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CANDIDATES' SEMI-FINALS

In the Kasparov v Korchnoi match the score after five games stands at 3:2 to Korchnoi. The third, fourth and fifth games were all drawn.

Smyslov took the lead in the other match by defeating Ribli in their fifth game after the third and fourth games had been drawn.

Both matches are of twelve games - unless a 6:6 tie necessitates further games.

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CANDIDATES' ON AGAIN!

Agreement was reached during the FIDE General Assembly in October that the Candidates' semi-final matches should, after all, be played. Prior to the Manila meetings Korchnoi and Kasparov had met at Herceg Novi where both competed in a one day lightning tournament (1 Kasparov 13½/16, 2 Korchnoi 10½, 3 Tal 9½ Kasparov beat Korchnoi in both games).

Although Rotterdam was still interested in hosting the two matches, London was the chosen venue. The two matches are being played on alternate days with a 100,000 Swiss franc prize fund for Kasparov-Korchnoi and half that amount for ... um yes, Ribli-Smyslov.

Both matches began sensationally! In the big match Kasparov had the white pieces in the first game which rapidly went into Kasparov's favourite 4 a3 line in the Queen's Indian. In a reversal of the normal roles, however, Korchnoi played very quickly while Kasparov got into time trouble and went astray in the ending. Result: a win for Viktor in 52 moves.

The little match also started with a bang as Vassily Smyslov built up a huge position by the adjournment and went on to win in 65 moves. Doubtless the odds on a Smyslov v Korchnoi final came tumbling down at this point!

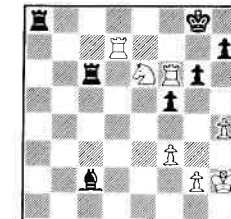
In game two of the big match Korchnoi was unable to make any headway against Kasparov's Tarrasch Defence and the game was drawn on move 31. In the other match, however, Ribli wasted no time in equalising the scores by winning the second game.

The games received to date:

KASPAROV - KORCHNOI (1), Queen's Indian:
1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 b6 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 d5 6 cxd5 Nxd5 7 e3 g6 8 Bb5+ c6 9 Bd3 Bg7 10 e4 Nxc3 11 bxc3 c5 12 Bg5 Qd6 13 e5 Qd7 14 dxc5 0-0 15 cxb6 axb6 16 0-0 Qc7 17 Bb5 Bxe5 18 Bh6 Bg7 19 Bxg7 Kxg7 20 Qd4+ Kg8 21 Ng5 h6 22 Ne4 Bxe4 23 Qxe4 Na6 24

Qe3 Qc5 25 Qxc5 Nxc5 26 Rfb1 Rfd8 27 Bf1 Rd6 28 Rb4 Kf8 29 a4 Ra5 30 g3 Ke7 31 Kg2 f5 32 Bb5 Rd2 33 Rd4 Rxd4 34 cxd4 Nxa4 35 Rxa4 Rxb5 36 Ra7+ Kd6 37 Rh7 h5 38 Rg7 Rd5 39 Rxc6 b5 40 Kf3 b4 41 Ke3 b3 42 Kd2 Rxd4+ 43 Kc3 b2 44 Kxb2 Rd2+ 45 Kc3 Rxf2 46 h4 f4 47 Rg5 Rf3+ 48 Kd4 Rxc3 49 Rxb5 Re3 50 Rh6 Ke7 51 h5 e5+ 52 Kd5 f3, 0-1.

SMYSLOV - RIBLI (1), Queen's Indian:
1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 e6 3 c4 b6 4 e3 Bb7 5 Bd3 d5 6 b3 Be7 7 0-0 0-0 8 Bb2 c5 9 Qe2 cxd4 10 exd4 Nc6 11 Nbd2 Rc8 12 Racl Re8 13 Rfd1 Bf8 14 h3 g6 15 Qe3 Bg7 16 Ne5 dxc4 17 bxc4 Ne7 18 Ndf3 Nf5 19 Bxf5 exf5 20 Qa3 Bh6 21 Ral a5 22 d5 Ne4 23 d6 Bf8 24 Qb3 a4 25 Qxa4 Bxd6 26 Qd7 Qc7 27 Qxc7 Rxc7 28 Bd4 Nc5 29 Rab1 f6 30 Bxc5 Bxc5 31 Nd7 Re2 32 Nd4 Rxa2 33 Nxc5 bxc5 34 Ne6 Re7 35 Rb6 Ra8 36 Nxc5 Be4 37 Rxf6 Rc7 38 Ne6 Rxc4 39 Rd7 Rc6 40 f3 Bc2 41 h4 (Adjourned)



41...Rac8 42 h5 f4 43 h6 Bf5 44 Rg7+ Kh8 45 Rff7 g5 46 Nd4 Rc1+ 47 Kh2 Bg6 48 Rf6 Rlc5 49 Rd7 Rg8 50 Re7 Ra5 51 Nc6 Ra6 52 Ree6 Bh5 53 Ne5 Ra7 54 Rf5 Rb7 55 Rd6 Ra7 56 Rb6 Re7 57 Rbf6 Ree8 58 Nc4 g4 59 Ne5 gxf3 60 Rxh5 Rxc2+ 61 Kh3 Rg3+ 62 Kh4 f2 63 Rxf4 Rg1 64 Rhf5 Rh1+ 65 Kg3, 1-0.

KORCHNOI - KASPAROV (2), QGD Tarrasch:
1 d4 d5 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 c5 4 cxd5 exd5 5 Nf3 Nc6 6 g3 Nf6 7 Bg2 Be7 8 0-0 0-0 9 Bg5 cxd4 10 Nxd4 h6 11 Be3 Re8 12 a3 Be6 13 Qb3 Qd7 14 Nxe6 fxe6 15 Rad1 Bd6 16 Bcl Kh8 17 Qa4 Qe7 18 e3 a6 19 Qh4 Rac8 20 e4 d4 21 Ne2 e5 22 Bh3 Rc7 23 Bg5 Kg8 24 Bxf6 Qxf6 25 Qxf6 gxf6 26 Ncl Na5 27 Nd3 Nb3 28 Bf5 a5 29 Kg2 Kc7 30 Kh3 Ree7 31 Ncl, ½ - ½.

RIBLI - SMYSLOV (2), Bogo-Indian Def:
1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 Bb4+ 4 Bd2 a5

5 g3 d5 6 Qc2 Nc6 7 a3 Be7 8 Bg2
 dxc4 9 Qxc4 Qd5 10 Qd3 0-0 11 Nc3
 Qh5 12 0-0 Rd8 13 Qc4 Bd7 14 Rfel
 Nd5 15 e4 Nb6 16 Qd3 a4 17 h3 f6 18
 d5 Na5 19 Rad1 Nbc4 20 Bcl e5 21 Nh4
 b5 22 Nf5 Bf8 23 Qc2 Nd6 24 g4 Qf7
 25 f4 Nxf5 26 exf5 exf4 27 d6 c6 28
 Nxb5 Qc4 29 Nc3 Bxd6 30 Qxa4 Be5 31
 Re4 Qxa4 32 Rxa4 Be8 33 Rxd8 Rxd8
 34 Bxf4 Bxf4 35 Rxf4 Nb3 36 Rb4 Nd4
 37 a4 Nc2 38 Rb6 Ne3 39 a5 Nc4 40
 Ra6 Rb8 41 Bf1 Ne5 42 Rb6, 1 - 0.



NEW ZEALAND CH'P PREVIEW

Twenty-two entries were received for the 91st New Zealand Championship and the selectors' task of narrowing the field down to the necessary twelve must have been a difficult one. The average rating of the field, 2242, is probably the highest for some years, even taking into account the 75-point adjustment made last year. The twelve contestants are:

Paul Garbett (North Shore - 2374): joint defending champion with two previous titles; has had a very successful tournament year but has occasional inexplicable failures, e.g. his 11th place in 1981/82.

Vernon Small (Christchurch Centre - 2337): also a three-time champion but did not play last year; not very active this year but equal second (behind Garbett) in South Island Championship.

Ortvin Sarapu (North Shore - 2332): winner of 18 N.Z. titles but did not play last year; equal second in 1981/82. This has not been a vintage year for Ortvin as his rating indicates. Sarapu has not won the Championship since way back in 1980/81 but the target of 20 titles must still beckon!

Ewen Green (Howick-Pakuranga - 2284): sixth in 1981/82, Ewen did not play last year but was joint champion in 1979/80. Variable results this year.

David Collogly (North Shore - 2283): sensationally shared title last year in his first Championship but hasn't played this year since February due to medical studies.

Robert Smith (Waitemata - 2278): completes a distinct top half rating-wise; had a superb result at 1982 Olympiad but has never matched this in a N.Z. Championship. Shared seventh

place in 1981/82 but did not play last year.

Jonathan Sarfati (Wellington - 2219): only one previous Championship, finishing a fine 4th equal in 1981/82; young player with great experience and current North Island Champion.

Peter Stuart (North Shore - 2185): finished 6th equal last year with a best result of second (1972/73). Variable form during year.

Lindsay Cornford (Auckland - 2182): a 'jekyll & hyde' player, equal 2nd in 1974/75 but has not made the field since 1976/77. Had excellent result against very strong opposition in 1983 North Is. Championship to make the twelve again.

Adrian Lloyd (Canterbury - 2167): joint N.Z. Junior Champion (with Sarfati) and a consistent high placer in local tournaments. First played in 1982/83 finishing ninth. Currently competing in Asian Junior Championship.

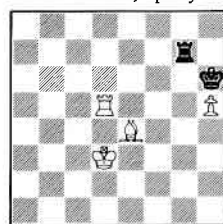
Philip Clemance (Civic - 2164): solid performer back on chess scene after several year away from the game. Good placings in North Island and South Island events as well as Wellington tournaments. One previous Championship - ninth in 1977/78.

Anthony Ker (Eastbourne - 2107): joint 1982/83 Premier Reserve winner and equal second in 1983 South Island Championship. Good result at Asian Team Ch'p. Could be the dark horse of 1983/84 in his first Championship. Youngest player in the field.



WRONG ♁ STRIKES AGAIN!

In our October article (page 118) we missed a tactic! From diagram 5 (reproduced below) play commenced 1 Ke3 Rf7



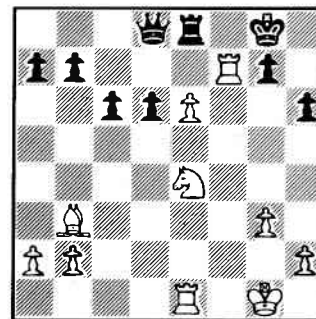
Rd6+ Kg7 3 Be4 Re8 4 h6+ Kh8 5 Bf5 Rf8 6 Ke4 Re8+ 7 Kf4 Rb8 8 Rd7 and we have diagram 6 although, as noted, 8 Re6! is even stronger. ■

but Black has 1... Rg5! when the intended 2 Rh6+ Kxh5 3 Bf3+ Kh4 4 Kf4 'mating' is met by 4...Rg4+!! drawing.

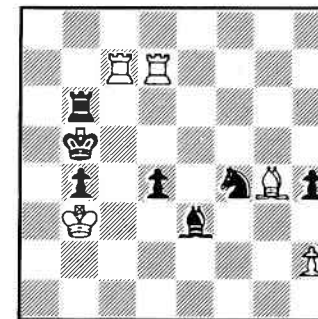
From the diagram, therefore, White should play 1 Bf3!, e.g. 1...Re7 2

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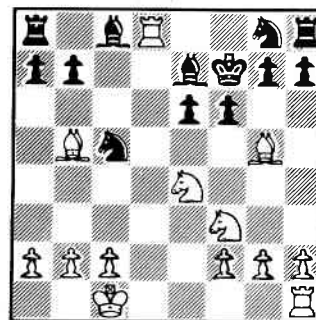
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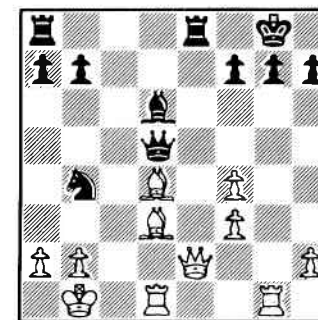
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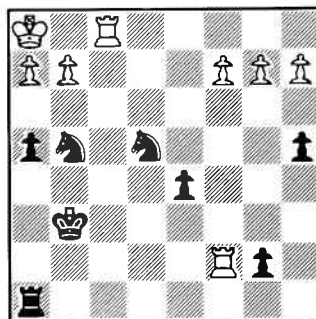
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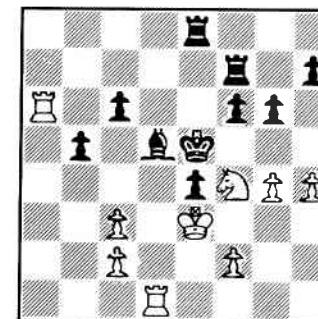
No. 3 White to move



No. 4 White to move



No. 5 Black to move



No. 6 White to move

Letter

Dear Sir,

Having received the October issue of *New Zealand Chess* today, I feel compelled to reply to two items contained therein which could easily undermine my reputation in chess circles.

The most serious is in the anonymous article on the Auckland Invitation tournament in which the unnamed writer states as fact that I did not play because of quote 'fear of losing rating points.' While this is partially correct, in its omission of details it is badly and incorrectly slanted, giving a bad impression. The simple fact is that last year I played in the unrated version of this tournament and found extreme difficulties in completing my games because of my journalistic work which involves working every second weekend. I consider that I lost one game last year at least partially because of the pressure imposed upon me to complete games. I understand that last year there was some criticism, notably from the *New Zealand Chess* Editor, of my even playing in the tournament because of my tight schedule! This year, with regard to these difficulties, I decided not to play because I don't mind losing rating points, but not when I am at a decided disadvantage in terms of conditions to the rest of the players. Indeed it could be noted that I have risked (and lost) rating points in both the North and South Island Championships this year so I am certainly more active than some other players.

On another matter, that of my playing and directing the Charles Belton tournament, I agree with the Editor that that is not an ideal situation. However, I would point out that I played only to prevent a bye because of an uneven number of players. And I did not hear any criticism of the running of the tournament throughout; I invite anyone with any criticisms to write to *New Zealand Chess* and air them publicly (although they certainly did not take them up with me at the time).

Finally, I hope that *New Zealand Chess* will continue, and perhaps even increase, its efforts to present balanced accounts of events in New

Zealand.

Yours faithfully,
Bob Smith

The report on the Auckland Invitation tournament was written by the Editor; in common with most 'Local News' items, it lacked a byline. Mr Smith at least confirms the basis of what was, after all, a somewhat tongue-in-cheek comment - as we are sure most readers appreciated.

The criticism which Mr Smith attracted from several players arose from the fact that he accepted his invitation knowing full well that he could not possibly fulfil his obligations regarding the playing schedule. Any disadvantage arising from the ensuing situation was, it seems to us, suffered by those of Mr Smith's opponents who were consequently obliged to play Mr Smith at some other time more convenient to Mr Smith. We were not in the least concerned about any alleged difficulty or imposition on Mr Smith - it was entirely self-imposed.

Ratings often assume a perhaps greater importance than they should and players have every right to choose which events they play in. We agree that Mr Smith is as active in rated events as most.

We believe that a bye is preferable to a playing director in events such as the Belton Memorial. However, Mr Smith's claim that he played only to avoid the bye lacks credibility when we remember that he both directed and played in 1981 (and 1982 although there were perhaps mitigating circumstances then) with an ODD number of players!

With a non-playing director this year the Editor might not have been prevailed upon, at the last minute, to act as a deputy director if need arose; the draw for each round might not have been scribbled semi-legibly on newsprint; and we might have had a progress score wall-chart worthy of the tournament.

Having accepted Mr Smith's invitation to criticise, we can only add that his chess, under the considerable handicap of also directing, was of a much higher class and led to a deserved first place.

- Editor

ASIAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

BERNARD CARPINTER

The New Zealand chess team nearly didn't go to the Asian Teams Championship in New Delhi. After some members of the original team defected, NZCA decided to cancel the trip. Then the net was cast wider, and lower, in the search for prospective members, a young and not particularly strong team materialised, and it was all on again. We got to India, and spent quite a bit of the time there wishing we hadn't.

The team, in board order, was Jonathan Sarfati, Bernard Carpinter (captain), Michael Hopewell, Mark Noble, Anthony Ker and Michael Freeman. The tournament was scheduled for the middle of Sarfati's first-year university exams, but Victoria University co-operatively agreed to allow me to supervise four of his papers in New Delhi.

A pleasant couple of days in Singapore broke the long trip to India, but landing in the seething chaos of Bombay Airport in the middle of the night administered a sharp shot of culture shock. The shock deepened when we arrived in Delhi and were shown to the room (singular) in which the six of us were supposed to live for the two weeks.

It was in the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium where the play was to take place. The room was not large. It was dirty and smelly, and had a broken window and a thriving mosquito colony. The toilet leaked and the bathroom floor was constantly covered in water. No hot water (no hot water in the whole stadium, actually), no soap, no towels, and not enough bedding. It was noisy too.

We made many complaints and requests for better conditions but it seems that in India things happen very slowly or, more usually, not at all. Noble and I moved into a hotel at our own expense, but the others could not afford to leave. Eventually we did get an additional room, similar to the first but less smelly. Freeman got 20 mosquito bites on his first day in the room and Delhi belly on the second; four of us were to get sick in varying degrees and the other two seemed quite run down. One good point was the food, although we had to pay for it ourselves

and some of the team would eat only fish, bread and ice cream.

Ten countries turned up in the end, notable absentees being Australia and Indonesia. The top three teams were obviously going to be the Philippines, led by Candidate Eugene Torre, China and India. Curiously, India did not have their strongest team. They had been hoping for an odd number of entrants, which would have allowed them to field two teams, and they had selected two teams of roughly equal strength instead of the usual top team and reserve team. When an even number of entrants arrived they played one of these teams, led by young IM Dibyendu Barua whose successes included a win over Korchnoi.

The weaker teams seemed to be Brunei, Bahrain and Kuwait. The two Arab countries had expert assistance, however - Bahrain had Filipino GM Balinas as their coach and Kuwait the Polish IM Filipowicz. The other teams were Pakistan, Bangladesh and Malaysia.

Our team agreed that we should each play six of the nine rounds, and should try to equalise the strength of opposition that each team member met. We would also try to equalise colour distribution but that proved difficult.

Round 1

Pakistan	2-2	New Zealand
Lodhi	1-0	Sarfati
Omar Khan	½-½	Carpinter
Chaudry	0-1	Hopewell
Hassain	½-½	Noble

Brunei 0, China 4; Kuwait ½, India 3½; Malaysia 3, Bangladesh 1; Philippines 4, Bahrain 0.

We thought 2-2 against Pakistan was a moderate result, but as the tournament progressed it became obvious they were actually pretty strong; they beat China and their young board two scored 2½/3 against IMs. Sarfati had a bad day, I had an up-and-down draw after sacrificing pawns for the initiative, Hopewell a good positional win, while Noble had a space advantage but reached a position where neither side could think of anything constructive to do.

Round 2

<u>New Zealand</u>	3-1	<u>Kuwait</u>
Hopewell	1-0	Al-Rashed
Noble	0-1	Al-Qallaf
Ker	1-0	Bin Ali
Freeman	1-0	Al-Ostath

India 4, Brunei 0; China 4, Malaysia 0; Bahrain ½, Bangladesh 3½; Philippines 2, Pakistan 2. The Philippines stumbled, with Mascarinas on board two in poor form, as Pakistan showed their ability.

Hopewell and Ker crunched through quickly with aggressive play. Freeman's opponent played good sensible chess all the first session, sealed an anti-positional shocker and self-destructed with remarkable rapidity in the second session. Noble's opponent played some imaginative chess but Mark got on top and at one point wrote the winning move on his score sheet. Unfortunately he crossed it out, found himself plagued by a quite unreasonable number of passed pawns, and couldn't quite find a swindle.

Round 3

<u>Brunei</u>	½-3½	<u>New Zealand</u>
Hj Damit	½-½	Carpinter
Rahman Yussof	0-1	Hopewell
Hj Halim	0-1	Ker
Jaafar	0-1	Freeman

Kuwait 0, Philippines 4; Bangladesh ½, China 3½; Pakistan 2, Bahrain 2; Malaysia ½, India 3½.

I accidentally fell into a grotty position but recovered and nearly won. Hopewell quickly won a pawn while keeping a good position. Ker blew a fuse in a winning position and found his queen pinned to his king but, with some adjournment help from Noble, won a strange ending with rook plus two pieces versus queen and extra pawns. Freeman was always dominant.

Round 4

<u>New Zealand</u>	½-3½	<u>Malaysia</u>
Sarfati	0-1	Liew
Carpinter	0-1	Hon
Noble	0-1	Tay
Freeman	½-½	Goh

Bahrain 0, China 4; Philippines 4, Brunei 0; Pakistan 3, Kuwait 1; India 2, Bangladesh 2.

A bad day. Sarfati and I both found

that one careless move is all that is needed to spoil a good position, while Noble was the exchange up when he donated a rook to a one-mover. Freeman was probably losing at the adjournment but his opponent unwittingly repeated the position three times.

Round 5

<u>Bangladesh</u>	1½-2½	<u>New Zealand</u>
Murshed	½-½	Sarfati
Alam Khan	0-1	Hopewell
Hassan	1-0	Noble
Haque	0-1	Ker

Malaysia ½, Philippines 3½; Brunei 0, Pakistan 4; Kuwait 2½, Bahrain 1½; China 3, India 1. Mascarinas again stumbled for the Philippines, while in the first meeting among the big three India's IM Thipsay on board two continued his 100 per cent record to score his country's sole point against China.

Sarfati was pleased to score his first half-point, with Black against IM Murshed, who offered the early draw when he realised he had overpressed. Hopewell's opponent had no idea what to do against the King's Gambit and was positionally squelched as Michael marched to 4/4.

Noble seemed to be doing all right in a most unclear position until an enemy invasion by queen and bishop mated him before he could queen his advancing pawns. Ker was better at the first adjournment and lost at the second. However, there followed a free day during which Ker, Noble and Sarfati found some imaginative swindling attempts; in the third session Rezaul Haque made two blunders and Ker only one, so the match swung our way.

The standings after five rounds were: China 18½, Philippines 17½, Pakistan 14, India 14, New Zealand 11½, Bangladesh 8½, Malaysia 7½, Kuwait 5, Bahrain 3, Brunei ½. Our points total was all right but we had not yet played any of the big three.

The four-man Philippines team was well led by Torre, who had scored 100 per cent although he was looking quite unhealthy, but were handicapped by Mascarinas' erratic play. China had six players (plus an interpreter and manager) but were playing their top four almost all the time.

The first rest day followed, on which

we were provided with a rough but worthwhile four-hour bus trip to the beautiful Taj Mahal and the huge Agra Fort.

Round 6

<u>New Zealand</u>	0-4	<u>China</u>
Carpinter	0-1	Qi Jin Xuan
Hopewell	0-1	Li Zu Nian
Noble	0-1	Ye Jiang Chuan
Freeman	0-1	Lian Jing Rong

Bahrain 0, India 4; Kuwait 2, Brunei 2; Pakistan 1½, Malaysia 2½; Philippines 3½, Bangladesh ½.

Our only whitewash, perhaps not surprising in view of the strength of the opposition (all rated around 2400) but disappointing nonetheless. I attacked Qi Jin Xuan, found a nice manoeuvre he had missed, but failed to work out a complicated tactical win found by Noble afterwards. Insufficient preparation saw Hopewell lured into an opening variation his opponent had already used to crushing effect earlier in the tournament. Noble opened the h-file only to see his opponent get there first and Freeman suffered a hallucination in a position that was inferior but not clearly lost.

Round 7

<u>India</u>	3-1	<u>New Zealand</u>
Barua	1-0	Sarfati
Thipsay	1-0	Carpinter
Mohanty	½-½	Noble
Rafiq Khan	½-½	Ker

Malaysia 4, Kuwait 0; Brunei 2, Bahrain 2; Bangladesh 1½, Pakistan 2½; China 2, Philippines 2.

Torre won yet again, with Black in a Ruy Lopez, but Mascarinas lost and the other two games were drawn, leaving China with a healthy points lead.

Our performance was more respectable than in the previous round. Sarfati had a difficult manoeuvring game in a closed Giuoco Piano but adjourned with what looked like a satisfactory position. However, it was not as good as we thought and a slip allowed Barua to infiltrate and mate with queen and knight.

I had an equalish position against Thipsay and a big time advantage, then general debilitation caused my brain to cease functioning. Noble was grovelling in the middle game on the black side of

a QGD Exchange but grovelled extremely well and was nearly winning at the second adjournment. Ker always had the upper hand but couldn't get through.

Round 8

<u>Bahrain</u>	½-3½	<u>New Zealand</u>
Farooghi	½-½	Sarfati
Al-Gashra	0-1	Carpinter
Ajlan	0-1	Ker
Dhaif	0-1	Freeman

Brunei 0, Malaysia 4; Kuwait ½, Bangladesh 3½; Pakistan 2½, China 1½; Philippines 2, India 2.

Pakistan struck again and indeed nearly scored 3½ but the Philippines were held by India and remained a point behind the Chinese. Torre maintained his 100 per cent score against Barua, but Thipsay did the same against Mascarinas. Yap beat Mohanty and Rafiq Khan beat De Guzman.

Sarfati had another closed Giuoco Piano and when his position started going sour accepted his opponent's respectful draw offer. I won the exchange but then my head went fuzzy again and I played very badly until Freeman got me some coconut biscuits and I started seeing things again. Ker's pressure eventually netted a pawn. Freeman calculated some nice tactics and felt disappointed when his opponent preferred to lose simply.

Round 9

<u>New Zealand</u>	1½-2½	<u>Philippines</u>
Sarfati	½-½	Torre
Hopewell	½-½	Mascarinas
Ker	0-1	Yap
Freeman	½-½	De Guzman

China 4, Kuwait 0; India 3, Pakistan 1; Malaysia 3, Bahrain 1; Bangladesh 3, Brunei 1.

So China won by 2½ points and qualify for the World Cup; this was the first time the Philippines had not won the championship. India beat Pakistan to make sure of third, though Thipsay surrendered his 100 per cent score when Omar Khan held him to a draw.

Sarfati had his moment of glory when he held Torre to a draw. The grandmaster, who had scored 8/8 before this game, had the initiative but Sarfati defended resourcefully. Hopewell seized the initiative with a pawn sacrifice and the pressure was enough to win the pawn

back; things went a little awry in the ending, but it was still a clear draw. Ker suffered his first loss when he failed to come to grips with his IQP position in a Sicilian with 2 c3 d5. Freeman played imaginatively and pro-

The final scores:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1 China	x	2	3	1½	4	4	3½	4	4	4	30
2 Philippines	2	x	2	2	3½	2½	3½	4	4	4	27½
3 India	1	2	x	3	3½	3	2	3½	4	4	26
4 Pakistan	2½	2	1	x	1½	2	2½	3	3	4	21½
5 Malaysia	0	½	½	2½	x	3½	3	4	3	4	21
6 New Zealand	0	1½	1	2	½	x	2½	3	3½	3½	17½
7 Bangladesh	½	½	2	1½	1	1½	x	3½	3½	3	17
8 Kuwait	0	0	½	1	0	1	½	x	2½	2	7½
9 Bahrain	0	0	0	1	1	½	½	1½	x	2	6½
10 Brunei	0	0	0	0	0	½	1	2	2	x	5½

We scored just half a point below 50 per cent. Our individual scores (all from 6 games) were: Sarfati 1½, Carpenter 2, Hopewell 4½, Noble 1, Ker 4½, Freeman 4. Hopewell's excellent result won him the bronze medal on third board, while Ker went one better with a silver medal on fifth board. Freeman had the best result of the few board sixes who played a significant number of games, but for some reason was given a silver medal (Editor's note: two gold medals were awarded to tied players on board 3; thus there was none for board 6).

Sarfati's opponents included two IMs, a GM, and the Victoria University examiners. I suppose 33 per cent was as much as I could have expected on board two, but it could easily have been more. Noble suffered some unfortunate accidents.

The board prizes were as follows -- Board one: Torre (Philippines) 8½/9, 1; Qi Jin Xuan (China) 7½/9, 2; Barua (India) and Liew (Malaysia) 5/8, 3. Board two: Thipsay (India) 7½/8, 1; Li Zu Nian (China) 6/8, 2; Hon (Malaysia) 5½/8, 3. Board three: Yap (Philippines) and Ye Jiang Chuan (China) 8/9, 1; Hopewell (New Zealand) 4½/6, 3. Board four: Lian Jin Rong (China) 7½/9, 1; De Guzman (Philippines) 6½/9, 2; Ghulam Hassain (Pakistan) 4½/6, 3. Board five: Shahzad Mirza (Pakistan) 5/6, 1; Ker (New Zealand) and Goh (Malaysia) 4½/6, 2. Board six: Freeman (New Zealand) 4/6, 1.

bably had a plus in an unclear position when De Guzman accepted his draw offer.

We had reason to be grateful to Brunei this round, as the point they took off Bangladesh enabled us to finish sixth.

As I said at the start of this article, we did not enjoy this tournament. If we had known about the accommodation, the health problems and the difficulty in getting anything done there, probably none of us would have gone. Noble and I actually tried to leave early but after three phone calls and two visits to their office, the Delhi Lufthansa office decided we couldn't change our tickets.

We developed a sort of siege mentality, with Sarfati's continual complaining being counter-balanced to some extent by Hopewell's silent serenity. All the problems made captaining a difficult task but after I absconded to the hotel Freeman became an unofficial and very helpful vice-captain. It was nice to represent New Zealand and to meet some really good players, but we could have played in better conditions. It was a lot of money to spend for six games and a ruined digestive system.

SARFATI-TORRE, Closed Sicilian:

1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 Nc6 3 g3 g6 4 Bg2 Bg7 5 d3 e6 6 Be3 d6 7 Qd2 Rb8 8 Nge2 Nd4 9 0-0 Ne7 10 Ra1 b5 11 a3 Nxe2+ 12 Qxe2 a5 13 Qd2 b4 14 axb4 axb4 15 Nd1 Nc6 16 Bh6 0-0 17 Bxg7 Kxg7 18 Ne3 Nd4 19 Ra1 Bb7 20 Ra7 Nb5 21 Ra4 Ra8 22 Rfal Rxa4 23 Rxa4 Qd7 24 Qc1 Nd4 (if 24...Nc3 Torre was worried about 25 bxc3 Qxa4 26 Ng4 with e5 in the air) 25 Qal b3 26 c3 Nc2 27 Nxc2 bxc2 28 Ra3 Ra8 29 Rxa8 Bxa8 30 b3 Qb7 31 Qb2 c4 32 dxc4 Qxb3 33 Qxb3 c1q+ 34 Bf1

Bxe4 35 Qb6 Qxc3 36 Qxd6 h6 (36...Qf3 37 Qe5+ Kf8 38 Qd6+ Ke8 39 Qb8+ Ke7 40 Qc7+ Kf6 41 Qf4+ Qxf4 42 gxf4 is winning for Black; Torre, short of time, saw this but was afraid of the devastating but illegal move 39 Bb5 mate!) 37 Qf4 Ba8 38 h4 Qa1 39 Qe3 Qb1 40 Qd4+ Kh7 41 Qa7 Bb7 42 Qe3 Kg8 43 Qd4 Qe1, ½-½.

CARPENTER-0. KHAN, Symmetrical English:

1 Nf3 c5 2 c4 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 e6 6 Ndb5 d6 7 Bf4 e5 8 Bg5 a6 9 Bxf6 gxf6 10 Na3 f5 11 e3 Be6 12 Qh5 Qb6 13 Rb1 Bg7 14 Be2 e4 15 0-0 Bxc3 16 bxc3 Qa5 17 Nc2 Qxc3 18 Rfcl Qd2 19 Nd4 Nxd4 20 exd4 Rb8 21 d5 Bd7 22 c5 dxc5 23 Rxc5 (23 Bxa6!?) Rc8 24 Rxc8+ Bxc8 25 Rd1 Qxa2 26 Rcl Bd7 27 Bc4 Qb2 28 Qg5 b5 29 Be2 Qe5 30 Rc5 h6 31 Qc1 Ke7 32 Qa3 Qd6 33 Qc3 Rg8 34 f3 Qf6 35 Qb4 a5 36 Qd2 Qb6 37 Qd4 Rc8 38 d6+ Qxd6 39 Rd5 Qc7 40 fxe4 fxe4 41 Qxe4+ Kf8 42 Qd4 Be6 43 Rxb5 Kg8 44 Bd3 Rd8 45 Qe4 Qc1+ 46 Kf2 Qd2+ 47 Be2 a4 48 Re5 Rd4 49 Qa8+ Kg7 50 g3 Rb4 51 Qa7 Qb2?! 52 Rxe6 Rb7 53 Qxa4 fxe6 54 Qg4+ Kf8 55 Qxe6 Rf7+ 56 Kgl Qc1+ 57 Kg2 Qg5 58 Qc8+, ½-½.

CHAUDRY-HOPEWELL, Symmetrical English:

1 c4 c5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Nc3 d5 4 cxd5 Nxd5 5 g3 g6 6 Bg2 Bg7 7 0-0 0-0 8 a3 Nc6 9 Qb3 Nxc3 10 dxc3 Na5 11 Qc2 Be6 12 Be3 Bb3 13 Qe4 Qc7 14 Nd2 Be6 15 Racl c4 16 Qh4 Rad8 17 Nf3 Bd5 18 Rcd1 Bc6 19 Bh6 Rxd1 20 Rxd1 Rd8 21 Rxd8+ Qxd8 22 Bxg7 Kxg7 23 Qd4+ Qxd4 24 Nxd4 Bxg2 25 Kxg2 e5 26 Nc2 Kf6 27 Kf3 Ke6 28 Ne3 b5 29 Nd1 Nb3 30 Ke3 f5 31 h4 Nc5 32 f3 Kf6 33 Nf2 Na4 34 Nd1 g5 35 hxg5+ Kxg5 36 Kf2 h5 37 e3 e4 38 f4+ Kg4 39 Kg2 h4 40 Nf2+ Kh5 41 Nd1 Nc5 42 Nf2 Nd3 43 g4+ (or 43 Nd1 Kg4 44 gxh4 Kxh4 45 Kh2 Kg4 46 Kg2 a6! - zugzwang!) 43...fxg4 44 Nxe4 Nxb2 45 Nf6+ Kg6 46 Nfxg4 Na4 47 e4 Nxc3 48 e5 Nd5 49 Kf3 c3 50 Ke2 Nxf4+ 51 Ke3 Kf5, 0-1.

Y. HASSAN-NOBLE, Philidor Defence:

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 Nf6 4 Nc3 Nbd7 5 Bc4 Be7 6 0-0 c6 7 Re1 Qc7 8 h3 h6 9 a4 Nf8 10 Be3 g5 11 Nh2 Ng6 12 Ng4 Ng8 13 dxe5 dxe5 14 Nh2 h5 15 Be2 h4 16 Bg4 Nh6 17 Bxc8 Rxc8 18 Ng4 Rd8 19 Qf3 Nf4 20 Rad1 b6 21 Rxd8+ Bxd8 22 Rd1 Nxg4 23 Qxg4 Ne6

24 Rd3 Rh6 25 b4 a6 26 Qd1 b5 27 axb5 axb5 28 Nbl Be7 29 Ra3 Nd8 30 Ra7 Qd6 31 Qg4 Qe6 32 Rxe7+ Qxe7 33 Bxg5 Qxb4 34 Bxh6 Qxb1+ 35 Kh2 Qxc2 36 Qg8+ Kd7 37 Bg5 Nb7 38 Qxf7+ Kc8 39 Qe8+ Kc7 40 Qxe5+ Kb6 41 Be3+ c5 42 Qe6+ Ka7 43 Qc6 b4? 44 Bf4 (threat: 45 Bc7 winning) 44...Na5 45 Qb5 b3, 1-0.

KER-HAQUE, Scotch:

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 exd4 4 Bc4 Nf6 5 0-0 d6 (passive; more enterprising is 5...Bc5, Max Lange, or 5...Nxe4, Two Knights) 6 Nxd4 Nxd4 7 Qxd4 Be7 8 Nc3 0-0 9 Bg5 Kh8 10 f4 h6 11 Bh4 Ng8 12 Bg3? (White should have exchanged bishops and brought his QR into play with a clear advantage. After Black's f5, the bishop is rather useless) 12...c6 13 a4 Qa5 14 Kh1 f5 15 e5 Rd8 16 Rfel d5 17 Be2 Be6 18 Red1 Bb4 19 Nbl c5 20 Qgl c4 21 c3 Bc5 22 Bf2 Bxf2 23 Qxf2 Ne7 24 Nd2 (Na3!? Qxa4 25 Nxc4 Qb3 26 Nd6 Qxb2 27 Nb5! is unclear) 24...Nc6 25 Nf3 Qb6 26 Qxb6 axb6 27 Nd4 Nxd4 (forced, otherwise the knight goes to b5 and c7/d6, tying Black into knots) 28 Rxd4 b5 29 a5 Kg8 30 Bf3 Kf8 31 Kgl Ke7 32 Kf2 Ra6 33 Rdd1 Rd7 34 Ke3 Rd8 35 Ra3 Rc6 36 h3 g5 37 g3 Bf7 38 Rdal Ra6 39 h4 g4 40 Bg2 Ke6 41 Kd4 Be8 42 Kc5 Bc6 43 Kd4 Rda8 44 Bf1 Rd8 45 Rd1 Rda8 46 Kc5 Rxa5 47 Rdal Ra4 48 Be2 Rd8 49 Kd4 Rda8 50 Kc5 Kd7? 51 Bd1 Rxa3 52 Rxa3 Rf8 53 b3 Ke6 54 Ra7 d4! 55 bxc4 dxc3 56 cxb5 Be4 57 Bb3+ Ke7 58 Kb4 Rd8 59 Bc2!? Bxc2 60 Rxb7+ Kf8 61 Kxc3 Be4 62 Rh7 Rd3+ 63 Kc4 Rxg3 64 b6 Rf3 65 b7 Bxb7 66 Rxb7 Rxf4+ 67 Kd5 Ke8? 68 Ke6 Kd8 69 Kf7? g3 70 e6 Re4 71 e7+ Rxe7+?? 72 Rxe7 f4 73 Re8+ Kd7 74 Rg8, 1-0.

DE GUZMAN-FREEMAN, Benoni:

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 c5 4 d5 exd5 5 cxd5 d6 6 Nc3 g6 7 e4 Bg7 8 Bg5 h6 9 Bh4 a6 (The alternative is 9...g5 10 Bg3 Nh5 11 Bb5+ Kf8 12 e5! which was popular in the late 70s. My move prevents this but allows White to play 10 Nd2 b5 11 Be2 preventing Nh5 & Nng3) 10 a4 (Now the game proceeds down the main line but White does not have Bb5+) 10...g5 11 Bg3 Nh5 12 Nd2 Nng3 13 hxg3 Nd7 14 Be2 b6 (A new move. Usual is 14...Qe7 15 a5. The time lost in preventing a5 Continued on page 149

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	R.1	R.2	R.3	R.4	R.5	R.6	R.7	R.8	T'1	SOS
1 Garbett P.A.	W22	W12	W16	W5	D2	D6	W9	W11	7	
2 Small V.A.	W17	W27	W19	D23	D1	D7	W16	D6	6	39
3 Lloyd A.J.	W39	W29	W15	L6	L5	W13	W18	W9	6	36½
4 Ker A.F.	W40	W25	L5	W20	L9	W17	W26	W15	6	34½
5 Clemance P.A.	W24	W18	W4	L1	W3	L9	W12	D7	5½	43
6 Nokes R.I.	L10	W21	W38	W3	W17	D1	D7	D2	5½	41½
7 Love A.J.	W32	W13	D20	W15	D23	D2	D6	D5	5½	39
8 van Dijk P.	W45	L9	W39	D14	W19	W26	L11	W16	5½	32½
9 Smith R.W.	W28	W8	L23	W10	W4	W5	L1	L3	5	42½
10 Chye M.	W6	L16	W13	L9	D29	W19	D20	W23	5	36½
11 Dowden R.A.	W31	L19	W41	L17	W38	W22	W8	L1	5	35½
12 Gibbons R.E.	W43	L1	W45	D18	W14	D15	L5	W28	5	34½
13 van Ginkel J.P.	W42	L7	L10	W41	W30	L3	W24	W27	5	33½
14 van Dijk T.	W44	L15	W40	D8	L12	W31	W28	D22	5	32
15 Green P.R.	W30	W14	L3	L7	W21	D12	W23	L4	4½	39½
16 Bates G.T.H.	W34	W10	L1	D26	W28	W23	L2	L8	4½	38
17 Nijman A.J.	L2	W33	W25	W11	L6	L4	D30	W26	4½	37
18 Wigbout M.	W38	L5	D28	D12	W24	W27	L3	D21	4½	35
19 Weegenaar D.P.	W36	W11	L2	D27	L8	L10	W43	W29	4½	34
20 Leese M.	D21	W46	D7	L4	D31	D29	D10	W32	4½	33½
21 Raines T.	D20	L6	W35	D30	L15	W33	W31	D18	4½	33
22 Nijman B.	L1	L45	W42	W39	W25	L11	W38	D14	4½	32
23 Jackson J.R.	W33	W41	W9	D2	D7	L16	L15	L10	4	37
24 Boyce D.A.L.	L5	W36	L26	W32	L18	W43	L13	W30	4	31½
25 Jones C.	W47	L4	L17	W44	L22	L38	W45	W39	4	26½
26 Lynn K.W.	L41	W34	W24	D16	W27	L8	L4	L17	3½	34½
27 Whitehouse L.E.	W37	L2	W44	D19	L26	L18	W34	L13	3½	33
28 Gloistein B.	L9	W37	D18	W43	L16	W40	L14	L12	3½	33
29 Alexander B.M.	W35	L3	L30	W45	D10	D20	D32	L19	3½	32½
30 Cornelissen R.L.	L15	D43	W29	D21	L13	W41	D17	L24	3½	31½
31 Morrison M.K.	L11	L44	W37	W40	D20	L14	L21	W43	3½	30½
32 Boyd K.M.	L7	L38	W36	L24	W44	W39	D29	L20	3½	29½
33 Beesley R.	L23	L17	D34	W35	L39	L21	W47	W38	3½	27
34 Blundell K.	L16	L26	D33	W46	L43	W37	L27	W42	3½	26
35 Nokes Mrs J.	L29	Bye	L21	L33	L42	W36	D44	W46	3½	22½
36 Schwass M.P.	L19	L24	L32	D37	Bye	L35	W46	W47	3½	22
37 Kelly S.	L27	L28	L31	D36	W46	L34	Bye	W45	3½	21½
38 Cunningham P.D.	L18	W32	L6	W47	L11	W25	L22	L33	3	31½
39 Scott D.	L3	W47	L8	L22	W33	L32	W40	L25	3	31
40 Mathieson J.S.	L2	W42	L14	L31	W45	L28	L39	W44	3	28½
41 Grkow A.	W26	L23	L11	L13	W47	L30	L42	Bye	3	25
42 Watson M.J.	L13	L40	L22	Bye	W35	L45	W41	L34	3	24½
43 Wilkinson E.	L12	D30	W46	L28	W34	L24	L19	L31	2½	29½
44 Allen Mrs E.G.	L14	W31	L27	L25	L32	Bye	D35	L40	2½	26
45 Jones H.	L8	W22	L12	L29	L40	W42	L25	L37	2	32
46 Stubberfield W.	Bye	L20	L43	L34	L37	W47	L36	L35	2	22
47 Cole N.	L25	L39	Bye	L38	L41	L46	L33	L36	1	

The anticipated report not having arrived in time for this issue, we at least give the full score table. Sorry about the lack of story!

Local News

AUCKLAND LABOUR WEEKEND TOURN.

While 73mm of rain fell outside a small field of 18 competed inside the Chess Centre at the annual Labour Weekend tournament, 22/24 October.

Paul Garbett, playing cautious and strong chess, won with 4½/5 conceding a draw to Simon Fitzpatrick but decisively defeating me.

Simon, a strong Chess Centre player and number three seed, came in second with 4 points and Brad Walsh came third.

Perhaps the most spectacular result occurred in the very first round when Greg Spencer-Smith played the game of his life and beat a player rated 500 Elo points higher! Alas, if only I could remember that player's name.

In the under-1900 group a struggle was going on for the grade prize which was eventually shared by Bruce Wheeler, Bob Johnstone, Richard Poor and Greg Spencer-Smith.

The scores: R.1 R.2 R.3 R.4 R.5

1 Garbett P.A.	W4	W14	W3	D2	W6	4½
2 Fitzpatrick S.	W16	D13	W9	D1	W4	4
3 Walsh B.G.	W11	W12	L1	D5	W10	3½
4 Poor R.L.	L1	W16	W8	W11	L2	3
5 Spencer-						
Smith G.J.	W6	L10	W7	D3	D9	3
6 Metge J.N.	L5	W17	W14	W10	L1	3
7 Johnstone R.	L12	W18	L5	W14	W13	3
8 Wheeler B.	W18	L9	L4	W16	W12	3
9 Stephenson J.	D10	W8	L2	D12	D5	2½
10 Hart R.	D9	W5	W13	L6	L3	2½
11 Martin-Buss B.	L3	D15	W18	L4	W17	2½
12 Bradley N.A.	W7	L3	D15	D9	L8	2
13 Rudkins L.R.	W17	D2	L10	D15	L7	2
14 Schofield G.	W15	L1	L6	L7	W18	2
15 Morrison M.K.	L14	D11	D12	D13	D16	2
16 Mears G.W.	L2	L4	W17	L8	D15	1½
17 Bartocci K.	L13	L6	L16	W18	L11	1
18 Henderson A.J.	L8	L7	L11	L17	L14	0

Report: Nigel Metge

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TAWA LABOUR WEEKEND TOURNAMENT

This year's Labour Weekend tournament was again organised by the Tawa Club with Fletcher Timber sponsoring the event. The tournament ran smoothly throughout under the capable direction of Bob Mitchell. The players were divided into two grades, a 14-player A

grade and a 22-player B grade, the A grade being noticeably weaker than normal with most of the top Wellington players overseas or studying for exams.

Round 1: Top seed Peter Hawkes met his nemesis Russell Dive, the game following an earlier encounter in which Hawkes sacrificed his queen on move 5; Dive, however, avoided prepared analysis and returned the queen. Dive's two bishops and four connected pawns proved too strong in the endgame for Hawkes's two rooks and two pawns. Greg Aldridge suffered defeat at the hands of Stan Yee, this game also following an earlier encounter.

Round 2: Dive, Rowan Wood and Mark van der Hoorn all won to have perfect scores although van der Hoorn was lucky as Yee contrived to lose his extra pawn and the game in time pressure.

Round 3: Dive beat Borren when the latter exchanged pieces with reckless disregard for the resulting weakening of his position while Wood beat van der Hoorn who incorrectly sacrificed a rook which was accepted at the second opportunity. Ion won against Stracy with a simple combination winning a pawn in the opening. Hawkes came back into contention with a good win over Yee and Charles Ker (substituting for big brother Anthony who was representing New Zealand in the Asian Team Ch'p) scored his point with a nice attack against Zyg Frankel. Leading scores: Dive & Wood 3; Ion 2½; Hawkes & van der Hoorn 2.

Round 4: The hopes of Wood and Ion were shattered by losses to Dive and Hawkes respectively. Wood's attack was just getting started when Dive exchanged several pieces and gained a passed pawn which cost Wood most of his remaining pawns. Hawkes and Ion continued their theoretical battle with the French Tarrasch and Ion paid the penalty for grabbing a pawn before castling - he lost two in return and Hawkes emerged with two connected passed pawns which ensured the victory. Scores now: Dive 4; Wood & Hawkes 3; Aldridge, Ion & Borren 2½.

Round 5: Dive reached a rook ending with an extra pawn and was happy to share the point thus guaranteeing clear first place. Hawkes won quickly with a nice kingside attack against Wood. Yee beat Ion to end the latter's hopes of third place which went to Borren who

had a somewhat fortuitous win against Stracy. The final scores:

	R.1	R.2	R.3	R.4	R.5	
1 Dive R.J.	W2	W14	W3	W4	D5	4½
2 Hawkes P.D.	L1	W9	W6	W8	W4	4
3 Borren A.M.	W10	D8	L1	W12	W9	3½
4 Wood R.	W14	W10	W7	L1	L2	3
5 Aldridge G.J.	L6	D11	W12	W7	D1	3
6 Yee S.	W5	L7	L2	W13	W8	3
7 van der Hooft M.	W12	W6	L4	L5	W13	3
8 Ion G.J.	W11	D3	W9	L2	L6	2½
9 Stracy D.M.	W13	L2	L8	W10	L3	2
10 Cooper P.R.	L3	L4	W11	L9	W14	2
11 Boswell T.J.	L8	D5	L10	D14	W12	2
12 Mullan A.B.	L7	W13	L5	L3	L11	1
13 Ker C.M.	L9	L12	W14	L6	L7	1
14 Frankel Z.	L4	L1	L13	D11	L10	½

In summary Dive was a deserving victor. After beating Hawkes he played more solidly than usual and capitalised on his opponents' mistakes - and there were plenty of them!

The B grade was jointly won by Peter King and Nathan Goodhue. King, however, was unlucky not to win his critical game against Goodhue. He knocked over his king and replaced it on a different square; neither player noticed but this allowed Goodhue to regain a pawn and eventually draw the game.

Scores: 1-2 P.C.King & N.Goodhue 4½; 3-5 G.Alexander, P.Dunn & J.Herbert 3½; 6-9 G.Barrow, P.D.Cunningham, W.Ramsay & G.Simpson 3; 10-12 S.Aburn, P.G.Monrad & J.Phillips 2½; 13-18 J.Gilberd, M.A.Gordon, J.Hemela, P.Skurr, S.Styche & C.H.Webber 2; 19-20 A.Archer & I.Macri 1½; 21 M.Cooper 1; 22 S.Ker 0.

HAWKES-ION, French Tarrasch:
 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 c5 4 Ngf3 a6 5 dxc5 Bxc5 6 Bd3 Nf6 7 O-O Nc6 8 c4 dxc4 9 Nxc4 b5 10 Nce5 Nxe5 11 Nxe5 Bb7 12 Bg5 Be7 13 Rcl Nxe4 14 Bxe7 Qxe7 15 Nc6 Bxc6 16 Rxc6 Nf6 (Or 16... Nc5 17 Bb1 intending Qc2) 17 Rxa6 Rxa6 18 Bxb5+ Nd7 19 Bxa6 O-O 20 Qc2 Ra8 21 Qc7 Qc5 22 Qxd7 Rxa6 23 Qd8+ Qf8 24 Qxf8+ Kxf8, 1 - 0.

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AUCKLAND C.C. CHALLENGERS TOURN.

We alluded to this event in our October report on the Centre's Invitation Tournament but were wrong to say that the final scores were in doubt. Although justified, the two appeals were made too late to change the final results.

The official scores were: 1 S.Fitzpatrick 8; 2 J.R.Stephenson 7; 3-5 N.H.Hopewell, M.P.Dreyer & D.G.Notley 6½; 6-7 R.Hart & R.Taylor 6; 8 G.J.Spencer-Smith 5; 9-10 Mrs K.Metge & P.B.Goffin 4½; 11 L.D.Rawnsley 3½; 12 J.E.Cater 1.

The two decisions by D.O.P. Jon Stephenson which became the subject of appeal had a major influence on the final placings, Martin Dreyer being relegated from first to equal third and Ralph Hart from equal second to equal sixth.

The first case came in the round 4 game Dreyer-Fitzpatrick when, after 15 moves, Simon had to cease play because of illness with no prospect of an early resumption. Dreyer should, of course, have been awarded the point (unfortunate though this might have been for Fitzpatrick) but the D.O.P. subsequently ruled that the game should be continued from move 15 - and Dreyer lost.

The other poor decision concerned the round 9 game Hart-Goffin which Ralph was able to play as scheduled but Peter wasn't; in the limited time remaining before the last round the game remained unplayed and one would have expected that Hart would have been awarded a win by default as occurred in several other games - but no, a double forfeit was the decision!

It was particularly unfortunate that both these decisions were made against young and relatively inexperienced players who were, perhaps, not fully conversant with the right of appeal - at least not until too late.

Had these two decisions not been taken, the final scores might well have been: 1 Dreyer 7½; 2-4 Hart, Fitzpatrick & Stephenson 7. Considering played games only, Hart had the best percentage and the best performance rating!

As the games Stephenson-Fitzpatrick and Fitzpatrick-Hart were both won by default (by White in each case) it is hardly possible to discuss the merits of the various results except to say that there was obviously very little between the top seven players. Although on past form Fitzpatrick's victory was no surprise, he did not play as well as he is capable of playing.

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HASTINGS JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

This year's event attracted nearly 400 competitors to the Hastings City Council Chambers on Saturday 24 September and was held on a knockout system with up to 32 boards per round.

Peterhead School was once again very prominent, winning seven titles and taking twenty-one awards. In all 22 primary and intermediate schools were represented. Six grades, 7 years to junior open, were held for both boys and girls.

Many family successes were recorded - Hayley Miller (1st, 8 years) and Greg Miller (1st, 7 years); Stefan Rea (1st, 8 years) and Donel Rea (2nd, 10 years); Sally Robinson (2nd, 9 years) and Brett Robinson (2nd, 11 years); Lei Hawke (2nd, 10 years) and Linh Hawke (3rd, 9 years).

Results of the Junior Open events - Boys: 1 Ben Parker (Hereworth), 2 Ashley Stinchbury (Hereworth), 3 Peter Daniels (Flaxmere Intermediate) & Scott Boyes (Hereworth). Girls: 1 Laryhs Mako (Flaxmere Intermediate), 2 Janet England (St Mary's), 3 Rebecca Davis (St Mary's) & Tricia Tahere (Flaxmere Intermediate).

Next year, to celebrate Hastings' centennial, the tournament will be held at the Hastings Indoor Stadium and will be a Hawkes Bay open junior tournament with invitations going to all primary and intermediate schools in the province.

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OBITUARY - PENCARROW CHESS CLUB

The Pencarrow Chess Club passed away recently, the victim of almost total disinterest. It is ironic that the club's demise occurred whilst its most famous son, Murray Chandler, was gaining his grandmaster title! Other top juniors produced by the club include our currently highest rated woman player Fenella Foster and, latterly, Anthony Ker who makes his debut in this year's New Zealand Championship.

The young Eastbourne Club is located in the same area of Wellington.

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INTERCLUB MATCHES

On 2 August the CIVIC club defeated

TAWA by 8½ to 6½. The individual results (Civic names first) in board order were: L.J.McLaren 1, G.J.Aldridge 0; P.A.Clemance 1, R.J.Dive 0; P.D.Hawkes 0, D.M.Stracy 1; G.J.Ion ½, C.Fraser ½; M.White 0, R.S.Mitchell 1; L.Wall 0, M.Lewis 1; R.Wood ½, M.Small ½; A.B.Mullan 1, G.Simpson 0; T.Raines 1, P.Skurr 0; D.S.Capper ½, D.Bennett ½; J.B.Kay 0, T.Powell 1; P.C.King 1, R.Rasman 0; B.Southgate 1, G.Mills 0; S.Aburn 0, S.Styche 1; J.Hemela 1, R.Munvary 0.

HASTINGS & HAVELOCK NORTH conclusively beat NAPIER 14½-9½ in two twelve-board matches played in April and September to regain the Peter Bishop trophy.

In home and away matches for the Burnham Cup PALMERSTON NORTH defeated WANGANUI 12½-11½. Palmerston North won the first leg 8-4 but the positions were almost reversed in the second leg which was won by Wanganui 7½-4½.

Results of the first match (Palmerston North names first) were: D.J.Cooper 1, T.J.Boswell 0; M.Chye 1, P.R.Cooper 0; R.Shuker 1, P.Vetharaniam 0; M.Hall ½, H.P.Whitlock ½; E.Gibbons ½, G.A.Hoskyn ½; J.Blatchford 0, D.I.Bell 1; I.Whitson 1, D.Burnham 0; D.Davey 0, S.L.Booth 1; Y.Lee 1, G.Redit 0; A.Reid 1, G.Forbes 0; S.Winder 0, C.Ward 1; J.Chapman 1, W.Boswell 0.

Results of the return match (Wanganui names first): T.J.Boswell 0, R.Shuker 1; P.Vetharaniam 1, M.Hall 0; H.P.Whitlock 0, Y.Lee 1; P.R.Cooper ½, E.Gibbons ½; G.A.Hoskyn 1, A.Reid 0; A.Sangster 1, J.Blatchford 0; D.I.Bell 1, D.Davey 0; H.Jones 1, S.Storey 0; K.Vetharaniam 0, I.Barker 1; D.Shalav 1, D.Salter 0; C.Ward 0, J.Chapman 1; J.Copp 1, M.Chapman 0.

The WANGANUI club seems to have been particularly active in arranging interclub matches. In another match Wanganui defeated TAWA 5½-3½ on nine boards. The results (Wanganui names first): T.J.Boswell ½, G.J.Aldridge ½; P.Vetharaniam ½, R.J.Dive ½; P.R.Cooper 1, D.M.Stracy 0; G.A.Hoskyn ½, A.L.Aldridge ½; D.I.Bell 0, M.Lewis 1; H.Jones 1, M.Small 0; K.Vetharaniam 1, G.Simpson 0; D.Burnham 0, P.Skurr 1; C.Ward 1, R.Robinson 0.

WANGANUI also defeated NEW PLYMOUTH 7½-4½ on twelve boards. Results (with

Wanganui names first): T.J.Boswell 1, D.A.Gifford-Moore 0; P.Vetharianiam 1, K.Hull 0; H.P.Whitlock 0, J.Billing 1; P.R.Cooper 1, S.Mancewicz 0; G.A.Hoskyn 1, D.Clinton 0; H.Jones 0, D.Walker 1; D.I.Bell 1, C.Bolton 0; K.Tiet 1, B.Bowler 0; D.Burnham ½, R.Crawford ½; D.Shalav 0, B.Peterson 1; C.Redit 0, T.Stern 1; C.Ward 1, J.Clinton 0.

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OTAGO GIRLS VISIT AUCKLAND

The team of five girls was led by Jackie Sievey and also comprised Lisa Hansen (15), Susan Jones (15), Sarah Fitzharris (15) and Isabel McIntosh.

We left Dunedin airport early on the Saturday of Labour Weekend; our first hassle came at Christchurch when, on boarding, we were told we were on the wrong plane!

Having arrived safely in Auckland we were greeted by teeming rain [At least it was warm rain! - Editor] and two fellow chess players. From the airport we went to the Auckland Chess Centre where we were to play five matches over the weekend. The rest of the afternoon was spent at the museum and planetarium and then it was off to meet our billeters on the North Shore.

That evening we played our first match against a North Shore women's team headed by Vivian Burndred; our games were closely scrutinised by Auckland mayor-elect Cath Tizard.

The next day was spent almost entirely at chess and we played teams from Auckland Grammar, Rangitoto College and another women's team.

On the last day (Monday) we played the final match against Selwyn College and were later given an extensive tour of Auckland by Centre President Alan Hignett. Overall, a successful trip enjoyed by all.

The match results were: Otago 3, North Shore Women 2; Otago 3, Auckland Grammar 2; Otago 3, Rangitoto College 1; Otago 3, Mixed Women's team 2; Selwyn College 2, Otago 1.

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WELLINGTON C.C. CHAMPIONSHIP

Greg Aldridge won the 1983 Wellington Club Championship, a half point ahead of Leonard McLaren. The new champion

beat McLaren but drew with Zyg Frankel. Jonathan Sarfati was a notable absentee.

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CANTERBURY C.C. CHAMPIONSHIP

Chris Marshall, the top seed, convincingly won the 1983 Canterbury Club Championship with a fine 9/11. Bottom seed Mark Wilson caused a big surprise by coming in second, a full point ahead of defending champion Michael Leese who started disastrously with losses to Marshall and Brian Nijman. Joint N.Z. Schoolpupil Champion and Premier Reserve Champion Ben Alexander could manage only a tie for fifth place.

Scores: 1 G.J.Marshall 9; 2 M.C. Wilson 8; 3 M.Leese 7; 4 B.Nijman 6½; 5-7 B.M.Alexander, M.Hampl & O.N.Thomson 6; 8 A.W.Jordan 5½; 9-10 B.Gloistain & R.T.Wilson 4½; 11 G.Davies 3; 12 R.Scott 0.

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UPPER HUTT C.C. CHAMPIONSHIP

This year's A grade Ch'p featured a very even field which was reflected in the closeness of the final scores. The early leaders were Simon Brown with 4½/5 and Gerald Carter with 4/5 but Gavin Ion's consistency paid off as the two leaders faded.

Scores: 1 G.J.Ion 6½; 2 S.A.Brown 6; 3-4 A.Boughen & Z.Frankel 5½; 5 G.Carter 5; 6 A.Thompson 4½; 7-8 A.S.Drake & J.Hartley 4; 9-10 A.Price & R.T.Ferguson 2.

The B-grade was won by Andrew Grkow although the moral victory belonged to second-placed Donel O'Boyle who defaulted his first two games but then scored 7/7. M.Sims was third on 6½ followed by R.Corry on 6.

F.Hince won the C grade with 8/9, a half point ahead of J.Kirkpatrick and A.Oliver took the D grade with 8½/9.

CARTER-ION, French Advance:

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 e5 c5 4 c3 Nc6 5 f4 Qb6 6 Nf3 Nh6 7 Bd3 Bd7 8 Bc2 cxd4 9 cxd4 Nb4 10 Nc3 Nxc2+ 11 Qxc2 Nf5 12 Qd3 h5 13 0-0 0-0-0 14 a4 Bb4 15 Bd2 Kb8 16 a5 Bxa5 17 Nxd5 Bb5 18 Qb3 Nxd4 19 Bxa5 Nxb3+ 20 Bxb6 axb6 21 Nc3 Bxf1 22 Rxf1 Nd2 23 Nxd2 Rxd2 24 f5 Rxb2 25 fxe6 fxe6 26 Rf7 Rc8 27 Rxe7 Rxc3 28 h3 Rec2, 0 - 1.

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Overseas News

NIKSIC

Gary Kasparov scored a victory at Niksic in August/September which must be ranked with the greatest ever tournament wins when he spread-eagled a powerful field in the Gligoric Commemorative tournament; this is not to be confused with a 'Memorial' tournament since Svetozar Gligoric is not only very much alive but played in this event!

The category 14 event had an average rating of 2591 and Kasparov's +9 -4 =4 represented a performance rating of approximately 2810! He had first place secured with two rounds to go but, in a

performance reminiscent of Fischer, he still played for the win in his last two games - and scored another two points.

Bent Larsen returned probably his best performance since losing 0-6 to Fischer in the 1971 Candidates when he clinched second place with a round to spare. Portisch defeated Petrosian in the final round to share third place with Spassky who was responsible for Kasparov's only loss when the Baku grandmaster faltered in a winning position.

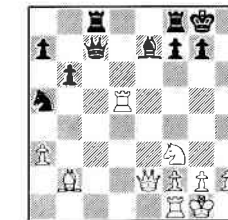
The scores:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15			
1 Kasparov	USR	G	2690	x	1	0	1	½	½	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	
2 Larsen	DEN	G	2565	0	x	½	½	0	1	½	1	1	½	1	½	1	9	
3 Spassky	USR	G	2605	1	½	x	½	½	½	½	0	½	½	½	1	½	8	
4 Portisch	HUN	G	2600	0	½	½	x	½	½	½	½	0	½	½	1	1	8	
5 Miles	ENG	G	2585	½	1	½	½	x	0	0	½	½	1	½	½	½	7½	
6 Andersson	SWE	G	2640	½	0	½	½	1	x	½	½	½	0	1	1	½	7½	
7 Tal	USR	G	2620	½	0	½	½	1	½	x	½	0	½	½	½	½	7	
8 Timman	NLD	G	2605	0	0	½	½	½	½	½	x	½	1	1	½	½	7	
9 Seirawan	USA	G	2605	0	0	1	1	1	½	1	½	x	0	½	0	0	1	6½
10 Ljubojevic	YUG	G	2645	0	½	½	½	0	½	½	0	1	x	½	0	½	1	6½
11 Gligoric	YUG	G	2505	0	0	½	½	1	½	0	½	½	x	½	½	½	6	
12 Petrosian	USR	G	2580	0	½	½	0	½	0	½	½	½	1	½	x	½	6	
13 Nikolic P.	YUG	I	2540	0	½	0	0	0	½	½	1	½	½	½	x	½	5½	
14 Sax	HUN	G	2570	½	0	0	0	0	½	½	1	0	½	½	x	0	5	
15 Ivanovic B.	YUG	G	2515	0	0	0	0	½	½	½	½	0	0	½	½	1	x	4½

Obviously there had also to be some disappointing results; Andersson and Tal, after so many recent extra fine performances, may well be a little disappointed but second ranked (for the tournament) Ljubojevic was the biggest 'failure'. On the other hand Gligoric, the lowest rated player in the tournament, scored a solid result including a win over the hard-to-beat Ulf Andersson.

Now for some games, starting with two slashing wins by the tournament winner.

KASPAROV-PORTISCH, Queen's Indian Def:
1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 b6 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 d5 6 cxd5 Nxd5 7 e3 Nxc3 8 bxc3 Be7 9 Bb5+ c6 10 Bd3 c5 11 0-0 Nc6 12 Bb2 Rc8 13 Qe2 0-0 14 Rad1 Qc7 15 c4 cxd4 16 exd4 Na5 17 d5! exd5 18 cxd5 Bxd5 19 Bxh7+ Kxh7 20 Rxd5 Kg8



21 Bxg7! Kxg7
22 Ne5 Rfd8 23 Qg4+ Kf8 24 Qf5 f6 25 Nd7+ Rxd7 26 Rxd7 Qc5 27 Qh7 Rc7 28 Qh8+ Kf7 29 Rd3 Nc4 30 Rfd1 Ne5 31 Qh7+ Ke6 32 Qg8+ Kf5 33 g4+ Kf4 34 Rd4+ Kf3 35

Qb3+, 1 - 0.

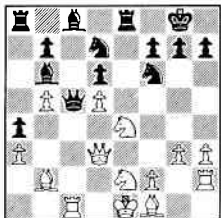
In view of Kasparov's close-to-100% score with this variation, playing the Queen's Indian against him appears to indicate a death wish!

LJUBOJEVIC-KASPAROV, King's Indian Attack: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d3 Nc6 4 g3 d5 5 Nbd2 g6 6 Bg2 Bg7 7 0-0 Nge7 8 Re1 b6 9 c3 h6 10 h4 a5 11 a4 Ra7

12 Nb3 d4 13 cxd4 cxd4 14 Bd2 e5 15 Nc1 Be6 16 Re2 0-0 17 Be1 f5 18 Nd2 f4 19 f3 fxd3 20 Bxg3 g5 21 hxg5 Ng6 22 gxh6 Bxh6 23 Nf1 Rg7 24 Rf2 Be3 25 b3 Nf4, 0 - 1.

LARSEN-SAX, King's Indian Defence:
1 c4 Nf6 2 g3 g6 3 Bg2 Bg7 4 Nc3 0-0 5 d4 d6 6 Nf3 Nc6 7 0-0 Rb8 8 Bd2 a6 9 Rcl Bd7 10 b3 b5 11 d5 Na7 12 Be3 c5 13 dxc6 Nxc6 14 c5 dxc5 15 Bxc5 Qa5 16 b4 Qc7 17 Ng5 h6 18 Nge4 Nxe4 19 Nxe4 Qd8 20 Be3 Ne5 21 Rc5 Be6 22 Qcl Kh7 23 Rdl Qe8 24 Bf4 Rc8 25 Rxe8 Qxc8 26 Nc5 Bg4 27 Qe3 Nc6 28 Qe4 Rd8 29 Rxd8 Nxd8 30 Qxe7 Ne6 31 Bd6 Bxe2 32 Qxf7 Bc4 33 Bh3 Nxc5 34 Bxc8 Bxf7 35 Bxc5 Bxa2 36 c6, 1 - 0.

GLIGORIC-TIMMAN, Nimzoindian Defence:
1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3 c5 5 Nge2 cxd4 6 exd4 0-0 7 a3 Be7 8 d5 exd5 9 cxd5 Re8 10 g3 Bc5 11 b4 Bb6 12 h3 a5 13 b5 Qc7 14 Bb2 Qc5 15 Rh2 a4 16 Qd3 d6 17 Rcl Nbd7 18 Ne4



18...Nxe4! 19 Rxc5 Nxc5 20 Qc2 Ne5 21 Kdl Ned3 22 Bc3 Bf5 23 Nd4 Bg6 24 g4 Rac8 25 f3 Nb4 26 Qb2 Ncd3 27 Qd2 Nxd5, 0 - 1.

PETROSIAN-LJUBOJEVIC, Nimzoindian:
1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3 0-0 5 Bd3 d5 6 Nge2 c5 7 0-0 Nc6 8 cxd5 exd5 9 a3 Bxc3 10 bxc3 Re8 11 f3 Bd7 12 Ng3 Qa5 13 Qd2 Qa4 14 Rbl Na5 15 Bc2 Qc4 16 Bd3 Qa4 17 e4! dxe4 18 fxe4 cxd4 19 Rb4 Qc6 20 cxd4 Nxe4 21 Nxe4 Rxe4 22 Qf2! f5 23 d5 Qxd5 24 Bxe4 fxe4 25 Rd4 Qe6 26 Rxe4 Qg6 27 Re7 Bb5 28 Qf7+, 1 - 0.

IM Gennadi Zaichik gained a GM norm in winning in August at KECSKEMET; he scored an unbeaten 8½/11 in the category 9 tournament.

Scores: 1 IM Zaichik (USR) 8½; 2 IM Hazai (HUN) 7; 3 IM Groszpeter (HUN) 6½; 4-5 GM S.Garcia (CUB) & GM Mikhailcisin (USR) 6; 6 IM Eslon (SWE) 5½; 7 GM Plachetka (CZE) 5; 8-11 GM Barczay (HUN), IM Horvath (HUN), IM Lukacs (HUN) & IM Szekely (HUN) 4½; 12 Karolyi (HUN) 3½.

In the following game Black sacrifices his queen on move 5 - but to no avail.

ESLON-HORVATH, Nimzoindian Defence:
1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 Bg5 c5 5 d5 Nxd5?! [It is doubtful whether this particular novelty will be seen again!] 6 Bxd8 Nxc3 7 Qb3 Ne4+ 8 Kdl Nxf2+ 9 Kcl Kxd8 10 Qg3 Nxl1 11 Qxg7 Re8 12 g3 d6 13 Bg2 Nxc3 14 Qxc3 Kc7 15 Kc2 Nc6 16 Bxc6 bxc6 17 Qg7 Bd7 18 Nf3 Rg8 19 Qxh7 e5 20 Rgl Rxl1 21 Nxgl f5 22 Nf3 Re8 23 Ng5 e4 24 Qg6 d5 25 Nf7 d4 26 Qd6+ Kc8 27 Ne5 Rxe5 28 Qxe5 Bel 29 Qf4 Ba5 30 h4 Bc7 31 Qg5 f4 32 h5 d3+ 33 exd3 e3 34 Kdl f3 35 Qxe3 f2 36 Qxf2 Bg4+ 37 Kc2, 1 - 0.

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The 7th Goglidze Memorial at TBILISI during August-September was won very convincingly by Viktor Gavrikov, an impressive 2½ points ahead of his nearest rivals. His 11 points was just right for a GM norm in his first international tournament!

Scores: 1 IM Gavrikov (USR) 11/15; 2-4 GM Henley (USA), Oll (USR) & IM Ubilava (USR) 8½; 5-9 IM Adamski (POL), GM Gufeld (USR), GM Nogueiras (CUB), IM Zaichik (USR) & IM Sturua (USR) 8; 10-12 IM Foisor (RUM), IM Mnatsakanian (USR) & IM Velickovic (YUG) 7½; 13-14 G.Georgadze (USR) & GM Gurgendze (USR) 6; 15-16 IM Kiarner (USR) & IM Murshed (BAN) 4½.

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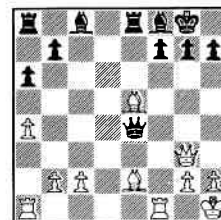
In another concurrently run memorial tournament, this time for Tchigorin (the seventeenth such event), at SOCHI an all East European cast fought for the rubles and yet another Soviet player, Anatoly Vaisner, made his first GM norm. Vaisner and Sveshnikov, the 2 c3 Sicilian man, tied for first place.

Scores: 1-2 GM Sveshnikov (USR) & IM Vaisner (USR) 9/14; 3-4 IM Grünberg (DDR) & GM Inkiow (BUL) 7½; 5-8 GM Geller (USR), GM Ivkov (YUG), GM Panchenko (USR) & IM Sokolov (USR) 7; 9-13 IM Dvoiris (USR), GM Makarichev (USR), IM Meduna (CZE), GM Romanishin (USR) & GM Tseshkovsky (USR) 6½; 14 IM Chekhov (USR) 6; 15 GM Suba (RUM) 5½.

Geller may not have collected too

many rubles but he did score this nice win:

GELLER-PANCHENKO, Sicilian Scheveningen:
1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 e6 6 Be2 Be7 7 0-0 0-0 8 f4 Nc6 9 Be3 a6 10 a4 Qc7 11 Kh1 Re8 12 Bgl Bf8 13 Qd3 Nxd4 14 Bxd4 e5 15 fxe5 dxe5 16 Qg3 Qc6 17 Bxe5 Nxe4 18 Nxe4 Qxe4



19 Bh5! g6 [19 ...Qxe5 20 Bxf7+ Kh8 21 Bxe8 Qxe8 22 Rael Qd8 23 Qg5! Bd7 24 Qxd8 Rxd8 25 Rdl is decisive and 19...Rxe5? 20 Bxf7+ Kh8 21 Bd5! is worse] 20 Bc3 Bf5 21 Bf3 Qxc2 22 Bxb7 Ra7 23 Bc6 Ree7 24 Racl Qd3 25 Qh4 Bg7 26 Rfdl Qe3 27 Rd8+ Bf8 28 Rcdl Bd7 29 Qf6, 1 - 0.

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At ALBENA (Bulgaria) in September GM Farago (HUN) won a close scoring tournament (62% of the games were drawn) with 7½/11. He was followed by GM Gips-lis (USR) 7; GM Spiridonov (BUL) & IM van der Sterren (NLD) 6½; Lalev (BUL) 6; IM Danner (OST) & GM Velikov (BUL) 5½; GM Spassov (BUL) & IM Stoica (RUM) 5; GM Ermenkov (BUL) & GM Radulov (BUL) 4½; IM Kruszyński (POL) 2½.

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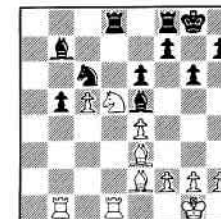
Like West Germany, neighbour Czechoslovakia conducts an international championship every second year, alternating with the normal closed event. The tournament, of category 9, was held in BRATISLAVA during September. Winner was Bulgarian IM Donchev who made a GM norm but the national title went to second placed GM Ftacnik.

Scores: 1 IM Donchev (BUL) 10/15; 2 GM Ftacnik (CZE) 9½; 3 GM Knaak (DDR) 8½; 4-5 IM Ghinda (RUM) & IM Pribyl (CZE) 7½; 6-8 GM Jansa (CZE), IM Lerner (USR) & GM Smejkal (CZE) 7; 9 GM Lechtynsky (CZE) 6½; 10-13 GM Plachetka (CZE), IM F.Portisch (HUN), IM Prandstetter (CZE) & IM Sznapiak (POL) 6; 14 IM Vera (CUB) 5½; 15 Mokry (CZE) 5.

Very much a tournament for socialist faithful - not even a representative from Yugoslavia!

East German Rainer Knaak's sharp style shows up to advantage in the following game when he sacrifices a piece in the endgame.

KNAAK-FTACNIK, Grünfeld Defence:
1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 d5 4 cxd5 Nxd5 5 e4 Nxc3 6 bxc3 Bg7 7 Bc4 c5 8 Ne2 0-0 9 0-0 Nc6 10 Be3 b6 11 dxc5 Qc7 12 Nd4 Ne5 13 Nb5 Qb8 14 Be2 a6 15 Na3 b5 16 Rbl Bb7 17 Qc2 Nc6 18 Rfdl Qe5 19 Nc4 Qxc3 20 Qxc3 Bxc3 21 Nb6 Rad8 22 Nd5 Be5 23 a4 e6 24 axb5 axb5



25 Bxb5 exd5 26 exd5 Ne7? [After this Black seems to be lost. Instead 26...Na7! holds, e.g. 27 Bc4 Rd7! 28 Rd3 (28 c6 Nxc6) Rc8 29 Ra3 Bxd5 30 Bxd5 Rxd5 31 Rxa7 Bd4! 32 Rdl Bxc5

33 Rxd5 Bxa7 and the black bishop is immune so Black draws] 27 d6! Nd5 28 Bg5 Nc3 29 Bxd8 Rxd8 30 Rel Nxb1 31 Rxe5 Bc8 32 Re3! Be6 33 Rd3 Rb8 34 d7 Bxd7 35 Bxd7 Nc3 36 f3 Rbl+ 37 Kf2 Rcl 38 Ke3 Kf8 39 Kd2 Na2 40 c6 Rc4 41 Rb3 Nb4 [Allowing a neat finish in a hopeless position] 42 Rxb4, 1 - 0.

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Englishman James Plaskett won the Benedictine Cup at MANCHESTER in September, winning his last five games after dropping two points in his first four. Plaskett's score of 7/9 was sufficient for his second GM norm.

Sharing second place in the 50-player field were IM Gutman (ISR), IM Hebden (ENG), GM Razuvaev (USR) and GM Tarjan (USA), all on 6½. Next were GM Circ (YUG), IM Kudrin (USA) and IM Tisdall (USA) on 6 while de Boer (NLD), GM Forintos (HUN), IM Hébert (CAN), Hodgson (ENG), GM Kraidman (ISR) and Thip-say (IND) finished equal ninth with 5½.

A quickie:

TARJAN-HODGSON, Polish Defence:
1 d4 b5 2 e4 Bb7 3 Bd3 c5 4 c3 Nf6 5 Nd2 e6 6 Ngf3 Qb6 7 dxc5 Bxc5 8 0-0 0-0 9 e5 Nd5 10 Bxb7+ Kxh7 11 Ng5+ Kg6 12 Qg4 f5 13 Qh4 [With the threat 14 Qh7+] 13...Nf6 14 exf6 Na6 15 fxg7 Kxg7 16 Qh7+ Kf6 17 Ndf3 Bxf3, 1 - 0.

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A category 10 event in **NEW YORK** (September/October) was won by West German GM Eric Lobron with 9½/14. Strong Canadian IM Igor Ivanov was second with 9 points, a half point ahead of the American contingent of GM Byrne, GM Henley and IM Kudrin. Next were IM Spraggett (CAN) & IM Zapata (COL) 7½; then IM Bass (USA), GM Lein (USA) & GM Shamkovich (USA) 7; GM Alburton (USA) 6½; IM Dlugy (USA) & IM Hebden (ENG) 5½; IM Zaltsman (USA) 4½; IM Burger (USA) 3.

The tournament was held in the Kavkasian Restaurant in Manhattan. No new titles norms were gained.

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The Kotic Memorial at **VRSHAC** (September/October) saw GM Tarjan (USA), GM Nikolic (YUG) and IM Agzamov (USR) tie for the top spot with 9/13. The Soviet player was rather fortunate to escape with a draw in the last round against Bjelajac when a loss would have cost him not only a share of first prize but also the GM norm.

Equal 4th were IM de Firmian (USA) and GMs Ivanovic (YUG) & Smejkal (CZE) on 9 points. Next were GM Adorian (HUN) & IM Cebalo (YUG) 7; then GM Djuric (YUG) 6; GMs Gligoric (YUG) & Rajkovic (YUG) 5; GM Suba (RUM) 4½; IM Bjelajac (YUG) 3; Kapelan (YUG) 2½.

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The 7th Interpolis tournament at **TILBURG** in October boasted an all-GM cast with an average rating of 2615 - the first category 15 event this year. The scores:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2		
1 Karpov	USR	x	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	7		
2 Ljubojevic	YUG	½	x	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	6½		
3 Portisch	HUN	½	½	x	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	6½		
4 Vaganian	USR	½	½	½	x	½	½	1	½	0	0	6		
5 Sosonko	NLD	½	½	½	½	x	0	½	½	½	1	½	6	
6 Polugaevsky	USR	0	0	½	½	1	x	½	½	½	1	½	5½	
7 Spassky	USR	½	½	½	0	½	½	x	½	½	½	1	5½	
8 Hübner	BRD	½	½	0	0	½	½	½	x	½	½	1	5½	
9 Andersson	SWE	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	x	½	½	5	
10 Timman	NLD	½	0	½	1	0	0	½	½	½	x	½	5	
11 Seirawan	USA	0	0	½	1	0	½	½	0	½	½	x	4	
12 van der Wiel	NLD	0	1	0	0	½	½	0	0	1	0	½	x	3½

Like last year the World Champion won the Interpolis tournament by a narrow margin but his result was not particularly convincing - he could manage only three wins and one of those was from a clearly drawn ending versus Polugaevsky. Karpov hardly displayed the panache shown by his rival Kasparov at the earlier Niksic tournament but nevertheless maintained his magnificent tournament record as World Champion.

It is hard to talk about surprises in such a

strong event but the high place gained by Sosonko (the second lowest rated player) deserves mention. Also Ljubojevic, ranked third in the World, returned to form after a disappointing result at Niksic. Portisch could have done even better had he not sealed a blunder in a winning position against Vaganian; on the other hand he was quite lost against Sosonko who inadvertently allowed a three-fold repetition.

LJUBOJEVIC - VAN DER WIEL, Closed Sicilian: 1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 Nc6 3 g3 g6 4 Bg2 Bg7 5 d3 d6 6 Be3 e5 7 Qd2 Nge7 8 Bh6 0-0 9 Bxg7 Kxg7 10 f4 Nd4 11 Nf3 Bg4 12 0-0 Qd7 13 Nh4 exf4 14 gxf4 f5 15 Rael Rae8 16 h3 Bh5 17 Nd1 d5 18 c3 Ndc6 19 e5 d4 20 c4 h6 21 a3 Nd8 22 Nf2 Ne6 23 Bf3 Bxf3 24 Nxf3 b5 25 h4 Rb8 26 Kh2 Qc6 27 Kg3 g5 28 hxg5 hxg5 29 cxb5 Rxb5 30 Nxc5 Nxc5 31 fxc5 f4+ 32 Kh2 Qf3, 0 - 1.

VAGANIAN - TIMMAN, Torre Attack: 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 e6 3 Bg5 c5 4 e3 d5 5 c3 Be7 6 Bd3 Nbd7 7 0-0 b6 8 Ne5 Nxe5 9 dxe5 Nd7 10 Bf4 Bb7 11 c4 dxc4 12 Bxc4 Qc7 13 Bb5 a6 14 Bxd7+ Qxd7 15 Nd2 g5 16 Bg3 Rd8 17 Nf3 Qc6 18 Qe2 h5 19 h3 g4 20 hxg4 hxg4 21 Nel Qe4 22 f3 gxf3 23 Nxf3 Qg4 24 Bf4 Rg8 25 Rf2 Rd7 26 Nh2 Qg6 27 Nf3 Qg4 28 Nh2 Qh3 29 Kh1 Bh4 30 e4 Qd3 31 Qxd3 Rxd3 32 Re2 Rh8 33 Kg1 Rg8 34 Kf1 Be7 35 Rael c4 36 Nf3 Rh8 37 Kf2 b5 38 Rd2 Bb4 39 Rxd3 Bxel+ 40 Nxe1 cxd3 41 Nxd3 Kd7 42 b4 Rh1 43 Nc5+ Kc7 44 Kg3 Ral 45 Kh4 Rxa2, 0 - 1.

VAGANIAN - HUBNER, Q.G.A.: 1 d4 d5 2 c4 dxc4 3 Nc3 e5 4 e3 exd4 5 exd4 Nf6 6 Bxc4 Be7 7 Nf3 0-0 8 0-0 Nbd7 9 Re1 Nb6 10 Bb3 c6 11 Bg5 Bg4 12 Qd3 Bxf3 13 Qxf3 Nfd5 14 Bxe7 Nxe7 15 Re5 Ng6 16 Re4 Nd7 17 Rdl Qa5 18 Re3 Rad8 19 Ne4 Qc7 20 h4 h6 21 Qg4 Kh8 22 h5 Nf4 23 Rg3 g5 24 hxg6 fxc6 25 Re1 Rde8 26 Rge3 Nb6 27 Nc5 Qc8 28 Qxf4, 1 - 0.

NATIONAL RATING LIST, 1 November

The 1 November Rating List includes the Commonwealth Championship (February) and all local rateable tournaments for which the results have been received by 31 October.

All players who have been active during 1982/83 are included. An asterisk indicates a provisional rating, i.e. one based on less than 25 games.

1 Garbett P.A.	2374	52 Marshall C.J.	1937	103 Wheeler B.	1783
2 Sutton R.J.	2343	53 Free T.J.	1925	104 Cater J.E.	1778
3 Small V.A.	2337	54 Haase G.G.	1924	105 Williams B.	1775
4 Sarapu O.	2332	55 Marnar G.	1923*	106 Gloistein B.	1774
5 Nokes R.I.	2298	56 van Ginkel J.P.	1921	107 Roundill R.L.	1773
6 Apteckar L.	2296	57 Wigbout M.	1920	108 Stracy D.M.	1765
7 Green E.M.	2284	58 Nijman A.J.	1920	109 Bojtor J.	1764
8 Gollogly D.A.	2283	59 Norton W.	1920	110 Poor R.L.	1763
9 Kelly P.A.	2281	60 Spiller T.W.L.	1919	111 Post M.J.	1759
10 Smith R.W.	2278	61 Leese M.	1919*	112 Borren A.M.	1756
11 Watson B.R.	2272	62 Whitehouse L.E.	1906	113 Moulin D.S.	1755*
12 Levene M.	2246	63 Alexander B.M.	1905	114 Nijman B.	1745
13 Beach D.H.	2222	64 Aldridge G.J.	1904	115 Sims I.M.	1743
14 Green P.R.	2216	65 Hurley A.	1900	116 Hames A.	1743*
15 Wansink R.	2212	66 Walden G.J.	1899	117 Booth A.J.	1739
16 Sarfati J.D.	2210	67 Lynn K.W.	1893	118 Notley D.G.	1739
17 Stuart P.W.	2185	68 Hall M.	1887*	119 Corry R.J.	1739*
18 Cornford L.H.	2182	69 Cribbett P.F.	1887	120 Bridges N.P.	1737
19 Dowden R.A.	2172	70 Hart S.	1886	121 Okey K.M.	1736
20 Weir P.B.	2171	71 van der Hoorn M.	1884*	122 Stretch W.R.	1735
21 Lloyd A.J.	2167	72 Foster F.	1883	123 White M.	1734
22 Chye M.	2165*	73 Dive R.J.	1878	124 Stephenson J.R.	1734
23 Clemance P.A.	2164	74 Downman I.A.	1872	125 Monrad P.	1726
24 Metge J.N.	2162	75 Dreyer M.P.	1872	126 Vetharianiam P.	1724*
25 Love A.J.	2157	76 Hoskyn G.A.	1868	127 Boyce D.A.L.	1722
26 Leonhardt W.	2149	77 Goffin P.B.	1867	128 Waddle M.H.	1722
27 Bates G.T.H.	2140	78 Drake A.S.	1866	129 Metge K.M.	1716
28 McLaren L.J.	2129	79 Roberts M.H.	1864	130 Johnstone R.B.	1716
29 Hopewell M.G.	2119	80 Marsick B.H.P.	1858	131 Strevens C.	1716
30 Ker A.F.	2107	81 Adams D.T.	1857	132 Cornelissen R.	1712
31 Spiller P.S.	2102	82 Spencer-Smith G.	1851	133 Collins Peter	1709*
32 Jackson J.R.	2076	83 Taylor R.	1839	134 Dolejs D.	1707
33 Freeman M.R.	2071	84 Spain G.	1837	135 Trundle G.E.	1703
34 Colquhoun D.	2068*	85 Hopewell N.H.	1832	136 Mullan A.B.	1703
35 Steadman M.V.R.	2065	86 Brimble M.T.	1831	137 Robinson J.P.	1696
36 Feneridis A.	2054	87 Foord M.R.R.	1830	138 Jones C.	1695*
37 Carpenter B.A.	2053	88 Rose C.A.	1821*	139 Davies G.	1695
38 Noble M.F.	2038	89 Kinchant K.D.	1819	140 Burndred V.J.	1693
39 van Dijk P.	2032	90 Whitlock H.P.	1817	141 Whitehouse C.	1692*
40 Gibbons R.E.	2005	91 Martin B.M.	1811	142 Bennett P.E.	1692
41 Walsh B.G.	2003	92 Frankel Z.	1809	143 Hartley J.	1690
42 Scott M.J.	1999*	93 Ong R.	1804	144 Kasmara A.H.	1688
43 White P.	1989*	94 van Dam S.	1802	145 Snelson P.R.	1686
44 Cameron B.	1981	95 Sangster A.	1802*	146 Boyd K.M.	1676
45 Weegenaar D.P.	1980	96 Carter G.	1797	147 Herbert J.	1675*
46 Turner G.M.	1976	97 Ion G.J.	1797	148 Capper D.S.	1673
47 Hawkes P.D.	1974	98 Hart R.	1793	149 Cunningham P.D.	1664
48 van Dijk T.	1959	99 Rawnsley L.D.	1792	150 Jordan A.W.	1664
49 Power P.W.	1957	100 Turketo D.	1790*	151 Lannie R.M.	1663
50 Field D.W.	1957	101 Adams J.M.	1786	152 Connor B.P.	1662
51 Fitzpatrick S.	1938*	102 Thompson A.	1785*	153 Fergusson R.T.	1661

154 Thomson O.N.	1659	214 Hampton R.	1532	274 Winter W.	1404
155 Clements T.C.	1659	215 Grevers L.P.	1530	275 Wearing A.	1404*
156 Bell C.M.	1653	216 Bradley N.A.	1530	276 Parkinson A.	1401
157 Burnham D.	1653*	217 Banks G.	1530*	277 Atkinson I.E.	1401*
158 Mitchell R.S.	1650	218 Gilberd J.	1529*	278 Cole G.	1399*
159 Aandahl V.	1650*	219 Sinton P.J.	1523*	279 Cook F.	1398
160 Raines T.	1645*	220 Stewart M.I.	1522*	280 Sutherland J.	1397
161 Wood R.	1642	221 Colthart R.	1520	281 Freeman B.W.	1396*
162 Wilson M.C.	1639*	222 Glavin G.	1515*	282 Brown B.	1389
163 Boswell T.J.	1638	223 Young P.	1515*	283 Dunn C.	1386*
164 Brown S.A.	1636	224 Ker C.M.	1513	284 Mueller H.	1384*
165 Mears G.W.	1633	225 Goodwillie C.	1512*	285 Dunwoody M.L.	1383
166 Cooper P.R.	1632	226 King P.C.	1508	286 Varga S.	1382*
167 Gifford-Moore D.	1626	227 Whibley P.	1503*	287 Edwards R.	1379*
168 Grkow A.	1626	228 Blundell K.	1502	288 Winsor B.M.	1367
169 Dunn P.	1626*	229 Jones H.	1502*	289 Redit G.	1363*
170 Beesley R.	1619*	230 Bell D.I.	1501	290 Borovskis J.	1361
171 Turner M.G.	1617	231 Talaic L.	1501	291 Turner A.	1361*
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173 Shardy Z.	1609	233 Henderson A.J.	1496	293 Reid P.	1354
174 Aldridge A.L.	1609	234 Benbow M.	1496	294 Stewart B.K.	1354
175 Wilkinson E.	1602	235 Gibb J.L.	1496*	295 Edmonds L.G.	1340
176 Hampl M.	1602	236 Boughen A.	1494	296 Hill S.	1336
177 Price A.J.	1601*	237 Brett K.W.	1491	297 Thorne G.	1333*
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180 Martin-Buss B.	1600*	240 Smith T.	1482*	300 Corbett P.D.	1321
181 Kay J.B.	1599	241 Baldwin P.	1480	301 Jones W.D.	1321*
182 Steel R.G.	1599	242 Turner G.C.	1478*	302 Watson M.J.	1319
183 Bennell D.J.	1597	243 Owens N.	1477*	303 Hansen L.	1317*
184 McLaren M.S.	1597*	244 Brownlee L.R.	1476	304 Rubini B.	1316*
185 Scott D.	1594*	245 Rudkins L.R.	1474	305 Chang A.	1310
186 Spencer-Smith P.	1593	246 Kelly S.	1470*	306 Booth S.L.	1309
187 Byford C.	1593	247 Calder R.J.	1469	307 van der Mey P.	1304
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190 Houpt R.	1580	250 Levy R.	1460*	310 Ware M.	1282*
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193 Stanton R.A.	1573	253 Hipkins B.	1447	313 Williams R.G.	1274*
194 Low D.	1572*	254 Barrow G.	1446	314 Harris K.	1272
195 Tangiav J.	1572*	255 Puddle E.	1445*	315 Gonin R.C.E.	1271*
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199 Petch W.H.	1564*	259 Takhar R.	1432	319 Strickett R.	1262
200 Rowland N.	1562*	260 Schwass M.P.	1429	320 Alexander G.	1262*
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205 McGowan G.	1554*	265 Stiles A.D.	1420*	325 Shields J.	1244*
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Some Basic Rook Endings

Peter Stuart

Rook endings occur far more frequently than any other type of endgame. This is a consequence of the fact that the rooks are usually the last pieces to be brought into play - and unless there is a completely open file, on to which the rooks naturally gravitate, the opportunities for their exchange are likely to be limited.

In this article we shall examine only positions with K+R+P versus K+R. A good understanding of rook endings can only be gained when the student is already familiar with the basic positions since, otherwise, he will be unable to correctly evaluate the consequences of simplification from a more complex position.

Even with the limited material, we cannot possibly include all relevant examples; nevertheless we hope the average player will, after reading on, pick up more extra half points than he might otherwise have done!

For convenience we divide the subject matter into four sections: A the defending rook is in front of the pawn, B the attacking rook is in front of the pawn, C the defending king is in front of the pawn, and D the defending king is cut off on a file.

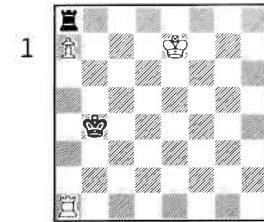
Note: the symbol '+-' indicates a won position for White while '=' indicates a drawn position.

A. DEFENDING ROOK IN FRONT OF PAWN

The 'golden rule' in rook endings is 'rooks belong behind passed pawns.' From there the rook (whether it be defender or attacker) controls the queening square and its scope increases as the pawn advances. Conversely the rook is a poor blockader and, in front of a passed pawn, may have no moves at all.

Nevertheless the picture in this ending is not all roses for the player with the pawn, the result usually hinging on which king arrives first. Diagram 1 (Seyboth 1899) is a critical position (i.e. one in which the result depends upon which player has the move).

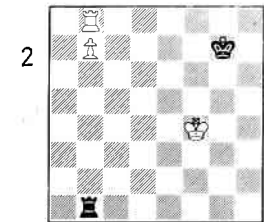
White to move wins without trouble by 1 Kd6 Kb5 2 Kc7 Kc5 3 Kb7 but Black, with the move, can hold the draw: 1...



1
Kc5 2 Kd7 Kb6 3 Rb1+ Kc5! [But not 3 ...Kxa7?? 4 Kc7 +-, nor 3...Ka6?? 4 Kc7! Rxa7+ 5 Kc6 +-, in each case the mate threat costs Black his rook] 4 Rb7 Rh8! [The only move, after which 5 Rb8 is no good because of 5...Rh7+ winning the pawn. Instead 4...Kd5 would allow the white king to penetrate: 5 Rb5+ Kc4 6 Ra5 Kb4 7 Ral Kb5 8 Kc7 +] 5 Kc7 Ra8! [Simplest, although 5...Rh7+ 6 Kc8 Rh8+ 7 Kd7 Ra8! is also okay, but not 7... Rh7+? 8 Ke6! Rh8 9 Rb8 +] 6 Kd7 Rh8 =.

B. ATTACKING ROOK IN FRONT OF PAWN

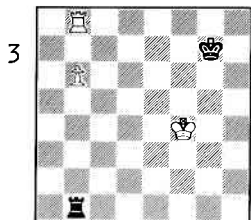
Here the roles of the rooks are reversed. With the pawn on the seventh White can win only if he has a safe check threat. Diagram 2 illustrates.



2
There is no safe check and if White plays his king to c6 (to release his rook) Black checks it away from the pawn and then returns his rook to b1. The safe squares for the black king are h7 and g7; he will also draw if his king can approach (and win) the enemy pawn, e.g. BK at e6/e7, other pieces as in diagram 2 - Black draws by 1...Kd7. With the black king on h6, g6 or e6 (instead of g7 in diagram 1) White wins by a rook check followed by queening while Black to play would draw by moving his king to a safe square. Finally, with the black king on f7 (or

e7) White to move wins by 1 Rh8! Rxb7 2 Rh7+ and 3 Rxb7.

With the pawn on the sixth rank White may have more winning chances as his king has a shelter from checks on the square in front of his pawn. Even so the outcome usually depends on which king arrives on the scene first. Diagram 3 is another critical position:

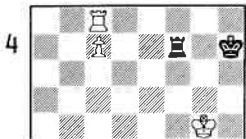


Black to move can win the pawn: 1... Kf6 2 Ke4 [On 2 b7 the black king returns to g7 - see diagram 2] 2...Ke6 3 b7 [Or 3 Kd4 Kd6 4 Kc4 Kc6 =; or 3 Rh8 Kd6 4 Rh6+ Kc5 =] 3...Kd7 [Or 3...Kd6, but not 3...Kf7?? 4 Rh8 +-] 4 Kd5 Kc7 =.

With White on move: 1 Ke5 Kf7 2 Kd6 Rb2 3 Kc6 Ke7 4 Rh8 Rc2+ 5 Kb7 Kd7 [We have transposed to a type of position considered in section D] 6 Rh1 Rd2 7 Rc1 Rd3 8 Kb8 Rd2 9 b7 [with the threat of Ra2 and Ka7 followed by queening] 9...Ra2. We have now reached a winning Lucena position - see diagram 11 in section D.

With the pawn even further back the race between the kings normally decides with the superior side aiming to reach the Lucena position. If the pawn is nearer the centre the same principles apply though Black will often be better placed to draw.

Thus far the black rook has defended from behind the pawn; as already explained, it is not as well placed on the rank.



In diagram 4 White wins easily with 1 Rh8+ Kxh8 2 c8Q. Even with the move the second player is helpless against the threatened check, e.g. 1...Rg7+ 2 Kh5! stopping Black's intended Kg6.

Black can, however, hold the draw in

diagram 5; his king is shielded from checks by his rook while the white king can never approach the pawn without being checked away - thanks to the pawn being on the rook file.



White can try 1 Ke5 Re7+ 2 Kd4 Rg7 3 Ke3 Kg6 4 Kf4 Rf7+ 5 Kg3 Rg7 6 Kg4 Kf6+ or 1 Kc6 Kg4 2 Kb6 Rg6+ 3 Kb5 Rg7 but can make no progress in either case.



The awkward placement of the black king in diagram 6 (Grigoriev 1934) is fatal: 1...Rf7+ [1...Rd7 2 Ke4 transposes] 2 Ke3! [Only so! 2 Ke4? only draws: 2...Rd7! 3 Ke3 Kd5 4 Kf4 Rf7+ or 3 Kf4 Kd5 4 Kf5 Rf7+ & 5...Rd7] 2...Rd7 3 Ke4 Re7+ 4 Kd4 Rd7 [Or 4...Ke6 5 Kc5 Ke5 6 Kc6! Ke6 7 Kb6 +-] 5 Kc4 [Thus the white king reaches the queenside and Black will not be able to check him away from b6 as his own king is in the way] 5...Rc7+ 6 Kb5 Rd7 [Or 6...Rc5+ 7 Kb4 +-] 7 Kb6 Kd5 8 Rh8 +-.

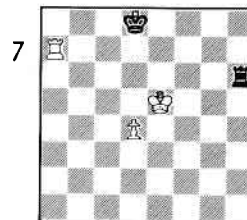
C. DEFENDING KING IN FRONT OF PAWN

With his king on the queening square (or able to reach it) the rule for the defender is to keep his rook on his own third rank until the enemy pawn arrives on its sixth rank when the defending rook should move to its seventh or eighth rank. The reasoning behind this manoeuvre is straightforward. The rook on its third rank prevents the enemy king from reaching its sixth rank and setting up a mating threat which forces the defending king out from in front of the pawn. When the pawn reaches the sixth rank, however, the attacking king can no longer shelter from checks along the file so the defending rook moves to the rear.

This ending was analysed as long ago as the last decade of the 18th century by the Frenchman Philidor. Drawn positions such as that in diagram 7 are,

therefore, known as Philidor's position.

Philidor



1 d5 [Clearly White must advance his pawn to have any hope of winning] 1... Rb6 2 d6 [threatening to win by Ke6] 2...Rb1! 3 Ke6 Re1+ and Black draws by continually checking, e.g. 4 Kd5 Rd1+ 5 Kc5 Rc1+ 6 Kb4 Rb1+ 7 Kc3 Rd1! and the pawn falls.

Passive defence by the rook on the back rank does not work well as the next two examples show.



With a centre pawn (diagram 8) the win is as follows: 1 Ra4 Kb8 2 Rb4+ Ka8 [Or 2...Kc8 3 d7+ Kd8 4 Rb8+] 3 Kc7 Rh7+ 4 d7 +-.

In the similar position with a BP (diagram 9) White does not have the same mate threat available but still wins with a similar manoeuvre: 1 Rf7 Rh8 2 Rb7+ Kc8 [2...Ka8 3 Ra7+ Kb8 transposes] 3 Ra7 Kb8 4 c7+ Kc8 5 Ra8+ winning the rook and queening.

This passive defence by the rook does, however, succeed against a RP or NP since the manoeuvres of the previous two examples are no longer possible.

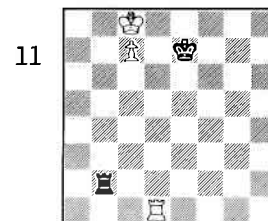


In diagram 10, after 1 Re7 Rh8 2 Ra7+ Kb8 3 Rb7+ [But not 3 b7?? Rh6+ winning for Black!] 3...Ka8, White must acquiesce in a draw.

D. DEFENDING KING CUT OFF ON A FILE

Under this heading we consider those positions where the superior side's rook prevents the defending king from reaching a square in front of the pawn. Whether or not the superior side can win in these circumstances depends on whether he can reach what is known as the Lucena position, an example of which is shown in diagram 11. This ending was analysed as early as the late 15th century - and after almost 500 years many players still do not know it!

Lucena



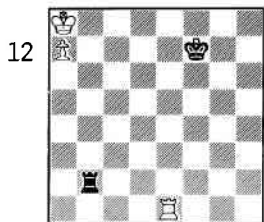
White can win but to do so must overcome some problems. First he must free his king from its prison on c8 and, having succeeded in this, he must have a way to avoid the checks from the rook. The first step is easily achieved by a rook check but before looking at the full solution we can note that, were the black rook on e2 preventing this check, White would win simply by 1 Rb1 followed by Kb8.

So, from diagram 11: 1 Re1+ Kf7 [On 1...Kd6? White has 2 Kd8 followed by queening] 2 Re4 [The standard winning method, but not the only one. The alternative win is: 2 Ra1 Ke7 3 Ra8 Rb1 4 Rb8 Rc1 5 Kb7 Rb1+ 6 Ka6 Ra1+ 7 Kb5 Rb1+ 8 Ka4 and White queens when Black runs out of checks] 2...Rb1 3 Kd7 Rd1+ 4 Kc6 Rc1+ 5 Kd6 Rd1+ [White's threat was Re5-c5. If 5...Kf6 with the idea 6 Re5? Rxc7! =, then 6 Rf4+ Kg6 7 Rf8 Rd1+ 8 Ke5 and again Black soon runs out of checks and the pawn queens] 6 Kc5! Rc1+ 7 Rc4 Rxc4+ 8 Kxc4 +-.

The manoeuvre starting with 2 Re4 is universally known as 'building a bridge' although the rugby term 'shepherding'

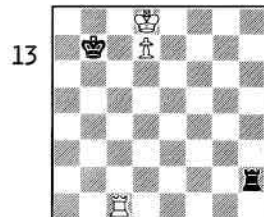
might be a more apt description.

All analogous positions with a NP, BP or centre pawn are similarly won. The RP, however, provides an exception as the attacking king can emerge on one side only and both black pieces can participate in the blockade. To be able to win with a RP on the seventh the enemy king must be no closer than the opposite bishop file, i.e. the f-file for an a-pawn.



From diagram 12 White wins narrowly (Black to move would be no better off since he can only mark time), the plan being to oppose rooks on the b-file thus allowing the king to escape from the corner: 1 Rh1 Ke7 2 Rh8 [Opposing rooks on b7 does not work: 2 Rh7+? Kd6 3 Rb7 Rh2 4 Kb8?? Rh8 mate - I once won a game like this!] 2...Kd6! [The best defence; White's task is easier after 2...Kd7, e.g. 3 Rb8 Ra2 4 Kb7 Rb2+ 5 Ka6 Ra2+ 6 Kb6 Rb2+ 7 Kc5! and Black's checks are soon exhausted] 3 Rb8 Ra2 4 Kb7 Rb2+ 5 Kc8! [The escape route used in the last note is not available as the black king controls c5] 5...Rc2+ 6 Kd8 Rh2! [This mate threat gives White one more problem to solve and 7 Ke8? Rh8+ 8 Kf7 Rh7+ 9 Kg6 Rxa7 is no solution; nor is 7 Kc8 Rc2+ repeating, so] 7 Rb6+ Kc5 8 Rc6+! [Also winning, but less quickly, is 8 Rb2!? but not 8 Ra6? Rh8+ 9 Ke7 Rh7+ 10 Kf8 Rh8+ 11 Kg7 Ra8 followed by Kb5-b6 winning the pawn] 8...Kb5 9 Rc8 Rh8+ 10 Kc7 Rh7+ 11 Kb8 +-.
With the WR at d1, BK at e7, other pieces as in diagram 12, Black draws: 1 Rh1 Kd7 2 Rh8 Kc7 3 Rb8 Ra2 4 Rb7+ Kc8 5 Rb1 Rc2 =.

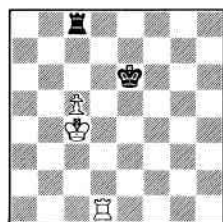
The other exception to the Lucena position occurs with a BP or centre P when the defending king is on the 'short' side of the pawn and the rook can maintain its checking distance on the other wing. From diagram 13 White to move can win by 1 Rb1+ Ka7 2 Rel or 2 Rb4 as above but Black can draw with the move:



1...Rh8+ 2 Ke7 Rh7+ 3 Ke6 Rh6+ 4 Ke5 Rh5+ 5 Kf6 Rh6+ and if White avoids further checks by 6 Kg7 then 6...Rd6 wins the pawn.

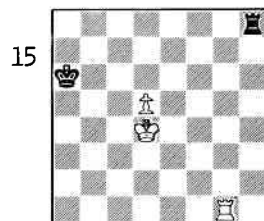
With the pawn further back the result depends on whether White can reach the Lucena position.

The concept of 'checking distance' is often important in rook endings. To have checking distance there must be three files (or ranks) between the rook and the enemy pawn. In diagram 14 Black does not have checking distance and White can win.



1 Kb5 Rb8+ 2 Ka6 Rc8 3 Kb6 Rb8+ 4 Kc7 Rb2 5 c6 Rc2 [Or 5...Ke7 6 Kc8] 6 Kb7 Rb2+ 7 Kc8 Ke7 8 c7 and we have reached the Lucena position (diagram 11).

If the defending rook can maintain checking distance then, for a pawn on the fifth rank, the defending king must be cut off two files from the pawn as in diagram 15.



Black to move draws: 1...Kb7 2 Rc1 Rh4+ [Black has checking distance and the white king can hide nowhere but on c5 - which would allow the black king

to cross over the c-file] 3 Ke5 Rh5+ 4 Ke6 Rh6+ 5 Kd7 Rh7+ 6 Kd6 Rh6+ 7 Kc5 Kc7 =. It is clear that if the king approaches the checking rook then as soon as it reaches the g-file the rook goes to the d-file winning the pawn.

White to move wins: 1 Rb1 [Cutting off the black king at a distance of two files from the pawn] 1...Rd8 [On 1...Rh4+ White now has 2 Kc5 Rh5 3 Kc6 Rh6+ 4 d6 etc] 2 Kc5 Rc8+ 3 Kd6 Rd8+ 4 Kc6 Rc8+ 5 Kd7 winning as in No. 13.

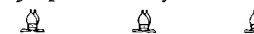


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is not critical and I did not wish to commit the queen yet) 15 g4 Ne5 16 g3 Qf6 (Intending 17...Bxg4 18 Bxg4 Nd3+ 19 Ke2 Nxf2 winning) 17 0-0 h5 18 gxh5 g4?! (18...Bh3 looks better. At the time I felt de Guzman would sacrifice the exchange for control of the white squares and an extra pawn) 19 Kg2 Rxh5 20 Rh1 Rh3 21 Nc4 Nxc4 22 Bxc4 Qh6 23 Qc1 Qh7 24 Rxh3 Qxh3+ 25 Kgl Bd4, ½ - ½.

A quick post-mortem turned up 26 Ne2 Be5 27 Nf4 Qh8 28 Nd3 Bd4 29 Qf4 Ke7 30

Re1 f6 and Black is better with Bd7 and b5 coming up. Notes by Michael Freeman.



COMBINATION SOLUTIONS

1. Helms - Rosenbaum, New York 1940: 1 Rf8+! Kh7 (1...Kxf8 2 Rf1+ Kg8 3 e7+ wins) 2 e7 Qxe7 3 Rxe8, 1 - 0.
2. Bogoljubov - Sultan Khan, Prague 1931: 1 Rd5+! (White missed this and the game was later drawn) 1...Nxd5 2 Be2+ Ka5 3 Ra7+ Ra6 4 Rxa6 mate.
3. Pleci - Endzelins, Buenos Aires 1939: 1 Ne5+! fxe5 2 Nd6+! Kg6 (2...Bxd6 3 Be8+ Kf8 4 Bg6 mate) 3 Bxe7 wins.
4. Adams - Simonson, U.S. Ch'p 1940: 1 Rxg7+ Kf8 2 Rg8+! Kxg8 3 Rgl+ Kf8 4 Bg7+ Kg8 5 Bf6+ Kf8 6 Rg8+! Kxg8 7 Qg2+ and mates in two.
5. Mandl - H. Johnner, Zurich 1930: 1...Ng3+! 2 hxg3 hxg3+ 3 Kgl Nf2 4 Rxf2 Rh1+! 5 Kxh1 gxf2 wins.
6. Hromadka - Opocensky, Kaschau 1931: 1 Rxd5+! cxd5 2 Nd3+! exd3 3 f4 mate.

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