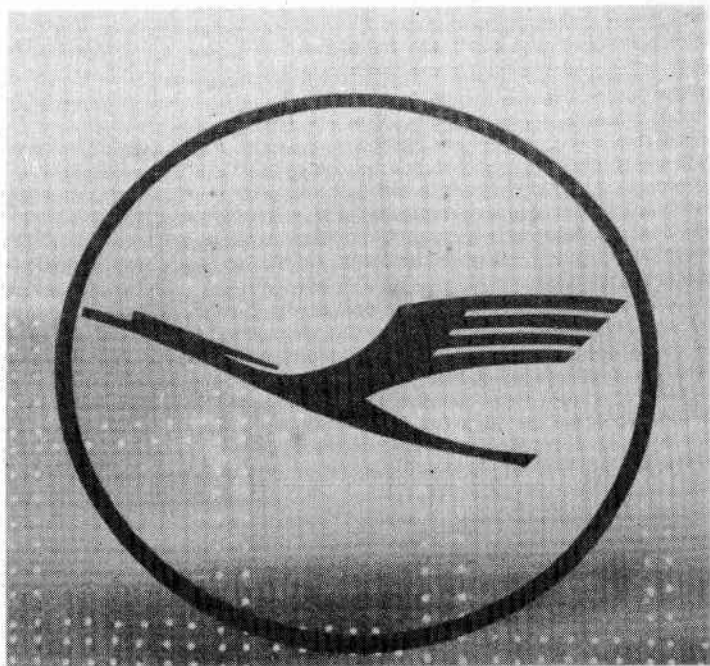


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Best Tournament Result by NZer? Chandler Takes Lloyds Bank Trophy

Report by Paul Spiller

The 3rd Lloyds Bank Masters and Lloyds Bank Junior Invitational, organised by the London Chess Association, were held in the comfortable surroundings of the Ivanhoe Hotel in central London from 22nd to 30th August.

These events are part of Lloyds Bank's 12,000 pounds yearly sponsorship programme and are designed to provide players with opportunities to achieve FIDE title norms and international ratings. The tournament also offers an opportunity for young players to meet strong players under the most testing conditions. This year entry to the Masters was restricted to FIDE rated players or those with British ratings of 200 (equivalent to Elo 2200) or higher, or 188 (2100) or higher if under the age of 18 years.

The tournament was truly an international event with players from over 20 nations participating. Competitors included 3 GMs (Westerinen, Kraidman and Balinas) and 11 IMs as well as numerous others with one or two IM norms.

The tournament was conducted as a nine round Swiss since the nine opponents plus oneself constitute a ten-player tournament for the purposes of international ratings and title norms - ten being the minimum number for these.

Of course, being a Swiss, there was an additional element of luck involved where title norms were involved. For instance, it was necessary to meet all three GMs, no unrated players, at least four non-English players and at least five players rated over 2300, in order to make a GM norm. Of course, it was also necessary to achieve a minimum performance rating of 2600! For an IM norm the figures (respectively) were 3 (titled players, not necessarily GMs), 2, 4, 5 and 2450.

The tournament was a well deserved success for Murray Chandler who won the Lloyds Bank Trophy on tie-break from GM Westerinen (Finland) and IM Haik (France). His 7/9 score was achieved as follows: round 1, beat D.Strauss (USA -2345); round 2, beat J.van Baarle (NL-2325); round 3, beat GM Balinas (PHI-2365); round 4, drew with GM Westerinen (FIN-2465); round 5, drew with B.Jansson (SWE-2410); round 6, drew with IM M.Sharif (IRN-2445); round 7, beat M.Basman (ENG-2410); round 8, drew with IM G. Botterill (WAL-2390); round 9, beat IM M.Petursson (ICE-2420).

During most of the tournament Chandler was on course for a GM norm. Unfortunately it was only through an inaccurate early pairing and GM Kraidman's poor start that eventually combined to make it impossible. It is interesting to note, however, that Murray's opponents had an average rating of 2395 and that he scored 1½ points more than necessary for an IM norm. His performance rating for the tournament was around 2600!

GM Westerinen played some good chess, conceding only four draws while IM Aldo Haik made a last minute comeback by beating Asian Junior Champion Ravi Kumar and an unlucky George Botterill in the last two rounds after an indifferent start.

Steve Odendahl (USA) and Paul Littlewood (ENG) achieved their final IM norms while Bjork Jansson and Colin Crouch (ENG) made IM norms. About twenty players made norms for the new title of FIDE Master.

Leading scorers: 1-3 IM M.G.Chandler (NZ), GM Westerinen (FIN) & IM Haik (FR) 7/9; 4 Jansson (SWE) 6½; 5-14 IM Botterill (WAL), IM Petursson (ICE), IM Ravi Kumar (IND), P.Littlewood (ENG), S. Odendahl (USA), C.Crouch (ENG), A.Law

(ENG), D.Friedgood (SA), S.Knott (ENG) & D.King (ENG) 6.

Three of Murray's games:

M.G.CHANDLER — H.WESTERINEN, King's Indian Defence: 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 f3 0-0 6 Be3 Nc6 7 Nge2 Rb8 8 Qd2 a6 9 Bh6 Bxb6 10 Qxh6 e5 11 d5 Nd4 12 Qd2 c5 13 dxc6 bxc6 14 Nxd4 exd4 15 Qxd4 Rxb2 16 Be2 Nh5 17 g3 Ng7 18 0-0 Ne6 19 Qe3 c5 20 Rab1 Rxb1 21 Rxb1 Nd4 22 Bd1 Qa5 23 Kg2 Be6 24 Bb3 Rb8 25 f4 f6 26 Qd3 Bg4 27 h3 Be6 28 Ne2 Nxe2 29 Qxe2 Qc3 30 Rd1 Rb6 31 Rd3 Qa1 32 Rd1 Qc3, $\frac{1}{2}$: $\frac{1}{2}$.

G.BOTTERILL — M.G.CHANDLER, Grünfeld Defence: 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 d5 4 exd5 Nxd5 5 e4 Nxc3 6 bxc3 Bg7 7 Bc4 0-0 8 Be3 Nc6 9 h4 e5 10 Ne2 exd4 11 cxd4 Na5 12 Rcl Nxc4 13 Rxc4 Re8 14 Qc2 c6 15 h5 Qe7 16 f3 Be6 17 Rc5 Rac8 18 Qd2 b6 19 Rc2 b5 20 Bg5 Qd7

21 Qf4 Bc4 22 Rd2 Bxe2 23 Kxe2 f5 24 hxg6 hxg6 25 e5 c5 26 Kf2 cxd4 27 Bf6 d3 28 Bxg7 Qxg7 29 Rxd3 Rxe5 30 Rd6 g5 31 Qd2 Rce8 32 Rhh6, $\frac{1}{2}$: $\frac{1}{2}$.

M.G.CHANDLER — M.PETURSSON, Sicilian: 1 e4 c5 2 c3 d5 3 exd5 Qxd5 4 d4 Nf6 5 Nf3 e6 6 Bd3 Nc6 7 0-0 cxd4 8 cxd4 Be7 9 Nc3 Qd6 10 Be3 0-0 11 Rcl Nb4 12 Bb1 Bd7 13 Ne5 Bc6 14 Bf4 Qd8 15 a3 Nbd5 16 Nxc6 bxc6 17 Be5 Nd7 18 Nxd5 cxd5 19 Bc7 Qe8 20 Bd3 Bd8 21 Ba6 Bxc7 22 Rxc7 Nb6 23 Qc2 Qd8 24 Qc6 Qg5 25 Rd1 Qg4 26 Qe1 Rfd8 27 h3 Qh4 28 Qc6 Qh5 29 Rcl Qg5 30 Qc3 Qf4 31 Qe3 Qf6 32 b3 Re8 33 R7c6 Qe7 34 a4 Red8 35 a5 Nd7 36 Qc3 e5 37 Bb7 Rab8 38 Rc7 Qg5 39 Bxd5 h6 40 Qf3 exd4 41 Qxf7+ Kh8 42 h4 Qd2 43 Qg6 Rf8 44 Rf1 Rf6 45 Qg4 Rd6 46 Rxd7 Rxd7 47 Qxd7 Qxa5 48 Be4 Qe5 49 Bd3, 1 : 0.



Whitcoull's National Schoolpupils Ch'p

REPORT: TONY DOWDEN

The 1979 New Zealand Schoolpupil Championship, sponsored by Whitcoulls, was held in Dunedin at the Otago Chess Club from 27-31 August. The favourite was Mickey Steadman, with the 'other' favourite South Island choice Giles Bates. Steadman's main rival seemed to be himself — would he have a 'good' or 'bad' tournament? The four South Island representatives had all played in the South Island Championship during the previous week — they were match fit but all fell by the wayside at various intervals depending on fitness and experience.

Steadman seemed to suffer a case of *deja vu* — he was still in Norway from where he had returned only a few days before. Noble had a very heavy cold and was coming last most of the time. Sidnam lost a knight and three pawns in various games and swindled them all as his opponents relaxed — full marks, however, for resourcefulness. Fenella Foster played stylishly but suffered an unusual handicap — nobody wanted to lose to a girl! As far as I know she is the first girl to enter this male domain. Petch, initially labelled as the bunny, had a very unusual performance, three points against the top four (average

rating 1861) but zero against the other three.

Round 1: Sidnam v Steadman and Bates v Lloyd were friendly draws while Foster v Noble was a hard-fought draw; Fenella offered a series of pawns but Noble refused everything and survived. Petch missed a free pawn against Dowden who then played five good moves in a row, possibly some sort of record for him! (*One likely to stand for a long time?! — Editor*).

Round 2: Dowden-Steadman was a quick draw (10 moves). Petch-Foster was a nasty game! They both tried to bash each other — before development had been completed. Fenella eventually won Bill's queen for insufficient material. Noble-Bates was a tragic-comic performance; Noble played a highly *avant-garde* system as White including such opening moves as Na3, g3, Bg2, 0-0, Kh1, f4, c3, Nc2. Bates played a cautious c5, Nc6, Nge7, g6, Bg7, 0-0 system but later decided that Noble's idea was a bit too *avant-garde* (as he had, by that time, blocked his e-pawn by Be3) and tried to take tactical advantage, only to blunder a pawn. A lengthy siege set in, Bates finally penetrated and won back his pawn,

but everything came off in the process and a very drawn ending was reached. After both players had spurned numerous draw offers, Noble overlooked an absurdly simple one-mover.

Lloyd played a slow Ruy Lopez system as White and attacked Sidnam's king which rapidly became indefensible. Lloyd picked up a piece but then fell asleep while Sidnam woke up and found some thorny replies, eventually regaining his piece with a better ending which he won with fine technique to join the leaders on $1\frac{1}{2}/2$ — Bates, Foster & Dowden.

Round 3: Steadman played impressively versus Lloyd, sacrificing his queen for rook, bishop and strong passed pawn. After he had missed a very nice combination Lloyd fought back cleverly but went astray in time trouble. Sidnam played his best game against Noble who aborted the ending — those doubled rooks on the seventh can chew through a lot of pawns, Mark! Bates got an overwhelming game against Petch who had played distinctly like a bottom seed in the first three rounds. With mate only a few moves away, however, Bates left a rook en prise — the really bad thing about it being that Bill could take it with a knight forking king and queen! Foster mixed her systems in a King's Indian Attack which Dowden met with a Queen's Indian set-up including ...c5 and ...d5. A nice temporary knight sacrifice by Dowden assured equality and a further exchange sacrifice gained him enormous pressure down the a8-h1 diagonal. Foster gave back the exchange but for the wrong bishop and Dowden invaded on the white squares.

Round 4: Again a hard-fought round. Steadman appeared to have the whip hand with his Dutch Defence but the game clogged up in the middle and an ending was reached with Steadman retaining only a few minor positional advantages. Noble creditably held on for a draw — Steadman's third. Petch played his favourite Colle System which Sidnam met very passively. Eventually Sidnam gave up a pawn and then (to the utter disbelief of the 'crowd') swapped all the way to a lost pawn ending which Petch won at a canter. Petch's play was a cut above his previous play and Sidnam seemed to have met his Waterloo. Bates obtained an overwhelming plus in the

initial stages but Foster fought back well and only a revival from Bates secured him the full point. Dowden tempted the advance of Lloyd's kingside pawns, whether or not they were really dangerous being still unclear. Dowden opened the centre just as Lloyd seemed to be getting somewhere and went on to win.

Round 5: Dowden, on the black side of an English against Bates, attacked on the kingside and eventually broke through — though he shouldn't have. Steadman powered through Petch with a Dutch Attack. Sidnam blundered another pawn but overcame an over-ambitious Foster who avoided a repetition of moves in an effort to win which backfired very nastily. 'Pope' Adrian poked holes in a patchwork Noble defence. He then sent in a missionary rook to the eighth to convert the pagan black pieces. The rook, after using several lives was eventually cannibalised but then Lloyd invaded on the dark squares and obtained a mating attack — a glimpse of the Lloyd who came equal second in the South Island Ch'p a week earlier. Leaders: Dowden $4\frac{1}{2}$, Steadman & Sidnam $3\frac{1}{2}$, Bates $2\frac{1}{2}$.

Round 6: Evidence that the South Islanders were collapsing near the post became clear as the penultimate round progressed. Bates got a good game against Sidnam but was then affected by the Sidnam-syndrome — he tossed a pawn in a two-mover. Sidnam played the knight and pawn ending very well and won with ease. Dowden looked as though he would lose after back-peddalling from an utterly equal position. Noble, however, went for a tainted pawn and lost a piece in a three-mover. Beauty versus the Beast was the best game of the round; Fenella looked to be winning in an Exchange French but eventually succumbed to a nasty, cunning Mickey Steadman — victory to the beast. In a miserable game Petch won Lloyd's rook. Leaders: Dowden $5\frac{1}{2}$, Steadman & Sidnam $4\frac{1}{2}$, Petch 3.

Round 7: In two crucial clashes the player with the higher score went under. Sidnam played an English and Dowden, wanting a draw, answered 1...c5 but did not know much book so resorted to a 'hedghehog' set-up and probably equalised after ten moves. He then made a series of knight manoeuvres which did nothing except tie up the defence. Sidnam advanced his kingside pawns and won handsome-

ly with plenty to spare.

Steadman obtained a superior position against Bates but allowed a combination that won two minor pieces for a rook — he later lost the exchange as well and hence resigned.

Foster played her best game of the tournament against the benevolent Lloyd (everyone seemed to play well against him — surely he is strong enough to have scored at least 3 or 4 points). Two beautiful bishops and a strong pair of pawns annihilated him.

Noble salvaged a bit of mana with a win against Petch.

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Grant Sidnam	A x 1 ½ 1 0 1 1 1	5½
Tony Dowden	0 0 x ½ 1 1 1 1 1	5½
Michael Steadman	A ½ ½ x 0 1 1 ½ 1	4½
Giles Bates	C 0 0 1 x 0 1 1 ½	3½
William Petch	0 1 0 0 1 x 0 0 1	3
Fenella Foster	W 0 0 0 0 1 x ½ 1	2½
Mark Noble	W 0 0 ½ 0 1 ½ x 0	2
Adrian Lloyd	C 0 0 0 ½ 0 0 1 x	1½

Mr Adamson, the manager of Whitcoulls in Dunedin, officiated at the prize-giving. Grant Sidnam and Tony Dowden each won \$50 for first equal.

Michael Freeman was the D.O.P. and he did a marvellous job — we forgot about him most of the time. He is now very experienced, having directed two South Island Championships and a number of junior tournaments so we (Otago Chess Club) were pleased to be able to have his expertise.

Lastly, it was good to see that there were only five draws out of the 28 games played which reflects the fighting spirit of a long list of newcomers to the event — only Bates and Dowden had played before.

R.A. DOWDEN — A. LLOYD, Sicilian Defence:
 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 Nc3 Nc6 4 Bb5
 (Quiet systems are safest against vicious Cantabrians) 4...Nd4 5 a5 a6 6 Bc4 g6 7 Nxd4 cxd4 8 Ne2 Bg7 9 0-0 Ne7 10 d3 0-0 11 Bg5! h6 12 Bh4 g5!
 (Black must accept the challenge so it would seem) 13 Bg3 d5 14 Bb3 f5 15 f3 (Actually, come to think of it, those pawns don't look too weak after all ...) 15...Kh7 16 Qd2 f4 17 Bf2 dxe4 18 dxe4 Nc6 (18...e5 is more flexible) 19 Rfd1 e5 20 c3 g4 21 Qd3 Qg5 22 Kh1 Qh5 23 cxd4 gxf3 24 gxf3 exd4 25 Rgl! (With the idea 25...Ne5

26 Rxd7+ Kxg7 27 Bxd4) 25...Be5?! (Best seems 25...Bh3 freeing the Ra8 and, in some variations, preventing Rg2 after ...Qxf3+) 26 Nxd4 Rd8 27 Bd5 Bxd4?! (Missing the coming zwischenzug) 28 Bxd4 Rxd5? 29 Rg7+ Kh8 30 exd5 Bf5 31 Rg5+, 1 : 0.

Editor's note: Tony writes, 'The BIG mystery is who has nicked the bloody games?! Hence I have only MY games.' This explains the absence of more than one game in this article.



Local News

BLDISLOE CUP 1979: With no entry from Wellington, there was only one first round match, between Auckland and Otago, Canterbury (holder) going straight into the final. Otago won the match by the odd point, 10½ - 9½.

OTAGO

- 1 K. Jensen ½-½
- 2 A.J. Love 0-1
- 3 P.O. Paris ½-½
- 4 R. Wansink ½-½
- 5 R.L. Perry ½-½
- 6 R.A. Dowden ½-½
- 7 D. Weegenaar 0-1
- 8 H. Lichter 1-0
- 9 J. Adams 0-1
- 10 D. Lichter 0-1
- 11 R.Von't Steen 0-1
- 12 M. White 1-0
- 13 M. Wong 1-0
- 14 H. Chin 1-0
- 15 N. Dodd 1-0
- 16 G. Adams 1-0
- 17 R. Gonin 0-1
- 18 K. Perry 1-0
- 19 R.L. Strickett 0-1
- 20 R.O. Glass 1-0

AUCKLAND

- 1 O. Sarapu ½-½
- 2 P.A. Garbett 0-1
- 3 A.R. Day ½-½
- 4 P.W. Stuart ½-½
- 5 R.W. Smith ½-½
- 6 W. Leonhardt ½-½
- 7 P.W. Power 0-1
- 8 P.B. Goffin 1-0
- 9 M.V.R. Steadman 0-1
- 10 P.K. Beach 0-1
- 11 D.A. Collogly 0-1
- 12 B.R. Watson 1-0
- 13 J.W.P. Knecht 1-0
- 14 R.L. Roundill 1-0
- 15 D.J.H. Storey 1-0
- 16 G.J. Ion 1-0
- 17 C.A. Rose 0-1
- 18 R.A. Feasey 1-0
- 19 P.R. Snelson 0-1
- 20 S.J. Richardson 1-0

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WELLINGTON INTERCLUB: The A-grade was won by Pencarrow with 14½/24 with Wellington & Hutt Valley equal second with 13½. Then Tawa & Upper Hutt 12½, Civic 11, Polonia 6½.

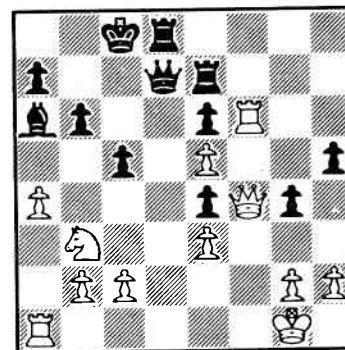
B-grade scores: Upper Hutt I 22½, Tawa 18½, Pencarrow 16½, Hutt Valley 15, Upper Hutt II 14, Wellington 12½, Civic 9, Victoria University 4.

If Civic's results last year were a 'slip', then this was an avalanche!

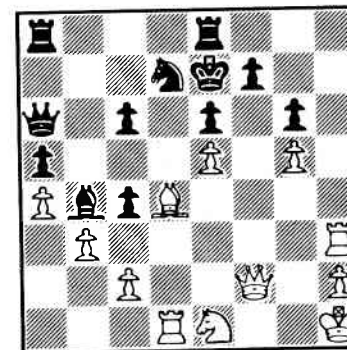
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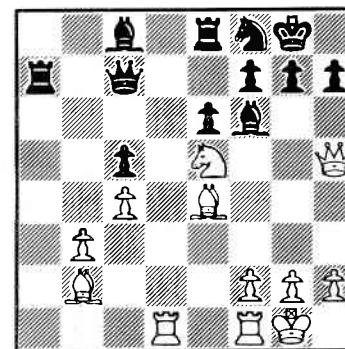
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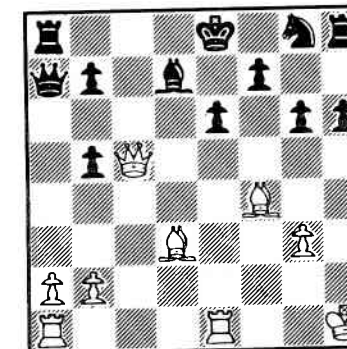
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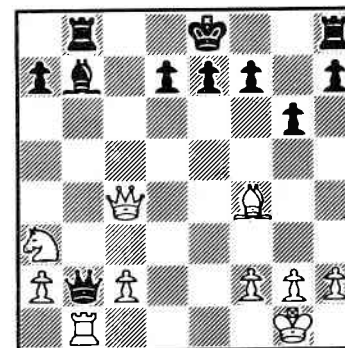
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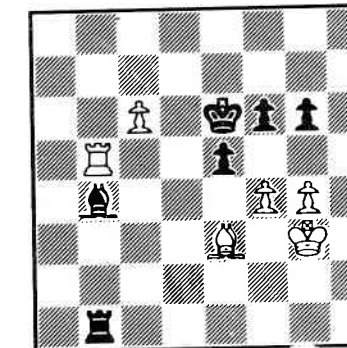
No.3 White to move



No.4 White to move



No.5 Black to move



No.6 White to move

Whitcoulls SOUTH ISLAND Ch'p, Dunedin 1979

REPORT 'MAINLY BY MICHAEL FREEMAN WITH LINGUISTIC FINE-TUNING BY VERNON SMALL'

The 1979 Whitcoulls' South Island Championship, played 19-25 August, resulted in a relatively easy win for Canterbury's Vernon Small who won his first six games to go one point clear of the field and then eased up with two short draws to score 7/8.

Tom Van Dijk, Philip (Pop) Paris, David (Goat) Gollogly and Adrian (Pope) Lloyd tied for second on 6 points.

The field of 38 was reasonable by recent South Island standards and, although there was a disappointing turn-out of Championship strength players, it could not be described as a weak tournament. Because of his rating, Small had to be the favourite, but other hopefuls included that young veteran Paris, the experienced Van Dijk, a gaggle of schoolboys and the Auckland University players who stayed on after the inter-University social (even described by some as a tournament).

The tournament venue was a large room in Aquinas Hall, one of the University of Otago halls of residence. An excellent venue for those who like a constitutional uphill walk before play and a good view, but the heating and noise problems (wooden floors are really no good for chess tournaments) did not make conditions ideal.

Sponsorship was provided by Whitcoulls Ltd while the newspapers did an adequate but not over-enthusiastic job of reporting.

Round 1, Sunday 7:00 - 11:00 pm: An odd time to start a tournament but, predictably, nothing odd happened as the top order players scored at will the exception being Malcolm Foord who had his castle wrecked by Rowan Peters who obtained the usual pressure in a Benko Gambit and won the ending. Peter Mataga provided the showcase of the round, sacrificing a rook for mate rather than attempting the slow, safe grind that most of the 'names' opted for.

P.A.MATAGA - A.KNOWLES, Four Knights' Game: 1 e4 Nc6 2 Nc3 e5 3 Bc4 Nf6 4 d3 Bb4 5 Bd2 a6 6 Nf3 d6 7 a3 Bxc3 8 Bxc3 b5 9 Ba2 h6 10 0-0 0-0 11 Qe2 Bb7 12 h3 Qd7 13 Nh2 a5 14 f4 b4 15 fxe5 dxe5 16 Rxf6 bxc3 17 Qh5 cxb2 18 Ra1 gxf6 19 Qg6+ Kh8 20 Qxh6+ Kg8

21 Ng4 Qd4+ 22 Kh1 Qd6 23 Rxf6 blQ+ 24 Bxb1 Rfd8 25 Ba2 Qf8 26 Rg6+, 1:0.

Round 2: Nearly a major upset when Small lapsed into a deep think with only five minutes left on his clock and woke up with 30 seconds left for twelve moves. Bruce Gloistein had ventured a 2 c3 Sicilian with two tempi lost and then launched a caveman attack with only half his set; fortunately for Small he lost on time in the mutual time scramble but his position was losing anyway.

Paris broke through the centre when 15-year old Lloyd pushed his queenside pawns too far. The R & P ending was easy for White.

Peter Mataga had a lucky escape when Arie (Rhyming) Nijman built up a won position. Fortunately for Mataga, the Nijman of today couldn't convert what amounted to a mate in three and then the win of a queen into a full point and lost instead. A combination of no practice and cigarette smoking lost Arie more won positions than he has had in a year of five minute games.

Tony Love blundered away a rook after playing well to obtain a won R & P endgame against Roel Von't Steen, while the madness of Dowden-Foord can speak for itself.

R.A.DOWDEN - M.R.FOORD, French Defence: 1 e4 e6 2 b3 d5 3 Bb2 dxe4 4 Nc3 Nf6 5 Qe2 Nbd7 6 0-0-0 Bd6 7 Nxe4 Nxe4 8 Qxe4 Nf6 9 Bb5+? c6 10 Bxc6+ Kf8 11 Bxf6 Qxf6 12 c3 bxc6 13 Qxc6 Ba3+ 14 Kc2 Qf5+ 15 d3 Qd5 16 Qxd5 exd5 17 b4 a5 18 b5 Bd7 19 Kb3 Bc5 20 a4 Bxf2 21 Nf3 Bg4 22 Rd2 Be3 23 Re2 Bxf3 24 Rxe3 Bg4 25 c4 Be6 26 c5 d4+ 27 Rxe6 fxe6 28 Kc4 Ke7 29 b6 Rhf8 30 Kb5 Rf2 31 Rb1 Rc2 32 b7 Rb8 33 Kc6 Rf2 34 Kc7 Rff8 35 c6 e5 36 Rb5 Ke6 37 Kb6 Kd6 38 c7 Rxb7+ 39 Kxb7 Rf7 40 Rb6+ Kc5 41 Rc6+ Kd5 42 Kb6, 1 : 0.

Round 3: A mixture of good and bad. Small played well to demolish Von't Steen (game below). Dowden played well to win the white side of an Exchange Ruy Lopez against Van Dijk. Michael White, however, blundered horribly to

lose a drawn opposite coloured bishop ending against Paris and Giles Bates emulated him by losing a won rook and minor piece ending to Bruce Watson,

Lower down, Malcolm Foord continued to eclipse himself; this time he was an exchange down against 11-year old bottom seed Kendall Boyd. Luckily for Foord, Kendall didn't know about sacrificing back the exchange for a won ending and got mated instead. Winsome Stretch recorded her first win when her opponent resigned in a slightly inferior position because he thought he was losing a piece.

V.A.SMALL - R.VON'T STEEN, English:

1 Nf3 e6 2 e4 c5 3 Nc3 Nc6 4 g3 Nf6 5 Bg2 Be7 6 d4 cxd4 7 Nxd4 0-0 8 0-0 a6 9 b3 Qc7 10 Bb2 d6 11 Rcl Bd7 12 Qd2 Rac8 13 Rfd1 Rfd8 14 Nd5 exd5 15 exd5 Qb6 16 dxc6 bxc6 17 Qe3 Re8 18 Nxc6 Qxe3 19 fxe3 Bxc6 20 Bxc6 Red8 21 Bb7 Rxc1 22 Rxc1 Ng4 23 Bxa6 Nxe3 24 Rc8 Rxc8 25 Bxc8 d5 26 Bd4 Nc2 27 Bb6 Nb4 28 a4 Nc6 29 a5 Bd8 30 Bxd8 Nxd8 31 Bd7, 1 : 0. Vernon was very annoyed that he had not played 31 Bb7 instead!

Round 4 saw Small prove that, even in apparently innocuous fianchetto openings, the move order needs to be exact if Black wants to avoid a positionally lost game. Dowden played one inexact move and got saddled with a weak isolated d-pawn which Vernon soon won. The ensuing ending proved easy for White.

Paris gave Bates one or two weak pawns but Giles defended well to arrive at a possibly drawn R & P ending only to lose on time. Mataga and Van Dijk fought out a draw in an interesting Winawer French while Bruce Watson played a very odd looking Exchange Ruy Lopez but won.

It was Adrian Lloyd's turn to blunder when he gave Von't Steen a piece in the opening while Alan Knowles gave Winsome Stretch a rook.

Round 5: Small assumed the lead by himself after round five when he beat Bruce Watson while Paris lost to Mataga. One of Tigran Petrosian's comments best describes Watson-Small: "His moves from the 17th to 20th were played quickly. This is a clear sign that the two players evaluated the position after move 20 in a diametrically opposite way." Vernon's judgment proved

right. Mataga-Paris was a Winawer French where White obtained a set of strong tripled c-pawns; Mataga penetrated with his rooks and Black perished.

Dowden and Marshall fought out a Benoni to a drawn ending. T.Van Dijk trapped Weegeenaar's queen very nicely.

Leaders after five rounds: Small 5; Mataga 4½; Paris & B.Watson 4; Van Dijk, Gollogly, Marshall, Love, Dowden & White 3½.

B.R.WATSON - V.A.SMALL, Sicilian Def:

1 c4 c5 2 Nc3 Nf6 3 Nf3 Nc6 4 d4 cxd4 5 Nxd4 e6 6 g3 Bc5 7 Nb3 Be7 8 Bg2 d6 9 0-0 0-0 10 Nd4 Bd7 11 b3 a6 12 Bb2 Rb8 13 Rcl Nxd4 14 Qxd4 b5 15 cxb5 axb5 16 Ne4 Qb6 17 Nxf6+ Bxf6 18 Qxb6 Rxb6 19 Bxf6 gxf6 20 Rc7 Rd8 21 Rfc1 Ra6 22 Rb7 d5 23 Re5 Bc6 24 Rc7 Be8 25 e3 Rxa2 26 Bf1 Rb8 27 b4 Kf8 28 Kg2 Rb2 29 Ra7 Rxb4 30 Be2 Ra4 31 Rxa4 bxa4 32 Ra5 Bc6 33 Ra6 Bd7 34 Ra7 Ke7 35 Bh5 Rb4! 36 Bxf7 a3 37 Bxe6 Kxe6 38 Rxa3 Ra4 39 Rb3 Ke5 40 Rb7 Bf5, 0 : 1.

T.VAN DIJK - D.WEEGENAAR, French Def:

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 Bg5 Bb4 5 e5 h6 6 Bd2 Bxc3 7 bxc3 Ne4 8 Qg4 g6 9 Be3 c5 10 Bd3 Bd7 11 Ne2 h5 12 Qf3 Qh4 13 g3 Qg4? 14 Qg2 Ng5 15 Ng1 c4 16 h3 Nxh3 17 f3, 1 : 0.

Round 6 had an unusual beginning; five minutes after play started, it stopped again. The cause was a blown fuse. Play halted for 15 minutes while the caretaker replaced the offending article.

Even the darkness didn't help Peter Mataga who soon found Small's knights creeping around his weak dark squares. Paris found himself in a won ending against B.Watson while Bates-Dowden was a brief tactical skirmish centred on Black's weak dark squares.

Arie Nijman and Winsome Stretch armed themselves with a pack of Sportsman 25 each and tore into the fray. Winsome quickly gained the better of a queenside opening at the expense of only 8 cigarettes while Arie was lighting up his 14th. Then Winsome drifted until time trouble set in. Then she ran out of smokes and as she hunted desperately for another pack Arie stubbed out the butt of his 25th and broke through in the centre. When the smoke cleared, only the point next to A.J.Nijman on the scoreboard and a pile of ash on the

e-file gave any indication of how the game had gone.

Adrian Lloyd disposed of Jonathan Adams while Von't Steen was beating Tom Van Dijk but blundered a rook at the second time control. Peter Van Dijk continued to play well, this time beating Foord.

P.O.PARIS — B.R.WATSON, Closed Sicilian:

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d3 Nc6 4 g3 Nge7 5 Bg2 g6 6 O-O Bg7 7 Re1 O-O 8 e5 d6 9 exd6 Qxd6 10 Nbd2 Nd5 11 Nc4 Qc7 12 a4 b6 13 Qe2 Bb7 14 c3 a6 15 Nce5 Nxe5 16 Nxe5 Ne7 17 Bf4 Qc8 18 Bxb7 Qxb7 19 Qe4 Qxe4 20 dxe4 Bxe5 21 Bxe5 f6 22 Bd6 Kf7 23 a5 b5 24 Bxc5 Rfc8 25 Bxe7 Kxe7 26 e5 b4 27 cxb4 Rc4 28 Re1 Rac8 29 Rxc4 Rxc4 30 exf6+ Kxf6 31 b5 axb5 32 a6 Rc8 33 a7 Ra8 34 Ra5 Ke7 35 b4 Kd6 36 Kg2 h6 37 Kf3, 1 : 0.

G.BATES — R.A.DOWDEN, French Defence:

1 e4 e6 2 Nc3 d5 3 f4 dxe4 4 Nxe4 Be7 5 Nf3 Nd7 6 d4 Ngf6 7 Nxf6+ Nxf6 8 Bd3 c5 9 c3 cxd4 10 Nxd4 O-O 11 O-O a6 12 Kh1 Qc7 13 Qf3 Bd7 14 Be3 Rfd8 15 Rael Qa5 16 Bg1 Bd6 17 a3 Qc7 18 Qg3 g6 19 Qg5 Kg7 20 Nf5+ exf5 21 Bd4 Be7 22 Rxe7 Qd6 23 Re5 h6 24 Qh4 Kh7 25 Rfel Ng8 26 Bc4 Be8 27 Bd5 f6? 28 Bxg8+ Kxg8 29 Re6 Qf8 30 Rxf6 Bf7 31 Rle6 Rxd4 32 cxd4 Kh7 33 Rxf7+ Qxf7 34 Re7 Rf8 35 Rxf7+ Rxf7 36 Qd8 g5 37 fxg5 hxg5 38 d5 f4 39 Qxg5 f3 40 Qh5+, 1 : 0.

Scores after 6 rounds: Small 6; Paris 5; Mataga, Van Dijk & Gollogly 4½; B.Watson, Marshall, Love, Bates & Lloyd 4.

Round 7: Small started to ease up in the penultimate round with a peaceful draw against Paris. Mataga sacrificed a piece against David Gollogly but followed it up incorrectly.

T.Van Dijk-B.Watson was a game of fluctuating fortunes, with the swing in favour of Van Dijk. Von't Steen blundered again, this time to Dowden, while Pomeroy tried for too much and lost a drawn ending to Petch.

Scores: Small 6½; Paris, T.Van Dijk & Gollogly 5½; Love, Bates & Lloyd 5; Mataga, Dowden, Weegenaar & White 4½.

P.A.MATAGA — D.A.GOLLOGLY, Sicilian:

1 e4 c5 2 d4 cxd4 3 c3 d5 4 exd5 Qxd5 5 cxd4 Nc6 6 Nf3 Bg4 7 Nc3 Qd8 8 d5 Bxf3 9 Qxf3 Ne5 10 Qg3 Nd7 11

Bc4 g6 12 O-O Nh6 13 Bxh6 Bxh6 14 Rfel O-O 15 Qh4 Bd2 16 Rxe7 Ne5 17 Ne4 Nxc4 18 d6? (18 Rd1!) 18...Nxd6 19 Nf6+ Kg7 20 Nd5 Nf5 21 Qf6+ Kh6 22 g4 Bg5, 0 : 1.

C.MARSHALL — A.LLOYD, Nimzoindian Def:

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 Bg5 c5 5 d5 b5 6 cxb5 exd5 7 e3 h6 8 Bh4 O-O 9 Ne2 Bb7 10 Qd3 a6 11 O-O-O axb5 12 a3 Bxc3 13 Nxc3 b4 14 Nxd5 Bxd5 15 Qxd5 Nxd5 16 Bxd8 bxa3 17 bxa3 Nxe3 18 fxe3 Rxd8 19 Kb2 Nc6 20 Rd3 Ne5 21 Rc3 Ra5 22 e4 d5 23 exd5 Rxd5 24 Bc4 Rd2+ 25 Kb3 Nxc4 26 Rxc4 Rxc4 27 Rxc1 Rxh2 28 Rxc5 Rxc5 29 Rxc5 h5 30 a4 Rh1 31 a5 g6 32 Rc2 Re1 33 a6 Re8 34 Rc4 Ra8 35 Ra4 g5 36 Ra5 g4 37 a7 h4 38 Kc4 h3 39 Kd5 h2 40 Ral Rxa7, 0 : 1.

Round 8: Small assured himself of first alone when Tom Van Dijk took a draw in an inferior position. Gollogly-Paris was very brief. Bates-Mataga lasted a little longer but brought in the same result. Lloyd joined those on 6 when Tony Love played like a five-year old.

Weegenaar tried to bash Dowden but settled for a draw after the prize-giving. Petch made sure of a grade prize with a hard fought draw against Nijman and Von't Steen crashed again — this time to Gloistein.

This must have been one of Small's easiest tournament wins ever. He prepared for each of his opponents individually and obtained eight excellent openings as a result; the rest was technique.

Paris played the best chess of the second equals while Van Dijk, Gollogly and Lloyd all had their moments of luck. Adrian proved that he is a player of the future — he certainly has age on his side.

Giles Bates played well in places and proved he is an excellent tactician.

Mataga, Dowden, White, Marshall and Weegenaar all played well in patches. The unluckiest player was Von't Steen who deserved more than 3½ points. Tony Love, Malcolm Foord and Johnathan Adams were well below their best. Eleven-year old Kendall Boyd played better than his score suggests.

Generally the standard of the games was disappointing with some terrible blunders punctuating even the top

boards at times.

Prize winners were V.A.Small, \$200; P.O.Paris, T.Van Dijk, D.A.Gollogly & A.Lloyd, each \$50. Grade prizes were won by G.Bates, M.White & W.Petch.

Abbreviations used in the following

			R.1	R.2	R.3	R.4	R.5	R.6	R.7	R.8	T'1	SOS
1	Small V.A.	C	W18	W15	W22	W9	W8	W7	D2	D3	7	
2	Paris P.O.	O	W26	W5	W13	W6	L7	W8	D1	D4	6	42.5
3	Van Dijk T.	NeI	W29	W20	L9	D7	W12	W22	W8	D1	6	37.5
4	Gollogly D.A.	NS	W12	L14	W24	W23	D22	W13	W7	D2	6	35.5
5	Lloyd A.	C	W24	L2	W28	L22	W23	W33	W10	W11	6	32
6	Bates G.	C	W17	W25	L8	L2	W21	W9	W15	D7	5½	
7	Mataga P.A.	A	W31	W16	W14	D3	W2	L1	L4	D6	5	42.5
8	Watson B.R.	AU	W19	W33	W6	W18	L1	L2	L3	W13	5	39.5
9	Dowden R.A.	O	W21	W30	W3	L1	D10	L6	W22	D12	5	39
10	Marshall C.J.	I	W28	L13	W25	W19	D9	D11	L5	W18	5	35
11	Love A.J.	O	W23	L22	W17	D13	W33	D10	W18	L5	5	33.5
12	Weegenaar D.P.	O	L4	W35	D33	W28	L3	W20	W14	D9	5	33
13	White M.	O	W37	W10	L2	D11	W20	L4	W30	L8	4½	36
14	Boyce D.A.L.	NeI	W34	W4	L7	L20	W26	D15	L12	W24	4½	34
15	Gloistein B.	C	W36	L1	L23	W24	W19	D14	L6	W22	4½	33.5
16	Nijman A.J.	C	W32	L7	L19	W25	L18	W21	W28	D17	4½	31
17	Petch W.	O	L6	W38	L11	W29	L30	W23	W19	D16	4½	28.5
18	Van Dijk P.	NeI	L1	W21	W25	L8	W16	W30	L11	L10	4	36.5
19	Pomeroy D.M.	AU	L8	W34	W16	L10	L15	W32	L17	W30	4	32
20	Haworth G.M.R.	Ham	W35	L3	D26	W14	L13	L12	D29	W28	4	31.5
21	Stretch W.R.	NS	L9	L18	W27	W31	L6	L16	W32	W29	4	31.5
22	Von't Steen R.	O	W38	W11	L1	W5	D4	L3	L9	L15	3½	39.5
23	Aimes G.	O	L11	W37	W15	L4	L5	L17	W36	D31	3½	33
24	Post M.	C	L5	W31	L4	L15	D29	W26	W33	L14	3½	33
25	Peters R.	NeI	W30	L6	L10	L16	W34	L28	D27	W33	3½	29.5
26	Morrison M.K.	NS	L2	W36	D20	L33	L14	L24	W37	W34	3½	27
27	Dalziel I.	O	L33	L28	L21	D34	W35	D31	D25	W36	3½	22.5
28	Watson M.J.	SC	L10	W27	L5	L12	W36	W25	L16	L20	3	33.5
29	Nijman B.	C	L3	W32	L18	L17	D24	W34	D20	L21	3	31.5
30	Foord M.R.	O	L25	L9	W38	W35	W17	L18	L13	L19	3	27
31	Knowles A.	O	L7	L24	W37	L21	L32	D27	W35	D23	3	26.5
32	Sinton P.	O	L16	L25	L35	W37	W31	L19	L21	W38	3	22.5
33	Adams J.	O	W27	L8	D12	W26	L11	L5	L24	L25	2½	35
34	Taylor H.	AU	L14	L19	W36	D27	L25	L29	W38	L26	2½	24
35	Cameron D.	O	L20	L12	W32	L30	L27	W38	L31	L37	2	23.5
36	Cookman J.	C	L15	L26	L34	W38	L28	W37	L23	L27	2	22.5
37	Hay V.	O	L13	L23	L31	L32	W38	L36	L26	W35	2	21.5
38	Boyd K.	O	L22	L17	L30	L36	L37	L35	L34	L32	0	

One more game (from round 7):

M.WHITE — M.R.FOORD, Sicilian Defence:

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Bd3 Bb4 7 e5 Nd5 8 Qg4 Bxc3+ 9 bxc3 g6 10 Ba3 h5 11 Qg3 h4 12 Qg4 Rh5 13 f4 Ne3 14 Qf3 Qc7

table are: A = Auckland Centre, AU = Auckland University, C = Canterbury, H = Hamilton, I = Invercargill, NeI = Nelson, NS = North Shore, O = Otago, SC = Southern Cross Building & Banking Society.

15 Ne2 Nf5 16 Kd2 Nc6 17 g4 hxg3 ep 18 hxg3 Qa5 19 Rxh5 gxh5 20 Bb2 Nce7 21 Qxh5 Kd8 22 g4 Qb6 23 Ba3 Qe3+ 24 Ke1 Ng3 25 Bxe7+ Kxe7 26 Qh4+ Ke8 27 Qxg3, 1 : 0.

Upper Hutt's 7th DB 40~40

BY PETER STUART

A visit to Wellington is to me, an Auckland, a daunting one and not to be decided on lightly. Nevertheless, I found myself in Upper Hutt on a wet and windy Saturday in June - to be precise the 23rd of June - playing in the type of chess tournament I normally shun like the plague! Why? Well, there were two reasons. The first, I suppose, could be summed up as curiosity; I had, of course, heard much of the large fields, marvellous organisation, and so on, so I figured it was about time I had a look for myself. The second reason is alluded to by the Upper Hutt Chess Club President L.A. Jones who writes, "With the present travel restrictions the club felt that to have 140 entries was very satisfactory. As with all other activities today, Chess has been hit by the continuous rise in prices and clubs considering mounting any sort of open tournament need to look very closely at the costs involved It is only with the continuous support of players that clubs can go into the business of setting up tournaments. The Upper Hutt Club would like to thank players for their continuing support for this particular tournament." In both 1977 and 1978 Upper Hutt's Club Captain Anton Reid organised a party of players to compete in North Shore's Winstone Tournament and, particularly last year, this made all the difference between a financial success and otherwise. Thus, it was time to reciprocate; altogether eight North Shore members were at the 40-40, although some were there through no effort of mine.

Four of us travelled down by car on the Friday. Howard Whitlock in Wanganui made this possible by kindly agreeing to 'stockpile' a few litres of petrol for collection on the Sunday return trip. Air travel was not an attractive proposition after my last such visit to the capital when I was marooned there for several days by a closed airport.

The tournament was all it was cracked up to be. Rounds started at the appointed times, although there was a delay (most unusual I gather) in the first round due to two withdrawals being notified shortly before the scheduled start. A new draw was, of course, necessary. The morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea

were fabulous. Altogether it was obvious that a tremendous amount of preparatory work goes into this event, all of which augurs well for the forthcoming Centennial Congress over the New Year.

I must confess that I did not enter with any expectation of even partially defraying expenses with prize money as previous experience has shown that I do not seem to be able to handle such 'in-between' time controls - normal events with successive time controls or lightning tournaments with 5 or 10 minutes per player per game are okay, but not 'forty minute lightning' tournaments! To cut a long story short, events proved my pessimism to be well founded. Two oversights in the first four rounds cost 1½ points and a pathetic last round display against Ron O'Callahan completed the disaster. Just in case anyone saw what happened in that last round, I categorically state that I did not 'throw' the game!

With such a time control I find it nearly impossible to know what is going on in my own games so naturally I could not be expected to have much idea of what went on in other people's games. Suffice it to say that the tournament was ideally suited to the talents and inclinations of players like Vernon Small and Ron O'Callahan who both play very quickly even under international time control. Small, for example, does not attempt to always find the very best move in the position but, having found a good move, is content to play it without 'wasting' time looking for a better one which may or may not exist. This, of course, is the correct strategy for everyone in these tournaments but Vernon just doesn't need to adapt. These two players took well merited first and third places.

Second place went to North Shore's Wolf Leonhardt who fitted the tournament in with a business trip to Wellington. Wolf can play exceedingly well on his good days and this turned out to be one of them. David Beach and O'Callahan were among his victims.

Paul Garbett is a very hard man in normal or lightning tournaments but was not quite as dangerous here - and he came up against Small in the last round. Pat Cordue is a rather weak lightning

player but did quite well here, just missing out on third equal after his last round draw against Noble. The result of Wellington's Mark Noble was without doubt the best of the school-pupil brigade while, at the other end of the age scale, Arcadios Feneridis continued to show the worth of experience and cunning.

A-grade scores: 1 V.A. Small 5/5; 2 W. Leonhardt 4½; 3 R.M.O'Callahan 4; 4-8 P.L.Cordue, P.A.Garbett, M.Noble, A.Feneridis & R.Bloore 3½; 9-15 D.N.A. Goodhall, A.Johnston, L.McLaren, D.A. Golligly, D.H.Beach, J.Sarfati & P. Baran 3; 16-18 P.W.Stuart, D.J.Cooper & I.Reyn 2½; 19-25 Z.Frankel, P.G. Robinson, V.Lushkott, W.Gibson, H.Henkel, D.Capper & P.Bertram 2; 26 C.Bell 1½; 27-31 H.P.Bennett, H.P.Whitlock, W.Ramsay, M.H.Roberts & J.Nysse 1; 32 J.B.Kay 0.

B-grade: 1 G.Aldridge 4½/5; 2-3 P.D. Cunningham & D.Paul 4; 4-7 M.Brdjanovic, F.Poster, D.Keith & W.R.Stretch 3½; 8-12 C.Fraser, J.Hartley, K.McGrath, J.Middleton & G.Sowerbutts 3; 13-15 F.W.Cook, A.Drake & A.Ker 2½; 16-23 J. Baker, R.Castegren, G.C.Flower, S.Ivanovic, R.McLean, S.C.Moratti, R.Minnis & D.Simpson 2; 24-25 M.Baran & R.Wood 1½;

6th Winstone Tournament

Report by Peter Stuart

The 6th Winstone Chess Tournament, played over the weekend of 1/2 September, organised by the North Shore Chess Club and directed by Michael Livingston, again broke its attendance record with a total of 86 players in this year's two grades. Fourteen of these entered on the Saturday morning so I can only echo Robert Smith's comments regarding the same thing at the Waitemata Open - see last issue. On the other hand, several of the late arrivals considerably boosted the strength of the Open event, making for a much more interesting tournament.

The format was the same as in previous years - a five round Swiss with players required to make 45 moves in 1½ hours plus an extra 15 minutes each to complete the game.

This was the second occasion with two grades and a couple of interesting

26-27 I.Macri & I.P.Stinson 1; 28 G.R. Ter Horst 0.

C-grade, Division 1: 1 C.White 5/5; 2 D.Haak 4½; 3-6 A.Aldridge, M.Brown, J.Clark & R.Dive 4; 7-8 A.Boughen & R.Clover 3½; 9-18 T.Ball, D.Bell, J. Burt, L.Carline, K.Chandler, S.Choat, A.Kutt, S.Mancewicz, R.Mitchell & M. Sims 3; 19-22 C.Feneridis, P.Millman, G.Ng & J.Phillips 2½; 23-30 J.Blaikie, E.Boekholt, A.Grkow, T.Hughes, P.King, M.Pickering, D.Scott & C.Webber 2; 31 H.Symmans 1½; 32-37 P.Chin, L.Jones, L.Meek, B.Newman, R.Routledge & P.Turner 1; 38-40 B.Craigie, S.Ruth & M.Sinclair 0.

C-grade, Division 2: 1-2 B.Jennings & K.Sands 4½/5; 3-6 M.Dunningham, J.McLachlan, M.Staples & A.Wooding 4; 7-9 J.Gubbins, P.McKubre & C.Robinson 3½; 10-18 J.Cunningham, B.Delany, T.George, C.Ker, D.Ker, J.Lewis, C.Miller, M.van der Horn & J.Vartiainen 3; 19-23 A. Bicton, C.Carson, J.Fargher, A.Moonen & L.Moonen 2½; 24-30 P.N.Cunningham, P. Dunn, H.Lewis, M.Miller, J.Moreton, S. Smith & N.Souness 2; 31-35 P.Donachie, B.Footie, M.McLaren, M.Peat & N.Sandiford 1½; 36-38 C.Geldermans, M.Howard & W.Taylor 1; 39 P.Bergman ½; 40 G.Wilkinson 0.

points emerged. While most of the strongest active players in Auckland competed, there was a large gap in the 1800-2000 area but a reasonable number of players rated below 1800; whether there is a paucity of players in the 1800-2000 range in the Auckland area or not I am unsure. Maybe next year will show whether a trend is established or not. The upper limit for the B-grade was set at 1600 and this necessitated a few players being promoted to the Open. More than three fourths of the B-grade players had no national rating so the organisers modified the NZCA pairing rules since they could not be applied fairly under these conditions. The top ten were seeded while the rest were drawn randomly (but with colour equalisation as far as possible) over the first four rounds. For the last round, all the players in each scoring

group were ranked according to their sums of opponents' scores.

No doubt the bumper B-grade entry was due, in large part at least, to the possibility of winning major prizes rather than just grade prizes.

In most New Zealand Swisses the top players have at least two rounds versus less than strong opposition with a consequent chance to 'play themselves in' before the crunch games later on. Frequently in Auckland weekenders the top players can meet two or three weak opponents followed by three or two of their main rivals. In this year's Open roughly half of the 26-strong field had to be accorded chances of a major prize so the tension began in round one in which two of the winners of the Waitemata Open, Ortvin Sarapu and Lindsay Cornford, were paired together.

Sarapu won that game with the black pieces, but was somewhat fortunate to escape with a draw against David Gollogly who missed a win in a typical Exchange Lopez endgame. Another win (his third game with the black pieces), this time against David Beach, saw Sarapu sharing the Saturday night lead. After he won a pawn in the middle-game from Tony Carpenter on the Sunday morning he looked set for at least a share of first prize as none of his co-leaders really looked likely to win. Carpenter, however, had other ideas and eventually secured the draw, while the writer presented Ewen Green with a whole piece from a superior position in time trouble.

In their last round clash an interesting game developed but Ewen's clock, one suspects, caused the one or two bad moves which Ortvin quickly capitalised on.

David Beach and Vernon Small also won their last round games to finish equal first with four points. Beach was one of only three players to score 2/2, having benefitted from some very slack endgame play by Peter Mataga in round two. His round three loss to Sarapu was followed by wins against Len Whitehouse and Peter Green. In the latter game his opponent made all the early running with the black pieces but eventually over-extended and Beach broke through. Small's technique, which worked so well in the DB 40-40, did not work quite so convincingly here where his opponents

had much more time but he was nevertheless unbeaten, conceding draws to Wayne Power and Peter Green. His wins versus Storey and Gollogly were very convincing indeed while Carpenter was blitzed to death in the last round time scramble.

Ewen Green's unbounded pessimism could well have lost him his game against Stuart who, surprised by Green's horribly passive mistake, blundered the afore mentioned piece. A draw in the last round would have guaranteed him at least first equal but was not to be. Peter Weir was not really convincing over the first four rounds but over-powered Storchenegger in the last round to join Ewen in a share of fourth prize.

These two might have been joined by others. Cornford had R + B vs Q with many extra pawns and looked to be winning, but inadvertently allowed a three-fold repetition which allowed Mataga to claim the draw. Stuart and Gollogly agreed to a quick draw allowing them to see most of the Chatham Cup Final - a win to the local team!

John Vermeer surprised by beating an out-of-form Power in the last round to take the grade prize, just half a point ahead of five disappointed rivals.

In the B-grade event J.M.Donnelly and NZCA Administration Officer Brian Winsor each won their first four games while Winsome Stretch and Michael Hopewell were a half point behind. In the last round Donnelly and Hopewell both won, thus taking clear first and second places respectively. Of these four, only Winsome has a national rating, which she may as well not have as it is several hundred points too low! Michael Hopewell is, incidentally, one of identical twins who have the unfortunate habit of also wearing identical clothes to chess tournaments. I'm not sure whether Winsome carried out her threat to daub some red ink on her opponent's forehead to ensure they weren't switching places periodically! The twins are young and both seem to have a bright future. The youngest player, however, was only about half their age - seven-year old Mark Norman.

Abbreviations used in the following table are: A = Auckland Centre, AU = Auckland University, C = Canterbury, Ham = Hamilton, HP = Howick-Pakuranga, NS = North Shore, Par = Parnell, Pen = Pencarrow, Wai = Waitemata.

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		R.1	R.2	R.3	R.4	R.5	T'1	SOS
1 Sarapu O.	NS	W13	D8	W2	D6	W4	4	16.5
2 Beach D.H.	AU	W19	W11	L1	W9	W7	4	15
3 Small V.A.	C	W22	D21	W8	D7	W6	4	12
4 Green E.M.	HP	W14	W9	D6	W12	L1	3½	15.5
5 Weir P.B.	NS	W15	L6	W17	D13	W14	3½	13
6 Carpenter A.L.	NS	W25	W5	D4	D1	L3	3	16
7 Green P.R.	A	D16	W23	W10	D3	L2	3	14.5
8 Gollogly D.A.	NS	W26	D1	L3	W18	D12	3	13.5
9 Whitehouse L.E.	Ham	W18	L4	W16	L2	W17	3	13.5
10 Smith R.W.	Wai	W20	D12	L7	D11	W16	3	13
11 Mataga P.A.	A	W17	L2	W24	D10	D13	3	13
12 Stuart P.W.	NS	W23	D10	W21	L4	D8	3	12.5
13 Cornford L.H.	A	L1	W26	W22	D5	D11	3	12.5
14 Storchenegger O.	A	L4	D18	W15	W21	L5	2½	13
15 Vermeer W.J.	AU	L5	D16	L14	W26	W21	2½	10
16 Brimble M.T.	Wai	D7	D15	L9	W22	L10	2	13
17 Lannie R.M.	NS	L11	W19	L5	W23	L9	2	13
18 Shead D.B.	NS	L9	D14	W25	L8	D19	2	11.5
19 Roundill R.L.	NS	L2	L17	D26	W24	D18	2	9.5
20 Trundle G.E.	A	L10	L22	L23	W25	W24	2	8
21 Power P.W.	NS	W24	D3	L12	L14	L15	1½	13
22 Storey D.J.H.	A	L3	W20	L13	L16	D23	1½	12.5
23 Bennett H.P.	Ham	L12	L7	W20	L17	D22	1½	11.5
24 Kasmara A.H.	Par	L21	W25	L11	L19	L20	1	9.5
25 Henderson A.J.	NS	L6	L24	L18	L20	W26	1	8.5
26 Cunningham P.D.	Pen	L8	L13	D19	L15	L25	½	

The three winners each received \$113.33, E.Green and Weir won \$25 apiece, and Vermeer took home the \$50 grade prize.

B-grade scores: 1 J.M.Donnelly (AU) 5 (\$100); 2 M. Hopewell (A) 4½ (\$70); 3-7 B.M.Winsor (NS), R.McDonald, D.M.Pomeroy (AU), T.Costello (Par) & J.Bojtor (HP) 4 (each \$20); 8-12 W.R.Stretch (NS), W.R.Crombie (Ham), B.G.Walsh (Ham), G.Stringer & M.K.Morrison (A) 3½; 13-29 S.C.Moratti (NS), N.Morris (AU), C.G.Robbie (NS), N.H.Hopewell (A), C.R.Norman (Air NZ), G.M.Umbers (Pap), B.K.Stewart (Air NZ), J.Mathias (Auck.Grammar), A.J. Meader (Air NZ), R.Hampton (Pap), P.Bordessa (Farmers Trading Co), A.Cheng (Rosmini College), G.Stevens (NZ Steel), H.Luckock (Pap), D.Hall (NS), D.S.Moulin (Air NZ) & P.F.Van der Mey (NS) 3; 30-33 M.Ang (Ham), G.M. Jones (NS), I.Hutton (Pap) & M.Garland (A) 2½; 34-44 S.Hart (Pap), I.McFadyen (NZ Steel), L.P.Grevers (NS), J.Veldhuizen (Tokoroa), J.K.Boyd (NS), J.W.Manning (NS), P.N.Cunningham (Pen), D.Norman, M.J.S.Verhoeff, J.M. Cunningham (Pen) & P.J.Williams (NS) 2; 45-50 R.G. Williams (Wai), P.Marriott, L.Rudkins (Pap), A.Ladd, A.G.McIvor (Wai) & M.Stewart (Air NZ) 1½; 51-57 G. Thomas, M.C.Sinclair (A), N.Poletti, K.Bordessa, K.W. Burgess, J.G.Keith (NS) & M.Norman 1; 58-60 P.E.C. Hemmings (NS), S.Giles (A) & M.E.Higgins (NS) 0.

Additional abbreviation: Pap = Papatoetoe. The \$30 grade prize was won by Brad Walsh.

CORNFORD-SARAPU, Ruy Lopez: 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 0-0 b5 6 Bb3 Bb7 7 c3 Nxe4 8 Re1 d5 9 d3 Nf6 10 Nxe5 Nxe5 11 Rxe5+ Be7 12 Qe1 Qd7 13 Nd2 Kf8 14 Nf3 Bd6 15 Re2 h6 16 a4 d4 17 Nxd4 c5 18 Be6?! fxe6 19 Nxe6+ Kf7 20 f4 Rhe8 21 f5 Bd5 22 axb5 axb5 23 Rxa8 Rxa8 24 Bf4 Bxf4 25 Nxf4 Qxf5 26 Re7+ Kg8 27 Nxd5 Qxd5 28 Qe6+ Qxe6 29 Rxe6 Ral+ 30 Kf2 Rb1 31 Re2 Kf7 & Black won.

BENNETT-STUART, Sicilian: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 Bd3 Nc6 4 c3 d6 5 0-0 Nf6 6 Bc2 Be7 7 d4 cxd4 8 cxd4 0-0 9 a3 b6 10 Nc3 Bb7 11 Re1 Rc8 12 Qd3 Qd7 13 Ng5 Rfd8! 14 d5 Ne5 15 Qd4 exd5 16 exd5 h6 17 Nge4 Rc4 18 Nxf6+ Bxf6 19 Qe3 Bg5 20 Qg3 Bh4 21 Qe3 Bg5 22 Qg3 Bh4 23 Qe3 Ng4 24 Qd3 Bxf2+ 25 Kh1 Bxe1 26 Qh7+ Kf8 27 Bf5 Qc7 28 Bg5 hxg5 29 Rxe1 Ne5 30 Qh8+ Ke7 31 Qxg7 Rf8 32 Nb5 Qc5 33 Rxe5+ dxe5 34 d6+ Qxd6 35 Qxg5+ Qf6, 0 : 1.

GOLLOGLY-SARAPU, R.Lopez: 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Bxc6 dxc6 5 0-0 Bg4 6 h3 h5 7 d3 Qf6 8 Nbd2 Bc5 9 Nc4 Bxf3 10 Qxf3 Qxf3 11 gxf3 f6 12 f4 exf4 13 Bxf4 0-0 14 Be3 Bxe3 15 Nxe3 Ne7 16 f4 g6 17 Kf2 c5 18 Rg1 b5 19 b3 c6 20 Kf3 Rd4 21 h4 Kb7 22 Ke2 Rhd8 23 Raf1 f5 24 exf5 Nxf5 25 Nxf5 gxf5 26 Rg5 c4 27 Rf3 cxb3 28 cxb3 c5 29 Rxf5 c4 30 bxc4 bxc4 31 dxc4 Rxc4 32 Rxb5 Rc2+ 33 Ke3 Rxa2 34 f5 Kc6 35 f6 Kd6 36 Ke4 Ke6 37 Re5+ Kf7 38 Kf5 Re8 39 Rc5 Rb2 40 Rc7+ Kf8 41 Kg6 Rg2+ 42 Kh7 Re5 43 Rc8+ Kf7 44 Rc7+ Kf8 45 Kh6 Rg4 46 h5? (46 f7! wins easily as Black has

only a few checks) 46...Rh4 47 Kg6
Rg4+ 48 Kh6 Rh4 49 f7 Rexh5+ 50 Kg6
Rh6+ 51 Kf5 R6h5+ (With the rooks now
connected, the white king cannot escape
the checks) 52 Ke6 Rh6+, ½ : ½.

CARPINTER-WEIR, English: 1 c4 Nf6 2
Nc3 e5 3 Nf3 Nc6 4 e3 Bb4 5 Qc2 0-0
6 Nd5 Bc5 7 Qf5 Nxd5 8 cxd5 d6 9 Qe4
f5 10 Qc4 b5 11 Qb3 Ne7 12 d4 exd4
13 exd4 Bb6 14 Bxb5 Rb8 15 0-0 f4 16
Bd3 Bf5 17 Qc2 Kh8 18 Re1 Bxd3 19
Qxd3 Nxd5 20 Qc4 Ba5 21 Re2 Rf5 22
a3 Qf6 23 b4 Bb6 24 Bb2 g5 25 Rael
Rf8 26 Rd2 Rd8 27 h3 h5 28 Rde2 g4
29 Re8+ Rxe8 30 Rxe8+ Kg7 31 Ne5 Ne7
32 hxg4 hxg4 33 Nxc4 Qh4 34 Qe6,
1 : 0.

E.GREEN-WHITEHOUSE, Queen's Gambit Dec:
1 d4 e6 2 c4 d5 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 cxd5
exd5 5 Bg5 Be7 6 e3 c6 7 Bd3 h6 8
Bf4 Na6 9 Nf3 Bg4 10 h3 Bxf3 11 Qxf3
Nb4 12 Bb1 c5 13 dxc5 Bxc5 14 0-0
Bd6 15 Rd1 Rc8 16 a3 Bxf4 17 Qxf4
Nc6 18 Ba2 Ne7 19 e4 Ng6 20 Qf5 Ne7
21 Qe5 0-0 22 exd5 Ng6 23 Qg3 Nh5 24
Qf3 Nh4 25 Rd2 Qg5 26 Rad1 Nh4 27
Qg4 Nhxg2 28 Qxg5 hxg5 29 d6 Nh4 30
Bd5 Nxd5 31 Rxd5 Rcd8 32 Ne4 f6 33
Nc5 Rf7 34 d7 Nf3+ 35 Kg2 Ne5 36
Nxb7 Rxd7 37 Rxd7 Rxd7 38 Rxd7 Nxd7
39 Kf3? Kf8? (39...Ne5+! and 40...Nc4)
40 Ke4 Ke7 41 Kd5 Nb6+ 42 Kd4 Kd7 43
Nc5+ Ke7 44 b4 Nc8 45 a4 Nd6 46 Kd5
g6 47 Ne4 Nf7 48 b5 f5 49 Nc5 Nd8
50 a5 g4 51 hxg4 fxe4 52 b6 axb6 53
axb6 g5 54 b7 Nxb7 55 Nxb7 Kf6 56
Nd6 Kg6 57 Ke5 g3 58 fxe3, 1 : 0.

GOLLOGLY-SMALL, Sicilian: 1 e4 c5 2
Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nc6 5 Nc3 a6
6 g3 d6 7 Bg2 Bd7 8 0-0 Nf6 9 Be3
Be7 10 f4 0-0 11 Nb3 Qc7 12 a4 b6
13 Qe2 Rfc8 14 Rad1 Be8 15 Kh1 Nd7 16
Rd2 Nc5 17 Nxc5 bxc5 18 Rfd1 Qa5 19
e5 dxe5 20 fxe5 Rab8 21 Ne4 Nxe5 22
Bf4 c4 23 Nd6 Bxd6 24 Rxd6 Ng6 25 b3
Nxf4 26 gxf4 cxb3 27 Rxa6 Rxc2 28
Qd3 Qb4 29 f5 exf5 30 Qxf5 g6 31 Qf1
b2 32 Rb1 Qd2, 0 : 1.

SMITH-P.GREEN, Sicilian: 1 e4 c5 2 f4
d6 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 Nc3 e6 5 Bc4 Be7 6
0-0 0-0 7 d3 a6 8 a4 Nc6 9 Kh1 d5 10
Ba2 d4 11 Ne2 b5 12 Ng3 Bb7 13 e5
Nd5 14 Qe2 Ndb4 15 Bb1 Na5 16 c3 Nb3
17 Ra3 Nxc1 18 Rxc1 Nd5 19 axb5 Nxf4
20 Qd2 Bxf3 21 gxf3 Bg5 22 Ne4 Bh6 23
Rf1 axb5 24 Rxa8 Qxa8 25 Nxc5 Qd5 26
cxd4 Qxd4 27 Qc3 Qc3 28 Qc2 Rd8 29
Nb7 Rf8 30 d4 g6 31 Qf2 Qxf2 32 Rxf2

Ra8 33 Nc5 Ra1 34 Rf1 Ne2 35 Nb3 Ra4
36 Rd1 Rb4 37 Bc2 Nf4 38 Ra1 Nd5 39
Ra3 Be3 40 Bd3 Nf4 41 Bf1 Kg7 42 Na5
Bxd4 43 Nc6 Bxb2 44 Ra7 Rb3 45 Nd8
Bxe5 46 Nxf7 Kf6 47 Nxe5 Kxe5 48 Rxh7
b4 49 Rb7 Kd4 50 Kgl Ke3 51 Rf7 Rb1,
0 : 1.

Of the following game, Tony Carpinter
was heard to comment, 'A perfect game,
unmarred by a single good move!'

CORNFORD-WEIR, Nimzoindian Defence:
1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 g3 c5 5
d5 Ne4 6 Qd3 Qf6 7 Qxe4 Bxc3+ 8 Kd1
Bxb2 9 Bxb2 Qxb2 10 Rb1 Qxa2 11 Nf3
f5 12 Qd3 Na6 13 Nd2 Nb4 14 Qc3 Qa4+
15 Nb3 exd5 16 Qxg7 Rf8 17 e3 d6 18
cxd5 Nxd5 19 Ke1 Qb4+ 20 Nd2 Qxb1+ 21
Nxb1 Bd7 22 Bb5 Bxb5 23 Qxb7 Nb6 24
Nc3 Rf7 25 Nxb5 Rxb7 26 Nxd6+ Kd7 27
Nxb7 Kc6 28 Na5+ Kb5 29 Nb3 a5 30 Ke2
a4 31 Na1 Nd5 32 Rb1+ Nb4 33 h3 h5
34 f3 Rg8 35 Rgl a3 36 g4 a2 37 g5
Ka4 38 Kd2 Ka3 39 h4 Kb2 40 e4 f4 41
g6 c4 42 Rg5 c3+ 43 Ke2 Kxa1 44 Rb5
Rxc6 45 Rxb4 c2 46 Kd2 Rg2+ 47 Kc1
Rgl+ 48 Kxc2 Rb1 49 Rc4 Rb2+ 50 Kc1
Rb1+ 51 Kc2, ½ : ½.

SARAPU-E.GREEN, Sicilian Closed: 1 e4 c5
2 Nc3 Nc6 3 g3 g6 4 Bg2 Bg7 5 d3 d6 6
f4 e6 7 Nh3 Nge7 8 0-0 0-0 9 Kh1 Rb8
10 Be3 Nd4 11 Qd2 b5 12 Nd1 b4 13 c3
bxc3 14 bxc3 Ndc6 15 Rcl Qa5 16 g4 f5
17 gxf5 exf5 18 Re1 Kh8 19 Ng5 Bd7 20
Bgl h6 21 Nf3 Qa3 22 Rcl Rb1 23 e5
dxe5 24 fxe5 Be6 25 d4 Rd8 26 Qf2 Bd5
27 Rd2 cxd4 28 cxd4 Nb4 29 Re3 Qa5 30
Nc3 Rcl 31 Nxd5 Nbx5 32 Rb3 Rc3 33
Rdb2 Rxb3 34 Rxb3 Qc7 35 Qb2 Rd7 36
Nel g5 37 Nd3 f4? 38 Nc5 Rd8 39 Ne6
Qa5 40 Nxd8 Qxd8 41 Rb8 Nc8 42 Qb7
Nde7 43 Bh3 Kh7 44 Bxc8 Nxc8 45 Rxc8
Qa5 46 Qe4 mate, 1 : 0.

D.BEACH-P.GREEN, Bird's Opening:
1 f4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 g3 d6 4 Bg2 Nf6
5 0-0 g6 6 d3 Bg7 7 c3 0-0 8 h3 e5 9
fxe5 Nh5 10 g4 Ng3 11 Rf2 dxe5 12 Kh2
e4 13 Kxg3 exf3 14 exf3 Qd6+ 15 f4
Be6 16 Na3 Rad8 17 Be3 Qxd3 18 Qxd3
Rxd3 19 Re2 Bd5 20 Bxd5 Rxd5 21 Rcl
b6 22 Rcc2 Re8 23 Kf3 Rd3 24 Kf2 f5
25 Nc4 b5 26 Nd2 Bf8 27 Nf3 Bd6 28
Rcd2 c4 29 Rxd3 cxd3 30 Rd2 Re4 31
Rxd3 Bxf4 32 Bxf4 Rxf4 33 Kg3 Ra4 34
gxf5 Rxa2 35 f6 b4 36 Rd6 bxc3 37
bxc3 Na5 38 Ng5 Nb7 39 Rd7 Rb2 40
f7+, 1 : 0.



N.Z. MASTER TITLE RESEARCHED

by PETER STUART

For a good many years now the New Zealand Master title has been shrouded in mystery. Sure, the title rules are there in black and white but the last published list of confirmed NZ Masters and candidates that I can find is in the NZCA Bulletin for April 1961 - over eighteen years ago! Hopefully, this article will go a long way to clearing up the situation.

It would seem that previous NZCA administrations were handicapped by the lack of detailed records of New Zealand Championships and, because of this, several notable players of the past who actually fulfilled the requirements for the title never had the title confirmed. Perhaps these unintentional injustices can now be put right.

TITLE INTRODUCED - 1955

The history of the New Zealand Master title could be said to commence on the 24th day of March 1955 - although the retrospective nature of the rules later adopted (and those currently in force) means that we must delve into the early years of chess in New Zealand. It was at the NZCA Quarterly Meeting in Auckland in March 1955 that it was unanimously decided to award the title "New Zealand Chess Master" to Ortvin Sarapu who had shortly before won his fourth consecutive national championship - a unique feat even to the present day.



Ortvin Sarapu - 1955 vintage

Obviously Sarapu was a class above any other New Zealand players of the time.

Only R.G.Wade might have been his equal but he had been in England already for a couple of years prior to Sarapu's arrival in New Zealand. In fact the pair had met in a tournament at Oldenburg in 1949 with Wade winning their individual clash. Sarapu (as he then spelt his name), however, finished in fifth place with 11/17 while Wade finished tenth with 8½.

1955-58

Later the same year (at the Quarterly Meeting of 12 September 1955) Messrs W. E.Mason, J.B.Dunlop and R.G.Wade were also declared N.Z. Masters. W.E.Mason won six N.Z. Championships between 1900 and 1920. Dunlop also won six N.Z. Championships commencing with three consecutive victories in 1920/23. Wade won the title three times in 1943/44, 1944/45 and 1947/48 and also tied for first in 1940/41 before losing the single game play-off.

One year later (20 September 1956) A.W.Gyles was added to the list, making a total of five N.Z. Masters. "Hard-luck" Gyles only won two N.Z. titles (1930/31 and 1935/36) but tied for first and lost play-offs no fewer than four times!

Eighteen months later, at the Quarterly Meeting held in Auckland on 20 March 1958, Council decided to award the title to J.R.Phillips. This decision was based on the facts that Rodney Phillips was "joint holder of the National Senior title in 1956, National Champion in 1957, N.Z. Junior Champion for three successive years, Auckland Junior Champion for four years; on his contribution to N.Z. Chess in other ways, and that Australia have virtually recognised his play as being up to international class in that they have invited him to participate in their National Championship of 1958/59. Mr Ortvin Sarapu's judgement that Phillips' play is up to international master standard was also taken into account. Voting was 7-2 in favour." I quote so extensively from the Minutes of that meeting because Phillips was the only one of the six N.Z. Masters who would not, at that time, have qualified for the title if the current (or indeed any) N.Z. Master rules had been in existence. It can be noted, however, that Rodney Phillips

went on to accumulate well over the nine points required today, despite his tragically short life.

RULES INTRODUCED — 1958-60

Later in 1958 (at the November Quarterly Meeting) the NZCA Council proposed a set of rules for the qualification of N.Z. Masters, but when voting took place at the following meeting (March 1959) the remit failed to find favour. An Invercargill remit followed and it also provided for six points being necessary for the title; in fact, its terms were very similar to the Council remit and it was likewise rejected by a margin of about 2 to 1.

It was a case of third time lucky, for the Taranaki remit which follows was carried by 19 votes to 12:

A That the title of N.Z. Master be awarded to any N.Z. chessplayer who accumulates nine points under the following system:

- (i) 3 points for winning the N.Z. Championship;
- (ii) 1 point for winning each North Island Championship;
- (iii) 1 point for winning each South Island Championship;
- (iv) 1 point once only for winning the N.Z. Schoolboys Ch'p.

B A N.Z. Master must have won the N.Z. Senior Championship.

C A player who comes second to a N.Z. Master in the N.Z. Senior Ch'p shall be entitled to 3 points and a player who comes second to a non-master in the N.Z. Senior Ch'p shall be entitled to 2 pts.

D These rules shall be retrospective.

E A N.Z. player is one who qualifies under Clause 2 Section 3 page 6 of the Constitution.

F Players who tie for first place shall be awarded points as if each had won outright even if a play-off later decides an absolute winner.

The title was thus much harder to obtain than would have been the case under the Council or Invercargill remits which, apart from requiring only six points, also allowed players to gain more than one point in N.Z. Schoolboy Championships. The residential clause stated: "A New Zealand player is one either born in New Zealand or who has

resided in New Zealand for six calendar months immediately preceding the opening day of Congress." It was included in the Congress rules.

That was not the end of the matter as Auckland moved several amendments which were all passed by 30 votes to nil at the Quarterly Meeting on 17 March 1960. The effect of these changes was to delete rule A(iv), to reduce the number of points for finishing second to a non-master to one, and to limit the number of points obtainable from winning Island championships to three.

MORE TITLES CONFIRMED, AN INTERPRETATION, ANOTHER AMENDMENT — 1960-61

The interest aroused by all these remits must also have stimulated more research because at the September 1960 Quarterly meeting (still in Auckland) Messrs R.J.Barnes, A.W.O.Davies and J.A. Erskine were awarded the title. Barnes won the national title five times between 1890 and 1906. Historically, he was the first player to qualify for the title.



R.J. Barnes

Davies won four N.Z. Championships from 1904 to 1928 and lost one play-off after tying for first. Erskine won the title twice, in 1928/29 and 1934/35, but also lost two play-offs in between.

That meeting also discussed a Wellington application for the title on behalf of A.Feneridis but this was turned down on the grounds that he had insufficient points. This was a dubious decision in my view, hinging as it did on a point of interpretation. Under the rules Sarapu would have qualified for the title in

January 1954, having just won his third N.Z. Championship but he was not actually awarded the title until March 1955. In between, Sarapu had also won the 1954/55 Championship with Feneridis coming equal second with A.E.Turner so the question is whether Feneridis (and Turner) should have been awarded three points for coming second to a N.Z. Master, or only one point for coming second to a non-master. Obviously Council decided that official confirmation of the title was essential before a player could be counted as a N.Z. Master for the purpose of rule C as amended (see above). This is confirmed by the April 1961 NZCA Bulletin which listed, not only N.Z. Masters at that time, but also those players who had gained points towards the title. Feneridis was credited with 7 points comprising Joint Champion 1957 (3), 2nd to a N.Z. Master 1960 (3), and 2nd to a non-master 1955 (1). We shall return to Feneridis a little further on.

The N.Z. Master rules were further amended at the Quarterly Meeting held in Auckland on 22 June 1961 by adding that "A player who finishes third to two N.Z. Masters in a N.Z. Championship shall be awarded one (1) point toward mastership. This rule to be effective from 1st January 1961."

Leaving aside the second sentence of this amendment, the rules have remained virtually the same to the present day. When NZCA's Rules were completely revised in 1969 the proviso was rightly deleted — it is completely at variance with the retrospective nature of the rules. It seems likely that the condition was added because insufficient information on past N.Z. Championships was held at that time — this fact is admitted in the April 1961 Bulletin.

1965 — ENTER THE GRADING LIST

At the Association's AGM held on 2nd January 1965 the Dominion Road Chess Club introduced the following remit: "At each review of the grading list all players within 100 points of the top player would qualify as N.Z. Masters provided that a 50% score (or greater) had been obtained in a N.Z. Championship within the previous three years." To this was added, by way of amendment, "That any player entering the grade of Master Class retain this title only

while his place on the N.Z. Grading is within 100 points of the top player." Thus, a master title gained in this way was not for life as is the title gained under the normal rules.

In passing it can be noted that, in June 1965, Messrs R.J.Sutton, A.Feneridis, R.A.Court and C.A.Evans qualified as N.Z. Masters — or 'Candidate Masters' as the NZCA Bulletin termed them. By November, Evans was no longer a Master. I have no grading lists for 1966 or 1967 but, on the lists for 1968 and 1969 I have, nobody qualifies in this way for the title — those players within 100 points of the top player already had the 'life' title or had failed to score 50% in a N.Z. Championship during the previous three years.

This rule was deleted when the NZCA Rules were revised in 1969.

1966 — RE-ENTER FENERIDIS

Two new Masters had their titles confirmed early in 1966. One was Richard Sutton who had now accumulated ten points as follows: third behind Sarapu and Phillips in the 1960/61 N.Z. Ch'p (1), joint N.Z. Champion 1962/63 (3), equal second behind Phillips in the 1964/65 event (3), and second to Sarapu in the just completed 1965/66 N.Z. Ch'p (3).

The other new Master was Arcadios Feneridis who had, since the April 1961 list, gained just ONE more point, making a total of eight. As we have already pointed out, however, Fenny should have been credited with three points in 1954/55 instead of one and Council, it seems, now interpreted the rules a little differently. It could be noted that Council, domiciled in Auckland until 1st June 1961, then transferred to Dunedin for 4½ years before moving on to Christchurch on 28th December 1965. Thus, the confirmation of these two titles was one of the first acts of the Christchurch based administration.

This decision is obviously right and is of considerable importance as we shall see a little further on, so I shall restate it here: For the purpose of the award of qualifying points, a player is deemed to assume the title of N.Z. Master on the last day of the tournament in which he gains his ninth point.

1967-79 — ONLY TWO MORE MASTERS

This period begins with the Canterbury

Chess Club's Centennial Tournament in 1966/67. Of the thirty competitors, only twelve were New Zealanders. The title of N.Z. Champion had to go to the highest placed New Zealander which turned out to be Ortvin Sarapu who finished fourth overall with 10½/14 behind GM Averbakh, IM Cardoso and P. Dozsa of Australia. The next New Zealanders were B.R.Anderson, G.E.Trundle and J.Harraway who featured in a tie for 9th to 13th places with 7 points. Presumably this trio each gained three master points!

Bruce Anderson already had his limit bag of three South Island titles under his belt so now had six points. Just one year later he qualified as N.Z. Master by winning the 1967/68 N.Z. Championship. I have seen no record of confirmation of Bruce's title though it is common knowledge that he has it.

Paul Garbett entered the race with a bang in 1970/71 by first winning the North Island Championship and then coming in second behind Sutton in the N.Z. Championship at Nelson. Another second the following year, again behind Sutton, a North Island title in 1973, and joint winner (with Sarapu) of the 1973/74 N.Z. Championship saw Paul with eleven points and the Master title. Again, I cannot recall any official confirmation of this. As in the case of Anderson, it is common knowledge among contemporary players that Garbett is a N.Z. Master.

AN INJUSTICE OR FIVE?

After checking very carefully through N.Z. Chess Championship cross tables I have to conclude that five past players, all now deceased, fulfilled the qualifications for the N.Z. Master title but never had the title conferred. I shall examine each case in chronological order.

The second player to gain the necessary nine points (the first, as already mentioned, was R.J.Barnes) was John Mason (no relation to 'W.E.' as far as I know) who achieved this in January 1910. Mason gained his first point in finishing second equal behind J.C. Grierson in 1902/3, collected 3 points the following year in tying for first (though losing the play-off) with W.E. Mason, and another three points for tying for first with R.J.Barnes in 1905/6 (again losing the play-off);

that makes 7 points. Finally he beat Grierson in a play-off for the 1909/10 title, thus taking his total master points to ten.

Although it is not vital to John Mason's claim to the title of N.Z. Master, we should look at the question of play-offs with regard to rule B: "That a N.Z. Master must have won the N.Z. Championship." Does a player who ties for first in the Championship, but loses the play-off, fulfil this condition? In replying "yes" to this question I point out that the play-offs were usually of one game only (sometimes two), making rather a lottery of the title. Secondly, it can be noted that play-offs were abolished as from the 1956/57 Championship. My third point in favour lies in rule F which says that all tied players are awarded master points "as if each had won outright even if a play-off later decides an absolute winner." Perhaps it depends upon how strictly rule B should be applied. I welcome an interpretation from Council.

Auckland's J.C.Grierson was the second unconfirmed titlist; he won the 1902/3 N.Z. Championship outright, lost a play-off to John Mason in 1909/10 and won the play-off from A.W.Gyles and E.A.Hicks in 1912/13. Three times three is nine, so again there can be no argument.

The next case is in a way the most unfortunate of the five. Fedor Kelling was, for many years, secretary of the N.Z. Chess Association as well as the foremost historian and archivist of Chess in New Zealand until his death in 1946. Were he alive today, I am sure there would have been no omissions from the list of masters! F.K.Kelling was twice second behind a non-master (in 1902/3 and 1908) before winning the N.Z. Championship outright in 1908/9 and 1914/15. So far, eight points. Another thirteen years passed before Kelling tied for first (losing the play-off) with A.W.O.Davies in the 1927/28 event. Thus, eleven points and no possible debate.

E.H.Severne played in 27 N.Z. Championships (only Kelling 36 and Barnes 28 played in more) but it was not until his last attempt in 1943/44 at the age of 66 that he struck the jackpot in tying for first with a young player by the name of R.G.Wade - alas, Wade won the play-off 2:0. Severne's other

points came from a second behind W.E. Mason (who had qualified for the Master title in 1911), 3 points; equal second behind J.B.Dunlop (not yet a master) in 1921/22 and behind Spencer Crakanthorpe in 1923/24, another two points; equal second behind Gundersen in 1929/30, one point; and third behind Gyles and Dunlop (both previously qualified for the Master title) in 1933/34, one point. Total, 10 points - but a question mark posed by rule B!

If I can be permitted another little digression, there is irony in the fact that prior to 1933/34 anyone could win the N.Z. Championship if he was good enough at chess - and a number of Australians were! From 1934 on the title went to the highest placed New Zealander. The irony lies in the fact that Severne finished equal second behind Crakanthorpe (Australia) in 1923/24 and behind Gundersen (Australia) in 1929/30; he was also third behind Goldstein and Crakanthorpe (both Australia) in 1932/33, just one year before the new residential clause was introduced. Thus, under today's rules, Severne would have won four N.Z. titles instead of none! Does such a player not deserve the N.Z. Master title?

The fifth 'unfortunate' was Tom Lepviikman who won the title outright in 1945/46 and 1946/47. He was also second to non-master Wade in 1944/45 and equal second behind N.Z. Master Wade in 1947/48. Thus, ten points and no doubts about qualification for the title.

LIST OF MASTERS

The following list gives the eighteen players who have qualified for the title (an asterisk denotes title unconfirmed), together with the month in which qualification was completed and the career total master points gained (including the 1978/79 N.Z. Ch'p):

R.J. Barnes	January	1897	30
John Mason*	"	1910	10
W.E. Mason	"	1911	18
J.C. Grierson*	"	1913	9
A.W.O. Davies	"	1914	19
A.W. Gyles	"	1914	32
J.B. Dunlop	"	1923	19
F.K. Kelling*	"	1928	11
J.A. Erskine	"	1931	15
E.H. Severne*	"	1944	10
R.G. Wade	"	1945	13
T. Lepviikman*	"	1948	10

O. Sarapu	January	1954	57
A. Feneridis	"	1960	10
J.R. Phillips	May	1960	16
R.J. Sutton	January	1966	21
B.R. Anderson	"	1968	15
P.A. Garbett	"	1974	18

Only six of these players are alive today: Wade, Sarapu, Feneridis, Sutton, Anderson and Garbett.

THE RULES IN 1979

Before having a look at 'candidate masters' it might be a good idea to give the N.Z. Master Rules as they stand at the present time:

1. (a) That the title of N.Z. Master be awarded to any N.Z. Chess Player who accumulates 9 points under the following system:
 - (i) 3 points for winning the N.Z. Championship
 - (ii) 1 point for winning the N.I. Championship
 - (iii) 1 point for winning the S.I. Championship
 - (iv) 3 points for finishing second to a N.Z. Master in a N.Z. Championship
 - (v) 1 point for finishing second to a non-master in the N.Z. Championship
 - (vi) 1 point for finishing third to two N.Z. Masters in the N.Z. Championship
 - (vii) The maximum number of qualifying points that can be allotted to any one candidate for Mastership for winning either the North or South Island Championship shall be three.
- (b) A N.Z. Master must have won the N.Z. Senior Championship.
- (c) These rules shall be retrospective.
- (d) A N.Z. Player is one who qualifies under Clause 2 of the Annual Congress rules.
- (e) Players who tie for first place shall be awarded points as if each has won outright, even if a play-off determines an absolute winner.
- (f) For the purposes of clause (a) subsections (iv) and (vi) above the words 'N.Z. Master' shall

include International Master and International Grandmaster.

Clause 2 of the Annual Congress rules defines a New Zealand player as one ordinarily resident in New Zealand.

Clause (f) in the above rules was added in January 1978, mainly because New Zealand had two players in Dr W.A. Fairhurst and Murray Chandler who had the IM title but had not qualified for the N.Z. Master title.

'CANDIDATES' FOR THE TITLE

A considerable number of players have gained points towards the title of N.Z. Master. In the list below I give only those players who have gained master points during the last twenty years. Altogether 99 players have gained master points without gaining the title though many of these have passed on to the great chess club in the sky. Nevertheless, to mention all those still alive would make for an inordinately long list!

8 points:

D.I. LYNCH
2nd N.Z. Ch'p 1948/49 (1)
2nd N.Z. Ch'p 1949/50 (1)
N.Z. Champion 1950/51 (3)
2nd N.Z. Ch'p 1951/52 (1)
2nd N.Z. Ch'p 1953/54 (1)
North Island Ch'p 1962 (1)

6 points:

W.A. FAIRHURST (IM)
2nd N.Z. Ch'p 1969/70 (3)
2nd N.Z. Ch'p 1974/75 (3)
F.A. FOULDS
N.Z. Champion 1955/56 (3)
Co-N.Z. Champion 1958/59 (3)

5 points:

L.H. CORNFORD
South Island Ch'p 1974 (1)
2nd N.Z. Ch'p 1974/75 (3)
South Island Ch'p 1977 (1)

4 points:

L. APTEKAR
Co-N.Z. Champion 1975/76 (3)
North Island Ch'p 1978 (1)
M.G. CHANDLER (IM)
North Island Ch'p 1975 (1)
Co-N.Z. Champion 1975/76 (3)

A.R. DAY
North Island Ch'p 1968 (1)
2nd N.Z. Ch'p 1971/72 (3)

C.A. EVANS
North Island Ch'p 1969 (1)
2nd N.Z. Ch'p 1969/70 (3)

G.G. HAASE
South Island Ch'p 1961 (1)
N.Z. Champion 1961/62 (3)

3 points:

D.H. BEACH
2nd N.Z. Ch'p 1978/79 (3)

L. ESTERMAN
South Island Ch'p 1953 (1)
South Island Ch'p 1962 (1)
South Island Ch'p 1966 (1)

P. HARRAWAY
2nd N.Z. Ch'p 1966/67 (3)

C. LAIRD
N.Z. Champion 1977/78 (3)

B.C. MENZIES
Co-N.Z. Champion 1958/59 (3)

V.A. SMALL
South Island Ch'p 1975 (1)
North Island Ch'p 1977 (1)
South Island Ch'p 1979 (1)

P.W. STUART
2nd N.Z. Ch'p 1972/73 (3)

G.E. TRUNDLE
2nd N.Z. Ch'p 1966/67 (3)

A.L. WILKINSON
South Island Ch'p 1966 (1)
2nd N.Z. Ch'p 1967/68 (1)
South Island Ch'p 1972 (1)

2 points:

G.M. HALL
3rd N.Z. Ch'p 1968/69 (1)
South Island Ch'p 1972 (1)

A.G. KERR
South Island Ch'p 1967 (1)
South Island Ch'p 1971 (1)

K.W. LYNN
North Island Ch'p 1970 (1)
South Island Ch'p 1974 (1)

T. VAN DIJK
South Island Ch'p 1958 (1)
South Island Ch'p 1959 (1)

R. WANSINK
North Island Ch'p 1974 (1)
South Island Ch'p 1974 (1)

1 point:

B.A. CARPENTER
South Island Ch'p 1971 (1)

R. CHAPMAN
North Island Ch'p 1961 (1)

D.J. COOPER
North Island Ch'p 1967 (1)

M.R. FOORD
South Island Ch'p 1974 (1)

E.M. GREEN
North Island Ch'p 1975 (1)

P.R. GREEN
North Island Ch'p 1978 (1)

I.D. HAYES
South Island Ch'p 1964 (1)

R. HOWARD
South Island Ch'p 1971 (1)

J.R. JACKSON
South Island Ch'p 1973 (1)

K. JENSEN
3rd N.Z. Ch'p 1976/77 (1)

R. NOKES
South Island Ch'p 1976 (1)

R.L. PERRY
South Island Ch'p 1977 (1)

R.S. WILKIN
North Island Ch'p 1964 (1)

Clause 9 of the NZCA Constitution provides: Council shall keep a register of New Zealand Chess Masters and of players who have earned units, as defined from time to time in General Meeting, towards the title of New Zealand Chess Master.

Changes to the list will be published in *New Zealand Chess* from time to time.

Obituaries

IAN REX MITCHELL

The death of Ian Mitchell in June of this year, after a long illness, truly marks the end of an era and leaves a gap in the ranks of chess administrators that will be impossible to fill. Ian began his administrative career with the Auckland Chess Club when they had their clubrooms in His Majesty's Arcade in Auckland. He continued as Secretary of the Auckland Chess Centre which formed on their amalgamation with the Dominion Road Chess Club. He was a major organiser of the 1969/70 Auckland Congress and arranged for Mr C.J.S.Purdy to play as an honoured guest. He later became Secretary of the N.Z. Chess Association and was a main force behind the development of N.Z.C.A. as an outlet for chess books and equipment. Ian was the first professional chess administrator in New Zealand and during his term in office managed the 1974 Olympiad team to Nice, introduced the Merit Award scheme and made a significant to N.Z.C.A. Rules revision. It is true to say that his forthright manner and strong political opinions did cause some division in administrative circles.

The Auckland Chess Centre owes a particular debt to Ian Mitchell; its continuing policy of active property and chess expansion is to a large extent his legacy. He worked long and hard on the

development of the Centre's tournament hall and clubhouse, and was Treasurer of the Centre right up to the time of his death.

Ian bore a chronic and debilitating illness with courage even though the resulting incapacities vexed him immeasurably. We, along with many others in this country and overseas, stand in respect and admiration for the late Mr Mitchell.

A.L.Fletcher, A.N.Hignett, N.Metge

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H. R. ABBOTT

Born in 1904, Mr H.R.Abbott passed away on 15 August 1979. Mr Abbott competed in four N.Z. Championships, winning the title by a full point at his third attempt in 1936/37.

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THOMAS HERBERT PHILLIPS

Tom Phillips died on 16 August 1979 at Kerikeri. He was a keen supporter of Chess and a former Secretary of the N.Z. Chess Association from 1955 to 1961. Mr Phillips also played a major role in the organisation of the 1966 Zone 10 Championship played in Auckland, the first real international chess tournament to be played in this country.

Overseas News

The WORLD CADET (under-17) CH'P at Belfort (France) was played 7-20 July and resulted in a win for Tempone (ARG), undefeated with 8½/11. The USSR entrant Ehlvest, with 6/7 including wins over Short and Benjamin, looked a likely winner but later lost to Greenfeld and Morovic. England's Nigel Short came in second on 8½ (Tempone won the title on tie-break scores) with I.Morovic (CHI) third on 8. Milos (BRZ) was 4th on 7½ while Barbuлесcu (RUM), Benjamin (USA), Ehlvest, Greenfeld (ISR), Heaven (IRE) & Hjartarsson (ICE) all scored 7 points. Byrne (AUS) & Liao (DOM) were 11= on 6½ in the 42-player field.

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A category 7 (2423) tournament played May-June at FRUNZE (USSR) was another convincing victory for Beljavsky (USSR) who scored 13½/17, a margin of 2½ pts over second placed GM Antoshin (USSR). Then: 3-5 GM Vasiukov (USSR), GM Makarichev (USSR) & IM Speelman (ENG) 10; 6-10 Zilberman (USSR), GM Lutikov (USSR), GM Palatnik (USSR), IM Szekely (HUN) & Jurtajev (USSR) 9½; 11-12 GM Razuvaev (USSR) & GM Savon (USSR) 9; 13 IM Meduna (CZ) 8; 14 IM Mascarinas (PHI) 6½; 15 Mamatov (USSR) 6; 16 IM M.Mihailcisin (YUG) 5; 17 IM Miagmarsuren (MON) 4½; 18 Usjtati (TUN) 3.

BELJAVSKY-SZEKELY, Sicilian Najdorf: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Bg5 e6 7 f4 Qb6 8 Qd2 Qxb2 9 Rb1 Qa3 10 f5 Nc6 11 fxe6 fxe6 12 Nxc6 bxc6 13 e5 dxe5 14 Bxf6 gxf6 15 Ne4 Be7 16 Be2 h5 17 Rb3 Qa4 18 Nxf6+ Bxf6 19 c4 Bh4+ 20 g3 Be7 21 0-0 Bd7 22 Rb7 Rd8 23 Bd3 Bc5+ 24 Kg2 Rg8 25 Qe2 Bd4 26 Qxh5+ Ke7 27 Qh4+ Kd6 28 c5+ Kxc5 29 Qe7+ Kd5 30 Rxd7+ Rxd7 31 Qxd7+ Kc5 32 Rcl+ Kb6 33 Be4 Bc3 34 Qd3 Bd4 35 Rxc6+ Qxc6 36 Bxc6 Kxc6 37 Qxa6+, 1 : 0.

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An English team of Nunn, Speelman, Keene, Webb and Plaskett won the CLARE BENEDICT TOURNAMENT at Middlesbrough by only a narrow margin despite being the one country which was able to field close to a top team. Scores: 1 England 15, 2 West Germany 14 (4½ MP), 3 Netherlands 14 (4), 4 Switzerland 11 (5), 5 Austria 11 (4), 6 Scotland 10, 7 Den-

mark 9.

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In the 2nd leg of the Asian Circuit at MANILA, R.Maninang from the host nation scored the necessary 7½ points for an IM norm. GM Torre (PHI) was a clear-cut winner with 10/13 and FIDE President Fridrik Olafsson took second place with 9 points. Third equal were GMs Averbakh (USSR), Keene (ENG) & Dorfman (USSR) on 8 points. There followed: 6 Maninang 7½; 7-9 IM Ardiansjah (RI), IM R.Rodriguez (PHI) & Yap (PHI) 6½; 10-11 IM Bachtiar (RI) & Bordonada (PHI) 5½; 12-13 Shaw (AUS) & Sampouw (RI) 3½; 14 Rogers (AUS) 3.

TORRE-OLAFSSON, Ruy Lopez: 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 Qe2 Bc5 6 Bxc6 dxc6 7 Nxe5 Qd4 8 Nd3 Bb6 9 f3 0-0 10 Nf2 Re8 11 c3 Qd6 12 0-0 Nh5 13 d3 f5 14 Na3 Ba7 15 Nc4 Qg6 16 Be3 c5 17 f4 Rf8 18 Ne5 Qe8 19 exf5 Rxf5 20 Ne4 Rf8 21 Rael b6 22 c4 Nf6 23 Bd2 c6 24 Rf3 Bb8 25 Nxf6+ Rxf6 26 Re3 Re6 27 Qf3 Ra7 28 Nxc6, 1 : 0.

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SMEDEREVSKA PALANKA (YUG), June (Aver. rating 2432): 1 GM Rajkovic (YUG) 8½/12; 2 GM Velimirovic (YUG) 8; 3-4 GM Ermenkov (BUL) & GM Martinovic (YUG) 7½; 5 GM Jansa (CZ) 7; 6 N.Ristic (YUG) 6½; 7 GM Radulov (BUL) 6; 8-9 IM Despotovic (YUG) & IM Kuligowski (POL) 5½; 10 GM Ciocaltea (RUM) 4½; 11-12 IM Schüssler (SWE) & M.Vukovic (YUG) 4; 13 Ljubisavljevic (YUG) 3½. Ristic made an IM norm.

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Usually we do not hear much about the Soviet Union's annual SPARTAKIAD but this year it acted as a dress rehearsal for the 1980 Moscow Olympics and foreign competitors were invited to most of the Olympic events - thus it became news.

The chess, however, was the usual battle between the republics (the 1980 Chess Olympiad will be held in Malta). For the first time, the Ukraine won the title, scoring 26 points of a possible 45. Perennially strong Moscow (25½) and RSFSR (23½) were respectively second and third. Karpov's team Leningrad were next on 22 (2½ MP), then Georgia 22 (2) and Moldavia 16.

In preliminary group play Karpov lost in the very first round against Uzbekistan's I.Ivanov - a 'mere master.'

The winning team consisted of GMs Romanishin, Belyavsky, Kuzmin, Tukmakov, Dorfman, Mihailcisin, Palatnik and two women, Litinskaya and Semenova. The reserve was GM Savon!

KARPOV-LUTIKOV, Scandinavian Defence: 1 e4 d5 2 exd5 Qxd5 3 Nc3 Qd6 4 d4 Nf6 5 Nf3 a6 6 Be3 Nc6 7 Qd2 Bg4 8 Ng5 e5 9 d5 Nb4 10 f3 Bf5 11 Nge4 Qd7 12 0-0-0 c6 13 dxc6 Qxd2+ 14 Rxd2 Bxe4 15 Nxe4 Nxc6 16 Nxf6+ gxf6 17 Bd3 0-0-0 18 Rhd1 Kc7 19 c3 h5 20 Bf5 Rxd2 21 Rxd2 Nb8 22 h4 Bh6 23 Bxh6 Rxb6 24 a4 Rh8 25 b4 b6 26 b5 Rg8 27 Kc2 axb5 28 axb5 Re8 29 c4, 1 : 0. Black lacks a good move.

JURTAJEV-TAL, Sicilian Defence: 1 e4 c5 2 c3 d5 3 exd5 Qxd5 4 d4 e6 5 Nf3 Nf6 6 Bd3 Be7 7 0-0 0-0 8 Qe2 cxd4 9 cxd4 Nc6 10 Be3 b6 11 Nc3 Qd6 12 a3 Bb7 13 Rad1 Rfd8 14 Bg5 g6 15 Bb1 Rac8 16 Rfe1 Nd5 17 Ne4 Qc7 18 Ba2 Bxg5 19 Nexg5 Qe7 20 Qd2 Qf6 21 Re4 Rc7 22 Rh4 h5 23 Ne4 Qg7 24 Qg5 f6 25 Nxf6+ Qxf6 26 Bxd5 Qxg5 27 Bxe6+ Kg7 28 Nxe5 Nxd4 29 Bb3 Re7 30 f3 Nf5 31 Ne6+ Rxe6 32 Rxd8 Re2 33 Bd1 Rxb2 34 Rb4 Rxb4 35 axb4 Bc6 36 Rc8 Ne7 37 Rc7 Kf6 38 h4 Ke6 39 Rxa7, 1 : 0.

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AMSTERDAM (IBM), July, Category 12 (2527): 1-2 Gms Hort (CZ) & Sax (HUN) 9; 3-4 GM Andersson (SWE) & Smejkal (CZ) 8½; 5-7 GM Sosonko (NL), GM Byrne (USA) & GM Torre (PHI) 7; 8-9 IM Ree (NL) & GM Lein (USA) 6; 10 GM Donner (NL) 5; 11-14 GM Farago (HUN), IM Ligterink (NL), GM Stean (ENG) & GM Sahovic (YUG) 4½. The GM-norm was 7½.

The B-group was won by IM Dolmatov (USSR) with 10/13 (GM norm) ahead of IM Van der Wiel (NL) 8½; Van der Sterren (NL) 8 (IM norm); GM Nemet (YUG), GM Shamkovich (USA) & IM Langeweg (NL) 7½.

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BIEL, July/August (Category 8): 1 GM Korchnoi 12/13; 2 IM Wirthensohn (SWI) 7½; 3-5 IM Partos (SWI), GM Sahovic (YUG) & GM Unzicker (BRD) 7 14 players.

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WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP, Skien, 27 July-10 August. In the largest ever field (56), the USA's 19-year old Yasser Seirawan scored 10/13 to take the title by half a point from USSR's

A.Chernin on 9½.

New Zealand's Michael Steadman finished a very disappointing 52nd. Full report in the next issue.

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BUENOS AIRES: 1-2 GM Korchnoi & GM Ljubojevic (YUG) 10½/13; 3 GM Browne (USA) 9; 4-5 GM Miles (ENG) & GM Liberzon (ISR) 7½; 6-8 GM Najdorf (ARG), GM Quinteros (ARG) & GM Rubinetti (ARG) 7; 9 GM Diez del Corral (SP) 6; 10 IM Emma (ARG) 5½; 11 IM Trois (BRZ) 5; 12-13 Schweber (ARG) & IM Szmetan (ARG) 3; 14 Bernat (ARG) 2½.

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50th FIDE CONGRESS, San Juan (PR), 19-31 August: New members are Angola, Bangladesh & Kuwait, making a total of 109. The Congress decided to affiliate to UNESCO as a non-governmental organisation with consultative status.

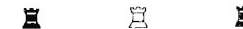
New GMs: N.Spiridonov (BUL), J.Nogueiras (CUB), S.Martinovic (YUG) & J.Nikolic (YUG).

New IMs: everyone else well, almost; there were 34!

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INTERZONALS: At Riga (4 September - 1 October) Romanishin has replaced Hort and Mednis replaces Kavalek. Hernandez could not play. Full field: Polugaevsky, Larsen, Tal, Ribli, Ljubojevic, Kuzmin, Romanishin, Tseshkovsky, Miles, Gheorghiu, Tarjan, Adorian, Mednis, van Riemsdyk, Grünfeld, Bouaziz, Trois, R. Rodriguez.

Rio de Janeiro (22 Sept.-22 Oct.): Portisch, Timman, Petrosian, Balashov, Hübner, Sax, Vaganian, Smejkal, Ivkov, Torre, Velimirovic, Shamkovich, G.Garcia, Kagan, L.Bronstein, Harandi, Hébert + 1 Brazilian. Mecking withdrawn.



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CORRESPONDENCE CHESS RESULTS

Following are Trophy Tournament results from the NZCCA's 1979/80 events.

46th NZ Championship: Freeman 1 Ter Horst, 1 Beach, ½ Beach; Beach 2 Round; Heasman ½ Beach; Smith 1 Beach.

Reserve Championship: Lovelock ½ Fletcher; Brimble 1 Millar, 1 Davies, 1 Van Oeveren; Millar 1 Fletcher, ½ Rice; Rice ½ Lovelock; Steadman 1 Millar.

Class 2: Johnstone 1 Rogers; Hignett 1 Johnstone, ½ Wilcock; Broom ½ Smith, 1 Brightwell, 1 Bishop; McAuliffe 1 Bishop, 1 Rogers, 1 Jones; Jones 1 Rogers, 1 Smith, 1 Wilcock; Gibson 1 Broom, 1 Hignett; Bishop 1 Hignett; Smith 1 Gibson; Rogers 1 Broom.

Class 3 Red: Bennett 1 Fraser, 1 Steel; Ion 1 Bennett, 1 Fenwick; Mitchell 1 Steel; Steel 1 Watt, ½ Burn-dred, 1 Fraser; Fenwick 1 Heremaia.

Class 3 Green: Melville 1 Maxwell; Brinkley ½ Maxwell; Stringer 1 Moratti, 1 Maxwell; Haak 1 Brinkley; Moratti 1 Veldhuizen, 1 Brinkley, 1 Newell; Cribbett 1 Veldhuizen; Veldhuizen 1 Brinkley; O'Connor 1 Veldhuizen.

Class 3 Blue: Scott 1 Meader, 1 Salter, 1 Hagan; Anderson 1 Meader, 1 Hagan; Hagan 1 Salter, 1 Fisher; Brumby 1 Fisher; Meader 1 Fisher; Lockwood 1 Hagan; Salter 1 Passmore, 1 Meader.

Class 4 Red: Cox 1 Dainty; Hartley 1 Turner; King 1 Turner, 1 Boyden; Mc Cormick 1 Turner.

Class 4 Green: Robbie 1 Gummer; Morgan 1 Gummer.

Class 5 Red: Sharples 1 Parker, 1 Edwards; Brohm 1 Edwards; Atkinson ½ Jennings, 1 Edwards; Rickitt 1 Edwards; Parker 1 Edwards; Atkinson 1 Rickitt; Galu 1 Edwards.

Class 5 Green: Kingdon 1 Morris; Addie 1 Muir, 1 Morris; Trafford 1 Morris; Wilson 1 Morris.

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COMBINATION SOLUTIONS

- Netz-Gorges, East Germany 1970:
1...Qd1+! 2 Rxd1 Rxd1+ 3 Kf2 h4! 4 c4 (4 g3 h3!) 4...Bxc4 5 Nd2 Rxd2+ 6 Ke1 Red7! 7 Rf8+ Kc7 8 Rf7 Re2+ 9 Kf1 Rxb2+ 10 Ke1 Rb1+, 0 : 1.
- Vladimirov-Haritonov, USSR 1977:
1 Qf6+! Nxf6 2 Bc5+! Bxc5 3 gxf6+ Kf8 4 Rh8 mate.
- Broer-Laurentius, match Holland v Estonia 1935: 1 Rd7! Bxd7 2 Bxh7+

Nxh7 (2...Kh8 3 Nxf7 mate) 3 Qxf7+ Kh8 4 Ng6 mate.

- O.Rodriguez-Miyasaka, Skopje (Olympiad) 1972: 1 Rxe6+! fxe6 (1...Bxe6 2 Bxb5+ Bd7 3 Re1+ Kd8 4 Qc7 mate) 2 Bxg6+ Kd8 3 Qf8+, 1 : 0.
- Johansson-Metzing, Berlin 1973:
1...Qxb1+! 2 Nxb1 Ba6, 0 : 1.
- Vidmar-NN, 1936: 1 f5+! gxf5 2 gxf5+ Kd6 3 Rxb4! Rxb4 4 Bc5+, 1 : 0.

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IAN MITCHELL MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

Saturday 1st December
Lunch and dinner provided.

This one day tournament is to be held by the Auckland Chess Centre in memory of its former Treasurer, the late Ian Mitchell.

FORMAT: 8 round Swiss with 30 minutes each to complete the game.

SCHEDULE:	Players' Meeting	9:00
	Opening Speeches	9:15
	Round 1	9:30 - 10:30
	Round 2	10:40 - 11:40
	Round 3	11:50 - 12:50
	Lunch	12:50 - 1:50
	Round 4	1:50 - 2:50
	Round 5	3:00 - 4:00
	Round 6	4:10 - 5:10
	Dinner	5:10 - 6:10
	Round 7	6:10 - 7:10
	Round 8	7:20 - 8:20

(Chef: Bruce Winslade)

PRIZES: Kindly sponsored by Mr Clive Green (of Clive Green Health Studios) and Mr Peter Downey as a mark of respect for Ian Mitchell:
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ENTRY FEE: \$9.00 (includes meals). Any profit made will be divided equally between the N.Z.Chess Foundation and the Centre.

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ENTRY FEES: A Grade, \$10; B Grade \$7; Juniors, \$3. Closing date is 13 October - late entries accepted for \$2 extra.

Some accommodation available with TCC members. For more information and entry forms: Max Wigbout, 9 Allen Tce, Linden; Phone TAWA 5053.