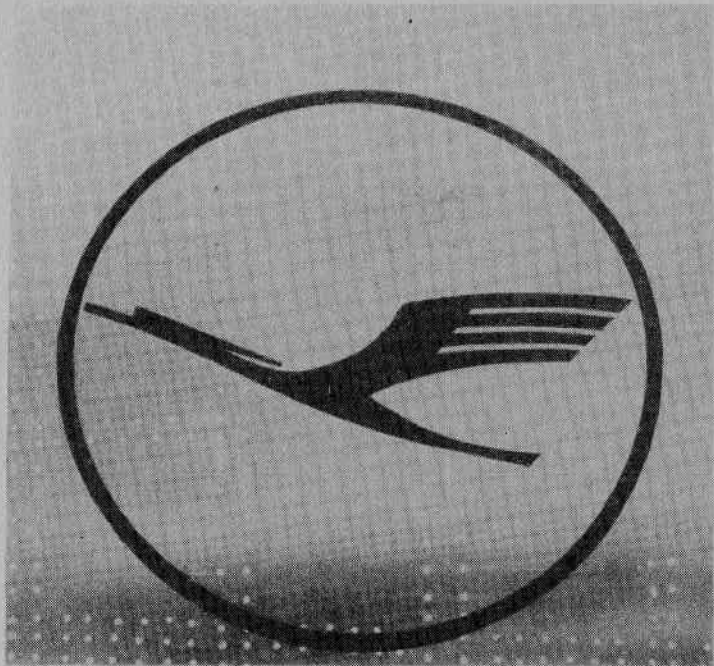


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B.Anderson and V.Small. Olympiad reports inside.

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## Editorial

With this issue I will have completed one year as editor of New Zealand Chess. It has been an enjoyable year for me but rather a hectic one. The most difficult task of the editor is getting an issue out on time with the maximum amount of up-to-date news. Overseas news is the trickiest because it invariably arrives the day before you had planned taking the copy into the printers!

The new editor of New Zealand Chess (as from the April 1981 issue) will be Robert Smith and all contributions should now be sent to his address at: 9 James Laurie Road, Henderson, Auckland 9.

Robert has already had considerable journalistic experience and is well known in Auckland for his T.V. appearances! I wish him the best of luck and hope he will get the continued support of the chessplayers of New Zealand.

In conclusion I would like to extend my thanks to the sub-editors; Peter Stuart for the Overseas News, Tony Dowden and Michael Freeman for their reports from the South Island and Ortvin Sarapu for the annotated games, as well as to all those chessplayers who have contributed during the year. The success of the magazine will continue to depend on such contributions!

Paul Spiller.

## Local News

Tony Dowden reports from Dunedin:  
Final Otago Chess Club results for 1980:  
Otago Senior Championship: 1 T.Dowden, 2 D.Watts, 3 A.Kwok.  
Otago Intermediate Championship:  
1 P.Cullen & A.Knowles 3 R.Gonin  
Otago Junior Championship: 1 T.Stiles, 2 J.Gibb, 3 D.Cameron.  
Perpetual Handicap: 1 J.Sievey, 2 J.Gibb

3 P.Sinton.  
Swiss (Clelland Trophy): 1 G.Haase 6½/8, 2-3 J.Sievey & M.Foord 6, 4 D.Cameron 5. A game from the Swiss:

G.HAASE - D.WEEGENAAR, Bird's Opening:  
1 f4 Nf6 2 Nf3 g6 3 b3 Bg7 4 Bb2 0-0  
5 g3 b6 6 Bg2 Bb7 7 0-0 d6 8 d3 Nbd7  
9 Nbd2 e5 10 Nh4 Bxg2 11 Nxg2 Qe7  
12 e4 Nh5? 13 f5 d5 14 Kh1 dxe4  
15 Nxe4 Rad8 16 Qe2 Nhf6 17 Ne3 c5  
18 a4 Nb8 19 Qf3 Nc6 20 Nxf6+ Qxf6  
21 Qe4 Qd6 22 Rf2 Nd4 23 Raf1 gxf5  
24 Nxf5 Nxf5 25 Rxf5 f6 26 Kg2 Qe6  
27 Qg4 Kh8 28 Qe4 Qe8 29 Qf3 Qg6  
30 Rf2 Rfe8 31 h4 Kg8 32 h5 Qh6  
33 Bc3! Bh8 34 Bd2 Qg7 35 Be3 Rd6  
36 Kh3 Rde6 37 Qe4 Qf7 38 Qg4+ Kf8  
39 Qe4 Qd7 40 a5 R6e7 41 Kh2 Rf7  
42 Bh6+ Ke7 43 Qxe5+ fxe5 44 Rxf7+ Ke6  
45 Rxd7 Kxd7 46 Rf7+ Re7 47 Rxe7+ Kxe7  
48 axb6 axb6 49 Kg2 Ke6 50 Kf3 Kd5  
51 Be3 Ke6 52 Ke4, 1 - 0.

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The final of the BLACKBURN CUP for 1980 was played between Papatoetoe Chess Club and Tawa Chess Club on 1 November.

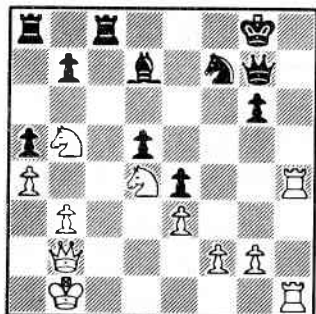
At the conclusion of the final game the match score was 6 - 6, however Tawa won on countback with victories on boards 2,3,4,5 and 9 with draws on boards 6 & 7.

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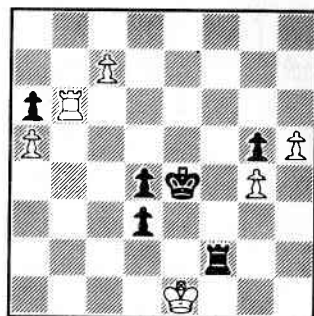
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1	K.Hollis	D.Storey	0 - 1
2	G.Aldridge	S.Hart	1 - 0
3	C.Fraser	D.Brunton	1 - 0
4	J.Usmar	P.Luten	1 - 0
5	R.Dive	A.Haddock	1 - 0
6	R.Wood	T.Wong	½ - ½
7	R.Mitchell	R.Hampton	½ - ½
8	M.Small	L.Petty	0 - 1
9	A.Aldridge	J.Bates	1 - 0
10	T.Powell	T.McRae	0 - 1
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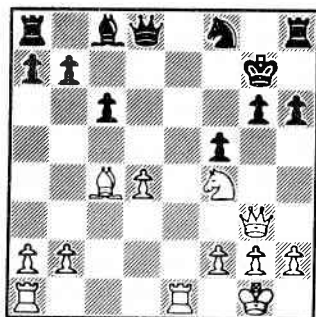
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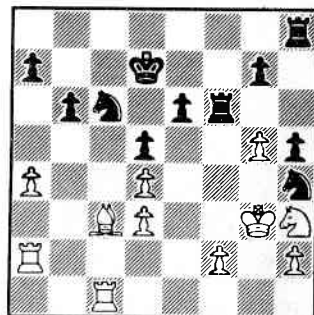
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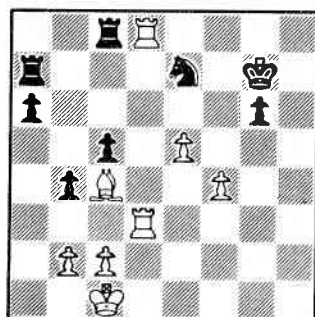
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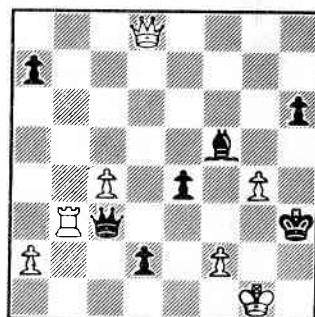
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No. 4 Black to move



No. 5 White to move



No. 6 Black to move

# Burroughs Computers New Zealand Championship 1980 ~ 81

Report by P. Stuart

The 88th New Zealand Congress, sponsored by Burroughs Ltd, was organised by the Canterbury Chess Club and played in Lincoln College's Memorial Hall. Visiting players were also accommodated at the College with fine recreational facilities available (ever heard of table-tennis elbow? I hadn't until now) in pleasant surroundings - the only real drawback was that Christchurch was most definitely not part of those surroundings; in fact, I heard several local players snivelling about not getting any advantage from a 'home' Congress! Nevertheless I think the thirty-odd visitors staying at the College had a very enjoyable Congress.

The playing room was rather too small for the number competing but the open air 'analysis room' worked out okay in the almost total absence of rain during the tournament, at least in daytime.

It must be mentioned, however, that the Canterbury Chess Club organisers were aware of the shortcomings of the Lincoln set-up but were severely handi-

capped by the fact that the World Veteran Games were on in Christchurch at the same time and suitable playing sites incorporating accommodation nearer to central Christchurch were just not available.

A new event at Congress this year was a North Island v South Island soccer match organised by Tony Dowden who turned out to be the most accomplished player on the field - although, considering the rest of us, this is saying very little! The North Island nevertheless ran out an easy 4:0 winner with two goals each to Ewen Green and Bruce Watson.

There was also a bridge match with five or six hours play virtually every night between Premier Reserve and Championship players - I do not wish to dwell on the results except to observe that the Championship pair held rather poor cards and that none of the four who usually played bridge had especially good chess results!

## 88th BURROUGHS COMPUTERS NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIP, 28 DEC. 1980 - 9 JAN. 1981

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	T'
1 Nokes R.I. Canterbury	x	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	½	1	½	7
2 Sarapu O. North Shore	½	x	½	1	½	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	7
3 Small V.A. Canterbury	½	½	x	0	½	1	½	½	1	1	1	1	7
4 Dekker K. North Shore	½	0	1	x	½	0	½	1	1	½	1	0	6
5 Green E.M. Howick-Pakuranga	½	½	½	½	x	1	0	½	½	½	½	1	6
6 Levene M. North Shore	½	½	0	1	0	x	1	0	1	½	½	1	6
7 Aptekar L. Pacific	½	0	½	½	1	0	x	½	½	½	1	½	5½
8 Watson B.R. North Shore	0	1	½	0	½	1	½	x	½	0	½	1	5½
9 Smith R.W. Waitemata	0	1	0	½	0	½	½	x	½	1	1	1	5½
10 Stuart P.W. North Shore	½	0	½	½	½	½	1	½	x	½	½	½	5
11 Jackson J.R. Nelson	0	0	0	0	½	½	0	½	0	½	x	1	3
12 Anderson B.R. Canterbury	½	0	0	1	0	0	½	0	0	½	0	x	2½

The number of entries for the 1980/1 Burroughs Computers New Zealand Championship was again disappointing - just twelve, the actual number required. Paradoxically, recent history suggests that higher prize funds actually discourage people from entering!

There were five former champions (including the three defending champions) competing as well as three playing in the Championship for the first time, these latter being Kees Dekker (a

recent arrival from the Netherlands), Mark Levene and 'Burglar' Bruce Watson.

The tournament turned out to be the strangest New Zealand Championship in which I've played. No player was able to really break away from the rest of the field. After five rounds a single point covered eleven players and at the end only two points separated first and tenth - had I won my last round game (instead of losing) I would have been

equal third instead of tenth! This illustrates the intensity of the competition with ten of the twelve competitors having a chance of sharing in the prize money until the very end. The main reason for all this was the large number of draws, a record 50% exactly. The majority of these were genuine games although there were sufficient of the non-fighting variety to prompt Kees Dekker to comment on players travelling 1000 kilometres or more and then not playing chess!

The progress scores below show the course of the tournament:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Nokes	½	1	1½	2	3	4	4½	5½	6	6½	7
Sarapu	½	1	1½	2½	2½	3	4	5	5	6	7
Small	0	½	1	2	2½	3	4	5	5½	6	7
Dekker	1	1	1½	2½	3	3½	4	4	4	5	6
Green	½	1½	2	2½	3	4	4½	5	5	5½	6
Levene	½	½	1	1½	2	2	2	3	4	5	6
Aptekar	1	1½	2	2½	3	3½	4	4½	5½	5½	5½
Watson	½	1	1	1½	2½	3½	4	4	4½	5½	5½
Smith	½	1	2	2	2	2½	3	3½	4½	4½	5½
Stuart	½	1	2	2	2½	3	3½	4	4½	5	5
Jackson	0	½	1	1½	1½	2	2	3	3	3	3
Anderson	½	1½	1½	2	2½	2½	2½	2½	2½	2½	2½

In winning his first New Zealand title Roger Nokes played very carefully and solidly - he was in fact the only player to go through undefeated. Only once before (the five player event of 1890) has three wins been enough to win the Championship! This 'new' Nokes was already visible in the 1980 South Island Championship. In the current tournament he started with four cautious draws and then seemed to have the worst of things against Smith who adjourned a pawn up. Roger, however, opened up the position very nicely for his two bishops showing that his tactical awareness is still there:

#### SMITH - NOKES, Sicilian Defence:

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 4 0-0 Bg7 5 Bxc6 bxc6 6 d3 Nf6 7 Nc3 0-0 8 Bg5 h6 9 Bf4 Kh7 10 e5 Nd5 11 Bd2 Nc7 12 Ne4 Ne6 13 Bc3 Ba6 14 b3 f5 15 exf6 exf6 16 Re1 d5 17 Ng3 Bc8 18 h4 h5 19 Bd2 Qd6 20 Nge2 Bd7 21 Qc1 Rae8 22 Nf4 Nd8 23 Qa3 Nf7 24 d4 Bg4 25 dxc5 Qc7 26 Nd4 Ne5 27 Nd3 Bc8 28 Bf4 Qf7 29 Rad1 Bd7 30 Qc1 Re7 31 Qd2 Rfe8 32 f3 Qf8 33 Re2 Bc8 34 Bxe5 fxe5 35 Nxc6 Re6 36 Nb4 e4 37 fxe4 dxe4 38 Nf4 Qxc5+ 39 Kh1 R6e7 40 Nbd5

Re5 41 Ne3 Rf8 42 g3 g5 43 hxg5 Rxc5 44 Rh2 Bh6 45 Re1 Qe5 46 Qd5 Qe7 47 Qd4 Bb7 48 c4 Qf7 49 Qd6 Rxc3 50 Nfg2 Bxe3 51 Qd1 Bh6 52 Rxb5 e3 53 Rxb6+ Kxh6 54 Qd6+ Rg6 55 Qh2+ Kg7 56 Qe5+ Qf6, 0 : 1.

Nokes's second win came the following day when Jackson self-destructed but his third win came after Watson found himself positionally completely lost and therefore sacrificed a piece for a check or two before giving up. That was in round eight and Nokes was a clear leader for the first time. Three more not very strenuous draws allowed two of his rivals to catch up but not surpass his score.

#### NOKES - WATSON, Sicilian Taimanov:

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nc6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Be3 Qc7 7 Bd3 Nf6 8 0-0 Bb4 9 f4 h5 10 h3 b5 11 a4 Nxd4 12 Bxd4 Bc5 13 Bxc5 Qxc5+ 14 Kh1 b4 15 Nb1 Bb7 16 Nd2 Rc8 17 Qe2 e5 18 fxe5 Qxe5 19 Rf5 Qxb2 20 Rb1 Qc3 21 e5 Ng4 22 hxg4 hxg4+ 23 Kgl g3 24 Nf1 Rc6 25 Nxc3 Rg6 26 Qf2 b3 27 Rxb3 Qal+ 28 Bfl Qxa4 29 Rxb7, 1 : 0.

Ortvin Sarapu chalked up his eighteenth title (ho-hum!) but not in the same convincing fashion as usual. His first win came in round four (after quiet draws with Green, Nokes and Levene) when Jackson chose the wrong middle-game plan. This, however, was followed by his loss to Watson and very nearly a loss to Small. Over the last five rounds Sarapu played much better with good wins versus Anderson and Aptekar while Dekker and I both donated material to the cause.

#### SARAPU - ANDERSON, Ruy Lopez:

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 d6 5 c4 Bd7 6 Nc3 g6 7 d4 exd4 8 Nxd4 Bg7 9 Be3 Nf6 10 Nxc6 bxc6 11 0-0 0-0 12 Qd2 Re8 13 Bc2 Ng4 14 Bf4 Qb8 15 Bd3 Qb4 16 Rac1 Ne5 17 Be2 Be6 18 b3 a5 19 Rfd1 Nd7 20 Na4 c5 21 Qc2 Ne5 22 Nc3 Qb7 23 Be3 Bd7 24 h3 Rad8 25 Bg5 f6 26 Bh4 Be6 27 Nd5 Bxd5 28 cxd5 Rb8 29 Rb1 Qb4 30 f3 Rf8 31 Be1 Qb6 32 Bf2 Nd7 33 a3 Qb7 34 Qd2 f5 35 exf5 Rxf5 36 Qxa5 Ra8 37 Qb5 Qxb5 38 Bxb5 Nb6 39 a4 Rb8 40 Bc6 Bc3 41 Rd3 Bb4, 1 : 0.

Likewise Vernon Small only really came to life in the second half of the tournament. His position against Dekker

in round one was not as safe as he apparently thought but this crushing defeat was to be his only one. His single win in the first six rounds was a nice one against me but later wins against Levene and Jackson brought him closer to the lead. The game versus Jackson featured a nice finish - with R + B v Q, Vernon had to sacrifice his rook in order to force home a passed pawn. Only in the last round with a good positional victory over old rival Bruce Anderson, did Small tie for the lead for the first time and thereby share his second New Zealand title.

#### SMALL - STUART, Birmingham Defence:

1 e4 a6 2 d4 b5 3 Bd3 Bb7 4 Nf3 Nf6 5 Qe2 e6 6 0-0 c5 7 c3 d5 8 e5 Nfd7 9 Be3 Nc6 10 Nbd2 Be7 11 Rfel b4 12 Rac1 Qb6 13 Nf1 a5 14 dxc5 Bxc5 15 c4 Bxe3 16 Nxe3 d4 17 c5 Nxc5 18 Nc4 Qa7 19 Nd6+ Ke7 20 Rxc5 Qxc5 21 Nxb7 Qb6 22 Nd6 Rad8 23 Qe4 Na7 24 Qg4 Kf8 25 Ng5 Rxd6 26 exd6 Qxd6 27 Qf3 Qc7, 1 : 0.

#### LEVENE - SMALL, Sicilian Taimanov:

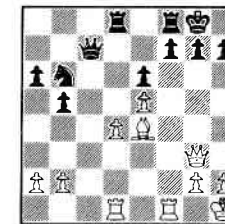
1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nc6 5 Nb5 d6 6 Bf4 e5 7 Be3 Nf6 8 Bg5 a6 9 Bxf6 gxf6 10 N5c3 b5 11 a4 b4 12 Nd5 Bg7 13 Nd2 0-0 14 Bd3 Be6 15 Qh5 h6 16 Ne3 Qd7 17 0-0 Ne7 18 Kh1 d5 19 exd5 Nxd5 20 Nxd5 Bxd5 21 f4 Rfe8 22 Rael b3 23 fxe5 Rxe5 24 Rxe5 fxe5 25 Ne4 bxc2 26 Bxc2 Qc6 27 Qf5 Rd8 28 h3 Qe6 29 Qf2 Rb8 30 b3 Rb4 31 Qe3 Qc6 32 Qf2 Bxe4 33 Qxf7+ Kh8 34 Bxe4 Qxe4 35 Qe8+ Kh7 36 Qe6 Qg6 37 Qd5 Rd4 38 Qb7 e4 39 Re1 Qe6 40 Kgl e3 41 Qf3 Rb4 42 Rb1 e2 43 Re1 Rxb3 44 Qxe2 Qxe2 45 Rxe2 Rb4 46 Ra2 Rb1+ 47 Kf2 Rb2+ 48 Rxb2 Bxb2 49 Ke3 Kg6 50 g3 Kf5 51 Kf3 Be5 52 h4, 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 f6 10 Nh4 g6 11 Nf3 c5 12 a4 Nb8 13 Be3 Nc6 14 Nfd2 g5 15 Re1 Be6 16 Nf1 Qe8 17 Ng3 Rd8 18 Bd2 Rf7 19 Ne3 Bf8 20 Qc1 Rfd7 21 Bc3 Nd4 22 Bxd4 cxd4 23 Nef5 Bb4 24 Rf1 Qf8 25 Qd1 Kh8 26 Qe2 Qf7 27 Rfcl c6 28 Qf3 Qg6 29 h3 Rg8 30 Nh5 Rf7 31 g4 Bd2 32 Rd1 Bf4 33 Kg2 Rd8 34 Qe2 Rc7 35 Qel Qf7 36 Nhg7 Bxf5 37 Nxf5 h5 38 Qe2 h4 39 a5 Kh7 40 Ra4 c5 41 Rc4 Qd7 42 Ra1 Qb5 43 b3 Qd7 44 Qel Rdc8 45 Kf3 Rc6 46 Ke2 R6c7 47 Qb1 Kh8 48 Raa4 Rc6 49 Qa2 R8c7 50 Kdl Qd8 51 b4 cxb4 52 Raxb4 Qd7 53 Rxc6 Rxc6 54 Rc4 Qc7 55 Rxc6, 1 : 0.

There was also a triple tie for fourth place among Dekker, Green and Levene. Kees Dekker served notice that he was not going to be the 'tournament bunny' with his neat finish against Small on the very first day.

DEKKER - SMALL, Sicilian Scheveningen: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nc6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Be2 d6 7 0-0 Nf6 8 Be3 Be7 9 f4 0-0 10 Qel Bd7 11 Qg3 Nxd4 12 Bxd4 Bc6 13 Rad1 Qc7 14 Bd3 b5 15 e5 dxe5 16 fxe5 Nd7 17 Ne4 Bxe4 18 Bxe4 Rad8 19 c3 Bc5 20 Kh1 Bxd4 21 cxd4 Nb6

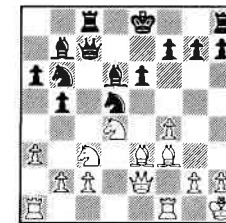


22 Qh4 g6 23 Rd3 Rd7 24 Qh6 Qd8 25 Rf6 Rxd4 26 Bxg6, 1 : 0.

A similar win when Smith overlooked a combination in round four saw him close to the lead through the first six rounds but later losses to Sarapu and Levene held him back. He was also losing to Jackson in round ten but numerous errors by the latter in a rook and pawn ending completely reversed that situation and in the last round he won a piece from Watson.

#### DEKKER - SMITH, Sicilian Kan:

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 a6 5 Nc3 Qc7 6 Be2 b5 7 f4 Bb7 8 Bf3 d6 9 Be3 Nf6 10 a3 Nbd7 11 Qe2 Be7 12 0-0 Rc8 13 Kh1 Nb6 14 e5 Nfd5? 15 exd6 Bxd6



16 Ndx5! axb5 17 Bxb6 Nxc3 18 Bxc7 Nxe2 19 Bxd6 Bxf3 20 Rxf3 Rxc2 21 Rd1 Kd7 22 f5 Kc6 23 fxe6 fxe6 24 Bf8 Rxb2 25 h3 Rg8 26 Rd6+ Kc7 27 Rf7+ Kc8 28 Ra6 Rxf8, 1 : 0.

Almost everyone contributed to Ewen Green's prize either by agreeing to his short draws or letting him off the hook in won positions. If Lev Aptekar had not rejected Ewen's draw offer and gone on to win that game,

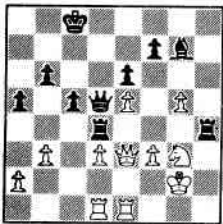


Green would doubtless have had fourth prize to himself.

Mark Levene had a horrible start and was winless in equal last position after seven rounds. Things changed after that, however, with Anderson giving him pawns and then a queen in round eight. He outplayed Dekker in the opening to win a pawn in round nine and won conclusively from Aptekar in the last round. Mark also beat Smith in the penultimate round but was lucky here since Smith played most of the game very well indeed, only to blunder a piece in time trouble. Nevertheless this was a remarkable recovery from 11= to 4= in the space of just four rounds. Perhaps his most interesting game was the following draw:

LEVENE - JACKSON, Closed Sicilian:

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d3 Nc6 4 g3 d5 5 Nbd2 Nge7 6 Bg2 g6 7 0-0 Bg7 8 Re1 b6 9 e5 Qc7 10 Qe2 h6 11 c3 a5 12 Nf1 Ba6 13 h4 0-0-0 14 Bf4 g5 15 hxg5 Ng6 16 Qe3 d4 17 cxd4 Nxd4 18 Nxd4 Nxf4 19 gxf4 Rxd4 20 Rad1 Bb7 21 Ng3 Bxg2 22 Kxg2 Qb7+ 23 f3 hxg5 24 fxg5 Qd5 25 b3 Rhh4



26 Rh1 Rxh1 27 Kxh1 Bxe5 28 Ne4 Rb4 29 Rcl Bd4? 30 Qf4 e5 31 Qxf7 Qxf7 32 Nd6+ Kd7 33 Nxf7 Ke7 34 Nh6 Ke6 35 Re1 Bc3 36 Re2 a4 37 Rg2 axb3 38 axb3 Rh4+ 39 Kgl Bd4+ 40 Kf1 Be3 41 Ng4 Bxg5 42 Nf2 Kf5 43 Ne4 Bf4 44 Rg8 Rh1+ 45 Ke2 Rb1 46 Rf8+ Ke6 47 Rf6+ Ke7 48 Rxb6 Rb2+ 49 Kdl Be3 50 Kel Bd4 51 Rb7+ Ke6 52 Kdl Be3 53 Rb6+ Ke7 54 Kel Bd4 55 Rb7+ Ke6 56 Kdl Be3, ½ : ½.

There was yet another tie for seventh through ninth. Lev Aptekar was right in the title hunt until the last two rounds when he crashed badly, losing both. Lev, however, seemed mainly intent on stifling any vestige of play by his opponent and this led to too many sterile positions and a rather traumatic missed win against me in round eight. Aptekar did score the following important win though:

GREEN - APTEKAR, Czech Benoni:

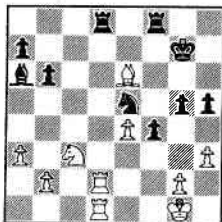
1 d4 c5 2 d5 e5 3 c4 d6 4 Nc3 Be7 5 g3 Nf6 6 Bg2 0-0 7 e4 Na6 8 Nge2 Nc7 9 0-0 Rb8 10 a4 a6 11 Qd3 Nfe8 12 Rb1 b5 13 axb5 axb5 14 cxb5 Nxb5 15 Nxb5

Ba6 16 Nec3 Nc7 17 Ral Bxb5 18 Nxb5 Nxb5 19 Bd2 Nd4 20 Bc3 Bb3 21 Bh3 Rb7 22 Rfb1 Qb8 23 b4 cxb4 24 Bxd4 exd4 25 Rb3 Bf6 26 Rab1 Re8 27 Qd2 Rxe4 28 Rxb4 Rxb4 29 Rxb4 Qe8 30 Bf5 Re1+ 31 Kg2 g6 32 Bd7 Qe4+ 33 Kh3 Kg7 34 Rb7 Re2 35 Qf4 Qh1 36 g4 Qf1+ 37 Kg3 Be5, 0 : 1.

Bruce Watson gave his reputation as a burglar rather a hammering, perhaps because he didn't really need to burgle in this tournament. After losing to me in the third round Bruce told me "he'd have to start winning" - well, he was shamefully burglarised by Green the following day but then scored a nice win against Sarapu and happily accepted Levene's piece blunder in round six.

SARAPU - WATSON, Nimzoindian Defence:

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3 0-0 5 Bd3 d5 6 Nge2 dxc4 7 Bxc4 c5 8 a3 cxd4 9 exd4 Bxc3+ 10 Nxc3 Nc6 11 Be3 Nd5 12 0-0 Nxe3 13 fxe3 b6 14 Qe2 Bb7 15 Rad1 Qe7 16 Ba2 Rad8 17 Bb1 Kh8 18 Qh5 g6 19 Qh6 f5 20 Ba2 Nb8 21 Rfel Nd7 22 e4 f4 23 Rf1 e5 24 dxe5 Qxe5 25 Bd5 Ba6 26 Rf3 Qg7 27 Qxg7+ Kxg7 28 Rf2 Ne5 29 h3 g5 30 Rfd2 h5 31 Be6



31...f3 32 Bf5 Rxd2 33 Rxd2 g4 34 hxg4 hxg4 35 g3 Rh8 36 Rd5 Rh3 37 Bxg4 f2+ 38 Kxf2 Nxc4+ 39 Kf3 Nf6 40 Rg5+ Kf7 41 e5 Rh5 42 Rxh5 Nxb5 43 Ke4 Ke6 44 g4 Ng3+ 45 Kd4 Ne2+ 46 Nxe2 Bxe2 47 g5 Bh5 48 a4 Kd7 49 b4 Bf7 50 a5 Kc6 51 Ke4 Be6 52 axb6 axb6 53 g6 Kb5 54 Kf4 Kxb4 55 Kg5 Kc5 56 Kf6 Kd5, 0 : 1.

The third 50% scorer was Robert Smith who kept a fairly low profile results-wise until he won two of his last three games including the one versus Ortvin who carelessly gave away a pawn in a most un-Sarapu-like manner. Robert had much the worst of things in his first two games, losing material in each but discovering at the adjournment that the material deficit was meaningless. This good fortune was balanced, however, by his time-trouble blunder against Levene and an almost certain dropped half-point when he sealed the wrong move against Green.

I started off okay but, despite gaining excellent positions against Dekker and Anderson at least, couldn't win another game after round three. Like almost everybody else I too had a wee drop of luck, swindling draws from Smith and Aptekar in lost endgames; I must confess I found it most enjoyable! My game with Robert had an amusing finish; earlier I had twice had draw offers refused but I made no further offers in the final session. Finally while I was away from the board Robert, clearly exasperated at the win eluding him, swept the remaining pieces off the board and stopped the clocks. Obviously he was making a unilateral draw declaration but, as this seemed a trifle irregular, I asked him whether he was resigning and that, otherwise, he couldn't do what he'd just done! Giving the best impression of greased lightning I've seen in a long time, Smith then reset the position, made a move and restarted my clock. We then agreed the draw in the normal manner.

STUART - WATSON, Symmetrical English:

1 c4 c5 2 b3 Nf6 3 Bb2 g6 4 Bxf6 exf6 5 Nc3 Bg7 6 g3 0-0 7 Bg2 Na6 8 e3 Nc7 9 Nge2 f5 10 0-0 Rb8 11 Rcl d6 12 d4 b6 13 Qd2 Ne6 14 Rfd1 Ba6 15 dxc5 dxc5 16 Qd7 Qc7 17 Qxc7 Nxc7 18 Rd7 Be5 19 Nd5 Nxd5 20 Bxd5 Rbd8 21 Bxf7+ Kg7 22 Rxa7 Rxf7 23 Rxa6 Rd2 24 Nc3 Bxc3 25 Rxc3 Rfd7 26 Rxb6 Rxa2 27 Rcl Rdd2 28 Rf1 Rab2 29 Rb5 Rdc2 30 h4 h5 31 Kg2 Rc3 32 Rxc5 Rxe3 33 b4 Ree2 34 b5 Rec2 35 Rc6 Rb4 36 b6 Rcb2 37 c5 f4 38 Rc7+ Kf6 39 gxf4 Rxf4 40 Kg3? (40 b7!) 40...Rg4+ 41 Kh3 Rbb4 42 f3 Rzh4+ 43 Kg3 g5 44 b7 Rb2 45 Rf2 Rb1 46 c6 Rbh1 47 Rg2 Rb4 48 Re2 g4 49 fxc4 h4+ 50 Kg2 Rbh1 51 Rc8 Rxc4+ 52 Kf3 Rgb4 53 c7 R4b3+ 54 Kf2 h3 55 b8Q h2 56 Rf8+, 1 : 0.

Jon Jackson was one of only three players (the others were Levene and Watson) to never share the lead but was always likely to score an upset win with his aggressive style and uncompromising attitude. His only win was certainly very nice:

JACKSON - ANDERSON, Giuoco Piano:

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Bc5 4 c3 Qe7 5 b4 Bb6 6 d3 Nf6 7 0-0 d6 8 a4 a6 9 Nbd2 h6 10 Ba2 g5 11 Nc4 Ba7 12 b5 Nd8 13 Ba3 Nd7 14 d4 f6 15 dxe5 fxe5 16 Nd4 exd4 17 e5 Nf7 18 exd6 Qf6 19 dxc7 Bc5 20 Re1+ Kf8 21 Bxc5 Nxc5 22

cxd4 Nd7 23 Ne5 Ndx5 24 dxe5 Nxe5 25 Qd5 Ng6 26 b6 Kg7 27 Rad1 Rf8 28 Qc5 a5 29 Rd6 Qf4 30 Red1 Bg4 31 f3 Bf5 32 Rd8 Qb4 33 Qd4+ Qxd4+ 34 R1xd4 Ne7 35 Rxa8 Rxa8 36 Rd8 Rc8 37 g4 Bg6 38 Be6, 1 : 0.

Finally we come to the strangest result of the tournament. Bruce Anderson started off alright and was just half a point off the pace after five rounds. In round six he was winning easily against Green but never quite clinched the point and eventually lost. Obviously, Bruce was a broken man after this setback and his resistance in some of his remaining games, all of which he lost, was slight.

Unfortunately the standard of play was not high, the number of allusions to blunders in the above account possibly already having alerted the reader to this fact. As Ortvin Sarapu said at the prize-giving, a "sin-bin" article is not really on the cards this year - he could fill the whole magazine! Nevertheless, still a very interesting tournament.

#### STATISTICS

As already mentioned, exactly 50% of the games were drawn. Of the remainder, White won 18 and Black 15, giving White an overall 52.27% which is somewhat lower than average.

In a tournament so riddled with draws it is not surprising that the record of eight draws was equalled by three players - Nokes(!), Green and Stuart.

Other points of statistical interest lie in this year's event producing the third triple tie for first place in the last six years and equalling the lowest winning score of 7 points which first occurred in 1975/76. Sarapu's five wins brought him a little closer to Kelling's record of 186 wins in N.Z. Championships; the top three are Kelling (36 Ch'ps) 186, R.J. Barnes (28) 173, and Sarapu (23) 169.

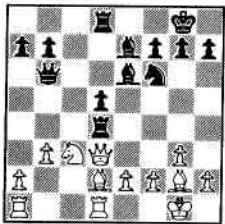
Aptekar played the longest games - a total of 534 moves at an average of 48.6 per game. He was followed by Smith 510, Jackson 499, Stuart 477 .... Green 324 (average 29.5).

Now for a few more games and positions.

**NOKES - SARAPU, French Defence:**

1 e4 e6 2 d3 c5 3 Nf3 Nc6 4 g3 Nge7  
5 Bg2 d5 6 Nbd2 g6 7 0-0 Bg7 8 Qe2  
0-0 9 Re1 Qc7 10 e5 b6 11 c3 Ba6 12  
Nf1 Kh8 13 Bf4 Rae8 14 h3 Qd7 15  
Nlh2 Ng8 16 Ng4 b5 17 b3 b4 18 c4 Bb7  
19 Rad1 a5 20 Be3 d4 21 Bf4 Nb8 22  
Ng5 Bxg2 23 Kxg2 Qc6+ 24 Kgl Nd7 25  
h4 a4 26 h5 h6 27 Nf3 axb3 28 axb3 g5  
29 Bd2 Ra8, ½ : ½.

**WATSON - DEKKER, see diagram**



18 Qb5? (Allowing a quiet but potent combination to unfold; 18 Qc2 would be about =) 18...Qc7 (As well as 19...Rxd2 Black threatens 19...a6 trapping the queen) 19 Na4 Qc2! 20

Qxb7 (Worse are 20 Qa5 Ne4! or 20 Rac1 Rxd2! 21 Rxc2 Rxd1+ 22 Bf1 Bh3 winning) 20...Kf8! 21 Qxa7 Rxd2 22 Rdcl Qf5 23 Rc7 Bd6 24 Rxf7+ Bxf7 25 Qa5 Rxe2 26 Qxd8+ Ne8 27 Rf1 Bc7 28 Qh4 Rxa2 and Black won in another 9 moves.

**APTEKAR - SARAPU, Symmetrical English:**

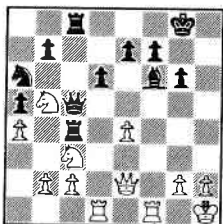
1 Nf3 Nf6 2 b3 g6 3 Bb2 Bg7 4 c4 0-0  
5 e3 c5 6 Be2 Nc6 7 0-0 d6 8 d4 Bg4  
9 d5 Na5 10 Nbd2 b5 11 Rcl bxc4 12  
Nxc4 Nxc4 13 Rxc4 Bxf3 14 gxf3 Nd7 15  
Bxg7 Kxg7 16 Rg4 f5 17 Rg2 Qa5 18 Qc2  
Rf6 19 f4 Raf8 20 Kh1 Nb6 21 Rdl Qb4  
22 Rggl a5 23 Rd2 Rc8 24 Rcl Rff8 25  
Kg2 Nd7 26 Qb2+ Nf6 27 Rc4 Qb7 28 Ra4  
Ra8 29 Qc3 Kf7 30 Bf3 Qc7 31 Rc2 Rfb8  
32 h4 Rb4 33 Rxb4 axb4 34 Qxb4 Rxa2  
35 Qc3 Qa5 36 Qc4 Ral 37 Rcl Ra3 38  
Rdl Qb4 39 Qxb4 cxb4 40 Rd3 Nd7 41  
Bdl Nc5 42 Rd4 Ra2 43 Bf3 Rb2 44 Rxb4  
Nd3 45 Rd4 Nxf2 46 Kg3 h5 47 b4 Kf6  
48 Rc4 Nd3 49 e4 Nxb4 50 exf5 Kxf5 51  
Be4+ Kf6 52 Rc8 Rb3+ 53 Kh2 Nd3 54 f5  
Nf2 55 Bc2 Ng4+ 56 Kh1 Rh3+ 57 Kgl  
Rg3+ 58 Kh1 gxf5 59 Rf8+ Kg7 60 Rxf5  
Ne3 61 Rf2 Rh3+ 62 Kgl Nxc2 63 Rxc2  
Rxb4 64 Rd2 Kf6 65 Kg2 Ke5 66 Re2+  
Kxd5 67 Rxe7 Rf4 68 Kg3 Rf5 69 Re1  
Re5 70 Rd1+ Ke6 71 Ral Re4 72 Kf3 d5  
73 Rh1 h4 74 Rh2 Ke5 75 Rh1 d4 76 Ra1  
Re3+ 77 Kf2 Ke4 78 Rh1 h3 79 Ral Rf3+  
80 Ke2 d3+ 81 Kd2 Rf2+ 82 Kc3 Rc2+ 83  
Kb3 h2, 0 : 1.

**APTEKAR - JACKSON, King's Indian Defence:**

1 Nf3 g6 2 d4 Nf6 3 c4 Bg7 4 g3 0-0  
5 Bg2 d6 6 0-0 Nc6 7 b3 e5 8 Bb2 e4  
9 Nel Qe7 10 Nc2 Ng4 11 h3 Nh6 12 Nc3

f5 13 Nd5 Qd7 14 Rb1 Nd8 15 f4 exf3  
16 exf3 c6 17 Nf4 Qf7 18 Ba3 g5 19  
Nd3 Qg6 20 Re1 f4 21 g4 a5 22 Nf2  
a4 23 Bf1 Nhf7 24 b4 h5 25 Bd3 Qh6  
26 Kg2 Ne6 27 Bb2 a3 28 Bal d5 29  
b5 Nd6 30 bxc6 bxc6 31 cxd5 cxd5 32  
Rb6 Rd8 33 Bc3 hxg4 34 hxg4 Qh4 35  
Rh1 Qg3+ 36 Kf1 Ne4 37 fxe4 f3 38  
Rgl Qc7 39 Rb3 dxe4 40 Nxe4 Nxd4 41  
Nxd4 Ra4 42 Rb5 Raxd4 43 Bxd4 Rxd4  
44 Rc5 Qd7 45 Qb3+ Qe6 46 Rxc8+,  
1 : 0.

**SMALL - SMITH, see diagram**



21 Nxd6! (A little combination based on the overloaded Pe7; it can also be played the other way: 21 Rxf6 exf6 22 Nxd6 but the pawn advantage may well not be enough for a win in view of White's

vulnerable queenside pawns) 21...Bxc3 22 Nxc4 Qxc4 23 Qxc4 Rxc4 24 bxc3 Nc5! (Although Black is now the exchange and a pawn down he will regain several pawns) 25 Rd8+ Kg7 26 Rc8 b6 27 Rc6 Rxa4 28 Rxb6 Nxe4 29 Rb7 Kf8 30 Ra7 Nxc3 31 Rc7 Nd5 32 Rc8+ Kg7 33 Rcl Ra2! 34 g3 (if 34 c4, then 34...Nc3! 35 c5 Ne2; the rook & knight work harmoniously while White's rooks find it difficult to cooperate) 34...Nb4 35 Rd8 Nc6 36 Rd7 Kf8 37 Kg2 Ne5 38 Rd8+ Kg7 39 h3 f6 40 Kf2 Kf7, ½ : ½.

**JACKSON - SARAPU, Sicilian Defence:**

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 Qf3 (Better is Qe2 combined with Bf4, 0-0-0 and later h4 - h5 with the rook still on h1) 9...f5 10 Bf4 e6  
11 0-0-0 Qc7 12 Rhe1 Rb8 13 h4 Nh6  
14 a3 Nf7 15 Qe3 h6 16 Qg3 g5 17  
hxg5 hxg5 18 Rh1 Rg8 19 Bxg5 Bxe5 20  
Qd3 Rxg5 21 g3 Qb6 22 Bb3 Qxf2 23  
Bxe6 dxe6, 0 : 1.

**NOKES - SMALL, Sicilian 2 c3:**

1 e4 c5 2 c3 d5 3 exd5 Qxd5 4 d4 Nc6  
5 Nf3 e6 6 Bd3 cxd4 7 cxd4 Nf6 8 0-0  
Be7 9 Nc3 Qd6 10 Be3 0-0 11 Rcl Bd7  
12 Bb1 Nb4 13 Ne5 Rac8 14 Qe2 Nbd5  
15 Bg5 Bc6 16 Rfd1 Rfd8 17 Qd3, ½ : ½.

**LEVENE - APTEKAR, Closed Sicilian:**

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d3 Nf6 4 g3 d5 5  
Nbd2 b6 6 Bg2 Bb7 7 0-0 Be7 8 e5

Nfd7 9 h4 Nc6 10 Re1 Qc7 11 Qe2 h6  
12 Nf1 0-0-0 13 Nlh2 Kb8 14 c3 Ba6 15  
Bd2 Bf8 16 Rab1 d4 17 c4 Bb7 18 a3 g6  
19 Ng4 Bg7 20 Bf4 Rh7 21 b4 Rhh8 22  
b5 Ne7 23 a4 Nf5 24 Ra1 Bf8 25 Ra3  
Be7 26 Nf6 Ng7 27 a5 bxa5 28 Real Nb6  
29 Rxa5 Nc8 30 Nd2 Bxg2 31 Kxg2 Qb7+  
32 Nde4 Ne8 33 f3 Nc7 34 Qa2 Ne8 35  
Qa3 g5 36 hxg5 hxg5 37 Bxg5 Bxf6 38  
exf6 e5 39 Nxc5 Rh2+ 40 Kxh2 Qxf3 41  
Qa2 Ned6 42 Na6+ Kb7 43 Qg2, 1 : 0.

**JACKSON - SMITH, King's Indian Defence:**

1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 g6 3 c4 c5 4 Nc3 Bg7  
5 d5 0-0 6 e4 d6 7 h3 a6 8 Bd3 e5  
9 a4 Nbd7 10 g4 Ne8 11 Bf1 Nc7 12  
h4 Nf6 13 Nh2 Bd7 14 Bg5 h6 15 Be3  
b5 16 f3 Nfe8 17 Qd2 f5 18 gxf5 gxf5  
19 h5 b4 20 Nd1 Qh4+ 21 Bf2 Qxh5 22  
Bd3 Nf6 23 Ne3 f4 24 Ng2 Nh7 25 b3  
Ng5 26 Be2 Nxe4 27 fxe4 f3 28 Bxf3  
Rxf3 29 Nxf3 Qxh1+ 30 Bgl Rf8 31  
0-0-0 Rxf3 32 Bxe5 Qh3 33 Be3 a5 34  
Rgl Rg3 35 Kb2 Na6, 0 : 1.

## Women's Championship

The entry for the Burroughs Computers New Zealand Women's Championship was even more disappointing than last year - a total of only five including only one from the North Island. Of course the Olympiad precluded the entry of three members of the 1980 team - one was still overseas and the other two were unable to take further holidays so soon afterwards.

It was therefore decided to hold a double round-robin which still left each player with rather too many rest days, a situation which worsened in the second half with the withdrawal through illness of Canterbury's Diane Watson.

The race between Elisabeth Allen (Tamaru) and Jackie Sievey (Otago) was always very close with the former enjoying a slim half-point lead for most of the journey. The Otago youngster, however, won their mutual return clash in the final round to win the title by just half a point.

Olympian Anne Flower (Civic) took the third prize and Joanne Nokes (Canterbury) the fourth.

**N.Z. WOMEN'S CH'P 1980/81**

	Sie	All	Flo	Nok	Wat	T'l
J.Sievey	x	x	½	1	½	1 1 1 1 - 6
E.Allen	½	0	x	x	1	1 1 1 1 - 5½
A.Flower	½	0	0	0	x	x 1 ½ 1 - 3
J.Nokes	0	0	0	0	½	x x 1 - 1½
D.Watson	0	-	0	-	0	- x x 0

## N.Z. Master Title to Small

Vernon Small completed his New Zealand Master title qualification when he shared first place in this year's New Zealand Championship. His nine points were acquired as follows:

South Island Ch'p 1975	1
North Island Ch'p 1977	1
South Island Ch'p 1979	1
Co-N.Z. Champion 1979/80	3
Co-N.Z. Champion 1980/81	3

Small thus becomes one of only seven living New Zealand Masters. The other six are R.G.Wade, O.Sarapu, A.Feneridis, R.J.Sutton, B.R.Anderson and P.A.Garbett.

The up to date list of those players who have gained N.Z. Master points during the last 20 years is as follows:

8 D.I.Lynch	2	G.M.J.Hall
6 W.A.Fairhurst		A.G.Kerr
		K.W.Lynn
5 L.H.Cornford		R.Wansink
		R.I.Nokes
4 L.Aptekar	1	B.A.Carpenter
M.G.Chandler		R.Chapman
A.R.Day		D.J.Cooper
C.A.Evans		M.R.R.Foord
E.M.Green		P.R.Green
G.G.Haase		I.D.Hayes
		R.Howard
3 D.H.Beach		J.R.Jackson
L.Esterman		K.J.Jensen
P.Harraway		M.Levene
C.Laird		R.L.Perry
P.W.Stuart		R.S.Wilkin
G.E.Trundle		
A.L.Wilkinson		

# BURROUGHS PREMIER RESERVE 1980/81

		R.1	R.2	R.3	R.4	R.5	R.6	R.7	R.8	R.9	R10	R11	T'1	SOS
1	Dowden R.A.	O	W49	W26	W5	W11	W2	D3	W12	W10	L4	W20	D8	9
2	Lloyd A.	C	W14	W36	D10	W18	L1	W21	W19	W11	D3	W12	D4	8½
3	Van Dijk T.	Nel	W27	W35	D18	D6	W10	D1	L11	W4	D2	D13	W12	7½ 74.5
4	Love A.J.	O	W23	D25	W43	L10	D12	W33	W14	L3	W1	W11	D2	7½ 72
5	Frankel Z.	UH	W42	W29	L1	W44	L19	L14	W38	D34	W30	W18	W11	7½ 64
6	Hopewell M.G.	A	W21	D44	W16	D3	D7	L12	W25	D13	L8	W27	W20	7 68.5
7	Power P.W.	NS	L28	W39	W25	W27	D6	L10	W15	D19	L11	W31	W18	7 65.5
8	Whitlock H.P.	Wan	W50	D43	D34	L9	W27	L25	W39	D42	W6	W10	D1	7 63.5
9	Haase G.G.	O	L43	W50	D17	W8	D16	W44	L10	W29	L18	W26	W19	7 62.5
10	Weegeenaar D.P.	O	W38	W15	D2	W4	L3	W7	W9	L1	L12	L8	W28	6½ 77
11	Van Dijk P.	Nel	W47	W22	W13	L1	W20	D19	W3	L2	W7	L4	L5	6½ 76
12	Cornford L.H.	A	L15	W38	W41	W31	D4	W6	L1	W28	W10	L2	L3	6½ 73.5
13	Cooper D.J.	PN	W32	W30	L11	L19	W34	D15	D18	D6	W42	D3	D16	6½ 66.6
14	Post M.	C	L2	W24	L25	W38	W51	W5	L4	L30	D29	W36	W25	6½ 65.5
15	Cameron B.	C	W12	L10	D30	W26	D18	D13	L7	W25	L35	W29	W33	6½ 64.5
16	Ker A.F.	Pac	W48	D33	L6	W43	D9	L18	D26	W45	D22	W35	D13	6½ 61.5
17	Clements T.C.	C	D31	D21	D9	D25	D36	D47	D37	D32	D34	W43	W30	6½ 59
18	Johnston A.J.	UH	W39	W28	D3	L2	D15	W16	D13	D20	W9	L5	L7	6 73.5
19	Bennell D.J.	Par	L33	W48	W35	W13	W5	D11	L2	D7	L20	W34	L9	6 68.5
20	Gibbons R.E.	A	W46	D34	D44	W42	L11	D28	W21	D18	W19	L1	L6	6 64.5
21	Wilson R.T.	C	L6	D17	W54	W36	W30	L2	L20	D35	L25	W44	W42	6 61.5
22	Aldridge G.	Twa	W53	L11	D32	D28	W42	D26	L29	W38	D16	D33	W35	6 58
23	Davies G.	C	L4	D37	W52	W32	L33	D29	L30	W40	L31	W39	W34	6 58
24	Schuster D.F.	C	L36	L14	L38	L45	Bye	W53	W55	D48	D41	W49	W46	6 45.5
25	Nijman A.J.	C	W37	D4	L7	D17	D46	W8	L6	L15	W21	W42	L14	5½ 68
26	Hopewell N.H.	A	W40	L1	D28	L15	W41	D22	D16	W46	D27	L9	D32	5½ 65.5
27	Nijman B.	C	L3	W45	W14	L7	L8	D37	W41	W33	D26	L6	D31	5½ 65.5
28	Leese M.	C	W7	L18	D26	D22	W31	D20	W33	L12	D36	D30	L10	5½ 64.5
29	Pomeroy D.M.	AU	W51	L5	L42	D37	W40	D23	W22	L9	D14	L15	W45	5½ 62.5
30	Von't Steen R.	O	W55	L13	D15	W47	L21	D42	W23	W14	L5	D28	L17	5½ 62.5
31	Langrish T.A.G.	C	D17	W52	D33	L12	L28	D45	D40	W39	W23	L7	D27	5½ 60
32	Ferguson R.T.	UH	L13	W55	D22	L23	D52	L38	W51	D17	D45	W41	D26	5½ 55
33	Borren A.	HV	W19	D16	D31	D34	W23	L4	L28	L27	W37	D22	L15	5 65
34	Hollis W.K.	Twa	W41	D20	D8	D33	L13	D46	W44	D5	D17	L19	L23	5 64.5
35	Thomson O.N.	C	W45	L3	L19	D41	D37	W51	D46	D21	W15	L16	L22	5 61.5
36	Cribbitt P.F.	C	W24	L2	D47	L21	D17	W52	L42	W43	D28	L14	D37	5 61
37	Dalziel I.J.	O	L25	D23	D40	D29	D35	D27	D17	D44	L33	W48	D36	5 58
38	Hampton R.	C	L10	L12	W24	L14	W50	W32	L5	L22	L40	Bye	W54	5 57
39	Blundell K.	PN	L18	L7	W55	W40	L44	W43	L8	L31	W52	L23	W50	5 55.5
40	Stewardson P.L.	CBH	L26	W49	D37	L39	L29	W50	D31	L23	W38	D47	D43	5 55
41	Potini G.	C	L34	W46	L12	D35	L26	W49	L27	W47	D24	L32	Bye	5 52.5
42	Turner M.	C	L5	W51	W29	L20	D22	D30	W36	D8	L13	L25	L21	4½ 64.5
43	Bennett P.E.	UH	W9	D8	L4	L16	D47	L39	W52	L36	W48	L17	D40	4½ 62
44	Poord M.R.R.	O	W54	D6	D20	L5	W39	L9	L34	D37	D46	L21	D47	4½ 61
45	Burridge D.	C	L35	L21	L46	W24	W48	D31	W47	L16	D32	D46	L29	4½ 57
46	Fraemohs P.	C	L20	L41	W48	W50	D25	D34	D35	f	D44	D45	f	4½ 54
47	Brannigan K.L.	C	L11	W53	D36	L30	D43	D17	L45	L41	W55	D40	D44	4½ 53
48	Stiles T.D.	O	L16	L19	L46	Bye	L45	W54	W49	D24	L43	L37	W53	4½ 48.5
49	Cameron S.M.	C	L1	L40	L51	D55	W53	L41	L48	Bye	W54	L24	W52	4½ 46.5
50	Flower G.C.	Civ	L8	L9	W45	L46	L38	L40	Bye	L54	W53	W55	L39	4 47.5
51	Watson M.J.	SC	L29	L42	W49	W54	L14	L35	L32	L52	Bye	L53	W55	4 44.5
52	Cameron D.	O	Bye	L31	L23	W53	D32	L36	L43	W51	L39	L54	L49	3½ 47
53	Bell D.I.	Wan	L22	L47	Bye	L52	L49	L24	W54	D55	L50	W51	L48	3½ 43
54	Williams G.M.	O	L44	Bye	L21	L51	D55	L48	L53	W50	L49	W52	L38	3½ 42
55	Symmans H.L.	UH	L30	L32	L39	D49	D54	Bye	L24	D53	L47	L50	L51	2½

# BURROUGHS PREMIER RESERVE CH'P

by Michael Freeman & Peter Cribbitt

A slightly smaller and weaker field than in recent years entered the 1980-81 Burroughs Computers Reserve Championship. Tony Love topped the seedings with his 2006 rating, ahead of fifty-four others.

The peaceful countryside setting and the large junior entry resulted in a large number of draws, especially among the younger players who didn't seem to know how to win.

The early rounds contained the usual number of upsets with L.Cornford and W.Power losing in round one and Love being held to a draw by Ari Nijman in round two. Round three saw Tony Dowden demolish Z.Frankel with the King's Gambit and P.Van Dijk beat D.Cooper to become the only players on 3 points. D.Weegeenaar and A.Lloyd drew as did T.Van Dijk and A.Johnston to stay just behind.

T.Dowden assumed the lead for himself after round four by beating P.Van Dijk with the exchange Ruy Lopez. D.Weegeenaar scored his first ever win over T.Love while A.Lloyd demolished Johnston.

Dowden continued on his winning way in round five when Lloyd overextended on the Kingside and the Black pieces filled the empty spaces. Tom Van Dijk yet again won Weegeenaar's queen. D.Bennell slipped into second equal on four points with a win over Frankel. Bob Gibbons gave P.Van Dijk a piece in the opening.

Round six saw Dowden drop his first half point when T.Van Dijk played the Falkbeer Counter Gambit and drew the resulting rook and pawn ending. Frankel lost again, this time to Martin Post. Lloyd just managed to beat Russel Wilson. Weegeenaar gave Power his second loss while Bennell was lucky to draw with P.Van Dijk.

Lindsay Cornford tried a book trap against Dowden in round seven but fell into his own trap and lost everything. Son shone over Dad when Van Dijk beat Van Dijk. Scores after seven rounds: Dowden 6½; Lloyd, P.Van Dijk, Weegeenaar 5½; Love 5.

Round eight saw Dowden and Lloyd win again over Weegeenaar and P.Van Dijk. Weegeenaar just played moves without analysing properly and lost an exchange. Lloyd mated P.Van Dijk in the time scramble. T.Van Dijk disposed of Love after the adjournment. S.Cameron just

managed to gain a point over the bye.

Love threw the tournament wide open again in round nine by easily disposing of Dowden. Lloyd lost his chance to catch up though by struggling to draw with T.Van Dijk. Weegeenaar self destructed to Cornford to slide down the tournament table. T.Clements maintained his unbeaten record with his ninth draw when another of his opponents threw away the win.

In the penultimate round R.Gibbons played 2...Qh4+ against Dowden's King's Gambit and won two pawns but was lost by move ten. Cornford gave Lloyd a piece while Weegeenaar continued his decline with a loss to H.Whitlock.

Lloyd and Love agreed a quick draw in the last round so Dowden drew with Whitlock soon after to take first place. Frankel's Centre Counter proved too much for P.Van Dijk to join Love in third equal. Tom Van Dijk joined these two much later when Cornford resigned in a drawn rook and bishop versus rook ending after everyone else had gone home.

Michael Hopewell jumped to seven points when Gibbons played the same line of the King's Gambit as against Dowden with the same result.

Tony Dowden fully deserved his first place. His tactical awareness proved too much for the opposition and he lead throughout. Only his loss to Love allowed the rest to get near him. Lloyd's second place was a good result capping an excellent year for him.

Tom Van Dijk and Zyg Frankel both managed to foot it with the juniors while Tony Love should have done better in this field.

David Weegeenaar's play showed great improvement, though his behaviour still lags behind. P.Van Dijk started well, but crashed near the end.

On the grade front, A.Ker took the under 1750 with G.Davies and G.Aldridge second equal. M.Post and B.Cameron shared the under 1625 while T.Clements took the under 1400 with D.Schuster 2nd.

A selection of games follows:

T.DOWDEN - Z.FRANKEL, King's Gambit:  
 1 e4 e5 2 f4 exf4 3 Nf3 d6 4 Bc4 h6  
 5 d4 g5 6 g3 g4 7 Nh4 f3 8 Bf4 Nc6  
 9 Na3 Bg7 10 c3 a6 11 Qb3 Qf6  
 12 0-0-0 Nge7 13 e5 dxe5 14 dxe5 Na5

15 Bxf7+ Qxf7 16 Rd8+ Kxd8 17 Qxf7  
Bxe5 18 Bxe5, 1 - 0.

A.LLOYD - T.DOWDEN, Pirc Defence:

1 d4 g6 2 e4 d6 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 Nc3 Bg7  
5 Be2 0-0 6 0-0 c6 7 a4 Qc7 8 h3 e5  
9 Re1 exd4 10 Nxd4 Re8 11 Bf3 Nbd7  
12 Bf4 Ne5 13 Be2 b6 14 Bh2 Bb7 15 g4  
h6 16 f4 Ned7 17 f5 Ne5 18 Nf3 Nfd7  
19 Rf1 Nxf3 20 Kxf3 Ne5 21 Bxe5 Bxe5  
22 fxxg6 fxxg6 23 Bc4+ d5 24 exd5 Kh8  
25 Qd2 g5 26 dxc6 Qxc6 27 Be2 Rad8  
28 Qe1 Qc5+ 29 Kg2 Bxc3 30 bxc3 Bxf3+  
31 Kxf3 Qe3+, 0 - 1.

L.CORNFORD - T.DOWDEN, Modern Defence:

1 e4 d6 2 d4 Nf6 3 Nc3 g6 4 Bc4 Bg7  
5 Qe2 Nc6 6 e5 Nh5 7 g4 Nxd4 8 Qe4  
Bxe5 9 gxh5 Bf5 10 Qxb7 Nxc2+ 11 Kf1  
Nxa1 12 Bh6 Rb8 13 Qd5 e6 14 Bb5+  
Rg7 15 Qd2 Rg8 16 Nf3 Nc2 17 hxg6  
Rxxg6 18 Ba4 Rxb2 19 Nxe5 dxe5 20 h4  
Qd3+, 0 - 1.

T.DOWDEN - T.LOVE, Sicilian b3:

1 e4 c5 2 b3 Nc6 3 Bb2 e6 4 Nf3 d6  
5 Bb5 Bd7 6 0-0 Nf6 7 Bxc6 Bxc6 8 e5  
Nd7 9 Re1 d5 10 d4 Be7 11 Nbd2 0-0  
12 dxc5 Nxc5 13 Nd4 Qd7 14 N2f3 Rac8  
15 Rc1 Rfd8 16 Qe2 a6 17 a4 Qe8  
18 Bc3 b6 19 Nxc6 Rxc6 20 Bb4 Nxb3  
21 Bxe7 Nxc1 22 Qxa6 Qxe7 23 Rxc1 Qb4  
24 Ne1 Rdc8 25 g3 h6 26 Nd3 Qd2  
27 Rb1 Rxc2 28 Rxb6 R8c4 29 Rb3 Qd1+  
30 Kg2 Rxf2+ 31 Nxf2 Qxb3 32 Qa8+ Kh7  
33 Qe8 Qb7 34 Qf8 Rc8 35 Qa3 Kg8  
36 Qf3 Ra8 37 Nd3 Qb3 38 Nc5 Qxf3+  
39 Kxf3 Ra5, 0 - 1.

D.WEEGENAAR - T.LOVE, Grünfeld Defence:

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 d5 4 Nf3 Bg7  
5 e3 0-0 6 Bd2 c6 7 Bd3 Bg4 8 h3 Bxf3  
9 Qxf3 dxc4 10 Bxc4 Nbd7 11 0-0 e5  
12 Rfd1 exd4 13 exd4 Nb6 14 Bb3 Re8  
15 Bg5 Qd6 16 Bf4 Qd7 17 Be5 Nbd5  
18 Na4 b6 19 Racl Rac8 20 Nc3 Nxc3  
21 bxc3 Nd5 22 c4 Nc7 23 Bxxg7 Kxxg7  
24 d5 e5 25 Qc3+ Kg8 26 Qc2 a6 27 a4  
a5 28 Qd2 Rcd8 29 Rc3 Ne6 30 Re1 Nd4  
31 Bd1 Kg7 32 Rce3 h6 33 Qb2 Rb8  
34 Kh2 Qd6+ 35 g3 Qf6 36 Kg2 Rxe3  
37 fxe3 Nf5 38 Qxf6+ Kxf6 39 e4 Nd4  
40 e5+ Ke7 41 g4 Rd8 42 Rf1 Rb8  
43 Rf6 Rb7 44 Kf2 Rb8 45 Ke3 Rb7  
46 Ke4 Kf8 47 h4 Kg7 48 Rd6 Rb8  
49 Rf6 g5 50 hxg5 hxg5 51 Bf3 Rb7  
52 d6 Rd7 53 Kd5 Rd8 54 Be4 Rd7  
55 Bf5 Rd8 56 Be4 Rd7 57 Rf2 Rd8  
58 Rh2 Rg8 59 Bf5 Rd8 60 Rh7+ Kg8  
61 Rh5 Nf3, 1 - 0.

T.DOWDEN - R.GIBBONS, King's Gambit:

1 e4 e5 2 f4 Qh4+ 3 g3 Qe7 4 Nc3 exf4  
5 d4 fxg3 6 Bf4 Nf6 7 Qe2 gxh2 8 Rxxh2  
d6 9 e5 Ng4 10 Nd5 Qd8 11 exd6+ Be6  
12 Nxc7+ Kd7 13 Nxe6 fxe6 14 Qxxg4 Nc6  
15 d5 Qa5+ 16 Rd2 Nd4 17 dxe6+ Nxe6  
18 Nf3 h5 19 Qh3 Re8 20 Ne5+ Kd8  
21 Bg5+ Kc8 22 d7+, 1 - 0 on move 28.

M.TURNER - D.COOPER, Ruy Lopez:

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 f5 4 d3 fxe4  
5 dxe4 Nf6 6 0-0 d6 7 Nbd2 Be6 8 c3  
a6 9 Ba4 Qd7 10 h3 h6 11 Re1 g5  
12 Bb3 0-0-0 13 Bxxe6 Qxxe6 14 Qb3 Qe8  
15 Nf1 g4 16 hxg4 Nxxg4 17 Ng3 Kb8  
18 Qd1 Rg8 19 b4 Be7 20 a4 Qg6 21 b5  
Nxxf2 22 Kxxf2 Qxxg3+ 23 Ke3 d5! 24 bxc6  
Bg5+ 25 Kd3 dxe4+ 26 Kc4 Rxd1 27 Rxd1  
exf3 28 gxf3 Qxf3 29 Bxxg5 Qxxc6+, 0 - 1.

D.WEEGENAAR - M.LEESE, Ruy Lopez:

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6  
5 Qe2 d6 6 c3 Bd7 7 0-0 Be7 8 Rd1 0-0  
9 d4 Qe8 10 Bc2 Bg4 11 d5 Nd8 12 h3  
Bh5 13 a4 Kh8 14 Be3 Ng8 15 g4 Bg6  
16 Nbd2 f6 17 Nf1 h5 18 Ng3 hxg4  
19 hxg4 Nf7 20 Nh4 Nfh6 21 Kg2 Bh7  
22 Rh1 g6 23 Rh2 Kg7 24 Rahl g5  
25 Nhf5+ Bxf5 26 Nxf5+ Nxf5 27 Rh7+,  
1 - 0.

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## Titles Galore!

Many titles were awarded or confirmed during the FIDE Congress in Malta. There were 15 new GMs, 58 IMs, 86(!) FMs, 3 WIMs and 78 IAs.

We will content ourselves with the names of the 15 Grandmasters: Flesch (HUN), Ftacnik (CZ), Grünfeld (ISR), Jusupov (USSR), Kasparov (USSR), Kuligowski (POL), Kupreichik (USSR), Mednis (USA), Panchenko (USSR), Rashkovsky (USSR), Ree (NL), Seirawan (USA), Soltis (USA), Speelman (ENG) & Timoshenko (USSR).

An important change was made to the FIDE Rating rules: a player who wins a rated tournament cannot lose rating points.

ALGEBRAIC NOTATION: As from 1st Jan. algebraic notation will be obligatory in tournaments and matches in the FIDE cycle for the individual World Championship - and thus the only recognised notation system in FIDE.



# THE OLYMPIADS IN MALTA by the editor

## INTRODUCTION

As anticipated the Chess Olympiads held on the small island of Malta during November and December turned out to be the biggest ever held with 82 teams competing in the Mens Olympiad and 42 teams competing in the Womens Olympiad.

The organisation of the Olympiads, an especially massive task this time considering the number of players, delegates and reporters, was undertaken by the Maltese Chess Federation with the backing of the Maltese Socialist Govt. which had to guarantee U.S. \$300,000 to FIDE. A lot of help came from outside Malta - the Yugoslavian Chess Federation provided match arbiters and other officials while Bob Wade and a group of English chessplayers took on the task of producing the daily bulletins. B.H.Wood of England provided all the clocks and the chess sets used at the Olympiad. The accomodation was sponsored by the FESTA travel company and other local sponsorship was found in the form of Rank Xerox Image Systems, ICL etc.

Naturally there were many problems facing the organisers in Malta - many of these, however, were sorted out after the initial days of chaos.

## THE RACE FOR FIRST

The strong Hungarian team headed by GM Lajos Portisch took an early lead in the Olympiad with a 4 - 0 victory in the first round against Scotland followed by a 3½ - ½ victory against Norway and a 3 - 1 victory against Sweden. In reply to this the USSR team could only score 2½ - 1½ against the Venezuelan team in round one but followed this up with 3½ - ½ victories against Greece and Austria. The surprisingly poor form of GM's Polugaevsky and Tal helped to contribute to Hungary's early lead and both these players were later dropped from the Soviet team in favour of Geller Balashov and Kasparov.

After 8 rounds Hungary lead by a clear point with 22½ followed by Russia and Yugoslavia on 21½.

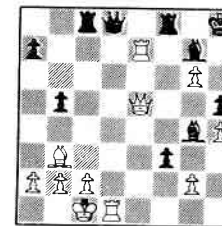
## ROUND 9

The USSR could only take 2 points off Czechoslovakia (Karpov beating Hort and Polugaevsky losing to Smejkal). In the top match Hungary beat Finland 3½ - ½.

Yugoslavia took over the second place again when they defeated England 2½ - 1½. Miles defeated Ljubojevic after both players had rattled off the first twenty moves or so at lightning speed. Further back Holland defeated Sweden 3 - 1, Romania defeated Poland 3 - 1 and Israel defeated Colombia by 3 - 1. Leading scores: 1 Hungary 26; 2 Yugoslavia 24; 3 USSR 23½.

LJUBOJEVIC - MILES, Sicilian Dragon:

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6  
5 Nc3 g6 6 Be3 Bg7 7 f3 0-0 8 Qd2 Nc6  
9 Bc4 Bd7 10 h4 Rc8 11 Bb3 h5  
12 0-0-0 Ne5 13 Bg5 Rc5 14 f4 Nc4  
15 Qd3 b5 16 e5 Ng4 17 Ne4 Rc8  
18 exd6 f6 19 Rhe1 exd6 20 Nxd6 Kh7  
21 f5 Nxd6 22 fxxg6+ Kh8 23 Bf4 Ne5  
24 Bxe5 fxe5 25 Nf3 e4 26 Qxd6 exf3  
27 Re7 Bg4 28 Qe5



28 ...Qxd1+ 29 Kxd1  
f2+ 30 Kd2 Rfd8+  
31 Bd5 Rxd5+, 0 - 1.

## ROUND 10

Hungary could only manage 2 - 2 against the strong Dutch team (Timman ½ Portisch, Sosonko ½ Ribli, Ree 0 Sax, Langeweg 1 Farago). Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia had four quick draws while USSR demolished Iceland 3½ - ½. Karpov managed to get his revenge against Frdrik Olafsson after his defeat at the hands of Olafsson a few weeks before in the Buenos Aires Clarin Tournament. England won 3 - 1 against Finland but Miles was held to a draw by Rantanen, who gained his final GM norm in Malta. Argentina and Bulgaria drew against USA and Rumania. Israel defeated Cuba 2½ - 1½ while Australia held Sweden to a 2 - 2 draw. Leading scores: 1 Hungary 27½; 2 USSR 26½; 3 Yugoslavia 26; 4-6 England, Czechoslovakia & Bulgaria 24.

F.OLAFSSON - KARPOV, English:

1 c4 e5 2 Nc3 Nf6 3 Nf3 Nc6 4 e3 Bb4  
5 Qc2 Bxc3 6 Qxc3 Qe7 7 a3 a5 8 b3  
d5 9 d4 exd4 10 Nxd4 Nxd4 11 Qxd4 c5  
12 Qb2 0-0 13 exd5 Nxd5 14 Be2 Bf5



15 0-0 Rfd8 16 Rel Nf6 17 f3 Bd3  
 18 Bdl b5 19 e4 Nd5 20 Bd2 Nc7  
 21 Rac1 Ne6 22 Be3 Rac8 23 Be2 h6  
 24 Qd2 Bxe2 25 Qxe2 c4 26 bxc4 bxc4  
 27 Rc3 Nd4 28 Qf1 Nb3 29 Rxc4 Qxa3  
 30 Rxc8 Rxc8 31 Qa6 Rc2 32 Qa8+ Kh7  
 33 Qd5 Qb2 34 Qxf7 Rxcg2+ 35 Kf1 Rg6  
 36 Re2 Qbl+ 37 Rel Qa2, 0 - 1.

#### ROUND 11

This round provided the spectators with the interesting clash between the USA and the USSR. Karpov and Kasparov beat Albur and Shamkovich, Balashov drew with Tarjan and Tal suffered defeat at the hands of Seirawan. Hungary was satisfied with four quick draws against Czechoslovakia which allowed the Russian team to close the gap to just  $\frac{1}{2}$  a point. The matches between Yugoslavia - Holland and Bulgaria - England ended in a draw. Rumania defeated Israel but Gheorghiu, still playing badly, lost to Liberzon. Leading scores: 1 Hungary 30; 2 USSR 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 3 Yugoslavia 28; 4 Rumania 27; England, Holland, Czechoslovakia & Bulgaria all 5th= on 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

#### KARPOV - ALBURT, Alekhine's Defence:

1 e4 Nf6 2 e5 Nd5 3 d4 d6 4 Nf3 Bg4  
 5 Be2 Nc6 6 c4 Nb6 7 exd6 exd6 8 d5  
 Bxf3 9 Bxf3 Ne5 10 Be2 Qh4 11 0-0 h5  
 12 Nd2 g6 13 f4 Ng4 14 Nf3 Qf6 15 Rel  
 0-0-0 16 a4 a5 17 Qd2 Bg7 18 h3 Rde8  
 19 Bf1 Nh6 20 Qxa5 Nf5 21 Rdl Kb8  
 22 Ra3 Re4 23 Qb5 Nc8 24 Rb3 b6 25 a5  
 Qe7 26 Qa6 Rhe8 27 c5 dxc5 28 Bb5 c6  
 29 Bxc6 Bd4+ 30 Nxd4 Nxd4 31 axb6 Nf3+  
 32 Rxf3 Rel+ 33 Rxe1, 1 - 0.

#### ROUND 12

The top pairings for this round were Hungary - Rumania and USSR - Argentina! For Hungary Sax and Pinter beat their opponents and Portisch had the upper hand against Gheorghiu but eventually drew. Ribli drew with Suba. Meanwhile the USSR, now playing without Tal or Polugaevsky, won by  $3\frac{1}{2}$  -  $\frac{1}{2}$ , Geller dropping the  $\frac{1}{2}$  point. Yugoslavia won 3 - 1 against Iceland. England and CSSR beat Holland and Bulgaria respectively by  $2\frac{1}{2}$  -  $1\frac{1}{2}$ . USA went right back to the top with a 4 - 0 victory against Italy. Israel lost to Denmark by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  -  $2\frac{1}{2}$ . Incidentally, Denmark was the only top team playing without a grandmaster since Larsen refuses to play in the Olympiad because it is FIDE rated. The top scores were now: 1-2 Hungary & USSR 33; 3

Yugoslavia 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 4 USA 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 5-6 England & Czechoslovakia 29.

#### GHINDA - SAX, Sicilian Defence:

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6  
 5 Nc3 g6 6 Bg5 Bg7 7 Bb5+ Bd7 8 Qe2  
 Nc6 9 0-0-0 Rc8 10 Bxc6 bxc6 11 f4  
 0-0 12 e5 dxe5 13 fxe5 Nd5 14 Nxd5  
 cxd5 15 e6 fxe6 16 Nxe6 Qb6 17 Nxc7  
 Rf2 18 Qd3 Kxc7 19 Rd2 Bf5 20 Be3  
 Bxd3 21 Bxf2 Qf6, 0 - 1.

#### ROUND 13

USSR and Hungary took  $2\frac{1}{2}$  -  $1\frac{1}{2}$  against Rumania and Bulgaria. USA - Czechoslovakia, Sweden - England, and Yugoslavia - Argentina all ended in draws. Iceland beat Holland  $2\frac{1}{2}$  -  $1\frac{1}{2}$  the surprise being Timman's loss to the young Icelandic IM H.Olafsson. Denmark moved up by defeating West Germany by 3 - 1. Scores before the last round: 1-2 Hungary & USSR 35 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 3 Yugoslavia 33; 4 USA 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 5-6 England & Czechoslovakia 31; 7 Denmark 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

#### ROUND 14

The race for first place provided a very exciting finish. USSR had to play Denmark and Hungary Iceland. Karpov had a small advantage, but after Jakobsen missed a clear draw the game was adjourned. Geller and Balashov won their games without difficulty against Hoi and Fedder. Kasparov agreed a draw in an unclear position against Ost Hansen after a surprising incident. Kasparov had sacrificed the exchange, but it was unclear how much he had in return. When both players had about 10 minutes left, Ost Hansen offered a draw, and Kasparov went to see his captain, Baturinsky. But he could not find him! When he finally found him, he was told to refuse, but on returning he found his clock with less than two minutes left and took the draw anyway - only to be scolded for so doing!

It looked as though Hungary could win 4 - 0 against Iceland at one stage of the match however Sax made a mistake against Petursson and had to be happy with a draw. Portisch, Ribli and Pinter beat H.Olafsson, Arnason and Hjartarsson to make it  $3\frac{1}{2}$  -  $\frac{1}{2}$ . When Karpov managed to win his adjourned game USSR and Hungary were equal with 39 points. The tie was broken by sum of the opponents scores which meant USSR with 449 $\frac{1}{2}$  took first place ahead of Hungary on 448. Yugoslavia took third place.

### Women's Olympiad

As with the Men's Olympiad, the Women's Olympiad turned out to be an extremely close race between Hungary and the USSR. In the last six rounds (9-14) Hungary took 14 points from a possible 18 but the Soviet Union scored 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ !

After 8 rounds both teams had 18 points. In round 9 USSR beat Poland 2-1 and Hungary defeated Spain 2-1. USSR and Hungary were still equal after round 10, when they defeated respectively England and Holland 3-0.

USSR took 3 points once again in the 11th round against Australia while Hungary could only win 2-1 in the match against Israel. In round 12 USSR drew all games against China, and when Hungary beat France 3-0 they were in front. The USSR managed to win all its games against the USA team in round 13 - Hungary won 2-1 against Yugoslavia. Before the last round USSR had 30 $\frac{1}{2}$  and Hungary 30.

In the last round Hungary had a difficult opponent in China. Veroci won on top board but Ivanka and Angyalosine drew after respectively 49 and 46 moves against Wu and An. USSR had to play Yugoslavia. World Champion Chiburdanidze won against Markovic - Gaprindashvili and Aleksandria drew. Thus the USSR just managed to retain its crown by the slenderest of margins!

#### FINAL STANDINGS:

1 USSR 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 2 Hungary 32; 3 Poland 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 4 Rumania 26; 5-6 China and West Germany 24; 7-8 Israel and Yugoslavia 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 9-10 Brazil & Bulgaria 23; 11-12 Argentina & Spain 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 13-16 Australia, England, USA & France 22; 17-24 Canada, Columbia, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Holland, Sweden & Dominican Republic 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 25-27 India, Ireland & Wales 21; 28-29 New Zealand & Scotland 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 30-32 Denmark, Mexico & Switzerland 20; 33-35 Austria, Finland & Egypt 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 36-37 Belgium & Japan 19; 38 Malta 15; 39 Puerto Rico 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 40 U.A.E. 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 41 US Virgin Islands 4; 42 Nigeria 1.

#### BEST SCORES:

Board 1: Chiburdanidze (USSR) 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ /13

Board 2: Gaprindashvili (USSR) 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ /12

Board 3: Nutu (Rum) 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ /10

Board 4: Ioseliani (USSR) 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ /9

A selection of games :

### GAPRINDASHVILI - GARCIA PADRON, Modern:

1 d4 g6 2 c4 Bg7 3 Nc3 d6 4 e4 Nd7  
 5 Nf3 e5 6 Be2 Ne7 7 d5 0-0 8 h4 f5  
 9 h5 Nf6 10 hxg6 Nxg6 11 Ng5 Qe7  
 12 Qc2 f4 13 Bd2 h6 14 Nh3 Ng4  
 15 0-0-0 Nh4 16 Qd3 Nxc2 17 Rdgl f3  
 18 Nxf4 Nxf2 19 Qe2 Nxc1 20 Ng6, 1 - 0.

### CHIBURDANIDZE - POLHRONIADE, Pirc Def.:

1 e4 d6 2 d4 Nf6 3 Nc3 g6 4 g3 Bg7  
 5 Bg2 0-0 6 Nge2 e5 7 h3 exd4 8 Nxd4  
 Nbd7 9 0-0 Re8 10 a4 Nc5 11 Rel a5  
 12 Bf4 Nh5 13 Be3 Nf6 14 f3 Bd7  
 15 Qd2 Nh5 16 g4 Nf6 17 Bf2 h6 18 f4  
 Nh7 19 b3 Ne6 20 Radl Nxd4 21 Bxd4  
 Bc6 22 Bxg7 Kxc7 23 Qd4+ Kg8 24 Nd5  
 Qc8 25 e5 dxe5 26 Rxe5 Bxd5 27 Bxd5  
 c6 28 Bc4 Nf8 29 Rdel Rd8 30 Bxf7+,  
 1 - 0.

### POLHRONIADE - ERENSKA, Sicilian Def.:

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6  
 5 Nc3 d6 6 f4 e7 7 Qf3 Qb6 8 Nb3 Qc7  
 9 Bd3 b5 10 g4 Bb7 11 g5 Nfd7 12 Be3  
 Nc5 13 h4 b4 14 Ne2 Nbd7 15 Ng3 Rc8  
 16 Rh2 d5 17 Bd4 dxe4 18 Nxe4 Nxd3  
 19 cxd3 h6 20 Rf2 Bxe4 21 dxe4 Qb7  
 22 Rdl Nb8 23 f5 hxg5 24 fxe6 fxe6  
 25 Na5 Qe7 26 Be5 g4 27 Qxc4 Nd7  
 28 Qg6+, 1 - 0.

The next game won the Brilliancy prize for women:

### VEROCI - GLAZ, Sicilian Defence:

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6  
 5 Nc3 Bb4 6 e5 Nd5 7 Qg4 Kf8 8 Bd3 d6  
 9 0-0 Nxc3 10 bxc3 Bxc3 11 Rbl dxe5  
 12 Nb5 Ba5 13 Ba3+ Kg8 14 Rfdl Qf6  
 15 Nd6 Bd7 16 Rxb7 Bb6 17 Be4 Qxf2+  
 18 Kh1 h5 19 Qg5 Qe2 20 Bf3 Qxc2  
 21 Nxf7 e4 22 Rcl Qd3 23 Ne5 Qxa3  
 24 Rc8+ Qf8 25 Rxf8+ Kxf8 26 Ng6+ Kg8  
 27 Bxe4, 1 - 0.

### CALDWELL - SZMACINSKA, Ruy Lopez:

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6  
 5 d4 exd4 6 0-0 Be7 7 Rel 0-0 8 e5  
 Ne8 9 Bf4 b5 10 Bb3 d5 11 Nxd4 Nxd4  
 12 Qxd4 c6 13 Qd3 f5 14 a4 Be6 15 c3  
 Nc7 16 axb5 axb5 17 Nd2 Qd7 18 Qg3  
 Rxa1 19 Rxa1 Ra8 20 Rxa8 Nxa8 21 Qe3  
 c5 22 Nf3 Nc7 23 Bc2 Na6 24 h3 b4  
 25 Qe2 Qb7 26 Ng5 Bxg5 27 Bxg5 bxc3  
 28 bxc3 d4 29 cxd4 cxd4 30 g4 Qc8  
 31 gxf5 Bxf5 32 Bxf5 Qxf5 33 Qc4+ Kf8  
 34 Bcl Qg6+ 35 Kf1 Qbl 36 Kg2 Qb7+  
 37 f3 g6 38 Ba3+ Kg7 39 Qxd4 Qb3  
 40 e6+ Kg8 41 Qd8+, 1 - 0.



# OLYMPIAD - Captain's Report by P.Stuart

For the first time New Zealand sent a virtual five-man team instead of the usual six players, a practice followed by the Australians for many years. The main reason for this was the limitation of free accommodation in Malta to six men and four women including team captains. The sixth board in the Men's team, myself, could play in an emergency in addition to carrying out the captain's duties. With a Swiss tourney limited to thirteen or fourteen rounds (depending on the number of teams) a five-man team makes more sense as it gives each player more games and there is not the same need for reserves as there perhaps was under the old system where up to 23 rounds could be played.

Our aim was to give each player an equal chance to play himself into form over the first ten or eleven rounds before the crunch rounds at the end when we would field our strongest team. In a Swiss Olympiad we must always hope to peak right at the end - in 1978 we just about achieved this to perfection, peaking in round thirteen and then holding our place in the last round with a 2 : 2 tie versus the strong Philippine team to finish 25th. Of course a fair measure of luck is necessary to time things correctly (it would be unthinkable to deliberately lose a match in round 11 or 12 to avoid peaking too early!) and it is therefore probably too much to expect New Zealand to frequently emulate its Buenos Aires success - after all the 25th and 26th teams at Malta fielded five grandmasters between them! On the other hand we should never be blind to the chance of an even better result.

There was one major change to the pairing rules. Whereas previously colours were a main criterion in choosing pairings, this time they had no influence on the actual pairings at all - c.f. NZCA's Swiss Rules. This made it well nigh impossible to arrange reasonable colour 'histories' for team members. The situation for Sarapu (who had five consecutive whites at the end) and Small (6 consecutive blacks) was aggravated when their planned rest days were switched due to Vernon's slight illness.

Unfortunately not even one player struck consistent form. As the results would indicate, Murray Chandler was our best player in Malta but his play was

certainly not as good as in Buenos Aires and he was not happy with his form either. Notwithstanding this we still had 50% with only two rounds to go and a moderate +1 in those remaining rounds would have put us around 35th place - about twenty places higher than we actually finished after two disastrous results.

I should make mention at this point of the fiendish plot hatched by the Aussies (they finished behind us in Buenos Aires and obviously didn't want a repeat in Malta). The Australian team carefully caught colds some while before the Olympiad and were still snuffling sufficiently as the Olympiad started to pass the disease on to us while not inhibiting their own play. It is significant that the first people we met in Malta were none other than Mr and Mrs Koshnitsky!

## ROUND ONE, 20 November

ALGERIA	½	NEW ZEALAND	3½
Cherrad	0	Sarapu	1
Slimani	½	Small	½
Kharchi	0	Aptekar	1
Boundedjar	0	Anderson	1

Murray was not due to arrive until some hours after the round started so that settled the team selection for the first round. Sarapu and Anderson both won pawns but Aptekar, a bundle of nerves in his first international, had to give up his queen for two minor pieces so a little assistance from his opponent was necessary for him to win. Small adjourned in a difficult position but a neat resource found during the adjournment eventually saw him come close to winning in the second session. (We later found out that Vernon had actually played their national champion but because the Algerian team had put in the wrong board order for their players Slimani, their no.1, had to play on board 2 for the rest of the Olympiad-editor.)

## ROUND TWO, 21 November

NEW ZEALAND	0	SWEDEN	4
Chandler	0	Andersson	1
Sarapu	0	Schüssler	1

Aptekar	0	Wedberg	1
Anderson	0	Renman	1

The Swedish four had an average rating of 2465 and were headed by one of the world's top players in GM Ulf Andersson but a 0:4 loss still had to rather disappointing. On top board Chandler was outplayed quite impressively but Sarapu and Aptekar were holding their own until late in the session. Sarapu actually lost this game on time - the clocks being used in Malta had one of those funny flag arrangements where the flag goes up and down and up again so that you are never sure which way it is going, unless perhaps you are used to them which Sarapu wasn't. While on the subject of clocks it could be mentioned that they didn't tell the time very well either. Part way through one of our matches I tallied the combined times on each of the four timers and found four different totals with a ten minute spread!

## ROUND THREE, 22 November

NEW ZEALAND	4	MALAYSIA	0
Chandler	1	Liew	0
Sarapu	1	Foo	0
Small	1	Cheah	0
Anderson	1	Rahman	0

A convincing result, Chandler and Small winning comfortably, Sarapu with rather more difficulty and Anderson easily soon after the adjournment. The Malaysians did not suffer another such defeat during the Olympiad.

## ROUND FOUR, 23 November

INDONESIA	3	NEW ZEALAND	1
Handoko	½	Chandler	½
Suradiradja	1	Sarapu	0
Ardiansjah	1	Small	0
Gunawan	½	Aptekar	½

A second disappointing result. Chandler gained the advantage with the black pieces but Handoko gained a lot of counterplay which turned out to be sufficient for the draw. As against Sweden Sarapu lost on time, the position being a probable draw. Small also should have drawn but relaxed in a rook and pawn ending which did not draw itself. Aptekar could have

sacrificed a pawn for a worthwhile initiative but was unwilling to take risks in such an event and settled for a balanced position. Only a later mistake gave Gunawan a clear winning advantage but Lev escaped into a R + B vs Q ending with two pawns each in which he was able to build a fortress. Any winning attempt by the Indonesian would have entailed a great risk so a draw was agreed at the start of the second session.

## ROUND FIVE, 25 November

BELGIUM	2	NEW ZEALAND	2
Meulders	0	Chandler	1
De Bruycker	½	Small	½
Goormachtigh	1	Aptekar	0
Schumacher	½	Anderson	½

Chandler again won quite nicely, Small drew very uneventfully and Anderson failed to make anything of a clear advantage in an Exchange Variation of the Queen's Gambit, the position being drawn at the adjournment. Aptekar achieved a very good position with the black pieces but another blunder saw him lose his third queen and this time there was no escape.

We had now scored 10½/20, just over 50% which we were happy to maintain at this stage. Furthermore, the effects of jetlag should have been overcome by this time.

## ROUND SIX, 26 November

NEW ZEALAND	2½	IRELAND	1½
Chandler	1	Delaney	0
Sarapu	½	Doyle	½
Small	½	Ludgate	½
Anderson	½	Curtin	½

Chandler continued on his winning way in fine style and now had scored 70%. Despite having chances, nobody else could win. Sarapu reached a very blocked position which Doyle bravely tried to win only to come close to losing. Small had a space advantage but exchanges following the breaking open of the position left him with a minimally inferior ending when the draw was agreed. Anderson actually won two pawns but one was too far advanced to hold and the other was doubled so a draw resulted here too. The team now had +2 (54.2%).

## ROUND SEVEN, 27 November

NEW ZEALAND	1	ITALY	3
Chandler	½	Toth	½
Sarapu	0	Zichichi	1
Aptekar	½	Taruffi	½
Anderson	0	Iannacone	1

This was one match we never really looked like tying, let alone winning. Chandler made no headway against his fellow IM while Sarapu got a distinctly inferior position from the opening before losing tactically versus IM Zichichi. (Actually Chandler reached a winning position against IM Toth but was forced to play a repetition of moves to avoid losing on time - Ed.) Anderson made one horrible move which resulted in the eventual loss of a pawn. Aptekar again played a most interesting game which came down to a rook and pawn ending with both sides having passed pawns, the Italian's much further advanced. Our adjournment analysis indicated good drawing chances but Taruffi varied from our analysis very early and then over-pressed. In the final position Aptekar, happy to get the draw for which he had been playing, overlooked a move (seen by all the spectators) which would have given him good practical winning chances. Now we were back on 50%.

#### ROUND EIGHT, 28 November

GREECE	2	NEW ZEALAND	2
Skembris	1	Chandler	0
Skalkotis	½	Sarapu	½
Pountzas	½	Small	½
Natsis	0	Aptekar	1

Neither Sarapu nor Aptekar gained a good position from the opening with the white pieces but Lev recovered to win quite handsomely while Ortvin also came close to winning. Small equalised quickly as black and the Greek's minute advantage at the adjournment carried with it no real prospects of a win. Nevertheless Pountzas played on, and on, and on ... into a third session. Greek captain Siaperas agreed with me that the game was hopelessly drawn and apologised profusely for his player's refusal to accept a draw. Still on 50%.

#### ROUND NINE, 29 November

NEW ZEALAND	1½	MEXICO	2½
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Sarapu	0	Frey	1
Small	½	Campos	½
Aptekar	0	Villareal	1
Anderson	1	Maya	0

At previous Olympiads we have met Mexico three times for three tied results so this match was definitely a backward step. It started well, too, as Sarapu was doing okay early on, Small won a pawn and Aptekar also had a clear advantage. Sarapu, however, missed his way and adjourned in a much inferior rook and pawn ending which should nevertheless have been drawn. Despite our adjournment analysis showing that Vernon's raking bishop was better than his opponent's knight, Small exchanged the minor pieces a little later and the resultant rook and pawn ending (4 pawns to 3 on the kingside) was drawn. Aptekar, a pawn up, snatched a second pawn at the cost of allowing his opponent strong counterplay with an advanced passed pawn and a further mistake in time pressure saw him lose. Anderson won very well on board four but a match which started so auspiciously gave us scant return. We were now -1 (48.6%).

#### ROUND TEN, 30 November

THAILAND	3	NEW ZEALAND	1
Chaivichit	1	Chandler	0
Sinprayoon	½	Sarapu	½
Trisa-ard	½	Aptekar	½
Darakorn	1	Anderson	0

Thailand had only a four-man team and three of their players were known to us. Bearing in mind our previous results against the same country this result didn't exactly provide a boost to our confidence. Chandler's opponent played the opening weakly but later started finding one strong move after another. By the adjournment Murray appeared to have only vague winning chances but after the second session he had the worst of a probably drawn ending. Afterwards Murray commented that Chaivichit had appeared to improve by about 200 rating points during the course of the game. Sarapu had such a mighty position out of the opening that he declared to me that he "would give up chess if he failed to win!" Well, the Thai wriggled out and Sarapu, since he had still drawn

now maintained that he would only be half giving up chess! Aptekar missed an exchange sacrifice which may well have been winning - a little while later the same sacrifice was absolutely necessary to force the draw. Anderson also let a good position slip and, at the adjournment, was three pawns in arrears but with threatening counterplay against his opponent's king position. Our adjournment analysis could not conclusively force a draw but Bruce, seeing a "win", varied from our analysis early in the second session only to find that his "win" was a mirage and his position hopeless. Now we were on -3 (46.25%).

#### ROUND ELEVEN, 2 December

NEW ZEALAND	3½	GUYANA	½
Chandler	1	Broomes M.	0
Small	½	Broomes G.	½
Aptekar	1	Wharton	0
Anderson	1	Austin	0

An easy victory against opposition which was clearly weaker. The only setback was on board two where Small's opponent, playing the white side of a Closed Sicilian, played very solidly with the obvious aim of drawing by boring. Eventually the only break left was on the kingside but it failed to give Small any winning chances. Now we were back on 50% - falling so far below 50% had never held any terrors for me since we would almost certainly bounce back up against similar opposition to that which we met in round eleven. Of course, it is better still to be playing well enough to avoid any such indignity in the first place.

#### ROUND TWELVE, 3 December

MONGOLIA	2	NEW ZEALAND	2
Miagmarsuren	½	Chandler	½
Tumurbator	½	Sarapu	½
Jigjidsuren	½	Small	½
Lkhagva	½	Anderson	½

A more solid performance against similarly rated opposition. Chandler had the edge but lost it just before the adjournment. There was a brief moment of panic just before the resumption when Murray noticed a promising winning try for his opponent but we found an answer

in time and the draw was agreed shortly after. Likewise Small agreed to a draw early in the second session after having the advantage in the first session - by the adjournment, however, any winning try was fraught with peril.

Anderson played his best game of the tournament - up to move 35 when he was winning comfortably, the exchange and a pawn up. The blunder of an important pawn at this point through overlooking a perpetual check possibility for his opponent made the win much more difficult as the Mongolian had the only queenside pawn left on the board. Bruce spent most of the following day proving the win in all variations since a win here and another against suitable opposition in the last round could well have gained him a FIDE Master norm. Eventually, in the fourth session, Anderson eschewed the win of that queenside pawn in favour of a non-existent mating attack whereupon he succumbed to a forced repetition.

Although this kept up our 50% the match result was not a satisfactory one given the advantage we appeared to have after four hours of play.

#### ROUND THIRTEEN, 4 December

SYRIA	3	NEW ZEALAND	1
Catalan	½	Chandler	½
Hakki	1	Sarapu	0
Bitar	1	Small	0
Arafeh	½	Aptekar	½

If the previous round was disappointing this was a disaster, coming too close to the end to allow for a real recovery. Sarapu, on the white side of a Sicilian Dragon, lost horribly in a critical line when his opponent's theoretical knowledge proved to be spot on. Small made a strong effort to win but came unstuck and appeared to be losing at the adjournment although we did find some drawing chances. The Syrian, however, played an inferior line which we had not analysed and Vernon had a fairly easy draw but went badly astray. Aptekar's clear advantage disappeared into an opposite colour bishop ending.

#### ROUND FOURTEEN, 6 December

NEW ZEALAND	1	PAKISTAN	3
Chandler	1	Farooqi	0
Small	0	Zafar	1

Aptekar	0	Nazir	1
Anderson	0	Qrana	1

The early start to the round (13:30 hours instead of 15:00) made no difference to our play. Chandler played consistently throughout to win on top board but no-one else could emulate him. Small missed a comfortable win and later may have been slightly behind on position when he blundered a piece. Anderson sacrificed a pawn for what appeared to be a promising initiative but Steinitzian defence by his opponent saw the initiative disappear, along with a couple more pawns. Aptekar lost a pawn for nothing and a later desperate piece sacrifice failed to result in the hoped for perpetual check.

In the table of individual results below the bracketed figures show the number of whites and blacks.

	P	(W-B)	W	L	D	%
1 Chandler	12	(6-6)	5	3	4	58.33
2 Sarapu	11	(6-5)	2	5	4	36.36
3 Small	11	(4-7)	1	3	7	40.91
4 Aptekar	11	(8-3)	3	4	4	45.45
5 Anderson	11	(4-7)	4	4	3	50.00
6 Stuart	-	-	-	-	-	-

It is very difficult to explain why this team performed so poorly. My own view is that the reasons were mainly psychological, our thinking being influenced too deeply by three compelling factors. First, this was, on paper anyway, probably the strongest team we have sent to an Olympiad; secondly, our results in the last two Olympiads were 21st (51.9%) and 25th (52.7%); and thirdly, we were seeded 25th out of the 82 teams. Despite my warnings on several occasions as to the strength of opposing teams I think players tended to underestimate some opposing teams, notably those without much experience (as far as we knew). This is borne out by the fact that New Zealand did relatively well against established teams (e.g. Ireland, Greece, Mongolia) but failed dismally against some emerging chess nations (notably Thailand, Syria and Pakistan).

The first of those factors mentioned above will probably not, given its nature, have any influence in the future. Bearing in mind my introductory

remarks we should probably have tried to forget the second factor and we should certainly have tried to ignore the third - quite simply our seeding was totally wrong and our correct ranking would have been 37th; I have no idea how the mistake was made. Nevertheless the combination of all three points did make it difficult for our team not to set its sights fairly high.

Doubtless physical aspects come into it too. Quite simply the physical fitness of the team could be in doubt (although Bruce Anderson, for one, did train before the Olympiad and was probably fitter than at either of his previous two Olympiads) but jetlag has been more consistently blamed even though most of our worst results came near the end when this was no longer a factor.

Perhaps the biggest problem faced by New Zealand teams competing in such events is the lack of suitable tournaments in this country providing sufficiently strong opposition. We are at a considerable disadvantage compared to, say, the European teams whose players, even if not professionals, have much more opportunity to meet strong opposition in both round robin and open Swiss tournaments. I guess it all comes back to a question of money!

Generally speaking the theoretical preparation of our players was very good indeed - more often than not the team gained clear advantages in the early stages, only to fritter them away towards the end of the session. Despite this our play was not as bad as the final placing might suggest and the fact that every one of our opponents (even those we hammered) finished above us shows how misleading the final results can be in such Swiss events.

A selection of games from the Men's Olympiad follows:

CHANDLER - ANDERSSON, Nimzoindian Def:  
 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3 c5  
 5 Ne2 cxd4 6 exd4 0-0 7 a3 Be7 8 d5  
 exd5 9 cxd5 Re8 10 g3 Bc5 11 Bg2 d6  
 12 h3 a6 13 0-0 Nbd7 14 Nd4 Ne5  
 15 Nce2 Bd7 16 b4 Ba7 17 Qb3 Rc8  
 18 Bf4 Nh5 19 Bd2 Nc4 20 Bc3 Ne3!  
 21 Rfel Nxc2 22 Kxc2 Qg5 23 Rad1 Re4  
 24 Bd2 Qg6 25 Be3 Rce8 26 Kh2 h6  
 27 Rgl Bxd4 28 Nxd4 Nf6 29 Nf3 Qf5  
 30 g4, 0 - 1.

CAMILLERI - DEBARNOT, French Defence:  
 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 e5 c5 4 dxc5 Nc6  
 5 Nf3 Bc5 6 Bd3 f6 7 exf6 Nxf6 8 0-0  
 0-0 9 c4 Qd6 10 Nc3 a6 11 Bg5 Ng4!  
 12 h3 Nd4! 13 hxg4 Nxf3+ 14 gxf3 Qg3+  
 15 Kh1 Qh3+ 16 Kgl Rxf3 17 Qxf3 Qxf3  
 18 Be2 Qg3+ 19 Kh1 Qh3+ 20 Kgl Bd6,  
 0 - 1.

KASPAROV - MARJANOVIC, Queen's Indian:  
 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 b6 4 g3 Bb7  
 5 Bg2 Be7 6 0-0 0-0 7 d5 exd5 8 Nh4  
 c6 9 cxd5 Nxd5 10 Nf5 Nc7 11 Nc3 d5  
 12 e4 Bf6 13 exd5 cxd5 14 Bf4 Nxa6  
 15 Re1 Qd7 16 Bh3 Kh8 17 Ne4 Bxb2  
 18 Ng5 Qc6 19 Ne7 Qf6 20 Nxd7 Qd4  
 21 Qh5 g6 22 Qh4 Bxa1 23 Nf6+, 1 - 0.

SMALL - CHEAH, Sicilian Defence:  
 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 a5 10 a4 Nb4 11 Kh1 b6  
 12 f4 Bb7 13 Bf3 Rc8 14 Rf2 Nd7  
 15 Nd4 Qe8 16 Ndb5 Nc5 17 f5 h6  
 18 Be3 g5 19 Bd4 Bxd4 20 Nxd4 Nd7  
 21 h4 gxh4 22 Qd2 Kh7 23 Qf4 Ne5  
 24 Qxh4 Rg8 25 Ncb5 Rg5 26 f6 Rc4  
 27 b3 Rc5 28 Nf5 Rxf5 29 exf5 Nxf3  
 30 gxf3 Rxf5 31 fxe7 Qc6 32 Nd4 Qc3  
 33 Nxf5 Bxf3+ 34 Kh2, 1 - 0.

RIBLI - SEIRAWAN, Nimzoindian Defence:  
 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 b6 4 Nc3 Bb4  
 5 Bg5 h6 6 Bh4 g5 7 Bg3 Ne4 8 Qc2 Bb7  
 9 e3 f5 10 Bd3 Bxc3+ 11 bxc3 d6 12 d5  
 exd5 13 cxd5 Bxd5 14 Nd5 Qf6 15 f3  
 Nc5 16 Bxf5 Nbd7 17 Nb5 0-0-0 18 Rd1  
 Be6 19 Be4 Kb8 20 Rxd6 Ne5 21 Rxd8+  
 Rxd8 22 0-0 Bd7 23 Nd4 Ba4 24 Bxe5,  
 1 - 0.

SCHNEIDER - GEORGIEV, Sicilian Defence:  
 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6  
 5 Nc3 a6 6 f4 e6 7 Bd3 Nc6 8 Nf3 Be7  
 9 0-0 Nd7 10 Kh1 b5 11 Qe1 Bb7 12 Qg3  
 0-0 13 e5 Nb4 14 f5 Nxe5 15 Nxe5 dxe5  
 16 Bh6, 1 - 0.

MEULDERS - CHANDLER, Grünfeld Defence:  
 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 d5 4 cxd5 Nxd5  
 5 e4 Nxc3 6 bxc3 Bg7 7 Nf3 c5 8 Be3  
 Qa5 9 Qd2 0-0 10 Rcl cxd4 11 cxd4  
 Qxd2+ 12 Nxd2 e6 13 Bb5 a6 14 Ba4 b5  
 15 Bb3 a5 16 a4 Bd7 17 axb5 Bxb5  
 18 Rc5 Bd7 19 0-0 a4 20 Bc4 Na6  
 21 Bxa6 Rxa6 22 Rc7 Bb5 23 Rbl Bd3  
 24 Ral f5 25 f3 Rd8 26 e5 Bf8 27 f4  
 a3 28 Rc3 Bb5 29 Kf2 Be6 30 Nc4 a2  
 31 Nb2 Rb8 32 Nd3 Be4 33 Ke2 Rb1  
 34 Rcc1 Rxa1 35 Rxa1 Bxg2 36 Nc5 Bxc5  
 37 dxc5 Be4 38 c6 Bb1 39 c7 Rc6  
 40 Bb6 Kf7, 0 - 1.

LJUBOJEVIC - ALBURT, Alekhine's Defence:  
 1 e4 Nf6 2 e5 Nd5 3 d4 d6 4 Nf3 g6  
 5 Bc4 Nb6 6 Bb3 Bg7 7 Ng5 d5 8 f4 f6  
 9 Nf3 Bg4 10 Nbd2 Nc6 11 c3 Bh6 12 h3  
 Be6 13 Nfl Qd7 14 f5 Bxcl 15 fxe6  
 Qxe6 16 Qxcl fxe5 17 dxe5 Nxe5  
 18 Nxe5 Qxe5+ 19 Qe3 Qd6 20 0-0-0 e5  
 21 Nd2 Qe7 22 Rhe1 e4 23 Nxe4 dxe4  
 24 Qd4, 1 - 0.

CHANDLER - DELANEY, Benko Gambit:  
 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 b5 4 cxb5 a6  
 5 f3 d6 6 e4 g6 7 Nc3 Bg7 8 Be3 0-0  
 9 Qd2 Re8 10 bxa6 Bxa6 11 Bxa6 Nxa6  
 12 Nge2 e6 13 dxe6 fxe6 14 Nb5 d5  
 15 e5 Nd7 16 f4 g5 17 g3 Rf8 18 0-0  
 gx4 19 gx4 d4 20 Bf2 Bh6 21 Qd3 Qe8  
 22 Kh1 Kh8 23 Qh3 Qg6 24 Nd6 Bxf4  
 25 Nxf4 Rxf4 26 Rgl, 1 - 0.

LJUBOJEVIC - TIMMAN, Pirc Defence:  
 1 e4 d6 2 d4 Nf6 3 Nc3 g6 4 f4 Bg7  
 5 Nf3 0-0 6 Bd3 Nc6 7 e5 dxe5 8 dxe5  
 Nd5 9 Bd2 Nb6 10 Qe2 Nb4 11 Be4 f5  
 12 exf6 exf6 13 a3 f5 14 axb4 fxe4  
 15 Nxe4 Bxb2 16 Rd1 Bf5 17 Bc3 Bxc3+  
 18 Nxc3 Qf6 19 Ne5 Qe7 20 Rb1 a5  
 21 bxa5 Rxa5 22 Rf1 Qc5 23 Qd2 Re8  
 24 Rd1 c6 25 Rf3 Nc4 26 Qf2 Nxe5  
 27 fxe5 Qxe5+, 0 - 1.

KULIGOWSKI - NOGUEIRAS, English:  
 1 c4 e5 2 Nc3 f5 3 e3 Nf6 4 d4 e4  
 5 Nge2 g6 6 Nf4 Bh6 7 b4 Nc6 8 Rb1  
 Ne7 9 h4 0-0 10 d5 Ne8 11 c5 d6  
 12 Bc4 a5 13 b5 Kh8 14 c6 bxc6  
 15 dxc6 Bg7 16 Bb2 Be5 17 h5 Kg7  
 18 hxg6 hxg6 19 Nh5+ Kh6 20 Nxe4,  
 1 - 0.

ANDERSSON - MILES, English Opening:  
 1 Nf3 b6 2 g3 Bb7 3 Bg2 c5 4 b3 g6  
 5 Bb2 Nf6 6 c4 Bg7 7 0-0 0-0 8 Nc3  
 Na6 9 d4 d5 10 Ne5 e6 11 dxc5 bxc5  
 12 cxd5 exd5 13 Nd3 Qe7 14 Na4 Rxc8  
 15 Rcl Rfd8 16 Ba3 Ne4 17 Qel d4  
 18 Ndx5 Naxc5 19 Nxc5 Bd5 20 Nxe4  
 Qxa3 21 Rxc8 Rxc8 22 Qd2 Bxe4 23 Bxe4  
 a5 24 Bd3 Qb4 25 Qf4 Rc5 26 Bc4 Rf5  
 27 Qe4 Qd2 28 a4 h5 29 Qe8+ Bf8  
 30 Bd3 Rc5 31 Qd7 Re5 32 h4 Bg7  
 33 Bc4 Rf5 34 Qe8+ Bf8 35 Bd3 Rc5  
 36 Qd8 Re5 37 Bc4 Rf5 38 Kg2 g5  
 39 Bd3 Re5 40 hxg5 Qxg5 41 Qxd4 Bg7  
 42 Qc4 Rc5 43 Qe4, 1 - 0.

UPTON - A. RODRIGUEZ, Ponziani:  
 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 c3 Qe7 4 Bb5 Nf6  
 5 0-0 a6 6 Bxc6 dxc6 7 d4 Bg4 8 Qb3  
 Bc8 9 Nxe5 Nxe4 10 Re1 Nd6 11 c4 Kd8  
 12 c5 Be6 13 cxd6 cxd6 14 Qb6+, 1 - 0.



# 1981 FIDE RATINGS - THE TOP 101

This list came into effect on 1 January 1981. The italicised figure is the gain or loss since the 1980 list. All players are GMs except those marked \* (IMs) or \*\* (untitled).

Karpov USSR, -35	2690
Korchnoi SWI, -45	2650
Portisch HUN, -5	2650
Hübner BRD, +35	2635
Spassky USSR, +20	2635
Kasparov USSR, +30	2625
Beljavsky USSR, +30	2620
Polugaevsky USSR, -15	2620
Timman NL, +20	2620
Geller USSR, +50	2615
Mecking BRZ	2615
Andersson SWE, +20	2610
Larsen DEN, +25	2610
Ljubojevic YUG, +15	2605
Balashov	2600
Romanishin USSR, +15	2595
Sosonko NL, +50	2595
Gulko USSR	2590
Miles ENG, +45	2590
Petrosian USSR, -30	2585
Ribli HUN, -25	2585
Panchenko USSR, +85	2580
Alburt USA, +60	2575
Hort CZ, -20	2575
Kupreichik USSR, +40	2575
Nunn ENG, +60	2575
Yusupov USSR, +90	2575
Vaganian USSR, -25	2565
Sax HUN, -10	2560
Browne USA, +15	2555
Seirawan USA, +45	2555
Tal USSR, -150	2555
Kavalek USA, -50	2550
Krogius USSR	2550
Pinter* HUN, +15	2550
Torre PHI, +30	2550
Adorian HUN, -5	2545
Dolmatov* USSR, +10	2545
Gheorghiu RUM, -60	2545
Kuzmin USSR, +15	2545
Smyslov USSR, -5	2545
Vasiukov USSR	2545
Ivkov YUG, +10	2540
Kochiev USSR, +5	2540
Farago HUN, +30	2535
Makarichev USSR, +40	2535
Mihailisin USSR, +45	2535
Rashkovsky USSR, +15	2535
Smejkal CZ, -20	2535
Speelman ENG, +45	2535
Sveshnikov USSR, -35	2535
Georgadze USSR, -10	2530
Gligoric YUG, -35	2530
Najdorf ARG, +20	2530
Olafsson ICE, -15	2530
Schmid BRD	2530
Tarjan USA, -5	2530
Tseshkovsky USSR, -65	2530
Evans USA, +5	2525
Razuvaev USSR, +10	2525
Ftacnik CZ, +50	2520
Garcia G. CUB, +15	2520
Lerner* USSR, +25	2520
Lombardy USA, -5	2520
Panno ARG, -20	2520
Christiansen USA, +30	2515
Gufeld USSR, +5	2515
Marjanovic YUG, +25	2515
Nikolic P.* YUG, +185	2515
Unzicker BRD, +5	2515
Byrne USA, -20	2510
Cebalo* YUG, +45	2510
Szabo HUN, +5	2510
Timoshenko USSR, -20	2510
Bagirov USSR, -55	2505
Dorfman USSR, -35	2505
Kholmov USSR, -30	2505
Pfleger BRD, -20	2505
Quinteros ARG, -10	2505
Rogoff USA, -15	2505
Stean ENG, -25	2505
Tseitlin M.S.* USSR, +5	2505
Vukic YUG, +45	2505
Zhidkov** USSR, -15	2505
Csom HUN, -10	2500
Grünfeld ISR, +45	2500
Kovacevic YUG, -10	2500
Matanovic YUG, +5	2500
Parma YUG, -20	2500
Psakhis* USSR, -35	2500
Taimanov USSR, -10	2500
Darga BRD	2495
Eingorn** USSR, +25	2495
Knaak DDR, -40	2495
Kurajica YUG, -10	2495
Nei* USSR	2495
Petrosian A.* USSR, +60	2495
Schmidt POL, +65	2495
Shamkovich USA, -20	2495
Tatai* IT, +15	2495
Tseitlin M.D.** USSR, -20	2495

With the low coefficient used for the rating list, most players only gained or lost a modest number of points - notable exceptions were Tal (-150) and P.Nikolic (+185). The latter is not to be confused with GM S.Nikolic who is rated 2375!

The average rating of the top 100 is 2544.6 compared with 2548.05 last year and 2547.4 in 1979. In each of the two previous years there were, in fact, 100 players rated 2500 or more, but only 91 this year. Of course, last year's top three lost 230 points between them.

The lion's share of the players on this year's list (in common with other years) come from the USSR - 42. Then: USA & Yugoslavia 11; Hungary 8; West Germany 5; England 4; Argentina & Czechoslovakia 3; Netherlands 2; Brazil, Cuba, Denmark, East Germany, Iceland, 2505; Israel, Italy, Philippines, Poland, Rumania, Sweden & Switzerland 1.

There are ten New Zealand names on the same list - several others have unpublished (inactive) ratings.

Chandler	2455
Small	2345
Green	2335
Garbett	2320
Sarapu	2310
Laird	2305
Sutton	2290
Anderson	2285
Aptekar	2240
Carpinter A.	2210

# Candidates Final

For the second time in his chess career West German GM Robert Hübner has made the Candidate series but pulled out part way through a match. The first occasion was in the 1971 series quarter-finals against Petrosian when, after six draws, Hübner lost the seventh game of the best-of-ten match and promptly withdrew.

The circumstances this time seem just as strange. Hübner apparently withdrew from the match against Korchnoi with the score standing at 4½:3½ to the former Soviet player and two games adjourned. We have not seen either of the adjourned games but presumably one or both were in Korchnoi's favour.

The match started sensationally with Hübner winning the first game with the white pieces but Korchnoi immediately levelled the scores in the second game.

HUBNER - KORCHNOI (1), Caro-Kann Defence: 1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 dxe4 4 Nxe4 Bf5 5 Ng3 Bg6 6 h4 h6 7 Nf3 Nd7 8 h5 Bh7 9 Bd3 Bxd3 10 Qxd3 e6 11 Bd2 Qc7 12 0-0-0 Ngf6 13 Ne4 Be7 14 Kbl c5 15 Nxf6+ Nxf6 16 dxc5 Bxc5 17 Qe2 0-0 18 Ne5 Rfd8 19 f4 Rac8 20 g4 Bb6 (This move was criticised as very likely being the decisive error; 20...Bd4 was better) 21 Bcl Nd7 22 Nxd7 Rxd7 23 g5 Rxd1 24 Rxd1 hxg5 25 fxg5 Qc4 26 Rd3 e5 27 g6 fxg6 28 hxg6 Rc6 29 Qg2 e4 30 Rg3 Rf6 31 Rg4 Qe6 (31...Qc6 gave better chances) 32 Rxe4 Rxc6 33 Qe2 Qh3 34 Qc4+ Kf8 35 b3 Rc6 36 Ba3+, 1 : 0.

KORCHNOI - HUBNER (2), Symmetrical English: 1 c4 c5 2 g3 Nc6 3 Nf3 g6 4 d4 cxd4 5 Nxd4 Bg7 6 Nc2 Nf6 7 Bg2 0-0 8 Nc3 d6 9 0-0 Bd7 10 b3 Qc8 11 Bb2 Bh3 12 Rb1 Rd8 13 e4 Bxg2 14 Kxg2 e6 15 Re1 a6 16 Na4 Rb8 17 Rcl Qd7 18 Qf3 Qe7 19 Ne3 Nd7 20 Bxg7 Kxg7 21 Qe2 h5 22 Red1 Nc5 23 Nc3 Qf6 24 f3 b5 25 cxb5 Nd4 26 Qf2 Nxb5 27 Ne2 Na3 28 Nd4 Rbc8 29 Qe2 d5 30 e5 Qxe5 31 Nef5+ Kf6 32 Qxe5+ Kxe5 33 Ne7 a5 34 Nxc8 Rxc8 35 Rc3 Kd6 36 f4 f6 37 Rdc1 Rc7 38 b4 Na6 39 b5, 1 : 0.

After a quiet draw in the third game Hübner again took the lead in game four when Korchnoi played listlessly on the white side. Then followed another quiet draw.

HUBNER - KORCHNOI (3), French Tarrasch:

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 c5 4 exd5 exd5 5 Bb5+ Nc6 6 Ndf3 cxd4 7 Nxd4 Bd7 8 Ngf3 Nf6 9 0-0 Be7 10 Rfel 0-0 11 c3 Re8 12 Bg5 h6 13 Be3 Bd6 14 h3 a6 15 Bfl Ne4 16 Nxc6 bxc6 17 Nd2 Bf5 18 Nxe4 Bxe4 19 Bd3 a5 20 Bxe4 Rxe4 21 Bd4 Rxe1+ 22 Qxe1 Rb8 23 b3 Rb7 24 Qd2 c5 25 Be3 Rd7 26 Qd3 Qb6 27 Rdl Qc6 28 Qf5 Bf8 29 Qf3 Qe6 30 Qf4 Qc6 31 Qb8 a4 32 Qe8 Qe6 33 Qb8 Qc6 34 Qe8 Qe6, ½ : ½.

KORCHNOI - HUBNER (4), Symmetrical English: 1 c4 c5 2 g3 Nc6 3 Nf3 e5 4 Nc3 g6 5 Bg2 Bg7 6 0-0 Nge7 7 Ne1 d6 8 Nc2 Be6 9 d3 d5 10 b3 0-0 11 Rbl Rc8 12 e4 dxe4 13 dxe4 Nd4 14 Ne3 Qd7 15 Ned5 f5 16 Bg5 Nxd5 17 cxd5 Bf7 18 Bh3 Qd6 19 f3 Be8 20 Rcl Rc7 21 exf5 gxf5 22 Be3 b5 23 Qd3 a6 24 g4 b4 25 Bxd4 exd4 26 Nd1 Bb5 27 Rc4 fxg4 28 Bxg4 Qxd5 29 Ne3 Qg5 30 Ng2 Re7 31 Qc2 Bxc4 32 Qxc4+ Kh8 33 Qxa6 d3 34 Qxd3 Bd4+ 35 Kh1 Ra7 36 h4 Qg6 37 Qxg6 hxg6 38 h5 gxh5 39 Be6 Rxa2 40 f4 Ral 41 Rxa1 Bxa1 42 Kh2 Kg7 43 Kg3 Re8 44 Bd5 Re2 45 Kf3 Rd2 46 Bc4 Bd4 47 Ne1 Kf6 48 Ng2 Rf2+ 49 Kg3 Rc2 50 Bg8 Rc3+ 51 Kh2 Bf2, 0 : 1.

HUBNER - KORCHNOI (5), French Tarrasch: 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 c5 4 exd5 exd5 5 Bb5+ Nc6 6 Ngf3 cxd4 7 Qe2+ Qe7 8 Nxd4 Qxe2+ 9 Nxe2 Nf6 10 c3 Be5 11 Nb3 Bb6 12 f3 a6 13 Bd3 0-0 14 Bg5 Nd7 15 0-0-0 Nde5 16 Bc2 f6 17 Bf4 Be6 18 Ned4 Bf7 19 Rhel Rfe8 20 Re2 g6 21 Nxc6 Nxc6 22 Rdel Rxe2 23 Rxe2 d4 24 cxd4 Bxd4 25 Rd2 Be5 26 Bxe5 Nxe5 27 Nc5 Rc8 28 Nxb7 Bxa2 29 Na5 Nc4 30 Nxc4 Bxc4 31 Kbl f5 32 g4 fxg4 33 fxg4 Rc7 34 Rd4 Kf8 35 h4, ½ : ½.

The match was played in the Italian alpine town of Merano near the Austrian border and it began on 20th December despite the protests of Hübner who wished the start to be postponed until after the New Year so as to allow his seconds Hort and Sigurjonsson to spend the Christmas period with their families. Also Korchnoi made protests about the choice of FIDE Vice-President Florencio Campomanes as FIDE representative for the match as he saw the Philippino as one of the reasons for his defeat at the hands of Karpov in Baguio. Korchnoi's seconds were Stean and Seirawan. The remaining games will be given in the next issue.

# Other Overseas News

## GM ALEXANDER KOTOV †

The veteran Soviet Grandmaster Alexander Kotov died on 6th January 1981 aged 67. Kotov established himself as one of the top half a dozen players in the world during the years 1948 to 1953, his most important success being his runaway first place in the 2nd Interzonal, held in Stockholm and Saltsjobaden during 1952. Kotov won the 21-player tournament with 16½ points, three clear of the next competitors.

Kotov had just finished writing the script for a Russian film on Alexander Alekhine at the time of his death.

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**BUENOS AIRES** (Clarin Tournament), 17 Oct. - 3 Nov. 1980: For the first time since the 1978 World Championship match, Karpov played in a tournament and failed to win! In fact he could only manage a tie for fourth place, two points behind up-and-down Danish GM Bent Larsen who had assured himself of first place with two rounds still to play; with the pressure off Larsen lost both his last games. Coming in second was Dutchman Timman who aims to challenge the World Champion in every tournament he can and third was an in-form GM Ljubojevic who enjoyed one of his best results for some time.

Also 70-year old Argentinian GM Miguel Najdorf had a very successful tournament for one of his age, tying for sixth place in such a strong field - excepting Giardelli all the players were grandmasters. The average rating was 2560 making the tournament category 13.

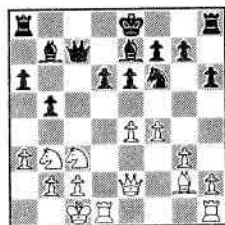
Scores: 1 GM Larsen (DEN) 9½/13; 2 GM Timman (NL) 9; 3 GM Ljubojevic (YUG) 8; 4-5 GM Andersson (SWE) & GM Karpov (USSR) 7½; 6-7 GM Najdorf (ARG) & GM Hort (CZ) 7; 8-10 GM Olafsson (ICE), GM Balashov (USSR) & GM Kavalek (USA) 6; 11 GM Quinteros (ARG) 5½; 12 GM Panno (ARG) 5; 13 GM Browne (USA) 4; 14 Giardelli (ARG) 3.

**HORT - LARSEN**, Caro-Kann Defence:

1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 dxe4 4 Nxe4 Bf5 5 Ng3 Bg6 6 h4 h6 7 Nf3 Nd7 8 Bd3 Bxd3 9 Qxd3 e6 10 Bd2 Ngf6 11 0-0-0 Be7 12 Kbl c5 13 Rhel 0-0 14 Ne4 Rc8 15 dxc5 Nxc5 16 Nxf6+ Bxf6 17 Qxd8 Rfxd8 18 Be3 Rxd1+ 19 Rxd1 a6 20 c3 Kf8 21 g4 Be7 22 Ne5 Ke8 23 h5 Ne4

24 f3 Nd6 25 Kc2 b5 26 b3 Bf6 27 Rxd6 Bxe5 28 Rd3 Ke7 29 a4 bxa4 30 bxa4 Bd6 31 Bb6 e5 32 Ba5 Ke6 33 Kb3 g6 34 Bb4 Bc7 35 c4 Rb8 36 Ka3 gxf5 37 gxf5 Rg8 38 Bd2 f5 39 Kb4 Rg3 40 Rb3 f4 41 Bel Rh3 42 Bf2 Kd6 43 c5+ Kc6 44 Kc4 Rxf5 45 Kd3 Rh2 46 Ke2 Rh1 47 Bel h5 48 Kf2, 0 : 1.

**LJUBOJEVIC - BROWNE**, Sicilian Najdorf: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Bg5 e6 7 f4 Qb6 8 Nb3 Nbd7 9 Qe2 Qc7 10 0-0-0 b5 11 a3 Bb7 12 g3 Be7 13 Bg2 h6 14 Bxf6 Nxf6



15 e5 dxe5 16 Nxb5 Qb6 17 Nd6+ Bxd6 18 Rxd6 Qxd6 19 Bxb7 Ra7 20 fxe5 Qb6 21 Bxa6 Qxa6 22 Qxa6 Rxa6 23 exf6 gxf6 24 c4 Ke7 25 Kc2 Rc8 26 Kc3 e5 27 Ral f5 28 Nc1 f4 29 gxf4 exf4 30 Nd3 f3 31 Nf4 Kd6 32 Nd5 Ra5 33 Kd4 Rxc4+ 34 Kxc4 Rxd5 35 Rf1 Rd2 36 Kc3 Rxd2 37 Rxf3 Ke6 38 a4 f5 39 a5 Rh1 40 Kb4 Rh2 41 Ka3 Rh1 42 Ka4 Ral+ 43 Kb5 Ke5 44 a6 f4 45 Kb6 Rb1 46 Rf2 Ke4 47 a7 Ral 48 Rh2 f3 49 Rxf6, 1 : 0.

**TIMMAN - BALASHOV**, Queen's Gambit:

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 d5 4 Nc3 Be7 5 Bg5 0-0 6 e3 Nbd7 7 Rcl a6 8 cxd5 exd5 9 Bd3 Re8 10 0-0 c6 11 Qc2 Nf8 12 Rcel Ne4 13 Bxe7 Qxe7 14 Bxe4 dxe4 15 Nd2 f5 16 d5 Bd7 17 f3 exf3 18 Nxf3 cxd5 19 Nxd5 Qe4 20 Qxe4 Rxe4 21 Nd4 Rae8 22 Rd1 R4e5 23 Nf3 Re4 24 Nd4 R4e5 25 Nf3 Re4 26 Nd2 Rh4 27 b3 b5 28 Nf3 Rh6 29 Nd4 Rh5 30 Rf3 f4 31 Nxf4 Rhe5 32 Rel Bc8 33 Nd3 Re4 34 Nc5 R4e5 35 b4 Nd7 36 Nd3 Rg5 37 e4 Ne5 38 Nxe5 Rgxe5 39 Rfe3 Bb7 40 Nb3 Bd5 41 Nc5 Bxa2 42 Ra3 Bd5 43 Kf2 R5e7 44 Rxa6 Bxe4 45 Rb6 Bd5 46 Rxe7 Rxe7 47 Rxb5 Bc4 48 Rb8 Kf7 49 Rb7 Rxb7 50 Nxb7 Ke6 51 Ke3 Kd5 52 Nc5 h6 53 Ne4 Bf1 54 g3 Bg2 55 Nc5 Bh3 56 Nd3 g5 57 b5 h5 58 Nf2 Bg2 59 b6 Kc6 60 Ne4 h4 61 g4 Kxb6 62 Nxc5 Kc5 63 Nf3, 1 : 0.

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**BADEN BEI WIEN** (Tungsram Tournament), Oct.-Nov. 1980: Although the Tungsram tournaments are usually played in Hungary, last year's event was played

in Austria and the 1981 event will be played in yet another country where Tungsram has interests.

The tournament was category 12 (2529). Beljavsky led most of the way but lost to Spassky in the penultimate round after spurning a quiet opening in favour of wild complications. This put Spassky a half point in front but the ex-World Champion was held to a draw by Adorian in the last round while Beljavsky beat Gheorghiu to catch up again.

Scores: 1-2 GM Spassky (USSR) & GM Beljavsky (USSR) 10½/15; 3 GM Nunn (ENG) 10; 4-5 GM Byrne (USA) & GM Vaganian (USSR) 9; 6 GM Smejkal (CZ) 8½; 7-8 GM Liberzon (ISR) & IM Seirawan (USA) 8; 9 GM Gheorghiu (RUM) 7½; 10-12 GM Stean (ENG), GM Adorian (HUN) & GM Miles (ENG) 7; 13 GM Gligoric (YUG) 6½; 14 IM van der Wiel (NL) 6; 15 Hölzl (A) 3½; 16 Janetschek (A) 2.

**BELJAVSKY - SPASSKY**, Queen's Indian:

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 b6 4 g3 Bb7 5 Bg2 Be7 6 0-0-0 7 e5 exd5 8 Nh4 c6 9 cxd5 cxd5 10 Nc3 Na6 11 Nf5 Nc7 12 Bf4 Bc5 13 Rcl Bc6 14 Na4 g6 15 Nxc5 bxc5 16 Bxc7 Qxc7 17 Ne7+ Kg7 18 Nxd5 Bxd5 19 Bxd5 Rxb8 20 b3 Rfe8 21 Bf3 Qe5 22 Qd2 d6 23 Rfd1 Rb6 24 Qa5 Re7 25 Rc4 Qb2 26 Ra4 h5 27 Qd2 Qe5 28 h4 Rd7 29 Rcl Rc7 30 Kg2 d5 31 Ra5 Qd6 32 Qb2 d4 33 Rc4 Nd7 34 Qcl a6 35 Rc2 Rb5 36 Ra4 Ne5 37 Qf4 Re7 38 Be4 Re6 39 Bd3 Rf6 40 Qe4 Ng4 41 f3 Ne3+ 42 Kf2 Nxc2 43 Bxc2 Qd7 44 Bd3 Qh3 45 f4 R5b6 46 Bc4 Qh2+ 47 Qg2 Rxf4+ 48 gxf4 Qxf4+ 49 Kgl Rf6 50 Rxa6 Qe3+ 51 Kh2 Rf4 52 Qg3 Qe4 53 Ra7 Rxf4+ 54 Qxh4 Qxh4+ 55 Kgl Qel+ 56 Kg2 h4 57 Rxf7+ Kh6 58 Rf3 g5 59 Bd3 Kg7 60 Bc4 g4, 0 : 1.

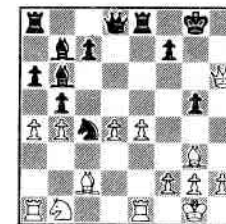
**NUNN - MILES**, Sicilian Dragon:

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 g3 Nc6 7 Nde2 Bg7 8 Bg2 Rb8 9 a4 a6 10 0-0 b5 11 axb5 axb5 12 Nd5 0-0 13 Bg5 Nd7 14 Qcl Nc5 15 b4 Ne6 16 Bh6 Ned4 17 Nxd4 Nxd4 18 Kh1 Bxb6 19 Qxh6 Nxc2 20 Racl Nd4 21 Rc7 Bd7 22 f4 f5 23 e5 Rf7 24 Rd1 Ne6 25 Ra7 Nf8 26 Qh4 Kg7 27 Nc7 Rc8 28 exd6 exd6 29 Qxd8 Rxd8 30 Rxd6 Rc8 31 Kgl Kh6 32 Bf1 Re7 33 Nd5 Rel 34 Nb6 Rc6 35 Nxd7 Rxd6 36 Nxf8 Kh5 37 Rxf7+ Kg4 38 Kf2 Rxf1+ 39 Kxf1 Kf3 40 Rd7 Rc6 41 Rd3+ Ke4 42 Ke2, 1 : 0.

**JANETSCHKE - BELJAVSKY**, Ruy Lopez:

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 0-0 b5 6 Bb3 Bb7 7 Rel Bc5 8 c3 0-0

9 d4 Bb6 10 Bg5 d6 11 a4 h6 12 Bh4 g5 13 Bg3 Nh5 14 Bc2 Na5 15 b4 Nc4 16 Nxe5 dxe5 17 Qxh5 exd4 18 Qxh6 Re8 19 cxd4



19...Re6 20 Qh5 Bxd4 21 Ra2 Qf6 22 Bd3 Nb2 23 Qe2 Rae8 24 Nd2 Nxa4 25 Qg4 Qg6 26 Nf3 Bc3 27 Re3 Bxe4 28 Bxe4 Rxe4 29 Qxg5 Qxg5 30 Nxc5 Rxe3 31 fxe3 Rxe3 32 Bxc7 Bxb4 33 g3 Be7 34 Bf4 Rd3 35 Kg2 Nc5 36 Nf3 b4 37 Ne5 Ra3 38 Re2 b3 39 Nc6 Bf6 40 Re8+ Kh7, 0 : 1.

**VAGANIAN - SMEJKAL**, Grünfeld Defence:

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nf3 Bg7 4 g3 0-0 5 Bg2 c6 6 Nc3 d5 7 cxd5 cxd5 8 Ne5 e6 9 0-0 Nfd7 10 f4 Nxe5 11 fxe5 Nc6 12 Re2 f6 13 exf6 Bxf6 14 Be3 Bd7 15 Qc2 Bg7 16 Raf1 Rxf2 17 Bxf2 Qe7 18 e4 dxe4 19 Nxe4 Rf8 20 Rd1 Rf5 21 Nc5 Bc8 22 b4 Rf8 23 b5 Nxd4 24 Bxd4 Rd8 25 Qc3 Qd6 26 Bxg7 Qxd1+ 27 Bf1 e5 28 Bxe5 Bh3 29 Qc4+ Rd5 30 Ne4 Kf8 31 Nc3, 1 : 0.

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**HASTINGS**, Dec. 1980 - Jan. 1981: For the first time in many years there was no representative of the Soviet Union, that Federation declining to reply to the invitation which listed six players. There were, however, three former Soviet players in Albur, Lein and Liberzon. The event was category 10 (2477).

Swede Ulf Andersson played solidly to go through undefeated in winning the traditional tournament. Lev Albur made the early running, winning his first three games and scoring 6 points out of the first 7 but then lost to Brito and Ftacnik through trying too hard to avoid draws. At this point Andersson took over the lead and was never headed. Torre took second prize with a brilliant finish against Peters in the last round which he entered tied with Lein.

Scores: 1 GM Andersson (SWE) 10½; 2 GM Torre (PHI) 10; 3 GM Lein (USA) 9½; 4-6 GM Albur (USA), GM Ftacnik (CZ) & IM Sunye (BRZ) 8½; 7 GM Liberzon (ISR) 8; 8 IM Popovic (YUG) 7½; 9-11 IM Chandler (NZ), IM Littlewood (ENG) & GM Speelman (ENG) 7; 12 IM Mestel (ENG) 6½; 13-14 IM Peters (USA) & IM

Pinter (HUN) 6; 15 IM Bellin (ENG) 5; 16 Brito (BRZ) 4½.

New Zealand's Murray Chandler had a bad start when he lost to Liberzon, Alburtt and Anderson in the first three rounds; then came draws with Torre, Lein and Popovic. In his remaining nine games Murray made up some ground with wins over Pinter, Mestel and Brito as well as draws with Peters, Bellin, Sunye, Speelman and Ftacnik.

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### COMMONWEALTH INITIATIVE

by GM Raymond Keene

Brighton		11-18 Dec 1980										
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	
1 Chandler	I	x	½	1	½	½	1	½	1	1	½	6½
2 Speelman	G	½	x	½	½	1	½	1	½	1	1	6½
3 Day	I	0	½	x	½	0	1	½	1	1	5½	
4 Taulbut	I	½	½	½	x	1	½	1	½	0	1	5½
5 v.d.Vliet		½	0	1	0	x	½	0	1	1	1	5
6 Watson		0	½	0	½	½	x	½	1	1	½	4½
7 Goodman	F	½	0	½	0	1	½	x	½	1	½	4½
8 Gruchacz	I	0	½	0	½	0	0	½	x	½	½	2½
9 Tisdall	F	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	½	x	1	2½
10 Cummings		½	0	0	0	0	½	½	½	0	x	2

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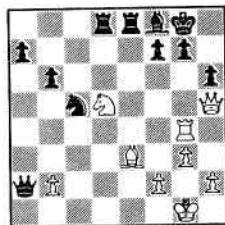
This international tournament, similar to the previous year's except that the category went up two to 5, was again organised by Ray Keene. It turned out to be the third strongest all-play-all held in England in 1980, and a great success for Jon Speelman and Murray Chandler.

Major sponsorship came from the Chess Computer specialists, COMPETENCE, who market the Sargon machine. It was good to see that COMPETENCE were prepared to plough back money into chess and support master players in this way, something which could not be said of all concerns trying to profit from the boom in home chess computers.

During the Malta FIDE Congress countries of the Commonwealth banded together to form a Commonwealth Chess Association (of which Ray Keene was elected the first President), and at Brighton, the first steps were taken to implement Commonwealth events. IM's from New Zealand and Canada (Chandler & Day) competed in the main event, while on the sidelines, Lloyds Bank and the National Bank of New Zealand sponsored a Ladies' match between Carey Groves (England) and

New Zealand top board, Fenella Foster. The match was drawn 2-2.

CHANDLER - GRUCHACZ, Nimzo-Indian :  
 1 d4 e6 2 c4 Nf6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3 c5  
 5 Ne2 d5 6 cxd5 Nxd5 7 g3 cxd4 8 exd4  
 Bd7? (Too conservative. Black should proceed actively with 8 ...Nxc3! followed by ...Qd5.) 9 Bg2 Bc6 10 0-0 0-0  
 11 Nxd5 Bxd5 12 Bxd5 Qxd5 13 Nf4 Qd7  
 14 d5 exd5 15 Nxd5 Bd6 (If 15 ...Rd8 16 Bg5! f6 17 Bxf6!) 16 Qb3 Na6 (16 ...Nc6 is more natural) 17 Be3 Nc5  
 18 Qc2 Qa4 19 Qe2 Rfe8 20 Rfd1 Rad8



his third rank with 25 ...Rd6)  
 25 ...Qb3? 26 Nf6+ Kh8 27 Qxh6+, 1 - 0.

DAY - TISDALL, Sicilian Defence:  
 1 e4 c5 2 f4 e6 3 Qe2 Nc6 4 Nf3 Nf6  
 5 c3!? b6 6 g3 Be7 7 Na3 Bb7 8 d3 a6  
 9 Nc2 b5 10 Bg2 Qc7 11 0-0 0-0 12 Kh1  
 Na5 13 Ng5 (White would preserve a small advantage by 13 Nd2 which also guards against the threat of ...c4 and avoids the counterplay which now occurs)  
 13 ...b4! 14 c4 b3 15 Ne3 bxa2  
 16 Rxa2 Nb3 17 Nh3 (With 17 Bd2 White could induce Nxd2 but he was hoping to hold on to the bishop since later White can choose the moment to exchange)  
 17 ...Nd4 18 Qd1 d6 19 Bd2 a5 20 Bc3  
 Nd7 21 g4 Bc6 22 g5 Rfb8 23 Qh5 a4  
 24 Nf2 Rb3 25 Ra3 Rxa3 26 bxa3 Rb8  
 27 Nfg4 Qd8 (On 27 ...Rb3 28 f5 Rxc3 29 fxe6 and White breaks through decisively) 28 Bxd4! cxd4 29 Nc2 Nc5  
 30 Nxd4 Be8 31 f5! Bxg5 32 f6 Bxf6 (On 32 ...Bd2 33 Nf3 is strong)  
 33 Nxf6+ gxf6 34 Bh3? (This move order is imprecise. After 34 Qh6! Nxd3 35 Bh3 Ne5 36 Rg1+ Ng6 37 Nxe6! fxe6 38 Bxe6+ Kh8 (or 38...Bf7 39 Bxf7+ Kxf7 40 Qxh7+ Ke6 41 Qxg6 Qh8 42 c5!) 39 Qf8+!! Nxf8 40 Rg8 mates) 34 ...Kf8!  
 35 Qxh7 Qa5? (Desperately short of time, Black collapses. Necessary was 35...Ke7)  
 36 Bxe6 Nxe4 37 Qxe4 fxe6 38 Qxe6 Qa8+  
 39 Kg1 Rb2 40 Qxf6+ Kg8 41 Qf8+ Kh7  
 42 Rf7+, 1 - 0.

At the start of the final round at Brighton an exceptionally close situation had developed. Four players, Speelman, Taulbut, Chandler and Day were sharing the lead on 5½ points. The GM faced an ill Goodman in the last game while Taulbut had to play backmarker Tisdall and Chandler and Day were playing each other. As tournament organiser I feared that the excitement might fizzle out with three tame draws, leading to a quadruple tie for first prize. Ignoring this temptation, the players rose splendidly to the occasion, and the result can be seen from the tournament table. Speelman beat Goodman rather rapidly, but Chandler's game with Day was the very last to finish, and this victory enabled the New Zealander to split the Competence Computer and 150 pounds in cash with Speelman.

To conclude here is Chandler's exciting last round game. Notes are by the winner.

DAY - CHANDLER, Flank Opening:

1 g3 c5 2 Bg2 d5 3 d3 Nc6 4 c4 Nf6  
 5 Bg5 dxc4 6 Bxc6+ bxc6 7 dxc4 Qd4  
 8 Qb3

Having crippled my pawn formation at the expense of the bishop pair, Day understandably did not wish to play 8 Qxd4 cxd4 while on 8 Qa4 interesting is 8 ...Rb8.

8 ...Ng4!

It is only this "beginners attack" on f2 that exposes White's opening as slightly over-ambitious. The point is that 9 e3 is very weakening after 9 ...Qe4 10 f3 Qg6 and 9 Nh3? Ne5 wins a pawn. So White gives up his second bishop, only this time at the cost of his own pawn structure.

9 Be3 Nxe3 10 fxe3 Qf6 11 Nc3 g6  
 12 Nf3 Bh6 13 Qa3!?

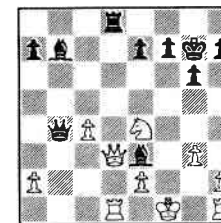
Initiating far-reaching complications.

13 ...Qe6 14 Qxc5 Bxe3 15 Nd4 Qf6  
 16 Ne4

Not 16 Qxc6+ Qxc6 17 Nxc6 Bb7. At this point Lawrence offered a draw, evidently considering the following exchange sacrifice to be very dangerous, but it wasn't until a long think and 22 ...Rd8! later that I decided to continue.

16 ...Qxd4! 17 Qxc6+ Kf8 18 Qxa8

18 ...Qxb2 19 Rd1 Kg7 20 Qd5 Bb7  
 21 Qd3 Qb4+  
 22 Kf1 Rd8! (Diag.)



With this second offer of rook for minor piece Black's obvious pressure turns to something more tangible - viz 23 Qxd8 Bxe4 24 Rg1 Qc5! with additional threats of ...Qf5 mating. Day finds the only resource, albeit one I had underestimated.

23 Qc3+ Qxc3 24 Nxc3 Rc8!

Instead 24 ...Rxd1+ 25 Nxd1 Bc5 26 Rg1 Bxg1 is a very comfortable but probably drawn ending for Black, but by now Jon Speelman was eyeing the computer, having already beaten an ailing Goodman.

25 Nd5 Bc5 26 e4 e6 27 Ke2?!

The two raking bishops still give Black more than enough compensation for the exchange, but more resistance was offered by 27 Kg2. White can also try to save his piece by 27 Nc3 Bb4 28 Rb1 Rxc4 29 a3! as suggested by chief arbiter and kibitzer Ray Keene, when Black must find 29 ...a5! 30 axb4 Rxc3 and the threat of 31 ...Bxe4 gains me two pawns for the exchange. After Day's choice, however, White's pawn centre is threatened with liquidation.

27 ...exd5 28 exd5 Ba6 29 Kd3 Ba3

Now White must relinquish further material to stay alive.

30 Rc1 Bxc1 31 Rxc1 Kf6 32 Kd4 Ke7  
 33 c5 Rb8 34 d6+ Kd7 35 Kd5 Rb5!  
 36 Re1 Bb7+ 37 Kd4 Rb4+ 38 Ke5

Or 38 Kc3 Re4 blocks the e-file.

38 ...f5 39 Kf6 Be4 40 Kg7 Rc4  
 41 Kxh7 g5 42 h4 gxh4 43 gxh4 Rxc5  
 44 Kg7 Kxd6 45 h5 Ke5 46 h6 f4 47 a4

On 47 h7 Rc7+.

47 ...f3 48 Rf1 Rc7+ 49 Kg8, 0 - 1.

One of my favourite games, and of the type that is only possible because of such fighting resistance by the defender.

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## CHESS RECORD FAIS

A world chess record of 34 years fell on December 17 when Stuart Conquest of Hastings, England, who is only 13 years of age, became the youngest player ever to defeat an internationally recognised master in a set match. Conquest won 2-0 against Nigel Povah, 28, who holds the World Chess Federation (FIDE) Master title and has a rating (elo) of 2385.

The occasion was the annual Lloyds Bank challenge match where a talented young British player meets a recognised expert. Previous events in the series have included Nigel Short's 6½-3½ victory at age 12 against Chess 4.6, the world champion computer; and Ian Wells's 2-1 win at age 15 against Alexander Kotov, the veteran Soviet Grand Master.

The previous age record for a match won over a master was set by Arturo Pomar, of Spain, then 14, who in 1946 beat Jacques Mieses, a Grand Master aged 80. Pomar is now himself a Grand Master and Spain's leading player.

Conquest was lucky in the first game when, after missed chances on both sides, Nigel Povah overstepped the time limit in a winning position. But the schoolboy won impressively in the return where a classical central pawn break gained decisive material.

This game went as follows:

S.CONQUEST - N.POVAH, Benoni Defence:

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 e6 4 Nc3 exd5 5 cxd5 d6 6 e4 g6 7 f4 Bg7 8 Nf3 0-0 9 Be2 Re8 10 Nd2 c4 11 a4 Na6 12 0-0 Nc5 13 Bf3 a6? (Up to here the game is book, but now the active move is 13 ...Bh6!) 14 Kh1 Qc7 15 e5! dxe5 16 fxe5 Nfd7 (If 16...Qxe5 17 Nxc4 Qb8 18 Be3 with strong pressure) 17 Nxc4 Nxe5 18 d6 Qd8 19 Be3! Nxc4 20 Bxc5 Be5 21 Re1 Bg7 (If 21...Qh4 22 g3 when Black cannot play Bxg3 because his rook is pinned) 22 Re7 Bf8 23 Nd5 Nxd6 (If 23...Bxe7 24 dxe7 followed by Nf6+) 24 Nf6+, 1 - 0.

Stuart Conquest, youngest-ever champion of the celebrated Hastings club, has already received help from Lloyds Bank's annual chess sponsorship programme. He was among 30 boys and girls awarded scholarships to the Lloyds Bank Masters in London, where he defeated the former Spanish men's champion IM Ricardo Calvo. Conquest recently finished 3rd equal in the 1980 Lloyds Bank Jersey Open, at which he tied with the 1979 British

men's champion, IM Robert Bellin, drawing their individual game.

Grand Master Raymond Keene directed the match in Brighton. He commented "In the second game it looked as if the master had been White and the inexperienced junior Black. Povah seemed hesitant and unable to form a plan, while Conquest, playing with admirable panache for one so young, brushed him aside with contemptuous ease."

"Qualitatively if not quantitatively the result was superior to Pomar's win over Mieses and to Ian Wells's defeat of the ageing Kotov in last year's Lloyds Bank challenge match".

There is special emphasis on chess for women and schoolgirls in the Lloyds Bank chess programme, and for the first time the challenge match also included an international ladies event. Carey Groves, 18, of England, who did well in the 1980 Lloyds Bank Lady Masters, took on New Zealand women's champion Fenella Foster who flew in from the chess olympics in Malta. Their four-game series was tied 2-2.

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## Alberic O'Kelly†

The Chess World was saddened by the death of FIDE GM Alberic O'Kelly, ICCF GM and World Correspondence Champion 1959-62, in Brussels on the third of October 1980.

Born on the 17th of May 1911, O'Kelly had a chess career spanning forty years, with numerous successes to his name. He was the perfect model for the phrase 'gifted amateur', preferring to play for a love of the game rather than as a means to provide his living. O'Kelly was a Belgian Count and possessor of an immense personal fortune.

For many years O'Kelly was a minor European Master, when in the five years following the end of the Second World War he shot to the heights of chess, winning several major tournaments. When in 1949 FIDE instituted international titles for chessplayers, O'Kelly was included in the first award of the title 'International Master', followed by the award of the 'International Grandmaster' title in 1956. He won the Belgian Championships seven times, as well as representing Belgium at the Chess Olympiads eight times.

As a FIDE arbiter he controlled the world championship matches of 1966 and 1969 as well as the candidates final of 1974. A well known chess author, his best works were, 'Petrosian:Weltmeister' (Berlin 1965), and the first of the now huge Batsford contemporary chess opening series: 'Sicilian:Flank Game' (London '69). In chess opening theory he was one of the pioneers of the Pirc and Modern Defences back in the late 1940's. A quaint variation of the Sicilian Defence is named after him (1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 a6!?).

O'Kelly's main fame, however, came in the field of Correspondence Chess, by winning the 1959-62 World Championship he gained the title of International Correspondence Grandmaster.

### ICCF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 1959-62

O'Kelly	x ½	½	½	½	½	1	1	½	1	1	6½
Dubin	½	x	1	½	½	1	0	1	½	1	6
Lundqvist	½	0	x	0	1	1	½	1	½	1	5½
Salme	½	½	1	x	½	0	½	0	1	1	5
Napolatino	½	½	0	½	x	0	1	½	1	1	5
Secchi	0	0	0	1	1	x	½	1	½	1	5
Endzelkins	0	1	½	0	½	x	½	½	½	1	4½
Kjellander	½	0	0	1	0	½	x	½	1	1	4
Balogh	0	½	½	0	0	½	½	x	1	1	3½
Garner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	0	0

Some games from the event:

O'KELLY - GARNER, Queen's Gambit:  
 1 d4 d5 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 Bg5 Be7  
 5 Nf3 Nbd7 6 Qc2 c6 7 e3 0-0 8 Rd1  
 Re8 9 a3 dxc4 10 Bxc4 Nd5 11 Bxe7  
 Qxe7 12 Ne4 h6 13 0-0 N5f6 14 Ng3 b5  
 15 Bd3 Bb7 16 e4 Rec8 17 e5 Ne8  
 18 b4 g5 19 Qd2 Nf8 20 h4 g4 21 Nh2  
 Qxh4 22 Qf4 Ng6 23 Bxg6 fxe6 24 Nxe4  
 Kg7 25 Ne4 Rc7 26 Nc5 Bc8 27 g3 Qg5  
 28 Qxg5 hxg5 29 Kg2 a5 30 Rh1 Kg8  
 31 Rh6 Kg7 32 Rdh1 axb4 33 Rh8+ Kf7  
 34 axb4 Ke7 35 Rh7 Rf7 36 Nh6, 1 - 0.

O'KELLY - ENDZELKINS, King's Indian:  
 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6  
 5 f3 0-0 6 Be3 e5 7 d5 c5 8 g4 Ne8  
 9 h4 f5 10 gxf5 gxf5 11 exf5 Bf6  
 12 Ne4 Bxf5 13 Ne2 Ng7 14 N2c3 Na6  
 15 Qd2 Nc7 16 Bd3 Qd7 17 h5 Kh8  
 18 0-0-0 Bxe4 19 fxe4 a6 20 Rdg1 b5  
 21 b3 bxc4 22 bxc4 Rab8 23 h6 Ne8  
 24 Rg3 Rg8 25 Rxe8+ Kxe8 26 Qg2+ Kh8  
 27 Rg1 Qf7 28 Be2 Na8 29 Bh5 Qf8  
 30 Rf1 Qe7 31 Qf2 Nac7 32 Kc2 Kg8  
 33 Qf5 Rd8 34 Bg5 Bxg5 35 Rg1 Kh8  
 36 Rxe8 Ra8 37 Rg1 Rb8 38 Rf1 Kg8  
 39 Qg4+, 1 - 0.

Peter Corbett

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## Games

Here is Robert Smith's win over Ortvin Sarapu in the 1980/81 Championship. Notes are by the winner.

O.SARAPU - R.W.SMITH, Sicilian Defence:

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 c4 Nc6 4 Nc3 d6  
 Better is 4 ...Nf6 5 e5?! Ng4 6 Qe2  
 d6  
 5 Be2 Nf6 6 0-0 Be7 7 b3 0-0  
 8 Bb2?!

Better is 8 d4 cxd4 9 Nxd4 with an advantage to White.

8 ...d5! 9 e5!?

9 exd5 exd5 10 cxd5 Nxd5 11 Nxd5  
 Qxd5 12 Bc4 Qh5 with at least equality  
 for Black.

9 ...Ng4 10 cxd5 exd5 11 d4 cxd4  
 12 Nxd4 Ncxe5!

Not 12 ...Ngxe5 13 Nxc6 Nxc6  
 14 Nxd5 advantage White or 13 ...bxc6  
 14 Nxd5 Qxd5 15 Qxd5 cxd5 16 Bxe5 with  
 advantage to White.

13 Nf3

If 13 f4 Ne3 14 Qc1 Nxf1 15 fxe5

Bg5! 16 Qxf1 Be3+ 17 Kh1 Bxd4. Ortvin apparently rejected 13 f4 because of 13 ...Ne3 14 Qc1 Neg4 15 h3 Nxf1 16 hxg4 Ng3.

13 ...Be6

Not 13 ...Nxf3+ 14 Bxf3 Nf6 15 Nxd5 with advantage to White.

14 Nxe5 Nxe5 15 f4?!

15 Nxd5 Qxd5 16 Qxd5 Bxd5 17 Bxe5= 15 ...d4!

Not 15 ...Nc6 16 f5 Bd7 17 Nxd5 with advantage to White.

16 Ne4

Better is 16 fxe5 dxc3 17 Bxc3 Qxd1 18 Raxd1 Rfd8 with a small plus for Black.

16 ...Nc6 17 f5 Bd5 18 Bf3 Bxe4 19 Bxe4 Bf6

White now has no attack and Black is a sound pawn up.

20 Rc1 Qb6

Threatening d3+ and Bxb2.

21 Kh1 Rfe8 22 Qf3 Ne5 23 Qf4 h6!

Creating a Luft, threatening Bg5 and indirectly forcing the white rook off the "c" file.

24 Rcd1 Rad8 25 Bb1 Nc6

Back to the old position except that White's pieces have been forced back and Black's rooks occupy the central files.

26 h3 Re2 27 Bc1 Rde8 28 Qg4 Kh7 29 Qh5 Kg8 30 Qg4 Kh7 31 Qh5 R8e7 32 Bf4 Nb4

Preventing Bd6 and with the possibility of N to d5 - c3.

33 Bd2 Qb5

Perhaps better is Nxa2!? and if 34 Bxa2 Qa6 with the threat of Rxd2 and Qxf1; also 34 Bd3 Re5 35 Bf4 Rc5 keeps the extra pawn; the move played ...Qb5 threatens Rxd2 and Qxf1.

34 a4 Qd5 35 Qf3 Qxf3 36 Rxf3?

Timetrouble. 36 gxf3 makes Black's task harder, although he is still a solid pawn up and after 36 ...Nc6 37 Bd3 may even be able to play R2e3!? 38 Bxe3 dxe3 because of the immediate threat of e2.

36 ...Rxd2! 37 Rxd2 Re1+ 38 Kh2 Rxb1 39 g4 d3 40 Rfxd3 Nxd3 41 Rxd3 Kg8 42 Kg3 Rc1, 0 - 1.

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## COMBINATION SOLUTIONS

1. Ljubisavljevic - Albano, Italy 1973:

1 Nd6! Nxd6 2 Rh8+! Qxh8 3 Rxh8+ Kxh8 4 Ne6+ Kh7 5 Qg7 mate.

2. Titenko - Murei, Moscow 1963:

1 ...d2+! 2 Kxf2 d1Q 3 Re6+! (3 c8Q allows perpetual check) 3 ...Kd3! 4 c8Q Qd2+ 5 Kg1! Qc1+! 6 Qxc1 stalemate. (there is no perpetual after 5 ...Qd1+ 6 Kh2 Qd2+ 7 Kh3).

3. Wagner - Rellstab, Swinemunde 1930:

1 Re8! Qg5 (1 ...Qxe8 2 Nh5+ & Nf6+) 2 Qe3 h5 3 Qe5+, 1 - 0.

4. Brüchner - B.Koch, Berlin 1954:

1 ...Rf3+! 2 Kxh4 Ne7 3 g6 Nxg6+ 4 Kg5 Rh6!, 1 - 0. Mate on f5 cannot be avoided.

5. Ivanovic - Barreras, Plovdiv 1976:

1 f5! gxf5 (1 ...Rxd8 2 f6+ Kh6 3 Rxd8 Nc6 4 Rh8+ +) 2 Rg3+ Kh7 3 Rd1 (3 ...Ng6 4 Rh1+ Kg7 5 Rhg1 Rc6 6 e6 + -; 3 ...Rc6 4 e6 + -), 1 - 0.

6. Chahojan - Jurkenishvili, USSR 1971:

1 ...Qd3! 2 Qxd3 (2 Rxd3 exd3 - +) 2 ...exd3 3 Rb1 Bxg4, 0 - 1.

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Owing to lack of space these results will be continued next issue.

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