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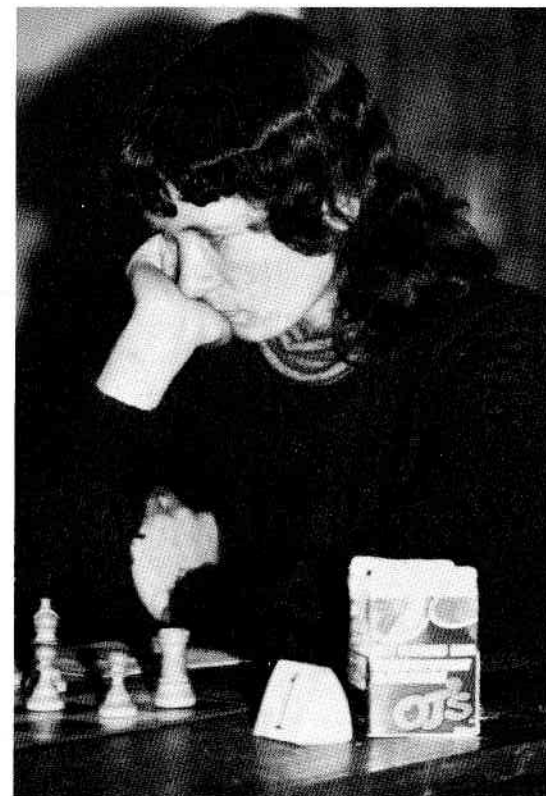


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## It's Kasparov v Smyslov in the Final!

Former World Champion (1957/58!) Vassily Smyslov (62) and wunderkind Gary Kasparov (20) are set to do battle in the Candidates final after scoring convincing victories in the semi-finals in London during November/December. The two Soviet players broke away from their rivals in the middle part of their matches.

Korchnoi maintained his one point lead over the first five games but then Kasparov romped away with victories in games 6, 7, 9 and 11. In game 6 Korchnoi appeared to gain the advantage in a Tarrasch Queen's Gambit but he then took great risks in gaining a pawn. In return Kasparov had gained connected passed pawns which were able to advance rapidly. On move 40 the younger player sacrificed the exchange to leave an unclear position at the adjournment with on-site experts divided as to who had the advantage. Korchnoi returned the exchange early in the second session but Kasparov was able to squeeze out a win in the resulting rook and pawn ending.

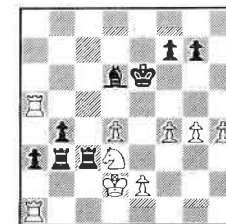
Game 7 saw Kasparov win a pawn in a Catalan, after which Korchnoi never really looked likely to take half a point. Game 8 was a tame draw while Kasparov routed his opponent in game 9 to take a two-point lead.

Korchnoi came close to narrowing the gap in game 10 when Kasparov played a more solid Tartakower variation of the Queen's Gambit but lost two pawns. Korchnoi, however, let his advantage slip in time pressure and the position was quite drawn at the adjournment.

The following day saw Korchnoi lose his passport and wallet to a mugger and the day after the eleventh game. The complete score-line:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Kasparov	0	½	½	½	½	1	1	½	1	½	1	-	7
Korchnoi	1	½	½	½	½	0	0	½	0	½	0	-	4

KORCHNOI-KASPAROV (6), QGD Tarrasch:  
1 d4 d5 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 c5 4 cxd5 exd5  
5 g3 Nc6 6 Bg2 Nf6 7 0-0 Be7 8 Be3  
c4 9 Ne5 0-0 10 b3 cxb3 11 Qxb3 Qb6  
12 Rc1 Qxb3 13 axb3 Nb4 14 Na3 a6 15  
Bd2 Rb8 16 Bxb4 Bxb4 17 Nd3 Bd6 18  
Nc2 Bg4 19 Kf1 Bf5 20 Nc5 Rfc8 21  
Ne3 Be6 22 b4 Kf8 23 Rc2 Ke7 24 Ke1  
h5 25 Rb2 Rc7 26 Nd3 Ra8 27 b5 a5  
28 b6 Rc6 29 Rb5 a4 30 Nxd5+ Nxd5 31  
Bxd5 Bxd5 32 Rxd5 Rxb6 33 Rxh5 Rb3  
34 Kd2 b5 35 h4 Rc8 36 g4 a3 37 f4  
b4 38 Rd5 Ke6 39 Rh5 Rcc3 40 Ra5

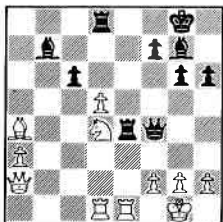


40...Rxd3+ 41  
exd3 Bxf4+ 42 Ke2  
Rc3 43 g5 Bc1 44  
h5 b3 45 R5xa3  
Bxa3 46 Rxa3 b2  
47 Ra6+ Kf5 48  
Rb6 Rc2+ 49 Ke3  
Kxg5 50 d5 Kxh5  
51 Kd4 g5 52 Rb8  
g4 53 d6 Rc6 54  
Ke5 Rc5+ 55 Kf6 g3  
56 Rxb2 Rd5 57  
Kxf7 Rxd6 58 Rd2 Kg4  
59 d4 Kf5 60  
Ke7 Rd5 61 Rd3 Kf4  
62 Ke6 Rg5 63 d5  
Rg6+ 64 Ke7 g2 65 Rd1  
Ke5 66 d6 Re6+  
67 Kd7 Rxd6+ 68 Rxd6  
g1Q 69 Re6+ Kf5  
70 Rd6 Qa7+ 71 Ke8  
Ke5 72 Rg6 Qa8+  
73 Kd7 Qa4+ 74 Ke7  
Qh4+ 75 Kf8 Qd8+  
76 Kf7 Kf5 77 Rh6  
Qd7+, 0 - 1.

KASPAROV-KORCHNOI (9), Catalan:  
1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 g3 d5 4 Bg2 dxc4  
5 Nf3 Nbd7 6 0-0 Rb8 7 a4 b6 8 Nfd2  
e5 9 Nxc4 exd4 10 Qxd4 Bc5 11 Qd3  
0-0 12 Nc3 Bb7 13 Bxb7 Rxb7 14 Qf3  
Qa8 15 Bf4 a6 16 e4 Ra7 17 Nd5 b5  
18 Na5 bxa4 19 Rfcl Bd4 20 Rxa4 Bxb2  
21 Ne7+ Kh8 22 Rc2 Qe8 23 Rxb2 Qxe7  
24 Nc6 Qc5 25 Nxa7 Qxa7 26 e5 Ng8 27  
Be3 Qa8 28 Qxa8 Rxa8 29 f4 Ne7 30  
Rd2, 1 - 0.

KORCHNOI-KASPAROV (10), Queen's Gambit:  
1 d4 d5 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 Bg5 Be7  
5 Nc3 h6 6 Bh4 0-0 7 e3 b6 8 Qb3 Bb7  
9 Bxf6 Bxf6 10 cxd5 exd5 11 Rd1 Re8  
12 a3 c6 13 Bd3 Nd7 14 0-0 g6 15

Rfel Nf8 16 Bb1 Ne6 17 Ba2 Qc7 18  
 Qa4 Rad8 19 b4 Qb8 20 Qc2 Qc7 21 Bb3  
 Bg7 22 Qa2 a6 23 Rcl Qb8 24 Na4 Qa7  
 25 Nc3 Qb8 26 Rb1 Qd6 27 Rbd1 a5 28  
 bxa5 bxa5 29 e4 a4 30 Bxa4 dxe4 31  
 Nxe4 Qf4 32 d5 Nd4 33 Nxd4 Rxe4



34 Bxc6 [Preferable was 34 Nxc6! Rde8 35 Rxe4 Qxe4 36 Bb5 Bxc6 37 dxc6 probably winning] 34...Bxd4 35 Rxe4 Qxe4 36 Bxb7 Rb8 37 Qb1 Qf4 38 d6? [38 Qc2! defends f2

and, indirectly, the bishop] 38...Qxd6 [Not 38...Qxf2+ 39 Kh1 Rd8 40 Rf1!] 39 g3 Rxb7 40 Qxb7 Bxf2+ 41 Kxf2 Qxd1 42 Qa8+, ½ - ½.

KASPAROV—KORCHNOI (11), Modern Benoni:  
 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 g3 c5 4 d5 exd5  
 5 cxd5 b5 6 Bg2 d6 7 b4 Na6 8 bxc5  
 Nxc5 9 Nf3 g6 10 0-0 Bg7 11 Nd4 0-0  
 12 Nc3 a6 13 Nc6 Qc7 14 Be3 Bb7 15  
 Bd4 Rfe8 16 a4 bxa4 17 Bxc5 dxc5 18  
 Qxa4 Nd7 19 Qb3 Bxc6 20 dxc6 Nb6 21  
 Rab1 Rab8 22 Qa3 c4 23 Rfcl Bxc3 24  
 Qxc3 Rxe2 25 Qd4 a5 26 Rb5 a4 27 Bf3  
 Ree8 28 Qc5 Qe7 29 c7 Qxc5 30 Rxc5  
 Rbc8 31 Bb7 Nd7 32 R5xc4, 1 - 0.

In the other match Smyslov forged ahead with victories in games 5 and 7, after which he was quite content to carefully defend his lead, even to the extent of agreeing a draw in a won position in game 11. The scores:

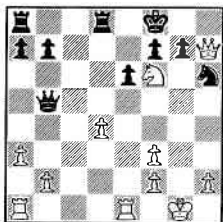
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Smyslov 1 0 ½ ½ 1 ½ 1 ½ ½ ½ ½ - 6½  
 Ribli 0 1 ½ ½ 0 ½ 0 ½ ½ ½ ½ - 4½

Doubtless a great disappointment to Ribli who was a strong favourite to reach the final, especially after the elimination of Hübner in the quarter-finals. Instead we now have the prospect of an all-Soviet final - and no prospect of the sort of excitement and publicity which surrounded the last two finals.

SMYSLOV—RIBLI (5), QGD Semi-Tarrasch:  
 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 e6 3 c4 d5 4 Nc3 c5  
 5 cxd5 Nxd5 6 e3 Nc6 7 Bd3 Be7 8 0-0  
 0-0 9 a3 cxd4 10 exd4 Bf6 11 Qc2 h6  
 12 Rd1 Qb6 13 Bc4 Rd8 14 Ne2 Bd7 15  
 Qe4 Nce7 16 Bd3 Ba4 17 Qh7+ Kf8 18  
 Rel Bb5 19 Bxb5 Qxb5 20 Ng3 Ng6 21

Ne5 Nde7 22 Bxb6 Nxe5 23 Nh5 Nf3+ 24  
 gxf3 Nf5 25 Nxf6 Nxb6



26 d5 Qxb2? [26 ...gxf6!] 27 Qh8+ Ke7 28 Rxe6+ fxe6 29 Qxg7+ Nf7 30 d6+ Rxd6 31 Nd5+ Rxd5 32 Qxb2 b6 33 Qb4+ Kf6 34 Rel Rh8 35 h4 Re8 36 Re4 Nd6 37 Qc3+ e5 38 Rxe5

Rdxe5 39 f4 Nf7 40 fxe5+ Ke6 41 Qc4+, 1 - 0.

SMYSLOV—RIBLI (7), QGD Semi-Tarrasch:  
 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 e6 3 c4 d5 4 Nc3 c5  
 5 cxd5 Nxd5 6 e3 Nc6 7 Bd3 Be7 8 0-0  
 0-0 9 a3 cxd4 10 exd4 Bf6 11 Be4  
 Nce7 12 Ne5 g6 13 Bh6 Bg7 14 Bxg7  
 Kxg7 15 Rcl b6 16 Nxd5 Nxd5 17 Bxd5  
 Qxd5 18 Rc7 Bb7 19 Qg4 Rad8 20 Rdl  
 a5 21 h4 Rc8 22 Rd7 Qe4 23 Qg5 Bc6  
 24 f3 Qf5 25 Ra7 Ba4 26 Rel Rc2 27  
 b4 Bb3 28 bxa5 bxa5 29 Re4 h6 30 Qe3  
 Rb2 31 Rg4 g5 32 hxg5 h5 33 Rg3 h4  
 34 Rg4 h3 35 g6 h2+ 36 Kxh2 Rh8+ 37  
 Kg3 Rxg2+ 38 Kxg2 Qc2+ 39 Qf2 Rh2+  
 40 Kxh2 Qxf2+ 41 Kh3 Qf1+ 42 Rg2,  
 1 - 0.

## Letter

Dear Sir,

I Hope you will review the price of *New Zealand Chess* upwards when the 'freeze' permits.

The overall quality - paper, typography and format - is first class. In the December issue there were, at a glance: twenty-four games, many from current grandmaster tournaments; complete New Zealand tournament coverage; a readers' page; and interesting end-game studies. Also six beautiful combinations.

It has to be the best magazine value ever!

Yours faithfully,  
 George Trundle

*Undoubtedly the better quality paper has vastly improved the appearance of the magazine. As a point of interest we averaged about 36 games per issue in 1983. Readers' suggestions as to contents are always welcome - but we get oh so few! - Editor.*

# GARBETT WINS 4th NATIONAL TITLE!

REPORT: DAVID GOLLOGLY

Paul Garbett enlarged upon his half share of the national title last year by winning the 91st New Zealand Championship. This was title number 4 for Garbett, his previous three victories being in 1973/74 (shared with Sarapu), 1974/75 and, of course, 1982/83. He thus joins a select group of players who have won four or more titles. Apart from Ortvin Sarapu's 18 titles only J.B.Dunlop (6), W.E.Mason (6), R.J.Barnes (5) and A.W.O.Davies (4) have their names on the Silver Rook more than three times.

This 1983/84 New Zealand Championship was organised by the Auckland Chess Centre in its centennial year with generous sponsorship from Honeywell Computers.

With Olympiad selection at stake, a strong field was to be expected; its strength is perhaps best gauged by the omission of players such as Nigel Metge and Bruce Anderson from the final 12.

On ratings and current form Paul Garbett had to be favourite and, together with Ortvin Sarapu and Vernon Small, formed a trio rather better performed than the rest.

## ROUND 1 - 28 DECEMBER

Garbett	- Sarapu	Ruy Lopez, 3...g6	½ - ½ (45)
Clemance	- Small	Sicilian, Scheveningen	0 - 1 (64)
Smith	- Green	Queen's Pawn	½ - ½ (33)
Sarfati	- Gollogly	Sicilian, Closed	½ - ½ (20)
Stuart	- Lloyd	King's Indian, Averbakh	1 - 0 (48)
Cornford	- Ker	Pirc Defence, Classical	0 - 1 (65)

In a vital game Sarapu surprised Garbett with an unusual opening and soon gained an advantage. Garbett had to defend tenaciously to draw a tricky end-game.

Small produced a thematic exchange sacrifice and achieved an enduring plus while Smith and Green entertained the spectators with a furious time scramble which was agreed a draw with Green having five seconds and Smith twenty for seven moves. It is perhaps futile to comment on lightning chess but Green was better from the opening and had a piece for three pawns in an unclear final position.

Sarfati and I rapidly simplified to

Ewen Green had played erratically in recent years while Robert Smith had yet to produce his top form in a New Zealand Championship. My own almost complete chess inactivity in 1983 was a definite question-mark.

Peter Stuart, co-winner of the Auckland Invitation tournament, would have been looking to improve on his usual 50% or thereabouts. Philip Clemance was making a comeback and had collected 5 points in his only previous Championship (1977/78) while still a junior. Lindsay Cornford was also playing in his first Championship for many years, qualifying with an excellent result in the North Island Championship after indifferent form in recent years.

Three highly promising juniors had had excellent recent results. Foremost was Jonathan Sarfati, the current North Island Champion. Adrian Lloyd (3rd= in the Asian Junior Ch'p) and Anthony Ker (4½/6 in the Asian Teams) had both performed well in overseas events.

A close contest was to be expected, with most of the competitors having a realistic chance of sharing in the \$1400 prize fund.

an equal endgame. Lloyd successfully executed a known pawn sacrifice but was unsure how to proceed against Stuart's novelty and wound up sacrificing the exchange for insufficient compensation.

Ker missed the win of a pawn on move 9 but Cornford mishandled his kingside pawns, entombed his rook and got a knight pinned against it. Ker won slowly and surely, rather than instantly on move 41.

GARBETT—SARAPU, Ruy Lopez:

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 4 d4 Nxd4  
 5 Nxd4 exd4 6 Qxd4 Qf6 7 Qd3 Bg7 8  
 Nc3 c6 9 Bc4 Ne7 10 Be3 b5 11 Bb3 a5  
 12 a3 0-0 13 Rdl a4 14 Ba2 b4 15

axb4 a3 16 Bd4 Qxd4 17 Qxd4 Bxd4 18 Rxd4 axb2 19 Kd2 d5 20 f3 Be6 21 Rb1 Rfd8 22 exd5 cxd5 23 Bb3 Nc6 24 Rh4 d4 25 Na4 Bxb3 26 cxb3 Nxb4 27 Rxb2 f5 28 Rf4 Ra5 29 g4 Kf7 30 gxf5 g5 31 Rg4 Rxf5 32 h4 Rxf3 33 hxg5 Rd3+ 34 Ke2 Re8+ 35 Kf2 Rd1 36 Kg2 Nd5 37 Rf2+ Kg6 38 Rh4 Ne3+ 39 Kf3 Nf5 40 Re4 Rd3+ 41 Kf4 Rxe4+ 42 Kxe4 Re3+ 43 Kf4 Rxb3 44 Nc5 Rh3 45 Ne6, ½ - ½.

### CLEMANCE — SMALL

#### Sicilian, Scheveningen

With very little preparation and a relatively inactive year I was determined to play the 1983/84 New Zealand Championship in a more adventurous spirit than usual. If this brought a few losses then that would have to be suffered. The only way to clear away rust in the analytic joints is to exercise them vigorously.

Fortunately, in round one I drew a slightly rusty Phil Clemance who had only been back into chess seriously for about a year.

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nc6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Be2 d6 7 O-O Nf6 8 Be3 Be7 9 f4 O-O 10 Qe1 Bd7 11 a4

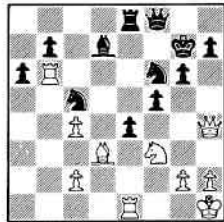
What I have privately labelled the greedy variation of the Scheveningen. While trying to attack the black king with Qe1-g3 he also tries to deny Black his fair share of counterplay with b5. Black must play energetically to keep the balance.

11...Rc8 12 Qg3 Nb4

This outpost is the negative side of 11 a4. The sharp pawn sacrifice e5 is threatened. About a year ago I had put some work into the game Browne-Polugaevsky in which the exchange sacrifice Rxc3 was played. At the board I could not quite remember it all but after White's next it looked pretty good. However, subsequent scratching through the books reveals that 13 Kh1 would have transposed to that game.

13 Rad1 Rxc3!? 14 bxc3 Nxe4 15 Qe1 Nd5 16 Bd2?!

In the similar position Browne had played Bf3 but Philip's move looks no worse. Black could just pick up the loose a-pawn and have sufficient compensation but I decided to try to dominate the centre first.



16...f5 17 Bd3  
More testing is 17 Bc4 with the possible continuation 17...Nc7 18 Rb1 (18 Nxf5 Rxf5 19 Qxe4 d5 -) Bc8 19 Be3 Kh8 with some initiative for Black.

17...Ndf6 18 c4 Qc8!

A great multi-purpose move supporting e6, f5 and b7 and hence the move ...e5 while freeing the Bd7 for the acquisition of the a-pawn.

19 Kh1

The other point of 18...Qc8 was the threat of Nxd2 followed by Qc5 winning a piece.

19...Bxa4 20 Qe2 Bd7 21 Rb1 Re8 22 Nf3 Bf8 23 Bb4 g6

White may not be lost but the pain of his position is extreme. If Black does nothing it is difficult to suggest a positive plan to activate the rooks. I played the text to defend the f-pawn of course, but also to wait and see. The immediate 23...e5 is interesting but I was having trouble assessing the position after 24 fxe5 dxe5 25 Bxf8 Kxf8 (25...Nc3 26 Qe1 Kxf8 looks to transpose since 26...Nxb1 27 Bxf5! may almost be equal) 26 Nh4 Nc3 27 Qe1 Nxb1 28 Bxf5 unclear.

24 Rb3 e5 25 fxe5 dxe5 26 Bxf8 Kxf8 27 Qe1

Perhaps White must make the unsavoury exchange Bxe4 but it is understandable why he should choose the troubled waters of the text to the sure inferiority of the simplified position.

27...Nc5 28 Rb6 Kg7 29 Qh4 Qd8 30 Rd6 Qe7 31 Rb6

Black has consolidated his advantage.

31...e4 32 Re1 Qf8!?

A very materialistic move.

33 Nd4 exd3 34 Rxe8 Bxe8?

Trappy but 34...Nxe8 was safer. The tricks (after 34...Bxe8) are 1) 35 Rxb7+ Kg8! and the d-pawn lives; 2) 35 Nxf5+ gxf5 36 Qg5+ Bg6.

35 cxd3! Bd7

Another sloppy move after which the win is difficult. Correct was 35...Qe7.

36 Nf3 Qd8 37 Rd6 Qe7 38 Qd4 Nb3

On move 35 I had foreseen 39 Qb6 Nd2! regaining the initiative but Clemance has a nasty surprise in store.

39 Qe5! Qxe5 [Forced] 40 Nxe5 Bc8

Or 40...Be8 41 Rb6 Na5 42 h3 and it is difficult to unwind.

41 Rd8 Be6 42 d4

Here 42 Rd6 Bf7 43 h3 might create more problems.

42...Ng4! 43 Nxc4 fxc4 44 d5 Bf5 45 Kgl Kf6 46 Kf2 Na5 47 c5 Ke5 48 Ke3 Nc4+ 49 Ke2?

Instead 49 Kf2 gives more chances of infiltrating the kingside pawns. Ad-jourment analysis convinced me that the way to win was to now force the advance of the pawns until they could be blockaded. Hence ....

49...Be4! 50 d6 Bc6 51 Rh8 Kd5 52 Rxh7 Ne5 53 Re7 Nd7 54 Rg7 Kxc5 55 Rxc6 Ne5 56 Re6 Kd5 57 Rf6?

Up to here White has defended his lost position most resourcefully but more accurate now was 57 Rh6 to activate the passed pawn as soon as possible.

57...Bd7 58 Rh6 a5 59 h4 gxh3 60 gxh3 b5 61 h4 a4 62 Kd1 b4

Black has no intention of winning the d-pawn as it merely inhibits White's rook from communicating with the queen-side.

63 Kc2?

Better 63 Rh8 b3 64 Rb8 Nc4 65 Kc1 a3 66 Rxb3 to test Black's B+N mating technique after 66...a2 67 Rb1 etc.

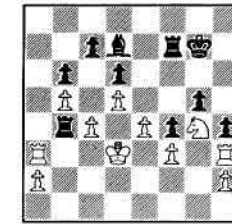
63...Bf5+ 64 Kb2 Nc4+, 0 - 1.  
The b-pawn queens. Notes by V.Small.

### STUART—LLOYD, King's Indian Defence:

1 c4 Nf6 2 Nc3 g6 3 e4 d6 4 d4 Bg7 5 Be2 O-O 6 Bg5 c5 7 d5 h6 8 Bf4 e6 9 dxe6 Bxe6 10 Bxd6 Re8 11 Nf3 Qb6 12 Bf4 [12 e5 is usual] 12...g5 13 Be3 Bg4 14 Qc2 Nc6 15 Rd1 Bxf3 16 Bxf3 Nd4 17 Bxd4 cxd4 18 Nd5 Nxd5 19 cxd5 Rac8 20 Qb1 f5?! 21 O-O! g4 22 Be2 fxe4 [22...Rxe4 23 Bxg4! is good for White; 22...h5!?] 23 Bxg4 Rcd8 24 Be6+ Rxe6 25 dxe6 Qxe6 26 Rfe1 Re8 27 Qc2 Kh8 28 Qb3 Qe7 29 g3 b6 30 Qd5 Qe6 31 Qxe6 Rxe6 32 Re2 Kg8 33 Kg2 h5 34 Rde1 e3 35 fxe3 dxe3 36 Rd1?! [Time-trouble; 36 Rxe3] 36...Re7 37 Rd3 Bh6 38 Rd5 h4 39 g4 Rg7 40 h3 Bf4 41 Kf3 Bg5 42 Rc2 Kh7 43 Rc6 Re7 44 Ke2 Rg7 45 Rf5 Kg8 46 Re6 Kh7 47 b3 Kg8 48 Ree5, 1 - 0.

### CORNFORD—KER, Pirc Defence:

1 e4 d6 2 d4 Nf6 3 Nc3 g6 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 Be2 O-O 6 O-O Bg4 7 Be3 Nc6 8 Qd2 e5 9 Rad1? Qc8 [9...Bxf3 10 Bxf3 exd4 11 Bxd4 Nxe4!] 10 d5 Ne7 11 Bh6 Bd7 12 Nh4 Ng4 13 Bxg4 Bxg4 14 f3 Bd7 15 g4 Kh8 16 Bxg7+ Kxg7 17 Kh1 Rh8 18 Rgl f6 19 g5 Rf8 20 gxf6+ Rxf6 21 Ne2 Qf8 22 Rg3 h6 23 c4 g5 24 Ng1 Kh7 25 Ng2 Ng6 26 Rcl a5 27 Rc3 b6 28 Ne3 Nf4 29 Ng4 Rg6 30 Ne2 h5 31 Nxf4 Qxf4 32 Qxf4 exf4 33 Rh3 h4 34 Kg2 Kg7 35 Kf2 Rf6 36 b3 a4 37 b4 a3 38 b5 Rf7 39 Ke2 Ra4 40 Kd3 Rb4 41 Rxa3



41...Rf8 [41... Bxg4!] 42 Kc3 Rb1 43 Kd2 Rf1 44 Ra7 Bxg4 45 fxc4 f3 46 Ra3 Rf4 47 e5 dxe5 48 c5 f2 49 Rhf3 Rh1 50 d6 cxd6 51 cxb6 Rb1 52 b7 Rxb5 53 Rxf4 gxf4 54 Ra7 Kf6 55 Ke2 Rb2+ 56 Kf1 e4 57 Ra8 Rxb7 58 Kxf2 Rb2+ 59 Ke1 Rxb2 60 Rf8+ Ke5 61 Rf5+ Kd4 62 Rxf4 Ke3 63 Rf6 Rh1+ 64 Rf1 Rxf1+ 65 Kxf1, 0 - 1.

### ROUND 2 — 29 DECEMBER

Small (1)	-	Stuart (1)	Sicilian, Taimanov	½ - ½ (27)
Ker (1)	-	Sarfati (½)	Vienna Opening	0 - 1 (66)
Garbett (½)	-	Cornford (0)	Sicilian, Rauzer	1 - 0 (25)
Sarapu (½)	-	Green (½)	Sicilian, 2 f4	½ - ½ (13)
Gollogly (½)	-	Clemance (0)	Ruy Lopez, Berlin	1 - 0 (25)

Lloyd (0) - Smith (½) King's Indian, Classical Fianchetto 0 - 1 (22)

Small and Stuart reached a dead drawn position after some early fireworks while Ker, the other first round winner, unwisely challenged Sarfati's book knowledge with an unclear piece sacrifice.

Garbett crushed Cornford with a line he had seen Chandler use against Sarapu in their recent match. Sarapu, with the prospect of seven consecutive days play, was disinclined to pursue his slight edge against Green after a demanding game the previous day.

Clemance played an offbeat line recommended as equalising but in practice rather prospectless for Black while Lloyd's opening play was simply weak.

GARBETT - CORNFORD, Sicilian Rauzer:  
1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4  
Nf6 5 Nc3 Nc6 6 Bg5 Bd7 7 Bxf6 gxf6  
8 Nf5 Rg8 9 Qd2 Qa5 10 Nd5 Qxd2+ 11  
Kxd2 Bxf5 12 exf5 Bh6+ 13 f4 Kd7 14

g3 Bg7 15 Rdl e6 16 Nc3 Bf8 17 Kcl  
Be7 18 Bc4 Na5 19 Bb5+ Nc6 20 Rhel  
Rgc8 21 Kb1 a6 22 Bf1 b5 23 Bh3 e5  
24 fxe5 Nxe5 25 Rxe5, 1 - 0.

GOLLOGLY - CLEMANCE, Ruy Lopez:  
1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 Nf6 4 0-0  
Nxe4 5 d4 a6 6 Bxc6 dxc6 7 Rel Nf6  
8 Nxe5 Be7 9 Qe2 Be6 10 c3 Nd7? [10  
...0-0 11 Nd2 with a slight advantage,  
but not 11 Nxf7? Bxf7 12 Qxe7 Qxe7 13  
Rxe7 Rae8 equalising] 11 Bf4 Nxe5 [11  
...0-0? 12 Nxf7 wins a pawn and 11...  
c5? 12 d5! Bxd5 13 Nc6! bxc6 14 Bxc7  
wins the queen; 11...Nb6 12 Nd2 is also  
clearly better for White] 12 Qxe5 0-0  
13 Qxc7 Qxc7 14 Bxc7 Rc8 15 Bb6 Rfe8  
16 Nd2 Bf6 17 Ne4 Re7 18 Re3 Rce8 19  
Rael Kh8 20 Nxf6 gxf6 21 d5 cxd5 22  
Bd4 Rc7 23 Rg3 h5 24 Bxf6+ Kh7 25  
Re5, 1 - 0.

### ROUND 3 - 30 DECEMBER

Sarfati (1½)	-	Garbett (1½)	Nimzoindian Defence, 4 e3	1 - 0 (28)
Smith (1½)	-	Small (1½)	Sicilian, 2 f4	½ - ½ (23)
Stuart (1½)	-	Gollogly (1½)	King's Indian, Averbakh	½ - ½ (20)
Cornford (0)	-	Sarapu (1)	Ruy Lopez	½ - ½ (32)
Green (1)	-	Lloyd (0)	King's Indian, Classical Fianchetto	½ - ½ (10)
Clemance (0)	-	Ker (1)	Ruy Lopez, Schliemann	½ - ½ (27)

This round produced some insipid chess and plenty of draws. The leading six played amongst themselves. Sarfati took the early lead, following up an enterprising pawn offer with an energetic assault on Garbett's king. The other four chickened out in unclear positions. Small's double pawn sacrifice led to a large advantage which he did not convert while my pawn sacrifice was less promising but sufficient for equality.

Cornford broke his duck when Sarapu was unable to exploit Lindsay's backward development. Lloyd and Clemance also registered their first half points; the game Lloyd-Green was a tame affair but Clemance might have made more of his game.

SARFATI - GARBETT, Nimzoindian Defence:  
1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3 0-0  
5 Nf3 b6 6 Bd3 Bb7 7 0-0 d5 8 Qc2!?  
Nbd7 9 b3 a6?! [9...dxc4 10 bxc4 Bxf3  
11 gxf3 e5 was suggested by Small] 10  
Bb2 dxc4 11 bxc4 c5 12 d5 Bxc3 13

Bxc3 exd5 14 cxd5 Nxd5?! [14...Bxd5 15  
Rad1 was better although White has com-  
pensation for the sacrificed pawn] 15  
Bxh7+ Kh8 16 Bb2 Nb4 17 Qc3! Nf6? [17  
...Qf6 18 Qd2 Qh6 19 Bf5 was preferable  
although White retains some advantage]  
18 Bf5 Bxf3 19 gxf3 Qd5 20 e4 Qd3 21  
Qcl! Nbd5 [21...Qc2! 22 Qxc2 Nxc2 23  
e5!] 22 Rdl Qxf3 23 Rxd5 [This is  
winning as 23...Nxd5 allows mate after  
24 Qh6+] 23...Ng4 24 Qd2 c4 25 Rcl  
Qh3 26 Qf4 Nxf2 27 Kxf2 Qh5 28 Rc3,  
1 - 0. Notes are based on those by J.  
Sarfati in the Tournament Bulletin.

SMITH - SMALL, Sicilian 2 f4:  
1 e4 c5 2 f4 d5 3 exd5 Nf6 4 Bb5+  
Bd7 5 Bxd7+ Qxd7 6 c4 e6 7 Qe2 Bd6  
8 f5 0-0 9 fxe6 fxe6 10 dxe6 Qe8 11  
Nf3 Qh5 12 Nc3 Nc6 13 d3 Rae8 14 Bd2  
Bg3+ 15 Kdl Ng4 16 Ne4 Bc7 17 Neg5  
h6 18 Nf7 Qg6 19 Rel Nxf2 20 Nxf2  
Bxh2 21 Bc3 Bg3 22 Qe4 Qh5+ 23 Qe2  
Qg6, ½ - ½.

### ROUND 4 - 31 DECEMBER

Cornford (½) - Sarfati (2½) Ruy Lopez, Worrall ½ - ½ (43)

Small (2)	-	Green (1½)	English, Symmetrical	1 - 0 (20)
Gollogly (2)	-	Smith (2)	Pirc, Classical 6...c6	½ - ½ (45)
Ker (1½)	-	Stuart (2)	Sicilian, 2 f4	½ - ½ (40)
Garbett (1½)	-	Clemance (½)	Ruy Lopez, Deferred Exchange	1 - 0 (32)
Sarapu (1½)	-	Lloyd (½)	Richter-Veresov	1 - 0 (28)

Cornford curiously repeated an inferior line with which he had previously lost to Sarfati, but this time he held out for a draw.

This allowed Small to catch up to Sarfati when he made full use of his extra tempo in a reversed Tarrasch Queen's Gambit.

Smith played an equalising line recommended by Keene and duly drew while Stuart obtained a decisive advantage but played too cautiously in time trouble and Ker again escaped with a draw.

Garbett played a risky pawn sacrifice from a superior position to expose Clemance's king and Sarapu scored his first win after Lloyd, short of time, had a hallucination in an equal position.

### SMALL - GREEN

#### Symmetrical English

If anything, Ewen Green seemed even more oxidised although he has had quite an active and successful year. In almost all his games he was in such desperate time trouble that he had no time to win his won games. Only once against Sarfati did he shrug off his pessimism about his position and win.

1 Nf3 c5 2 c4 g6 3 e3 Bg7 4 d4 Nf6

By no stretch of the imagination am I an IQP player but Kasparov's results with the Tarrasch have been so impressive that I thought I could 'risk' one a move ahead. In any case Ewen and I know each other's openings so well after studying together for years that something different is needed if you want to win.

5 Nc3 0-0 6 Be2 cxd4 7 exd4 d5 8 0-0 Nc6

So!! What is White to do with his extra tempo? Normal is 9 h3 but that gives Black the option of choosing a line which White would play that does not give h3 any meaning (if that makes any sense). I think now that Rel is the most universally 'necessary' move in the Tarrasch and so commits White

the least. But I chose instead to play for the most popular main line with colours reversed.

9 cxd5 Nxd5 10 Re1

Now if Black plays 10...Bg4 11 h3 Be6 the transposition is complete but Ewen sensibly declines to give the h3 move away.

10...Be6

An interesting possibility would be 10...Nxc3 11 bxc3 e5 but White is better after 12 d5 Ne7 13 Ba3 while 12...e4?! 13 dxc6 exf3 (13...Qxd1 14 Rxd1 exf3 15 Bxf3 Bxc3 16 Rbl bxc6 17 Ba3!) 14 Qxd8 Rxd8 15 Bxf3 Bxc3 16 Bg5! wins material.

11 Bg5 Nb6 12 Be3 Rc8 13 Qd2 Rc7!?

An ambitious attempt to attack the d-pawn that Ewen criticised roundly later. Whether or not it is bad it had me a trifle concerned. Only after much thought did I conclude that I could get away with ....

14 Rad1 Bd5?

This hands the initiative firmly to White. I was not concerned about 14...Rd7 15 Ne4 with advantage but 14...Bg4 can get a bit tricky after 15 d5 Rd7 (15...Bxf3 16 Bxb6 should be fine for White) 16 Nd4! But White seems to get on top even here.

15 Ne5 e6 16 Bf4 a6

Perhaps 16...Rc8 conceding the loss of two tempi would leave him alive.

17 Bf1 Re8 18 Re3 Nd7

Ewen had only about three minutes to make his next 22 moves so my thoughts were naturally turning to his king with Rh3, Bh6 and Ng4 but the text gives me a very attractive way to take advantage of the rook on c7.

19 Nxd5 exd5 20 Nc4!!, 1 - 0.

With a minute left Ewen thinks the position after his best try 20...Rc8 21 Rxe8+ Qxe8 22 Nd6 Qd8 23 Nxc8 Qxc8 24 Be3 is hopeless; White advances his queenside pawns to victory. The tricky 20...Bh6 just fails to 21 Rxe8+ Qxe8 22

Nd6 Qe6 23 Bxb6 Qxd6 24 Bf4. Really just a one move game. Notes by V.Small.

GARBETT — CLEMANCE

Ruy Lopez

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 d6 5 Bxc6+ bxc6 6 d4 f6

This line gives Black a solid but cramped game.

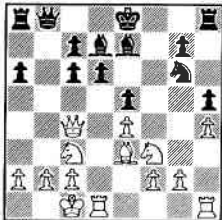
7 Be3 Ne7 8 Nc3 Ng6 9 h4 h5 10 Qe2 Bd7 11 0-0-0

Usual is 11 dxe5 fxe5 12 Ng5 Be7 13 Qc4 Bxg5 14 hxg5 with a slight advantage for White, but the text seems equally good.

11...Qb8

Possibly a little premature; safer is 11...Be7 when I planned 12 Qc4 perhaps followed by dxe5 and Ng5.

12 dxe5 fxe5 13 Qc4 Be7



14 g4!

To open up the game before Black can organise his defences. Now 14...Bxg4 15 Qxc6+ Bd7 16 Qc4 would be very bad for Black as his control of the centre is weakened and White has possibilities of Nd5.

14...hxg4 15 Ng5 Bxg5 16 Bxg5

But not 16 hxg5 Ke7! giving Black a good game. After the text Black's best chance of survival lies in active play on the queenside, so ....

16...a5 17 h5 Ne7 18 a3

It is vital to stop ...Qb4.

18...Qb7

The alternative, 18...Qb6, is probably no better; one interesting idea is 19 Na4 Qa6 20 Qc3!? (threatening Nc5) Qb5 21 b3 and White threatens Qe3 then Bxe7 and Qg5+.

19 f4!

Better than 19 h6 gxh6 20 Bxb6 Rg8! and Black is ready to castle long, but not 20...0-0-0 21 Bg5.

19...exf4

If 19...gxf3 20 h6 gxh6 21 Bxb6 0-0-0 (21...Rg8 22 Bg5!) 22 Bg5 Rxh1 23 Rxh1 Re8 24 Qf7 wins.

20 Bxe7! Kxe7 21 e5 f3

Whatever Black tries, his king is stranded in the centre and he must lose some of his extra pawns.

22 e6 Bxe6 23 Rde1 Rh6 24 Qxg4 Kf7 25 Qxf3+ Kg8 26 Rhf1 Rf6 27 Qg2 Rxf1 28 Rxf1 Qb6!

Threatening 29...Qe3+ holding Black's game together — but White parries the threat with gain of tempo.

29 Re1! Bf7 30 h6 g6 31 Qf3 Rf8??

Black has defended quite well but here 31...Qd4 was the only chance when White does not seem to have a quick knockout but should play 32 Qxc6 Rf8 33 Qxc7 and if 33...Qf4+ 34 Kbl Qxb6 then 35 Qxa5 Qh4 36 Nd5! with what should be a won ending.

32 Qf6, 1 - 0.

Notes by Paul Garbett.

SARAPU—LLOYD, Richter-Veresov Attack:

1 d4 Nf6 2 Nc3 d5 3 Bg5 Nbd7 4 Nf3 g6 5 Qd2 Ne4 6 Nxe4 dxe4 7 Ng1 Nb6 8 e3 Be6 9 Bf4 Bg7 10 f3 c5 11 c3 exf3 12 Nxf3 Nd5 13 Bb5+ Bd7 14 Bxd7+ Qxd7 15 dxc5 Qc6 16 0-0-0 0-0-0 17 Bd6 Nb6 18 Nd4 Bxd4 19 exd4 Nc4 20 Qe2 Qa4 21 Qxe7 Rd7 22 Qe4 Qxa2 23 Qbl Qa4? [23...Qxb1+ 24 Kxb1 Nxd6 25 cxd6 Rxd6 26 Rhel Kd7 should be drawn although White retains a small advantage in the ending] 24 Bf4 Na5 25 b4 Nb3+ 26 Kb2 Re7 27 Qc2 Rhe8 28 Qxb3, 1 - 0.

KER—STUART, Sicilian 2 f4:

1 e4 c5 2 f4 Nc6 3 Nf3 e6 4 Nc3 Nge7 5 g3 d5 6 e5?! [Better was 6 Bg2 d4 7 Ne2 d3 8 cxd3 Qxd3 9 0-0 Qxe4 10 d4 Qd5 11 Nc3 Qc4 although Black has a small advantage even here] 6...Nf5 7 Bg2 Be7 8 0-0 h5 9 Bh3 g6 10 Bxf5 gxf5 11 d4 [Maybe 11 h4!? intending Ng5 is a try] 11...cxd4 12 Nxd4 Nxd4 13 Qxd4 Qa5? [Giving away a tempo; instead 13...b6 and if 14 Be3? then 14...Bc5 15 Qd2 Bxe3+ 16 Qxe3 d4 wins material] 14

Be3! b6 15 a3 Bc5 16 Qd2 Bxe3+ 17 Qxe3 Qc5 18 Qxc5 bxc5 19 Nb5 Ke7 20 Rfb1 Bd7 21 Nd6 a5 22 c3 Rbh8? [Mistakenly thinking I could greedily gain the advantage on the queenside as well. Instead 22...h4 23 b4 hxg3 24 hxg3 Rg8 25 Kg2 d4!? is probably winning] 23 b3 Rb6 24 Rb2 Rab8 25 Rab1 Bb5 26 b4 Bd3 27 Rdl Be4 28 Ra2 cxb4 29 axb4 axb4 30 cxb4 Rxb4 31 Ra7+ Kf8 32 Rxf7+ Kg8 33 Rf6 Rbl! 34 Rxb1 Rxb1+ 35 Kf2 d4 36 Rxe6 [But not 36 Nxe4?

fxe4 37 Rxe6 Rb2+ and Black should be winning] 36...Rb2+ 37 Ke1 Rbl+ [With less than a minute left 37...Rxb2 can hardly be considered. I figured that threefold repetition before the time-control was impossible but ....] 38 Kd2 Rb2+ 39 Ke1 Rbl+ 40 Kd2 Rb2+, ½ - ½ [.... move 41 will do! White claimed the draw intending 41 Ke1 thus saving me from having to analyse the risky 41...Rxb2 before the adjournment]. Notes by Peter Stuart.

ROUND 5 — 1 JANUARY

Lloyd (½)	- Small (3)	Sicilian, Closed	0 - 1 (32)
Sarfati (3)	- Sarapu (2½)	Queen's Gambit Declined	½ - ½ (27)
Stuart (2½)	- Garbett (2½)	English Opening	0 - 1 (37)
Green (1½)	- Gollogly (2½)	Queen's Pawn	½ - ½ (10)
Smith (2½)	- Ker (2)	Pirc Defence, Austrian Attack	1 - 0 (47)
Clemance (½)	- Cornford (1)	Sicilian, Rauzer	½ - ½ (67)

Small took a sole lead with an instructive and convincing treatment of Lloyd's Closed Sicilian. Sarapu obtained an improved version of the Karlsbad variation of the Queen's Gambit with probable equality; Sarfati accepted his second draw offer.

Garbett's kingside attack proved quicker than Stuart's queenside advance and a time trouble piece blunder decided. I equalised readily against Green's passive play and agreed a draw.

Smith produced perhaps his best game of the tournament, sacrificing an exchange for the initiative versus Ker. Clemance narrowly failed to beat Cornford, missing a tactical shot on his 41st move.

LLOYD—SMALL, Sicilian Closed:

1 e4 c5 2 d3 Nc6 3 f4 g6 4 Be3 Bg7 5 c3 d6 6 Nf3 f5 7 g3 Nf6 8 Nbd2 0-0 9 Bg2 Kh8 10 h3 Nh5 11 Nf1 e5 12 fxe5 fxe4 13 dxe4 Nxe5 14 Qe2 Be6 15 Nxe5 Bxe5 16 g4 Nf4 17 Bxf4 Bxf4 18 h4 Qd7 19 Bf3 Rae8 20 h5 g5 21 Rdl Qf7 22 b3 Be5 23 Rd3 c4 24 Re3 cxb3 25 axb3 Bxb3 26 Nd2 Bg3+ 27 Kf1 Be6 28 Kg2 Be5 29 Rf1 Rc8 30 c4 Qf4 31 Rf2 b5 32 Nf1 Bxc4, 0 - 1.

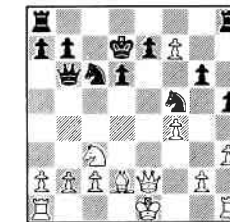
STUART—GARBETT, English Opening:

1 c4 g6 2 Nc3 Bg7 3 g3 d6 4 Bg2 e5 5 Nf3 f5 6 d3 Nf6 7 0-0 0-0 8 Rbl Nc6 9 b4 h6 10 b5 Ne7 11 Qb3 Be6 12 a4 g5 13 Ba3 f4 14 Nd2 Rb8 15 Nd5

Nf5 16 Nxf6+ Qxf6 17 Bb2 fvg3 18 fvg3 Qe7 19 e4 Ne3 20 Rxf8+ Rxf8 21 Re1 Nvg2 22 Kxg2 Qf7 23 Rf1 Qh5 24 Rxf8+ Bxf8 25 Nf3 Bh3+ 26 Kf2 Qf7 27 Ke3 h5 28 Qdl Bh6 29 Ngl?? [29 Nd2 g4+ (or 29...Bg2 30 Ke2!) 30 Ke2 Bg2 31 Qg1 and it is hard to see how Black can make progress] 29...Bf1 30 Kd2 Qf2+ 31 Kc3 Qxgl 32 Qxh5 Qd4+ 33 Kb3 Qxd3+ 34 Ka2 Qxc4+ 35 Ka3 Qc5+ 36 Ka2 Qc4+ 37 Ka3 Qe6, 0 - 1.

SMITH—KER, Pirc Defence:

1 e4 d6 2 d4 Nf6 3 Nc3 g6 4 f4 Bg7 5 Nf3 c5 6 Bb5+ Bd7 7 e5 Ng4 8 e6 Bxb5 9 exf7+ Kd7 10 Nxb5 Qa5+ 11 Nc3 cxd4 12 Nxd4 Bxd4 13 Qxd4 Nc6 14 Qc4 Qb6 15 Qe2 h5 16 h3 Nh6 17 Bd2 Nf5



18 0-0-0 Ng3 19 Qd3 Nxb1 20 Rxh1 Qd4 21 Qxg6 Qf6 22 Qxf6 exf6 23 Nd5 f5 24 Re1 Rh6 25 b4 Rf8 26 b5 Nd8 27 Re7+ Kc8 28 b6 a6 29 Rc7+ Kb8 30 Bc3 Re6 31 Bf6 Nxf7 32 Bg7 Rc8 33 Rxf7 Re2 34 Nc7 Rvg2 35 Bf8 Rg6 36 Rxf5 h4 37 Be7 d5 38 Nxd5 Rgc6 39 c3 Rg6 40 Kb2 Re8 41 Rf7 Kc8 42 Bxh4 Rh6 43 Rc7+ Kb8 44 Bf6 Rxb3 45 Be5 Ka8 46 Rc5 Rh2+ 47 Kb3, 1 - 0.

ROUND 6 — 2 JANUARY

Sarapu (3)	- Small (4)	Sicilian, Taimanov	½ - ½ (15)
Garbett (3½)	- Smith (3½)	Sicilian, Accelerated Dragon	1 - 0 (27)

Sarfati (3½)	-	Clemance (1)	Ruy Lopez, 4...d6	½ - ½ (38)
Gollogly (3)	-	Lloyd (½)	Sicilian, 2...b6	0 - 1 (34)
Cornford (1½)	-	Stuart (2½)	Sicilian, Taimanov	½ - ½ (122)
Ker (2)	-	Green (2)	Sicilian, 2 c3	1 - 0 (34)

Sarapu and Small were content to draw quickly and this allowed Garbett to re-join the lead by exploiting Smith's eccentric opening to win his third successive game.

Sarfati got nothing from the opening and was drawing throughout while I achieved a large plus against Lloyd's silly opening but methodically converted this into a loss with a string of second-rate moves in time pressure.

Cornford v Stuart was another comic game. Stuart voluntarily simplified from a slightly advantageous middlegame into a clearly inferior endgame which was lost at the first adjournment. Cornford, however, then shuffled his pieces around at random allowing Stuart to eventually equalise only to carelessly blunder a pawn just before the second adjournment. The game was finally drawn in the third session. Green played blitz again and lost on time in an unclear position.

#### GARBETT - SMITH

##### Sicilian Defence

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 g6 5 c4 Bg7 6 Be3 d6 7 Nc3 Nh6 8 Be2 0-0 9 0-0 f5 10 exf5 Nxf5

Black has chosen an ambitious variation which requires very exact play.

11 Nxf5 gxf5 12 Qd2 Kh8 13 Nd5!?

Provoking ...e5 but it might have been more sensible to restrain Black with Rad1 and f4.

13...e5 14 f4 Be6 15 Kh1 Rc8 16 Rad1 Nd4?

Better was 16...Qe8 followed by Qg6 with reasonable chances for Black.

17 fxe5 dxe5

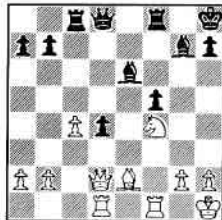
#### ROUND 7 - 3 JANUARY

Green (2)	-	Garbett (4½)	Catalan	½ - ½ (10)
Small (4½)	-	Gollogly (3)	Modern Defence	0 - 1 (28)
Stuart (3)	-	Sarfati (4)	Réti System	½ - ½ (13)
Clemance (1½)	-	Sarapu (3½)	Ruy Lopez	1 - 0 (85)
Smith (3½)	-	Cornford (2)	Sicilian, Rauzer	½ - ½ (13)
Lloyd (1½)	-	Ker (3)	Pirc Defence	½ - ½ (82)

Green, Garbett, Stuart and Sarfati decided to have two consecutive rest days.

If 17...Nxe2 18 Qxe2 Bxe5 19 Bxa7 Qh4 20 Bg1 and Black has nothing for the pawn.

18 Bxd4 exd4 19 Nf4



19...Bxc4?!

Sacrificing the exchange but Black is clearly losing after this. During the game Black felt that 19...Bf7/Bg8 would eventually see the d-pawn fall but this would still be a better chance.

20 Bxc4 Rxc4 21 Ne6 Qf6 22 Nxf8 Qxf8 23 Qa5!

Something Black overlooked.

23...Rc2 24 Rxf5 Qc8 25 Rf7!

Defence by means of attack.

25...h6 26 Qh5 Qc6 27 Qg4, 1 - 0.

Notes by Paul Garbett.

#### GOLLOGLY-LLOYD, Sicilian Defence:

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 b6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Bb7 5 Nc3 Nf6 6 Bd3 g6 7 Be3 d6 8 f3 Nbd7 9 Qd2 h5 10 0-0 a6 11 Rael Bg7 12 h3 Nc5 13 f4 Bxe4 14 f5 Bxd3 15 cxd3 0-0 16 b4 e5 17 Nc6 Qc7 18 bxc5 dxc5 19 Bh6 Qxc6 20 Bxg7 Kxg7 21 Rxe5 Qd6 22 Re3 Rad8 23 Ref3 c4 24 Kh1 cxd3 25 Qg5 Rc8 26 Nd1 Ne4 27 f6+ Kh7 28 Qh4 Nd2 29 Rf5 Rc5 30 Rlf2 Re8 31 g4 Rel+ 32 Kg2 Qc6+ 33 Kg3 Rgl+ 34 Kf4 Qe4+, 0 - 1.

Smith v Cornford was also a short draw but Cornford was winning when he agreed to split the point, overlooking the win of a piece.

Small was more ambitious and steered for early complications, going in for a forcing line which lost a piece for insufficient compensation seven moves later.

Clemance expertly handled Sarapu's loose opening and won two pawns, after which the result was inevitable. Lloyd gained a decisive advantage against Ker after a prepared opening but later allowed a drawn endgame.

Thus Garbett had now taken the lead, a half point in front of Small and Sarfati.

#### SMALL - GOLLOGLY, Modern Defence:

1 e4 g6 2 d4 Bg7 3 c3 d5 4 exd5 Qxd5 5 Be2 c5 6 dxc5 Qxc5 7 Be3 Qc7 8 Nf3 Nf6 9 Na3 Nbd7 10 Qa4 Nd5 11 Nb5 Qc6 12 Nfd4 Qb6! 13 Qc4? [13 Nf5 Nxe3 14 Nxe3 0-0 15 Nd5 Qc5 would be about equal] 13...Nxe3 14 Nc7+? [White had to play 14 fxe3 although Black would be

#### ROUND 8 - 5 JANUARY

Garbett (5)	-	Lloyd (2)	Ruy Lopez	1 - 0 (44)
Ker (3½)	-	Small (4½)	Sicilian, 2 c3	0 - 1 (36)
Sarfati (4½)	-	Smith (4)	Pirc Defence	1 - 0 (31)
Sarapu (3½)	-	Gollogly (4)	Sicilian, Najdorf 6 h3	1 - 0 (39)
Clemance (2½)	-	Stuart (3½)	Sicilian, Taimanov	1 - 0 (74)
Cornford (2½)	-	Green (2½)	Sicilian, Scheveningen	½ - ½ (41)

Small poured his pieces into a king-side attack and was winning almost from the opening and missing a mate in two along the way.

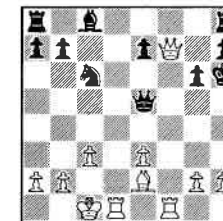
Sarfati's unusual opening left Smith with a cramped game and no clear plan; against simple looking moves Smith was soon in difficulties.

Sarapu started his move up the table; after misplaying the opening somewhat, he seized the advantage after I played a careless move. Clemance produced another good game, sacrificing a pawn for play while Green blew an easy win in severe time trouble.

#### KER-SMALL, Sicilian 2 c3:

1 e4 c5 2 c3 d5 3 exd5 Qxd5 4 d4 e6 5 Nf3 Nf6 6 Bd3 Be7 7 0-0 0-0 8 c4 Qh5 9 dxc5 Nc6 10 a3 e5 11 Qc2 Rd8 12 Nbd2 Bg4 13 Re1 Bxc5 14 Ne4 Bxf3 15 Nxc5 Nd4 16 Qc3 e4 17 Nb3 Nxb3 18 Qxb3 Rxd3 19 Qxb7 Rad8 20 gxf3 Qg6+ 21 Kh1 exf3 22 Rgl Rdl [22...Qxg1+!] 23 Bg5 Rxa1 24 Rxa1 Qxg5 25 Qxf3 Qe5

clearly better] 14...Kd8 15 Nde6+ fxe6 16 Nxe6+ Ke8 17 Nxe7+ Kf8 18 Ne6+ Kg8 19 fxe3 Ne5 20 Qe4 Qxe6! 21 0-0-0 Kg7 22 Rhf1 Nc6 23 Qf4 Qe5?! [Better was 23...Qf6 24 Qc4 Be6] 24 Qf7+ Kh6



25 Rf4 Qxe3+?! [Safer, here or next move, was Bf5] 26 Rd2 Rd8 27 Bd3? [The last chance lay in 27 Rh4+ Kg5 28 Rh5+! gxh5 29 Qg7+ Kf5 30 g4+! Ke6! 31 Bc4+ Rd5 32 Bxd5 Kd6 though Black is probably winning] 27...Rxd3 28 Qf8+ Kh5, 0 - 1.

#### SMITH-CORNFORD, Sicilian Rauzer:

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 d6 6 Bg5 Bd7 7 Bxf6 gxf6 8 Nf5 Bg8 9 Qh5 e6 10 Qxh7 Rg6 11 Ng3? Rh6 12 Qg8 Rg6 13 Qh8 Rh6, ½ - ½ [After 14 Qg8 Ne5, intending Ng6 and Rh8, White is forced to play Nf5].

26 Rd1 Rxd1+ 27 Qxd1 g6 28 b3 h5 29 f3 h4 30 Kg2 Kg7 31 Qd2 Nh5 32 b4 Nf4+ 33 Kf2 Ne6 34 Kg2 Qd4 35 Qc1 Nf4+ 36 Kf1 Qd3+, 0 - 1.

#### SARFATI-SMITH, Pirc Defence:

1 e4 g6 2 d4 Bg7 3 Nf3 d6 4 Nc3 Nf6 5 Bf4 Nc6 6 Bb5 0-0 7 Qd2 Nxd4 8 Qxd4 e5 9 Nxe5 Nh5 10 Be3 Bxe5 11 Qd2 Be6 12 0-0 Bg7 13 Be2 Nf6 14 Rad1 a6 15 Bh6 Nd7 16 Bxg7 Kxg7 17 f4 f5 18 Bf3 Rb8 19 Rfel Qf6 20 exf5 gxf5 21 Nd5 Bxd5 22 Qxd5 Nb6 23 Qb3 Rfe8 24 Rxe8 Rxe8 25 Bxb7 a5 26 Qg3+ Kh8 27 c3 Qe6 28 Qd3 Qxa2 29 Qd4+ Kg8 30 c4 Qb3 31 Rd3, 1 - 0.

#### SARAPU-GOLLOGLY, Sicilian Najdorf:

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 h3 e5?! 7 Nf3 Qc7 8 Bd3 b5 9 a3 Bb7 10 Bg5 Nbd7 11 0-0 h6 12 Bxf6 Nxf6 13 Qd2 Be7 14 Rfel 0-0 15 Rad1 Rac8? [15...Rad8] 16 Nh4 Nxe4 17 Bxe4 Bxh4 18 Qxd6 Bf6 19 Bxb7 Qxb7 20 Nd5 Qc6 21 Nxf6+ gxf6



22 c3 a5 23 Qd2 Kg7 24 Qe2 Rfd8 25 Qg4+ Kf8 26 Qh5 Ke7 27 Qxh6 Rg8 28 g3 Rh8 29 Qe3 Rxh3 30 Qe4 Qc5 31 Kg2 Rch8 32 Qb7+ Kf8 33 Rd8+ Kg7 34 Rxh8 Rxh8 35 Rd1 Qc4 36 Qd5 Qc8 37 Rh1 Rxh1 38 Kxh1 Qf5 39 Kg2 Qe6, 1 - 0 (time).

CLEMANCE - STUART, Sicilian Taimanov:  
 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nc6 5 Nc3 Qc7 6 Be2 a6 7 0-0 Nf6 8 Be3 Bb4 9 Na4 0-0 10 Nxc6 bxc6 11 f4 Be7 12 Nb6 Rb8 13 Nxc8 Qxc8 14 Bd3!? Rxb2 15 e5 Nd5 16 Bd4 Rb8 17 f5 exf5 18 Bxf5 Nc7? [18...g6 19 Qg4!? unclear] 19 Ba7! Rb5 20 c4 Rxe5 21 Bd4 Rxf5? [After this Black is probably losing; 21...Bc5! 22 Bxc5 Rxc5 23 Qd4 Ra5 24 Bxd7 Qd8 is slightly better for White] 22 Rxf5 Ne6 23 Bc3 Qc7 24 Kh1 c5 25

ROUND 9 - 6 JANUARY

Small (5½)	-	Garbett (6)	Sicilian, Scheveningen	½ - ½	(19)
Green (3)	-	Sarfati (5½)	Queen's Gambit Accepted	1 - 0	(29)
Stuart (3½)	-	Sarapu (4½)	English Opening	0 - 1	(43)
Gollogly (4)	-	Ker (3½)	Sicilian, Dragon	1 - 0	(29)
Smith (4)	-	Clemance (3½)	Nimzowitsch-Larsen Attack	1 - 0	(36)
Lloyd (2)	-	Cornford (3)	Réti System	½ - ½	(46)

Small and Garbett drew amicably but Sarfati had a setback when he erred in the opening and could not develop thus allowing Green a deserved first (and only) win.

Sarapu continued his recovery with a determined win. After Sarapu had gained an edge with an inventive opening Stuart began to emerge from his difficulties, only to exchange into a lost king and pawn ending in time trouble.

Ker allowed me to develop a strong initiative and later overlooked some tactics in a difficult position while Clemance ruined a quite reasonable position with perhaps the blunder of the tournament; although Smith missed a pretty win, the result was never in doubt. Cornford declined an early draw offer but could make no progress.

GREEN - SARFATI, Queen's Gambit Accepted:  
 1 d4 d5 2 c4 dxc4 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 e3 e6 5 Bxc4 c5 6 0-0 a6 7 Qe2 cxd4 8 exd4

ROUND 10 - 7 JANUARY

Garbett (6½)	-	Gollogly (5)	Modern Defence	1 - 0	(29)
Cornford (3½)	-	Small (6)	Sicilian, Scheveningen	½ - ½	(47)
Sarapu (5½)	-	Ker (3½)	Pirc Defence	1 - 0	(40)
Sarfati (5½)	-	Lloyd (2½)	King's Indian, Averbakh	0 - 1	(39)
Stuart (3½)	-	Smith (5)	King's Indian, Averbakh	½ - ½	(79)
Clemance (3½)	-	Green (4)	Sicilian, Scheveningen	1 - 0	(24)

Rd5 d6 26 Rb1 Qc6 27 Rb2?! Nd4 28 Bxd4 cxd4 29 Rxd4 Bf6 30 Rxd6 Qxc4 31 Rc2 Qa4 32 Qd3 Qb4 33 g3 a5 34 Kg2 h6 35 Rdc6 Qb7 36 Kh3 Rd8 37 Qf5 Qd7 38 Qxd7 Rxd7 39 Rc8+ Kh7?! [39...Bd8] 40 R8c5 a4? [40...Bd8 retains some drawing chances; the text loses the f-pawn] 41 Rc7 Rd3 42 Rxf7 a3 43 Kg4 Kg6 44 Rb7 h5+ 45 Kf4 Rd5 46 Rb3 Bb2 47 h4 Rf5+ 48 Ke4 Re5+ 49 Kf3 Rf5+ 50 Kg2 Rd5 51 Rb6+ Kf5 52 Rb4 Ke5 53 Rbc4 Rd3 54 Re5+ Ke4 55 Rxh5 Ke3 56 Rf5 Rd2+ 57 Rxd2 Kxd2 58 Rc5 Bc3 59 Kf3 Kc2 60 Ke2 Kb2 61 Kd3 Bf6 62 Rc2+ Kbl 63 Rg2 Bb2 64 g4 Kxa2 65 Kc2 Bd4 66 g5 Bb2 67 h5 g6 68 hxg6 Bg7 69 Rf2 Be5 70 Rf7 Kal 71 g7 Bxg7 72 Rxxg7 a2 73 Kb3 [Snuffing the last swindling chance] 73...Kbl 74 Rh7, 1 - 0.

Nc6 9 Nc3 Nxd4 10 Nxd4 Qxd4 11 Rd1 Qg4? [11...Qh4!?] 12 Nd5 Qxe2 13 Nc7+ Ke7 14 Bxe2 Rb8 15 Bf4 Nd7 16 Bg5+ f6 17 Be3 b5 18 Racl g6 19 a4 Nb6 20 Bxb6 Rxb6 21 Na8 Rb8 22 Rc7+ Ke8 23 axb5 axb5 24 Bxb5+ Rxb5 25 Rxc8+ Ke7 26 Nc7 Rxb2 27 Re8+ Kf7 28 Rd7+ Kg8 29 g3, 1 - 0.

GOLLOGLY - KER, Sicilian Dragon:  
 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 g3 Nc6 7 Bg2 Nxd4 8 Qxd4 Bg7 9 0-0 0-0 10 h3 Qc7?! 11 Re1?! Ne8! 12 Qb4 Bxc3 13 bxc3 Be6 14 e5 dxe5 15 Qxb7 Qxb7 16 Bxb7 Rb8 17 Bg2 Nd6 [17...f6 18 f4] 18 Rxe5 Rfc8?! [18...Nc4!] 19 Ra5 Rc7 20 Be3 Nc8 21 Rd1 Rb2 22 c4! Rxc2 23 c5 Bxa2? [Losing a piece; 23...Kg7 24 a3 leaves White with a clear, though not yet decisive advantage] 24 Bh6 f6 25 Rxa2 R2xc5 26 Bd5+ Kh8 27 Be6 Nd6 28 Rb2 Rb7 29 Rxd6, 1 - 0.

Garbett again played sharply in search of the full point; my novel opening turned out well but cost too much time and I played a tricky middle-game poorly. Paul was thus assured of at least a share of first place before the last round.

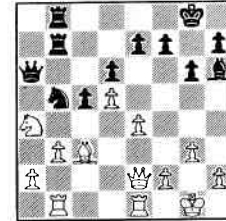
Cornford's opening looked dubious but Small could make no progress and an opposite-colour bishop ending was eventually reached. Sarapu kept up the pressure by beating Ker in a time scramble although Ker had a good position at one stage. The veteran had now joined Small in equal second place.

Sarfati played the opening in exactly and later blundered in a roughly level position, losing rook + bishop + knight for a queen.

Smith gained an early initiative following a weak opening by Stuart but this was later dissipated by a pointless knight manoeuvre leaving Stuart with a clear advantage. A tired Stuart handled the endgame poorly, missing at least two clear winning chances.

Green made a tactical oversight which Clemance punished efficiently.

SARFATI - LLOYD, King's Indian Defence:  
 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 Be2 0-0 6 Bg5 c5 7 d5 b5 8 cxb5 a6 9 Qd2 Nbd7 10 Nf3 Qa5 11 bxa6 Bxa6 12 Bxa6 Rxa6 13 0-0 Rb8 14 Rab1 Rab6 15 Rfcl Ne8 16 Qc2 Ne5 17 Nxe5 Bxe5 18 Bd2 Qa6 19 Na4 R6b7 20 Bc3 Bf4 21 Rel Nc7 22 g3 Bh6 23 b3 Nb5 24 Qe2?



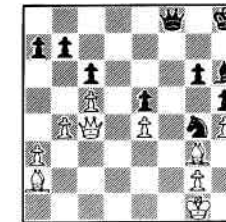
24...Qxa4! 25 bxa4 Nxc3 26 Qd3 Nxb1 27 a5 Bd2 28 Rd1 Bxa5 29 Qa6 Bc3 30 a4 Bd4 31 a5 Nc3 32 Rf1 Nxe4 33 Qc6 Nxf2 34 a6 Ng4+ 35 Kg2 Rb2+ 36 Kh3 f5 37 Rh1 Nf2+ 38 Kg2 Nxhl 39 Kxhl Ra2, 0 - 1.

GARBETT - GOLLOGLY, Modern Defence:  
 1 e4 g6 2 d4 Bg7 3 Nc3 d6 4 Nge2 c6 5 g3 b5 6 a3 Nf6 7 Bg2 a6 8 0-0 0-0 9 h3 Qc7 10 Be3 Nbd7 11 f4 Bb7 12 Qel e5 13 dxe5 dxe5 14 f5 a5 15 g4 b4 16 g5 bxc3 17 gxf6 Nxf6 18 Nxc3 Ba6 19 Rf2 Nh5 20 Bc5 Rfd8?! [Better was 20...

Rfe8 21 Rd1 Rad8 22 Rfd2 Bh6] 21 Qe3 Rab8? [21...Rd4] 22 Na4 Rd7 [22...NF4! 23 Bb6 Qe7] 23 Bb6 Qd6 24 Nc5 Rxb6 25 Nxd7 Rxb2 26 Rd2 Qc7 27 Rad1 Nf4 28 Nc5 Qb6 29 Rd8+, 1 - 0.

SARAPU - KER, Pirc Defence:  
 1 e4 d6 2 d4 Nf6 3 Nc3 g6 4 Be2 Bg7 5 h4 c5 6 e5 Nfd7 7 exd6 exd6 8 Nf3 Nc6 9 Be3 0-0 10 h5 Qb6 11 Nd5 Qxb2 12 hxg6 fxg6 13 Bc4 Rf7 14 Rb1 Qa3 15 Bcl Qa4 16 Qe2 Nf8 17 Nc3 Qa5 18 Bd2 Bxd4 19 Ne4 Qd8 20 Nfg5 d5 21 Nxf7 Kxf7 22 Ng5+ Kg8 23 Bb5 Nb4 24 Qf3 Qe7+ 25 Kdl h5 26 Rel Qe7 27 Be2 Bg4 28 Qb3 Rd8 29 Bxg4 hxg4 30 c3 Bxf2 31 cxb4 Bxcl 32 Bxcl c4 33 Qe3 d4 34 Qf4 b5 35 Bh4 c3 36 Ne4 Rc8 37 Rcl d3 38 Nf6+ Kh8 39 Bg5 c2+ 40 Kd2, 1 - 0 (time).

STUART - SMITH, King's Indian Defence:  
 1 c4 Nf6 2 Nc3 g6 3 e4 d6 4 d4 Bg7 5 Be2 0-0 6 Bg5 Nbd7 7 Qd2 c6 8 Nf3 e5 9 0-0 Re8 10 dxe5 dxe5 11 h3 Qe7 12 Qc2 Nc5 13 Be3 Nh5 14 Rfd1 Nf4 15 Bfl f5 16 Nd2 Nxe4 17 Ndxex4 fxe4 18 Nxe4 Bf5 19 f3 Ne6 20 c5 Bxe4 21 fxe4 Nd4 22 Qc4+ Kh8 23 Bd3 Rf8 24 Rfl Qh4 25 Rxf8+ Rxf8 26 Rfl Rxf1+ 27 Kxfl Qf6+ 28 Kgl h5 29 a3 Kh7 30 Bbl Qh4 31 Qfl Ne6 32 Qf2 Qd8 33 Ba2 Ng5? [33...Nd4] 34 Qc2 Bh6 35 Bf2 Kh8 36 Qc4 Qf8 37 Bg3 Bg7 38 h4 Nh7 39 Kh2? [39 b4 consolidates White's advantage] 39...Nf6 40 Kgl Ng4 41 b4 Bh6



42 Qf7 Qd8 43 Be1! Qf8 44 Qxf8+ Bxf8 45 Be6 Nf6 46 Bc3?! [46 Bc8! b6 47 cxb6 axb6 48 a4 Nxe4 49 Bb7 gives excellent winning chances] 46...Nxe4 47 Bxe5+ Kh7 48 Bc8 b6 49 cxb6 axb6 50 Bb7 Nd2 51 Bxc6 Nc4 52 Bd4 Nxa3 53 b5 Nc4 54 Kf2 Be7 55 g3? [55 Kf3! intending Ke4-d5] 55...Bd8 56 Be4 Bc7 57 Bd3 Nd6 58 Kf3 Nf5 59 Bf2 Kg7 60 g4 hxg4 61 Kxg4 Nd6 62 Kf3 Kf6 63 Bd4+ Kf7 64 Kg4 Bd8 65 Be5 Bc7 66 Kf4 Nxb5 67 Bxb5 Bxe5+ 68 Kxe5 Kg7 69 Kf4 Kf6 70 Kg4 Kg7 71 Kg5 Kh7 72 Be2 Kg7 73 Bd3 b5 74 Bxb5 Kh7 75 Be2 Kg7 76 Bd3 Kh8 77 Kf6 Kg8 78 Bc2 Kh8 79 Kf7 g5, ½ - ½.

ROUND 11 - 8 JANUARY

Ker (3½)	-	Garbett (7½)	Sicilian, 2 c3	½ - ½	(42)
Small (6½)	-	Sarfati (5½)	Ruy Lopez	½ - ½	(28)



Smith (5½)	- Sarapu (6½)	Colle System	½ - ½	(12)
Gollogly (5)	- Cornford (4)	Ruy Lopez, Worrall	0 - 1	(38)
Lloyd (3½)	- Clemance (4½)	Ruy Lopez	½ - ½	(?)
Green (4)	- Stuart (4)	Nimzoindian, 4 e3 b6	½ - ½	(33)

Garbett, needing only a draw for a clear first place, made an early peace offer which Ker declined. Though playing only to keep the draw in hand, Garbett never looked like winning, much to Ker's credit.

Sarfati effectively neutralised Small's initiative and agreed to a draw in a balanced position. Smith and Sarapu, playing more slowly, had agreed

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	T	1
1 Garbett P.A. North Shore	x	½	½	0	1	1	1	1	½	1	½	1	8	
2 Sarapu O. North Shore	½	x	½	½	½	½	1	0	½	1	1	1	7	
3 Small V.A. Christchurch	½	½	x	½	½	½	0	1	1	½	1	1	7	
4 Sarfati J.D. Wellington	1	½	½	x	1	½	½	½	0	½	1	0	6	
5 Smith R.W. Waitemata	0	½	½	0	x	½	½	1	½	½	1	1	6	
6 Cornford L.H. Auckland	0	½	½	½	½	x	1	½	½	½	0	½	5	
7 Gollogly D.A. North Shore	0	0	1	½	½	0	x	1	½	½	1	0	5	
8 Clemance P.A. Civic	0	1	0	½	0	½	0	x	1	1	½	½	5	
9 Green E.M. Howick-Pakuranga	½	½	0	1	½	½	0	x	½	0	½		4½	
10 Stuart P.W. North Shore	0	0	½	½	½	½	0	½	x	½	1		4½	
11 Ker A.F. Eastbourne	½	0	0	0	0	1	0	½	1	½	x	½	4	
12 Lloyd A.J. Canterbury	0	0	0	1	0	½	1	½	½	0	½	x	4	

Despite Garbett's superior pre-tournament rating, few would have predicted such an emphatic victory. Paul often used simple, direct, even blunt, variations as against Stuart, Cornford and Clemance - and made his wins seem easy, the mark of a player in good form. As last year he did not let an early loss upset him and even began playing more sharply and riskily in order to win.

Garbett is not noted for consistency and has, for example, placed first and last in successive Championships. It would thus be premature to speak of a successor to Sarapu but his form this year, with a performance rating of 2410, was most impressive.

Vernon Small's opening play yet again secured him many excellent positions as against Smith, Clemance, Green, Lloyd and Ker. Unlike Garbett, he was generally unwilling to take risks to capitalise on his advantage or create winning chances from a level position. As a rule he made the most of what winning chances he did create; these wins were very harmonious and thematic. Against Smith and myself he might have picked up extra half points and so pressed

their draw just before.

In the only decisive game of the round I played an over-ambitious knight manoeuvre, prompted in part by the tournament situation. After this I got a bad game and lost horribly.

Green's early foray led to an ending regarded by theory as slightly better for White but Stuart soon equalised. Score of Lloyd-Clemance not available.

Garbett but eight points would be near optimum from the positions he obtained.

With Ortvin Sarapu's outstanding record in New Zealand Championships, it was easy to overlook that he was conceding nearly thirty years to the rest of the field and was perhaps affected more than most by the decision to have only one rest day. With only 50% after seven rounds he was facing a poor result but then unleashed some determined aggressive chess to score three wins and a draw for a respectable final total and a share of second place.

In fourth equal place Jonathan Sarfati could well have done better. He actually won the "prizewinners' round-robin" but was badly affected by a blunder and a poor opening against Lloyd and Green respectively. In future years he should be a contender for top honours.

In contrast Robert Smith can have little reason to be disappointed with his final total. Only against Ker did he hit top form; he profited from a blunder from Clemance and might normally expect to score fewer points from poor or lost positions against Green, Small, Cornford and Stuart. Results

Speak for themselves, however, and it makes a change to see things going Robert's way, unlike in some previous Congresses.

Cornford made an atrocious start but then rallied with an eight game drawing streak including some solid efforts against the top half of the field. His result owed nothing to a detailed knowledge of opening theory; this was most evident in his handling of the Sicilian as white where he seemed determined to get in Bg5 no matter what system Black played. Lindsay is a most unlikely candidate for drawing master but in this tournament showed he can be very hard to beat.

After a year away from the game I was not expecting to score too many points. Nevertheless, for most of the tournament I progressed satisfactorily, if haltingly, just above the 50% mark but finished disastrously. I tended to spend too much time on the opening, a result of poor preparation; hasty middlegame play often cost me the full point, wrecking an excellent position against Lloyd and reasonable ones against Garbett, Sarapu and Cornford.

Philip Clemance played a mixture of very good and very bad chess. His games versus Sarapu and Stuart in particular showed that he could well improve his placing with a little more consistency.

Ewen Green again sold himself short; he was plagued by time trouble, particularly against Cornford, Ker and Smith, and by a lack of confidence resulting in several quick draw offers. Significantly, few were game to decline his offer, indicating that they do not share his opinion of his playing strength.

Peter Stuart began well but missed several half points in later rounds through time trouble, tiredness or disenchantment. There must be a message in the final placings of the tournament's time trouble addicts.

Bottom seed Anthony Ker had many perilous positions but never gave up and finished with a quite reasonable tally of points. He will have improved with this tournament and his last round game against Garbett was some indication that this will not be his last New Zealand Championship.

Adrian Lloyd was off form, perhaps jaded after the Asian Junior. Intermittently he showed excellent tactical

awareness and has undoubted potential but he was prone to sloppy analysis in this tournament.

The organisers are to be congratulated on securing one of the best venues in recent years, a rather luxurious conference centre at Auckland Hospital.

The accommodation in a nearby nurses' home was of a similarly high standard and at \$84 per week for full board represented excellent value.

The decision to have only one rest day, after round seven, is one which future organisers should consider carefully. The reasoning was that it would be best to end the Congress on the Sunday so that players would not have to take an extra day off work. Indeed, this may have contributed to the large entry. On the other hand, with the last round starting at 12:30, many players from outside Auckland could not have been sure of travelling home on the Sunday and had to take the Monday off in any case. An extra rest day is desirable after New Year's eve, gives foreigners a chance to look around and, most importantly, provides a day of rest.

In addition there was no Lightning Championship or inter-island soccer game this year (luckily for the southerners). Most players I spoke to felt that one rest day was a backward step.

Thanks are due to Nigel Metge whose firm direction, with assistance from Jon Stephenson and Alan Hignett, contributed to a smoothly run tournament.

#### NEW ZEALAND CH'P STATISTICS

White won 21 games, Black 12 and 33 were drawn. The percentage of draws is very high although, with such a strong and relatively even field, this was perhaps to be expected. White's share of the total points was a rather normal 56.82%.

Lindsay Cornford (539) and Peter Stuart (536) played the most moves, Ewen Green (257) the least.

Open and semi-open games were the most popular, scoring +15 -8 = 21, while closed and flank openings scored +6 -4 =11. The Sicilian Defence (+7 -4 =13) was far and away the most used opening and was followed by the Ruy Lopez (+4 -1 =6) and the King's Indian Defence (+1 -2 =4).

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# The 1983-84 Premier Reserve

		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	T'1	SOS
1	Freeman M R	O	W28	W49	W27	D23	W4	W11	W5	D6	W8	W9	D2	9½
2	Aldridge, G J	Twa	W80	W53	D24	D12	W27	L13	W20	W10	W22	W7	D1	8½ 74½
3	Spain G A	Ham	W57	L21	W68	W26	L14	W30	W18	W33	D7	W6	W8	8½ 72
4	van Dijk P	Nel	W43	D32	W46	W16	L1	D14	D29	W11	D12	W19	W17	8 75
5	McLaren L J	Civ	W79	L24	W85	W50	W23	W20	L1	L8	W36	W12	W11	8 71
6	Walden G J	AU	W36*	W40	D16	D7	W28	W21	W13	D1	L9	L3	W26	7½ 78
7	Scott M J	SS	D51	W48	W30	D6	D8	W31	W11	D22	D3	L2	W25	7½ 75
8	Dive R J	Twa	W54	L58	W77	W17	D7	W34	W15	W5	L1	W21	L3	7½ 75
9	Spiller T W L	Civ	D63	W51	W34	L22	W19	D29	W25	W13	W6	L1	D10	7½ 74
10	Hensman P J	A	W74	L29	W72	L28	W50	W16	W23	L2	W31	W22	D9	7½ 68½
11	van Dijk T	Nel	W75	W61	W17	W15	W13	L1	L7	L4	W32	W27	L5	7 75½
12	van Ginkel J P	Nel	W59	D30	W41	D2	D31	D23	W35	D21	D4	L5	W32	7 74½
13	Steadman M V R	A	W50	W39	W58	W19	L11	W2	L6	L9	L27	W29	W35	7 72
14	Haase G G	O	W71	D41	D32	W37	W3	D4	L22	W46	D21	L17	W27	7 70½
15	Fitzpatrick S	A	W65	W42	W29	L11	W35	D22	L8	D32	D24	W23	D21	7 69½
16	Taylor R	HP	W68	W55	D6	L4	W53	L10	D47	D28	W60	W40	D18	7 68½
17	Cater J E	SS	W94	W18	L11	L8	W63	W39	L21	W45	W33	W14	L4	7 68
18	Cooper D J	PN	W56	L17	W87	W58	L20	W28	L3	W37	D23	W34	D16	7 68
19	Lynn K W	Ham	W66	W31	W35	L13	L9	W48	L45	W60	W29	L4	W28	7 67½
20	Dreyer M P	Civ	D52	W70	D38	W32	W18	L5	L2	L31	W63	W50	W45	7 67½
21	Spiller P S	HP	D48	W3	W60	W24	D22	L6	W17	D12	D14	L8	D15	6½ 75
22	Alexander B M	Cen	D47	W63	W44	W9	D21	D15	W14	D7	L2	L10	D24	6½ 74½
23	Wheeler B	A	W77	W33	W45	D1	L5	D12	L10	W59	D18	L15	W46	6½ 72½
24	Hopewell N H	A	W97	W5	D2	L21	W46	D25	L33	W43	D15	D28	D22	6½ 67½
25	Marsick B H P	Pap	W67	L27	W84	D29	W61	D24	L9	D58	W65	W30	L7	6½ 63½
26	Kaspar W	NS	L27	D76	W83	L3	L62	W72	W81	W48	W47	W39	L6	6½ 61
27	Wilson M C	C	W26	W25	L1	W33	L2	D45	D37	W35	W13	L11	L14	6 75½
28	Boswell T J	Wan	L1	W69	W82	W10	L6	L18	W65	D16	W45	D24	L19	6 71½
29	Ion G J	Civ	W92	W10	L15	D25	W73	D9	D4	D36	L19	L13	W62	6 69½
30	Notley D G	HP	W87	D12	L7	W51	D38	L3	D70	W52	W41	L25	D39	6 66½
31	Robinson J P	Wai	W86	L19	W79	W45	D12	L7	D49	W20	L10	L35	W66	6 66½
32	Rawnsley L D	A	W84	D4	D14	L90	W71	D42	W55	D15	L11	W33	L12	6 65½
33	Gibbons R E	A	W64	L23	W95	L27	W43	W65	W24	L3	L17	L32	W48	6 64
34	Knightbridge W H	A	D91	W52	L9	W36	W75	L8	D59	D47	W58	L18	D40	6 63
35	Spencer-Smith G J	NS	W76	W72	L19	W39	L15	W58	L12	L27	W64	W31	L13	6 63
36	Reid A	PN	L6*	W95	D49	L34	W44	W61	W38	D29	L5	L37	W60	6 63
37	Stracy D M	Twa	W78	L45	W62	L14	D47	W73	D27	L18	D55	W36	D38	6 62½
38	Cribbitt P F	Cen	D70	W47	D20	D61	D30	D60	L36	D50	D54	W55	D37	6 61½
39	van Dam S	Rem	W96	L13	W71	L35	D59	L17	W73	W51	W46	L26	D30	6 58½
40	White M	Civ	W95	L6	L50	D72	W91	W62	L46	W53	W42	L16	D34	6 58
41	Corry R J	UH	W93	D14	L12	L75	W90	L47	W62	W70	L30	W59	D44	6 57½
42	Bojtor J	HP	W89	L15	D55	D63	W70	D32	L60	W71	L40	D62	W65*	6 57
43	Grkow A	UH	L4	L84	W93	W87	L33	W76	W74	L24	L49	W67	W54	6 56½
44	Hoskyn G A	Wan	W90	D46	L22	L73	L36	W78	W88	D55	D59	W51	D60	6 55
45	Field D W	HP	W62	W37	L23	L31	W64	D27	W19	L17	L28	W49	L20	5½ 67
46	Boyd K M	O	W83	D44	L4	W74	L24	W75	W40	L14	L39	W47	L23	5½ 64½
47	McIntosh A D	O	D22	L38	D76	W52	D37	W41	D16	D34	L26	L46	W74	5½ 64
48	Wood R	Civ	D21	L7	W81	D60	W45	L19	D71	L26	W78	W54	L33	5½ 62½
49	Whitlock H P	Wan	W69	L1	D36	D70	L65	W83	D31	D64	W43	L45	D56	5½ 62
50	Brown S A	UH	L13	W96	W40	L5	L10	W95	D64	D38	W74	L20	D57	5½ 59½
51	Aldridge A L	Twa	D7	L9	W86	L30	L81	W77	W79	L39	W73	L32	W70	5½ 59
52	Goodwillie C	Ham	D20	L34	D54	L47	W89	D56	W61	L30	W75	W82	L43	5½ 58½

		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	T'1	SOS
53	Shuker R	HP	W88	L2	D74	W55	L16	L59	D75	L40	D89	W78	W71	5½ 57
54	Ker C M	Eas	L8	D81	D52	W67	L58	L71	W93	W56	D38	L48	W75	5½ 56½
55	Cooper P R	Wan	W98*	L16	D42	L53	W72	W79	L32	D44	D37	L38	W80	5½ 56
56	Martin-Buss B	Wai	L18	D94	L73	D83	W96	D52	D82	L54	W92	W81	D49	5½ 47
57	O'Connor J A	Wai	L3	L82	L96	L89	BYE	W86	W68	W61	L66	W64	D50	5½ 46½
58	Bennett P E	UH	W81	W8	L13	L18	W54	L35	D66	D25	L34	D80	D63	5 64
59	Mathieson J S	C	L12	L87	W78	W68	D39	W53	D34	L23	D44	L41	D61	5 61
60	Mitchell R S	Twa	D85	W91	L21	D48	W76	D38	W42	L19	L16	D66	L36	5 61
61	Williams B M	A	W73	L11	W65	D38	L25	L36	L52	L57	W83	W76	D59	5 59½
62	Powell R	SS	L45	W78	L37	D77	W26	L40	L41	W88	W90	D42	L29	5 58
63	McRae S	A	D9	L22	W91	D42	L17	L70	W95	W82	L20	D71	D58	5 57½
64	Beesley R	Ham	L33	L77	W89	W84	L45	W67	D50	D49	L35	W57	W72	5 55½
65	Weston R	Rem	L15	W89	L61	W96	W49	L63	L28	W68	L25	W85	L42*	5 55½
66	Bradley N A	NS	L19	D86	D67	L76	W84	W81	D58	L74	W57	D60	L31	5 54½
67	Bell D I	Wan	L25	D85	D66	L54	W93	L64	W92	L65	W72	L43	W81	5 52½
68	Brett K W	A	L16	W98*	L3	L59	W87	L74	L57	L89	W86	W91	W85	5 49
69	Allen Mrs E G	O	L49	L28	W97	L71	L82	D87	L72	D83	W95	W92	W84	5 42½
70	Stewart M I	Air	D38	L20	W90	D49	L42	W63	D30	L41	D71	D74	L51	4½ 59½
71	Byford C	A	L14	W93	L39	W69	L32	W54	D48	L42	D70	D63	L53	4½ 59½
72	Boswell W	Wan	W82	L35	L10	D40	L55	L26	W69	W76	L67	W90	L64	4½ 58½
73	Bartocci K	A	L61	D75	W56	W44	L29	L17	L39	W77	L51	L79	W88	4½ 58
74	Mears G W	NS	L10	W92	D53	L46	D88	W68	L43	W66	L50	D70	L47	4½ 57
75	Morrison M K	A	L11	D73	W94	W41	L34	L46	D53	D90	L52	W89	L54	4½ 55
76	Henderson A J	NS	L35	D26	D47	W66	L60	L43	D91	L72	W88	L61	W87	4½ 54
77	Boyd J K	NS	L23	W64	L8	D62	L79	L51	W87	L73	L81	W84	W89	4½ 53½
78	Shields J	Wai	L37	L62	L59	D97	W80	L44	W83	W79	L48	L53	W90	4½ 50½
79	Raines T	A	L5	W97	L31	D88	W77	L55	L51	L78	W87	W73	-	4½ 46½
80	Schofield G S	A	L2	L88	D92	L81	L78	D97	W86	W94	W91	D58	L55	4½ 45½
81	Eccles S	Wai	4	87	Aburn S	Civ	3½	93	Gordon M A	W	3½			
82	Trundle G E	A	4	88	Chandler J	NS	3½	94	Williams R G	Wai	2½			
83	Edwards D	C	4	89	McClory J J	C	A	3½	95	Keith J G	NS	2		
84	Watson M J	A	4	90	King P C	Civ	3½	96	Atkinson I E	NS	1			
85	McNally I	A	4	91	Dunwoody M L	A	3½	97	Rudkins L R	A	1			
86	Capie M	HV	4	92	Borovskis J	HP	3½	98	Noble M F	HV	0			

Abbreviations: A = Auckland Centre, Air = Air New Zealand, AU = Auckland University, C = Canterbury, Cen = Central, Civ = Civic, Eas = Eastbourne, Ham = Hamilton, HP = Howick-Pakuranga, HV = Hutt Valley, Nel = Nelson, NS = North Shore, O = Otago, Pap = Papatoetoe, PN = Palmerston North, Rem = Remuera, SS = Sirius Systems, Twa = Tawa, UH = Upper Hutt, W = Wellington, Wai = Waitemata, Wan = Wanganui, \* = default.

## Report: Michael Freeman

The 1983/84 Honeywell Computers Premier Reserve saw the gathering of one of the largest fields for a single tournament in New Zealand with ninety-eight entries. This large number of players made it necessary to distribute the games across two rooms. The top 20 players joined the two Championships downstairs in a spacious room while the rest played in slightly cramped conditions upstairs. This situation resulted in some healthy competition amongst the players just behind the leaders for 'promotion' to a downstairs board.

The large field also led many to feel

that the score of 8½ points, usually enough for a share of first, would not suffice here. Hence competition was fierce with almost no short draws of the sort played across the aisle on the Championship boards.

All of the top twenty seeds could be considered favourites with Leonard McLaren, Michael Freeman, Michael Steadman, Peter Hensman and Paul Spiller probably having the lowest odds. It was good to see Paul willing to play after missing Championship selection and the question must be asked as to the whereabouts of some of the others who missed

out. One unknown quantity was Willi Kaspar, a visitor from Germany, whose overseas ELO rating made him the third seed. His early results didn't justify this placing but jetlag could have been a contributing factor as Willi had arrived in NZ on Christmas Eve after an eight-day journey from Europe.

The first few rounds showed that there were plenty of heffalump trappers lurking in the middle of the seeding order. Leonard McLaren got caught by Nigel Hopewell, while Peter Hensman was trapped by Gavin Ion and Tony Boswell, Paul Spiller and Mike Scott fell into shallower holes and emerged with draws.

Michael Steadman and Tom van Dijk were the only players to win their first four games and were paired to play on New Years Day. Before the tournament started Michael was joking with other players as to some lucky fellow gaining a free point in round five due to New Years celebrations, so his game was watched with interest. Michael gained an excellent opening and won a pawn but something went wrong and he resigned at the adjournment. Freeman punished Peter van Dijk for opening the centre too soon and moved into second place. Defending champion Ben Alexander drew with Paul Spiller to stay with the pack on 4/5.

Round six saw Freeman complete the van Dijk double and take over the lead when Tom misplayed a knight and pawn ending, allowing White's a-pawn to distract the black pieces while his knight cleaned up the kingside pawns.

Greg Aldridge and Steadman played one of the tournament's most interesting games, with Aldridge gaining a queen and three pawns versus Steadman's three pieces. With the dust having settled, Greg played a couple of quiet moves, one of which placed his queen on the same diagonal as his king; Steadman gleefully played Bh3, pinning the queen and gaining the point. This left the scores after six rounds at Freeman 5½; McLaren, Steadman, T. van Dijk and Walden 5.

Round seven proved the first turning point of the tournament. McLaren gained a promising attack in the early middlegame but lost when Freeman headed for the swamps. Walden disposed of Steadman to remain half a point off the pace. Alexander

was very severe on Haase's Latvian Gambit while, nearby, Wheeler and Hensman both made lunges for the opposing king - Hensman proving to have the longer reach. Graham Spain and Tim Spiller both started runs to the top at the expense of Dave Cooper and Bruce Marsick. The only rest day was held after this round and Auckland turned on a fine day for the benefit of southern visitors. Scores: Freeman 6½; Walden 6; Scott, Alexander and Dive 5½.

The next round saw Walden and Freeman fight out a heavyweight draw but only Russell Dive took advantage, scoring an easy win over McLaren. Peter van Dijk showed that times have changed since the Auckland Chess Centre was founded one hundred years ago by beating his father.

Freeman's lead opened to a full point after round nine when Dive blundered a pawn soon after declining a draw. Walden put paid to his own chances when he converted a won bishop versus knight ending into a win for his opponent, Tim Spiller. McLaren and T. van Dijk found the winning way again but Steadman continued his downwards (upstairs) slide when he made a real hash of a Caro-Kann against Wilson. Greg Aldridge gained his revenge on Alexander for last year with a nice attack on the queenside-castled king. Scores: Freeman 8; T. Spiller and Aldridge 7; Scott, Walden, Dive and Spain 6½.

For a while it looked like Freeman's bogie of having lost in round ten in all four of his previous Premier Reserves may continue when Tim Spiller gained an advantage after repulsing an early attack. However, a few inaccuracies swung the game around. Scott lost an exchange early on and ran himself into horrible time trouble, but somehow emerged with drawing chances at the adjournment. It all proved in vain, though, as another time scramble at the move 56 time control gave Aldridge the full point. Spain moved into third place at the expense of Walden while McLaren gave John van Ginkel his first and only loss. This left the scores going into the last round at: Freeman 9; G. Aldridge 8; Dive and Spain 7½, with six players on 7.

Aldridge made little attempt to

beat Freeman and a quick draw resulted. Dive looked to have the advantage but Spain turned the tables to join Aldridge in equal second place. McLaren and P. van Dijk were the 7-pointers to win, thus completing a young looking prize list.

For Michael Freeman the win made the expense and conditions of the New Delhi trip and a month's hard preparation seem worthwhile. The tactical awareness generated by three months' full-time chess seemed to catch many opponents. Greg Aldridge has been getting closer to the top each year with his controlled brand of tactical chess and must be a favourite for next year's title. One of the surprises was Graham Spain whose excellent finish of 5½/6 was the result of some very determined play.

Leonard McLaren had some excellent positional ideas but a lack of tactical ability cost him a couple of games. No doubt he will be working to improve this aspect of his game. Many juniors showed promise, especially Martin Dreyer (7), Mark Wilson and Tony Boswell (6), and Charles Ker (5½). Michael Steadman showed that he still remembers the teachings of the late Dr Fairhurst, while Paul Spiller, Bob Gibbons and Howard Whitlock will be among the disappointed.

Nigel Metge did an excellent job as the Director of Play, assisted by a helpful Jon Stephenson who locked himself in his office, only to emerge near the end of each round with a very readable bulletin.

Grade prizes were won by:  
Under 1900: 1st = G. Walden and R. Dive (7½)

Under 1500: 1st J. A. O'Connor (5½)  
2nd = Ms E. Allen and K. W. Brett (5)

T.VAN DIJK - STEADMAN, Sicilian Najdorf:

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Bg5 Nbd7 7 f4 h6 8 Bh4 Qb6 9 Qd2 e5 10 Nb3 exf4 11 Bf2 Qc7 12 Qxf4 Ne5 13 0-0-0 Be7 14 h3 b5 15 Nd4 b4 16 Nce2 Nh5 17 Qh2 Bb7 18 g4 Nf6 19 Ng3 Nxe4 20 Nxe4 Bxe4 21 Bg2 Bxg2 22 Qxg2 Rc8 23 Bg3 g6 24 Kb1 0-0 25 Bf4 Bg5 26 Bxg5 hxg5 27 h4 Kg7 28 hxg5 Rh8 29 Rh6 Qd8 30 Rxh8 Qxh8 31 Qb7 Qe8 32 Qxa6 Qd7 33 Qe2 Nxg4 34 Nb5-Re8 35 Qd3 Re3 36 Qd4+ Re5 37 Nxd6 Kg8 38 Rh1

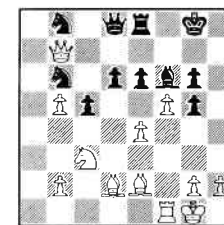
Qe7 39 Ne4 f5 40 gxf6 Nxf6 41 Nxf6+ Qxf6 42 Qxb4, 1-0.

WILSON-FREEMAN, Sicilian Najdorf:

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Bg5 e6 7 f4 Qb6 8 Qd2 Qxb2 9 Rb1 Qa3 10 Bxf6 gxf6 11 Be2 Bg7 12 0-0 0-0 13 f5 Nc6 14 Nb3 Ne5 15 Rf4 Bh6 16 Bf1 Qb4 17 Re1 Kh8 18 a3 Bxf4 19 Qxf4 Qb6+ 20 Kh1 Rg8 21 h3 Rg7 22 Ne2 exf5 23 exf5 Bd7 24 Ng3 Rg5 25 Re3 Rag8 26 Be2 Bc6 27 h4 Qxe3 28 Qxe3 Rxg3 29 Qh6 Rh3+, 0-1.

FREEMAN - P.VAN DIJK, Benko Gambit:

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 b5 4 cxb5 a6 5 Nc3 (The usual move here is acceptance of the gambit by 5 bxa6 Bxa6 when Black obtains a slight lead in development and lasting queenside pressure for the pawn) 5...g6 (After 5...axb5 White continues 6 e4 b4 7 Nb5 d6 8 Nf3 and if now 8...Nxe4 then 9 Bc4 g6 10 Qe2 Nf6 11 Bf4 Ra6 12 Nxd6+ Rxd6 13 Bb5+ winning) 6 e4 d6 7 f4 Nfd7 8 Nf3 Bg7 9 a4 0-0 10 Bd2 (The idea behind my last two moves is to recapture on b5 with the a-pawn, keeping Black's queenside pieces bottled up) 10...Bb7 11 Be2 axb5 12 axb5 Nb6 13 0-0 Rxa1 14 Qxa1 e6? (A poor move, although it requires energetic play to prove it. Much better was 14...N8d7 15 b3 Qc7 16 Bc4 Ra8 when the extra pawn means little) 15 Qa7?! (The wrong move order; correct was 15 dxe6 fxe6 16 Qa7 Re8 transposing to the game) 15...Re8 16 dxe6 fxe6 17 Ng5 h6 (Or 17...Qc7 18 Bg4 and Black is in trouble) 18 Qxb7 hxg5 19 f5 Bf6



20 e5! (The winning move; the queen can now retreat to f3) 20...dxe5 21 fxd6 Re7 22 Qf3 N8d7 23 Ne4 Nd5 24 Nxf6+ N7xf6 25 Bxg5 e4 26 Qf2 Rd7 27 Bxf6 Nxf6 28

Qxf6 Qxf6 29 Rxf6 Rd2 30 Kf1 Rxb2 31 Rxe6, 1-0. (Notes by Michael Freeman)

N.HOPEWELL - McLAREN, French Defence:

1 e4 e6 2 Nf3 d5 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 d4 Be7 6 Bd3 b6 7 Ne2 Ba6 8 c4 dxc4 9 Be4 c6 10 Nf4 Qc7 11 h4

Bb7 12 Qc2 c5 13 d5 Nxe5 14 dxe6  
Nxf3+ 15 gxf3 f6



16 Bxh7 Bxf3 17  
Rg1 Bd6 18 Bg6+  
Kd8 19 Be4 Bxf4  
20 Bxf3 Bxc1 21  
Rxc1 Nc6 22 Rd1+  
Kc8 23 Qe4 Re8  
24 Rxc7 Qe5 25  
Qxe5 fxe5 26  
Bxc6, 1 - 0.

#### McLAREN - WHEELER, Queen's Pawn:

1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 g6 3 Bf4 Bg7 4 h3 0-0  
5 e3 c5 6 Nbd2 cxd4 7 exd4 Nc6 8 c3  
d6 9 Bc4 Nh5 10 Bh2 e5 11 dxe5 dxe5  
12 0-0 Qb6 13 Bb3 Nf4 14 Nc4 Qc5 15  
Qd6 Qxd6 16 Nxd6 Na5 17 Rfel Nxb3 18  
axb3 Be6 19 Nxe5 Bxe5 20 Rxe5 Nd3 21  
Re3 Nc5 22 b4 Nb3 23 Rd1 a5 24 c4 b5  
25 Rxb3 bxc4 26 Ra3 axb4 27 Raal b3  
28 Be5 Ra2 29 Nb5 f6 30 Bc3 Bf5 31  
Na3 Bc2 32 Re1 Bf5 33 Rxa2 bxa2 34  
Ral Rd8 35 Rxa2 Rd1+ 36 Kh2 Kg7 37  
Nxc4, 1 - 0.

#### WILSON - G. ALDRIDGE, Ruy Lopez:

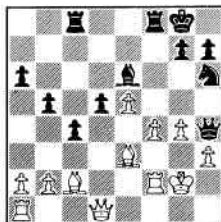
1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6  
5 0-0 Nxe4 6 d4 b5 7 Bb3 d5 8 dxe5  
Be6 9 c3 Be7 10 Re1 0-0 11 Nd4 Nxd4  
12 cxd4 Bb4 13 Re2 Ng5 14 Nd2 f6 15  
f4 Bxd2 16 Bxd2 Nf7 17 Rf2 Nh6 18 h3  
fxe5 19 dxe5 c5 20 Be3 Rc8 21 g4 c4  
22 Bc2 Qh4 23 Kg2

## The Honeywell Computers N.Z. Women's Ch'p

	Met	Bur	Str	Car	Jon	T'l
1 Metge K. <i>Howick-Pakuranga</i>	x x	½ 1	½ 1	0 1	1 1	6
2 Burndred V.J. <i>Waitemata</i>	½ 0	x x	1 ½	0 1	1 1	5
3 Stretch W.R. <i>North Shore</i>	½ 0	0 ½	x x	1 1	1 1	5
4 Carline-Powell L.V. <i>North Shore</i>	1 0	1 0	0 0	x x	1 1	4
5 Jones G.M. <i>North Shore</i>	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	x x	0

The New Zealand Women's Championship again failed to attract more than a handful of players - just enough for a meaningful tournament. With only five players, each had two byes in addition to two rest days. One can only wonder what would happen with SEVEN entries!

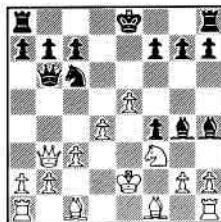
Defending champion Vivian Burndred and past champion Winsome Stretch could be expected to do well but Katrine Metge, with several good results in open events, was probably the favourite. It was, however, none of these that made the early running. Lynn Carline-



23...Bxg4 24  
hxg4 Nxg4 25 Rf3  
Qh2+ 26 Kf1 Nxe3+  
27 Rxe3 Rxf4+ 28  
Rf3 Qh3+ 29 Kf2  
Rxf3+ 30 Qxf3  
Rf8, 0 - 1.

#### STEADMAN - G. ALDRIDGE, King's Gambit:

1 e4 e5 2 f4 exf4 3 Nf3 Be7 4 Nc3  
Bh4+ 5 Ke2 d5 6 Nxd5 Nf6 7 Nxf6+ Qxf6  
8 d4 Bg4 9 e5 Qb6 10 c3 Nc6 11 Qb3



11...Nxd4+ 12  
cxd4 Qxd4 13 g3  
0-0-0 14 Bg2 Qe4+  
15 Kf2 Rd3 16 Re1  
fxg3+ 17 hxg3  
Bxg3+ 18 Kxg3  
Qxel+ 19 Kxg4  
Qe4+ 20 Kg3 Rxb3  
21 axb3 a6 22 Bf4  
Qg6+ 23 Kh2 Rd8  
24 Rcl Qf5?? 25 Bh3  
27 Rc3, 1 - 0.

#### WHEELER - HENSMAN, Petroff Defence:

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 d4 Nxe4 4 dxe5  
d5 5 Bd3 Nc5 6 0-0 Bg4 7 Nbd2 Nc6 8  
h3 Bh5 9 Bb5 a6 10 Bxc6+ bxc6 11 g4  
Bg6 12 Nd4 h5 13 f4 Qh4 14 Qf3 Ne4  
15 Nxe4 Bxe4 16 Qc3 Bc5 17 Rf2 Bxd4  
18 Qxc6+ Kf8, 0 - 1.

Powell took the early lead with two straight wins. At the half-way stage she led with 3/4 followed by Burndred & Stretch 2½; Metge 2; Gwen Jones 0.

The second half saw a complete reversal of fortunes as Metge won all four games to finish a full point clear. The seventh round was critical; Burndred beat Carline-Powell while Metge won against Stretch to gain a share of the lead. Burndred took the lead briefly after round eight when Metge had her second bye. Katrine regained the lead the next day when Vivian had her bye.

## International Ratings, 1 January

The 1 January 1984 FIDE Rating List sees both World Champions relegated to second place on the respective lists. \* indicates IM; \*\* indicates untitled; all others are GMs. The list includes the top 100.

Kasparov	USR	2710
Karpov	USR	2700
Korchnoi	SWI	2635
Ljubojevic	YUG	2635
Andersson	SWE	2630
Vaganian	USR	2630
Portisch	HUN	2625
Hübner	BRD	2620
Tal	USR	2620
Hort	CZE	2615
Polugaevsky	USR	2615
Spassky	USR	2615
Miles	ENG	2610
Ribli	HUN	2610
Timman	NLD	2610
Nunn	ENG	2600
Smyslov	USR	2600
Browne	USA	2585
Petrosian	USR	2580
Romanishin	USR	2580
Sax	HUN	2575
Adorian	HUN	2570
Agzamov*	USR	2570
Ftacnik	CZE	2570
Nikolic P.	YUG	2570
Yusupov	USR	2570
Belyavsky	USR	2565
Larsen	DEN	2565
Torre	PHI	2565
Geller	USR	2560
Sosonko	NLD	2560
Kovacevic	YUG	2555
Christiansen	USA	2550
Ivanov*	CAN	2550
Tukmakov	USR	2550
Gurevich	USA	2545
Kavalek	USA	2545
Smejkal	CZE	2545
Lputyan*	USR	2540
Mestel	ENG	2540
Spraggett*	CAN	2540
Balashov	USR	2535
Chekhov*	USR	2535
Psakhis	USR	2535
Schmid	BRD	2530
Dolmatov	USR	2525
Farago	HUN	2525
Ivanovic B.	YUG	2525
Marjanovic	YUG	2525
Seirawan	USA	2525
Suba	RUM	2525
Byrne	USA	2520
Kudrin*	USA	2520
Lobron	BRD	2520
Alburt	USA	2515
Chandler	ENG	2515
De Firmian*	USA	2515
Dorfman	USR	2515
Garcia G.	CUB	2515
Panno	ARG	2515
Pinter	HUN	2515
Popovic P.	YUG	2515
Sveshnikov	USR	2515
Taimanov	USR	2515
Van der Wiel	NLD	2515
Yrjola**	FIN	2515
Gligoric	YUG	2510
Hulak	YUG	2510
Csom	HUN	2505
Kuzmin	USR	2505
Lombardy	USA	2505
Quinteros	ARG	2505
Tarjan	USA	2505
Tseshkovsky	USR	2505
Uhlmann	DDR	2505
Arnason*	ICE	2500
Djuric	YUG	2500
Peters*	USA	2500
Pfleger	BRD	2500
Razuvaev	USR	2500
Rivas*	SPA	2500
Short*	ENG	2500
Stean	ENG	2500
Velimirovic	YUG	2500
Abramovic*	YUG	2495
Evans	USA	2495
Georgadze	USR	2495
Gheorghiu	RUM	2495
Henley	USA	2495
Kurajica	YUG	2495
Makarichev	USR	2495
Najdorf	ARG	2495
Olafsson F.	ICE	2495
Sokolov*	USR	2495
Speelman	ENG	2495
Wedberg*	SWE	2495
Benjamin*	USA	2490
Dementiev**	USR	2490
Donchev*	BUL	2490
Groszpetar*	HUN	2490

There are nine countries with three or more in the top 100. They are (with 1/7/83 figure in brackets): U.S.S.R. 29 (31), U.S.A. 15 (15), Yugoslavia 12 (10), Hungary 8 (7), England 7 (7), West Germany 4 (4), Argentina 3 (3), Czechoslovakia 3 (3) and Netherlands 3 (3).

The ratings of New Zealand players are unchanged from the last list - other than that of Craig Laird who is now listed as Australian.

The FIDE Rating System is now administered by the US Chess Federation who produced a 60-page book which included a national list for each country. Thus we find that Yugoslavia has 499 names on the Men's list compared with only 240 for the U.S.S.R. West Germany has 304, United States 255, Poland 227, Hungary 157, Argentina 128, England 115 and Czechoslovakia 103.

Despite Swede Pia Cramling's top place the U.S.S.R. still dominates the Women's list with six of the top seven. Here are the top 12: Cramling (SWE) 2405, Chiburdanidze (USR) 2385, Aleksandria (USR) 2370, Caprindashvili (USR) 2330, Akhmilovskaya (USR) 2300, Ioseliani (USR) 2290, Litinskaya (USR) 2280, Polgar (HUN) 2275, Brustman (POL) 2270, Hund (BRD) 2270, Lematchko (SWI) 2270 and Veröci-Petronic (HUN) 2250.

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## The FIDE General Assembly 1983

The FIDE General Assembly meeting in Manila did more than discuss the Candidates' semifinals.

There were two new members admitted: Barbados (zone 8) and San Marino (zone 1). FIDE membership now stands at 121 (including the suspended South Africa).

The International Grandmaster title was awarded to Murray Chandler (ENG), Lutz Espig (DDR), Dmitry Gurevich (USA), Zlató Kláric (YUG) & Predrag Nikolac (YUG). Also, for past performances, to V. Alatorstsev (USR), A. Konstantinopolsky (USR) & Erik Lundin (SWE).

As well 47 International Master titles and 301 FIDE Master titles were awarded or confirmed.

Changes were made to the Zonal structure, the new zones being as follows: 1 Western Europe, 2 Central Europe (incl. Israel), 3 Eastern Europe, 4 U.S.S.R., 5 Balkans, 6 United States, 7 Canada, 8 Central America / Caribbean, 9 South America, 10 West Asia, 11 East Asia / Pacific, 12 Northern Africa (excl. Egypt) & 13 Southern Africa (+ Egypt).

Perhaps the most far-reaching decision was the adoption of the FIDE PLAN which

incorporates major changes to FIDE competitions. First, the World Championship will be run on a two-year cycle henceforth and there will once again be provision for return matches should the champion lose.

The first year of the cycle sees Zonals and then three Interzonals from which the top four qualify (with the top four from the previous Candidates') for a new Candidates' Tournament. The top four from this Candidates' Tournament will then play semifinal and final matches early in the second year with the World Championship match later in the same year.

Olympiads will continue in even-number years while a new World Team Championship of ten teams will be held quadriennially starting in 1985, the matches being played on six boards.

Continental Team Championships will also be held quadriennially from 1983.

Thus 1984 will see the World Ch'p and the Olympiads. In 1985 there will be Zonals, Interzonals, Candidates' Tournament, World Team Ch'p and, possibly, a return World Championship match.



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## Overseas News

At STARA PAZOVA (October 1983) two IMs made GM norms in tying for first place ahead of six GMs. Scores: 1-2 IM Agzamov (USR) & IM Simic (YUG) 10½; 3 GM Ivkov (YUG) 9½; 4 GM Adorian (HUN) 9; 5-6 IM Arnason (ICE) & GM Velimirovic (YUG) 8½; 7 GM Ivanovic (YUG) 7½; 8 GM Rajkovic (YUG) 7; 9-10 IM de Firmian (USA) & IM Horvath (HUN) 6½; 11-12 Kosanovic (YUG) & GM Tringov (BUL) 6; 13 Nicic (YUG) 4; 14 Dolianin (YUG) 3; 15 Skoko (YUG) 2.

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The BBC MASTER GAME series in late 1983 saw an upset in the final where Tony Miles, on the black side of a Caro-Kann, won a very complicated game against the World Champion. The series was actually filmed by a West German crew after a strike by BBC staff; there are doubts whether the series will even be seen on British television.

Murray Chandler was a late replacement for Argentine GM Quinteros in Preliminary Group 1 which was won by Anatoly Karpov with 5/6 in the double round-robin. Then came GM Browne 3, GM Chandler 2½, IM Rogers 1½ - quite a 'down under' flavour. In fact Murray Chandler missed a winning line in one of his games against the World Champion!

Scoring was closer in the second group: 1 GM Miles 4/6, 2 IM Kindermann 3, 3-4 GM Hort & GM G.Garcia 2½.

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The WOMEN'S CANDIDATES' SEMI-FINALS, both held in the Soviet Union, were, of course, all-Soviet affairs. The two finalists will be Lidia Semenova and Irina Levitina - there will thus be a new face in the World Championship match later this year.

Nana Aleksandria, the defeated challenger in 1981, was one up after nine games but lost the tenth; the first set of two extra games was split 1:1 but Levitina then took the next set 1½:½ to end Aleksandria's interest in this cycle. In the other match Ioseliani, the favourite, led 4:3 but Semenova scored 2½ from the remaining three games to win the match by 5½:4½.

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As a sideshow to the Candidates' semi-

finals in London, two other matches were played. One produced 'blood and thunder' type chess with the fast time control (30 moves in 1½ hours + 30 min.) and resulted **HORT 5, MILES 5**.

The other match was between the juniors **BENJAMIN (USA)** and **SHORT (ENG)**. After the first game was drawn the American reeled off four wins to decide the match rather quickly at 5½:1½.

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The 2nd 'First Lady Cup' tournament at DENPASAR (Bali) in November/December had 'only' 22 players (compared with 26 in the inaugural event in 1982). The tournament average rating was 2521, making it category 11 with a GM norm needing 13½ points, an IM norm 9½.

The tournament proved to be a big success for Dutch GM Jan Timman who finished 1½ points ahead of his nearest pursuer, Hungarian GM Lajos Portisch.

Artur Yusupov came in third after a last round loss to Lobron. The best of the Indonesian contingent, Ronnie Gunawan, scored 11-10 including four grandmaster scalps.

Scores: 1 GM Timman (NLD) 15½; 2 GM Portisch (HUN) 14; 3 GM Yusupov (USR) 13½; 4-6 GM Andersson (SWE), GM Ljubojevic (YUG) & GM Seirawan (USA) 13; 7 GM Romanishin (USR) 12½; 8-9 GM Henley (USA) & GM Torre (PHI) 11½; 10-12 GM Adorian (HUN), Gunawan (RIN) & GM Kurajica (YUG) 11; 13-14 GM Lobron (BRD) & GM Schmidt (POL) 10½; 15 GM Tarjan (USA) 10½; 16-17 IM Ardiansyah (RIN) & GM Kovacevic (YUG) 8½; 18 GM Radulov (BUL) 8; 19-20 Adianto (RIN) & IM Handoko (RIN) 7; 21 GM Hulak (YUG) 6½; 22 Miolo (RIN) 4.

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Played in December:

SPASSKY	0	½	1	½	½	½	3
TIMMAN	1	½	0	½	½	½	3

After winning the first game of this informal match sponsored by a Dutch radio station, Timman came very close to winning the second game also. However, Spassky held on and then won the third game to tie the scores when Timman blundered in an inferior position after uncharacteristically passive play on the white side of a Tartakower Queen's Gambit - a Spassky favourite.

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## Local News

### AUCKLAND CENTRE

The Auckland Chess Centre's 1983 Club Championship was won by Robert Smith — hardly a surprise perhaps, although the winning margin was hardly a convincing one as Simon Fitzpatrick and Robert Gibbons were hard on his heels a half point behind. Both Nigel Metge and Lindsay Cornford had indifferent results and Michael Hopewell lost ground with two defaults incurred while playing in the Asian Teams. The scores:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1 Smith R.W.	x ½	1 ½	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
2 Fitzpatrick S.	½ x	½	1 ½	1	0	1	1	1	1	6½
3 Gibbons R.E.	0 ½	x	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	6½
4 Metge J.N.	½	0	0	x	1	1	0	1	1	5½
5 Cornford L.H.	1 ½	0	0	x	½	1	1	0	1	5
6 Rawnsley L.D.	0	0	1	0	½	x	0	½	1	4
7 Stephenson J.R.	0	1	0	0	0	1	x	0	½	3½
8 Hopewell M.G.	0	0	0	1	0	½	1	x	0	3½
9 White P.	0	0	0	0	1	0	½	1	x	3½
10 O'Connor J.A.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x

The B-grade was a two-horse race with Bruce Wheeler (7½/8) winning by a neck from John Robinson (7). Colin Byford won the C-grade with 7/8, a point clear of Kevin Brett. Report: Bob Gibbons

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### OTAGO CHESS CLUB

Although the top grade of the final round of mini-tournaments for the 1983 Otago Club Championship is still undecided, the other grade winners are as follows: B-grade, G.Dahl; C-grade, J. Gibb; D-grade, I.McIntosh; E-grade, D. Townsend.

B-grade winner Gary Dahl also won the 1983 Perpetual Handicap competition, gaining 140 rating points during the year.

The Cleland Trophy event (a 6-round Swiss) was won by Ben Martin with 5/6 and he was followed by P.Sinton 4½, K.M.Boyd 4, G.G.Haase 3½, M.R.R.Foord & G.Warwick 3 .... 25 players.

A committee member of the O.C.C. last year described the tremendous work rate of club organiser Gerald Williams as 'almost embarrassing'. Among his achievements - sending a women's team to Auckland and a junior team to Wellington; the fostering of junior chess in Dunedin and

throughout Otago. Report: John Gibb

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### HASTINGS & HAVELOCK NORTH C.C.

The 1983 Hastings & Havelock North C.C. Championship saw Dave Lynch and Mike Earle share the title with 11½/14 in a double round-robin event. Earle caught Lynch in the last three rounds when the latter unexpectedly lost to Wayne McLean and Roy Gordon.

Mike Dunningham scored an amazing 16½/18 to be well clear of the field in the B-grade.

A-grade scores: 1-2 D.I.Lynch & M. Earle 11½/14; 3 L.Garnett 9½; 4-5 D.Christie & A.Robin 6½; 6 W.McLean 4½; 7 I.R.Gordon 4; 8 M.McKenzie 1.

The P.D.Lee Swiss Cup was won by Lol Garnett while Dave Lynch won the Lightning Trophy. Api Robin won the prize for the Most Improved player.

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### PENCARROW C.C.

Brian Foster, on behalf of the club, points out that our obituary notice (December, page 137) was, at the very least, premature! The Pencarrow club will resume as usual in 1984 and is still active. Sorry! - Editor

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## Obituaries

It is with regret that we announce the recent death of **MALCOLM E. PARKER**, a long-time member of the Remuera Chess Club. Mr Parker was an ex-Inspector of Police and in his 83rd year.

The Rumanian GM **VICTOR CIOCALTEA**, born 19-1-32, died on 10 September during a tournament at Barcelona, Spain. A seven-time winner of the Rumanian Championship and playing captain for Rumania at the Lucerne Olympiad in 1982, Ciocaltea gained the GM title rather late in life - at the age of 46.

Hungarian GM **JANOS FLESCH**, born 30-9-33, died in a car accident in Ramsgate on 9 December; tragically, his wife died later. Flesch was probably best known for his blindfold simultaneous play; he held the world record of 52 games (+31 -3 =18) set in 1960 in Budapest. He became a GM in 1980.

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live chess exhibition in Dunedin (see page 28)  
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# Murray Chandler's New Zealand Tour

By Paul Spiller

Murray Chandler first intended visiting New Zealand, after his GM title had been officially confirmed by FIDE, to put something back into New Zealand chess by the means of giving simultaneous exhibitions and lectures throughout the country. However, neither Murray nor Brian Foster of Wellington (the overall co-ordinator) had anticipated the incredible demand from chess clubs all over New Zealand for exhibitions.

For what had originally been planned as a fairly leisurely visit developed into a strenuous 3½ weeks for the Grandmaster, involving 13 simultaneous exhibitions (results given below), lectures, live chess games and the Winstone Challenge series against Ortvin Sarapu in Auckland.

After a delay of two weeks, brought about by Murray's sudden invitation to play in the BBC Mastergame series, an itinerary was drawn up by trip co-ordinator Brian Foster. Murray's NZ tour started with a simultaneous exhibition in Wellington, then down to Dunedin for two simulms and a live chess game involving schoolchildren dressed in costume against Dunedin's wizard (see cover photo).

One of his simulms in Dunedin was against 72 players (many of them schoolchildren), with 71 wins and only one loss. This was followed by a simul in Christchurch, then back to the North Island for a simul in Upper Hutt. Then followed a few days in the Hawkes Bay area where chess, especially in the schools, seems tremendously popular.

Undoubtedly the most strenuous week for Murray was his stay in Auckland involving three simulms, a lecture at the Auckland Chess Centre and a 4-game series against International Master Ortvin Sarapu, sponsored by Winstone Ltd. The simul at Howick was the toughest, with 40 players (not all from the Howick club), and lasted a good 4½ hours with Murray conceding only five draws, an excellent result.

This was followed by smaller simulms at North Shore and Henderson Square

(organised by the Waitemata Chess Club) on the Wednesday and Friday nights, and a most enjoyable and informative talk at the Auckland Chess Centre on Thursday evening.

Tour results:

Venue	P	W	D	L
Wellington	29	27	2	0
Dunedin	28	27	0	1
Dunedin	72	71	0	1
Christchurch	30	26	2	2
Upper Hutt	24	22	2	0
Hawkes Bay	8	8	0	0
Hastings	27	24	3	0
Howick	40	35	5	0
North Shore	21	19	2	0
Waitemata	18	17	1	0
Wanganui	24	22	1	1
Palmerston N	28	22	6	0
New Plymouth	38	36	2	0
	387	356	26	5

## THE WINSTONE CHALLENGE SERIES

Much of the credit in bringing about this match must go to Jon Stephenson, who contacted Winstone Ltd for possible sponsorship of a Chandler-Sarapu match. I then followed this contact up and a program and venue were organised. Winstone kindly made available two of their conference rooms at their Eden House headquarters and I took a few days off work to act as match arbiter.

The four games were held on the 5th, 6th, 8th and 9th of December between 12.30 pm and 5.30 pm. The time control was agreed at 40 moves in two hours and then 30 minutes to complete the game to avoid the necessity for adjournments. Brian Winsor kindly donated two large homemade demonstration boards, onto which I relayed the moves as they were played on the board. The interest in the match picked up towards the end of the week, with upwards of 20 or so spectators watching the games.

Good publicity was given the match in the Auckland Star, thanks to Tony

Potter, and all the games were published daily. Also congratulations to Graham Dawson and Winstone Ltd for hosting the match and their continued support of chess.

Although Ortvin was beaten in the match 4-0 (see annotated games), some of the games were close contests and Ortvin certainly had his chances, especially in the final game where Murray played a bad move after being surrounded by cameramen and strong lights from TV New Zealand. I must point out, however, that we were extremely glad to get television cover, and my special thanks to Robert Smith, who took off one of his free days to do this article for the evening news on the match.

From a publicity point of view the match was very successful, with good coverage being given by the Auckland Star, Womens Weekly and TV, and generous mention given to Murray's trip by most other daily newspapers throughout the country.

After the match Murray returned to Wellington briefly and then did three more simulms in Wanganui, Palmerston North and New Plymouth before returning to Auckland en route to England and a GM tournament in Denmark in the New Year.

Three of the match games follow, with brief notes by Paul Spiller:

CHANDLER-SARAPU (1), Sicilian Rauzer:  
 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 d6 6 Bg5 Bd7 7 Be2 Rc8 8 0-0 a6? (too slow) 9 Bxf6 gxf6 10 Nf5 Bxf5 11 exf5 Qb6 12 Nd5 Qd4 (12...Qxb2 13 Rb1 and Rxb7+-) 13 Re1 Qxd1 14 Raxd1 Bg7 15 b4! Kd8 (forced, since if 15...0-0 16 b5 axb5 17 Bxb5 winning the e-pawn) 16 c4 Ne5 17 f4 Nd7 (17...Nxc4? 18 Bxc4 Rxc4 19 Rxe7 is hopeless for Black) 18 Bh5 Bf8 19 c5 (19 Bxf7!? Rxc4? 20 Nxe7 Rxb4 21 Nd5+-) 19...Rc6 20 Bxf7 dxc5 21 bxc5 Nxc5 22 Nxe7+ Kc7 23 Nxc6 bxc6+- 24 Re8 Nb7 25 Kf1 Nd6 26 Ra8 Kb7 27 Rxd6 Kxa8 28 Rxc6 Ka7 29 Bc4 Bb4 30 Rxa6+ Kb7 31 Rxf6 h5 32 g3 h4 33 Re6 hxg3 34 hxg3 Rf8 35 f6 Bc3 36 f7 Kc7 37 Re8 Bg7 38 g4 Kd7 39 g5, 1-0.

CHANDLER-SARAPU (3), Ruy Lopez:  
 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 0-0 Be7 6 Re1 b5 7 Bb3 0-0

8 a4 Bb7 9 d3 d6 10 Nc3 Na5 11 Ba2 b4 12 Ne2 c5 13 Ng3 Rb8!? (Theory gives 13...b3! 14 cxb3 Nc6 15 b4! Nxb4 16 Bc4=) 14 Bd2 (to stop b3) Bc6!? (usual is 14...Bc8) 15 Nf5 c4! 16 N3h4 Re8 17 Nxe7+?! (17 Qf3 is better, with threats on the kingside) 17...Qxe7 18 Nf5 Qe6! (White had underestimated this move) 19 Qf3 g6 20 Ne3 b3 (an interesting pawn sacrifice) 21 Bxa5 bxa2 22 Nxc4 d5 23 exd5 (if 23 Nb6 dxe4 24 dxe4 Nxe4! 25 Rxe4 f5!) 23...Bxd5 24 Qe2 Nh5? (24...Bxc4 25 dxc4 Rxb2 26 Bc3 Rbb8 27 Rxa2 Rbc8 and Black wins back the c-pawn with an equal ending) 25 Bc3 f6 26 f3 Nf4 27 Qf1 Bxc4 28 dxc4 Rxb2 29 Bxb2 Qb6+ 30 c5! Qxc5+ 31 Qf2, 1-0.

SARAPU-CHANDLER (4), QGD Tarrasch:  
 1d4 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 Bf4 Bg4? 10 dxc5 Bxc5 11 Rcl Re8 12 h3 Be6 13 Bg5? (13 Nb5! Bb6 14 Nd6 Re7 15 Nxb7 Rxb7 16 Rxc6 nets a pawn) 13...Be7 14 Be3 Rc8 15 Nd4 Ne5 16 Nxe6 fxe6 17 Bxa7!? b6 18 Qb3 Nc4 19 Rfd1 Bc5 20 Na4? (this eventually loses a clear exchange. Better is 20 Nb5 with an unclear position) 20...Qc7 21 Bxb6 Bxb6 22 Rxc4 Qxc4 23 Nxb6 (if 23 Qxc4 Rxc4 24 Nxb6 Rb4 picks up the knight) 23... Qxb3 24 axb3 Rc2 25 e4 Rb8 26 Na4 dxe4 27 Nc3 Rxb3 28 Nxe4 Rxb2 29 Ng5 g6 30 Rfl e5 31 Ne4 Kg7 32 Nxf6 Kxf6 33 Be4 Re2 34 Bf3 Rd2 35 Be4 Rd4 36 Bc6 e4 37 Re1 Rdd2 38 Bxe4 Rxf2 39 Rfl Rxf1+ 40 Kxf1 Ke5 41 Bf3 Kd4 42 Kgl Ke3 43 Bd5 g5 44 Bc6 h5 45 Bd5 Rd2 46 Bb7 Rd7 47 Bc6 Rc7 48 Bd5 Rc5! (the only way to win) 49 Bb7 h4 50 gxh4 gxh4 51 Kg2 Kf4 52 Ba6 Rc2+ 53 Kf1 Kg3 54 Bd3 Rd2 55 Be4 Kxh3 56 Bc6 Kg3, 0-1.

## RETURN TO WELLINGTON

- Gavin Ion

Murray Chandler made a triumphal return to Wellington in late November and early December to play two simultaneous exhibitions.

In the first exhibition Murray scored 27 wins and 2 draws against opposition drawn mainly from the Civic, Wellington and Tawa chess clubs. Murray looked to have the edge on every board but Bruce Kay and Gavin Ion (both Civic) were the

two opponents who managed to draw.

The second exhibition saw 24 players drawn mainly from Upper Hutt, Lower Hutt and Eastbourne try their luck - the result was a +22 =2 -0 scoreline, giving Murray a total score of +51 =4 -0 against players from Wellington. Anthony Ker (Eastbourne) and Ross Corry (Upper Hutt) secured half-points in this simul.

In general Murray's play was an illustration of the virtues of superior technique. The emphasis was not on flashy wins but exploitation of solid opening play followed by a good understanding of the resulting middle game and endgame positions.

## DUNEDIN VISIT

- John Gibb

Eleventh-hour travel worries over, from November 24 to 27 Murray Chandler became only the fifth top international to be hosted by the Otago Chess Club since its inception in 1884 (the others: Boris Kostic, Yuri Averbach, Max Euwe and Walter Browne).

In my capacity as overall co-ordinator of the Dunedin visit, I was backed by the always hardworking Gerald Williams, who kindly ran the two big public events on the programme. A live game in the Golden Centre Mall on Friday afternoon (the 25th) featured the Dunedin wizard as opponent and children dressed as chess pieces.

Sarah Mitchell (white queen) had perhaps the best time, leading a kingside charge which led to mate on move 24. Children, wizard and grandmaster worked a special magic which enthralled the big crowd of shoppers, and seemed to remain with Murray even after ten hours of simultaneous slog.

A mass simul in the South Dunedin Town Hall on Saturday afternoon attracted a large field of 72 players but few spectators. A five-hour walk resulted in the scoreline Chandler 71, Opposition 1 (a win to experienced B-grader Phillip Cullen).

Chandler had also been in decisive mood the previous evening when the main fund-raiser (the 'elite' simul) began at 8 pm in the Conference Room at Cherry Court Lodge. He quietly disposed of a stronger field of 28 players in losing only to evergreen former South Island champ Malcolm Foord in a

Sicilian Defence.

On the Saturday night Murray attended a dinner in his honour at Cherry Court, where he was presented with honorary life membership of the Otago Chess Club in recognition of his services to New Zealand chess. And there was a cheque for \$800 to assist with expenses.

o Before leaving for Christchurch on Sunday afternoon, Murray found time for an exhibition board session at the clubrooms (game one of Kasparov-Korchnoi followed by Karpov-Chandler from the BBC TV series). A valuable question and answer period followed.

Murray's visit had at least three positive effects. It reminded the OCC that its organisational energies could be successfully turned outwards to push chess in the community. It sparked new enthusiasm in a wide range of current and potential club members (juniors, non-club social players and older identities who had ten or even twenty years ago drifted into such heresies as bridge).

And it highlighted a surprisingly solid level of commercial support for local chess. Of the eleven firms who backed the trip, most generous was the Cherry Court Lodge and Restaurant who made the magnificent gesture of providing Murray with free food and lodgings. Five firms backed our full page ad in the local community paper, which itself co-operated fully by printing advance information, a follow-up report and a lengthy interview with Chandler.

Editor's Note: Murray asked me to express his appreciation to all those, in particular overall co-ordinator Brian Foster, who helped organise the various events around the country. A few were named in the above reports, but many more were involved. We are sure we speak for all the clubs when we, in turn, thank Murray for a marvellously successful tour!

On the latest FIDE Rating List (see elsewhere in this issue) Chandler is rated 2515 for 55th= ranking in the world. This is Murray's highest rating for three years and topped only by his 2530 (50=) on the 1 July 1981 Rating List.

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**HUTT VALLEY C.C.** meets 7:30 pm Tuesdays at the Hutt Bridge Club, 17 Queens Road, Lower Hutt. Contact: Mrs Mary Boyack, phone 678-542.

**PENCARROW C.C.** meets 7:30 pm Thursdays (for seniors) at Louise Bilderbeck Hall, Main Road, Wainuiomata. Contact: Brian Foster, phone 648-578.

**UPPER HUTT C.C.** meets 7:45 pm Thursdays in the Supper Room, Civic Hall, Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt. Contact: Anton Reid, 16 Hildreth Street, Upper Hutt, phone 288-756.

**CANTERBURY C.C.** meets every Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:30 pm at the Clubrooms, 227 Bealey Avenue. President Geoff Davies, phone 524-518. Correspondence to P.O.Box 8014, Riccarton, Christchurch 4.

**CHRISTCHURCH CHESS CENTRE** meets Tuesdays at 7:45 pm at 314 Worcester St. Annual subscription \$5. Contacts: Vernon Small, phone 558-696 or Roger & Joanne Nokes, phone 583-027.

**NELSON C.C.** meets 7:30 pm Thursdays at the Memorial Hall, Stoke. Contact: Tom van Dijk, phone Richmond 8178 or 7140. Visitors welcome.

**OTAGO C.C.** meets 7:30 pm Wednesdays & Saturdays at 7 Maitland Street, Dunedin. phone (clubrooms) 776-919. Contact: Tony Dowden, 21 Queen Street, Dunedin, phone 741-296.