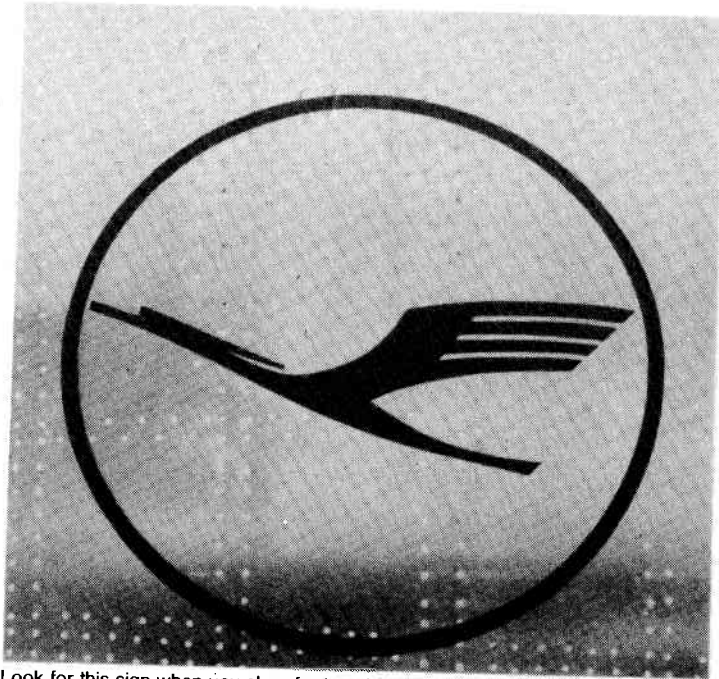


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## Good news.....

The future of NEW ZEALAND CHESS has been assured, at least for 1978, by the Annual General Meeting of the N.Z. Chess Association (held in Wellington during Congress) which resolved that "Council be empowered to subsidise losses from NZCA funds to the extent that it sees fit." We still, however, need more subscribers - if you like NEW ZEALAND CHESS, tell your friends about it!

While on the subject of the AGM, one or two other matters which may be of interest. The following officers of the Association were elected: President, M. G. Whaley; Vice President, P.W. Stuart; Secretary, J.N. Metge; Treasurer, P.D. Corbett; Auckland Councillors, W. Leonhardt, R.W. Smith & P.S. Spiller; Canterbury Councillor, V.A. Small. There were no nominations from either Wellington or Otago.

Two new member clubs were admitted to the Association: Diagnostic Laboratory (Auckland) and Pacific Chess Club (Wellington). None were expelled.

There were several amendments to the Rules, the most significant of which was:

"That Rule 6 in Part 1 be amended by adding clause (e) as follows:

(e) Non payment of affiliation fees:

- (i) Should any member club's affiliation fees be not paid within three months of the due date (1 September - Ed.) such member club shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the Association.
- (ii) The Council may at its discretion reinstate such member on payment of the affiliation fees due.
- (iii) Should any member club apply

in writing to the Council for an extension of time in which to pay its affiliation fees then notwithstanding subsection (i) of this rule the Council may upon being satisfied that the grounds are reasonable grant such extension of time as it thinks fit."

This will have the effect of putting the onus on the member clubs to pay their fees on time. The administrative task of the Council will be made that little bit easier since a definite membership will be automatically established, at least as at 30 November each year.

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## Overseas News

American (formerly USSR) GM Anatoly Lein won the GHI INTERNATIONAL played December in NEW YORK. One of an increasing number of international events held in the USA in the last few years, this one was played at the Group Health Inc building, hence the name. IM Edmar Mednis missed the GM title by a  $\frac{1}{2}$  point; Zaltsman (also ex-USSR) made an IM norm. Scores: 1 Lein  $12\frac{1}{2}$ ; 2 Mednis  $11\frac{1}{2}$ ; 3 Sigurjonsson & Zaltsman  $10\frac{1}{2}$ ; 5-8 Westeren, Henley, Diesen & Biyiasas  $9\frac{1}{2}$ ; 9 H. Olafsson 9; 10-12 Fedorowicz, Rohde & Valvo  $8\frac{1}{2}$ ; 13-14 Soltis & Brasket 8; 15-16 Benjamin & Watson 6; 17 Evans (Larry, the other!) 5; 18 Kaimo  $2\frac{1}{2}$ .

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The 45th USSR CHAMPIONSHIP, Moscow, December 1977, was jointly won by Dorfman and Gulko with  $9\frac{1}{2}/15$ ; both were undefeated. Petrosian started with three wins but then slowed down finally tying Polugaevsky for third on 9. Then Bagirov, Geller & Tal 8; Kuzmin & Romanishin  $7\frac{1}{2}$ ; Balashov & Sveshnikov 7; Kochiev, Smyslov & Tukmakov  $6\frac{1}{2}$ ; K. Grigorian  $5\frac{1}{2}$ ; Al-burt 5.

Dorfman - Grigorian, King's Indian:  
 1 c4 Nf6 2 Nc3 g6 3 e4 Bg7 4 d4 d6 5  
 Be2 0-0 6 Nf3 e5 7 0-0 Nbd7 8 Qc2 c6  
 9 Rd1 Qe7 10 d5 c5 11 Rb1 Nh5 12 g3  
 Nb6 13 b4 cxb4 14 Rxb4 f5 15 c5 dxc5  
 16 d6 Qd7 17 Rxb6 axb6 18 Bb5 Qd8 19  
 d7 Ra5 20 Qb3+ Kh8 21 Ng5 Rxb5 22  
 Nxb5, 1 : 0.

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HASTINGS 1977/78: won by Israeli GM  
 Dzhindzhikhashvili with 10½/14. Then  
 Petrosian & Sax 9½; 4 Hort 9; 5 Mestel  
 8½ (GM norm); 6 Tarjan 8; 7 Svashnikov  
 7½; 8 Speelman 7 (TM norm); 9-10 Nunn  
 & Shamkovich 6½; 11-12 Fedorowicz &  
 Webb 5½; 13 Tisdall 4½; 14-15 Botte-  
 rill & Kagan 3½.

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The AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP was a 15  
 round Swiss held in Perth over the New  
 Year period. It resulted in a triple  
 tie between Robert Jamieson, Terrey  
 Shaw and Max Fuller.

How this affects Australia's Zonal  
 representatives is not clear. Prior to  
 the Championship Jamieson, Rogers and  
 Fuller were selected with the proviso  
 that the winner of the Championship  
 would be allotted a place, even if this  
 meant replacing the selectors' third  
 choice, which was presumably Fuller.

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In Quito the 3rd 'ATAHUALPA' Tournam-  
 ent was taken by Soviet GM Igor Zait-  
 sev 9½/11. Second was American GM Bis-  
 guier on 8, then 3-4 R.Hernandez (Cuba)  
 & Tarjan (USA) 7½; 5 Guill.Garcia (Cuba)  
 7. Played November-December 1977.

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Victor Korchnoy won the right to chal-  
 lenge Karpov for the World Championship  
 by defeating Boris Spassky 10½:7½ in  
 the CANDIDATES FINAL in Belgrade. The  
 match began last November and carried  
 on into January amidst considerable  
 bitterness and bickering akin to that  
 at Reykjavik 1972. Korchnoy won the 2nd,  
 3rd, 7th, 8th and 10th games for a com-  
 manding 7½:2½ lead. Spassky then won  
 four games in a row to close the gap to  
 one point. The 15th and 16th games were  
 drawn and then Korchnoy ground out a  
 win in the 17th. In the 18th game  
 Spassky refused a draw offer but had to  
 resign the game just after adjournment.

Korchnoy - Spassky (1), English: 1 c4 c5  
 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Nc3 Nc6 4 d4 cxd4 5 Nxd4  
 e6 6 g3 Bc5 7 Nb3 Bb4 8 Bg2 d5 9  
 cxd5 Nxd5 10 a3 Bxc3+ 11 bxc3 0-0 12  
 Qc2 Qc7 13 c4 Ne5 14 Nd2 b5 15 c5 Bb7  
 16 0-0 Rac8 17 Nb3 a5 18 e4 Ne7 19  
 Bd2 Nc4 20 a4 Ba6 21 axb5 Bxb5 22  
 Rfcl Nc6 23 Bc3 Rfd8 24 Bf1 a4 25  
 Bxc4 Bxc4 26 Rxa4 Bb5 27 Ra3 Rd3 28  
 Raal h5 29 Nd2 Nd4 30 Bxd4 Rxd4 31  
 Qc3 Rcd8 32 Nb3 Rxe4 33 Qa5 Qxa5 34  
 Nxa5 Ra4 35 Rxa4 Bxa4 36 c6 Kf8 37 c7  
 Rc8 38 Rc5 Ke7 39 Nc4 Bd7 40 Kg2 Rh8  
 41 Nb6 Kd6 42 c8Q Bxc8 43 Rxc8 Rxc8  
 44 Nxc8+ Kc7 45 Ne7 Kd7 46 Ng8 h4 47  
 g4 Ke8 48 Kh3 Kf8 49 Nh6 gxh6 50 Kxh4  
 Kg7 51 Kg3 Kg6 52 Kf4 f6, ½ : ½.

Spassky - Korchnoy (2), French: 1 e4 e6  
 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e5 c5 5 a3 Bxc3+  
 6 bxc3 Ne7 7 Qg4 cxd4 8 Qxg7 Rg8 9  
 Qxh7 Qc7 10 Ne2 Nbc6 11 f4 Bd7 12 Qd3  
 dxc3 13 Be3 d4 14 Bf2 0-0-0 15 Nxd4  
 Nxd4 16 Qxd4 b6 17 Bh4 Bb5 18 Qe4  
 Bxf1 19 Rxf1 Rd5 20 Bxe7 Qxe7 21 Rf3  
 Kb8 22 Kf1 Rd2 23 Rf2 Rgd8 24 Qf3  
 Rxf2+ 25 Kxf2 Rd2+ 26 Kg3 Qd8 27 Qe4  
 Qg8+ 28 Kh3 Qh8+ 29 Kg3 Qg7+ 30 Kh3  
 Rd8 31 g4 Rh8+ 32 Kg3 Qh6 33 Qg2 Qh4+  
 34 Kf3 Rd8 35 Qg3 Qe7 36 g5 Rd2 37  
 Kg4 Qb7 38 Qxc3 Rg2+ 39 Kh3 Rf2 40  
 Kg4 Qe4, 0 : 1.

Korchnoy - Spassky (3), English: 1 c4 c5  
 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Nc3 Nc6 4 d4 cxd4 5 Nxd4  
 e6 6 g3 Qb6 7 Nb3 Ne5 8 e4 Bb4 9 Qe2  
 0-0 10 f4 Nc6 11 Be3 Qc7 12 Bg2 d5  
 13 e5 Ne4 14 0-0 Bxc3 15 cxd5 exd5 16  
 bxc3 b6 17 Racl f5 18 exf6 Nxf6 19  
 Nd4 Re8 20 Qd3 Na5 21 Nb5 Qc6 22 Bd4  
 Ne4 23 Be5 Ba6 24 a4 Nc4 25 Qd4 Nxe5  
 26 fxe5 Bxb5 27 axb5 Qxb5 28 c4 Qc5  
 29 Qxc5 Nxc5 30 Bxd5+ Ne6 31 Ral a5  
 32 Bxa8 Rxa8 33 Rab1 a4 34 Rxb6 Nd4  
 35 Rd6, 1 : 0.

Spassky - Korchnoy (4), French: 1 e4 e6  
 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e5 c5 5 a3 Bxc3+  
 6 bxc3 Ne7 7 a4 Bd7 8 Nf3 Qa5 9 Bd2  
 Nbc6 10 Be2 f6 11 c4 Qc7 12 exf6 gxf6  
 13 cxd5 Nxd5 14 c3 0-0-0 15 0-0 Rhg8  
 16 Re1 e5 17 c4 Bh3 18 Bf1 Nb6 19 d5  
 Nxc4 20 dxc6 Qxc6 21 g3 Bxf1 22 Rxf1  
 e4 23 Qb3 Qd5 24 Racl Nxd2 25 Nxd2  
 Qxd2 26 Rxc5+ Kb8 27 Rb1 Rg7 28 Rb5  
 Rdd7 29 Qe6 e3 30 fxe3 Rge7 31 Qg8+  
 Rd8 32 Qb3 Rdd7 33 Qg8+ Rd8 34 Qb3,  
 ½ : ½.

Korchnoy - Spassky (5), English: 1 c4 c5  
 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Nc3 Nc6 4 d4 cxd4 5 Nxd4  
 e6 6 g3 Qb6 7 Nb3 Bb4 8 Bg2 Qa6 9

Nd2 Bxc3 10 bxc3 0-0 11 0-0 d5 12  
 Qb3 Bd7 13 Qa3 Na5 14 cxd5 exd5 15 c4  
 Bg4 16 Bb2 Ne4 17 Nxe4 dxe4 18 Bc3  
 Nxc4 19 Qxa6 bxa6 20 Bxe4 Rab8 21 f3  
 Be6 22 Rfb1 a5 23 Bd3 a4 24 Kf2 a3  
 25 Rb3 Nb2 26 Rxa3 Nxd3+ 27 exd3 Rfd8  
 28 Rd1 Rd7 29 g4 f6 30 Rd2 Kf7 31 Ra4  
 Rb5 32 Bd4 a5 33 Bc3 Rc7 34 Ra3 a4  
 35 Bd4 Rb4 36 Rc3 Rxc3 37 Bxc3 Rb5 38  
 a3 h5 39 h3 hxg4 40 hxg4 f5 41 g5 Rb6  
 42 Bb4 f4 43 Re2 Bd5 44 Re5, ½ : ½.

Spassky - Korchnoy (6), French: 1 e4 e6  
 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e5 c5 5 a3 Bxc3+  
 6 bxc3 Ne7 7 Nf3 Bd7 8 dxc5 Qc7 9 Bd3  
 Ba4 10 Be3 Nd7 11 Qb1 Nc6 12 Nd4  
 Ndx5 13 Bb5 Qa5 14 Bxa4 Qxa4 15 0-0  
 0-0 16 Qb3 Qxb3 17 cxb3 Rfc8 18 Nb5  
 Ng4 19 Nd6 Nxe3 20 fxe3 Rc7 21 a4 Ne5  
 22 b4 b6 23 e4 bxc5 24 exd5 exd5 25  
 Rfd1 cxb4 26 cxb4 Nc4 27 Rxd5 Rd7 28  
 Nf5 Rxd5 29 Ne7+ Kf8 30 Nxd5 Rd8 31  
 Nc3 Rd2 32 a5 Rc2 33 Nb5 a6 34 Nd4  
 Rd2 35 Nc6 Rb2 36 Rd1 g5 37 Rd3 h5  
 38 h3 h4 39 g3 hxg3 40 Rxc3 f6 41 Rc3  
 Ne5 42 Nxe5 fxe5 43 Rc5 Rxb4 44 Rxe5  
 Rh4, ½ : ½.

Korchnoy - Spassky (7), Queen's Gambit:  
 1 c4 e6 2 Nc3 d5 3 d4 Be7 4 Nf3 Nf6  
 5 Bg5 0-0 6 e3 h6 7 Bh4 b6 8 Rcl Bb7  
 9 Bxf6 Bxf6 10 cxd5 exd5 11 b4 c6 12  
 Be2 Nd7 13 0-0 a5 14 b5 c5 15 dxc5  
 Nxc5 16 Nd4 Qd6 17 Bg4 Rfd8 18 Re1  
 Ne6 19 Bxe6 fxe6 20 Nc6 Bxc6 21 bxc6  
 Bxc3 22 Rxc3 Rac8 23 Qc2 e5 24 c7 Rd7  
 25 Rcl d4 26 Rc6 Qd5 27 Qb1 d3 28  
 Qxb6 d2 29 Rd1 Qxa2 30 h3 Qa4 31 Rxd2  
 Rxd2 32 Qb7 Rdd8 33 cxd8Q+ Rxd8 34  
 Rc7 Qa1+ 35 Kh2 e4 36 Qxe4 Qf6 37 f4  
 Qf8 38 Ra7 Qc5 39 Qb7 Qc3 40 Qe7 Rf8  
 41 e4 Qd4 42 f5 h5 43 Rxa5 Qd2 44 Qe5  
 Qg5 45 Ra6 Rf7 46 Rg6 Qd8 47 f6 h4  
 48 fxg7, 1 : 0.

Spassky - Korchnoy (8), French: 1 e4 e6  
 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e5 c5 5 a3 Bxc3+  
 6 bxc3 Ne7 7 Nf3 Bd7 8 dxc5 Qc7 9 Bd3  
 Ba4 10 0-0 Nd7 11 Nd4 Nxc5 12 Bb5+  
 Bxb5 13 Nxb5 Qxe5 14 Re1 Ne4 15 f3 a6  
 16 Nd4 Nxc3 17 Qd2 Qc7 18 a4 Rc8 19  
 Bb2 b5 20 Bxc3 Qxc3 21 Qxc3 Rxc3 22  
 axb5 axb5 23 Nxb5 Rxc2 24 Nd6+ Kd7 25  
 Nxf7 Rb8 26 Ra7+ Ke8 27 Ne5 Rbb2 28  
 Ra8+ Nc8 29 Nd3 Rbd6 30 h4 Kd7 31 Ra4  
 Kd6 32 Rg4 Rd2 33 Nf4 e5 34 Nh5 g6  
 35 Nf6 Rb7 36 Ne8+ Kd7 37 Rxe5 Rb1+  
 38 Kh2 Ne7 39 Ra4 Nc6 40 Nf6+ Kd6 41  
 Rg5 Rb7 42 Ra6 Rf7 43 Nxb7 Kc5 44  
 Rxc6 Ne5 45 Ng5 Nxc6 46 Rxc6 Ra7 47  
 h5 Rda2 48 f4 d4 49 h6 d3 50 Rg8 R2a6  
 51 h7?? Rxb7+ 52 Kg3 Rd7 53 Rc8+ Kb4

54 Rb8+ Ka3 55 Ne4 d2 56 Nxd2 Rxd2 57  
 Rg8 Kb4 58 Kf3 Kc5 59 g3 Ra3+ 60 Ke4  
 Re2+ 61 Kf5 Kd6 62 g4 Ra5+ 63 Kg6.  
 Re6+ 64 Kh7 Ra7+ 65 Rg7 Rxc7+ 66 Kxc7  
 Re4, 0 : 1.

Korchnoy - Spassky (9), English: 1 c4 e6  
 2 Nc3 f5 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 b3 b6 5 g3 Bb7  
 6 Bg2 Bb4 7 Bb2 0-0 8 0-0 Bxc3 9 Bxc3  
 d6 10 d3 Qe8 11 e3 Nbd7 12 b4 Qe7 13  
 a4 Rac8 14 a5 Ba8 15 axb6 axb6 16 Ra7  
 e5 17 Qa4 Bxf3 18 Bxf3 e4 19 dxe4  
 fxe4 20 Bg2 Qe6 21 Qc6 Nb8 22 Qb5  
 Nbd7 23 Rfal h6 24 Bxf6 Nxf6 25 Qc6  
 Rf7 26 c5 bxc5 27 bxc5 Qf5 - 28 cxd6  
 cxd6 29 Qxc8+ Qxc8 30 Ra8 Rf8 31 Rxc8  
 Rxc8 32 Bh3 Re8 33 Ra6 d5 34 Be6+ Kf8  
 35 g4 g5 36 h3 Ke7 37 Kf1 Rb8 38 Bf5  
 Rb1+ 39 Kg2 Rb7 40 Kg3 Rc7 41 h4 d4  
 42 hxg5 hxg5 43 exd4 Rc3+ 44 Kg2 Rc4  
 45 Ra7+ Kd6 46 Rf7 Nd5 47 Rd7+ Kc6 48  
 Rg7 Rxd4 49 Rg6+ Kf7 50 Rxc5 e3 51  
 fxe3 Nxe3+ 52 Kc3 Nd5 53 Rg7+ Kd6 54  
 Rg6+ Kc7 55 Be4 Ne7 56 Ra6 Kd7 57 g5  
 Rd6 58 Ra8 Ke6 59 Kf4 Rd1 60 Ra6+ Kf7  
 61 Ra7 Ke6 62 Bc2 Rf1+ 63 Ke4 Re1+ 64  
 Kf3 Rf1+ 65 Ke2 Rg1 66 Bb3+ Kd6 67  
 Ra6+ Kc7 68 Ra5 Kb6 69 Re5 Nc6 70 Rd5  
 Rxc5, ½ : ½.

Spassky - Korchnoy (10), French: 1 e4 e6  
 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e5 c5 5 a3 Bxc3+  
 6 bxc3 Ne7 7 Nf3 Bd7 8 dxc5 Qc7 9 Bd3  
 Ba4 10 Rb1 Nd7 11 Rb4 Bc6 12 0-0 Nxc5  
 13 Rg4 Ng6 14 Nd4 0-0-0 15 f4 Bd7 16  
 Rg3 Kb8 17 Qe1 Ka8 18 h4 Nxd3 19 cxd3  
 h5 20 Be3 Rde8 21 a4 Rh7 22 Rg5 Ne7  
 23 Bf2 g6 24 Qa1 Rc8 25 Rc1 Rhh8 26  
 a5 Nf5 27 c4 Ne7 28 Rg3 Rhd8 29 Rf3  
 Qb8 30 Qa3 Nf5 31 Nxf5 gxf5 32 Bc5  
 Rc6 33 cxd5 exd5 34 d4 Rg8 35 Rb1 Ra6  
 36 Qb4 Bc6 37 Rc3 Qd8 38 g3 Qxa5 39  
 Qb2 Qa2 40 Qc1 Qe2 41 Re3 Qg4 42 Kh2  
 Ra2+ 43 Rb2 Ra4 44 Rg2 Bb5 45 Ra3 Ra6  
 46 Rxa6 Bxa6 47 Qa3 Rc8 48 Ra2 Qd1 49  
 Qb2 Qf1 50 Qb3 Qc4 51 Qa3 b6 52 Qxa6  
 Qxa6 53 Rxa6 Kb7 54 Ra1 bxc5 55 Rb1+  
 Kc6 56 dxc5 Ra8 57 g4 fxg4 58 Kg3 a5  
 59 f5 a4 60 Kf4 a3 61 Kg5 a2 62 Ra1  
 Kxc5 63 Kf6 Kd4 64 Kxf7 Kxe5 65 f6  
 Kd4, 0 : 1.

Korchnoy - Spassky (11), Queen's Gambit:  
 1 c4 e6 2 Nc3 d5 3 d4 Be7 4 Nf3 Nf6  
 5 Bg5 h6 6 Bh4 0-0 7 e3 b6 8 Rcl Bb7  
 9 Bxf6 Bxf6 10 cxd5 exd5 11 b4 c6 12  
 Bd3 Re8 13 0-0 Nd7 14 Qb3 Nf8 15 Rfd1  
 Rc8 16 Bb1 Ne6 17 a4 Ba8 18 Ba2 Rc7  
 19 Qb1 a5 20 bxa5 bxa5 21 Qb6 Rb7 22  
 Qxd8 Rxd8 23 Ne1 Rb6 24 Nd3 Rdb8 25  
 h3 Bb7 26 Ne5 Bxe5 27 dxe5 Rb4 28 f3  
 Ba6 29 Rd2 Bc4

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# 85th NEW ZEALAND CH'P

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by the Editor

The 85th Congress was hosted by the Civic Chess Club at the YWCA in Wellington. Sponsorship by Windy Music, a private radio station in Wellington, permitted a rather bigger prize fund than in previous years.

There were two major differences in the organisation of this Congress compared to other years. First, two playing rooms were used with the two Championship events in one room and the Premier Reserve and Restricted Rating tournaments in the other. As a peripatetic chess player who likes to know what is going on in the other grades, this arrangement no doubt cost me considerable time on the clock. No doubt the idea has its advantages. The other change involved the playing schedule - games were played from 10 am to 3 pm with adjourned games at 6 pm. Naturally most players were very hungry by adjournment and a 3 o'clock lunch followed by a 5 o'clock dinner didn't make much sense either. I hope this experiment is never repeated!

Having been involved in tournament organisation myself, I appreciate the problems that furniture can cause - one usually has to make do with whatever is on the site; perhaps, however, some standards should be laid down to avoid a repetition of what happened in the Championship events where card tables were used. These are far too small for tournament chess. By contrast the players in the other hall had much more space.

The general organisation of the Congress, including production of a daily bulletin, was very smooth with the exception of the first day when an error in the draw for the Premier Reserve necessitated a new draw which meant a delay of nearly an hour before the round got under way.

The field for this year's New Zealand Championship was certainly stronger than last year's. I imagine the added attraction this year was the possibility of qualifying for the Zonal tournament to be held in Japan in February. The number of entries was also large but the selectors were not helped by the

idiot(s) who entered several players without even having the gumption to ascertain whether they wished to play! In the event two "entrants" had no intention of playing and as one of these was overseas it was difficult to discover his intentions. Thus the reserves were left up in the air until the eleventh hour. Clearly the requirement of the player's signature, as well as that of a club official, would prevent the recurrence of this situation.

Before the tournament got under way different people no doubt had different favourites for the title. I think it can safely be said that the most popular choices were Ortvin Sarapu (defending champion and holder of 15 titles), Murray Chandler (recent winner of the Asian Junior and with it the IM title) and Paul Garbett (twice champion in recent years and runner-up last year). Of the others, it is probably fair comment to say that Philip Clemance (a winner of last year's Premier Reserve) and Roger Perry (a winner of the 1977 South Island Championship) were not expected to pick up too many points against such a strong field in their first championship. Craig Laird was somewhat of an unknown quantity, having played most of his recent chess in Australia; suffice it to say that his results in two short tournaments since his return to New Zealand were not wonderful, although his fierce determination was always evident. The other six - Bruce Anderson, Ewen Green, Vernon Small, Peter Stuart, Kai Jensen and Robert Smith - had all had many fine results over a number of years so could not be discounted entirely.

One could also not discount the value of playing in the Asian Teams just one month before Congress - the six team members could be expected to be pretty sharp.

In the game by game report which follows I give the players' progress scores, in brackets, immediately before the round - but I have not taken into account any outstanding adjourned games, of which there were several.

So .... on to the games.

Round 1 27 December

Green	- Sarapu	Nimzoindian, 5 Nge2	½ : ½ (28)
Stuart	- Clemance	Sicilian, Maroczy	½ : ½ (20)
Garbett	- Chandler	Sicilian, Pelikan	0 : 1 (49)
Perry	- Jensen	Two Knights' Defence	0 : 1 (30)
Laird	- Anderson	Queen's Pawn	½ : ½ (70)
Smith	- Small	Sicilian, 2 f4	½ : ½ (45)

The most interesting pairing was obviously Garbett v Chandler where the latter played the currently very popular Pelikan Variation of the Sicilian. Garbett's 9 a4 (instead of the usual 9 c4) broke new ground; exchanges rapidly led to a double rook endgame which Chandler, in time trouble, played very well, first blockading then attacking White's queenside pawn majority. Garbett might have stood quite well but erred with 33 Rad1 - the rooks would have been better placed on c1 and d1.

Kai Jensen was the only other winner, playing sharply against lowest rated Perry who erred by 22 Qxf5 losing quickly. Craig Laird quickly gained the advantage against Bruce Anderson and netted a pawn but Anderson defended resolutely to save the half point. Smith first attacked on the kingside but Small parried this and then himself attacked on the same wing - by adjournment things had balanced out. The other two games were quieter affairs with nobody taking any chances at this early stage.

Green-Sarapu, Nimzoindian: 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3 c5 5 Nge2 cxd4 6 exd4 d5 7 c5 Nc6 8 a3 Bxc3+ 9 Nxc3 Ne4 10 Nxe4 dxe4 11 Be3 0-0 12 Bc4 f5 13 Qd2 Qf6 14 g3 Kh8 15 Rd1 h6 16 0-0 Bd7 17 Bf4 Be8 18 Qc3 Bh5 19 Rd2 Rad8 20 Bd6 Rfe8 21 Re1 Bf3 22 Be2 Bxe2 23 Rxe2 a6 24 b4 b5 25 Be5 Qf7 26 Bd6 Qf6 27 Re1 Qf7 28 Red1 Ne7, ½ : ½.

Stuart-Clemance, Sicilian: 1 c4 Nf6 2 Nc3 c5 3 Nf3 Nc6 4 d4 cxd4 5 Nxd4 g6 6 e4 d6 7 Be2 Bg7 8 Be3 0-0 9 Qd2 Ng4 10 Bxg4 Bxg4 11 0-0 Rc8 12 b3 Qa5 13 Racl a6 14 a4 Qb4 15 Rb1 Rfe8 16 Rfcl Bd7 17 Qd1 Nxd4 18 Bxd4 Bxd4 19 Qxd4 Bc6 20 Qe3, ½ : ½.

Garbett-Chandler, Sicilian: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 e5 6 Ndb5 d6 7 Nd5 Nxd5 8 exd5 Nb8 9 a4 Be7 10 Be2 0-0 11 0-0 Nd7 12 Kh1 f5 13 f4 a6 14 Na3 Bf6 15 c3 Qe7 16 Nc4 g6 17 Re1 Re8 18 Be3 exf4 19 Bxf4 Ne5 20 Bf3 Qf8 21 Bxe5 Bxe5 22 Qb3 Rb8 23 Qb6 Bd7 24 Nxe5 dxe5 25 Qc7 Qg7 26 Bd1 Kh8 27 Bb3 f4 28 Bc2 Bf5 29 Qxg7+ Kxg7 30 Bxf5 gxf5 31 c4 Rbc8 32 b3 Kf6 33 Rad1 Red8 34 Kgl Rc5 35 Kf2 b5 36 axb5 axb5 37 Ral bxc4 38 Ra6+ Kg5 39 bxc4 e4 40 Ra4 Rdc8 41 h4+ Kxh4 42 Rh1+ Kg5 43 Rxb7 Rxc4 44 Rg7+ Kf6 45 Raa7 Rc2+ 46 Kgl Rcl+ 47 Kh2 Rh8+ 48 Rh7 Rxb7+ 49 Rxb7 e3, 0 : 1.

Perry-Jensen, Two Knights' Defence: 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Nf6 4 d4 exd4 5 e5 d5 6 Bb5 Ne4 7 Nxd4 Bd7 8 Bxc6 bxc6 9 0-0 Bc5 10 f3 Ng5 11 Be3 Qe7 12 f4 Ne4 13 Nd2 Nd6 14 Qe2 Nb5 15 N4b3 Bb6 16 Rael c5 17 c4 Nd4 18 Nxd4 cxd4 19 Bf2 dxc4 20 Qe4 0-0 21 Bxd4 Bf5 22 Qxf5 Bxd4+ 23 Kh1 Qb4 24 Ne4 Qxb2 25 Nf6+ gxf6 26 Qxf6 Qb6 27 Qh4 Kh8 28 f5 f6 29 e6 Rae8 30 Rd1 c5, 0 : 1.

Laird-Anderson, Queen's Pawn: 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 e6 3 g3 b6 4 Bg2 Bb7 5 0-0 c5 6 Bf4 cxd4 7 Nxd4 Bxg2 8 Kxg2 Qc8 9 Nc3 d6 10 Ndb5 Qc6+ 11 Kgl e5 12 Bg5 a6 13 Bxf6 axb5 14 Bg5 Nd7 15 Qd5 Qxd5 16 Nxd5 Rc8 17 c3 f5 18 Be3 Be7 19 Bxb6 Kf7 20 Rfd1 Rc6 21 Be3 Ra8 22 Kf1 h6 23 Ke1 g5 24 f3 f4 25 Bf4 h5 26 gxf4 gxf4 27 Nb4 Rcc8 28 Rd5 Rab8 29 a4 bxa4 30 Rxa4 Nf6 31 Rd2 Ra8 32 Rxa8 Rxa8 33 e4 fxe3 34 Bxe3 Rg8 35 Nd5 Nxd5 36 Rxd5 Ke6 37 c4 Rb8 38 Rd2 Rb4 39 Rc2 Rb3 40 Ke2 Kf5 41 Bd2 Bd8 42 Bc3 Bg5 43 Kd1 Be3 44 Rg2 Kf4 45 Kc2 Rb7 46 Kd3 Bc5 47 b4 Be3 48 Rg6 Rd7 49 Rf6+ Kg5 50 Rf8 Bf4 51 h3 Kh4 52 Rh8 Kg3 53 Ke4 Rc7 54 Be1+ Kg2 55 Kd5 Kxf3 56 Rxb5 Ke2 57 Bh4 Kd3 58 c5 dxc5 59 bxc5 e4 60 c6 e3 61 Rf5 Bh2 62 Rf3 Ke2 63 Rf8 Rh7 64 Ra8 Rxb4 65 Ra2+ Kf3 66 Rxb2 e2 67 Rh1 Kf2 68 c7 Rh8 69 Ke6 e1Q+ 70 Rxe1 Kxe1, ½ : ½.

Smith-Small, Sicilian: 1 e4 c5 2 f4 Nc6 3 Nf3 d6 4 Bb5 e6 5 Bxc6+ bxc6 6 c4 d5 7 d3 Nf6 8 Qe2 Be7 9 0-0 0-0 10 Nc3 d4 11 Nd1 Nd7 12 e5 Nb6 13 a4 Rb8 14 Nf2 Na8 15 Ne4 f5 16 exf6 gxf6 17 Nh4 f5 18 Ng5 Bf6 19 Qh5 Rb7 20 Re1 Re7 21 Bd2 Qe8 22 Qh6 Bh8 23 Nh3 Rf6 24 Qh4 h6 25 Nh3 Rg6 26 Qf2 Rb7 27 Rab1 Rb3 28 Qe2

Nb6 29 Nf2 Nd7 30 Qd1 Rb8 31 b3 Bf6 32 Qe2 Kf7 33 Nh3 Qe7 34 Ne5+ Nxe5 35 fxe5  
Bg5 36 Bf4 Bd7 37 g3 Bxf4 38 Nxf4 Rg4 39 Kf2 Rbg8 40 Qd2 Qg5 41 Rg1 a5 42 Qc1  
h5 43 Ne2 Qg7 44 h3 Rg5 45 Qf4, ½ : ½.

Round 2                      28 December

Green (½)	-	Stuart (½)	Dutch Defence, 3 Nc3	½ : ½ (60)
Clemance (½)	-	Garbett (0)	Sicilian, Taimanov 6 g3	½ : ½ (47)
Chandler (1)	-	Perry (0)	Sicilian, Dragon	1 : 0 (18)
Jensen (1)	-	Laird (½)	Ponziani Opening	0 : 1 (41)
Anderson (½)	-	Smith (½)	English, Symmetrical	0 : 1 (44)
Sarapu (½)	-	Small (½)	Grunfeld, 4 e3	1 : 0 (26)

Chandler became the only double winner when Perry, after a slow queenside development, overlooked the loss of a piece, 16...e6? merely adding fuel to the fire; right was 16...Qc5. Small mixed his variations and was quickly in trouble versus Sarapu. Jensen opted for equality on move three with the white pieces; his combination starting with 17 Rxe8 was unsound as Laird gained the initiative at little cost and soon thereafter achieved a winning endgame. Green v Stuart was not the short draw that most perhaps expected; when Green transposed into the ending Stuart missed an immediate equaliser (24...c6) but eventually drew anyway.

Garbett played another interesting TN with 8...h6, preventing Bg5 in some lines with 9 Re1, the reasoning being that other ninth moves for White are so slow that Black can afford the loss of tempo. Just as Paul seemed to be getting somewhere, Clemance pulled 16 h3! out of the hat leading to the win of a pawn, but later inaccurate play allowed Garbett to split the point. No sooner had Anderson completed his preparations for f4 - f5 with a strong attack, than Smith pounced with d6-d5 and gained the advantage. The "new boys" Laird, Smith and Clemance were showing out well at this stage - but it is still early days.

Green - Stuart, Dutch: 1 d4 e6 2 c4 f5 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 Bd2 Nf6 5 g3 Bxc3 6 Bxc3 d6 7 Bg2 0-0 8 Nf3 Qe7 9 0-0 Nbd7 10 Qc2 Ne4 11 Bb4 e5 12 dxe5 Nxe5 13 Rad1 Nc6 14 Ba3 a5 15 Nd2 Nxd2 16 Rxd2 Nb4 17 Qc3 Nxa2 18 Qb3 Nb4 19 Bxb4 axb4 20 c5+ Be6 21 Bd5 Bxd5 22 Qxd5+ Qf7 23 cxd6 Qxd5 24 Rxd5 Rad8 25 Rb5 Rxd6 26 Rcl Rc6 27 Rxc6 bxc6 28 Rxb4 Rd8 29 Kg2 Kf7 30 Rb7 Rd7 31 Kf3 Ke6 32 Ke3 g6 33 Rb3 Rd5 34 Rd3 Rb5 35 Rd2 Ke5 36 Kd3 Rd5+ 37 Kc3 Rc5+ 38 Kb4 Rb5+ 39 Kc4 Ke6 40 b4 Re5 41 e3 Ke7 42 h4 h5 43 Rd4 Rb5 44 Rd2 Re5 45 Rd3 Rb5 46 Ra3 Kd7 47 Rd3+ Ke7 48 Rd2 Re5 49 Rd4 Rb5 50 e4 fxe4 51 Rxe4+ Kf7 52 Rf4+ Ke7 53 Re4+ Kf7 54 f4 Kf6 55 Re5 Rb8 56 Rg5 Re8 57 Kc5 Rb8 58 Kc4 Re8 59 Kd4 Rb8 60 Kc4, ½ : ½.

Clemance - Garbett, Sicilian: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nc6 5 Nc3 Qc7 6 g3 a6 7 Bg2 Nf6 8 0-0 h6 9 b3 Be7 10 Bb2 0-0 11 Nce2 d6 12 c4 Bd7 13 f4 Qb6 14 Kh1 Ng4 15 Nxc6 bxc6 16 h3 Ne3 17 Bd4 Nxd1 18 Bxb6 Nb2 19 Bd4 Nd3 20 Rfd1 c5 21 Bg1 Nb4 22 Bxc5 dxc5 23 Rxd7 Rfe8 24 Nc3 Nc2 25 Rad1 Bd8 26 e5 Rb8 27 Na4 Be7 28 Rc7 g5 29 Rdd7 Rbd8 30 Rxe7 Rxe7 31 Rxe7 Rd1+ 32 Kh2 Rd2 33 Kgl Rd1+ 34 Bf1 Ne3 35 Kf2 Nxf1 36 Nxc5 Ral 37 Ne4 Nh2 38 Nf6+ Kg7 39 Re8 Rxa2+ 40 Ke3 gxf4+ 41 Kd3 Kg6 42 gxf4 Nf3 43 Rg8+ Kf5 44 Nh5 Rb2 45 Kc3 Rh2 46 Rg3 Ke4 47 Kb4, ½ : ½.

Chandler - Perry, Sicilian: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 Be2 Bg7 7 0-0 Nc6 8 Nb3 0-0 9 Bg5 a6 10 f4 b5 11 a3 Bb7 12 Kh1 Na5 13 Nxa5 Qxa5 14 Bf3 b4 15 axb4 Qxb4 16 Qel e6 17 Bxf6 Bxf6 18 Nd5, 1 : 0.

Jensen - Laird, Ponziani: 1 e4 Nc6 2 Nf3 e5 3 c3 f5 4 d4 fxe4 5 Nxe5 Qf6 6 Nxc6 Qxc6 7 Be2 Nf6 8 0-0 Be7 9 c4 0-0 10 d5 Qd6 11 Nc3 Qe5 12 g3 d6 13 Nb5 Ne8 14 f4 exf3 15 Bxf3 Bg5 16 Re1 Qf6 17 Rxe8 Rxe8 18 Nxc7 Bxc1 19 Nxe8 Bxe3+ 20 Kh1 Qxb2 21 Nxd6 Bh3 22 Rb1 Qxa2 23 Rb3 Rf8 24 Rxe3 Rxf3 25 Re8+ Rf8 26 Rxf8+ Kxf8 27 Qf3+ Ke7 28 Nf5+ Kd7 29 Ne3 Qal+ 30 Nd1 Qf6 31 Qxf6 gxf6 32 Ne3 Kd6 33 g4 a5 34 Kgl a4 35 Kf2 a3 36 Nc2 a2 37 Ke3 Bxg4 38 Kd4 b6 39 Kc3 Bf5 40 Nal Be4 41 Kb3 Kc5, 0 : 1.

Anderson - Smith, English: 1 Nf3 c5 2 c4 g6 3 g3 b6 4 Bg2 Bb7 5 0-0 Bg7 6 Nc3 Nf6 7 d4 cxd4 8 Nxd4 Bxg2 9 Kxg2 Qc8 10 Bf4 0-0 11 b3 Qb7+ 12 f3 d6 13 Bg5

Nbd7 14 e4 h6 15 Be3 Rac8 16 Qd2 Kh7 17 Rac1 Rfd8 18 Nd5 Bf8 19 g4 e6 20 Nxf6+ Nxf6 21 Kgl Nd7 22 Qf2 Ne5 23 Qh4 Qe7 24 Qg3 Bg7 25 g5 h5 26 h3 d5 27 exd5 exd5 28 f4 Nd3 29 Rcd1 dxc4 30 bxc4 Nb2 31 Rdel Nxc4 32 Nf5 gxf5 33 Bxb6 Qb7 34 Bxd8 Bd4+ 35 Kh2 Rxd8 36 Qf3 Qxf3 37 Rxf3 Nd2 38 Ra3 Ne4 39 Ra6 Bb6 40 Re2 Rd1 41 Ra3 Rf1 42 Rd3 Rxf4 43 Rd7 Kg6 44 Rc2 Nxxg5, 0 : 1.

Sarapu - Small: see Annotated games.

Round 3                      29 December

Garbett (½)	-	Green (1)	Sicilian, Scheveningen	0 : 1 (33)
Perry (0)	-	Clemance (1)	Sicilian, Dragon	½ : ½ (49)
Laird (1½)	-	Chandler (2)	Sicilian, 3 Bb5	½ : ½ (13)
Smith (1½)	-	Jensen (1)	Benko Gambit	0 : 1 (30)
Small (½)	-	Anderson (½)	Ruy Lopez, Deferred Exchange	½ : ½ (26)
Stuart (1)	-	Sarapu (1½)	English, 1...Nf6	½ : ½ (41)

Laird gained a big advantage in development and then chickened out - but was doubtless very happy with 2/3. Perry came close to winning in the endgame in spite of the presence of opposite coloured bishops, but Clemance held on to gain his third draw.

Stuart-Sarapu and Small-Anderson were both drawn with no-one ever gaining any meaningful edge. Garbett won a pawn but Green's counter-attack was vicious in the extreme. Smith declined to take the gambit pawn and Jensen soon gained the upper hand.

Garbett - Green, Sicilian: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 d6 6 Be2 Be7 7 0-0 0-0 8 f4 Nc6 9 Kh1 Bd7 10 f5 Nxd4 11 Qxd4 Qa5 12 Qf2 b5 13 Bd3 Bc6 14 Qg3 Kh8 15 e5 dxe5 16 Qxe5 Qb4 17 Qg3 Bd6 18 Qh3 e5 19 a3 Qa5 20 Bg5 e4 21 Bxf6 exd3 22 Bxg7+ Kxg7 23 Qg4+ Kh8 24 Qd4+ f6 25 Qxd6 Qb6 26 Qxd3 Rg8 27 Rgl Qb7 28 Qd2 Rg5 29 Nd1 Re8 30 Rcl Re1 31 Qd8+ Kg7 32 Rxe1 Bxg2+ 33 Kgl Bh1+, 0 : 1.

Perry - Clemance, Sicilian: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 Be3 Bg7 7 Be2 Nc6 8 0-0 0-0 9 Qd2 Ng4 10 Bxg4 Bxg4 11 Nd5 Bd7 12 c4 Ne5 13 b3 e6 14 Nc3 Qa5 15 h3 a6 16 a4 Nc6 17 f4 f5 18 exf5 gxf5 19 Rad1 Rad8 20 Nxc6 bxc6 21 Na2 Qxd2 22 Rxd2 d5 23 Rfd1 Rfe8 24 Bb6 Rb8 25 a5 Bc8 26 Rd3 Bb7 27 Nc3 Kf7 28 Na4 Bf8 29 Bc7 Rbc8 30 Be5 Bb4 31 Nb6 Bc5+ 32 Kf1 Bxb6 33 axb6 c5 34 Bc7 dxc4 35 bxc4 a5 36 Ra3 Ra8 37 Rda1 Ke7 38 Rxa5 Rg8 39 Rxa8 Rxa8 40 Ra7 Rxa7 41 bxa7 Kd7 42 Bb8 Be4 43 Kf2 Kc8 44 g4 fxg4 45 hxg4 Kb7 46 Kg3 Bd3 47 Kh4 Bxc4 48 Kg5 Bd5 49 Bd6, ½ : ½.

Laird - Chandler, Sicilian: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 Bb5 Nd4 5 e5 Nxb5 6 Nxb5 Nd5 7 Qe2 Nf4 8 Qe4 Ne6 9 0-0 g6 10 d4 cxd4 11 Nfxd4 Bg7 12 Be3 a6 13 Nc3 Qc7, ½ : ½.

Smith - Jensen, Benko Gambit: 1 d4 c5 2 d5 Nf6 3 c4 b5 4 a4 b4 5 Nd2 e5 6 Qc2 d6 7 e3 g6 8 Bd3 Bg7 9 Ne2 0-0 10 0-0 Ng4 11 h3 Nh6 12 e4 f5 13 f4 exf4 14 Nxf4 g5 15 Ne2 f4 16 e5 dxe5 17 Bxh7+ Kh8 18 Be4 a5 19 Nf3 Ra6 20 Kf2 Nf5 21 b3 Rh6 22 Qd3 Nd6 23 Nd2 g4 24 Rh1 Qh4+ 25 Kf1 f3 26 gxf3 gxf3 27 Ng1 Qg3 28 Bxf3 e4 29 Nxe4 Nxe4 30 Qxe4 Rhf6, 0 : 1.

Small - Anderson, Ruy Lopez: 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 0-0 Be7 6 Bxc6 dxc6 7 d3 Nd7 8 Nbd2 0-0 9 Nc4 Bf6 10 Be3 Re8 11 Qd2 Nf8 12 h3 b6 13 a4 c5 14 Qc3 Qe7 15 Rfel h6 16 Qa3 a5 17 Bd2 Ng6 18 b3 Bg5 19 Bc3 Bf4 20 Nc3 Nh4 21 Nzh4 Qxh4 22 Kf1 Re6 23 Nf5 Qh5 24 Re2 g6 25 Ne3 Bxe3 26 Rxe3, ½ : ½.

Stuart - Sarapu, English: 1 c4 e6 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 g3 b6 4 Bg2 Bb7 5 0-0 Be7 6 d3 0-0 7 b3 c5 8 Bb2 d5 9 e3 Nc6 10 Qe2 Qc7 11 Nc3 Rad8 12 Rfd1 a6 13 cxd5 exd5 14 d4 cxd4 15 Nxd4 Nxd4 16 Rxd4 Bc5 17 Rdd1 b5 18 Rac1 Qb6 19 Qc2 Rc8 20 Qf5 Qe6 21 Qxe6 fxe6 22 Ne2 Kf7 23 Nf4 Bd6 24 Nd3 Ke7 25 Rxc8 Rxc8 26 Rcl Rxc1+ 27 Bxc1 a5 28 Bb2 Bc6 29 Bd4 g6 30 f4 Nd7 31 Kf2 b4 32 Ke2 Bb5 33 Kd2 a4 34 Bf3 a3 35 Be2 Nf6 36 Bf3 Nd7 37 Kc2 Bxd3+ 38 Kxd3 Nc5+ 39 Bxc5 Bxc5 40 h3 Kd6 41 Bg2, ½ : ½.

Round 4                      30 December

Green (2)	-	Perry (½)	Grunfeld, Closed 6 b4	1 : 0 (44)
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Stuart (1½)	-	Garbett (½)	English, 1...f5	1 : 0 (71)
Clemance (1½)	-	Laird (2)	French, Winawer	0 : 1 (31)
Chandler (2½)	-	Smith (1½)	Sicilian, Dragon	1 : 0 (48)
Jensen (2)	-	Small (1)	Sicilian, Closed	½ : ½ (20)
Sarapu (2)	-	Anderson (1)	Modern Benoni	1 : 0 (63)

Only one draw this round and that not of much interest except that Small often has found Jensen rather a handful in the past. In fact the five middle rounds yielded only six draws between them.

Green won a pawn in the opening and held on to it; better for Black were 9...cxd4 or maybe 9...Ba6 - the text lost the c-pawn. Garbett erred by not capturing with the pawn on move 12 and soon had to shed material; the initiative he gained lasted to the adjournment but Stuart then got on top, winning after various adventures. With only a half point from four rounds Paul must have been having nightmares about Upper Hutt; this, however, was to be his last loss.

Laird's Nimzowitsch Defence transposed to a sort of French Winawer; Clemance's 11 Ba3 hit thin air (protected thin air, at that!) as Black had not played c7-c5. Perhaps Be3 then Nd2 with the idea c3-c4 was a better plan for White. Later Laird's pieces broke through on a broad front. Chandler slew his second Dragon after winning a pawn on the queenside and letting technique do the rest; 11...a5 must be suspect. This kept Murray in the lead by a half point from Green, Laird and Sarapu.

Anderson gained a slight advantage but Sarapu came back into it when Anderson's queenside pawn majority was blocked for the endgame where White's mobile kingside pawns together with a knight v bishop proved enough to force the win. Like Paul, Bruce was not having a happy tournament.

Green - Perry, Grunfeld: 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 d5 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 e3 0-0 6 b4 b6 7 Bb2 c5 8 bxc5 bxc5 9 Rc1 Bb7 10 Qb3 Qb6 11 dxc5 Qxb3 12 axb3 dxc4 13 Bxc4 Nbd7 14 Ba3 Rfc8 15 Na4 Ne4 16 Bb5 Bc6 17 Bxc6 Rxc6 18 Rc4 f5 19 0-0 Rb8 20 b4 Nd6 21 Rc2 Nb5 22 Bb2 Bxb2 23 Nxb2 a5 24 bxa5 Rxc5 25 Rxc5 Nxc5 26 Nc4 Nc7 27 Nfe5 Rb4 28 Ral N7a6 29 g3 Rb5 30 Rd1 Kg7 31 Nd7 Nb7 32 Ral Rd5 33 Nde5 Kf6 34 Rb1 Nbc5 35 Rb6+ Kg7 36 Rc6 Rd1+ 37 Kg2 Ral 38 h4 e6 39 Nd7 Nxd7 40 Rxa6 Nc5 41 Rc6 Nb3 42 a6 Kf6 43 Nb6 Nd2 44 Rc7, 1 : 0.

Stuart - Garbett, English: 1 c4 f5 2 g3 d6 3 Bg2 Nf6 4 Nc3 e5 5 d3 c6 6 Nf3 g6 7 Rb1 Bg7 8 0-0 0-0 9 b4 Nh5 10 Qb3 f4 11 b5 Kh8 12 bxc6 Nxc6 13 Ba3 Rb8 14 Ne4 Rf6 15 Nxf6 Qxf6 16 Nd2 Nd4 17 Qd1 fvg3 18 fvg3 Qg5 19 Ne4 Qe3+ 20 Rf2 Bg4 21 Bf3 Bxf3 22 exf3 Rf8 23 Kg2 Nf5 24 Bc1 Qd4 25 Qe2 d5 26 cxd5 Qxd5 27 Qc2 h6 28 g4 Nh4+ 29 Kf1 Nf4 30 Bxf4 exf4 31 Ke2 Qd4 32 Qd2 Rf7 33 Rff1 g5 34 Rfc1 Ng6 35 Rc4 Qd7 36 Rbc1 Ne5 37 Rc8+ Kh7 38 h3 Nc6 39 Ra8 Bd4 40 Qd1 Bb6 41 Rc4 Be3 42 Kf1 Kg7 43 Kg2 Bd4 44 Qc2 Re7 45 Qb3 Qd5 46 Qa3 Qd7 47 Qd6 Qxd6 48 Nxd6 Re2+ 49 Kf1 Rf2+ 50 Ke1 Bb6 51 Nf5+ Kf7 52 Re4 Rxf3 53 Nd6+ Kg7 54 Nf5+ Kg6 55 Rae8 Rxb3 56 R8e6+ Kh7 57 Rd6 Rh1+ 58 Ke2 Rh2+ 59 Kf1 Rh1+ 60 Ke2 Rh2+ 61 Kd1 Rh1+ 62 Kc2 Kg8 63 Nxb6+ Rxb6 64 Rxb6 Kg7 65 Rd6 Bf2 66 Rd5 Kg6 67 Re6+ Kf7 68 Rxc6 bxc6 69 Rvg5 Ke6 70 Rf5 Be3 71 Kd1, 1 : 0.

Clemance - Laird, French: 1 e4 Nc6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 e6 4 Nf3 Bb4 5 e5 Qd7 6 Bd3 b6 7 0-0 Bxc3 8 bxc3 Bb7 9 a4 Nge7 10 Qe2 h6 11 Ba3 g5 12 Nd2 Ng6 13 Bxg6 fvg6 14 f4 a5 15 Qg4 Ba6 16 Rf2 0-0-0 17 fvg5 Rdg8 18 Rf6 Nd8 19 gxb6 Rxb6 20 Nb3 Qh7 21 h3 Rh4 22 Qf3 g5 23 Rf8 Rf4 24 Rxf4 gxf4 25 Nd2 Qxc2 26 Nf1 Be2 27 Qxf4 Qxc3 28 Ra2 Bc4 29 Qd2 Qxh3 30 Qf2 Bxa2 31 Qxa2 Nc6, 0 : 1.

Chandler - Smith, Sicilian: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 Be2 Bg7 7 0-0 0-0 8 Bg5 Nc6 9 Nb3 Be6 10 Kh1 a3 11 a4 Qc8 12 f4 Nb4 13 Bf3 Bc4 14 Rf2 Rd8 15 Rd2 e5 16 fxe5 dxe5 17 Rxd8+ Qxd8 18 Qxd8+ Rxd8 19 Nxa5 Ba6 20 Rd1 Rc8 21 Rd2 Ne8 22 Bg4 Ra8 23 Kgl Bf8 24 Be3 Ng7 25 Nd5 f5 26 Nb6 Re8 27 Bf3 f4 28 Bf2 Ne6 29 Nd7 Bg7 30 Nc5 b6 31 Nxa6 bxa5 32 Nxb4 axb4 33 Rd5 Rc8 34 Bg4 Rc6 35 Bxe6+ Rxe6 36 Bc5 Ra6 37 b3 Rc6 38 Bxb4 Rxc2 39 Bd6 Re2 40 a5 Rxe4 41 Kf1 Re3 42 a6 Rxb3 43 a7 Rb1+ 44 Ke2 Ral 45 Bc5 Bf6 46 Rd1 Ra2+ 47 Rd2 Ra4 48 Rb2, 1 : 0.

Jensen - Small, Sicilian: 1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 Nc6 3 g3 g6 4 Bg2 Bg7 5 d3 e6 6 Be3 d6 7 f4 Nge7 8 Nf3 0-0 9 0-0 Nd4 10 Rb1 Nec6 11 Ne2 Nxf3+ 12 Bxf3 Nd4 13 Bg2 Rb8

14 c3 Nxe2+ 15 Qxe2 Bd7 16 d4 cxd4 17 Bxd4 Bxd4 18 cxd4 Qb6 19 Qf2 Rfe8 20 Rac1, ½ : ½.

Sarapu - Anderson, Benoni: 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 e6 4 Nc3 exd5 5 cxd5 d6 6 e4 g6 7 Bd3 Bg7 8 Nge2 0-0 9 0-0 b6 10 Ng3 Ba6 11 Bxa6 Nxa6 12 Bg5 h6 13 Bf4 Nc7 14 Qd2 Kh7 15 a4 a6 16 Rfel Ng4 17 h3 Ne5 18 Bxe5 Bxe5 19 f4 Bd4+ 20 Kh2 b5 21 Nge2 Bg7 22 Ngl b4 23 Nd1 f5 24 Nf3 fxe4 25 Rxe4 Re8 26 Nf2 Qf6 27 Rael Qf7 28 Rle2 Rxe4 29 Nxe4 Qxd5 30 Nxd6 Qxd2 31 Rxd2 Ne6 32 g3 Nd4 33 Kg2 Nxf3 34 Kxf3 Rd8 35 b3 Bc3 36 Rd3 g5 37 Ke4 gxf4 38 gxf4 Kg6 39 Kd5 Bd4 40 Ke6 Rf8 41 Rf3 Rf6+ 42 Kd5 Rf8 43 f5+ Kg7 44 Ne4 Rd8+ 45 Kc4 Bgl 46 Rg3+ Kf7 47 Rxgl Rd4+ 48 Kxc5 Rxe4 49 Rg4 Re5+ 50 Kxb4 a5+ 51 Kc4 Rxf5 52 b4 h5 53 Rd4 axb4 54 Kxb4 Kf6 55 a5 Rf1 56 Kb5 Rb1+ 57 Rb4 Rh1 58 a6 Ral 59 Ra4 Rb1+ 60 Ka5 Rel 61 a7 Re5+ 62 Kb4 Re4+ 63 Kb3, 1 : 0.

Round 5 31 December

Laird (3)	-	Green (3)	Catalan	1 : 0 (36)
Perry (½)	-	Stuart (2½)	Sicilian, Taimanov 6 Be3	1 : 0 (30)
Smith (1½)	-	Clemance (1½)	Sicilian, 3 Bb5+	0 : 1 (60)
Small (1½)	-	Chandler (3½)	Sicilian, Pelikan	1 : 0 (48)
Anderson (1)	-	Jensen (2½)	Ruy Lopez, Closed	0 : 1 (40)
Garbett (½)	-	Sarapu (3)	French, Rubinstein	½ : ½ (35)

A tragedy for Ewen who gained a whisper of advantage after wholesale exchanges led to an early endgame, declined a draw offer, and then made life difficult for himself by a premature advance of his queenside pawns. Even so the game was still drawn until Ewen blundered his rook. This allowed Laird to take the lead, half a point ahead of Jensen, Chandler and Sarapu.

Stuart lost as a result of a horrible 11th move followed by castling "into it". Smith gained the advantage but lost it with 25 dxe5? whereupon Clemance rapidly gained the ascendancy. Small prepared well for Chandler following a game Klován - Timoshenko (Kishinev 1975) until Black's 17th move. That game continued 18 Qb7+ Qd7 19 Qxd7+ Bxd7 20 Bxa8 Rxa8 and Black stood okay. Vernon's 18 Rad1 posed different problems which Murray was unable to solve satisfactorily over the board; eventually Black's white square weakness proved fatal.

Anderson's isolated d-pawn proved weak and Jensen's fine 24th move took advantage of this. Certainly Jensen was one of the form horses at this stage. Sarapu gave up the exchange for a pawn and some compensation but the "new Garbett" played safely to hold the draw and start his recovery.

Laird - Green, Catalan: 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 e6 3 g3 c5 4 Bg2 Nc6 5 c4 d5 6 Nc3 dxc4 7 Qa4 Nd5 8 Ne5 Bd7 9 Nxd7 Qxd7 10 dxc5 Ncb4 11 Qxd7+ Kxd7 12 0-0 Bxc5 13 Rd1 Ke7 14 Bxd5 Nxd5 15 Nxd5 exd5 16 Rxd5 Rac8 17 Bf4 Rhd8 18 Rad1 Rxd5 19 Rxd5 b5 20 Kf1 f6 21 e4 a6 22 Ke2 b4 23 Rd2 b3 24 axb3 cxb3 25 Rd3 g5 26 Be3 Bxe3 27 Kxe3 Rb8 28 Rd4 a5 29 Kd3 Ke6 30 f4 gxf4 31 gxf4 Rg8 32 Kc3 Rg4 33 f5+ Ke5 34 Ra4 Rh4 35 Rxa5+ Kxe4 36 Ra4+, 1 : 0.

Perry - Stuart, Sicilian: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nc6 5 Nc3 Qc7 6 Be3 a6 7 Nb3 Nf6 8 Bd3 b5 9 f4 d6 10 0-0 Be7 11 Qf3 Rb8 12 g4 0-0 13 g5 Nd7 14 Qh5 g6 15 Qh6 Re8 16 Rf3 Bf8 17 Qh4 f5 18 Rh3 Nb6 19 exf5 exf5 20 Bxb6 Qxb6+ 21 Kf1 Qa7 22 Nd5 Kh8 23 Nf6 Re7 24 Re1 Rbb7 25 Nd5 Rxe1+ 26 Qxel Bd7 27 Nf6 h5 28 Nxd7 Rxd7 29 Qc3+ Bg7 30 Qxc6, 1 : 0.

Smith - Clemance, Sicilian: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 Bb5+ Bd7 4 Bxd7+ Qxd7 5 0-0 Nf6 6 Rel Nc6 7 c3 e6 8 d4 cxd4 9 cxd4 d5 10 e5 Ne4 11 Nbd2 Nxd2 12 Bxd2 Be7 13 Bf4 0-0 14 h4 Rac8 15 h5 Nb4 16 Re2 h6 17 a3 Nc6 18 Qd3 f5 19 exf6 Bxf6 20 Rael Qf7 21 Bd6 Rfd8 22 Rxe6 Qxh5 23 Be5 Bxe5 24 Nxe5 Nxe5 25 dxe5 Rc4 26 g3 Rh4 27 gxb4 Qg4+ 28 Qg3 Qxe6 29 h5 d4 30 Qg6 Qxg6 31 hxg6 d3 32 f4 d2 33 Rd1 Kf8 34 Kf2 h5 35 Kg3 Rd4 36 Kh4 Rxf4+ 37 Kxh5 Rd4 38 Kg5 Ke7 39 Kf5 Rd8 40 Kf4 Ke6 41 Ke4 Rd7 42 b3 Rd8 43 b4 Rd5 44 Kf4 Rd4+ 45 Ke3 Kxe5 46 Rxd2 Rxd2 47 Kxd2 Kf5 48 Kc3 Kxg6 49 Kc4 Kf5 50 Kd5 g5 51 Kd6 g4 52 Kc7 g3 53 Kxb7 g2 54 Kxa7 glQ+ 55 Ka6 Ke6 56 a4 Kd7 57 b5 Kc7 58 a5 Qf1 59 Ka7 Qxb5 60 a6 Qb8 mate, 0 : 1.

Small - Chandler, Sicilian: 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 Bxf6 gxf6 10 Nd5 f5 11 g3 fxe4 12 Bg2 Bf5 13 0-0 Bg7 14 f3 exf3 15 Qxf3 Be6 16 Nf6+ Bxf6 17 Qxc6+ Ke7 18 Rad1 Ra7 19 Qf3 Qb6+ 20 Khl Bg7 21 Qh5 b4 22 Nc4 Bxc4 23 Qh4+ f6 24 Qxc4 Rd8 25 Qg4 Kf8 26 Bd5 Ke8 27 Rf3 Rdd7 28 c3 b3 29 axb3 Kd8 30 Qe4 Kc7 31 Ral a5 32 Ra4 Qb5 33 Kg2 Rd8 34 Rf2 Kb8 35 Rc4 Rf8 36 Rf5 Rd8 37 Qd3 Qa6 38 b4 Rc7 39 bxa5 Rxc4 40 Bxc4 Qxa5 41 Bd5 Qb6 42 Rf2 h6 43 b4 Rd7 44 Qg6 Kc7 45 Ra2 Qe3 46 Qf5 h5 47 c4 Re7 48 c5, 1 : 0.

Anderson - Jensen, 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 h3 Bb7 9 c3 d5 10 exd5 Nxd5 11 d4 exd4 12 cxd4 Bf6 13 Nc3 Nb6 14 Be3 Na5 15 Bc2 Nac4 16 Ne5 g6 17 Ne4 Bg7 18 Nc5 Bd5 19 Nxc4 Nxc4 20 Bc1 Bc6 21 Be4 Bxe4 22 Rxe4 Re8 23 Rxe8+ Qxe8 24 b3 Rd8 25 bxc4 Bxd4 26 Bg5 f6 27 Bh4 Bxc5 28 Qc2 Bd4 29 Rb1 Qc6 30 Rcl Qxc4 31 Qxc4+ bxc4 32 Rxc4 c5 33 Kf1 Kf7 34 Bg3 Rc8 35 Ke2 Ke6 36 Ra4 Rc6 37 Kd3 Kd5 38 Ra5 Rb6 39 Ke2 Kc4 40 Ra4+ Kc3, 0 : 1.

Garbett - Sarapu, French: 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Be7 4 Bd3 dxe4 5 Nxe4 Nf6 6 Nf3 Nbd7 7 0-0 Nxe4 8 Bxe4 c5 9 c3 cxd4 10 Nxd4 Nf6 11 Bc2 0-0 12 Bf4 Nd5 13 Qd3 g6 14 Bh6 Re8 15 Rad1 a6 16 Nf3 Qc7 17 c4 Nb4 18 Qc3 f6 19 Bb3 Nc6 20 c5 a5 21 Qxa5 Nxa5 22 Ba4 Nc6 23 Nd4 Nxd4 24 Bxe8 e5 25 Be3 Bxc5 26 Ba4 Bg4 27 Ral Rd8 28 Khl Be6 29 Bb3 Kf7 30 Bxe6+ Kxe6 31 Rac1 b6 32 g3 a5 33 Rc4 Kd5 34 Rfcl Rc8 35 a4, ½ : ½.

Round 6                      2 January

Green (3)	-	Smith (1½)	King's Indian, Saemisch	1 : 0 (41)
Stuart (2½)	-	Laird (4)	English, 1...Nf6	0 : 1 (64)
Garbett (1)	-	Perry (1½)	English, 1...Nf6	1 : 0 (39)
Clemance (2½)	-	Small (2½)	Sicilian, Taimanov 6 c4	½ : ½ (74)
Chandler (3½)	-	Anderson (1)	Ruy Lopez, Closed	0 : 1 (41)
Sarapu (3½)	-	Jensen (3½)	Ruy Lopez, Wing Variation	1 : 0 (41)

Green played a tame variation of the Saemisch but was allowed to get in f2-f4-f5xg6 with win of material following soon. Laird's prepared line was not met very well by Stuart. Okay was 5 Nxe5; later 20 Rcd1 was quite playable since 20...e3 21 Rd6 exf2+ 22 Kxf2 is better for White. After this only Sarapu remained in touch with Craig - a half point behind.

Perry equalised against Garbett's positional play but then, in opening up lines to Garbett's king, only succeeded in exposing his own. Small won a pawn but the resulting ending of 2B + 3P vs B + N + 4P (all pawns on the kingside) was hopelessly drawn; some sado-masochistic streak led Vernon to play another 35 moves before accepting the inevitable.

Anderson hit form with a good win over Chandler, sacrificing first a pawn and then the exchange to deflect Chandler's queen from the defence of his king which was soon surrounded by black pieces. This, Chandler's second loss, left him 1½ points adrift of the tournament leader. Sarapu won a pawn but this was doubled and only the further weakening of his position by 36...f5 cost Jensen the draw.

Green - Smith, King's Indian: 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 0-0 5 Be3 d6 6 f3 b6 7 Bd3 Bb7 8 Nge2 c5 9 d5 e6 10 0-0 exd5 11 exd5 Nbd7 12 Bc2 Ne5 13 b3 a6 14 a4 h6 15 Qd2 Kh7 16 Rael Rb8 17 h3 Qc7 18 Ng3 Rbe8 19 f4 Ned7 20 Bbl Re7 21 f5 Ne5 22 fxg6+ fxg6 23 Nce2 b5 24 Qc2 bxc4 25 bxc4 Qd7 26 Nf4 Qe8 27 Bd2 Nfd7 28 Nxb6 Rxf1+ 29 Nxf1 Nxb6 30 Qxg6+ Qxg6 31 Bxb6+ Kxb6 32 Rxe7 Bc8 33 Re6+ Kf7 34 Rxd6 Ne5 35 Bxb6 Nxc4 36 Rc6 Bd4+ 37 Khl Bf5 38 Nd2 Nb2 39 Nb3 Nxa4 40 Nxd4 cxd4 41 Rc4, 1 : 0.

Stuart - Laird, English: 1 c4 Nf6 2 Nc3 c6 3 e4 e5 4 Nf3 Bb4 5 d3 0-0 6 Be2 d5 7 cxd5 cxd5 8 Bd2 Nc6 9 0-0 Re8 10 a3 Be7 11 Rcl h6 12 Nxd5 Nxd5 13 exd5 Qxd5 14 Bc3 Bf5 15 d4 e4 16 Ne5 Nxe5 17 dxe5 Qe6 18 Qa4 Qg6 19 Rfel Bg5 20 Ral a6 21 Qb4 Bf4 22 Bf1 Qc6 23 Rad1 Bxe5 24 Bxe5 Rxe5 25 Qd6 Qxd6 26 Rxd6 Rc8 27 Rd2 Rec5 28 h3 Rc2 29 Red1 Be6 30 g4 Rxd2 31 Rxd2 Rcl 32 Kg2 Kf8 33 Be2 Ke7 34 Bd1 Kf6 35 Kg3 g5 36 Bc2 Rgl+ 37 Kh2 Re1 38 Kg3 Ke5 39 Bd1 Bc4 40 Bc2 Re2 41 Rxe2 Bxe2 42 Bb3 f6 43 Bf7 Bb5 44 Bb3 Kd4 45 Bc2 Bc6 46 Kg2 Bb5 47 Kg3 Be2 48 Kg2 a5 49

Kg3 b6 50 Kg2 b5 51 Kg3 Bc4 52 Kg2 b4 53 axb4 axb4 54 f3 Bd5 55 Kf2 exf3 56 Bg6 Be4 57 Bf7 Kd3 58 Bb3 Kd2 59 Bf7 Bc6 60 Be6 Kc2 61 b3 Kd3 62 Bf7 Kd4 63 Bg6 Bd5 64 Bc2 Kc3, 0 : 1.

Garbett - Perry, English: 1 c4 Nf6 2 Nc3 d5 3 cxd5 Nxd5 4 g3 g6 5 Bg2 Nb6 6 Nf3 Bg7 7 0-0 0-0 8 d3 Nc6 9 Be3 e5 10 Rcl Nd4 11 Qd2 Qe7 12 Bh6 c6 13 Bxg7 Kxg7 14 Qe3 Nxf3+ 15 Bxf3 Re8 16 Rfd1 Bf5 17 a3 Rad8 18 Ne4 Bxe4 19 Bxe4 f5 20 Bf3 Qf6 21 b4 f4 22 Qc5 fxg3 23 hxg3 h5 24 b5 cxb5 25 Bxb7 h4 26 Qe3 Re7 27 Be4 hxg3 28 Qxg3 Nd5 29 e3 b4 30 axb4 Nxb4 31 Rc4 Nd5 32 Kg2 Rd6 33 Rh1 Nb6 34 Rc5 Nd7 35 Rc8 Nf8 36 Qh3 Qg5+ 37 Kf1 Kf7 38 Qh8 Qf6 39 Rxf8+, 1 : 0.

Clemance - Small, Sicilian: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 e6 5 Nb5 d6 6 c4 Nf6 7 Nlc3 a6 8 Na3 Be7 9 Be2 0-0 10 0-0 b6 11 Bf4 Bb7 12 Qd2 Qc7 13 Rac1 Ne5 14 f3 Rfd8 15 Rfd1 Rac8 16 Qel Qb8 17 Be3 Bc6 18 Qf2 Rd7 19 Nc2 b5 20 cxb5 Bxb5 21 Nxb5 axb5 22 Nd4 b4 23 Qel d5 24 exd5 Nxd5 25 Bf2 Bf6 26 Ba6 Rxc1 27 Rxc1 Rc7 28 Qd2 g6 29 Rxc7 Qxc7 30 Be2 Nd7 31 g3 N7b6 32 a3 bxa3 33 bxa3 Be7 34 Nb5 Qc6 35 Kg2 Nc4 36 Qcl Qxb5 37 Bxc4 Bxa3 38 Bxb5 Bxc1 39 f4 Be3 40 Bel Kf8 41 Kf3 Bc5 42 Bc4 Ke7 43 Bb3 Kd6 44 Ba2 Bd4 45 Bd2 Bc5 46 Bb3 Ba3 47 Be3 Bb2 48 h3 f6 49 Ke4 Ba3 50 Ba4 Nc7 51 Bd4 Ke7 52 Kf3 Bd6 53 Ke4 Kf7 54 Bb3 Ne8 55 g4 Bb4 56 Bb2 Nd6+ 57 Kf3 Ke7 58 Bd4 Nb5 59 Be3 Kd6 60 Bc4 Nc7 61 Ke4 Nd5 62 Bd4 Bc3 63 Be3 f5+ 64 Kf3 Bb2 65 Ba6 Nf6 66 Bb5 Nd7 67 Ba6 Bg7 68 Bb5 e5 69 gxf5 gxf5 70 fxe5+ Nxe5+ 71 Kg3 Ng6 72 Bd3 Be5+ 73 Kf3 Ke6 74 Bg5, ½ : ½.

Chandler - Anderson, 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 d4 d6 9 c3 Bg4 10 d5 Na5 11 Bc2 c6 12 a4 cxd5 13 exd5 Nc4 14 h3 Bh5 15 Na3 Nb6 16 g4 Bg6 17 Bxg6 hxg6 18 g5 Nh5 19 axb5 axb5 20 Be3 f6 21 Nh4 Kh7 22 gxf6 Rxf6 23 Ng2 Rf5 24 Qd3 Bg5 25 Qxb5 Rb8 26 Rad1 Nd7 27 Qe2 Nf4 28 Bxf4 exf4 29 f3 Ne5 30 Rf1 Bh4 31 Nb5 Rxb5 32 Qxb5 Bg3 33 Qe2 Rh5 34 h4 Qd7 35 Rd4 Qh3 36 Nxf4 Bxf4 37 Qg2 Be3+ 38 Rf2 Nxf3+ 39 Kf1 Qxg2+ 40 Rxxg2 Bxd4 41 cxd4 Rxd5, 0 : 1.

Sarapu - Jensen, Ruy Lopez: 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 b5 5 Bb3 Na5 6 0-0 d6 7 Nc3 Nf6 8 d3 Be7 9 h3 0-0 10 Be3 Nxb3 11 axb3 c5 12 Ne2 Re8 13 c4 Rb8 14 Qd2 Qb6 15 Rfb1 Bd8 16 Nc3 Bd7 17 Bg5 Bc6 18 Bxf6 Bxf6 19 Nd5 Bxd5 20 cxd5 Rc8 21 Qa5 c4 22 Qxa6 cxd3 23 Qxb6 Rxb6 24 Rd1 Rbb8 25 Rxd3 Rc2 26 Rd2 Rxd2 27 Nxd2 Bg5 28 Nf3 Be7 29 Rcl Kf8 30 Kf1 Ke8 31 Ke2 Bd8 32 Rc6 Kd7 33 Nel Bb6 34 Nc2 Bc5 35 f3 g6 36 Kd3 f5 37 b4 Bgl 38 Na3 Bd4 39 b3 Bb2 40 Nc2 Rb7 41 exf5, 1 : 0.

Round 7                      3 January

Small (3)	-	Green (4)	Sicilian, 3 c3	½ : ½ (11)
Smith (1½)	-	Stuart (2½)	Sicilian, 2 f4	0 : 1 (22)
Laird (5)	-	Garbett (2)	Trompovsky Attack	½ : ½ (72)
Anderson (2)	-	Clemance (3)	Modern Benoni	0 : 1 (30)
Jensen (3½)	-	Chandler (3½)	Sicilian, Bb5	0 : 1 (29)
Perry (1½)	-	Sarapu (4½)	Sicilian, Dragon	0 : 1 (21)

Small-Green was the second of the two non games in the Championship. Smith, playing despondently, offered little resistance. There was never much in Laird-Garbett with first Paul and later Craig having a slight edge - possibly Laird had better in the ending after the exchange of the second pair of rooks.

Anderson employed a recent discovery in his game with Clemance, viz 12 e5!? After 12...Nxb3 13 fxg3! Black has tried 13...dxe5 and 13...a6 but Clemance's 13...Nd7 is probably no better. Anderson later penetrated on the queenside, but in capturing pawns there he allowed a fatal pin which led to the loss of a piece. Correct was 27 Qxb7 with a clear, maybe winning, advantage.

Chandler returned to the winner's list at the expense of Jensen; 7...Nxd4 is universally condemned but 9...Ne7 appears to be new. Also recommended as good for White is 9 f4 with the idea f5. After 12 Qe2 Jensen's compensation for the pawn was nebulous and Black soon got the upper hand. Sarapu made short work of Perry and was in the lead since Laird-Garbett was not finished until after round nine.

Small - Green, Sicilian: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 c3 d5 4 e5 d4 5 cxd4 cxd4 6 Qa4+ Nc6 7 Bb5 Bd7 8 0-0 a6 9 Bxc6 Bxc6 10 Qxd4 Bxf3 11 Qxd8+, ½ : ½.

Smith - Stuart, Sicilian: 1 e4 c5 2 f4 Nc6 3 Nf3 e6 4 Bb5 Nge7 5 0-0 a6 6 Be2 g6 7 d3 Bg7 8 c3 0-0 9 Be3 d6 10 Nbd2 b5 11 a3 Bb7 12 Qe1 Qd7 13 Qh4 Rae8 14 g4 f5 15 h3 e5 16 Qg3 fxe4 17 dxe4 exf4 18 Bxf4 Ne5 19 Rad1 N7c6 20 c4 Nxf3+ 21 Bxf3 Nd4 22 b3 g5, 0 : 1.

Laird - Garbett: Not available.

Anderson - Clemanse, Benoni: 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 c5 4 d5 exd5 5 cxd5 d6 6 Nc3 g6 7 Bg5 Bg7 8 e4 h6 9 Bh4 g5 10 Bg3 Nh5 11 Bb5+ Kf8 12 e5 Nxc3 13 fxg3 Nd7 14 e6 Nf6 15 0-0 fxe6 16 dxe6 Bxe6 17 Qe2 Bf7 18 Rad1 Qc7 19 Bc4 Re8 20 Qd3 Bxc4 21 Qxc4 Qf7 22 Qb5 Re6 23 Nd2 a6 24 Qb6 Kg8 25 Nde4 Kh7 26 Nxd6 Qe7 27 Qxc5 Rb8 28 Nd5 Nxd5 29 Qxd5 Rd8 30 Qf5+ Kg8, 0 : 1.

Jensen - Chandler, Sicilian: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 4 0-0 Bg7 5 c3 e5 6 d4 cxd4 7 cxd4 Nxd4 8 Nxd4 exd4 9 e5 Ne7 10 Bg5 0-0 11 f4 d6 12 Qe2 dxe5 13 fxe5 Bf5 14 Nd2 d3 15 Qf2 Bxe5 16 Rael Bd4 17 Be3 Bxe3 18 Qxe3 Nd5 19 Qg3 Qb6+ 20 Kh1 Qxb5 21 Rxf5 Qxb2 22 Rxd5 Qxd2 23 Rxd3 Qxa2 24 h4 a5 25 h5 a4 26 Qh4 Ra5 27 g4 Qc4 28 Rh3 Qd5+ 29 Kh2 Qd2+, 0 : 1.

Perry - Sarapu, Sicilian: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 Nxc6 bxc6 7 e5 Ng8 8 Bc4 Bg7 9 Bf4 f5 10 Bxg8 Rxc8 11 g4 Qa5 12 gxf5 Bxe5 13 Bd2 Rb8 14 f6 Rxb2 15 Qf3 Bxf6 16 Ne4 Qf5 17 Qxf5 gxf5 18 Nxf6+ exf6 19 Kd1 Kf7 20 Be3 d6 21 Bxa7 c5, 0 : 1.

Round 8 4 January

Green (4½)	-	Anderson (2)	King's Indian, Saemisch	½ : ½ (36)
Stuart (3½)	-	Small (3½)	English, l...e5	0 : 1 (53)
Garbett (2½)	-	Smith (1½)	Alekhine, Modern	1 : 0 (86)
Perry (1½)	-	Laird (5½)	Hungarian Defence	0 : 1 (31)
Clemanse (4)	-	Jensen (3½)	Ruy Lopez	0 : 1 (19)
Sarapu (5½)	-	Chandler (4½)	English, Symmetrical	0 : 1 (40)

Anderson's kingside attack balanced Green's queenside initiative - or maybe vice versa! Stuart could not find a plan in the middle-game and paid the penalty; weak adjournment analysis (overlooking 46...Ra2!) did the rest - White should have played 46 Re7.

After a very interesting, if brief, middle-game Garbett-Smith arrived at an approximately equal endgame which later turned in Garbett's favour. The rook and pawn ending eventually reached was a book draw - but Robert didn't know it! Laird, perhaps shrewdly, allowed Perry a minimal advantage in a queenless middle-game and Perry co-operated by constructing a help mate.

Clemanse's lack of book knowledge showed again - 10 Bd5 is correct and better for White; 17 Bb2? lost immediately. Chandler's knights proved to be more than a match for Sarapu's bishops. Thus Chandler caught up to Sarapu but Laird was still a half-point ahead with an adjourned game against Garbett in hand.

Green - Anderson, King's Indian: 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 f3 c6 6 Be3 a6 7 Bd3 Nbd7 8 Nge2 b5 9 b3 e5 10 0-0 0-0 11 Qd2 Bb7 12 d5 cxd5 13 cxd5 Nc5 14 Bc2 b4 15 Na4 Nxa4 16 bxa4 a5 17 a3 bxa3 18 Rxa3 Nh5 19 Rb1 Ba6 20 Bd3 f5 21 Bxa6 Rxa6 22 Nc3 f4 23 Bf2 g5 24 Rb7 g4 25 Ne2 Qc8 26 Rb1 Bh6 27 Qd3 Ra8 28 Rc3 Qd7 29 Rc6 Kh8 30 Kf1 Rg8 31 fxg4 Qxg4 32 Qf3 Qg6 33 Rbb6 Bf8 34 Rb7 Nf6 35 Nc3 Ng4 36 Kgl Nf6, ½ : ½.

Stuart - Small, English: 1 c4 e5 2 Nc3 d6 3 Nf3 Bg4 4 e3 Nf6 5 d3 Nbd7 6 Be2 Be7 7 0-0 0-0 8 Qc2 Re8 9 h3 Bh5 10 g4 Bg6 11 Nh4 Nf8 12 f4 exf4 13 exf4 N6d7 14 Ng2 f5 15 g5 c6 16 Bf3 Nb6 17 Be3 Bf7 18 Qf2 Ne6 19 Ne2 Nc5 20 Rfd1 a5 21 b3 Bf8 22 Rab1 Nbd7 23 Bd4 Ne6 24 Be3 Ra6 25 Nd4 Nxd4 26 Bxd4 Nc5 27 Be3 Qd7 28 Kh2 Raa8 29 h4 Re6 30 a3 Ree8 31 b4 axb4 32 axb4 Ne6 33 Ral d5 34 c5 d4 35 Bd2 Nc7 36 Ne1 Nb5 37 Rdb1 g6 38 Ng2 Bg7 39 Qf1 Bd5 40 Kg3 Nc3 41 Rxa8 Rxa8 42 Ral Rc8 43 Rel Bxf3 44 Kxf3 Qd5+ 45 Kg3 Ra8 46 Ral Ra2 47 Rxa2 Qxa2 48 Qel Kf7 49 Bxc3 dxc3 50 Ne3 Bd4 51 Kf3 Bxe3 52 Qxe3 c2 53 Kg3 Qb2, 0 : 1.

Garbett - Smith, Alekhine: 1 e4 Nf6 2 e5 Nd5 3 d4 d6 4 Nf3 g6 5 Bc4 Nb6 6 Bb3 Bg7 7 0-0 0-0 8 Qe2 Bg4 9 Rd1 Nc6 10 e6 Nxd4 11 Rxd4 Bxf3 12 Qe3 Bc6 13 exf7+ Kh8 14 Rh4 Bd7 15 Be6 Bxe6 16 Qxe6 Bf6 17 Rf4 d5 18 Rxf6 exf6 19 Bh6 Qd6 20 Qxd6 cxd6 21 Bxf8 Rxf8 22 Nc3 Rxf7 23 a4 a5 24 Rel d4 25 Nb5 Nxa4 26 b3 Nc5 27 Nxd4 Kg7 28 Re8 f5 29 f3 Kf6 30 Kf2 Re7 31 Ra8 Ke5 32 c3 f4 33 Rxa5 Kf6 34 Ne2 g5 35 b4 Nd3+ 36 Kf1 Nb2 37 Rd5 Nc4 38 Kf2 Re5 39 Rd4 d5 40 g3 fxg3+ 41 hxg3 Nd6 42 g4 Nc8 43 Nc1 Nb6 44 Nb3 Re7 45 Nc5 Rc7 46 Rd3 Re7 47 Rd1 Kg6 48 Ral Nc4 49 Ra7 Nd6 50 Ra8 Nb5 51 Na4 Rc7 52 Rd8 Nxc3 53 Rd6+ Kf7 54 Nxc3 Rxc3 55 Rxd5 Kg6 56 Rd6+ Kg7 57 Rd7+ Kg6 58 Rxb7 Rb3 59 b5 h6 60 b6 h5 61 gxh5+ Kxh5 62 Rb8 Kg6 63 b7 Kg7 64 Ke2 Kh7 65 Kd2 Kg7 66 Kc2 Rb6 67 Kc3 Rb1 68 Kc4 Rb2 69 Kd5 Rb1 70 Ke6 Rb2 71 Kf5 Rb5+ 72 Kg4 Kh7 73 Rf8 Rxb7 74 Kxg5 Kg7 75 Rf5 Ra7 76 Rc5 Rb7 77 f4 Ra7 78 f5 Rb7 79 Rc6 Ra7 80 Rg6+ Kh7 81 Rh6+ Kg7 82 f6+ Kg8 83 Kg6 Ra6 84 Rh2 Rb6 85 Rd2 Rb8 86 Rd7, 1 : 0.

Perry - Laird, Hungarian: 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 d6 4 d4 Be7 5 dxe5 dxe5 6 Qxd8+ Bxd8 7 Nc3 Nge7 8 Be3 Bg4 9 h3 Bh5 10 0-0 Bxf3 11 gxif3 Ng6 12 Nd5 Na5 13 Be2 c6 14 Nc3 Be7 15 a3 b6 16 Rfd1 Nb7 17 Rd2 Rd8 18 Rad1 Rxd2 19 Rxd2 Nd8 20 Ba6 Nh4 21 Be2 Ne6 22 Na2 h6 23 Nb4 Bxb4 24 axb4 Ke7 25 Rd1 Rd8 26 Ral Rd7 27 Kh2 g5 28 Kg3 f5 29 exf5 Nxf5+ 30 Kg4 Kf6 31 f4 gxf4, 0 : 1.

Clemanse - Jensen, 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 exd4 9 e5 Ne8 10 Nxd4 Nxd4 11 Qxd4 Bb7 12 c4 c5 13 Qg4 f5 14 Qe2 b4 15 Bc2 Nc7 16 b3 Ne6 17 Bb2 Nf4 18 Qd1 Nxc2 19 Rf1 Qe8, 0 : 1.

Sarapu - Chandler, English: 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 g6 3 g3 c5 4 Bg2 cxd4 5 Nxd4 d5 6 0-0 Bg7 7 c4 dxc4 8 Na3 0-0 9 Nxc4 Ng4 10 Nb5 Bd7 11 Nc3 Bc6 12 e4 Qc8 13 Na5 Rd8 14 Qb3 b6 15 Nxc6 Nxc6 16 h3 Nge5 17 Bf4 Nd4 18 Qa4 Nd3 19 Nd5 Qd7 20 Qxd7 Rxd7 21 e5 Rad8 22 Rfd1 Nxf4 23 gxif4 Rxd5 24 Bxd5 Rxd5 25 Kf1 Bh6 26 Racl Bxf4 27 Rc8+ Kg7 28 Rc7 e6 29 Rxa7 Bxe5 30 Rb7 b5 31 b3 Rc5 32 a4 bxa4 33 bxa4 Rc2 34 f4 Bf6 35 Rb4 Nf5 36 Rd3 Ra2 37 Rd7 Be7 38 Rb5 Rxa4 39 Rxf5 gxf5 40 Rxe7 Rxf4+, 0 : 1.

Round 9 5 January

Jensen (4½)	-	Green (5)	Sicilian, Scheveningen	½ : ½ (30)
Anderson (2½)	-	Stuart (3½)	Sicilian, Taimanov 6 g3	0 : 1 (40)
Small (4½)	-	Garbett (3½)	Vienna Game	½ : ½ (38)
Smith (1½)	-	Perry (1½)	Ruy Lopez, Closed	½ : ½ (37)
Chandler (5½)	-	Clemanse (4)	Sicilian, Dragon	½ : ½ (?)
Laird (6½)	-	Sarapu (5½)	Dutch Defence	1 : 0 (57)

Jensen gave up a piece for three pawns but, in the resultant end game, both sides managed to get two rooks to the seventh rank before any pawns had been advanced so it was merely a matter of who would force perpetual check first. Anderson lost/sacrificed a piece by 18 Bxe5 and later Stuart returned the favour but was still winning until he recaptured with the wrong pawn on move 28; later White could have drawn by 35 Be6.

Small gained a kingside space advantage but his pieces were not well placed to exploit it and Garbett was able to obtain counterplay in the centre. Perry won a pawn but got his pieces tangled up in the endgame; he sacrificed an exchange rather than submit to a draw by repetition but his advanced passed pawn was only enough for a draw.

Chandler failed to kill his third Dragon - in fact Clemanse won the exchange for a pawn but was happy to agree a draw during the adjournment.

Sarapu blundered a pawn on move 5(!) in what had become the vital game of the tournament and this effectively decided the championship as Craig now led by 1½ points with only two rounds to go. Only Chandler had a mathematical chance of overtaking him but he had the slightly harder task to come.

Jensen - Green, Sicilian: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 d6 6 g4 h6 7 g5 hxg5 8 Bxg5 Nc6 9 Qd2 Qb6 10 Nb3 a6 11 0-0-0 Qc7 12 Kb1 b5 13 Bxf6 gxf6 14 Bxb5 axb5 15 Nxb5 Qb8 16 Nxd6+ Bxd6 17 Qxd6 Qxd6 18 Rxd6 Ne5 19 f4 Ng6 20 c4 Ke7 21 Rhd1 Rh4 22 Rc6 Rxf4 23 Rc7+ Ke8 24 Nd4 Bd7 25 Ne2 Rf2 26 Rxd7 Rxe2 27 Rxf7 Rb8 28 b3 Rd8 29 Kcl Rdd2 30 Rg7, ½ : ½.



Anderson - Stuart, Sicilian: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nc6 5 Nc3 Qc7 6 g3 a6 7 Bg2 Nf6 8 Be3 Be7 9 0-0 d6 10 Qe2 Bd7 11 Rad1 0-0 12 f4 Nxd4 13 Bxd4 Bc6 14 f5 b5 15 a3 Rab8 16 g4 b4 17 g5 e5 18 Bxe5 dxe5 19 gxf6 Bc5+ 20 Kh1 cxb3 21 Qg4 g6 22 b4 Be3 23 Rd3 Bf4 24 Qh4 Rfd8 25 Rxf4 Rxd3 26 cxd3 Qd6 27 Rf2 Ba4 28 fxxg6 fxxg6 29 Qh6 Qf8 30 f7+ Kh8 31 Qg5 Qg7 32 Bh3 Bb3 33 Rf1 Rf8 34 Qe7 c2 35 Qc5 Rxf7 36 Rxf7 Qxf7 37 Qxe5+ Kg8 38 Qb8+ Kg7 39 Qe5+ Kh6 40 Qal Qf4, 0 : 1.

Small - Garbett, Vienna: 1 e4 e5 2 Nc3 Nf6 3 g3 Bb4 4 Bg2 0-0 5 Nge2 d6 6 0-0 Bg4 7 f3 Bh5 8 d3 c6 9 Kh1 Re8 10 a3 Ba5 11 g4 Bg6 12 Bg5 h6 13 Bh4 Bh7 14 Qc1 Nbd7 15 Bh3 g5 16 Be1 d5 17 b4 Bb6 18 Ng3 Nf8 19 Nf5 Bxf5 20 gxf5 N8h7 21 Ne2 c5 22 bxc5 Bxc5 23 Qb2 Qb6 24 Qa2 Qc6 25 Bg2 dxe4 26 dxe4 Qa6 27 Nc1 Rac8 28 Nd3 Bd4 29 Rb1 b6 30 Bd2 Qc4 31 Qxc4 Rxc4 32 Rfcl Rec8 33 Nel Bc5 34 Rb3 Bf2 35 c3 Rd8 36 Bf1 Rc7 37 Nd3 Red7 38 c4, ½ : ½.

Smith - Perry, Ruy Lopez: 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 0-0 Be7 6 Re1 b5 7 Bb3 d6 8 h3 0-0 9 c3 Be6 10 Bc2 d5 11 exd5 Qxd5 12 d4 exd4 13 Bb3 Qd7 14 Bxe6 fxe6 15 cxd4 Bb4 16 Bd2 Bxd2 17 Nbxid2 Nxd4 18 Nxd4 Qxd4 19 Rxe6 Qxb2 20 Qb3 Qxb3 21 axb3 Rfd8 22 Nf3 Rd6 23 Re7 Nd5 24 Re5 c5 25 Ng5 c4 26 Ne4 Rdd8 27 bxc4 bxc4 28 Nc5 c3 29 Nb7 Rd7 30 Nc5 Rdd8 31 Nb7 Rab8 32 Nxd8 Rxd8 33 Rcl a5 34 Rxd5 Rxd5 35 Rxc3 Rd8 36 Ra3 Ra8 37 Kf1 Kf7, ½ : ½.

Chandler - Clemance: Not available.

Laird - Sarapu, Dutch: 1 d4 g6 2 Nf3 f5 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 h4 d5 5 h5 Bg7 6 hxg6 hxg6 7 Rxxh8+ Bxxh8 8 Ne5 Nc6 9 Nxxg6 Bg7 10 Bf4 Be6 11 Nb5 Rc8 12 e3 a6 13 Nc3 Bf7 14 Ne5 Nxe5 15 Bxe5 e6 16 Qf3 Qe7 17 a3 c5 18 Be2 cxd4 19 exd4 b5 20 Qg3 Bf8 21 Qg5 Nd7 22 Qxe7+ Bxe7 23 Bf4 Nb6 24 0-0-0 Nc4 25 Bxc4 Rxc4 26 Ne2 a5 27 Be5 b4 28 b3 Rc8 29 a4 Kd7 30 Rh1 Rg8 31 Rh7 Ke8 32 Rh8 Bg5+ 33 Kdl Rxxh8 34 Bxxh8 Kd7 35 Be5 Bh5 36 f3 Be3 37 Bg3 Bg5 38 Ke1 Bg6 39 Bf4 Bf6 40 Kf2 Bh4+ 41 Ke3 Bd8 42 Nc1 Bb6 43 Nd3 Ke7 44 Bg5+ Kf8 45 Nf4 Bf7 46 Bf6 Bc7 47 Nd3 Ke8 48 Be5 Bb6 49 Kf4 Ke7 50 Kg5 Be8 51 Kh6 Kf8 52 g4 fxxg4 53 fxxg4 Bf7 54 Nf4 Bd8 55 g5 Bg8 56 g6 Bh4 57 Bd6+, 1 : 0.

Round 10

7 January

Green (5½)	-	Chandler (6)	Grunfeld, 5 Bg5	1 : 0 (61)
Stuart (4½)	-	Jensen (5)	English, 1...e5	½ : ½ (41)
Garbett (4)	-	Anderson (2½)	Ruy Lopez, Deferred Exchange	½ : ½ (31)
Perry (2)	-	Small (5)	Sicilian, Taimanov 6 Be3	1 : 0 (?)
Laird (7½)	-	Smith (2)	Owen's Defence	½ : ½ (59)
Sarapu (5½)	-	Clemance (4½)	Sicilian, Dragon	1 : 0 (27)

Chandler erred by 11...Kg7 (correct was 11...h6 or maybe 11...c6) and Green forced a favourable endgame which he made no mistake in winning. Stuart made preparations for a delightful minor piece ending but Jensen would not oblige by allowing major piece exchanges and in fact White was kept fairly fully occupied by Jensen's pressure on the kingside. Both these players kept a vestige of interest in the prize fund.

Garbett could make no headway against Anderson's solid defence. Small inevitably improved on Stuart's play in the same variation against Perry but met just as unpleasant a fate.

Laird and Smith both played quickly with Laird winning a pawn in the middle game. The following play was quite interesting with Smith eventually regaining the pawn although the knight ending was still better for Laird on account of his outside passed pawn. Smith, however, got his kingside majority into action without delay and the race to promote ended in a dead heat. The half point was enough to ensure Laird of the title since Chandler, his nearest challenger, lost.

Sarapu played a nice sacrificial attack although Clemance missed an equalising line on his 24th move.

Green - Chandler, Grunfeld: 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 d5 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 Bg5 Ne4 6 cxd5 Nxxg5 7 Nxxg5 e6 8 Qd2 exd5 9 Qe3+ Kf8 10 Qf4 Bf6 11 h4 Kg7 12 e4 dxe4 13 0-0-0 Qxd6 14 Qxd6 Bxxg5+ 15 hxg5 cxd6 16 Nxe4 d5 17 Nc3 Be6 18 Bb5 Rd8 19 Rh4 a6 20 Ba4 b5 21 Bb3 b4 22 Ne2 Nc6 23 g4 Na5 24 Nf4 Rac8+ 25 Kb1 Nc4 26 f3 a5 27 Rh2

Nb6 28 Nd3 Bd7 29 Ne5 Bb5 30 Rdh1 Rh8 31 f4 Rcf8 32 f5 gxf5 33 gxf5 f6 34 gxf6+ Rxxf6 35 Rg1+ Kf8 36 Ng6+ Kg7 37 Ne5+ Kf8 38 Ng6+ Kg7 39 Nxxh8+ Kxxh8 40 Rhg2 Rf8 41 f6 Bd3+ 42 Bc2 Bxc2+ 43 Kxc2 Nd7 44 f7 Nf6 45 Kb3 Rxf7 46 Rf2 h5 47 Rg6 a4+ 48 Kxa4 Ra7+ 49 Kb3 Ne4 50 Rf5 Kh7 51 Re6 Ng3 52 Rg5 h4 53 Rg4 Nf5 54 Rf6 Ne3 55 Rxxh4+ Kg7 56 Rfh6 Ra8 57 R6h5 Ra5 58 Rf4 Kg6 59 Rh1 Kg5 60 Rf2 Ng4 61 Rg1, 1 : 0.

Stuart - Jensen, English: 1 c4 e5 2 Nc3 Nc6 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 e4 d6 5 d4 Bg4 6 d5 Ne7 7 Be2 g6 8 0-0 Bxf3 9 Bxf3 Bg7 10 Be3 Nd7 11 Bg4 0-0 12 Bxd7 Qxd7 13 Qd2 f5 14 f3 f4 15 Bf2 g5 16 Rfcl g4 17 Qd3 Rf6 18 Bh4 Rg6 19 Bxe7 Qxe7 20 fxxg4 Rxxg4 21 Qf3 Rg6 22 Kh1 Kh8 23 Ne2 Rf8 24 Ng1 Rg8 25 Rc2 Bf8 26 Nh3 Qh4 27 Rd1 Be7 28 Rb1 c6 29 dxc6 bxc6 30 b4 h6 31 a3 Kh7 32 Rd1 R8g7 33 Qf2 Qg4 34 Qf3 Qh4 35 Qf2 Qg4 36 Rd3 Bh4 37 Qf3 h5 38 Rd1 Kh6 39 Rcd2 Be7 40 Rc2 Qc8 41 Ng1, ½ : ½.

Garbett - Anderson, Ruy Lopez: 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 0-0 Be7 6 Bxc6 dxc6 7 d3 Nd7 8 Nbd2 0-0 9 Nc4 f6 10 Nh4 Nc5 11 Qf3 Ne6 12 Nf5 Be5 13 Qg3 Kh8 14 Kh1 Rf7 15 Bd2 Nd4 16 Nxd4 Bxd4 17 Rad1 Be6 18 c3 Ba7 19 Be3 Bxe3 20 Qxe3 Bxc4 21 dxc4 Rd7 22 Qe2 Qe7 23 Rxd7 Qxd7 24 Rd1 Qe7 25 Qd3 Kg8 26 Qd7 Kf8 27 g3 Re8 28 Qd3 Qe6 29 Kg2 Ke7 30 b3 Qc8 31 Qf3 Rd8, ½ : ½.

Perry - Small: Not available.

Laird - Smith, Owen's Defence: 1 d4 b6 2 e4 Bb7 3 Bd3 e6 4 Nf3 c5 5 0-0 cxd4 6 Nxd4 Bc5 7 Nb3 d6 8 Nc3 Ne7 9 Bf4 e5 10 Nxc5 bxc5 11 Bg5 0-0 12 Qg4 Kh8 13 Rad1 f6 14 Bc1 Qd7 15 Qxd7 Nxd7 16 Bb5 Nb6 17 Rxd6 Rad8 18 Rfd1 Rxd6 19 Rxd6 Nec8 20 Rd1 c4 21 Be3 a6 22 Bxb6 Nxb6 23 Rd6 Nc8 24 Rd7 Bxe4 25 Bxa6 Bxc2 26 Bxc4 Nb6 27 Rc7 Rd8 28 Be6 h5 29 Rc6 Na4 30 Rc8 Rxc8 31 Bxc8 Nxb2 32 Be6 Bd3 33 f3 Bc4 34 Bxc4 Nxc4 35 Kf2 Kg8 36 Ke2 Kf7 37 Kd3 Na5 38 Nd5 Ke6 39 Ne3 f5 40 Kc3 Nc6 41 Kc4 f4 42 Nc2 Kf5 43 Nb4 Ne7 44 Nd5 Nc8 45 a4 e4 46 fxe4+ Kxe4 47 Nc3+ Ke3 48 Nd5+ Ke4 49 Kc5 h4 50 h3 f3 51 gxf3+ Kxf3 52 a5 Kg3 53 a6 Kxh3 54 Ne7 Na7 55 Kb6 Kg4 56 Kxa7 h3 57 Kb8 h2 58 a7 h1Q 59 a8Q, ½ : ½.

Sarapu - Clemance: See Annotated Games.

Round 11

8 January

Clemance (4½)	-	Green (6½)	Sicilian, Scheveningen	½ : ½ (?)
Chandler (6)	-	Stuart (5)	Sicilian, Taimanov 6 c4	½ : ½ (69)
Jensen (5½)	-	Garbett (4½)	Sicilian, Taimanov 6 c4	0 : 1 (62)
Anderson (3)	-	Perry (3)	?	1 : 0 (?)
Small (5)	-	Laird (8)	Vienna Game	1 : 0 (?)
Smith (2½)	-	Sarapu (6½)	King's Indian Attack	0 : 1 (27)

With Laird already assured of first place and Sarapu & Green sure of a substantial share of the prize fund (at least \$100 each) the interest lay in who, out of Chandler, Jensen, Small & Stuart, would join them. In the event Sarapu won his game while Green drew so second place was soon settled. Small staked his claim by comprehensively outplaying Laird - a game which Craig probably did not have a great deal of interest in.

The other two games involving possible prize winners were more hard fought and both, to the amusement of spectators and players concerned, followed the same course for some time. Unbeknown to Stuart his game followed a game Ljubojevic-Balashov, Manila 1976 but where Balashov continued 14...a6 followed by ...Qc7 and eventually equalised. Stuart equalised immediately with 14...d5. Chandler's 15 e5 was weak but Stuart reciprocated on move 25, overlooking the threat behind 26 Rad1 (27 Rxd5!); instead, 25... Qf6 leaves Black in the box seat. 26...Qxd6 was also weak albeit good enough (just) for a draw.

In Jensen-Garbett 10...b6 11 Bb2 Bb7 was probably better than the move played as Jensen worked up quite an initiative on the kingside. While Jensen was winning a pawn on the kingside, however, Garbett's queen (moves 36 & 38) wandered over to the queenside and his active queen, together with the better minor piece, gave him a marked advantage which he exploited well. Thus, of the four hopefuls, only Chandler ended up winning anything.

Unfortunately, as I write this, the final bulletin is not to hand; the outstanding

games will appear in the next issue.

Clemance - Green: Not available.

Chandler - Stuart, Sicilian: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 e6 5 Nb5 d6 6 c4 Nf6 7 N5c3 Be7 8 Be2 0-0 9 0-0 b6 10 Bf4 Bb7 11 Re1 Ne5 12 Bf1 Rc8 13 Na3 Ng6 14 Bg3 d5 15 e5 Bxa3 16 Bxa3 Ne4 17 Nb5 a6 18 Nd6 Nxd6 19 exd6 dxc4 20 Qd4 Bd5 21 h4 f5 22 h5 f4 23 Bh2 Nb4 24 Bxf4 Nf5 25 Qe5 Rc6 26 Rad1 Qxd6 27 Qxd6 Nxd6 28 Bxd6 Rxd6 29 Bxc4 b5 30 Bxd5 exd5 31 Re5 Rfd8 32 Kf1 Kf7 33 Rcl R8d7 34 Ke2 Kf6 35 f4 Re7 36 Rxe7 Kxe7 37 Rc7+ Kf6 38 g4 h6 39 Kf3 d4 40 Ke4 d3 41 Rcl d2 42 Rd1 g6 43 hxg6 Kxg6 44 Ke3 Re6+ 45 Kxd2 Re4 46 Rf1 Ra4 47 Rf3 Kf6 48 Ke2 Rc4 49 Ke3 Rc2 50 Kd4 Bxa2 51 Kc5 Re2 52 Kb6 Re6+ 53 Ka5 Rc6 54 Re3 Rc4 55 Kxa6 Rxf4 56 Kxb5 Rxc4 .57 a4 Rg1 58 a5 Rb1+ 59 Ka4 Kg5 60 a6 Rb8 61 Ka5 h5 62 a7 Ra8 63 Kb6 Kg4 64 Re4+ Kg3 65 Re3+ Kf4 66 Re7 h4 67 Rg7 h3 68 Rg1 h2 69 Rh1 Kg3, ½ : ½.

Jensen - Garbett, Sicilian: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nc6 5 Nb5 d6 6 c4 Nf6 7 N5c3 Be7 8 Be2 0-0 9 0-0 a6 10 b3 Qc7 11 Bb2 b6 12 Nd2 Bb7 13 Rcl Ne5 14 f4 Ng6 15 g3 Rfd8 16 h4 Nd7 17 Kh2 Rac8 18 Bf3 Qb8 19 Qe2 Bc6 20 h5 Ngf8 21 Nd5 Bxd5 22 exd5 Bf6 23 Bxf6 Nxf6 24 Ne4 Nxe4 25 Bxe4 Re8 26 Qd3 e5 27 f5 f6 28 h6 gxh6 29 Kg2 Rc7 30 Rh1 Rg7 31 Rxb6 Kf7 32 b4 Nd7 33 Rchl Rh8 34 Bf3 a5 35 a3 axb4 36 axb4 Qa7 37 Bh5+ Ke7 38 Bg6 Qa2+ 39 Kf1 Qal+ 40 Ke2 Qb2+ 41 Qd2 Qb3 42 Kf2 Qxc4 43 Rxb7 Rgxh7 44 Rxb7+ Rxb7 45 Bxb7 e4 46 g4 Qb3 47 Qe3 Qa2+ 48 Ke1 Qg2 49 Bg8 Ne5 50 Be6 Nd3+ 51 Kdl Qxc4+ 52 Kc2 Qg2+ 53 Kdl Qh1+ 54 Kc2 Nxb4+ 55 Kdl Nd3 56 Kc2 Ke8 57 Qe2 b5 58 Qe3 Kf8 59 Bd7 b4 60 Qb6 Qcl+ 61 Kb3 Nc5+ 62 Kxb4, 0 : 1.

Anderson - Perry: Not available.

Small - Laird: Not available.

Smith - Sarapu, King's Indian Attack: 1 Nf3 Nf6 2 g3 d5 3 Bg2 c6 4 0-0 Bf5 5 d3 e6 6 Nbd2 Bc5 7 Rb1 a5 8 b3 h6 9 a3 Qe7 10 a4 Nbd7 11 Bb2 0-0 12 Ne5 Bh7 13 Nxd7 Nxd7 14 e4 f5 15 exd5 exd5 16 d4 Bb6 17 Nf3 f4 18 Qd2 fxg3 19 fxg3 Nf6 20 Rbel Ne4 21 Qcl Qe6 22 c4 Rae8 23 c5 Bc7 24 Qe3 Nxc5 25 Qxe6 Nxe6 26 Ba3 Rf6 27 Bh3 Be4, 0 : 1.

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		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
1	Laird C. Howick-Pakuranga	x	1	1	½	0	1	½	1	1	½	1	½	8
2	Sarapu O. North Shore	0	x	½	0	1	½	½	1	1	1	1	1	7½
3	Green E.M. Howick-Pakuranga	0	½	x	1	½	½	1	½	½	½	1	1	7
4	Chandler M.G. Pencarrow	½	1	0	x	0	½	1	1	½	0	1	1	6½
5	Small V.A. Canterbury	1	0	½	1	x	1	½	½	½	½	0	½	6
6	Stuart P.W. North Shore	0	½	½	½	0	x	1	½	½	1	0	1	5½
7	Garbett P.A. Civic	½	½	0	0	½	0	x	1	½	½	1	1	5½
8	Jensen K. Hamilton	0	0	½	0	½	½	0	x	1	1	1	1	5½
9	Clemance P.A. Auck. University	0	0	½	½	½	½	½	0	x	1	½	1	5
10	Anderson B.R. Canterbury	½	0	½	1	½	0	½	0	0	x	1	0	4
11	Perry R.L. Otago	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	½	0	x	½	3
12	Smith R.W. Waitemata	½	0	0	0	½	0	0	0	0	1	½	x	2½

This result must rank as the biggest surprise in the last sixteen years - Craig Laird is a very confident player but not even he expected a result like this. It is said that it needs a little luck to win tournaments and this was certainly not lacking in Craig's case, for example Sarapu and Green, who turned out to be his main rivals, both blundered material against him. Basically Craig thrived on his opponents' errors although it is true that Anderson

and Smith got off the hook after losing pawns; perhaps over-confidence in the latter case. Probably the new champion's best games were those against Clemance and Stuart.

Sarapu proved once again that he is still at the top, only his uncharacteristic blunder against Laird keeping him from his sixteenth title. Nevertheless he was not as dominant as in many past years; in fact he only fleetingly held the lead. How often has Ortvin lost TWO

games in a Championship?

Green recorded his finest result in a New Zealand Championship, coming in third. Ewen showed much greater determination than in previous years and his score owed nothing whatsoever to luck.

Apart from Laird's victory the most surprising circumstance was Chandler's indifferent form in finishing a rather scratchy fourth, a somewhat flattering result. Only twice, against Jensen and Sarapu, did he show the form most expected of him. Perhaps he was jaded from so much chess while overseas.

Small showed flashes of the ability which I feel sure could lead to higher things with a little more determination. Of the next three Stuart might well have picked up the odd extra half point while Garbett had such a disastrous start that a score of 5½ (5 in the last 7 rounds) was, in the end, satisfactory. Jensen made an excellent start with 3½/5 but steadily lost ground in the latter stages.

Clemance must have been well satisfied with 5 points in his first Championship, having proved very difficult to beat. Anderson and Smith performed well below expectations while Perry played very well against the Taimanov Sicilian!

There were more draws than last year at North Shore but not as many as at Lower Hutt the year before. White won 19 games, Black 22, with 25 draws, an overall 47.73% for White. Thus Black scored much better than normal - the last two years White scored an identical 57.6%. As usual the Sicilian was by far the most popular opening with Black scoring +8 -6 =12.

Useless information department: Paul Garbett was the most industrious player, making 559 moves - an average of almost 51 moves per game; Stuart was next with 509 moves at a little over 46 per game. Perry was the least prolific mover, averaging about 33 per game.



NEW ZEALAND LADIES CH'P

This was the first Ladies' Championship for some years. The entry was quite representative of women's chess in New Zealand and the number of entries permitted a round-robin of 11 rounds with no-one missing out.

Fenella Foster and Lillian Davies each started with 5 straight wins but, whereas Davies had to forfeit her sixth round game to Flo Beattie and lost next day to Vivian Burndred, Foster scored two more wins for a two point lead. Winsome Stretch, who lost to Foster in round 2 and Katrine McCarthy in round 6, joined Davies on 5.

A draw with Davies in round 8 appeared to leave Foster in the clear but a draw with Diane Brightwell and a last round loss to Burndred allowed Stretch to tie her for first with 9/11. Stretch had won her last six games.

McCarthy and Burndred both had slow starts but the former scored 4½ points in her last five games while the latter won her last five to take third and fourth places respectively.

Unfortunately Lillian Davies was forced, through illness, to withdraw after round 8 but, despite forfeiting four games, still finished in sixth place.

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1 Foster F.	x1101½1111½1	9	45
2 Stretch W.	0x1111111011	9	44.5
3 McCarthy K.	00x1½0111111	7½	
4 Burndred V.	100x11001111	7	
5 Martin L.	00½0x1011111	6½	
6 Davies L.	½*10*x11*11	5½	
7 Jones G.	000110x0011	5	20.5
8 Carline L.	0001001x1101	5	20
9 Beattie F.	00000110x½10	3½	
10 Bowler E.	01000*½x10	2½	13.25
11 Brightwell D.	½000000100x1	2½	11.5
12 Boyack M.	00000000110x	2	

Davies and Bowler withdrew through illness; \* denotes forfeit.

Foster - Stretch, French: 1 e4 e6 2 d3 Nf6 3 Nd2 Be7 4 Ngf3 0-0 5 g3 d5 6 exd5 exd5 7 Bg2 Re8 8 0-0 Nbd7 9 Nb3 c5 10 Bg5 Qb6 11 Re1 a5 12 a4 Nf8 13 Qd2 Ng6 14 Re2 Be6 15 Ne5 Nxe5 16 Rxe5 Ng4 17 Re2 Bxg5 18 Qxg5 Qd8? 19 Qxd8 Raxd8 20 Nxc5 b6 21 Nxe6 fxe6 22 Bh3, 1 : 0.



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# PREMIER RESERVE CHAMPIONSHIP

Report: DAVID GOLLOGLY

This year's Premier Reserve attracted a strong field of 64 including an ex-New Zealand Champion and three of last year's main Championship contenders. Competition was fierce at all levels, whether for the right of entry to next year's New Zealand Championship, a major prize, or a grade prize; consequently there were few "chicken" draws.

The early rounds featured a struggle for the lead between David Beach and Michael Whaley - after five rounds they shared the lead with 4½ points. Their round six clash was probably the critical game of the tournament. Beach, however, had an easy 20 move win after Whaley castled on the wrong side and then sacrificed unsoundly:

D.Beach - M.Whaley, Pirc: 1 e4 d6 2 d4 Nf6 3 Nc3 g6 4 f4 Bg7 5 Nf3 c5 6 Bb5+ Bd7 7 e5 Ng4 8 Bxd7+ Qxd7 9 d5 Na6 10 h3 Nh6 11 Ne4 0-0-0 12 c4 Nc7 13 0-0 f5 14 e6 Nxe6 15 dxe6 Qxe6 16 Ned2 Qe3+ 17 Khl Qxf4 18 Qel Be5 19 Nb3 Qxc4 20 Nxe5, 1 : 0.

From then on Beach never faltered, winning all his remaining games for an impressive 10½:½.

Many of his games showed a keen tactical awareness and the ability to exploit his opponents' inaccuracies - see D.Beach - C.Marshall, annotated elsewhere in this issue. He also made the most of his endgame chances, as against Mataga and Haase:

G.Haase - D.Beach, Queen's Gambit: 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 d5 4 Nf3 dxc4 5 Qa4+ Nbd7 6 e4 Be7 7 Bxc4 0-0 8 Qc2 c5 9 dxc5 Nxc5 10 0-0 a6 11 a4 b6 12 Bf4 Bb7 13 Rad1 Qc8 14 Rfel Rd8 15 Rxd8+ Qxd8 16 e5 Nh5 17 Bc1 Rc8 18 Qe2 g6 19 Be3 Qc7 20 Bxc5 Bxc5 21 Bxa6 Nf4 22 Qf1 Bxf3 23 gxf3 Rd8 24 Re4 g5 25 Qel Nh3+ 26 Kg2 Nxf2 27 Re2 Nd3 28 Bxd3 Rxd3 29 Qg3 h6 30 h4 Qd8 31 Ne4 Rd1 32 Nxc5 bxc5 33 hxg5 Qxg5 34 Qxg5+ hxg5 35 Rc2 Rd5 36 Re2?! (better was 36 b3, e.g. 36...Rxe5 37 a5 ±) 36...Kg7 37 Kg3 Kg6 38 Kg4 Rd1 39 Kg3 Kf5 40 b3 Rd3 41 Rc2 Rxb3 42 Rxc5 g4 43 Rc7 Rxf3+ 44 Kg2 Kxe5 45 a5 f5, 0 : 1.

Second place getter Mike Whaley was

always in the top three places. Thanks to his extensive opening knowledge, he frequently obtained good positions, many of which he was able to convert into wins. Two examples:

M.Whaley - B.Marsick, Ruy Lopez: 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Bxc6 dxc6 5 0-0 Qd6 6 d3 Bd7 7 Be3 0-0-0 8 Nbd2 f6 9 Rb1 Nh6 10 b4 b6 11 Qe2 Be6 12 d4 b5 13 a4 exd4 14 Bxd4 Qd7 15 Bc3 Nf7 16 axb5 axb5 17 Ral Kb7 18 Qe3 Rb8 19 Qa7+ Kc8 20 Nd4 Bxb4 21 Qa6+ Rb7 22 Nxc6, 1 : 0.

R.Bloore - M.Whaley, Modern Defence: 1 d4 g6 2 c4 Bg7 3 Nc3 d6 4 e4 e5 5 d5 Nd7 6 Be3 Ne7 7 g4 a5 8 Bd3 Nc5 9 Bc2 Bd7 10 g5 b6 11 Qd2 f5 12 gxf6 Bxf6 13 Nge2 Qc8 14 Ng3 a4 15 h4 Qa6 16 Bd3 Qa5 17 Bf1 Bg7 18 h5 Ng8 19 Bh3 Nf6 20 Bxd7+ Kxd7 21 Bxc5 Qxc5 22 Qe2 Rhf8 23 hxg6 hxg6 24 a3 Ke7 25 Nd1 Rh8 26 Rxxh8 Rxxh8 27 Rcl Rh4 28 Qe3 Qa5+ 29 Qc3 Qa8 30 Ne3 Rf4 31 Ke2 Qh8 32 Rh1 Nxe4 33 Rxxh8 Nxc3+ 34 bxc3 Bxxh8 35 f3 Bg7 36 Ne4 Rh4 37 Nc2 Rh2+ 38 Kd3 Bh6 39 Nb4 Bcl 40 Nc6+ Kf8 41 Na7 Bxa3 42 Nb5 Bcl 43 Nxc7 a3 44 Nxd6 a2 45 Ne6+ Kg8, 0 : 1.

In third place was Mark Evans who had the distinction of being the only player to take so much as half a point off David Beach. Though one of only two unbeaten players, a four game drawing streak in the middle rounds marred his chances. Evans's chess was in general sharp and forcing, if not always winning.

M.Evans - A.Love, Petroff: 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 d4 Nxe4 4 Bd3 d5 5 Nxe5 Nd7 6 Qe2 Nxe5 7 Bxe4 dxe4 8 Qxe4 Bd6 9 dxe5 Qe7 10 Bf4 0-0 11 Qe3 Re8 12 0-0 Bxe5 13 Rel Bxb2 14 Qxe7 Rxe7 15 Rxe7 Be6 16 Nd2 Bxa1 17 Nb3 Rd8 18 h3 Bf6 19 Rxc7 Rd7, ½ : ½.

In fourth place David Goodhall and I were closest at the finish, having been placed just behind the leaders throughout.

D.Adams - D.Gollogly, Sicilian: 1 e4 c5 2 f4 e6 3 Nc3 Nc6 4 Nf3 d5 5 exd5 exd5 6 d4 Nf6 7 Qe2+ Be7 8 Be3 0-0 9 0-0-0 c4 10 h3 b5 11 Bd2 b4 12 Nb1

Ne4 13 Bel Qa5 14 a3 c3 15 Qb5 bxa3 16 bxc3 a2 17 Qxa5 Nxa5 18 Kb2 axb1Q+ 19 Kxbl Nd6, 0 : 1.

Close behind were a group of seven players on 7 points; heading these was the winner's namesake Paul Beach who met the strongest field of anyone in the tournament. One of the most surprising results was 54th seed Tim Spiller's 5th equal placing. His skilful exploitation of the initiative against his namesake Paul Spiller belied his pre-tournament rating of 1413:

P.Spiller - T.Spiller, Two Knights': 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Nf6 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5 Na5 6 Bb5+ c6 7 dxc6 bxc6 8 Be2 h6 9 Nf3 e4 10 Ne5 Bd6 11 d4 exd3 12 Nxd3 Qc7 13 h3 0-0 14 Nc3 Re8 15 0-0 Bf5 16 b3 Rad8 17 Bb2 Qc8 18 Bf3 Bxh3 19 Ne2 Ne4 20 gxh3 Qxh3 21 Nef4 Qh4 22 Qcl g5 23 Rel Bxf4 24 Nxf4 Qxf2+ 25 Khl Ng3 mate, 0 : 1.

Equally surprising was Lindsay Cornford's miserable performance. Cornford, a Championship contender for some years, barely managed to break even, scoring 5½/11. Hopefully Lindsay will soon regain his true form.

A notable feature was the dominance of younger players, as has been the trend in recent years. Should this trend continue, an improvement in the standard of chess in New Zealand is assured.

	R.1	R.2	R.3	R.4	R.5	R.6	R.7	R.8	R.9	R10	R11	T'1	SOS
1 Beach D.O.	W46	W18	W22	D3	W26	W2	W13	W14	W6	W7	W8	10½	73
2 Whaley M.G.	W43	W16	W17	W6	D3	L1	W20	D13	W14	W15	D4	8½	76
3 Evans M.	W45	W8	W9	D1	D2	D20	D7	W4	D13	W10	D6	8	78
4 Goodhall D.N.A.	W24	D14	W15	L26	W28	D27	W11	L3	W21	W13	D2	7½	71.5
5 Gollogly D.A.	D28	W12	L20	D8	W34	W19	D17	W26	L7	W14	W15	7½	69.5
6 Beach P.K.	W23	W29	W11	L2	W12	L13	W9	D7	L1	W16	D3	7	79.5
7 Haase G.G.	W36	D27	D25	D54	W19	W16	D3	D6	W5	L1	D11	7	73
8 Mataga P.A.	W38	L3	W31	D5	W57	W54	L14	W20	D11	W27	L1	7	67.5
9 Spiller P.S.	W39	W41	L3	W32	W44	D14	L6	D12	L10	W36	W21	7	66.5
10 Spiller T.	L18	L23	W39	W48	L21	W25	W34	W33	W9	L3	W20	7	65
11 Carpinter B.A.	W50	W34	L6	W33	L20	W26	L4	W44	D8	W29	D7	7	64
12 Barlow M.J.	W35	L5	W37	W55	L6	W43	W27	D9	L15	W22	D13	7	64
13 Love A.J.	W33	D20	D30	W23	W16	W6	L1	D2	D3	L4	D12	6½	77.5
14 Stonehouse T.H.	W57	D4	W28	D20	W17	D9	W8	L1	L2	L5	W29	6½	74
15 Arbuthnott J.	D52	W21	L4	W42	L27	W49	W50	W17	W12	L2	L5	6½	66
16 Marsick B.H.P.	W56	L2	W41	W25	L13	L7	W29	D28	W19	L6	W31	6½	66
17 Steadman M.	W47	W37	L2	W30	L14	W44	D5	L15	D24	D31	W28	6½	65.5
18 Sidnam G.	W10	L1	L33	D37	L49	W42	W35	L19	W39	W32	W27	6½	64.5
19 Adams D.	L27	W35	W34	D22	L7	L5	W45	W18	L16	W30	W26	6½	64.5

D.Gollogly - G.Haase, Vienna: 1 e4 e5 2 Nc3 Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4 4 Qh5 Nd6 5 Bb3 Nc6 6 Nb5 g6 7 Qf3 f5 8 Qd5 Qe7 9 Nxc7+ Kd8 10 Nxa8 b6 11 d3 Bb7 12 h4 Bg7 13 Qf3 Nd4 14 Qg3 f4 15 Qg4 Rf8 16 Nf3?! Nxf3+ 17 gxf3 Bxa8 18 h5 e4! 19 fxe4 Bxe4 20 dxe4 Qxe4+ 21 Kd2 Qxh1 22 hxg6 Ne4+ 23 Ke2 f3+, 0 : 1.

R.Bloore - B.Carpinter, Benoni: 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nc3 c5 3 d5 d6 4 e4 g6 5 Nf3 Bg7 6 Be2 Na6 7 0-0 Nc7 8 a4 a6 9 a5 Bd7 10 Nd2 Nb5 11 Bf3 0-0 12 Rel Nxc3 13 bxc3 Bb5 14 Be2 Qc7 15 c4 Bd7 16 Bb2 Rf8 17 Nb3 Be8 18 Bf1 Nd7. 19 Bxg7 Kxg7 20 h4 Nf6 21 Qe2 b5 22 axb6 Qxb6 23 e5 dxe5 24 Qxe5 Ra7 25 Nxc5 a5 26 Ne4 a4 27 c5 Qd8 28 c6 Kg8 29 Rxa4 Rc7 30 Nxf6+ exf6 31 Qe4 f5 32 Qd4 f6 33 Qc5, 1 : 0.

P.Mataga - L.Cornford, King's Gambit: 1 e4 e5 2 f4 exf4 3 Nf3 Be7 4 Nc3 d6 5 Bc4 Be6 6 Bxe6 fxe6 7 d4 g5 8 0-0 Nh6 9 g3 0-0 10 gxf4 gxf4 11 Ne2 e5 12 dxe5 Ng4 13 Bxf4 Rxf4 14 Nxf4 Ne3 15 Qe2 Nxf1 16 Qg2+! Kh8 17 Ne6 Qg8 18 Qxg8+ Kxg8 19 Nxc7 Ne3 20 Nxa8 Na6 21 Kf2 Nc4 22 b3 Nxe5 23 Nxe5 dxe5 24 Rd1 Kf7 25 c3 Ke6 26 b4 Bd6 27 Kf3 b6 28 Rgl Bb8 29 Rg8 Kd6 30 b5, 1 : 0.

Editor's Note: David had only those few games available which were published in the first ten tournament bulletins.

	R.1	R.2	R.3	R.4	R.5	R.6	R.7	R.8	R.9	R10	R11	T'1	SOS
20 Bloore R.	W58	D13	W5	D14	W11	D3	L2	L8	D26	W24	L10	6	72
21 Dallow C.	D25	L15	W48	L28	W10	W55	D26	W22	L4	W23	L9	6	65
22 Hawkes P.D.	W44	W31	L1	D19	L54	W40	D28	L21	W43	L12	W33	6	63.5
23 Rawnsley L.	L6	W10	W29	L13	D30	W57	D33	W31	L27	L21	W38	6	61
24 Keith D.	L4	D46	D38	L34	D51	W48	W30	W25	D17	L20	W45	6	59
25 Frankel Z.	D21	W52	D7	L16	L43	L10	W41	L24	W56	W44	W36	6	58.5
26 Marshall C.	W48	W32	D27	W4	L1	L11	D21	L5	D20	W33	L19	5½	76
27 Cornford L.H.	W19	D7	D26	L44	W15	D4	L12	W32	W23	L8	L18	5½	69.5
28 Sarfati J.	D5	W49	L14	W21	L4	W30	D22	D16	L29	W46	L17	5½	66.5
29 Kinchant K.D.	W53	L6	L23	W41	D33	W35	L16	W50	W28	L11	L14	5½	61.5
30 Malarski G.	D49	W40	D13	L17	D23	L28	L24	W37	W35	L19	W43	5½	61
31 White M.	W51	L22	L8	L43	W58	W46	W36	L23	W50	D17	L16	5½	56.5
32 Nysse J.	W59	L26	W45	L9	D50	L33	W49	L27	W38	L18	W40	5½	54
33 Shuker R.	L13	W53	W18	L11	D29	W32	D23	L10	W44	L26	L22	5	64
34 Adams J.	W42	L11	L19	W24	L5	W37	L10	L36	W40	L38	W50	5	63
35 Poinon A.B.	L12	L19	W40	D47	W42	L29	L18	W51	L30	D50	W52	5	57.5
36 Marner G.	L7	W43	L54	L50	W52	W38	L31	W34	W45	L9	L25	5	56
37 Holland J.	W55	L17	L12	D18	D46	L34	W51	L30	W53	D43	D39	5	56
38 Bennett D.	L8	D57	D24	L45	W41	L36	W46	W47	L32	W34	L23	5	55.5
39 Price A.	L9	L54	L10	L40	W59	W34	D47	W42	L18	W55	D37	5	53.5
40 Steel R.G.	Bye	L30	L35	W39	W47	L22	W55	L43	L34	W51	L32	5	48.5
41 Flower G.C.	W54	L9	L16	L29	L38	W53	L25	L46	Bye	W56	W55	5	48.5
42 Jones O.	L34	Bye	W51	L15	L35	L18	W48	L39	L47	W59	W58	5	45
43 Trundle G.E.	L2	L36	W53	W31	W25	L12	L44	W40	L22	D37	L30	4½	62
44 Mazur J.J.	L22	W51	W52	W27	L9	L17	W43	L11	L33	L25	D46	4½	60
45 Lindsay C.	L3	W56	L32	W38	D55	L50	L19	W49	L36	W47	L24	4½	55.5
46 Bell C.	L1	D24	L49	W59	D37	L31	L38	W41	W55	L49	D44	4½	55.5
47 Blackburn P.	L17	L55	W56	D35	L40	D51	D39	L38	W42	L45	W53	4½	50.5
48 Ramsay W.H.	L26	D58	L21	L10	W53	L24	L42	Bye	W49	L52	W56	4½	47.5
49 Weegenar D.	D30	L28	W46	L57	W18	L15	L32	L45	L48	Bye	W59	4½	47
50 Bojtor J.	L11	W41	L55	W36	D32	W45	L15	L29	L31	D35	L34	4	58
51 Kay J.B.	L31	L44	L42	W56	D24	D47	L37	L35	W58	L40	Bye	4	46
52 Rickit J.	D15	L25	L44	D58	L36	L39	Bye	L53	W59	W48	L35	4	44.5
53 Corbett P.D.	L29	L33	L43	Bye	L48	L41	W59	W52	L37	W58	L47	4	42
54 Born G.	L41	W39	W36	D7	W22	L8	-	-	-	-	-	3½	64.2
55 Shardy Z.	L37	W47	W50	L12	D45	L21	L40	W56	L46	L39	L41	3½	53.5
56 Watson M.J.	L16	L45	L47	L51	Bye	W59	W58	L55	L25	L41	L48	3	
57 McAuliffe B.	L14	D38	W58	W49	L8	L23	-	-	-	-	-	2½	57.8
58 Rawnsley D.C.	L20	D48	L57	D52	L31	Bye	L56	D59	L51	L53	L42	2½	40
59 Stinson I.P.	L32	L50	Bye	L46	L39	L56	L53	D58	L52	L42	L49	1½	

### RESTRICTED RATING CH'P

This event was restricted to players rated under 1500.

Leonard McLaren raced into the lead with six straight wins but was unable to maintain his momentum, losing his next two games to Noble and Melnicenko. This left the leaders bunched up again and there was a close race to the finish with McLaren and Peter Collins sharing

the top prize a half point ahead of Melnicenko.

1= Peter Collins & L.McLaren 9; 3 M. Melnicenko 8½; 4 M.Noble 8; 5 P.Chin 7½; 6= V.Artemiev & G.Potini 6; 8= S. Davidson, J.Middleton, B.Mitchell, N. Wilson & J.Wong 5½; 13= K.Chandler, T. Hughes, L.Meek & D.Paul 5; 17 H.Schrijvers 4½; 18 B.Scott 2; 19 R.Evernden 1; 20 L.Powell 0.

### LOCAL NEWS .....a brief wrap-up of 1977 events.

The OTAGO CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP was convincingly won by top seed Philip Paris with a 9½:½ score, drawing only with 2nd placed Michael Freeman on 8½. Third was Tony Dowden 6½, and fourth Michael White on 5½. Disappointing were Tony Love and the Lichter twins. The Intermediate Ch'p was won by D.Weegenaar and the Junior by J.Wallis.

In the following game Love and Paris continue their battle in the French:

Love - Paris: 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 Bd3 c5 6 c3 Nc6 7 Ne2 cxd4 8 cxd4 f6 9 exf6 Nxf6 10 Nf3 Bd6 11 0-0 Qc7 12 Bg5 0-0 13 Bh4 Bd7 14 Nc3 a6 15 Rcl?! Bf4 16 Bg3 Nh5 17 Bxf4 Nxf4 18 Bb1 Be8 19 Ne5 Nxe5 20 Nxd5?? Qxcl, 0 : 1.

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Twenty-two teams competed in the 1977 AUCKLAND STAR BUSINESSHOUSE TEAM TOURNAMENT over eight rounds. The event was well organised by Malcolm Dick. Winner was Air N.Z. Pacific with 24½:7½, followed by N.Z.News 21½, Auckland Waterfront Union 20½, Freightways House 20.

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Paul Garbett won the A grade of the ALL WELLINGTON CHAMPIONSHIPS with 7/8, drawing with D.Beach and B.Carpinter. Second was D.O.Beach 6½, then A.Feneridis third. Equal 4th were Z.Frankel, P. D.Hawkes, B.A.Carpinter & Z.Shardy on 5½; then M.Wigbout, M.H.Roberts & J. Mazur with 5 points.

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Glenn Sell won the WAITEMATA CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP with 4½/5. A close second on 4 was last year's champion John Van Pelt. Then N.Bridges 2½; G.Lander and J.E.Cater 2; P.Smith-West 0.

The Club's Half Hour Tournament was won jointly by Robert Smith and J.Van Pelt with 6/7.

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### ANNOTATED GAMES

Orrvin Sarapu IM annotates two games from the 85th New Zealand Championship.

O.SARAPU V.A.SMALL

Grunfeld Defence

After seven months spent writing my book on N.Z. Championships 1952 - 1977 I had the feeling that in the 1978 N.Z. Championship I was playing under a handicap. My opponents had an unprecedented opportunity to prepare against my best openings, just by looking them up in the book. Therefore I decided to play different openings - ones I haven't played before. Already my first move 1 d4 differs from my usual 1 e4.

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 d5 4 e3 Bg7 5 cxd5 Nxd5 6 Bc4 Nxc3 7 bxc3 0-0 8 Nf3 c5 9 0-0 Qc7

Vernon Small impressed me at the Congress; his knowledge of openings was as good as any grandmaster's. Even Chandler and Laird could not avoid disadvantages in their openings against Vernon - note how he "plucked" Chandler's Pelikan.

10 Qe2 Bg4 11 Ba3 Nd7 12 Rac1

But here Small mixes his variations. His next move is the continuation against 12 Rac1. I was making my own moves from move 10 on, as that was as far as my book knowledge went.

12...Nb6 13 Bd3 c4 14 Bb1 Nd5

Now that White's c3 is defended by the Rcl, White can start to push Black back with a tempo in hand.

15 h3 Bxf3 16 Qxf3 Rfd8 17 e4 Nf4?!

Black is already in trouble; perhaps 17...Nb6 was better here.

18 e5!

White's two bishops become very active.

18...Bh6

In order to have active play; 18...Nd5 is safer but it is clear that White has the advantage.

19 Be4 Rab8 20 Rb1 Nd3!?

A pawn sacrifice for active play. White is not obliging - instead more pressure.

21 Rfd1!

There are three weak points in Black's position - d3, b7 and e7 - all under

attack.

21...Qa5!?

With the counter-attack on a3, c3 and a2. Unfortunately for Black, his weaknesses are more vulnerable.

22 Bxe7 Rd7 23 Bd6 Rc8 24 Rxb7

Black is given no time to play ...Qxc3.

24...Qa4

Loses immediately, but after 24...Rxb7 25 Bxb7 Rd8 26 Bd5 Rd7 27 e6! wins also.

25 Bc6! Rxc6 26 Rxd7, 1 : 0.

White threatens mate with Qxf7+ and Rd8+ etc.

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O.SARAPU P.A.CLEMANCE

Sicilian, Dragon

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6

As expected, Clemance likes his Dragon.

6 f4

Testing an old line of play. I did not wish to play 20 to 25 moves against the book analyses after the normal 6 Be3.

6...Nc6 7 Bb5

After the game Clemance told me that he was not fully in touch with the line usually played here: 7 Nxc6 bxc6 8 e5 Nd7 9 Bc4 Nb6! 10 exd6! Qxd6! with an even game.

7...Bd7 8 Nf3 Bg7 9 Qe2 0-0 10 0-0 Rc8

An old book by Panov recommended this variation up to here and he judged the position as "a complex game".

11 Kh1 a6 12 Bd3 Bg4 13 Be3 e5!?

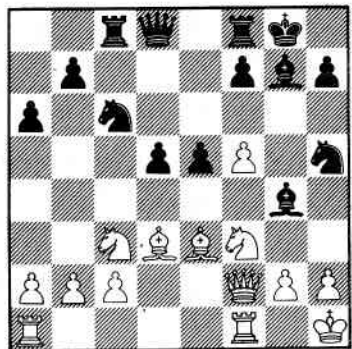
Black is after active play. He cannot allow White to consolidate and attack.

14 Qf2 Nh5 15 f5!?

A difficult choice. After 15 Nd5 the position would simplify after exchanges into equality. White "sacrifices" the centre for a kingside attack and the situation becomes very unclear.

15...gxf5 16 exf5 d5!

Threatening White with two forks, on d4 and e4.



17 h3 Bxf3 18 Qxf3 Nf6 19 Qg3 Nh5!

Preventing 20 Bh6; both 19...d4 and 19...e4 would lose.

20 Qg4 Nf6 21 Qh4!?

Instead 21 Qg3 would lead to a draw, if Black repeats 21...Nh5. This piece sacrifice is risky and unclear.

21...d4 22 Bh6 Bxh6 23 Qxh6 dxc3 24 g4!

With the threat 25 g5 regaining the piece or threatening mate by f6 and g6 with Rg1 to follow. After long thought Clemance did not see the counter sacrifice 24...Qd5+ 25 Kh2 Qd6 26 g5 Ng4+! 27 hxg4 Qxh6+ 28 gxb6 cxb2 29 Rab1 with an approximately equal endgame.

24...Nb4?! 25 g5 Rc6?

This loses quickly but alternatives like 25...Nbd5 26 Rg1! Kh8 27 g6 or 25...Kh8 26 gxf6 Rg8 27 Rg1 Nd5 28 Rxc6+ Qxc6 29 Rg1 Qxc6+ 30 Kxc6 Rg8+ 31 Kh2 cxb2 32 c4! also win for White.

26 gxf6 Qxf6 27 Rg1+, 1 : 0.

When playing 24...Nb4, Clemance had failed to notice that his intended 27...Kh8 allows 28 Qxf8 mate.

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Played in this year's Premier Reserve Championship; notes by David Beach.

D.O.BEACH C.MARSHALL

Sicilian, Pelikan

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 e5 6 Nb3

Avoiding the fashionable, well analysed lines arising after 6 Ndb5.

6...Bb4 7 Bc4 d6

If 7...Nxe4, 8 Bxf7+.

8 0-0 Be6 9 Qd3?!

Correct is 9 Nd5!

9...Bxc3?

Black should first exchange the white-squared bishops, e.g. 9...Bxc4 10 Qxc4 Bxc3 11 bxc3 d5 12 exd5 Qxd5 and White's smashed queenside pawns give Black the advantage.

10 bxc3?

White could avoid the above line by 10 Bxe6! fxe6 11 bxc3 when he has pressure against the black centre, although control of the f-file would give Black counter-chances.

10...d5?

Black could still transpose to the note on the ninth move by 10...Bxc4.

11 exd5 Bxd5 12 Ba3

After a bout of opening inaccuracies the game swings in White's favour with his bishop exerting painful pressure along the a3-f8 diagonal.

12...Bxc4 13 Qxc4 Qd5 14 Qa4 Nd7

Now Black loses by force; 14...0-0=0 was the unpalatable alternative.

15 Rad1 Qe6 16 Rd6 Qf5 17 Nd4!

17 Rxc6! bxc6 18 Qxc6 Rd8 19 Nd4 exd4 20 Re1+ looks good but unfortunately Black is not obliged to take the knight and after 19...Qg6 White would have plenty of compensation for the exchange but no clear win.

17...Qe4

If 17...exd4 then 18 Re1+ Kd8 (18...Nde5 19 Rxc6!) 19 Rxc6 bxc6 20 Qxc6 Rb8 21 Be7+ Ke8 22 Bd6+ Kd8 23 Qc7 mate.

18 Qb5 Ncb8

On 18 exd4, 19 Qxb7 wins, e.g. 19...Rd8 20 Rxc6, or 19...0-0 20 Rxd4! Qg6 21 Bxf8 Nxd4 22 Qxa8 Nxf8 23 cxd4.

19 Rd5

Cutting Black's queen off from defence of b7 and preventing castling.

19...exd4 20 Qxb7 Nb6 21 Rxd4!

Much more decisive than 21 Rd8+. The queen is immune because of 22 Re1+.

21...Qe6 22 Rfd1 Nc6 23 Rd6 Qc8 24 Re1+, 1 : 0.

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Back to the Championship and some more notes by Ortvin Sarapu.

O.SARAPU M.G.CHANDLER

English, Symmetrical

Many thought that this game was going to be the "game of the tournament", deciding the Championship for 1978. After seven rounds Laird and I had 5½, followed by Green and Chandler on 4½.

In fact, if there was a game of the tournament to decide the Championship, then the games Laird-Green and Laird-Sarapu could qualify for this.

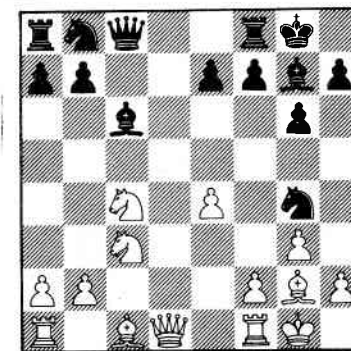
1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 g6 3 g3 c5 4 Bg2 cxd4 5 Nxd4 d5 6 0-0 Bg7 7 c4 dxc4 8 Na3 0-0 9 Nxc4

White stands somewhat better, a move ahead.

9...Ng4!?

Activating his bishop and mixing the game. Normal development would give White a lasting initiative.

10 Nb5 Bd7! 11 Nc3 Bc6 12 e4 Qc8



13 Na5?

Black had fully equalised the position. In playing to gain the two bishops, I did not take into account that I would help to develop Black's Nb8 into a powerful piece, more than compensating for the "loss" of the two bishops.

I considered the alternative 13 Ne3 involving a temporary pawn sacrifice: 13...Nxe3 14 Bxe3 Bxc3 15 bxc3 Bb5 16 Re1 Qxc3 17 Bh6 Re8 18 Rc1 Qd3 19 Qxd3 Bxd3 20 e5 Nc6 21 Rxc6 bxc6 22



Bxc6 Rec8 23 Bxa8 Rxa8 with a dead draw - material equality and opposite coloured bishops.

13...Rd8 14 Qb3 b6!

A very good move, refuting my 13 Na5.

15 Nxc6 Nxc6 16 h3

Here a tricky alternative was 16 Bh3 threatening 17 f3 winning a piece. Analysis showed later that Black saves himself from the loss of the piece and has a good game.

16...Nge5 17 Bf4?

It is remarkable that this move loses the game. Better was 17 Be3, but Black still has the advantage.

17...Nd4 18 Qa4 Nd3

Black's knights are much more active than the two bishops.

19 Nd5 Qd7 20 Qxd7 Rxd7 21 e5 Rad8 22 Rfd1

After long thought I found nothing better; White is lost.

22...Nxf4 23 gxf4 Rxd5 24 Bxd5 Rxd5

By now we were short of time and the game continued fast.

25 Kf1 Bh6 26 Rac1 Bxf4 27 Rc8+ Kg7 28 Rc7 e6 29 Rxa7 Bxe5 30 Rb7 b5 31 b3 Rc5 32 a4 bxa4 33 bxa4 Rc2 34 f4? Bf6 35 Rb4 Nf5 36 Rd3 Ra2 37 Rd7 Be7 38 Rb5 Rxa4 39 Rxf5 gxf5 40 Rxe7 Rxf4+, 0 : 1.

A good win for young Murray. It is remarkable that after this he could not win a game in his last three rounds.



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**CANDIDATES FINAL contd**

30 f4 Nc5 31 Rd4 Nd3 32 Rd1 Nb2 33 Rcl c5 34 Rxd5 Bxd5 35 Bxd5 c4 36 Ne4 Nxa4, 0 : 1.

Spassky - Korchnoy (12), French: 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e5 c5 5 a3 Bxc3+ 6 bxc3 Ne7 7 Qg4 cxd4 8 cxd4 Qc7 9 Kd1 0-0 10 Nf3 f6 11 Bd3 Nf5 12 Qh3 Nc6 13 g4 fxe5 14 dxe5 Nxe5 15 Nxe5 Qxe5 16 Rb1 Nh6 17 Re1 Qc7 18 Bxh6 gxh6 19 g5 e5 20 Qg3 h5 21 Rxe5 Bg4+ 22 Kc1 Qg7 23 Qe3 Rf3 24 Qd4 Rd8 25 Rb4 b6 26 Be4 Rxf2 27 h3 Rf1+ 28 Kb2 Bxh3 29 Bxd5+ Kh8 30 Qc3 Rff8 31 Bb3 Bf5 32 Rf4 Rc8 33 Bc4 Bg6 34 Rf6 Rfe8 35 Rd5 Rc7 36 Qd4 h4 37 Bb3 h3 38 Qh4, 1 : 0 (time).

The last six games will be given in the April issue.



**COMING EVENTS**

2nd HOWICK-PAKURANGA OPEN - Pakuranga Cultural Community Centre (*behind the Pakuranga Shopping Centre*), 18/19 February. 7-round Swiss, 1 hour per player per game. Prize Fund \$330 (First \$100). Entry Fee \$7.00 (*late entry \$8.00*).

Information from / entries to P.McCarthy, 92 Ti Rakau Drive, Pakuranga.

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1st WAITEMATA TOURNAMENT - Kelston Community Centre, 11/12 March. Five round Swiss, 45 moves in 1½ hours plus 15 minutes. Prize Fund \$350 (First \$140). Entry Fee \$7.00 (*late entry \$8.00*).

Information from / entries to G.W.Lander, 288 Glengarry Rd, Glen Eden.

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There is no information to hand regarding the three regular Easter events in Auckland, Wellington and Dunedin.

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The likely venue for the NORTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIP is Auckland University (in May). The Canterbury Chess Club will organise the SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIP and the N.Z. SCHOOLPUPILS CHAMPIONSHIP (both in the August school holidays).

The venue for the next annual Congress is not yet known.

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