 Nxe5 Qxd4+, or 17 Be3 Nxd3 18 cxd3 Bg4 with advantage) 16...Rf7 17 c3 bxc3 18 bxc3 Ba6 19 Ra1 Qa5 20 Bxa6 Qxa6 with a good game for Black.

Not, however, 13...Nxe3? as 14 Qxe3! gives White very good attacking chances, e.g. 14...f6 (14...Re8 15 Bc4 leaves the f-pawn very weak, or 14...Qd8 and Black is going backwards) 15 Bc4+ Kh8 16 Bh6 Qd8! and Black's position may hold but is far from satisfactory. 16...Qd8 defends against 17 Bxg7+ Kxg7 18 exf6+ exf6 19 Qe7+ Kh8 20 Ng5. No good are 16...Bxh6 17 Qxh6 Ba6 18 Bxa6 Qxa6 19 e6 Nb6 20 Ng5 winning and 16...fxe5 17 Nxe5! winning after both 17...Bxh6 18 Qxh6 Qxd4+ 19 Kh1 Rxf1+ 20 Rxf1 Qxe5 21 Rf8+ and 17...c5 18 Nf7+ Rxf7 (18...Kg8 19 Bxg7 Kxg7 20 Qh6+ Kg8 21 Ng5) 19 Rxf7 Bxd4 20 Qxd4+ cxd4 21 Bg7+ Kg8 22 Rxe7+.

14 Nxe5

Best. After 14 Nxd5 Nxf3+ 15 Rxf3 cxd5 16 Bxe7 Qxd4+ 17 Kh1 Re8 18 Bxb4 Qxb2 19 Ra1 Be6 Black is a sound pawn up, while 14 dxe5 h6! (14...f6 15 Bc4 fxe5 16 Bxd5+ cxd5 17 Kh1! e6 18 Nxe5 Bb7! =, but not 18...Ba6?? 19 Nxd5! exd5 20 Qxd5+ Kh8 21 Nf7+ Rxf7 22 Qxa8+) 15 Bh4 Qxe3+ 16 Qxe3 Nxe3 17 Rfel Nd5 also leaves Black with an extra pawn.

14	...	f6
15	Nxd5	

If 15 N5c4, then 15...Qxd4 regains the piece and more.

Tricky, however, is 15 Bxg6!?, e.g. 1) 15...fxe5? 16 Rxf8+ Kxf8 (16...Bxf6

17 Qd3! Qxd4 18 Bxh7+ Kh8 19 Qg6 Bg7
20 Rf1 Be6 21 Qh5) 17 Qf2+ Nf6 18
dxe5 hxg6 19 exf6 exf6 20 Bxf6 with a
win.

2) 15...fxg5 16 Rxf8+ Kxf8 17 Qf2+
followed by N3c4 & Bxh7 with advantage
to White.

3) 15...hxg6 16 Nxd5 cxd5 17 Nxc6
fxg5 18 Qxg5 (18 Nxe7+ Kh7 19 Qd3+
Kh6 20 c3 Qd6 and Black should win, or
18 Nxf8 Ba6! 19 Qxg5 Qxd4+ 20 Kh1
Bxf1 21 Ne6 Qe5 22 Qxe5 Bxg2+ 23
Kxg2 Bxe5 with a better ending for
Black) 18...Qxd4+ (18...Bb7 19 Nxe7+
Kh7 20 Nf5 Qg6 21 Qh4+ Bh6 22 Rael!)
19 Kh1 Qg4 20 Nxe7+ Kh7 21 Qxd5 and
the position is unclear, but Black is
probably better.

4) 15...Ba6 16 N5c4 (16 N3c4 Qc7 17
Bd3 fxe5 18 Nxe5 Bxd3 19 Qxd3 c5 =)
16...Qc7 17 Bxh7+ Kxh7 18 Nf5 e6! (18
...Bxc4 19 Bh6! or 18...fxg5 19 Nxc7
at least draws) 19 Nxc7 Qxg7 20 Qd3+
Qg6 21 Bd2 Qxd3 22 cxd3 with a slight
edge for White.

15 ... cxd5

Not 15...Qxd4+? 16 Be3 Qxe5 (16...
Qxd5 17 Bc4) 17 Nxb4 and Black is
losing.

16 Nxc6

16 Bxc6 Ba6! is clearly better for
Black.

16 ... hxg6
17 Bxc6?!

White finally decides to sacrifice;
if 17 Be3 f5 Black is quite happy.

17 ... fxg5
18 Qxc5

Or 18 Rxf8+ Kxf8! 19 Rf1+ Bf6! 20
Qxc5 Kg7! wins for Black.

18 ... Qxd4+
19 Kh1 Ba6?

Only good enough for a draw which was
all Black needed to win the tournament,
but 19...Rf6! wins easily. Time, how-
ever, was running short and as soon as
I saw a draw I took it.

20 Qxe7 Rxf1+

But not 20...Bxf1?? 21 Qe6+ and
White wins quickly.

21 Rxf1 Bxf1
22 Qe6+ 1/2 : 1/2

After 22...Kh8 White has perpetual
check.



Mark Evans writes, "You're lucky.
Paul Garbett is going back to Auckland
(maybe only temporarily - Editor). Well-
ington chess needs him, big fish small
puddle stuff. Sad to say, he needs Well-
ington like he needs a pain in the what-
ever."

"I've breathed on the face of the
gods. Not a great hulking death-dealing
Alekhine-type god; more your pocket size
garden variety although relatively
speaking, a god nevertheless. I enclose
his scalp, the first to be taken by a
local yokel (herewith, fanfare of trum-
pets).

"In fairness we note that circum-
stances were not conducive to divine
inspiration, to wit: stopping to make
supper and organise peoples' games
(about 30 of them) and various distrac-
tions which were Paul's lot as the ros-
tered duty officer for the evening. In
other respects (time limit, etc) the
game was played under our usual tourna-
ment conditions so there's no apology
for submitting it for publication.

"Paul didn't feel like playing serious
chess and it took a fair bit of grovel-
ling to get him to the board. I won the
toss and sat down behind all these white
bits of wood and wondered what to do
about it. The minutes ticked away. Paul
yawned. 'I promise not to play the Sici-
lian Defence', he said. 'Okay', I said,
'if you promise ...' and pushed e2 to e4
...."

M. EVANS P. A. GARBETT

Caro-Kann Defence

1	e4	c6
2	d4	d5
3	Nc3	dxe4
4	Nxe4	Nd7
5	Nf3	Ngf6
6	Ng3	e6
7	Bd3	

I've reached this position once before
against David Beach in the 1976 Wellin-
ton Champs: 7...b6 8 0-0 Bb7 9 b3 Be7
10 Bb2 0-0 11 c4 Qc7 12 Qe2 Rfe8 13
Rad1 Rad8 14 Bb1 c5 15 dxc5 Nxc5 16
Ng5?! h6 17 h4 Qf4?! (17...hxg5 18
hxg5 Qc6!) 18 Nh3 Qxh4 19 Rxd8 Bxd8

20 Rd1 Bc7?? 21 Rd4 Bxg3 22 Rxh4 Bxh4
23 g3 Bg5 24 f4, 1 : 0.

7	...	Qc7
8	0-0	Bd6
9	b3	0-0
10	Bb2	b6

A bit slow, as is the follow up.
Black should strike in the centre with
c6-c5 or maybe e6-e5.

11 Re1

Restraining e6-e5 keeps Black's king-
side bottled up.

11 ... a5?

Black is not impressed. Which is not
surprising - the last time we played
Paul spent 18 minutes to my 90. He won.

12	c4	Bb7
13	Ne5	c5

Too late.

14 Nxd7!

From here on White seems to win in
all lines. If now 14...Qxd7 then 15
dxc5 with two lines:

1) 15...bxc5 16 Bxf6 gxf6 17 Qh5 f5
16 Nxf5!

2) 15...Bxc5 16 Bxf6 threatening to
win the queen.

14	...	Nxd7
15	d5	exd5

If 15...e5, White has a positional
double plus and maybe a forced win with
16 Bxh7+ Kxh7 17 Qh5+ Kg8 18 Ne4!,
while 15...Be5 allows 16 Bxe5 Nxe5 17
d6! winning a piece.



16	Bxh7+	Kxh7
17	Qh5+	Kg8
18	Bxg7	

I foresaw this position back at move
14. It wasn't difficult. I knew the game
Lasker-Bauer 1889 and the famous two
bishops sacrifice. I also knew 18...f6
was going to fail to 19 Qg6. I knew
nothing; 19...Ne5 20 Rxe5 Qxg7 wins for
Black.

There had to be something else so
after the game I asked Paul to save our
brilliance. "It is a brilliance", I told
him, "you must allow the bunnies their
moment of glory". Paul looked doubtful.
"I suppose", he said, "it might make the
last page of Reinfeld's 1001 Combina-
tions ..." A deserved putdown. From
time to time other players managed to
beat him without asphyxiating in clouds
of pride and joy - but not me.

"Tomorrow", I said, "I might agree,
but not tonight; tonight I'm ecstatic."
Tonight I beat Garbett.

"Here's what you would do", he said,
"18...f6 19 Ne5! Ne5 (otherwise 20 Qg6)
20 Rxe5 fxe5 21 Qg6 (threatening Nh6
mate) 21...Rxf5 22 Bxe5+ Kf8 23 Qxf5+
and White wins."

"Yes, that's what I would have done
alright." I hope.

18	...	Kxg7
19	Qg5+	Kh7
20	Nf5	

1 : 0

Not giving White the chance to finish
flashy with another 'sacrifice': 20...
Bxh2+ 21 Kh1 Be5 22 Re3 Bxal 23 Rh3
mate.



From the 1977 Rank Xerox South Island
Championship in Dunedin. Canterbury
stalwart Ari Nijman does his bit to re-
verse the flow of rating points from
south to north. Notes are by Michael
Freeman (F) and Martin Sims (S).

P. K. BEACH A. NIJMAN

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	b3	

S No doubt this is old hat to many
of our Auckland readers, they being well
acquainted with the games of Jensen and
Beach, but it came as quite a shock

(pleasant surprise perhaps? - Editor)
to many of us in the deep South.

2 ... Nc6

S Interesting is the counter-attacking 2...b6; for other possibilities see E.C.O., vol.B, page 118. The line our two heroes embark upon is one played in 5 minute chess at the Canterbury Club.

3 Bb2 e5

F Probably the best system.

S Black's play revolves around holding e5 and thereby nullifying the Bb2's effect on the long diagonal.

4 f4 g6
5 Nf3

F 5 Nc3 may be better, e.g. 5...Bg7 6 Nd5 Nge7 (6...d6 7 Bb5) 7 Nf3 Nxd5? 8 exd5 Ne7 9 Nxe5 Nxd5 10 Bc4 with advantage.

S 5 Nc3 was worked out by Michael Freeman after this game and a few rounds later Paul Beach had a chance to play it against Sims: 5...Bg7 6 Nd5 Nge7 7 Bc4 0-0 (7...Na5?) 8 Nf3 d6 9 0-0 a6 10 a4 b6? (giving White one tempo vital for his attack. 10...Rb8 was necessary, e.g. 11 Qe2 Nd4 12 Bxd4 cxd4 and it is still a game) 11 Qe1 Rb8 12 fxe5 dxe5 13 Qh4 b5? 14 axb5 axb5 15 Ng5 h6 16 Nxf7 and 1 : 0, 23 after Black had exhausted his swindling possibilities.

5 ... Bg7

F Now it is difficult for White to develop his QN because of ...exf4.

6 Bc4 d6
7 0-0 Nh6!?
8 fxe5

S Releasing the Nb1 but giving Black a free game.

8 ... 0-0
9 Nc3

S 9 d3 followed by Nd2 looks a better plan.

9 ... Nxe5
10 Nxe5 Bxe5
11 Kh1??

S Black's game is so good that it almost plays itself, but this move loses immediately. 11 Qe1 had to be tried.

11 ... Qh4!
12 g3 Bxg3
13 Qe2 Be5!

S Ari now eliminates all counterplay (e.g. Nd5 threatening Ne7 mate could be dangerous if Black falls asleep) and the rest of the game needs no comment.

14 Qf2 Qxf2
15 Rxf2 Be6
16 Bxe6 fxe6
17 Rf1 Ng4
18 Rxf8+ Rxf8
19 Rxf8+ Kxf8
20 h3 Bxc3
21 Bxc3 Nf2+
22 Kg2 Nxe4

0 : 1



COMBINATION SOLUTIONS

- Hennings-Walter, West Germany 1964: 1 Bg5! fxd5 2 g7! and 3 Bh7+; or 1...Be7 2 g7!; or 1...Bc7 2 Bxf6 e4 3 Bxe4 Bf4+ 4 Kh5 Be6 5 Bd5! +-.
- Niedermann-Zucks, 1895: 1 Bc8! Rxc8 2 Ra8+ Kxa8 3 Qxc8+ Rb8 4 Qc6+ Rb7 5 Qa4+ Kb8 6 Qe8+ & mate next move.
- Petrosian-Simagin, Moscow Championship 1956: 1 Qa8+ Kg7 2 Bxe5+! Qxe5 3 Qh8+! Kxh8 4 Nxf7+ and 5 Nxe5 winning.
- Clemens-Eisenschmidt, 1890: 1 Ba3! Qxa3 2 Qe6 Nd8 3 Qf7+! Nxf7 4 Ne6 mate.
- Borik-Novak, Czechoslovakia 1969: 1 Nd6+ Kd8 2 Qe8+! Kc7 (2...Nxe8 3 Nf7 mate) 3 Nc4+ d6 4 Qxe7+ Bd7 5 Qxd6+ Kd8 6 Qxf6+ Kc8 7 Qf8+ Be8 8 Qxe8 mate.
- Alekhine-Feldt, 1916: 1 Nf7! Kxf7 2 Qxe6+! Kg6 (2...Kxe6 3 Ng5 mate; 2...Kf8 3 Ng5 +-) 3 g4 Be4 4 Nh4 mate.

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