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#### LATE NEWS - LONDON

Murray Chandler finished an incredible second equal in the powerful Phillips & Drew/GLC Kings tournament which ended on 11 May. The all-GM tournament was of category 14 (average rating 2591) with nine players rated 2600 or higher. World Champion Anatoly Karpov scored a convincing victory with 9/13 in what will doubtless be his last tournament before he defends his title against Kasparov in a few months time.

Second equal, on 8 points, were Murray Chandler and Lev Polugaevsky. This represents a 2680 performance for Chandler who will gain about 30 points on the FIDE rating list. This success, Chandler's best yet, included wins over Andersson (with black!), Nunn, Ribli, Speelman, Torre and Vaganian. There will be a full report in our next issue.

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## Editorial

Now that the price freeze is over we are beginning to see what must have been obvious to all a long time ago - rising prices. In the case of *New Zealand Chess* we are facing a 25% increase in printing costs although this mighty hike cannot be blamed entirely on the freeze. It appears that when we changed printers last year their quote was incorrectly calculated and we benefitted during the remainder of 1983. Of course any comparison of printing costs before and after the change is clouded by the fact that the new quote included better quality paper plus folding, collating and stapling.

With most individual subscriptions falling due at the end of 1983 and cost increases likely in the New Year we were placed in an invidious position. We could not, according to regulations, increase the price of *New Zealand Chess* until after the freeze ended, i.e. 1st March 1984, even though five-sixths of 1984 lay outside the freeze period.

Furthermore, we had no case under the hardship provisions in the freeze regulations. The Ministry argument was simply that even if the magazine was losing heavily, we could simply raise our affiliation fees (which were outside the scope of the freeze).

One possibility to reduce costs was a return to cheaper methods of production meaning poorer paper and doing our own folding & collating. The Council, however, thought the former would be a very retrograde step and the thought of re-introducing 'folding parties' was regarded with abhorrence!

Ah well, you say, "What's the sub going up to?" The short answer is that it is not. We will hold prices for 1984. Individual subscribers (having already paid) were 'safe' for 1984 anyway and it was felt that clubs which buy the magazine in bulk were probably faced with enough other increases already. Accordingly subscription, cover price

and bulk sales rates will remain unchanged.

Obviously this decision will lead to an increase in the Association's subsidy of the magazine and a consequent drain on its resources. You, the reader, can help in two ways. One is to introduce new subscribers to *New Zealand Chess*. The other is to encourage your club to buy in bulk for ALL its members - if it does not already do so. The Association's Administration Officer will be happy to provide details of the discount rates available.

This issue is something of a novelty for *New Zealand Chess* - the first ever "May" issue. Due to a combination of circumstances there will be no April (or June) in 1984! This rearrangement of the calendar arose partly from an insufficiency of copy for a normal April issue - a recurring problem incidentally.

We therefore decided to bring out two three-monthly issues in May and August, instead of the usual three bi-monthlies in April, June and August. After that we shall return to our regular bi-monthly rhythm with issues in October and December.

You will notice that this issue has 40 pages; the August issue will have at least 36 pages. There will thus be no reduction in value to the subscriber. The higher cover price (\$1.50) and consequent higher bulk price will apply only to the two 'big' issues, reverting to the usual \$1 in October.

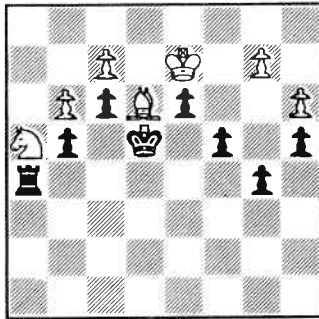
With this issue Tony Love joins our editorial staff and will be covering events in the Otago area - starting with the Otago Easter tournament.

Tony Love is replacing Tony Dowden who is "giving chess a rest" this year due to other commitments. It was with considerable surprise that I discovered that Tony Dowden had been reporting from Dunedin for FIVE years - from the beginning of 1979. Well done, and thanks very much, Tony!

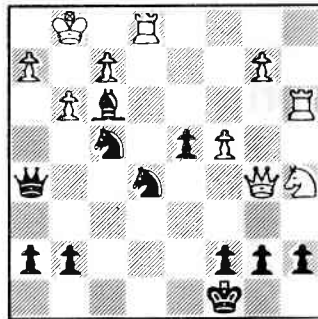
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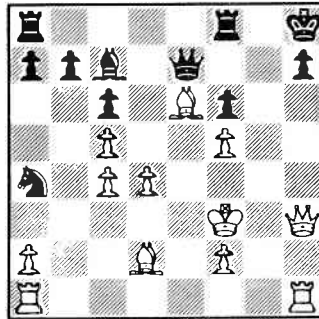
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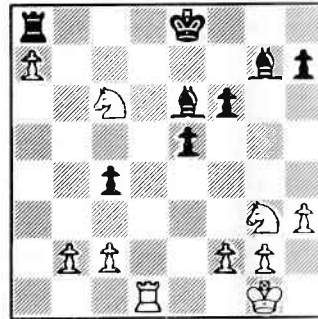
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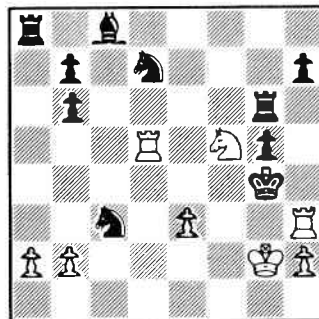
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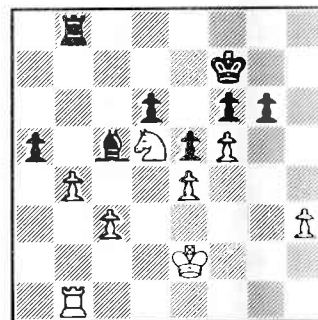
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No. 4 White to move



No. 5 White to move



No. 6 White to move

# Kasparov KO's Smyslov

Gary Kasparov (20) comprehensively defeated his veteran rival Vassily Smyslov (63) in the Candidates' Final played during March/April at Vilnius, the Lithuanian capital.

Kasparov won four games in chalking up the required 8½ points in the best of 16 games match. Back-to-back victories in games three and four made a comeback by the former World Champion seem highly unlikely – and so it was to prove as Kasparov later added two more wins and finished the match three games early.

The scores:

KASPAROV ½ ½ 1 1 1 ½ ½ ½ ½ 1 ½ ½ 1 ½ 8½  
SMYSLOV ½ ½ 0 0 0 ½ ½ ½ ½ 0 ½ ½ 0 ½ 4½

Thus the stage is set for the World Championship clash that most no doubt hoped for from the start. After all, a fourth Karpov v Korchnoi match would hardly have been exciting any more and none of the other candidates have ever looked likely to be a match for Karpov.

The fact that Karpov and Kasparov have so rarely met across the board only adds spice to a match we very much look forward to.

Unfortunately we have yet to receive all the games from the Kasparov v Smyslov final. Worse still, we have only one of the four decisive games – and here it is:

KASPAROV – SMYSLOV (3), Queen's Gambit:  
1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 c4 c6 4 Nc3 e6 5 Bg5 Nbd7 6 e3 Qa5 7 cxd5 Nxd5 8 Qd2 Bb4 9 Rcl 0-0 10 Bd3 e5 11 0-0 exd4 12 exd4 f6 13 Bh4 Rd8 14 a3 Bxc3 15 bxc3 Nf8 16 Bg3 Be6 17 Rfel Bf7 18 c4 Qxd2 19 Nxd2 Nb6 20 Nb3 Na4 21 Bf1 Rd7 22 Na5 Ne6 23 d5 Nd4 24 dxc6 Nxc6 25 Nxc6 bxc6 26 c5 Re8 27 Rxe8+ Bxe8 28 Bd6 Bf7 29 Rbl Bd5 30 Rb8+ Kf7 31 Rf8+ Ke6 32 g3 g6 33 Ba6 Rxd6 34 cxd6 Kxd6 35 Rxf6+ Ke5 36 Rf8 c5 37 Re8+ Kd4 38 Rd8 Ke5 39 f4+ Ke4 40 Bf1 Bb3 41 Kf2 Nb2, 1 - 0.

KASPAROV – SMYSLOV (1), Grunfeld Defence:  
1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 c4 c6 4 Nc3 g6 5 Bg5 Bg7 6 e3 0-0 7 Bd3 Be6 8 Qe2 Nbd7 9 0-0 h6 10 Bh4 Bg4 11 cxd5 cxd5 12 h3 Bxf3 13 Qxf3 e6 14 Rfel a6 15 Rc2 Rc8 16 Racl Nb6 17 b3 Qe7 18 Qe2 Qa3 19 Qel Qd6 20 Bg3 Qe7 21 Qd1 Rfd8 22 Na4 Rxc2 23 Qxc2 Nxa4 24

bxa4 Ne8 25 Rbl h5 26 a5 h4 27 Bf4 Bf6 28 Qb3 Rd7 29 Rcl Nd6 30 Qb6 Kg7 31 Qb4 Ne4 32 a3 Qxb4 33 axb4 Nd6, ½ - ½.

SMYSLOV – KASPAROV (2), QGD Tarrasch:  
1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 c5 3 c4 e6 4 cxd5 exd5 5 g3 Nf6 6 Bg2 Be7 7 0-0 0-0 8 Nc3 Nc6 9 Bg5 cxd4 10 Nxd4 h6 11 Be3 Re8 12 a3 Be6 13 Kh1 Qd7 14 Nxe6 fxe6 15 f4 Red8 16 Bgl Rac8 17 Qa4 Kh8 18 Rad1 Qe8 19 e4 d4 20 Ne2 Bc5 21 Qb5 Bb6 22 h3 e5 23 fxe5 Nxe5 24 Qxe8+ Rxe8 25 Nxd4 Nc4 26 e5 Rxe5 27 Bxb7 Rc7 28 Rcl Nxb2 29 Rxc7 Bxc7 30 Nc6 Re2 31 Nd4 Re5 32 Nf5 Bb6 33 Nxb6 Ra5 34 Bxb6 axb6 35 Nf5 Rxa3 36 Kh2 Nc4 37 g4 Ra7 38 Bh1 Ne5 39 g5 Nh5 40 Re1 Ra5, ½ - ½.

KASPAROV – SMYSLOV (5), Queen's Gambit:  
1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 c4 c6 4 Nc3 e6 5 Bg5 dxc4 6 e4 b5 7 e5 h6 8 Bh4 g5 9 Nxc4 hxc4 10 Bxc4 Be7 11 exf6 Bxf6 12 Bxf6 Qxf6 13 g3 Na6 14 Bg2 Bb7 15 Ne4 Qe7 16 0-0 0-0 17 a4 Kb8 18 Qd2 b4 19 Racl e5 20 Rxc4 f5 21 Ng5 c5 22 Bxb7 Qxb7 23 Qe3 exd4 24 Qe5+ Ka8 25 Ne6 Qh7 26 h4 Rhe8 27 Qe2 Rd6 28 Qf3+ Qb7 29 Qxb7+ Kxb7 30 Nxc5+ Nxc5 31 Rxc5 d3 32 Rd1 Re2 33 Rb5+ Ka6 34 Rxb4 d2 35 Kf1 Rde6 36 Kg2 Rd6, ½ - ½.

## Letter

Dear Sir,

While playing in Hong Kong recently two items of information came to my attention. First, the Australian Chess Federation has succeeded in obtaining an annual Government grant of over A\$30,000 – to be spent mainly on international competition. This information may be useful to organisers attempting to obtain funds from our own munificent Government.

Secondly, I learnt that the *N. Z. Listener* has reduced Murray Chandler's chess column to a fortnightly basis. As we are having a valuable asset for New Zealand chess greatly eroded, I would urge readers to write to the *Listener's* editor and protest his decision. Surely the nation's leading weekly magazine has room to run both a chess and a bridge column on a weekly basis.

Yours faithfully,  
Paul Garbett

## OLYMPIAD APPEAL

Once again Olympiad year is upon us, this year's event being held in Thessaloniki (Greece) during November/December. The teams to represent New Zealand will probably be announced within a month or so.

In 1982, for the first time, the New Zealand Chess Association launched an appeal directly to chess players for donations to help defray the massive travel costs, the greater part of which were borne by the national representatives themselves. Almost \$1300 was raised, some from personal donations and much from simulms and other events organised or sponsored by various clubs.

The Association decided at an Annual General Meeting about fourteen years ago, rightly we think, that the Olympiad would be our top priority as far as expenditure on international competition was concerned. It would be nice indeed to think that we could select our strongest possible team to represent New Zealand and not have players withdraw (or make themselves unavailable) for economic reasons. Sadly, this has never really been the case. With your help this year (and in future Olympiad years too) this situation could perhaps be overcome.

The cost of sending teams to the 1984 Olympiads will be approximately \$25,000 - almost all of this being for travel. Without wishing to "count chickens" prematurely we can hope for support from the Ministry of Recreation & Sport once again and also a successful raffle. Even so, we must be looking at a bill for \$20,000!

The 1984 Olympiad Appeal was recently launched by the NZCA through member clubs. Donations may, therefore, be given to club secretaries or mailed direct to the Association. Every donation will be acknowledged in the pages of *New Zealand Chess*.

Let us show our strongest players that they really are representing New Zealand - and that they have the full support of all New Zealand chess players!



## Obituary

Mr J.H. (Jim) Hunter, a life member of the Canterbury Chess Club, and a stalwart worker and player, died in April. Jim had a long association with the Canterbury club and won its club championship in 1936 and 1941.

Jim was unable to be present at the club's 1982 AGM, being in hospital. It was at that meeting that he was made a life member. Someone commented that an AGM was not the same without a comment from Jim - always with something useful to contribute and said in his own inimitable way.

On his passing Arie Nijman, another life member, said that the loss was a severe one because Jim had been a hard worker for the club right up to the time of his death; bad health dogged him but did not prevent his playing good chess and entering into fund raising and working bees. A specially notable contribution was the tremendous amount of work he did in the preparations for the Canterbury club's centenary in 1966, organising stalls at industrial fairs and contributing generously himself.

His generosity extended even to competitive chess. When C.J.S.Purdy, the Australian champion, visited the Canterbury Chess Club in the late 1930s he played a six-game blindfold simul. Against Jim C.J.S.P. made an early blunder but immediately and quietly Jim asked that the move be reconsidered by his opponent, an opportunity gladly accepted by Purdy; the game continued with no fuss.

Jim Hunter played many quality games, being well 'book' drilled. He played twice in the New Zealand Championship in the 1930s. The following game was played as recently as 1982 in a weekend Swiss against a talented young player. It features a nice sacrificial attack.

HUNTER-NORTON, Sicilian Najdorf:

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1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4
Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Bg5 e6 7 f4 Qc7 8
Qf3 b5 9 Bd3 Bb7 10 0-0-0 b4 11 Na4
Nbd7 12 Rhel Nc5 13 Nxc5 dxc5 14 Bxf6
gxf6 15 Nxe6 fxe6 16 Bc4 Bd6 17 Qh5+
Kf8 18 e5 Be7 19 Bxe6 Bd8 20 Rd7 Qxd7
21 Bxd7 Kg7 22 exf6+ Bxf6 23 Qg4+ Kf8
24 Qf5 Kg7 25 Qxc5 Rhd8 26 Re7+ Bxe7
27 Qxe7+ Kg6 28 f5+ Kh6 29 g4 Rf8 30
h4 Rad8 31 Qg5 mate. OWEN THOMSON
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## The 2nd Novag Commonwealth Chess Championship

Report by Paul Garbett

A year ago I wrote that a strong field had arrived in Melbourne to contest the first Commonwealth Championship. That makes it difficult to describe the field in Hong Kong for the 2nd Novag Commonwealth Championship (14-27 March). While Melbourne had three players rated over 2400, Hong Kong had ten! The top six seeds were IM Ivanov (Canada) 2550, IM Spraggett (Canada) 2540, GM Chandler (England) 2515, GM Speelman (England) 2495, GM Keene (England) 2475 and IM Johansen (Australia) 2475.

Spraggett showed excellent early form and after three rounds he had a perfect score to lead by half a point from Chandler, Speelman, Johansen and Lodhi (Pakistan).

Spraggett and Chandler drew their round four clash allowing Speelman, the victor over Lodhi, to join the Canadian in the lead. Johansen drew with Murshed (Bangladesh) who had already shown himself a force to be reckoned with by drawing with Chandler and Ivanov.

Round five saw a draw on the top board after Spraggett defended accurately against Speelman. Johansen beat Keene in devastating fashion despite what looked to be an inferior opening. Rogers (Australia) also joined the leaders by beating Luk (Hong Kong).

In round six Spraggett regained sole possession of the lead by beating Johansen while Speelman and Rogers drew. In the following round the Canadian continued to impress with a convincing win over Rogers. Speelman took sole second place with a win over Ivanov to reach 5½ points. After three draws in a row Chandler broke the drought by beating Ravi Sekhar (India). Chandler and Thipsay (India) were now tied for third place on 5 points.

In round eight Thipsay somehow survived what seemed a certain loss versus Spraggett, scraping a draw after several sessions of play. Speelman and Chandler drew in this round while Murshed had now moved into contention, having had fine wins against Keene and Rogers in successive rounds. With three rounds to go the leaders were: Spraggett 6½; Speelman 6; Chandler, Thipsay, Murshed & Mirza (Pakistan) 5½.

Round nine saw Speelman take advan-

tage of a favourable pairing when he beat Mirza. Meanwhile Murshed defended in an interesting fashion to draw with Spraggett. Chandler had a nice win over Thipsay to take sole third spot. The scores: Spraggett & Speelman 7; Chandler 6½; Murshed & Khan (Pakistan) 6.

In round ten Spraggett finally got some reward for leading from the start as he was paired with Umer Khan whom he easily crushed. In perhaps the biggest upset of the tournament Murshed beat Speelman; the Bangladeshi looked slightly better for most of the game but Speelman could probably have drawn the ending with best play. Murray Chandler was now in top form and had another fine win against Johansen. The leading scores going into the last round were: Spraggett 8; Chandler 7½; Speelman & Murshed 7; Ivanov, Rogers & Thipsay 6½.

Spraggett drew his last game, versus Ivanov, fairly quickly. Chandler crushed a pawn-grabbing Rogers in the Centre-Counter, improving on a previous game Nunn-Rogers. Speelman beat Khan while Murshed eventually won a tricky ending against Thipsay to tie for third and obtain an amazing GM norm at the age of 17.

Kevin Spraggett deserved to take the title on count-back\*, having led throughout and having met clearly the strongest field. He never looked in danger of losing and seemed ultra-solid yet very sharp tactically as well. Unfortunately he did not get to play Keene, who was having a bad tournament, and so missed out on registering a GM norm.

Murray Chandler played some splendid chess in the second half of the tournament to move up from fourth equal after the sixth round to the tie for first place at the end.

Speelman looked a contender for first until his surprise loss to Murshed in round ten. Murshed deserved his GM norm; he is basically a positional player with some enterprising ideas in the opening and excellent endgame technique.

\* The tie-break system used was "Cumulative Scores", the sum of the player's progress scores - Editor.

Ivanov and Keene were out of form while Johansen and Rogers faded in the second half of the tournament. Aaron, the veteran of Indian Chess (beat Uhlmann and Portisch at Stockholm 1962!), came from behind to win his last three

games and tie with Ivanov for a creditable fifth.

As already intimated, tied players are placed in order of their cumulative scores in the following score table.

2nd COMMONWEALTH CH'P 1984			R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	T'1	
1	Spraggett	CAN I	2540	W24	W16	W15	D2	D3	W7	W8	D9	D4	W25	D5	8½
2	Chandler	ENG G	2515	W17	D4	W13	D1	D18	D5	W16	D3	W9	W7	W8	8½
3	Speelman	ENG G	2495	W25	W14	D7	W18	D1	D8	W5	D2	W17	L4	W12	8
4	Murshed	BAN I	2410	W27	D2	D5	D7	D18	D15	W11	W8	D1	W3	W9	8
5	Ivanov	CAN I	2550	W21	D9	D4	D11	W6	D2	L3	W24	D7	W17	D1	7
6	Aaron	IND I	2355	D18	L11	D24	W23	L5	W26	W20	W19	L12	W16	W14	7
7	Johansen	AUS I	2475	W19	W8	D3	D4	W11	L1	L9	W21	D5	L2	W18	6½
8	Rogers	AUS I	2455	W10	L7	W17	W12	W20	D3	L1	L4	W24	W15	L2	6½
9	Thipsay	IND I	2435	W23	D5	L18	W13	D16	W20	W7	D1	L2	W10	L4	6½
10	Solomon	AUS	2250	L8	W23	W14	W15	D2	L16	L12	W11	W21	L9	W17	6½
11	Keene	ENG G	2475	D13	W6	D20	D5	L7	W28	L4	L10	W29	W22	W15	6½
12	Umer Khan	PAK	2200	W32	L15	W25	L8	W14	D19	W10	D16	W6	L1	L3	6
13	Muir	SCO	2255	D11	W29	L2	L9	W25	W22	L15	D26	L14	W24	W21	6
14	Fuller	AUS	2335	W31	L3	L10	W21	L12	L24	W30	W25	W13	W18	L6	6
15	Hjorth	AUS	2415	W26	W12	L1	L10	W24	D4	W13	L17	W16	L8	L11	5½
16	Ravi Sekhar	IND I	2400	W22	L1	W21	D26	D9	W10	L2	D12	L15	L6	W23	5½
17	Mirza	PAK	2290	L2	W30	L8	D25	W23	W18	W19	W15	L3	L5	L10	5½
18	Lodhi	PAK	2200	D6	W28	W9	L3	D4	L17	L24	W20	W19	L14	L7	5
19	Jhunjhnuwala N.	HKG	2250	L7	W31	W28	L20	W26	D12	L17	L6	L18	W29	D22	5
20	Luk	HKG	2335	D29	W27	D11	W19	L8	L9	L6	L18	L23	W30	W28	5
21	Garbett	NZD	2310	L5	W32	L16	L14	W27	W29	W22	L7	L10	W25	L13	5
22	Foo	MAL	2200	L16	L25	W32	W29	D28	L13	L21	W30	W26	L11	D19	5
23	Tham	MAL	2230	L9	L10	W31	L6	L17	L25	W32	W27	W20	W26	L16	5
24	Cunningham	WAL	2305	L1	D26	D6	W30	L15	W14	W18	L5	L8	L13	D27	4½
25	Schepel	HKG	2260	L3	W22	L12	D17	L13	W23	D28	L14	W31	L21	D30	4½
26	Chan	HKG	2215	L15	D24	W29	D16	L19	L6	W27	D13	L22	L23	W31	4½
27	Powell	JAM	2205	L4	L20	L30	W31	L21	bye	L26	L23	W28	W32	D24	4½
28	Novag Super-C	-	2200	W30	L18	L19	W32	D22	L11	D25	L29	L27	W31	L20	4
29	Rahman	ZIM	2200	D20	L13	L26	L22	W30	L21	W31	W28	L11	L19	D32	4
30	van Hasselt	HKG	2200	L28	L17	W27	L24	L29	W31	L14	L22	W32	L20	D25	3½
31	Roaslie	SEY	2200	L14	L19	L23	L27	bye	L30	L29	D32	L25	L28	L26	1½
32	Benitez	HKG	2200	L12	L21	L22	L28	i11	i11	L23	D31	L30	L27	D29	1

My tournament was rather disappointing but at least no humdrum draws - five wins and six losses. I started with black against Ivanov, not exactly the best way to settle into the tournament. I felt I was in with a chance in a very complex game until a series of combinations taught me otherwise. In round two I had an easy win over Benitez but round three was a disaster. I had the worst of the opening against Ravi Sekhar but defended well to at least equalise; then I spoilt things

by sacrificing a pawn and overlooking an intermezzo. After that I put up a reasonable resistance but eventually lost after two adjournment sessions.

Very tired, I declined a draw from a superior position against Max Fuller in the next round, let things slip away, and lost that too.

Rounds four to seven saw a good recovery against weaker opposition - wins against Powell, Rahman and (perhaps my best game) Foo. In round eight I sacrificed a pawn versus Johansen for doubt-

ful compensation. I was, however, still in a position to put up serious resistance when I made a gross blunder. Round nine was worse - I gained a big advantage against Solomon, played a winning bishop sacrifice, and then spoiled it by overlooking an escape route for his king, leaving me with a bad game.

I had a crushing win over Schepel in round ten after he played a bad move in a sharp Sicilian. Round eleven saw a cut-throat game against Muir where I was clearly winning but underestimated the dangers. This loss proved expensive since the winner received about \$200 for the best score by an untitled player.

A sidelight of the tournament was the performance of the Novag computer (Super Constellation) which competed in quite impressive fashion, scoring 4 out of 11. At one stage it had 2½/5! More stunning was its blitz play. The tournament players were all invited to a game with it, the prize being a chess computer to the person who beat it in the lowest number of moves. This worked somewhat in the computer's favour since many players tried for quick knockouts with disastrous results. The computer scored a staggering 60% or more. Speelman won the computer (20 moves). Ivanov took 23 moves, Chandler 24, Keene 31 and myself 33. Humans beware!

Tournament organisation was good and former New Zealander Bob Wade was the Chief Arbiter.

The third Commonwealth Championship, against sponsored generously by Novag, is planned for London in February 1985.

The following is a selection of the most interesting games played. Regrettably, we are unable to include Murray Chandler's last three very fine wins, the final two bulletins being unavailable thus far.

#### SPEELMAN-FULLER, King's Indian Defence:

1 Nf3 g6 2 d4 Nf6 3 c4 Bg7 4 Nc3 0-0 5 e4 d6 6 Be2 Bg4 7 Be3 Nfd7 8 Ng1 Bxe2 9 Ngxe2 e5 10 d5 f5 11 exf5 gxf5 12 f4 Qe7 13 0-0 exf4 14 Bd4 Bxd4 15 Qxd4 Qe3+ 16 Qxe3 fxe3 17 Nf4 Ne5 18 b3 Na6 19 Rael Nc5 20 Rxe3 Rf7 21 Nb5 a5 22 Ne6 Nxe6 23 dxe6 Rg7 24 c5 Ng4 25 Re2 Re7 26 Nxc7 Rxc7 27 cxd6 Rc5 28 d7 Re5 29 e7, 1 - 0.

#### AARON-KEENE, Pirc Defence:

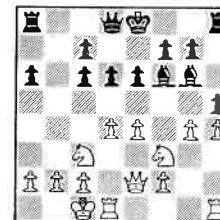
1 e4 g6 2 d4 Bg7 3 Nc3 d6 4 Be3 a6 5 a4 Nf6 6 f3 Nc6 7 Bc4 0-0 8 Nge2 e5 9 Qd2 exd4 10 Nxd4 Nxd4 11 Bxd4 Be6 12 Bxe6 fxe6 13 0-0 Qd7 14 Rfd1 Rad8 15 Qe2 Nh5 16 Bxg7 Qxg7 17 Qc4 Qf7 18 Rd2 Nf4 19 Rad1 g5 20 Kh1 Ng6 21 a5 Ne5 22 Qe2 Qh5 23 Rf1 Rf6 24 Rdd1 Rdf8 25 Nb1 g4 26 fxxg4 Nxxg4 27 h3 Rf2 28 Qd3 R8f3, 0 - 1.

#### GARBETT-BENITEZ, Modern Defence:

1 e4 g6 2 d4 Bg7 3 c3 d6 4 Nf3 b6 5 Bd3 Bb7 6 0-0 Nd7 7 Re1 e5 8 Bg5 Ne7 9 Nbd2 h6 10 Bh4 g5 11 Bg3 Ng6 12 h3 Qe7 13 Nf1 Nf4 14 Ne3 Bf6 15 Nf5 Qf8 16 Bxf4 gxf4 17 Qa4 a6 18 Rad1 exd4 19 cxd4 b5 20 Qc2 0-0-0 21 Rcl c5 22 a4 b4 23 Qe2 Nb8 24 e5 Bxf3 25 Qxf3 dxe5 26 Rxc5+ Kd7 27 Qb7+, 1 - 0.

#### CHANDLER-MUIR, Nimzowitsch Defence:

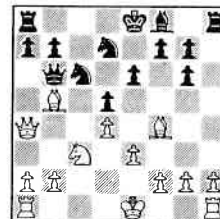
1 e4 Nc6 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 Nf6 4 Nc3 Bg4 5 Bb5 a6 6 Bxc6+ bxc6 7 h3 Bh5 8 Qe2 e6 9 Bg5 Be7 10 g4 Bg6 11 0-0-0 h6 12 Bxf6 Bxf6 13 h4 h5



14 Ne5 Bxh4 15 Nxxg6 fxxg6 16 Kbl Qf6 17 e5 Qxf2 18 Qe4 0-0 19 Qxxg6 hxxg4 20 Qxe6+ Kh8 21 Ne4, 1 - 0.

#### IVANOV-AARON, Slav Defence:

1 d4 d5 2 c4 c6 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 cxd5 cxd5 5 Nc3 Nc6 6 Bf4 Bf5 7 e3 e6 8 Bb5 Nd7 9 Qa4 Qb6 10 Nh4 Bg6 11 Nxxg6 hxxg6



12 e4 dxe4 [12... Nf6 13 exd5 exd5 14 0-0 Be7 15 Rfe1 Kf8, Ivkov-Marovic 1975, 16 Bxc6 is better for White; the text is no improvement!] 13 d5 Nc5 14 dxc6 bxc6 15 Bxc6+ Ke7 16

0-0-0 Nxa4 17 Rd7+ Ke8 [17...Kf6 18 Ne4+ Kf5 19 Rxf7+ Kg4 20 Bxa4 Rd8 21 h3+ wins almost everything] 18 Bxa4 Bb4 19 Rxa7+ Kf8 20 Rxa8+ Ke7 21 Rxh8 Bxc3 22 bxc3 Qxf2 23 Bg5+ f6 24 Rd1, 1 - 0.

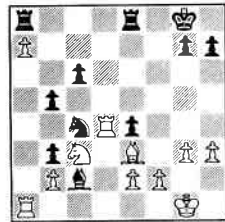
#### JOHANSEN-KEENE, Sicilian Defence:

1 e4 g6 2 Nc3 c5 3 f4 Bg7 4 Nf3 Nc6 5 Bb5 Nd4 6 0-0 a6 7 Be2 d6 8 d3 f5

9 Kh1 Nh6 10 Nxd4 cxd4 11 Nb1 0-0 12 c3 Be6 13 cxd4 Bxd4 14 Nc3 Qd7 15 Qe1 Rae8 16 Bf3 Bg7 17 Bd2 b5 18 a3 Rc8 19 Qh4 Kh8 20 Rael Ng8 21 Rf2 Nh6 22 Rfe2 Rce8 23 h3 a5 24 Nd1 a4 25 Bc3 Bxc3 26 Nxc3 Kg7 27 exf5 Nxf5 28 Qf2 Bb3 29 g4 Nh6 30 Qd4+ Kf7 31 f5 gxf5 32 Qf4 Ng8 33 gxf5 Kg7 34 Rg1+ Kh8 35 Qg4 Rf7 36 Reg2 Nf6 37 Qg5 d5 38 Ne2 Qc8 39 Nf4 Rg8 40 Qh6 Rxxg2 41 Rxxg2, 1 - 0.

**SPRAGGETT—ROGERS, Slav Defence:**

1 c4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 Nc3 dxc4 5 a4 Bf5 6 Ne5 Nbd7 7 Nxc4 Qc7 8 g3 e5 9 dxe5 Nxe5 10 Bf4 Rd8 11 Qc1 Bd6 12 Nxd6+ Qxd6 13 Bg2 0-0 14 0-0 a5 15 Qe3 Nfg4 16 Qb6 Qb4 17 Qxb4 axb4 18 Na2 Ng6 19 Bc1 b3 20 Nc3 Bc2 21 a5 Ra8 22 Ra4 f5 23 h3 Nf6 24 Be3 Rfe8 25 Rfal Ne4 26 Bxe4 fxe4 27 a6 b5 28 Rd4 Ne5 29 a7 Nc4



30 Rxc4 bxc4 31 Ra4 Re7 32 Rxc4 Rxa7 33 Bxa4 Rxa7 34 Rxc6 Kf7 35 Rc4 Ral+ 36 Kg2 h6 37 Rc7+ Kg8 38 h4 h5 39 Rc5 g6 40 Rc7 Re1 41 Rb7 Kf8 42 Ra7 Kg8 43 Re7 Kf8 44 Rb7 Kg8 45 f4 exf3+ 46 Kxf3 Rf1+ 47 Kg2 Rf5 48 e4 Rf8 49 Rb4 Kg7 50 Nd5 Rf7 51 Nf4 Ra7 52 Kf3 Ra2 53 Rb7+ Kg8 54 e5 Ra5 55 Rb8+ Kf7 56 e6+ Ke7 57 Rb7+ Ke8 58 Ke3 Re5+ 59 Kd4 Re1 60 Kc5 Be4 61 Rxb3 Ke7 62 Ra3 Bh1 63 Ra7+ Ke8 64 Kd6 Rd1+ 65 Ke5 Rg1 66 Kf6 Rxxg3 67 Rh7 Kd8 68 e7+, 1 - 0.

**RAVI SEKHAR—CHANDLER, QGD Tarrasch:**

1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 c5 3 c4 e6 4 cxd5 exd5 5 Nc3 Nc6 6 g3 Nf6 7 Bg2 Be7 8 0-0 0-0 9 Bg5 cxd4 10 Nxd4 h6 11 Be3 Re8 12 Rc1 Bg4 13 Qc2 Bb4 14 Nxc6 bxc6 15 Na4 Qe7 16 Rfd1 Rac8 17 Bf3 Bd6 18 Bc5 Bxf3 19 exf3 Nd7 20 Kg2 Bxc5 21 Nxc5 Ne5 22 b3 Qf6 23 Qc3 Qf5 24 Rd4 Ng6 25 Ra4 Re7 26 Qc2 Qf6 27 Qc3 Qd6 28 Nd3 h5 29 Qc5 Qd7 30 Ra6 Qf5 31 Qd4 Re2 32 b4 Rce8 33 Raxc6 h4 34 Rxxg6 h3+ 35 Kf1 Qxxg6 36 Nf4 Qc2 37 Ral Rd2 38 Qxa7 Rd1+, 0 - 1.

**KEENE—MURSHED, Modern Benoni:**

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 c5 4 d5 exd5 5 cxd5 d6 6 Nc3 g6 7 e4 Bg7 8 Bg5 h6 9 Bh4 a6 10 Nd2 b5 11 Be2 0-0 12 0-0 Re8 13 Qc2 Nbd7 14 a4 b4 15 Nd1

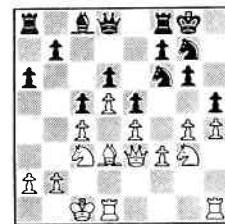
b3 16 Qxb3 g5 17 Bg3 Nxe4 18 Nxe4 Rxe4 19 Qc2 Nf6 20 Ne3 Qe7 21 Rad1 Rb8 22 b3 h5 23 h3 h4 24 Bhd2 Rbb4 25 Bc4 g4 26 hxg4 Nxxg4 27 Nxxg4 Bxxg4 28 Rd2 Bf5 29 Bd3 h3 30 Re2 Qg5 31 Bxe4 Bxe4 32 f4 Qxd5 33 Rxe4 Rxe4 34 f5 Rg4, 0 - 1.

**FOO—GARBETT, Richter-Veresov Attack:**

1 d4 Nf6 2 Nc3 d5 3 Bg5 Nbd7 4 Nf3 g6 5 e3 Bg7 6 Bd3 0-0 7 0-0 c6 8 h3 [Book is 8 e4 dxe4 9 Nxe4 Nxe4 10 Bxe4 Nf6 with a roughly equal position] 8... Re8 9 Rb1 [The last chance to play e4] 9...e5 10 Nxe5 Nxe5 11 dxe5 Rxe5 12 Bh4 Qa5 13 Bg3 Re8 14 b4!?! [This looks shaky but otherwise Black is better after ...Ne4] 14...Qd8 15 Ne2 a5 16 a3 axb4 17 axb4 Nh5 18 Bh2 f5 19 c4 Be6 20 c5 Ra3 21 Nd4 Bf7 22 Be2 Nf6 23 Bf3 Ne4 24 Bxe4? [I think White's best chance lay in 24 Rb3; after the move played the Bf7 becomes very strong] 24...dxe4 25 b5 Qd5 26 Qc1 Rd3 27 Bd6 Bxd4 28 exd4 Qxd4 29 bxc6 bxc6 30 Rb7 e3! 31 fxe3 Rexe3 32 Kh2 Rd2! [With crushing threats including Bd5 & Rxxh3+] 33 Rxf7 [Desperation] 33... Rxxh3+, 0 - 1.

**UMER KHAN—SOLOMON, Czech Benoni:**

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 e5 4 Nc3 d6 5 e4 Be7 6 Bd3 0-0 7 Nge2 Nh5 8 Be3 Bg5 9 Qd2 Bxe3 10 Qxe3 a6 11 f3 g6 12 h4 Ng7 13 g4 h5 14 0-0-0 Nd7 15 Ng3 Nf6



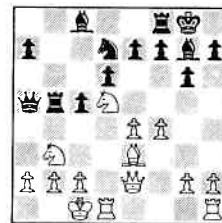
16 Nf5 gxf5 17 exf5 hxg4 18 fxg4 Nxxg4 19 Qg3 Nxf5 20 Qxxg4+ Ng7 21 Qg3 f5 22 h5, 1 - 0.

**MURSHED—ROGERS, Queen's Pawn:**

1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 g6 3 Nc3 d5 4 Bf4 Bg7 5 e3 0-0 6 Be2 b6 7 Ne5 c5 8 h4 Bb7 9 h5 Nc6 10 hxg6 hxg6 11 Bb5 Qc8 12 Bxc6 Bxc6 13 Qf3 cxd4 14 exd4 b5 15 g4 Bb7 16 0-0-0 Qe6 17 Qh3 Bc8 18 Bh6 Nh5 19 Bxxg7 Kxxg7 20 Qh4 f6 21 Nxxg6 Qxxg4 22 Nxf8 Qf4+ 23 Kbl, 1 - 0.

**SOLOMON—KEENE, Pirc Defence:**

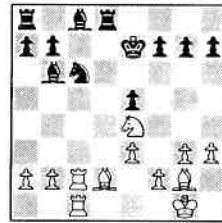
1 e4 g6 2 d4 Bg7 3 Nc3 d6 4 f4 Nf6 5 Nf3 0-0 6 Be3 Nbd7 7 Qd2 c5 8 0-0-0 b6 9 d5 b5 10 Bxb5 Qa5 11 Qe2 Rb8 12 Nd2 Nxd5 13 Nxd5 Rxb5 14 Nb3



14...Rxb3 15 axb3 Ba6 16 Qf3 Qa1+ 17 Kd2 Qxb2 18 e5 dxe5 19 Rb1 e4 20 Qh3 Qa3 21 Qxd7 Qa5+ 22 Kc1 Qa3+ 23 Kdl c4 24 Bd4 c3 25 Qxe7 Qa2 26 Nxc3 Qa5 27 Bxxg7, 1 - 0.

**SPEELMAN—MIRZA, QGD Tarrasch:**

1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 e6 3 g3 c5 4 Bg2 Nc6 5 0-0 Nf6 6 c4 dxc4 7 dxc5 Qxd1 8 Rxd1 Bxc5 9 Nbd2 Ng4 10 Ne4 Be7 11 h3 Nxf6 12 Nxf6+ Bxf6 13 Nd2 c3 14 Ne4 c2 15 Rd2 Ke7 16 Rxc2 Rd8 17 Bd2 Bd4 18 Racl e5 19 e3 Bb6



20 Rxc6 bxc6 21 Bb4+ Kd7 22 Ng5 Ke8 23 Bxc6+ Bd7 24 Bd5 Rdc8 25 Rd1 Be6 26 Nxe6 fxe6 27 Bxa8 Rxa8 28 Rd6 Kf7 29 Rd7+ Kf6 30 Kg2 Rc8 31 Bc3 Rc4 32 f4 Bxe3 33 Bxe5+ Kf5 34 Kf3 Bcl 35 Rxxg7, 1 - 0.

**HJORTH—SPRAGGETT, Queen's Pawn:**

1 Nf3 Nf6 2 d4 g6 3 Bg5 Bg7 4 Nbd2 d5 5 Bxf6 Bxf6 6 e4 0-0 7 exd5 Qxd5 8 Bc4 Qa5 9 Qe2 c5 10 0-0-0 cxd4 11 Ne4 Bg7 12 Nxd4 Qb6 13 c3 Nc6 14 Nxc6 Qxe6 15 Ng5 Qc7 16 h4 Bf5 17 Bd3 Rac8 18 Bxf5 Qf4+ 19 Kbl Qxf5+ 20 Qd3 Qa5 21 Rhel h6 22 Nf3 e6 23 Qe4 Qb6 24 Qe3 Rc5 25 Rd3 Qa6 26 Red1 Ra5 27 a3 Qb5 28 Kal Qb3 29 Nd4 Qa4 30 Nf3 Bxc3 31 Kbl Rb5 32 R1d2 Bxd2 33 Rxd2 Rc8 34 Ne5 Rbc5 35 Rd4 Qc2+ 36 Ka2 Rb5 37 Nd3 Rc3 38 Rd8+ Kh7 39 Qd4 Rxa3+ 40 Kxa3 Qb3 mate, 0 - 1.

**SPRAGGETT—MURSHED, Symmetrical English:**

1 Nf3 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 c5 4 g3 b6 5 Bg2 Bb7 6 0-0 Be7 7 d4 cxd4 8 Qxd4 d6 9 Bg5 a6 10 Bxf6 Bxf6 11 Qf4 Bxf3 12 Bxf3 Ra7 13 Rfd1 Rd7 14 Qd2 0-0 15 Racl Qc7 16 Ne4 Be7 17 b3 Rfd8 18 a4 Nc6 19 Nc3 Na5 20 Rbl Rc8 21 Rdcl Qd8 22 Na2 g6 23 Rdl b5 24 axb5 axb5 25 cxb5 Qb6 26 Qd3 d5 27 e4 d4 28 Rbcl Rdc7 29 Rxc7 Rxc7 30 e5 Kg7 31 Kg2 h6 32 Rel Ra7 33 Re2 Rc7 34 b4 Nc4 35 Bc6 Rxc6 36 bxc6 Qxc6+ 37 Qe4 Qd7 38 Rc2 Na3 39 Rcl Nb5 40 Qe6 Qa7 41 Qxb5 Qxa2 42 Qe8 Qd5+ 43 Kgl Bd8 44 Rc5 Qa8 45 Ra5 Qe4 46 Qxd8 Qbl+

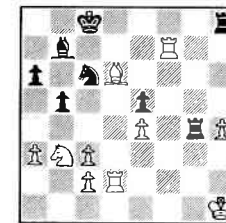
47 Kg2 Qe4+ 48 f3 Qc2+, ½ - ½.

**SPEELMAN—CHANDLER, Queen's Gambit:**

1 Nf3 d5 2 c4 e6 3 d4 c5 4 cxd5 exd5 5 Bg5 Be7 6 Bxe7 Nxe7 7 dxc5 Qa5+ 8 Nc3 Nbc6 9 e3 Qxc5 10 Be2 0-0 11 0-0 Rd8 12 Qd2 Nf5 13 Rfd1 Be6 14 Nb5 Rac8 15 Bd3 a6 16 Bxf5 Bxf5 17 Nbd4 Be4 18 Racl Qd6 19 Rc3 Qh6 20 Nel Nxd4 21 Qxd4 Rxc3 22 Qxc3 Qc6 23 Qxc6 bxc6 24 f3 Bf5 25 Kf2, ½ - ½.

**THIPSAY—IVANOV, Sicilian Rauzer:**

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 Nc6 6 Bg5 Qb6 7 Nb3 e6 8 Bd3 Be7 9 0-0 a6 10 Kh1 Qc7 11 Qel b5 12 a3 Bb7 13 f4 h6 14 Bh4 g5 15 fxg5 hxg5 16 Bxxg5 Ng4 17 Bf4 Bh4 18 g3 Bf6 19 h4 0-0-0 20 Be2 Rdg8 21 Bxxg4 Rxxg4 22 Qdl Rg6 23 Qxd6 Qxd6 24 Bxd6 Bxc3 25 bxc3 e5 26 Rad1 Rxxg3 27 Rd2 Rg4 28 Rxf7



28...Nd4 29 Nc5 Bxe4+ 30 Nxe4 Rbxxh4+ 31 Rh2 Rxe4 32 Rxxh4 Rxxh4+ 33 Kg2 Nxc2 34 Bxe5 Nxa3 35 Rc7+ Kd8 36 Ra7 Ra4 37 Kf3 Nc4 38 Bd4 Nd6 39 Kf4 Nc8 40 Rb7 Rc4 41 Ke3 Rc7 42 Bf6+ Kd7 43 Rb8 Rc6 44 Rb7+ Ke6 45 Bd4 Nd6 46 Ra7 a5 47 Kd3 a4 48 Ra5 Kd7 49 Be5 Rc5 50 Bxd6 Kxd6 51 Kc2 Kc6 52 Ra6+ Kb7 53 Ra5 Kb6 54 Ra8 Rh5 55 Kb2 Rc5 56 Rc8+ Kd5 57 Rd8+ Kc4 58 Rc8+ Rc5 59 Rh8 Rd5 60 Kc2 Rg5 61 Rc8+ Kd5 62 Rd8+ Kc6 63 Rc8+ Kb7 64 Rh8 Rg2+ 65 Kbl Kc6 66 Rh5 Kb6 67 Rf5 a3 68 Rh5 Rb2+ 69 Kcl Ka5 70 c4, ½ - ½.

The Commonwealth Chess Association was the brainchild of English grandmaster Raymond Keene who has continued his interest in its organisation ever since its inception. The Association was founded in 1980 at a meeting held during the Malta Olympiad, New Zealand being among the founder members. It may be noted that of FIDE's 120 plus members, almost one third belong to the Commonwealth.

Apart from the regular Commonwealth Championships, another benefit for top Commonwealth players is access to the annual British Championship tournament.

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# AUCKLAND AT THE ASIAN CITIES

Report: Bob Gibbons

The 5th Asian Cities Championship was held at the beginning of March on the island of Penang in Malaysia. The Auckland team consisted of Ortvin Sarapu, Michael Scott, Robert Gibbons (Captain), Peter Goffin and Jon Stephenson.

This was the first time a New Zealand city participated in this event which is normally held in Hong Kong and sponsored by the Hong Kong Bank Foundation. In all there were 26 teams representing 25 cities (Sydney sent two teams) from FIDE zones 10 and 11 - from Kuwait and Damascus in the west to Shanghai and Tokyo in the east and Auckland in the deep south.

Some of the teams were indeed formidable. For example, Manila sent three IMs and three others rated over 2200. Most teams had at least one IM.

The organisation of such an event is always difficult and those responsible for this year's Asian Cities tournament can feel justifiably proud as, by and large, everything went extremely well. The accommodation was satisfactory and ample money was provided for meals - in addition to those specially organised for the players during the event.

The games took place in a roped-off arena inside an air-conditioned hall - so neither heat nor humidity was a problem. The time control was a little unusual, 40 moves in 2 hours with an extra one hour to complete the game. In other words the playing sessions were of six hours duration. Although there was some concern expressed at the Captains' meeting about the possibility of people playing to win on time in otherwise drawn positions, such fears proved groundless and there were no serious disputes. The playing hall was a considerable distance from our hotel but the organisers arranged a shuttle bus service so this proved not to be a problem.

Most of the teams arrived in time for the Captains' meeting on Friday 2nd March, the official opening ceremony being held the next day to the accompaniment of much pageantry. This included all the teams lining up behind their national flags in the centre of the hall and, later on, a performance

by a troupe of Malaysian ceremonial dancers. After a light lunch the main business of playing chess began.

Auckland did not get away to a very promising start as we lost  $\frac{1}{2}$  -  $3\frac{1}{2}$  to a strong Shanghai team. The score was a little cruel, however, as Ortvin was clearly winning against the highly rated Li Zunian (IM, 2440) when he offered the draw (although behind on the clock) and I had allowed myself to be swindled in the middle of a series of apparently aimless bishop moves after reaching a drawn ending.

Jakarta, Penang and both Sydney teams achieved clean sweeps but the Manila team was already showing signs of trouble when it was only able to beat Medan  $2\frac{1}{2}$  -  $1\frac{1}{2}$ . Medan, incidentally, is on the island of Sumatra, a mere 270 km from Penang across the Strait of Malacca.

In the second round we scored a hollow 4 - 0 victory over the hapless Lae team from Papua-New Guinea. Only their board three player, Joe Rush, had arrived in Penang; this was the cause of some concern but the problem was eventually solved by their borrowing three members of the Penang No. 2 team and Lae went on to score a respectable total. Part of the reason for this step was that FIDE had decided that any player scoring  $4\frac{1}{2}$  / 9 or better (excluding defaults, of course) would automatically obtain a rating of 2205; in fact, Joe Rush subsequently fulfilled this requirement. Thus Sarapu had to play for his full point while Mike, Peter and Jon all won by default.

Shanghai crushed Madras 4 - 0 to share the lead with Jakarta who beat Sydney II by  $3\frac{1}{2}$  -  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Surabaya (Indonesia) was in hot pursuit with 7/8 after annihilating Kowloon 4 - 0.

Auckland suffered another calamity in round three, losing to Sydney II  $\frac{1}{2}$  -  $3\frac{1}{2}$ . Sarapu suffered his only loss in the tournament when he emerged from a time scramble one vital tempo down in a king and pawn ending against Terrey Shaw. Scott also had difficulty with time pressure and was unable to save an opposite-colour bishop ending against former Australian champion John Purdy.

Goffin played well to reach an easily winning late middlegame on board four but went horribly astray while I clung grimly to a cramped but defensible position to avoid the whitewash.

The previous evening we had shared a table with the Sydney II team at the official banquet and in the general hilarity of trans-Tasman jokes we had neglected to poison their soup - a regrettable oversight!

Shanghai beat Jakarta 3 - 1 to take the lead but were still being closely followed by Surabaya who defeated the host city's team 3 - 1.

The axe fell once again in round four. We were anxious to beat Singapore as they had suggested an informal match with us on the previous day. The team left the hotel in high spirits and returned in gloom. Particularly gloomy was Peter Goffin who had managed to repeat his performance of the day before! Ortvin gained our single half point in the  $\frac{1}{2}$  -  $3\frac{1}{2}$  defeat.

Shanghai despatched Surabaya 3 - 1 and Jakarta began to fight their way back by crunching Manila  $3\frac{1}{2}$  -  $\frac{1}{2}$ . The Philippine team was consistently playing its top four players but Mascarinas was, alas, out of form.

Originally I had intended to give Sarapu a rest in round five but meanwhile Stephenson had contracted a bad sore throat and cold. Ortvin rapidly demolished his Kuwaiti opponent who had tried the Caro-Kann. Scott won the exchange at about the same time as I blundered one away but fortunes in both games changed after desperado attacks won through. Goffin completed the scoring with a draw on board 4 to make the final score  $2\frac{1}{2}$  -  $1\frac{1}{2}$ .

Shanghai maintained their two point lead by defeating Sydney I 3 - 1 while Jakarta beat Surabaya 3 - 1. With the half-way mark just passed the leading scores were: Shanghai  $16\frac{1}{2}$ /20; Jakarta 15; Adelaide, Manila & Sydney I  $12\frac{1}{2}$ ; Surabaya & Sydney II 12 ... Auckland 8.

Our round six opposition was Lahore (Pakistan). The time had finally come to give Ortvin a rest although Jon was not fully recovered and the rest of us were munching scores of vitamin tablets. Thankfully Sarapu's spirit was still with us because when Scott offered a draw on board one the Pakistani player grabbed it thinking he was playing an IM! To be fair to Mike, his position

was probably better anyway. Unfortunately the rest of us were unable to add to Mike's half-point so we lost  $\frac{1}{2}$  -  $3\frac{1}{2}$ .

After this match the Auckland team was taken out to dinner by the organisers and given a meal which could only be described in superlatives. That, plus the several bottles of cognac and whisky consumed during the evening, provided us with such a boost that we were not only to lose no further matches but no further games either!

Round seven saw an interesting match against Tokyo which we won 3 - 1. Sarapu demolished Yoshiaki's Schliemann Defence to the Ruy Lopez to score his second miniature and Goffin cruised flawlessly to a win on board three. Meanwhile, having won a pawn in a queen and pawn ending, I managed by devious manoeuvres to get it to the seventh rank; then, to the delight of the spectators, I found a clever continuation which not only lost a pawn I had intended to sacrifice but my passed pawn as well! My opponent, the only lady player present, completely destroyed the myth of Oriental inscrutability by skipping all around the arena while I red-facedly seized a perpetual check before anything else went wrong. Stephenson reversed the situation by miraculously saving an ending with R v R+N+P so the result was equitable.

The eighth (penultimate) round saw us defeating Sana'a (Yemen) by 3 - 1. Neither Sarapu's opponent nor mine had scored any points at all while Scott's (board 2) and Goffin's (board 4) had scored  $4\frac{1}{2}$  and 5 respectively! Dark suspicions were abroad that their team might not have been arranged in order of playing strength and these were amplified by the fact that their board four had a FIDE rating of 2205 while the others were unrated. In the event both Mike and Peter had difficult struggles to draw while Ortvin and I won fairly comfortably.

By this time Shanghai had established itself as a certain winner, having amassed  $25\frac{1}{2}$  points. Jakarta were still following with Manila and Adelaide not far behind. Damascus had also emerged as a strong team but were to face Shanghai in the last round.

Thanks to the fortunes of the Swiss pairing system we drew the bottom ranked team in the last round. We were confident of a convincing result and indeed

defeated Ahmadi by 3½-½. At one stage, however, things looked anything but favourable with only Goffin clearly winning. Sarapu and Scott did eventually win but I was somewhat lucky to gain the draw.

The last round had little effect on the final standings which resulted: 1 Shanghai 29, 2 Jakarta 25, 3 Manila 23½, 4 Adelaide 20½ (6), 5 Medan 20½ (5½), 6 Surabaya 20 (5), 7 Sydney I 20 (4½), 8 Madras 19 (5½), 9 Lahore 19 (4), 10 Singapore 18½ (5½), 11 Damascus 18½ (5), 12 Bangkok 18½ (5), 13 Kuwait 18½ (4½), 14 Penang 18½ (3½), 15 Auckland 18 (5), 16 Sydney II 18 (4), 17 Hyderabad 18 (4), 18 Kuala Lumpur 17, 19 Lae / Penang II 15½, 20 Chiangmai 15, 21 Kowloon 14½ (4), 22 Hong Kong 14½ (3½), 23 Kota Bharu 14½ (3), 24 Sana'a 14, 25 Tokyo 13½, 26 Ahmadi 6½.

The tournament finished with an open-air dinner on the evening of 11 March. Once again the food supplied was varied and tasty and, after the speeches and prize-giving (which included a prize for the best player - Lin Ta of Shanghai who scored 9/9), we all joined hands and danced in a huge circle to the strains of Auld Lang Syne.

The grateful thanks of the Auckland team go to the members of the organising committee who did an exceptional job in often difficult circumstances, and in particular to Mr Fang, Mr Leong and Mr Tham, all of whom made more than one evening very memorable. As well both our own liaison officer Ewe Keat Seang and Lahore's liaison officer Ali Ismail did a splendid job in keeping us entertained. There is no doubt that should Penang host such an event again there are five Auckland chessplayers very willing to compete!

#### SARAPU—LI ZUNIAN, Sicilian Defence:

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 Nc3 Nc6 4 d4 cxd4 5 Nxd4 Nf6 6 f4 Bb4 7 e5 Ne4 8 Nxc6 bxc6 9 Qf3 Qa5 10 Qxe4 Bxc3+ 11 Kf2 f5 12 Qd3 Be1+ 13 Kgl Bb4 14 h3 g5 15 Be2 h5 16 c3 Be5+ 17 Kf1 Be7 18 Be3 h4 19 b4 Qd5 20 Qxd5 cxd5 21 Kf2 gxf4 22 Bxf4 Bb7 23 Rac1 Rc8 24 a4 Rg8 25 Bh5+ Kd8 26 Bf3 Rc4 27 Be3 Bg5 28 Bxa7 Bxc1 29 Rxc1 Kc7 30 Bd4 d6 31 Be2 dxe5 32 Bxe5+ Kb6, ½ - ½.

#### ARDIANSYAH—GUNAWAN, King's Indian:

1 c4 g6 2 Nc3 Bg7 3 d4 d6 4 Nf3 Nf6 5 g3 0-0 6 Bg2 Nc6 7 0-0 a6 8 h3 Rb8 9 a4 Na5 10 b3 c5 11 dxc5 Nfd7 12

Qc2 dxc5 13 Bb2 Nc6 14 Rad1 Nb4 15 Qb1 Qc7 16 Nd5 Nxd5 17 Bxg7 Kxg7 18 cxd5 b5 19 axb5 axb5 20 e4 Kg8 21 Qc1 Qd6 22 Qh6 f6 23 Nh4 Ne5 24 Qe3 g5 25 Nf5 Bxf5 26 exf5 c4 27 Rfel Rb7 28 Bf1 Rc8 29 f4 gxf4 30 gxf4 Nf7 31 Re2 Qc5 32 Rg2+ Kf8 33 Rd4 cxb3 34 Kh2 Nh6 35 d6 Nxf5 36 Qxb3 e6 37 Qxe6 Ng7 38 Qe4 Re8, 1 - 0.

#### HANDOKO—LAIRD, Sicilian 2 c3:

1 e4 c5 2 c3 b6 3 d4 Bb7 4 Bd3 Nf6 5 Qe2 cxd4 6 cxd4 Nc6 7 Nf3 Nb4 8 0-0 Nxd3 9 Qxd3 e6 10 Nc3 Be7 11 d5 Qc8 12 d6 Bd8 13 Re1 0-0 14 Bg5 h6 15 Bh4 Qc5 16 Rac1 Rc8 17 a3 Ng4 18 b4 Qh5 19 Be7 Re8 20 Qb5 Qxb5 21 Nxb5 a6 22 Rxc8 Bxc8 23 Rcl Bb7 24 Nc7 Bxc7 25 Rxc7 Rc8 26 h3 Rxc7 27 dxc7 Nf6 28 Bxf6 gxf6 29 e5 Kf8 30 Nd2 fxe5 31 Nc4 Ke7 32 Nxb6, 1 - 0.

#### ARDIANSYAH—FULLER, King's Indian:

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 Nf3 0-0 5 g3 d6 6 Bg2 c6 7 0-0 Bf5 8 h3 Ne4 9 Nd2 Nxd2 10 Qxd2 d5 11 cxd5 cxd5 12 Nxd5 Nc6 13 e3 e5 14 dxe5 Nxe5 15 Qb4 Re8 16 e4 Nd3 17 Qxb7 Nc5 18 Qb5 Nxe4 19 Bf4 a6 20 Qb7 Re8 21 Rad1 Nc5 22 Qa7 Bd3 23 Rfel Rxe1+ 24 Rxe1 Ne6 25 Ne7+ Kf8 26 Nxc8 Qxc8 27 Rcl Qd8 28 Qb7 Bc2 29 Kh2 Qd3 30 Qe8+, 1 - 0.

#### AARON—HON, Ruy Lopez:

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Bxc6 dxc6 5 d4 exd4 6 Qxd4 Qxd4 7 Nxd4 Nf6 8 f3 c5 9 Ne2 Be6 10 Nbc3 0-0-0 11 Be3 Be7 12 Nf4 Bd7 13 e5 Ng8 14 0-0-0 Bc6 15 Rxd8+ Kxd8 16 Rd1+ Kc8 17 Nfd5 Bf8 18 Ne4 Ne7 19 c4 b6 20 Ng5 Be8 21 e6 f6 22 Ne4 Nxd5 23 cxd5 Bd6 24 g3 Bg6 25 Bf4 Bxf4+ 26 gxf4 Bh5 27 Rf1 Rd8 28 Ng3 Bg6 29 f5 Be8 30 Rd1 Bb5 31 Nh5 Be2 32 Re1 Bxf3 33 Nxc7 Bxd5 34 e7, 1 - 0.

#### HANDOKO—LI ZUNIAN, Queen's Gambit:

1 c4 e6 2 Nc3 d5 3 d4 Nf6 4 Nf3 Be7 5 Bf4 0-0 6 e3 c5 7 Be2 cxd4 8 exd4 Nc6 9 0-0 dxc4 10 Bxc4 b6 11 d5 Na5 12 b3 Bb4 13 Nb5 exd5 14 Bd3 Nc6 15 a3 Be7 16 Qc2 Bb7 17 Bc7 Qd7 18 Bf5 Nb4 19 axb4 Qxb5 20 Be5 Ne4 21 Qc7 Bc8 22 Bxc8 Bd6 23 Qd7 Qxb4 24 Bxd6 Nxd6 25 Ba6 Qxb3 26 Qa4, 1 - 0.

#### SARAPU—YOSHIKI, Ruy Lopez:

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 f5 4 d3 fxe4 5 dxe4 Nf6 6 Nc3 Bb4 7 0-0 Bxc3 8 bxc3 0-0 9 Qe2 Kh8 10 Bg5 d6 11 Nh4 Ne7 12 f4 c6 13 Bd3 Bg4 14 Qd2 Qe8 15 h3 Be6 16 Qe3 b6 17 a4 Qf7 18 Nf3 exf4 19 Bxf4 Nxe4 20 Qxe4 Bf5 21 Ng5 Qf6 22 Qd4, 1 - 0.

## IPOH GARDEN INTERNATIONAL

By Ortvin Sarapu

Following the Asian Cities tournament in Penang was a series of Asian events - first in Kuala Lumpur, then Singapore and Madras. I played in the Ipoh Garden tournament at Kuala Lumpur (14-28 March) but was unable to participate at Singapore as I would have liked because my return air ticket was, mistakenly, made valid for one month only and I had to leave for home straight after the event in Kuala Lumpur.

The tournaments in K.L. and Singapore were sponsored by Dato Tan Chin Nam, the FIDE Vice-president for Asia, and he has generously offered to again sponsor these events after the 1985 Asian Team Championship which is scheduled for Kuwait in 1985.

This year's K.L. tournament had 13 rounds while the Singapore event had 12 so it was possible to gain an IM title in less than a month.

The 26-player field at Ipoh Garden was very strong; I was ranked only 11th, one of nine IMs competing. The playing rooms and general organisation were very good. The hotel accommodation was free for IMs while others paid about \$10NZ per day. The Ipoh Garden shopping centre where the tournament was held had a Chinese food hall on the top floor which was open all day. Untitled New Zealand players who make the Asian Teams trip to Kuwait are well advised to take part also in the 1985 Kuala Lumpur and Singapore tournaments!

Indonesian IM Ronny Gunawan and Philippino IM Ruben Rodriguez tied for first with 9½/13, a point ahead of their closest pursuers. None of the other New Zealanders at Penang played but there were four Australians, among them former New Zealand representative Craig Laird who was a member of the Adelaide team at the Asian Cities.

Scores (tied players in tie-break order): 1-2 IM Gunawan & IM R. Rodriguez 9½; 3-4 IM de Guzman (PHI) & Chiong (PHI) 8½; 5 IM Handoko (RIN) 8; 6-9 IM Mascarinas (PHI), Natarajan (IND), IM Ravi Kumar (IND) & Sahu (IND) 7½; 10-12 IM Sarapu (NZD), Hon (MAL) & Suresh (IND) 7½; 13-16 IM Parameswaran (IND), IM Maninang (PHI), Laird (AUS) & Halpin (AUS) 6½; 17-18 Shantharam (IND) & J. Purdy (AUS) 6; 19-21 Long (MAL),

Tay (MAL) & Wohl\* (AUS) 5½; 22 Noor (MAL) 4½; 23 Low (MAL) 3½; 24 Liew (MAL) - withdrew after 5 rounds) 3; 25 Chan (MAL) 2; 26 Rosli (MAL) 1½.

\* Alex Wohl changed his name just before the K.L. event; he was Eric Schwaiger in Penang!

Of the two following games the first was one of the most exciting clashes while the second may be of special interest to New Zealand readers.

GUNAWAN—CHIONG, King's Indian Defence: 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 f3 0-0 6 Be3 a6 7 Qd2 Nc6 8 Nge2 Rb8 9 h4 [Gunawan plays aggressively here; usually he is sound & careful, preferring quiet positions. Besides Ardiansyah & Handoko, he is Indonesia's best hope for the GM title] 9...h5 10 Nd5 b5 11 Nxf6+ Bxf6 12 g4 hxg4 13 h5!?! [Playing for mate, Gunawan seeks to strip the black king of its protection] 13...gxf3 14 Nf4 g5 15 Nd5 e5! [Seeking counter-play] 16 Nxf6+ Qxf6 17 cxb5 Nxd4 18 0-0-0 [Rather risky; both players were now running short of time] 18...g4 19 Bg5 Qe6 20 Bh6 f6! 21 Bxf8 Qxa2 22 Qh6 Qal+? [Missing 22...Qf7 when the ending would even be better for Black] 23 Kd2 Qxb2+ 24 Ke3 Qc3+ 25 Kf2 g3+ 26 Kxg3 f2+ 27 Rd3, 1 - 0.

#### SARAPU—LAIRD, Closed Sicilian:

1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 Nc6 3 g3 g6 4 Bg2 Bg7 5 d3 e6 6 Be3 b6 [Usually 6...d6 is played but the text is supposed to be an improvement] 7 Qd2 Bb7 8 Nh3 [Craig did not expect this & spent some time on his reply] 8...Nd4 9 0-0 Ne7 10 Rael 0-0 11 Bh6 b5 [The queenside play is now a bit late; it was better to aim for ...d5] 12 Bxg7 Kxg7 13 Ndl b4 14 Ne3 a5 15 c3 Ndc6 16 Ng4 Ng8 17 f4 f5 18 exf5 gxf5 19 Ne5 Qc7 20 Qe3 Nd8 21 Bxb7 Nxb7 22 Ng5 Rae8 [Craig expected the following sacrifice leading to an unclear position] 23 Nxd7!?! Qxd7 24 Nxe6+ Rxe6 25 Qxe6 Rf7 26 Qe5+! [White has better chances in the middlegame attack than in the endgame] 26...Kg6 27 g4! Re7 28 Qb8 Nf6 29 gxf5+ Kxf5 30 Re5+ Kg6 31 Rg5+ Kf7 32 Qh8! Qxd3 33 Rg7+ Ke6 34 Rel+, 1 - 0.

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## Smith Takes 8th Howick-Pakuranga Open

by Paul Spiller

Robert Smith continued his very successful campaign in weekend Swiss events by winning the 1984 Papatoetoe Glass Howick-Pakuranga Open outright with 6½/7, a clear point ahead of second-equal placegetters Ewen Green and Paul Spiller. For the first time in this event Ortvin Sarapu finished out of the prize money in a tie for fourth place.

This year's event was not as well patronised as in previous years, possibly due to the conflict with the first one-day cricket match between New Zealand and England and possibly because many would-be contenders had already competed in the annual Congress which was also in Auckland. As in previous years the Open was held at the Pakuranga Cultural Community Centre and was directed by Bob Gibbons.

The rules are quite clear in this type of tournament - you have an hour to win (or draw) before losing on time. A new rule introduced by Bob a few years ago, however, allows a player who is ahead in material but behind on the clock to offer a draw to his opponent who is then more or less obliged to accept. This provides a loophole for a player who is, say, a piece up but realises that it is physically impossible to win the game in the prescribed time (Ewen Green excepted!). It is up to the player's discretion when to offer the draw.

*This sounds like the rule commonly used in events such as the Winstone's where the Tournament Director may declare a game drawn if the player with more time on the clock is making no effort to win the game by normal means or if it is not possible to win by normal means. The rule aims to prevent absurdities like playing on with K+R vs K+R - Editor.*

The 1984 event attracted a total of 49 players (including several late entries) with seven players currently rated over 2100, including current New Zealand Champion Paul Garbett and ex-champions Ortvin Sarapu and Ewen Green.

The Howick-Pakuranga Open is traditionally a tournament of first round

upsets but this year only Wayne Power (perhaps employing the notorious double Swiss gambit) and Robert Baumgartner (the 1983 Howick-Pakuranga club champion) who lost to bottom seed Claude Stelco provided unexpected results.

In round two Power was unfortunate to be paired against Ralph Hart (who won his first game) to finish the round with 0/2.

In the third round Garbett could only draw with Hart while the other top seeds all won - Ewen Green beat Richard Taylor, Bob Smith beat Greg Spencer-Smith, Peter Green beat Martin Dreyer and Michael Hopewell beat Graham Walden to reach 3/3.

Round four saw Sarapu, on board one, playing a non-committal opening in an attempt to perhaps make his opponent, Paul Spiller, use up extra time on the clock. Unfortunately for the latter, the ploy worked and Spiller found himself losing a pawn and then losing on time! On board two Ewen Green and Michael Hopewell fought out a draw while Smith netted the full point after Peter Green made an inexplicable blunder (perhaps in bad time trouble). Walden caused a major upset by beating the New Zealand champion after Garbett made a slip in a difficult rook and pawn ending; Walden has a good solid style as was demonstrated at the Auckland Congress and has some good scores against higher rated opposition (in fact, plus 5 against this writer!).

The first round on the Sunday (round 5) was really the clincher for Smith as he despatched Sarapu by winning a piece for some pawns. Ewen Green advanced to 4½ points after a quick knock-out over giant-killer Hart. Michael Hopewell, playing his favourite King's Gambit, played coolly to fend off Peter Green's threats and remain material ahead. Spiller built up a winning kingside attack against Baumgartner after the latter took a poisoned piece. George Trundle hit good form to defeat Walden after Graham had unreasonably turned down a draw offer. Garbett was having an indifferent tournament and must have come close to losing after being an ex-

change down against Taylor.

Round six saw Smith assure himself of at least first equal after Ewen Green lost on time in an ending that may have been drawn. Sarapu had a good quick win against Michael Hopewell on the second board while Spiller offered a draw to Nigel Hopewell in a somewhat unclear position which required too much thinking time.

The leaders with one round to go were: Smith 6; Sarapu 5; E.Green, M.Hopewell, Spiller, Taylor, N.Hopewell & G. Sareczky 4½.

In the final round Smith clinched the \$150 first prize with a quick draw against Michael Hopewell - strangely, since this put Michael out of contention for a prize. Sarapu finished badly by losing to Ewen Green while Spiller picked up a share of the second place money after Gabor Sareczky blitzed himself into a blunder. Fortunately for Green and Spiller the game between Nigel Hopewell and Taylor petered out into a draw giving the afore mentioned a bigger slice of the cake. George Trundle had the game of his life to beat his much higher rated opponent, Peter Green, and take out the grade two prize.

Final scores: 1 R.W.Smith 6½; 2-3 E. M.Green & P.S.Spiller 5½; 4-10 P.A. Garbett, M.G.Hopewell, N.H.Hopewell, P. W.Power, O.Sarapu, R.Taylor & G.E. Trundle 5; 11-14 R.Baumgartner, R.Hart, G.Sareczky & G.J.Walden 4½; 15-21 J. Bojtor, A.J.Booth, P.R.Green, Mrs K. Metge, D.G.Notley, J.P.Robinson & G.J. Spencer-Smith 4; 22-27 P.Baldwin, S. Devlin, M.P.Dreyer, A.Reid, J.R.Stephen-son & R.Takhar 3½; 28-37 S.Delowe, M. Fraser, R.Hampton, A.J.Henderson, Miss G.M.Jones, A.J.Meader, R.A.Pengelly, C. Stelco, B.K.Stewart & G.Turner 3; 38-39 B.Glass & B.Savage 2½; 40-47 K.D. Bartocci, J.Borovskis, B.Foley, P.D. McCarthy, D.Meyer, T.Smith & B.M.Winsor 2; 48 J.McRae 1½; 49 J.Else 1.

Not very many games were both available and legible but the following three all qualified under both headings and are reasonably interesting besides.

**N.HOPEWELL-SARAPU, Nimzoindian Defence:**  
1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3 0-0  
5 Nf3 b6 6 Bd3 Bb7 7 0-0 Bxc3 8 bxc3  
d6 9 Re1 Ne4 10 Qc2 f5 11 Nd2 Qh4  
12 Re2 Nd7 13 f3 Ndf6 14 c5 Nxd2 15  
Bxd2 dxc5 16 Bel Qg5 17 e4 fxe4 18

fxe4 Nh5 19 Bd2 Nf4 20 Bxf4 Rxf4 21  
Rael Raf8 22 Qa4 cxd4 23 Qxa7 dxc3  
24 Qxb7 Qc5+ 25 Re3 c2 26 Bxc2 Qxe3+,  
0 - 1.

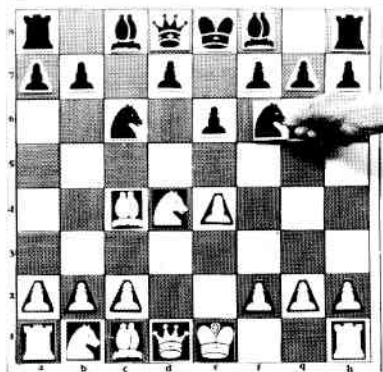
**HART-DREYER, Ruy Lopez:**

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6  
5 0-0 Be7 6 Re1 b5 7 Bb3 0-0 8 c3 d5  
9 exd5 Nxd5 10 Nxe5 Nxe5 11 Rxe5 c6  
12 d4 Bd6 13 Re1 Qh4 14 g3 Qh3 15  
Be3 Bg4 16 Qd3 Rae8 17 Nd2 Re6 18 a4  
f5 19 Qf1 Qh5 20 f4 bxa4 21 Rxa4 Rb8  
22 Bxd5 cxd5 23 Rxa6 Rxb2 24 Qg2 Rb5  
25 c4 dxc4 26 Nxc4 Qh6 27 Qc6 Bb4 28  
Ra8+ Kf7 29 Qxb5 Bxe1 30 Qd7+ Re7 31  
Ne5+, 1 - 0.

**SPILLER-BAUMGARTNER, Closed Sicilian:**

1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 d6 3 f4 Nc6 4 Nf3 g6  
5 g3 Bg7 6 Bg2 e6 7 d3 Nge7 8 0-0  
Rb8 9 Be3 b5 10 Qd2 0-0 11 Qf2 a5  
12 Rael a4 13 g4 a3 14 Qh4 Nd4 15 f5  
Nec6 16 Ng5 h6 17 f6 hxg5 18 Bxg5  
Bh8 19 Re3, 1 - 0.

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## Philips Tournament

By Gavin Ion

This year's Philips Tournament was again organised by the Hutt Valley Chess Club and attracted an entry of 42 players, split into 6-player round-robins. The event was held at the Nae Nae Intermediate School with the first round being held on Wednesday 21 March. The remaining four rounds were played over the following weekend.

The top group was a very even contest highlighted by a large number of draws. Either Max Wigbout or Philip Clemance was involved in every game with a decisive result. Mark Noble won his first round game against Clemance and this proved to be the deciding factor in the final analysis. Greed led to Clemance's undoing; playing black in a Smith-Morra Gambit, he grabbed a second pawn and seemed to have good chances until he unwisely took yet another pawn - Noble's finish was effective and impressive.

Noble consolidated his position in round two with a solid draw against Mc Laren while Clemance won comfortably versus Wigbout who then became Noble's round three victim after a tactical miscalculation in the opening cost a pawn. Sarfati and Clemance had an interesting theoretical battle in which Jonathan's improvisation led to an unclear middlegame which was in turn transformed into a clearly drawn rook ending. Noble (2½) now led by a point from Sarfati, McLaren, Clemance and Ker.

In round four Noble seemed to be winning against Anthony Ker but relaxed, allowing Ker to snatch his fourth draw. Sarfati scored his first win at the expense of Wigbout while Clemance was equally impressive in beating McLaren's French Winawer. Thus Clemance and Sarfati were now just half a point behind Noble.

The final round did nothing to change the top places. Noble drew after Sarfati threw away winning chances while Clemance met a brick wall in Ker.

Mark Noble was a deserved winner; he was never really threatened as Sarfati never forced the pace whilst Clemance had to recover from his early loss.

Russell Dive was a narrow winner in group two, his uncompromising style

proving effective as he fought back from a defeat at the hands of Simon Brown to win his remaining four games.

The Hutt Valley club did a typically efficient and thorough job of organising the tournament. Special thanks to Bob Teece who directed!

Group 1		1	2	3	4	5	6
1 Noble M.F.	x	½	1	½	½	1	3½
2 Sarfati J.D.	½	x	½	½	½	1	3
3 Clemance P.A.	0	½	x	½	1	1	3
4 Ker A.F.	½	½	½	x	½	½	2½
5 McLaren L.J.	½	½	0	½	x	1	2½
6 Wigbout M.	0	0	0	½	0	x	½

Group 2: 1 R.J.Dive 4; 2 S.A.Brown 3½; 3 F.Foster 3; 4 G.Marner 2; 5 Z. Frankel 1½; 6 S.yee 1.

Group 3: 1 P.G.Monrad 3½; 2 R.S.Mitchell 3; 3-4 P.E.Bennett & A.B.Mullan 2½; 5 A.M.Borren 2; 6 P.Collins 1½.

Group 4: 1 R.J.Corry 5; 2 B.Brown 4; 3 R.McLean 2½; 4 M.van der Hoorn 2; 5 R.Houpt 1; 6 N.Goodhue ½.

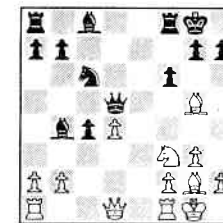
Group 5: 1 L.Jones 4/4; 2-3 C.M.Ker & J.Tangiav 2; 4 B.Toes 1½; 5 J.Hemela ½.

Group 6: 1 M.Capie 5; 2 S.Aburn 3; 3 A.Moonen 2½; 4 C.Reed 2; 5 M.A.Gordon 1½; 6 S.Coburn 1.

Group 7 (double round robin): 1 P. Capie 4½/6; 2 J.Sedley 3; 3 W.Norton 2½; 4 S.Muir 2.

**SARFATI-CLEMANCE, QGD Tarrasch:**

1 d4 d5 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 c5 4 cxd5 exd5  
5 Nf3 Nc6 6 g3 c4 7 Bg2 Bb4 8 0-0  
Nge7 9 e4 0-0 10 exd5 Nxd5 11 Bg5 f6  
12 Nxd5 Qxd5



13 Ne5!! [BCO gives 13 Be3 as slightly better for White] 13...

Qb5 14 a4 Qa6 15 Nxc6 bxc6 16 Bd2 Bxd2 17 Qxd2 Be6 18 d5 [18 Rfe1??] 18...cxd5 19 Bxd5 Rad8 20 Bxe6+ Qxe6 [Black has equalised] 21 Qc2 Rd4 22 Rfe1 Qd5 23 Re7 Rd8 24 Rael Rd1 25 Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26 Qxd1 Rxd1+ 27 Kg2 Rb1 28 Rxa7 Rxb2 29 Rc7 Rb4 30 a5 Ra4 31 a6 Rxa6 32 Rxc4, ½ - ½.

**NOBLE—CLEMANCE, Sicilian Morra:**

1 e4 c5 2 d4 cxd4 3 c3 dxc3 4 Nxc3  
Nc6 5 Nf3 d6 6 Bc4 e6 7 Bf4 Nf6 8  
0-0 Be7 9 Qe2 a6 10 Rfd1 Qc7 11 Racl  
0-0 12 a4 Rd8 13 Ba2 Bd7 14 b4?  
[Better was 14 Nd5 - a move Black probably should not have allowed] 14...Qb6  
15 Rbl Nxb4 16 Be3 Qa5 17 Bd2 Nxa2  
18 Nxa2 Qxa4?! [18...Qc7 was safer] 19  
Nc3 Qc6 20 Rdc1 b5 21 Nd5 Qb7? [Black should have played 21...exd5 22 Rxc6  
Bxc6 23 cxd5 Nxd5] 22 Rc7! Qb8 23  
Nxe7+ Kf8 24 Rbc1! Kxe7 25 e5 dxe5  
26 Bb4+ Ke8 27 Qxe5 Nd5 28 Qxg7 Nxb4  
29 Ne5 Ke7 30 Qxf7+ Kd6 31 Nxd7 Qxc7  
32 Qf4+ Ke7 33 Qf6+ Kd6 34 Qe5+ Ke7

35 Rxc7 Nd5 36 Rb7, 1 - 0.

Notes by P.Clemance

**CLEMANCE—MCLAREN, French Winawer:**

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e5 c5 5  
a3 Ba5 6 b4 cxd4 7 Nb5 Bc7 8 f4 Nc6  
9 Nf3 f6? 10 Bd3! fxe5 11 fxe5 Bxe5  
12 Nxe5 Nxe5 13 Bf4! [Much clearer  
than 13 Qh5+ Nf7] 13...Nf7 14 Nc7+ Kf8  
15 Nxa8 e5 16 Bg3 Bd7 17 0-0 Nf6 18  
Qel e4 19 Nc7 exd3 20 cxd3 h5 21 Rcl  
h4 22 Bxh4 Rh5 23 Bxf6 gxf6 24 Ne6+  
Bxe6 25 Qxe6 Kg7 26 Rc8 Qd6 27 Qxd6  
Nxd6 28 Rd8 Nb5 29 Rd7+ Kg6 30 Rxb7  
Nxa3 31 Rxa7 Nc2 32 b5 Ne3 33 b6 Nxf1  
34 b7 Ne3 35 b8Q Rf5 36 Qg8+, 1 - 0.

40 Bdl Rc8 41 Bd2 Kd7 42 Ke2 Ke7 43  
Ke3 Kf6 44 Kd4 g5 45 Bb4 Rcl 46 Bh5  
g4 47 hxg4 Rd1+ 48 Ke3 Ke7 49 Kf4?  
[A blunder in a lost position] 49...  
Nd3+, 0 - 1.

The 30-30 tournament attracted a field of twelve players and was easily won by Ewen Green who won all his seven games. Brad Walsh, who was the next strongest player, had an awful tournament and finished well down the list so

second prize was carried off by Michael Hare and third place was shared by Ralph Hart and Ian Atkinson. This one day event was directed by Simon Fitzpatrick who used his own program on an Apple computer to do the Swiss pairings.

Scores: 1 E.M.Green 7/7; 2 M.Hare 5; 3-4 R.Hart & I.E.Atkinson 4; 5-7 S.Devlin, G.W.Mears & M.K.Morrison 3½; 8-9 R.Baumgartner & P.A.Spencer-Smith 3; 10 B.G.Walsh 2½; 11 G.M.Jones 2; 12 L.N.Carline-Powell 1.

**Civic Easter**

by Gavin Ion

The 1984 Civic Easter tournament was held as a six round open grade Swiss. The field was weaker than usual following the decision of players like Jonathan Sarfati, Anthony Ker and Russell Dive to try their luck in the N.Z. Junior Championship. Pre-tournament favourites were Mark Noble (winner of the top group of the Philips tournament), Philip Clemance (some impressive club results), Leonard McLaren (always a threat) and Tom van Dyk who made the trip from Nelson.

The first round saw most of the top seeds win comfortably. Clemance was impressive in disposing of Martin Sims after sacrificing a pawn in the opening. McLaren's weird variation of the French proved effective against Charles Ker while Noble's knights ran amok in Peter King's position. Most interest, however, centred on the performance of White Knight II, a computer entered by Gavin Flower; despite its poor knowledge of recognised openings, the computer gave Paul Cooper a run for his money before the latter demonstrated superior technique to win.

Round two saw the top seeds continue to flourish. The finish of the round went to Peter Hawkes who piled on the pressure before eventually breaking through on h7, albeit aided by his opponent Andrew Grkow.

Round three saw a number of hopefuls pushed back into the pack. Ross Corry gave a fine illustration of how not to play against Clemance; he gobbled what looked to be a free pawn but suddenly found himself with two pieces attacked,

leading to material loss. McLaren v Ion was a typical Tarrasch French in practice; Leonard's slight advantage persisted to the endgame and became decisive in the light of some inaccurate defence. Noble made short work of van Dyk after the latter played inaccurately in the opening.

The fourth round saw Noble and McLaren draw after another bizarre opening from Leonard; he gambitted a pawn but gained sufficient pressure to hold the game. Hawkes and Clemance battled down to a dead drawn bishop v knight ending; in a moment of insanity, however, Hawkes refused a draw offer, did his best to lose, and succeeded. The scores now were: Clemance 4/4; McLaren & Noble 3½; Hawkes, van Dyk, Marner, Ion, Corry, Monrad & Collins 3.

Round five saw the lead tied as the game Clemance-McLaren was quickly drawn although Philip seemed to be making progress against the French Winawer. Noble won against Hawkes after a cheeky rook offer on f2 netted a pawn although the win was not achieved without overcoming some technical difficulties. Corry again demonstrated his potential with a win over van Dyk; the latter appeared to be winning but time trouble and some good attacking play by Corry led to Tom's downfall. The leaders now: Clemance & Noble 4½; McLaren, Corry & Ion 4; Monrad, Marner & Boyce 3½.

Clemance arrived for the final round with a determined look on his face and proceeded to beat Noble who seemed intent on drawing but was unable to recover from losing a pawn in the opening.

**Auckland Easter**

by R. Gibbons

As an experiment, this year the 1984 Easter Tournament was run as two separate events. The first was a five round series of round-robins conducted over three days and the second was a 30-30 event held on Easter Monday.

The round-robin event attracted a field of twenty-four and was therefore held in four groups of six. Paul Garbett was a clear favourite to win the top grade ahead of Peter Green and Lindsay Cornford. His chances increased when Green was defeated in round one by Bob Gibbons but plunged when he was beaten by Michael Hopewell in the second round.

In round three Hopewell adjourned two pawns up against Gibbons in a major piece ending but failed to seal the best move and a draw rapidly resulted.

Michael defeated Cornford in round four but lost in the last round to Green, thus finishing second to Garbett who had won the rest of his games.

Scores:	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 Carbett P.A.	x	0	1	1	1	4
2 Hopewell M.G.	1	x	0	½	1	3½
3 Green P.R.	0	1	x	0	1	3
4 Gibbons R.E.	0	½	1	x	½	2½
5 Cornford L.H.	0	0	0	½	x	1
6 Spencer-Smith G.	0	0	0	½	½	x

The second group was won convincingly by Nigel Hopewell with 4½/5 and he was followed by Jon Stephenson on 4 and Richard Taylor on 3. Then came: 4 N.P.

Bridges & S.van Dam 1½; 6 J.Bojtor ½.

A close-scoring group three was won by John Robinson with 3½/5. Then: 2 B.Martin-Buss 3; 3-5 G.W.Mears, R.Baumgartner & R.B.Johnstone 2½; 6 G.E.Trundle 1.

Merv Morrison won group four with 4½ out of 5 with Jim McCarthy second on 4. Then came: 3 L.N.Carline-Powell 3; 4 N.Hoolihan 1½; 5-6 K.D.Bartocci & J.A.Shields 1.

The prizes were wines and spirits, in line with the small entry fee. One of the bottles, however, had a \$20 note attached. The winners of the top three grades carefully avoided the 'loaded' bottle and then came Merv who, as well as being a non-smoker, turned out to be a non-drinker as well; he happily went off with a \$20 note with a bottle attached!

**SPENCER-SMITH—GARBETT, Closed Sicilian:**

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d3 Nc6 4 g3 g6 5  
Bg2 Bg7 6 0-0 Nge7 7 c3 e5 8 Be3 d6  
9 d4 exd4 10 cxd4 Bg4 11 d5 Nd4 12  
Nbd2 Qd7 13 Re1 0-0 14 Qcl Rac8 15  
Qc4 b5 16 Qd3 c4 17 Qb1 Nxf3+ 18  
Nxf3 Bxf3 19 Bxf3 c3 20 b3 c2 21 Qcl  
Qc7 22 Bh6 Bxa1 23 Qxa1 Qc3 24 Be2  
a6 25 Rcl Rfe8 26 Qxc3 Rxc3 27 Bd2  
Rcc8 28 Bd3 f5 29 f3 fxe4 30 fxe4  
Kg7 31 Rxc2 Rxc2 32 Bxc2 Rc8 33 Bd3  
Ng8 34 Bb4 Nf6 35 Kf2 Ng4+ 36 Ke2  
Rd8 37 h3 Ne5 38 Bc2 Kf7 39 Ke3 Ke7

Thus Philip Clemanace assured himself of victory and interest settled on who would take the minor money. McLaren and Corry battled for six hours before Leonard proved the superiority of Q + 2P v 2R. The other contender for second place, Gavin Ion, made things difficult for himself and was grateful to accept Marner's draw offer in a difficult position. Philip Monrad crept up to join Noble and Ion in third place after catching Denis Boyce in an opening trap.

The scores (tied players in 'sum of opponent's scores' order):

	R.1	R.2	R.3	R.4	R.5	R.6	T'l
1 Clemanace P.A.	W16	W21	W6	W14	D2	W3	5½
2 McLaren L.J.	W22	W17	W4	D3	D1	W6	5
3 Noble M.F.	W25	W15	W8	D2	W14	L1	4½
4 Ion G.J.	W20	W9	L2	W16	W18	D7	4½
5 Monrad P.G.	W26	L6	W20	W19	D7	W12	4½
6 Corry R.J.	W31	W5	L1	W28	W8	L2	4
7 Marner G.	L15	W35	W17	W21	D5	D4	4
8 van Dyk T.	W33	W19	L3	W18	L6	W16	4
9 Collins P.	W32	L4	W15	W29	L12	W20	4
10 Mullan A.B.	L17	D24	D31	W32	W15	W21	4
11 Dunn P.	D27	D18	L16	W34	W31	W14	4
12 Boyce D.A.L.	W36	D13	L18	W31	W9	L5	3½
13 Borren A.M.	W30	D12	L14	D27	D23	W19	3½
14 Hawkes P.D.	W23	W28	W13	L1	L3	L11	3
15 Barrow G.	W7	L3	L9	W25	L10	W29	3
16 Sims M.T.	L1	W36	W11	L4	W27	L8	3
17 Jones L.	W10	L2	L7	W24	L19	W28	3
18 Shuker R.	W34	D11	W12	L8	L4	D23	3
19 Cooper P.R.	W24	L8	W25	L5	W17	L13	3
20 Healey R.	L4	W27	L5	W22	W29	L9	3
21 Tangiiv J.	W29	L1	W24	L7	W28	L10	3
22 Ker C.M.	L2	W26	L28	L20	W34	W27	3
23 Bell D.I.	L14	L31	W35	W33	D13	D18	3
24 W. Knight II	L19	D10	L21	L17	W35	W31	2½
25 King P.C.	L3	W34	L19	L15	D26	W32	2½
26 Hemeia J.	L5	L22	L27	W36	D25	W33	2½
27 Capie M.	D11	L20	W26	D13	L16	L22	2
28 Grkow A.	W35	L14	W22	L6	L21	L17	2
29 Bennett P.E.	L21	W32	W33	L9	L20	L15	2
30 Choat S.	L13	L33	L32	L35	W36	W34	2
31 Gordon M.A.	L6	W23	D10	L12	L11	L24	1½
32 Simmons J.R.	L9	L29	W30	L10	D33	L25	1½
33 Gibb J.L.	L7	W30	L29	L23	D32	L26	1½
34 Aburn S.	L18	L25	W36	L11	L22	L30	1
35 Mowat W.	L28	L7	L23	W30	L24	L36	1
36 Webber C.H.	L12	L16	L34	L26	L30	W35	1

Clemanace was a deserved winner; in the process he avenged himself on Mark Noble for a defeat in the earlier Philips Tournament. Philip was never in difficulty although things might have been a little different if Hawkes has accepted the draw offer.

McLaren played solidly for his second place while Noble might consider himself a little unlucky after looking impressive until his last round loss.

Ion and Monrad benefitted from a lucky draw, avoiding most of the top players.

The B-grade prize went to Peter Collins, Paul Dunn and Brett Mullan while the C-grade prize was shared by Ron Healey, Les Jones and John Tangiiv.

The tournament was well engineered and run by the Civic Chess Club - the fact that most of the top prizes went to Civic members was just coincidence! Rowan Wood proved to be a very capable D.O.P. at his first attempt; his punctual start to each playing session was a benefit or a hindrance depending on whether you were running late or not!

#### NOBLE—CLEMANACE, Queen's Pawn:

1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 c5 3 e3 d5 4 c3 e6 5 Nbd2 Bd6 6 Bd3 Nbd7 7 0-0 0-0 8 e4?! cxd4 9 Nxd4? [Losing a pawn; 9 cxd4 was the lesser evil] 9...Nc5 10 Qe2 dxe4 11 Nxe4 Nfxe4 12 Bxe4 Bxh2+ [12... Qh4 is met by 13 f4] 13 Kxh2 Qh4+ 14 Kgl Qxe4 15 Be3 b6 16 Rad1 Ba6 17 c4 e5 18 f3 Qh4 19 Bf2 Qf6 20 Nc2 Ne6? [Better was 20...Rad8] 21 Rfel Rad8 22 Rxd8 Rxd8 23 b3? [23 Nb4 regains the pawn since after 23...Nf4 24 Qxe5 Qxe5 25 Rxe5 Bxc4? comes 26 Re4! Ne2+ 27 Kh2 and White will win a piece] 23...Qg6 24 Be3 h5 25 Qf2 [Better was 25 Rd1] 25...Bb7 26 Bel Rd3 27 Re3 Nf4 28 Kh2 Rd1 29 Ba3 h4?! [29...Qxg2+! was clearer] 30 Rxe5 f6 31 Re7? [31 Re3 was necessary - to protect f3] 31...Nd3! 32 Qxh4 Ne5 33 Rxe5 [If 33 Ne1 then 33...Bxf3! 34 Rxe5 Rxe1! 33...fxe5 34 Ne3 Rd2 35 Bel Kxa2 36 Ng4 Qh7 37 Bh6! [If 37 Nh6+ then 37...gxh6 38 Qd8+ Kg7 39 Qe7+ Kh8 intending to interpose the queen] 37...Qd3 [Better was 37...Qf5! 38 Qd8+ Kh7 39 Qe7 Rxg2+! 40 Kh1! Qh5+! 41 Kxg2 Qxg4+ 42 Kh2 Bxf3 winning; 37...Qc2 was also better than the text] 38 Qg3? [38 Nxe5 was better] 38...Qg6 [38... Qxf3! wins immediately but Black

was under extreme time pressure] 39 Qxe5 gxh6? [39...Bxf3 wins easily; now Black has many technical problems] 40 Qb8+ Kg7 41 Qxb7+ Qf7 42 Qxf7+?? [A surprising error - the ending is quite lost for White. After 42 Qe4 Black faces difficulties in turning his material advantage into a win, given the exposed nature of his king] 42... Kxf7 43 Nxb6+ Kg6 44 Ng4 Rb2 45 Ne5+ Rf6! 46 Nc6 a5 47 c5 Rc2 48 b4 a4!

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## Otago Easter

by Tony Love

Perhaps the most striking feature of the 1984 Otago Easter Tournament was the disappointing response in terms of entries received - disappointing both from a quantitative and a qualitative point of view. The field consisted of a rather meagre fifteen entrants while notable absentees from last year's event were Richard Sutton and Giles Bates (lost back to the land of the Ranfurly Shield).

Considering this state of affairs, the tournament was expected to be somewhat of a 'Tony Love benefit' - his rating of 2157 was more than 200 points clear of second seed Graham Haase on 1924. As it happened, however, Love was not to have things entirely his own way and up-and-comers Kendall Boyd and, more particularly, Ben Martin were to push him more than the pundits had predicted.

The only real excitement of the first two rounds occurred when Haase played in far too indiscreet a fashion against Boyd and consequently had his king's position rather violently ruptured. Boyd continued his disregard for ratings and reputations when, in round three, he held Love to a draw as black in an Alekhine Defence. Haase continued his slump by drawing with fifth seed Peter Sinton while 14-year old Ben Martin unleashed a series of pyrotechnical moves against a hapless Duncan Watts which saw the black king drawn irresistibly into a mating net and which ultimately resulted in Martin winning a well-deserved brilliancy prize.

Martin thus went into his fourth round clash with top seed Love as tour-

49 cxb6?, 0 - 1 [But White's intended 49 Nb8 a3 50 cxb6 Rc8 also loses].

Notes by P. Clemanace

VAN DYK—GIBB, Sicilian Kan,  
1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 d6 5 c4 Nf6 6 Nc3 a6 7 Be2 e6 8 0-0 Be7 9 Be3 Qc7 10 Rcl 0-0 11 f4 Nxd4 12 Bxd4 e5 13 Be3 exf4 14 Rxf4 Be6 15 Nd5 Bxd5 16 exd5 Rfe8 17 Bd4 Qd8 18 Bd3 Nd7 19 Bxh7+ Kxh7 20 Qh5+, 1 - 0.

namment leader on 3 points—a half point clear of Love and Boyd on 2½. In this game, however, Love methodically and economically outclassed his less experienced opponent - a result which was to prove decisive in determining the eventual tournament winner.

In the penultimate round Love built up an overwhelming position against former Otago Schoolpupil Champion William Petch but then rather drew out proceedings by sacrificing unnecessarily. Martin defeated Boyd in the clash of the young titans after Boyd had earlier looked to have a promising initiative. Meanwhile Graham Haase and our lone but very welcome visitor, Stephen Kelly of Canterbury, both emerged from the ruck to be in contention with 3½/5 after each stringing together two consecutive wins.

The final round contest between top seeds Love and Haase tended to meander along until Love tossed a pawn and, suddenly finding his position alive with dynamic possibilities as a result, shifted up a gear in order to secure the full point. Ben Martin carried too many guns for Kelly while Kendall Boyd gained sole third place when his opponent, Petch, carried out an imaginative positional exchange sacrifice but subsequently missed a tactical point. Sinton easily accounted for John Sutherland to join Haase, Kelly and (aided by a bye and a win by default) Chris Aimers on 3½ and equal fourth place.

In summary then, Love was expected to prove too strong and did so. Ben Martin possesses a ton of talent and is indisputably a player of the future. So too

is Kendall Boyd although he is as yet incapable of producing his top form consistently. Graham Haase has played better in the past and will do so again in the future. Moreover, it cannot have been easy for him to display his best form whilst also producing sterling efforts in assisting with the tournament organisation, preparation of refreshments, and direction of play.

The scores: 1 A.J.Love (W8,W11,D3,W2,W9,W4) 5½; 2 B.M.Martin (W12,W9,W10,L1,W3,W5) 5; 3 K.M.Boyd (W15,W4,D1,D6,L2,W9) 4; 4 G.G.Haase (W5,L3,D6,W8,W12,L1) 3½; 5 S.Kelly (L4,D7,W13,W10,W6,L2) 3½; 6 P.J.Sinton (W7,D10,D4,D3,L5,W12) 3½; 7 C.Aimers (L6,D5,L8,W15\*,bye,W14) 3½; 8 A.D.McIntosh (L1,D13,W7,L4,W14,D10) 3; 9 W.H.Petch (W13,L2,W15,W12,L1,L3) 3; 10 D.W.Watts (W14,D6,L2,L5,W13,D8) 3; 11 P.Haase (Bye,L1,L12,L14,W15\*,D13) 2½; 12 J.L.Sutherland (L2,W14,W11,L9,L4,L6) 2; 13 S.Jones (L9,D8,L5,bye,L10,D11) 2; 14 A.Tomlin (L10,L12,bye,W11,L8,L7) 2; 15 V.Hay (L3,bye,L9,L7\*,L11\*) 1.

#### MARTIN—LOVE, Grünfeld Defence:

1 Nf3 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 d5 4 d4 Bg7 5 Bg5 Ne4 6 cxd5 Nxc5 7 Nxc5 e6 8 Nf3 exd5 9 e3 0-0 10 Bd3 c6 11 0-0 Nd7 12 Rcl Qe7 13 Na4 f5 14 Rel g5 15 Qc2 g4 16 Nd2 Qg5 17 Nc5 Nf6 18 Nf1 Ne4 19 Bxe4 fxe4 20 b4 b6 21 Nb3 Rf6! 22 a4 Ba6 23 Nbd2 Bd3 24 Qb3 Rf8 25 Ng3 Kh8 26 Ndf1 h5 27 Nh1 h4 28 Qd1 R8f7 29 Qd2 Bf8 30 Red1 Bd6 31 Rel Qf5 32 Red1 Bxf1 33 Rxf1 h3 34 Qe2 hxg2 35 Kxg2 Rh7 36 Ng3 Qf3+

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## N. Z. Junior Ch'p, Christchurch

by Ed Wilkinson

The field for this second consecutive New Zealand Junior Championship in Christchurch was, as last year, sixteen. Naturally the top seed was Jonathan Sarfati, followed by Anthony Ker and Ben Alexander. Lurking in the background were, among others, Mark Wilson, Michael Hampl, Russell Dive and Martin Dreyer.

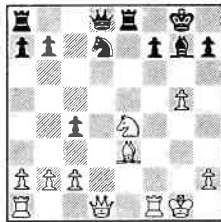
Generous prizes were provided by the St Helena Winery and their involvement was appreciated by all.

With Adrian Lloyd as Director of Play, play began on Friday 20 April in the

37 Qxf3 gxf3+ 38 Kgl Rfh6 39 Rxc6 Rxb2 40 Rc8+ Kg7 41 Nf5+ Kf6, 0 - 1.

#### MARTIN—WATTS, Sicilian Scheveningen:

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 NF6 5 Nc3 e6 6 Be2 Be7 7 Be3 Nc6 8 0-0 0-0 9 f4 e5 10 fxe5 Nxe5 11 Nf5 Bxf5 12 exf5 d5 13 g4 Nc4 14 Bxc4 dxc4 15 g5 Nd7 16 Ne4 Re8 17 f6 Bf8 18 fxg7 Bxg7?



19 Rxf7! Kxf7 20 Qd5+ Kg6 21 Nd6 Rf8 22 Qe4+ Kh5 23 Qxh7+ Kg4 24 h3+ Kf3 25 Qe4+, 1 - 0.

#### HAASE—BOYD, Queen's Indian Defence:

1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 b6 3 c4 e6 4 e3 Bb7 5 Nc3 Bb4 6 Bd3 Ne4 7 Qc2 f5 8 0-0 Bxc3 9 bxc3 c5 10 Bb2 d6 11 d5? exd5 12 cxd5 Bxd5 13 c4 Bc6 14 Bxg7 Rg8 15 Bb2 Nd2! 16 Qxd2 Rxc2+! 17 Kxg2 Qg5+, 0 - 1.

#### HAASE—LOVE, Queen's Pawn:

1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 g6 3 g3 Bg7 4 Bg2 0-0 5 0-0 d5 6 Nbd2 Ne4 7 c3 Nxd2 8 Bxd2 c6 9 Qc1 Bg4 10 Bh6 Nd7 11 Bxg7 Kxg7 12 Rel Bxf3 13 exf3?! e6 14 Qf4 c5!?! 15 dxc5 Rc8 16 b4 b6 17 cxb6 Qxb6 18 Qd2 Rc7 19 a4 a5 20 Bfl Rfc8 21 Bb5 axb4! 22 cxb4 Rc2 23 Qe3 d4 24 Qe4 Nf6 25 Qe5 d3 26 Qe3 Qxe3 27 fxe3 d2 28 Red1 Rcl 29 Be2 Rxa1, 0 - 1.

Big Room at Christchurch Boys High School. Round one saw Sarfati defeat Tony Boswell with Dive, Wilson and Dreyer also winning. A major upset occurred on board two where Ker quickly achieved a lost position against Ed Wilkinson who attacked his Sicilian Dragon. However, Ker later emerged, slightly bruised, with a draw after Wilkinson missed several wins. Alexander, as white, split the point with Hampl in a Scotch Game while Jackson scored a surprise victory over Connor.

Wilson upset Dive in round two while Sarfati, Jackson, Hampl and Alexander all won. Ker drew with Dreyer.

Sarfati maintained his 100% record by beating Jackson in the third round. Wilson lost to Alexander's Pelikan while Ker and Dive returned to the winners' circle. Hampl sacked his second piece (the first was in round one) to beat Dreyer.

Round four began with Alexander earning a draw as white against Sarfati in an Italian Game (Gioco Piano). Hampl accumulated three pawns plus the initiative for yet another piece sacrifice, this time as black against Ker; the game was, however, later drawn. Dive and Wilson kept in touch with wins also.

In round five Ker surprised all by playing the Grob (1 g4) against Alexander and winning! Ben had a winning line at one stage but lost his way. Sarfati beat Dive, Jackson beat Jordan, Dreyer scrunched Wilkinson's Sicilian, and Hampl smashed Wilson's French.

Hampl continued to surprise in the sixth (penultimate) round as he drew with white against Sarfati in a Scotch Game. Alexander let his advantage slip against Dive with a draw resulting while Ker's Dragon got the better of Wilson in a close game. Meanwhile Connor resigned against Jordan because "he thought he might lose later on!"

The last round saw the top two seeds, Sarfati and Ker, drawing. Alexander v Dreyer finished similarly despite Ben having given a piece early on; luckily his opponent had to return it in an unsuccessful attempt to make progress. Dive beat Jordan and Wilson just managed to remove Wilkinson from the h-file in time to win some material and soon the game. Finally, just when no-one was looking, Hampl crept up behind Sarfati and, by out-booking Jackson in an Open Ruy Lopez, ran off with the title on countback!

So Michael Hampl became New Zealand Junior Champion for 1984 on countback from last year's joint winner Jonathan Sarfati. He played very solidly and, when the opportunity presented itself, sacrificed freely. Anthony Ker might regard himself a little lucky to come in third with 5 points but often showed good defensive technique!

The top scores were: 1-2 M.Hampl & J.D.Sarfati 5½/7; 3 A.F.Ker 5; 4 R.J.

Dive 4½; 5-8 B.J.Alexander, M.P.Dreyer, M.C.Wilson & I.Jackson 4; 9-10 T.J. Boswell & A.W.Jordan 3½.

*Editor's note: The tournament organisers declined to provide our correspondent with the full results. The above scores have been worked out from Ed's report and with help from Martin Dreyer.*

Having warmed up, everybody was now ready for the main event—the N.Z. Junior Five Minute Ch'p organised by the writer. Sarfati was again the hot favourite in a field of thirteen, giving 2-5 minute odds to all his opponents. Sarfati dropped only one game (to Wilkinson) in scoring 11/12 with Dreyer coming in second close behind. Due to lack of time, the N.Z. Junior Transfer Ch'p did not follow!

#### DREYER—HAMPL, Trompovsky Attack:

1 d4 Nf6 2 Bg5 Ne4 3 Bh4 c5 4 f3 Qa5+ 5 c3 Nf6 6 Bxf6 gxf6 7 e3 cxd4 8 exd4 d5 9 Bd3 e6 10 Ne2 Bd6 11 Nd2 Qc7 12 g3 Bd7 13 Qc2 Nc6 14 0-0-0 [A premature declaration of intentions] 14...Rc8 15 Nf1 a6 16 Kbl b5 17 a3!? Qb6 18 b4?! a5 19 Qb3 axb4 20 axb4 Ra8 21 Rd2 Ra4 22 Ra2 Ke7!? [Probably better was 22... Bxb4! 23 cxb4 Rxb4 24 Ra8+ Ke7 25 Qxb4 Nxb4 26 Rxh8 Nxd3 followed by Qa5/Qc6] 23 Rxa4 bxa4 24 Qb2 Rb8 25 Kc2? Bxb4! 26 cxb4 Nxb4+ 27 Kd2 Nxd3 28 Qxb6 Rxb6 29 Kxd3 Bb5+ 30 Ke3 Bxe2 [The point is that 31 Kxe2 loses to 31...Rb1 & ...a3] 31 Nd2 Ba6 32 Ra1 Rb4 33 h4 e5 34 dxe5 fxe5 35 Rcl Kd7 36 Nb1? Rb3+ 37 Kf2 a3 38 Nc3 Bc4 39 Kel Rb2 40 Ra1 a2 41 Kdl d4, 0 - 1. Notes by M.Hampl

#### JACKSON—HAMPL, 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 Bxe 9 c3 Bc5 10 Nbd2 0-0 11 Bc2 Nxf2! [Special preparation for this game] 12 Rxf2 f6 13 exf6 Bxf2+ 14 Kxf2 Qxf6 15 Kgl Rae8 16 Nb3 Ne5 17 Nbd4 Bg4 18 Bg5!? Qb6! [Avoiding 18...Bxf3 19 Bxf6 Bxd1 20 Bxe5 Bxc2 21 Bxc7 when Black is far from dead] 19 Kf1 c5 20 h3 Bd7 21 Nb3 Nxf3 22 Qxd5+? Be6, 0 - 1. Notes by M.Hampl

#### DIVE—WILSON, Symmetrical English:

1 Nf3 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 Nc3 d5 4 cxd5 Nxd5 5 g3 Nc6 6 Bg2 g6 7 0-0 Bg7 8 Qb3 Ndb4 9 d3 0-0 10 Be3 b6 11 a3 Na5 12 Qdl Nbc6 13 Nd2 Rb8 14 Rb1 Nd4 15 Nc4 Nac6 16 Bf4 e5 17 Bcl Ne7 18 b4 cxb4 19 axb4 Bb7 20 Bxb7 Rxb7 21 e3 Ne6 Continued on page 68

## LOCAL NEWS

Several reports of club championships from 1983 were received far too late for inclusion in the February 1984 issue so we start by wrapping up 1983!

### CIVIC CHESS CLUB

The 1983 Civic Club Championship was dominated by All-Wellington Champions Leonard McLaren and Philip Clemance. Both players started strongly and were clear leaders after six rounds, Clemance having 6/6 and McLaren (having had the bye) 5/5. What looked likely to be the decisive clash occurred in round seven with McLaren reaching a won position which he proceeded to lose assisted by the clock and complications willingly created by Clemance.

Clemance then had the bye and entered the last round a point ahead of McLaren with Ion another half point back. Philip equalised with black against Ion but played over-ambitiously and eventually lost, thus allowing McLaren to catch up by beating Mullan. The scores:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
1 Clemance P.A.	x	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
2 McLaren L.J.	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
3 Ion G.J.	1	0	x	1/2	1	1	1	1	1	6 1/2
4 Hawkes P.D.	0	0	1/2	x	1	1/2	1	1	1	5
5 Mullan A.B.	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	1	1	4
6 Kay J.B.	0	0	0	1/2	0	x	0	1/2	1	2
7 Capper D.S.	0	0	0	0	0	1	x	-	1/2	1 1/2
8 Wood R.J.	0	0	0	0	0	1/2	-	x	1/2	1
9 Turner N.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1/2	1/2	x	1

### ION-CLEMANCE, QGD Tarrasch:

1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 Nf6 3 Nf3 e6 4 g3 d5  
5 cxd5 exd5 6 d4 Ne6 7 Bg5 cxd4 8  
Nxd4 Be5 9 e3 0-0 10 Bg2 Nxd4 11  
exd4 Re8+ 12 Be3 Bg4 13 Qd3 Bb4 14  
0-0 Qd7 15 Racl Bh3 16 Qb5 Qxb5 17  
Nxb5 Bxg2 18 Kxg2 Rac8 19 a3 a6 20  
Nc7 Rxe3 21 fxe3 Bd2 22 Re5 Nd7 23  
Nxd5 Rxc5 24 dxe5 Nxc5 25 Rd1 Nb3 26  
Nb6 g6 27 Nc4 Bcl 28 Na5 Nxa5 29  
Rxc1 Ne6 30 Kf3 Kf8 31 Ke4 Ke7 32  
Kd5 Kd7 33 e4 Kc7 34 b4 Kd7 35 g4 h6  
36 h4 Ke7 37 Rxc6 bxc6+ 38 Kxc6 Ke6  
39 Kb6 h5 40 gxh5 f5 41 h6 Kf7 42  
Kc5, 1 - 0.

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

1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 c5 3 e3 g6 4 dxc5  
Qa5+ 5 Bd2 Qxc5 6 Bd3 Bg7 7 0-0 d5  
8 Na3 Ne4 9 c3 e5 10 Bxe4 dxe4 11  
Ng5 Qc6 12 Qb3 0-0 13 f3 Bf5? 14

fxe4 Bxe4 15 Nxe4 Qxe4 16 Rxf7! Rxf7  
17 Rf1 Qf5 18 Rxf5 gxf5 19 Nb5 Kf8  
20 Nd6 Rd7 21 Qe6 Rxd6 22 Qxd6+ Ke8  
23 Qe6+, 1 - 0.

The B-grade title was shared by Hamish Dixon and Bill Forster who each scored 8/9. Hamish won their individual clash but conceded two draws to lower placed opponents. Final scores: 1-2 H. Dixon & B. Forster 8; 3 P. King 7 1/2; 4 S. Aburn 5 1/2; 5 B. Southgate 5; 6 J. He-mela 4 1/2; 7-8 M. Gordon & D. McDonald 2; 9 Ms J. Astin 1 1/2; 10 B. Brucker 0.

### OTAGO CHESS CLUB

In a very close finish Richard Sutton won the 1983 Otago Club Championship ahead of Tony Love and Tony Dowden. There were four series of mini-tournaments with the best three scores counting towards the Championship. The system was explained more fully by Tony Dowden in the June 1983 issue.

The following results give the scores of those who played in at least three of the four rounds.

**A-grade:** 1 R.J. Sutton 16 1/2; 2 A.J. Love 160; 3 R.A. Dowden 159; 4 G.G. Haase 156 1/2; 5 B.M. Martin 151 1/2; 6 J. Sievey 149 1/2.

**B-grade:** 1 P.J. Sinton 153 1/2; 2 K.M. Boyd 150; 3 A.D. McIntosh 146 1/2; 4 A. Kwok 145; 5 R.C.E. Gonin 142; 6 J. McIntosh 139 1/2.

**C-grade:** 1 G. Dahl 150; 2 J.L. Sutherland 137 1/2; 3-4 D. Cameron & L. Hansen 136; 5 D. Townsend 132; 6 C. Aimers 131 1/2; 7 A.R. Chang 129 1/2; 8 B. Shouse 127 1/2; 9 S. Jones 120.

### WANGANUI

The 1983 Wanganui Club Championship was won by Tony Boswell who went through undefeated in scoring 6 1/2/8 to take the G.F. Francis trophy. Defending champion Gordon Hoskyn and nine-times winner Howard Whitlock came in equal second.

Scores: 1 T.J. Boswell 6 1/2; 2-3 G.A. Hoskyn & H.P. Whitlock 5 1/2; 4-5 H. Jones & P.R. Cooper 4 1/2; 6 P. Vetharanim 4; 7-8 D.I. Bell & K. Tiet 2 1/2; 9 D.S. Burnham 1/2.

The Alf Ratliff Memorial Shield for the B-grade Championship was won by

Graham Redit who finished undefeated with 6/7. Dov Shalav was second on 5 points while Wayne Boswell & Jeff Copp finished third equal with 4 points.

The Frank Jacobs Memorial Shield for the C-grade was won by Mark Cooper who scored 10/12. A close second was Simon Bridge on 9 1/2 while Damian Pacitto was third on 7 1/2.

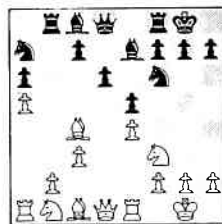
### CHANDLER V 'STAR' READERS

In what is probably a first for New Zealand, Murray Chandler accepted the challenge to play a game against readers of the "Auckland Star" newspaper. The game began a while before Murray arrived in New Zealand for his tour late in 1983 and went on into the New Year. For much of the time Chandler was on the move, playing in several international tournaments - prompting Murray to comment that it was more like "find the grandmaster" than "play the grandmaster." Nevertheless the game went off without a hitch with moves appearing regularly every few days in the Star's Today section.

Here is the game:

### CHANDLER-STAR READERS, 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  
[Avoiding the famous Marshall Attack -  
8 c3 d5!?] 8...b4 9 a5 d6 10 c3 Rh8  
11 Bc4 bxc3 12 dxc3 Na7!? [Murray was  
impressed with this original manoeuvre  
which aims to pressure the white a-  
pawn]



13 Nbd2 Bb7 14 Qc2 c5 15 Qd1! Nc6  
16 Bxa6 Nxa5 17 Bxb7 Nxb7 18 Nc4 Ra8  
19 Bg5 h6 20 Bxf6 Bxf6 21 Rxa8 Qxa8  
22 Nb6 Qa2? [White already has the ad-  
vantage due to his light square control  
but Black is losing after the text.  
Best was 22...Qe8 though White retains  
the better chances after 23 Ra1] 23  
Nd7 Rd8 24 Nxf6+ gxf6 25 Nh4 Kf8 26

Nf5 Ke8 27 Qb5+ Rd7 28 h4 Qa5 29  
Nxd6+ Ke7 30 Nf5+ Kd8 31 Qc6 Qa2 32  
Qxf6+ Kc7 33 Qxe5+, 1 - 0.

### WAITEMATA V NEW PLYMOUTH

In a regular exchange of visits the New Plymouth Chess Club team this year came up to Auckland on the weekend of 9/10 March for matches with the Waitemata club.

On the Saturday a Scheveningen system lightning match was played and resulted in a win for the host club by 87 1/2 to 52 1/2.

Waitemata also was victorious in the match on the Sunday, winning 5 1/2 - 2 1/2:

	WAITEMATA	NEW PLYMOUTH
1	R.W. Smith 1-0	K.M. Okey
2	G. Sareczky 1-0	D.A. Gifford-Moore
3	J.P. Robinson 1-0	J. Billing
4	J.A.O'Connor 0-1	D. Clinton
5	V.J. Burndred 1/2-1/2	D. Walker
6	D. Body 1-0	C. Bolton
7	B. Martin-Buss 1-0	W. Stokell
8	P. James 0-1	J. Clinton

### NORTH SHORE

Ewen Green and Peter Stuart, the top two seeds, shared first place in the 1984 North Shore Chess Club Summer Cup tournament with 7 points in the eight-round Swiss. They drew their individual clash in round five and each also drew with David Gollogly, the third seed.

Gollogly looked set for a close third until a shock loss to Greg Spencer-Smith in the last round. Thus Spencer-Smith assumed the giant-killer's mantle usually worn by Graham Pitts or Ron Feasey who were held on a short leash in this tournament - albeit barely in the case of Pitts who might well have scored better than 0/2 against Green and Stuart.

Leading scores: 1-2 E.M. Green & P.W. Stuart 7; 3 G.J. Spencer-Smith 6; 4-8 I.E. Atkinson, D.A. Gollogly, R. Hart, D.B. Shead & P.B. Weir 5 1/2; 9-14 R.A. Feasey, D.B. Langley, I.R.N. McCormick, G.L. Pitts, R.L. Poor & R.G. Steel 5; 15-18 J.K. Boyd, J. Chandler, R.B. Johnstone & I. McNally 4 1/2.

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# NATIONAL RATING LIST, 1 May 1984

Events rated since the last published list (1/11/83) include the World Junior Championship, Tawa Labour Weekend, Asian Team Championship, Canterbury Club Ch'p, Upper Hutt Club Ch'p (A, B), Christchurch Centre Rated Tournament, New Zealand Ch'p, New Zealand Women's Ch'p & Premier Reserve Ch'p.

All players active within the last two years are included on the list. Asterisks denote provisional ratings based on fewer than 25 games.

1 Garbett P.A.	2384	52 Spiller T.W.L.	1958	103 Hart R.	1793
2 Sutton R.J.	2343	53 Power P.W.	1957	104 Turketo D.	1790*
3 Small V.A.	2338	54 Marshall C.J.	1952	105 Hoskyn G.A.	1789
4 Sarapu O.	2334	55 Walden G.J.	1948	106 Goodhue N.	1789*
5 Nokes R.I.	2305	56 Scott M.J.	1947*	107 Robinson J.P.	1788
6 Aptekar L.	2296	57 Fitzpatrick S.P.	1939	108 Adams J.	1786
7 Kelly P.A.	2281	58 Gibbons R.E.	1938	109 van der Hoorn M.	1785*
8 Smith R.W.	2278	59 van Ginkel J.P.	1930	110 Reid A.	1775
9 Watson B.R.	2272	60 Cooper D.J.	1930	111 Carter G.	1774
10 Gollgoly D.A.	2261	61 Free T.J.	1925	112 Roundill R.L.	1773
11 Green E.M.	2252	62 Marnier G.	1923*	113 Nijman B.	1770
12 Levene M.	2246	63 Haase G.G.	1922	114 van Dam S.	1767
13 Sarfati J.D.	2234	64 Cater J.E.	1922	115 Poor R.L.	1763
14 Beach D.H.	2222	65 Wigbout M.	1920	116 Whitlock H.P.	1761
15 Green P.R.	2216	66 Nijman A.J.	1920	117 Post M.J.	1759
16 Wansink R.	2212	67 Norton W.	1907	118 Moulin D.S.	1755*
17 Cornford L.H.	2193	68 Whitehouse L.E.	1906	119 Notley D.G.	1748
18 Stuart P.W.	2185	69 Lynn K.W.	1903	120 Stracy D.M.	1746
19 Clemanee P.A.	2180	70 Wheeler B.	1902	121 Frankel Z.	1745
20 Dowden R.A.	2172	71 Alexander B.J.	1901	122 Sims I.M.	1743
21 Weir P.B.	2171	72 Hurley A.	1900	123 Booth A.J.	1739
22 Chye M.	2165*	73 Whitehouse M.C.	1899	124 Bridges N.P.	1737
23 Lloyd A.J.	2163	74 Field D.W.	1892	125 Okey K.M.	1736
24 Metge J.N.	2162	75 Leese M.	1891	126 Brown S.A.	1734
25 Hopewell M.G.	2161	76 Hall M.	1891*	127 Stephenson J.R.	1734
26 Ker A.F.	2158	77 Yee S.	1889	128 Thomson O.N.	1732
27 Love A.J.	2157	78 Foster F.	1883	129 Hampl M.	1731
28 Leonhardt W.	2149	79 Dreyer M.P.	1883	130 Kaspar W.	1727*
29 Bates G.T.H.	2140	80 Baldwin P.A.	1881	131 White M.	1726
30 Freeman M.R.	2128	81 Dowman I.A.	1872	132 Vetharianiam P.	1724*
31 McLaren L.J.	2105	82 Goffin P.B.	1867	133 Boyce D.A.L.	1722
32 Jackson J.R.	2076	83 Hopewell N.H.	1867	134 Waddle M.H.	1722
33 Colquhoun D.	2068*	84 Roberts M.H.	1864	135 Metge K.	1722
34 Carpenter B.A.	2059	85 Adams D.T.	1857	136 Lake C.	1721*
35 Spiller P.S.	2056	86 Taylor R.	1853	137 Johnstone R.B.	1716
36 Feneridis A.	2054	87 Marsick B.H.P.	1842	138 Strevens C.M.	1716
37 van Dijk P.	2040	88 Spencer-Smith G.	1839	139 Bojtor J.	1715
38 Steadman M.V.R.	2034	89 Brimble M.T.	1831	140 Wilson R.T.	1713
39 Aldridge G.J.	2032	90 Foord M.R.R.	1830	141 Cornelissen R.L.	1712
40 Noble M.F.	2028	91 Ion G.J.	1827	142 Collins Peter	1709*
41 Hensman P.J.	2013	92 Cribbett P.F.	1827	143 Dolejs D.	1707
42 O'Boyle D.	2005*	93 Rose C.A.	1821*	144 Williams B.M.	1706
43 Walsh B.G.	2003	94 Rawnsley L.D.	1820	145 Stretch W.R.	1705
44 Spain G.A.	1991	95 Kinchant K.D.	1819	146 Boyd K.M.	1705
45 White P.	1989*	96 Martin B.M.	1811	147 Wood R.J.	1702
46 Dive R.J.	1985	97 Ong R.	1804	148 Thompson A.	1701
47 Hawkes P.D.	1983	98 Borren A.M.	1802	149 Jones C.	1695*
48 Cameron B.	1981	99 Sangster A.	1802*	150 Whitehouse C.	1692*
49 Weegenaar D.P.	1980	100 Knightbridge W.	1800	151 Bennett P.E.	1688
50 van Dyk T.	1979	101 Drake A.	1797	152 Snelson P.R.	1686
51 Turner G.M.	1976	102 Boswell T.J.	1795	153 Gloistein B.	1682

154 Shuker R.	1682	214 Morrison M.K.	1561	274 Bennett D.	1425
155 Burndred V.J.	1681	215 Wilcock P.R.	1560*	275 Buis M.O.	1421*
156 Hartley J.	1676	216 Adams D.	1558*	276 Stiles A.	1420*
157 Grkow A.	1675	217 McGowan G.	1554*	277 Brown B.	1417
158 Monrad P.G.	1675	218 Adams C.B.M.	1550*	278 Robbie C.G.	1417
159 Capper D.S.	1673	219 Craigie A.B.	1546*	279 McCarthy P.D.	1417*
160 Jordan A.W.	1672	220 Ramsay W.	1544	280 Martin S.C.	1416
161 Lannier R.M.	1665	221 Raines T.	1544	281 Berry M.O.	1416*
162 Connor B.P.	1662	222 Finke J.	1540*	282 Uszakiewicz G.	1415*
163 Weston R.M.	1661*	223 van den Heuvel A.	1539*	283 Schofield G.S.	1415
164 Mullan A.B.	1660	224 Brannigan K.	1535	284 Phillips J.	1412
165 Clements T.C.	1659	225 Martin-Buss B.	1534*	285 Martin L.M.	1412
166 Cooper P.R.	1658	226 Hampton R.	1532	286 Edwards D.W.	1412*
167 McIntosh A.B.	1657	227 Grevers L.P.	1530	287 Biggam J.	1410*
168 Bell C.M.	1653	228 Banks G.	1530*	288 Rudkins L.R.	1409
169 Burham D.S.	1653*	229 Price A.	1529*	289 Preston J.N.	1406
170 Mitchell R.S.	1650	230 King P.C.	1525	290 Wearing A.	1404*
171 Aandahl V.	1650*	231 Sinton P.J.	1523*	291 Parkinson A.	1401
172 Boughen A.	1646	232 Bradley N.A.	1522	292 Cole G.	1399*
173 Cunningham P.D.	1644	233 Colthart R.	1520	293 Sutherland J.	1397
174 Corry R.J.	1641	234 Glavin G.	1515*	294 Freeman B.W.	1396*
175 Davies G.	1636	235 Young P.	1515*	295 Carlisle-Bowell L.	1395
176 Gifford-Moore D.	1626	236 Nokes J.	1509	296 Boyd J.K.	1391
177 Goodwillie C.	1620*	237 Henderson A.J.	1503	297 Dunn C.	1386*
178 Turner M.G.	1617	238 O'Connor J.A.	1503	298 Dunwoody M.L.	1384
179 Dixon H.A.	1609	239 Whibley P.	1503*	299 Mueller H.P.	1384*
180 Shardy Z.	1609	240 Blundell K.	1502	300 Varga S.	1382*
181 Mathieson J.S.	1608	241 Jones H.	1502*	301 Edwards R.	1379*
182 Aldridge A.L.	1608	242 Talaie L.	1501	302 Watson M.J.	1373
183 Wilkinson E.	1602	243 Bell D.I.	1497	303 Chandler J.	1372*
184 Baumgartner R.	1601	244 Schuster D.F.	1497	304 Cook F.	1368
185 Powell J.R.	1601*	245 Benbow M.R.	1496	305 Winsor B.M.	1367
186 Boswell W.J.	1600*	246 Gibb J.L.	1496*	306 Redit G.	1365*
187 Kay J.B.	1599	247 Barrow G.	1489	307 Turner A.	1361*
188 Steel R.G.	1599	248 Shields J.	1482*	308 Thorby B.	1356
189 Bennell D.J.	1597	249 Smith T.	1482*	309 Bird C.	1355*
190 McLaren M.S.	1597*	250 Simpson G.	1481*	310 Reid P.	1354
191 Beesley R.	1597	251 Baldwin P.	1480	311 Stewart B.K.	1354
192 Ferguson R.T.	1595	252 Turner G.	1478*	312 Atkinson I.E.	1351
193 Scott D.	1594*	253 Owens N.	1477*	313 Aburn S.	1351
194 Spencer-Smith P.	1593	254 Brownlee L.R.	1476	314 Winter W.	1348
195 Reyn I.	1591*	255 Kelly S.	1470*	315 Gilbert J.	1348*
196 Jackson R.	1589*	256 Calder R.J.	1469	316 McNally I.	1344*
197 Sims M.T.	1589	257 Sievey J.C.	1462	317 Byfield C.	1343*
198 Mears G.W.	1586	258 Levy R.	1460*	318 Hofsteede J.	1341
199 Houpt R.	1580	259 Brett K.W.	1458	319 Borovskis J.	1341
200 Byford C.	1577	260 Allen E.G.	1451	320 Edmonds L.G.	1340
201 Stewart M.I.	1575	261 Oldridge C.B.W.	1449	321 Hill S.	1336
202 Watts D.W.	1574	262 Hipkins B.	1447	322 McClory J.J.C.	1336*
203 Stanton R.A.	1573	263 Puddle E.	1445*	323 Thorne G.	1335*
204 Low D.	1572*	264 Bartocci K.D.	1443	324 Harris K.	1324
205 Tangiav J.	1572*	265 Vetharianiam K.	1439*	325 Myrteza D.	1324*
206 Dunn P.	1571	266 Eccles S.	1437*	326 Jones W.D.	1321*
207 Herbert J.	1570*	267 Allsbrook A.J.R.	1436	327 Hansen L.	1317*
208 Millar B.	1566*	268 Alexander G.	1436*	328 Rubini B.	1316*
209 Ker C.M.	1563	269 Roeven G.	1433*	329 Chang A.R.	1310
210 Petch W.H.	1564*	270 Takhar R.	1432	330 Booth S.L.	1309
211 McRae S.	1564	271 Schwass M.P.	1429	331 van der Mey P.F.	1304
212 Trundle G.E.	1562	272 Dowler J.	1429*	332 Scott R.J.L.	1299*
213 Rowland N.	1562*	273 Carr S.	1427*	333 Anderson G.	1294

334	Watson D.	1294*	357	Gordon M.A.	1212	380	Keith J.G.	1105
335	Thomas M.	1293*	358	Pengelly R.A.	1204*	381	Newman D.A.	1103*
336	Styche S.	1293*	359	Treanor S.R.	1203*	382	Carthew B.	1088*
337	Ware M.	1282*	360	Cameron D.	1197	383	Hay V.	1074
338	Capie M.	1275*	361	Aimers C.	1196*	384	Weston R.	1070*
339	Gonin R.C.E.	1271*	362	Williams R.G.	1193	385	Archer A.	1045*
340	McRae J.	1270*	363	Small M.	1189*	386	Haase P.	1032*
341	Foley B.	1270*	364	Raynsley D.C.	1186	387	Johnson Q.	1021*
342	Crawford A.	1263*	365	Jones G.M.	1180	388	Simmons J.	1016
343	Strickett K.	1262	366	Pledger T.K.	1178*	389	Simpson G.	1008*
344	Fink-Jensen K.	1250	367	Macri I.	1172*	390	Bingham P.	998*
345	McCarthy T.R.	1249*	368	Burdett D.	1172*	391	Ballantyne B.	947
346	Scott H.M.	1249*	369	Naylor T.	1169*	392	Cooper M.	945*
347	Skurr P.	1245*	370	Saiepe A.M.	1158*	393	McDonald D.	940*
348	Dahl G.	1236*	371	Raynes P.	1154*	394	Thorns B.	900*
349	Solomon A.	1235*	372	Stubberfield W.	1149*	395	Totton F.	898*
350	Healey R.	1233	373	Abbey L.	1146*	396	McQuinlan G.M.	884*
351	Futter P.T.	1233*	374	Shields P.	1145*	397	Hunt R.	838*
352	Ward C.	1231*	375	Harron G.	1134*	398	Freeman J.	831*
353	Astin J.	1230*	376	Cole N.	1126*	399	Turner B.	769*
354	McGowan A.	1229*	377	Barry-Walsh J.	1125*	400	Ker S.	711*
355	Newman B.	1228	378	Fink-Jensen T.	1115	401	Patel S.K.	552
356	Hemela J.	1226*	379	Webber C.H.	1112	402	Walklin P.D.	528



## LOCAL NEWS contd

The game between the two winners was of some slight theoretical significance, although the players were not aware of this during the game.

E.GREEN—STUART, Queen's Indian Defence: 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 b6 4 g3 Bb7 5 Bg2 Bb4+ 6 Bd2 Be7 7 Nc3 0-0 8 Qc2 [A suggestion by Geller, the normal move being 8 0-0 with which Peter Weir gained the advantage against me in a later round] 8...c5!? [Geller gives only 8...d5 9 cxd5 Nxd5 10 Nxd5 Bxd5 11 e4 Bb7 12 0-0-0 'utilising the extra tempo gained as a result of Black's Bb4-e7 manoeuvre'] 9 0-0 [White would like to play 9 d5 but his queen is badly placed for this thrust, e.g. 9...exd5 10 Nh4 Nc6 11 cxd5 Nb4 12 Qb3 c4! with advantage] 9...cxd4 10 Nxd4 Bxg2 11 Kxg2 Qc8 [Black has equalised] 12 b3 Nc6 13 Nf3 d5 14 cxd5 Nb4 15 Qb2 Nbx d5 16 Rac1 Qb7 17 Kgl Rac8 18 Rfd1 [18 Bg5!?] 18...Rfd8 [18...h6!] 19 Bg5 h6 [Tempting was 19...Nxc3 20 Rxd8+ Bxd8 21 Rxc3 Rxc3 22 Qxc3 Ne4 but 23 Qd4! saves the day] 20 Nxd5 Nxd5 21 Bxe7 Nxe7 22 Rxc8 Qxc8, ½ - ½.

Notes by P.Stuart

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## HASTINGS & HAVELOCK NORTH

To coincide with the Hastings Centennial, a five round Swiss 40-40 tournament open to residents in the area was held at the Hastings City Council Chambers on Saturday 14 April.

Twenty-one competed for prizes totaling \$125 generously donated by NZI Finance.

Going into the final round both Mike Earle and Dave Lynch were on 3½/4. Earle drew Black (his fourth!) and played the Benko Gambit, going astray after obtaining some initiative. Dave built up a powerful pawn and piece attack in the centre and was about to administer the coup de grace when Earle lost on time.

Lynch collected the \$50 first prize while Lol Garnett (\$30) pipped Mike Dunningham (\$15) for second place. The unluckiest player was Derek Christie who scored 3 points but had to play the top three seeds, obtaining well earned draws against Lynch and Earle and blundering his queen in an even position versus Garnett. It was heartening to see six high school students competing in their first open event; Ian Martin and Malcolm Bull look promising players for the future.

Report: Mike Earle

## Overseas News

### HASTINGS

The 1983/84 edition of this famous tournament turned out successfully for the home contingent as GM Jon Speelman shared first place with Swedish GM Lars Karlsson while GM Jonathan Mestel took sole third place. At first glance the field was not as strong as most years - but several grandmasters were in hiding at the bottom of the score-table!

Scores: 1-2 GM Karlsson (SWE) & GM Speelman (ENG) 8½; 3 GM Mestel (ENG) 8; 4-5 GM Ftacnik (CZE) & IM Hebden (ENG) 7½; 6 Martin (ENG) 7; 7 GM Csom (HUN) 6½; 8-10 IM Kudrin (USA), IM Short (ENG) & GM Suba (RUM) 6; 11 GM Alburtt (USA) 5½; 12-13 IM Ivanov (CAN) & GM Sax (HUN) 5; 14 GM Gurevich (USA) 4.

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### REGGIO EMILIA

This is another turn-of-the-year tournament which has been held for many years. Players of the class of former World Champion Boris Spassky and highly rated English GM John Nunn were left stranded in the middle of the field as several IMs, including Australia's Ian Rogers, took top placings. Czech IM Mokry gained his first GM norm in winning the tournament.

Scores: 1 IM Mokry (CZE) 8; 2-3 GM Hulak (YUG) & IM Tatai (ITA) 7½; 4 IM Rogers (AUS) 6½; 5-7 GM Nunn (ENG), GM Spassky (USR) & GM Vukic (YUG) 6; 8 IM Toth (ITA) 5; 9 IM Zichichi (ITA) 4½; 10 IM Bouaziz (TUN) 4; 11-12 IM Formanek (USA) & Gobet (SWI) 2½.

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### AUSTRALIAN CH'P

Played in Sydney, the 1983/84 Australian Championship saw a tie for first place between IM Darryl Johansen and Stephen Solomon who finished a half point ahead of David Ferris and Max Fuller.

Leading scores in the 13-round 32-player Swiss were: 1-2 D.Johansen & S. Solomon 9; 3-4 D.Ferris & M.Fuller 8½; 5-6 A.Flatow & D.McFarlane 8; 7-10 G.Hjorth, E.Levi, I.Parsonage & T.Shaw 7½; 11-14 M.Ginat, D.Hamilton, C.Laird & M.Smith 7.

A play-off, held in Melbourne during February, saw Johansen take the title with a 4-0 victory.

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### AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR CH'P

New Zealand had two representatives in this event, held in Brisbane during January.

Anthony Ker finished in a tie for fourth place with 6½/9 while Tony Boswell finished on 5½ points after a poor start.

Peter Evans (Brisbane) was the upset winner with 7½/9, incidentally becoming the first Queenslander to win an Australian title. Defending champion Konrad Hornung tied for second with Javier Gil on 7 points. There were 57 competitors.

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### DUBAI

The international tournament in Dubai during January had a rather dubious ending when local IM Saeed Saeed scored a last round win by forfeit against his brother Nasser Saeed to "earn" a share of first prize.

Nasser was said to be too ill to play when telephoned but later turned up in the best of health and spirits.

Scores: 1-3 IM Karaklaic (YUG), IM Tatai (ITA) & IM S.Saeed (UAE) 7½/11; 4-6 GM Balinas (PHI), IM Fernandez (SPA) & GM Keene (ENG) 7; 7 GM Nikolac (YUG) 6½; 8 Catalan (SYR) 5½; 9 IM Calvo (SPA) 4½; 10 N.Saeed (UAE) 3; 11-12 Jassem (UAE) & Kassabe (UAE) 1½.

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### WIJK AAN ZEE

The first tournament to take advantage of the lifting of the Soviet boycott of tournaments in which Korchnoi is competing was this year's Wijk aan Zee event held in January/February. The tournament was of category 13 (average rating, 2557) with norms of 7½ (GM) and 5 (IM).

Soviet GM Alexander Belyavsky and Viktor Korchnoi, both victims of Gary Kasparov in the recent Candidates' series, somewhat appropriately shared the spoils with winning scores of 10/13. Both winners had their best result in



some time and possible future tournament clashes between the Swiss K and the Soviet K's will be awaited with interest.

A distant third, on 7½, was the relatively unknown Yugoslav GM Predrag Nikolic who ranks second only to Ljubojevic among his countrymen on the latest FIDE rating list. Here he included the hard-to-beat Ulf Andersson among his victims.

The scores:

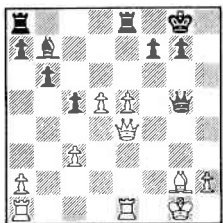
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1 Belyavsky	x	½	1	½	½	½	½	1	1	1	1	½	1	1	10
2 Korchnoi	½	x	1	½	½	½	½	1	1	1	1	½	1	1	10
3 Nikolic P.	0	0	x	1	½	½	1	0	½	½	1	1	½	1	7½
4 Andersson	½	½	0	x	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	7
5 Adorian	½	½	½	½	x	½	½	1	½	0	½	½	½	½	6½
6 Hübner	½	½	½	½	½	x	1	0	0	½	½	½	1	1	6½
7 Tukmakov	½	½	0	½	½	0	x	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	6½
8 Miles	0	0	1	½	0	1	½	x	1	½	0	½	1	½	6½
9 v d Wiel	0	0	½	½	½	1	½	0	x	½	1	½	1	½	6½
10 Sosonko	0	0	½	½	1	½	½	½	½	x	½	½	½	½	6
11 Ree	0	½	0	½	½	1	½	1	0	½	x	0	½	½	5½
12 Torre	½	0	0	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	x	0	½	5
13 Ligterink	0	0	½	0	½	0	0	0	½	½	½	1	x	½	4
14 v d Sterren	0	0	0	½	½	0	0	½	0	½	½	½	½	x	3½

**MILES—BELYAVSKY, Queen's Gambit:**

1 c4 e6 2 Nc3 d5 3 d4 Nf6 4 Nf3 Be7 5 Bf4 0-0 6 e3 c5 7 dxc5 Bxc5 8 Qc2 Nc6 9 a3 Qa5 10 Rd1 Be7 11 Rd2 Ne4 12 Nxe4 dxe4 13 Qxe4 Rd8 14 Qc2 e5 15 Bg3 e4 16 Qxe4 Bf5 17 Qf4 Rxd2 18 Nxd2 Rd8 19 e4 Bg4 20 c5 Nb4 21 f3 g5 22 axb4 Qal+ 23 Ke2 gxf4 24 Bxf4 Be6 25 Be5 Qc1 26 Bc3 Bg5, 0 - 1.

**NIKOLIC—KORCHNOI, Queen's Indian Defence:**

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 b6 4 g3 Bb7 5 Bg2 Bb4+ 6 Bd2 c5 7 0-0 0-0 8 d5 Bxd2 9 Qxd2 exd5 10 Nh4 Ne4 11 Qc2 Re8 12 Nc3 Nxc3 13 bxc3 Nc6 14 cxd5 Ne5 15 Rfel 16 16 f4 Ng6 17 Nxc6 hxc6 18 e4 g5 19 e5 gxf4 20 gxf4 dxe5 21 fxe5 Qg5 22 Qe4

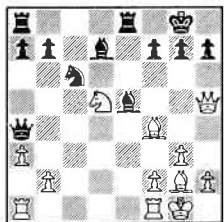


22...Re6 23 Qe3 Rg6 24 Qxg5 Rxc5 25 c4 Re8 26 Rad1 Be8 27 Rd3 Rgxe5 28 Rxe5 Rxe5 29 Ra3 Re7 30 d6 Re1+ 31 Kf2 Rd1 32 Bd5 Be6 33 Bxe6 fxe6 34 Rxa Rxd6 35 Ke3 Rd4 36 Ra6 Rxc4 37 Rxb6 Kf7 38 Rb2 g5 39 Kd3 Rh4 40 Rc2 Kf6 41 Rxc5 Rxh2 42 a4 Rh3+ 43 Ke2 e5 44 Rc8 Ra3 45 Ra8 Kf5 46 a5 Kf4 47 a6 Ra2+ 48 Kd3 e4+ 49 Kd4 e3 50 Rf8+ Kg3 51 Kxe3 Rxa6 52 Rf3+ Kg4 53 Rf8 Ra2 54 Rg8 Rg2, 0 - 1.

**KORCHNOI—MILES, Nimzoindian Defence:**

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3 c5 5 Ne2 cxd4 6 exd4 0-0 7 a3 Be7 8 d5 exd5 9 cxd5

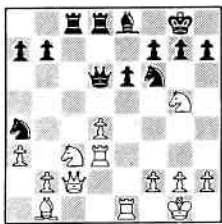
Re8 10 d6 Bf8 11 g3 Qb6 12 Bg2 Bxd6 13 Be3 Qa6 14 0-0 Be5 15 Nf4 d5 16 Ncxd5 Nc6 17 Nxf6+ Bxf6 18 Nd5 Be5 19 Qh5 Qa4 20 Bf4 Bd7



21 b3 Qa5 22 b4 Qa4 23 Rad1 Bxf4 24 gxf4 Rad8 25 Rd3 Kh8 26 Nc7 Re7 27 Qc5 Re2 28 Rxd7, 1 - 0.

**NIKOLIC—ANDERSSON, Bogo-Indian:**

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 Bb4+ 4 Bd2 Bxd2+ 5 Qxd2 0-0 6 Nc3 d5 7 e3 Qe7 8 a3 Nbd7 9 Qc2 dxc4 10 Bxc4 c5 11 0-0 Nb6 12 Ba2 cxd4 13 exd4 Bd7 14 Rfel Qd6 15 Rad1 Rac8 16 Rd3 Rfd8 17 Ng5 Na4 18 Bb1 Be8



19 Rf3 Qxd4 20 Nxc7 Nxc7 21 Qxh7+ Kf8 22 h3 Ke7 23 Re4 Qd6 24 Rd3 Qb8 25 Qxg7 Rxd3 26 Bxd3 Nxc3 27 bxc3 Rc5 28 Bc4 Bd7 29 g3 Qd6 30 Rf4 Kd8 31 Qxf7 Qc6 32 Bd3 Rxc3 33 Qf8+ Kc7 34 Be4 Rcl+ 35 Kh2, 1 - 0 (time).

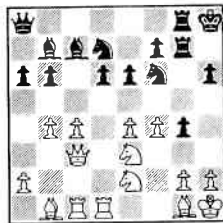
**MILES—NIKOLIC, Slav Defence:**

1 Nf3 d5 2 d4 c6 3 c4 e6 4 Qc2 Nf6 5 Bf4 Nh5 6 Bg5 f6 7 Bh4 g5 8 Bg3 Nd7 9 cxd5 exd5 10 e3 Bb4+ 11 Nc3 Nf8 12 Bd3 Be6 13 a3 Bxc3+ 14 bxc3 Qe7 15 Rb1 Kf7 16 Qe2 Ng7 17 Nd2 h5 18 h4 g4 19 0-0 Ng6 20 e4 Rae8 21 f3 b6 22 fxc4 Bxc4 23 Qf2 Nf8 24 Rbel Qd8 25 Qf4 Re6 26 Nf3 Kg8 27 Nh2 dxe4 28 Nxc4 exd3 29 Rxe6 Nxe6 30 Nxf6+ Kf7 31 Qe5 d2 32 Nxc5+,

1 - 0.

**HÜBNER—LIGTERINK, Sicilian Taimanov:**

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nc6 5 Nb5 d6 6 c4 Nf6 7 Nle3 a6 8 Na3 Be7 9 Be2 0-0 10 0-0 b6 11 Be3 Ne5 12 Qb3 Ned7 13 Rfd1 Bb7 14 f3 Qc7 15 Bf1 Rac8 16 Racl Qb8 17 Nc2 Bd8 18 Kh1 Bc7 19 Bgl h6 20 Ne3 Kh8 21 Qc2 Rg8 22 Qd2 g5 23 Bd3 Ne5 24 Bb1 Rg7 25 Ne2 Rcg8 26 Qc3 Qa8 27 b4 g4 28 f4 Ned7



29 Nd5 exd5 30 cxd5 Bd8 31 Bd4 Nh5 32 Bxc7+ Rxc7 33 Nd4 Nxf4 34 Nf5 Ne5 35 Nxd6 f6 36 Qe3 Nfg6 37 Rf1 Rh7 38 Rf5 Qb8 39 Ne8 Bc8 40 Nxf6 Bxf6 41 Rxf6 b5 42 Rxc6, 1 - 0.

**VAN DER WIEL—VAN DER STERREN, Petroff:**

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Nxe5 d6 4 Nf3 Nxe4 5 Nc3 Nxc3 6 dxc3 Be7 7 Be3 0-0 8 Qd2 Nd7 9 0-0-0 Ne5 10 Nd4 c5 11 Nb5 Qa5 12 a3 a6 13 Nxd6 Rd8 14 Nxc8 Rxd2 15 Nxe7+ Kf8 16 Rxd2 Kxe7 17 Rd5 Nd7 18 Be2 b6 19 Bf3 Nf8 20 Re5+, 1 - 0.

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**REYKJAVIK**

January/February saw two major international tournaments at Reykjavik. The first was a twelve-player round robin sponsored by the Iceland Agricultural Bank. In an all Iceland finish untitled Johann Hjartarson gained a GM norm in winning first prize while his fellow countrymen also filled the next three places. Sweden's Pia Cramling, the world's top rated woman, took fifth place with a plus score that included victories over the American grandmasters Albur and Shamkovich.

Scores: 1 Hjartarson (ICE) 8/11; 2 IM Petursson (ICE) 7; 3-4 IM H.Olafsson (ICE) & GM Sigurjonsson (ICE) 6½; 5-6 IM P.Cramling (ICE) & GM Shamkovich (USA) 6; 7 IM Arnason (ICE) 5½; 8-9 IM de Firmian (USA) & GM Knezevic (YUG) 5; 10 GM Albur (USA) 4½; 11 Bjarnason (ICE) 3½; 12 Kristinsson (ICE) 2½.

**CRAMLING—ARNASON, Sicilian Najdorf:**

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4

Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 f4 e5 7 Nf3 Nbd7 8 a4 Qc7 9 Bd3 g6 10 0-0 Bg7 11 Qel b6 12 Qh4 Bb7 13 Kh1 0-0 14 f5 Rae8 15 Bg5 Qc5 16 Nd2 Qb4 17 Rab1 Rc8 18 Rf3 d5 19 Rbfl dxe4 20 Ncxe4 Bxe4 21 Nxe4 Nxe4 22 Bxe4 Nc5 23 fxc6 h6 24 gx17+ Kh8 25 Bxh6 Qxe4 26 Bxc7+, 1 - 0.

**ALBURT—DE FIRMIAN, Modern Benoni:**

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 g3 c5 4 d5 exd5 5 cxd5 d6 6 Nc3 g6 7 Bf4 Bg7 8 Qa4+ Bd7 9 Qb3 Qc7 10 Nf3 0-0 11 Nd2 Nh5 12 Be3 f5 13 Nc4 Na6 14 Bg2 Rae8 15 Bf3 f4 16 gxf4 Nxf4 17 0-0 Bxc3 18 Qxc3 Bh3 19 Rfel Qd8 20 Kh1 b5 21 Na5 Nc7 22 Qd2 Qh4 23 Nb7 Re5 24 Nxd6 Ncxd5 25 Bxc5 Bg2+ 26 Bxc2 Rh5 27 h3 Nxc2 28 Qd3 Nge3, 0 - 1.

Following this was a 60-player Swiss, the annual REYKJAVIK OPEN. Like the preceding event, this proved to be a benefit for the young Iceland players. Locals Helgi Olafsson and Johann Hjartarson tied for first place with 8/11. The big surprise, however, was the performance of American veteran Sammy Reshevsky (73) who also featured in the first place tie.

Leading scores: 1-3 Hjartarson (ICE), IM H.Olafsson (ICE) & GM Reshevsky (USA) 8; 4-6 IM Arnason (ICE), IM Petursson (ICE) & IM Schüssler (SWE) 7½; 7-12 GM Chandler (ENG), GM Christiansen (USA), GM Geller (USR), GM Ree (NLD), IM L. Schneider (SWE) & GM Sigurjonsson (ICE) 7; 13-19 GM Balashov (USR), GM Byrne (USA), IM Gutman (ISR), IM Ostermeyer (BRD), GM Shamkovich (USA), Thorsteins (ICE) & IM Zaltsman (USA) 6½.

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**BEERSHEVA**

Viktor Korchnoi and American IM Sergei Kudrin tied for first place in a 14-player round robin. With 9/13 they were a point ahead of West German GM Wolfgang Unzicker.

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**ROME**

The annual Banco di Roma tournament, also played in February, was jointly won by Hungary's GM Gyula Sax and IM Stefano Tatai of Italy. For the umpteenth time Tatai missed a GM norm by

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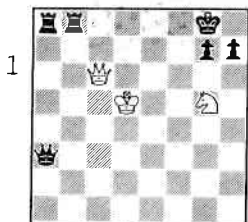
# The Recurrence of the Smothered Mate

by Val Zemitis

Anne Sunnucks, the author of *Encyclopaedia of Chess*, states that a smothered mate is a "mate given by a knight to a king, the adjoining squares of which are occupied by pieces of its own colour or by enemy pieces that it cannot take."

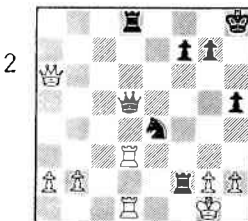
There are many variations of how a smothered mate can be achieved but the most famous one is called "Philidor's Legacy." Here the queen and knight cooperate in unique manner in achieving smothered mate - examples are positions 2, 5 and 6 below.

The name Philidor's Legacy was used for the first time in Thomas Pruen's *Introduction to the History of Study of Chess* (Cheltenham, 1804). I am sure that Francois-Andre Danican Philidor, who was born on 7 September 1726 and died on 31 August 1795, did not have the primacy on the idea of smothered mate. This idea belongs to Luis Ramirez de Lucena who published a position depicting smothered mate in his treatise on chess, *Repeticion de amores y artes de Axedres*, printed in Spain in 1497 (diagram 1).



White to move: 1 Qe6+ Kh8 2 Nf7+ Kg8 3 Nh6+ Kh8 4 Qg8+! Rxf7 5 Nf7 mate.

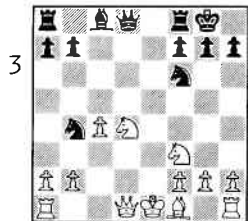
Incidentally, there is a second solution to achieve mate, namely by playing 3 Nd8+.



The position shown in diagram 2 occurred in the game Larry Evans v Bent

Larsen in 1957. This is a Philidor's Legacy position but in somewhat disguised form. Larsen played 1...Rf1! 2 Rxf1 (If 2 Kxf1, then 2...Qf5+ 3 Kgl Qc5+) 2...Qc5+ and White resigned on account of 3 Kh1 Nf2+ etc.

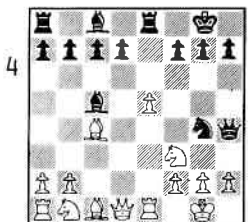
Horowitz, in his game against Edward Lasker in 1946, found a different type of smothered mate (see diagram 3).



1...Qa5! (Threatening 2...Nc2+. If 2 Qd2 then 2...Ne4) 2 Nd2 Qe5+ 3 Ne2 Nd3 mate!

The following game was first published in Baal's *Royall Game of Chesse Playe* published in 1656!

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Bc5 4 0-0 Nf6 5 Re1 0-0 6 c3 Re8 7 d4 exd4 8 e5 Ng4 9 cxd4 Nxd4 10 Nxd4 Qh4 11 Nf3 (Diagram 4)

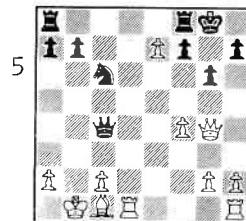


11...Qxf2+! 12 Kh1 Qg1+ 13 Rxg1 Nf2 mate!

The next four examples are taken from recent events. Examples 5 and 6 are "hidden" Philidor's Legacy smothered mates, example 7 is a "reverse" smothered mate, while example 8 is just another variation of the smothered mate. The following game was played at Riga in 1983.

KVEINIS-IVANOV, Sicilian Defence: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 Nc6 6 f4 g6 7 Be2 (Better

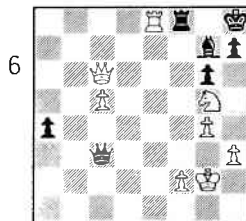
7 Nf3, 8 Bd3) 7...Bg7 8 Be3 Ng4 9 Bxg4?! (Better 9 Bg1 & if 9...e5? then 10 Nxc6 bxc6 11 Bxg4 Qh4+ 12 Bf2 Qxg4 13 Qxd6; correct is 9...Nxd4 10 Bxd4 e5!?) 9...Bxg4 10 Qxg4 Nxd4 11 0-0-0? (Correct here is 11 Qd1! Ne6 12 Qd3 Rc8 13 Nd1) 11...Nc6 12 e5 0-0 13 Kb1 Qa5 14 exd6 Bxc3 15 bxc3 Qxc3 16 Bc1 Qc4 17 dxe7? (Somewhat better was 17 Qf3)



17...Nb4! 18 exf8Q+ Rxf8 19 Bb2 Qxc2+ 20 Ka1 Qc4 21 Kb1 Qe4+, 0 - 1. A Philidor's Legacy position has been reached and Black forces mate after 22 Kal with Nc2+ etc (Notes from Sahs).

Played in the U.S. Open, Pasadena 1983:

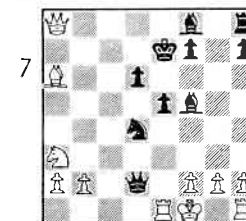
J.MEYER-D.SPENKLE, Dutch Defence: 1 d4 f5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Bf4 d6 4 h3 g6 5 e3 Bg7 6 Nbd2 0-0 7 Bc4+ d5 8 Bd3 c5 9 c3 Nc6 10 Ne5 Nh5 11 Nxc6 bxc6 12 dxc5 Nxf4 13 exf4 Qc7 14 Qa4 Bh6 15 g3 e5 16 fxe5 f4 17 g4 f3 18 Nb3 Rf4 19 Nd4 Rb8 20 Qxc6 Qxe5+ 21 Kf1 Rf6 22 Qa4 Rxb2 23 Re1 Qf4 24 Bc2 Qd2 25 Qe8+ Rf8 26 Qe5 Qxc3 27 Bb3 Bg7 28 Qxd5+ Kh8 29 Rd1 Rd2 30 Rxd2 Qxd2 31 Nxf3 Qc3 32 Kg2 Be6 33 Qc6 Bxb3 34 axb3 Qxb3 35 Re1 a5 36 Re8 Qc3 37 Ng5 a4



38 Nf7+ Kg8 39 Qe6 Rxe8 40 Nh6+, 1 - 0 (40...Kh8 41 Qg8+! and 42 Nf7 mate).

From the match Yugoslavia v Poland, Warsaw 1982: VUJIC-ROJAK, Sicilian Pelikan: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 e5 6 Ndb5 d6 7 Bg5 (White has other possibilities: 7 Be3 and 7

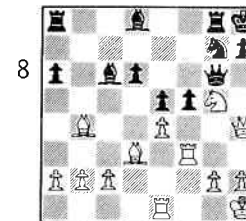
Nd5) 7...a6 8 Na3 (Or 8 Bxf6 gxf6 9 Na3 d5!? 10 Nxd5 Bxa3 11 bxa3 Be6 as in Najdorf-Pelikan 1955) 8...b5 (Or 8 ...Be6 9 Nc4 Rc8) 9 Bxf6 (9 Nd5 Be7; also 9 Nabl has been tried) 9...gxf6 10 Nd5 f5 11 exf5 Bxf5 12 Qf3 (12 c3!) 12...Nd4 13 Nc7+ Qxc7 14 Qxa8+ Ke7 15 c3 b4! 16 cxb4 Qb6 17 Bxa6 Qxb4 18 Kf1 Qd2 19 Re1?



19...Bd3+ 20 Bxd3 Qxd3+ 21 Kgl Ne2+, 0 - 1 (If 22 Kf1, then 22...Ng3+ 23 Kgl Qf1+ with mate to follow).

Finally, another game played in the Soviet Union from 1983:

GRUSHEVSKY-SHEVELEV, Sicilian Defence: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 d6 6 Be2 e6 7 0-0 Be7 8 Be3 0-0 9 f4 a6 (Or 9...Bd7; 9...e5!?) 10 Qe1 Qc7 (Better 10...Nxd4) 11 Qg3 (Or 11 a4 first) 11...Bd7 12 Kh1 b5 13 Bd3 g6 14 f5 Nxd4 15 Bxd4 b4 16 Nd1 e5 17 Be3 Bc6 18 Bh6 Rfe8 19 Nf2 Kh8 20 Rael Rg8 21 Nh3 Bd8 22 Bg5 Nh5 23 Qh4 f6 24 Bd2 Qf7 25 Bxb4 gxf5 26 Rxf5 Ng7 27 Rf3 f5 28 Ng5 Qg6



29 Qxh7+! Qxh7 30 Nf7 mate!

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# Rook v Pawn

by Peter Stuart

*Note: in this article '+' indicates a won position for White, '-+' a won position for Black, and '=' a drawn position.*

As one would expect the ending of K+R versus K+P is usually won by the side with the rook but there are nevertheless frequent occasions when the inferior side can hold the draw by shepherding his pawn to the eighth.

This ending most often occurs where, in a R+P v R+P ending, one side is forced to give up his rook for the opponent's pawn. It is therefore likely that the superior side's king will be behind the enemy pawn, having escorted his own pawn to his eighth rank.

To have drawing chances the defending side must normally have both king and pawn on at least the fourth rank.

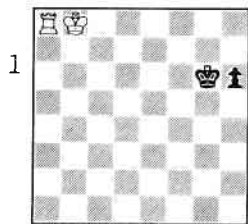
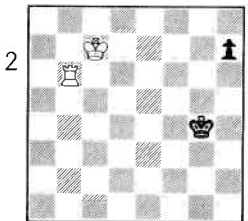
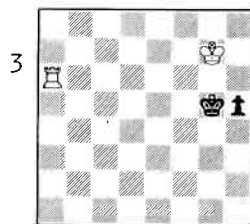


Diagram 1 illustrates what is likely to happen if they are further back. Even with the move, Black cannot draw, e.g. 1...h5 2 Ra5! (the Black king is prevented from supporting his pawn past its fifth rank) 2...h4 3 Kc7 h3 4 Ra3! h2 5 Rh3 +-. A better defence is put up by 1...Kg5 but White still wins: 2 Kc7 h5 3 Kd6 h4 4 Ke5 Kg4 5 Ke4 Kg3 6 Ke3 h3 7 Rg8+ Kh2 8 Kf2 Kh1 9 Kg3 h2 10 Ra8 +-.



Black is better placed in diagram 2 and can hold the draw: 1...h5 2 Rg6+

Kf3 (2...Kf5 3 Rh6 Kg5 4 Rh8 is similar but 2...Kh3? loses after 3 Kd6 h4 4 Ke5 Kh2 5 Kf4 h3 6 Rg3) 3 Rh6 Kg4 4 Kd6 h4 5 Ke5 h3 6 Ke4 Kg3 7 Ke3 Kg2! (the general rule for the defender in this type of ending is to advance the pawn first, i.e. ahead of the king, but here the precept fails; thus 7...h2? 8 Rg6+ Kh3 9 Kf2 +-) 8 Rg6+ (or 8 Ke2 h2 9 Rg6+ Kh1 and the stalemate threat saves Black) 8...Kf1! (But not 8...Kh1? 9 Kf3 h2 10 Ra6 +-) 9 Kf3 h2 10 Rh6 Kg1 and White can make no progress so must acquiesce in a draw.



Another attacking plan involves 'lateral' checking. In diagram 3 White, on move, wins as follows: 1 Ra5+ Kg4 2 Kg6 h4 3 Ra4+ Kg3 4 Kg5 h3 5 Ra3+ Kg2 6 Kg4 h2 7 Ra2+ Kg1 8 Kg3 h1N+ 9 Kf3 +-.

With the move, Black can draw with 1...h4! (Pawn first! 1...Kg4? 2 Kg6 transposes directly to the above variation) 2 Ra5+ Kg4 3 Kg6 h3! 4 Ra4+ Kg3 5 Kg5 h2 6 Ra3+ Kg2 7 Kg4 h1Q 8 Ra2+ Kf1 = (the 'smart' 9 Kg3?? loses to 9...Qh8).

So far our examples have considered only rook pawns. With other pawns the rook is best placed behind the pawn but in practice often finds itself on the first rank.

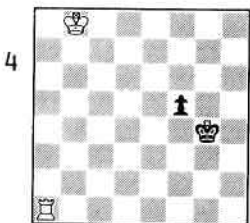
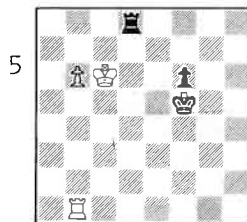


Diagram 4 is a critical position. It is a simple matter to determine whether

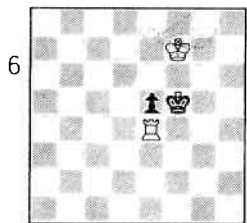
or not White can win in such positions. Here we must decide whether he can play Ke2 when the black king and pawn have reached g2 and f2 respectively. Simple counting resolves the question: Black needs 5 moves to reach the crucial position while the white king reaches e2 in 6 moves. Thus White wins if he moves first: 1 Kc7 f4 2 Kd6 f3 3 Ke5 f2 4 Ke4 Kg3 5 Ke3 Kg2 6 Ke2 +-.

With Black to move the white monarch arrives one move too late: 1...f4 2 Kc7 f3 3 Kd6 f2 4 Ke5 Kf3 5 Kd4 Kg2 =.

With a centre pawn or BP the handling of the kings is vitally important. Generally the attacking king should head for the opposite side of the pawn to the defending king if he has any choice. The defending king, on the other hand, should be utilised to block the approach of his counterpart. This is starkly illustrated by diagram 5, a position which arose in the game Alekhine-Bogoljubov (19th match game, 1929).



The challenger disregarded the above rule, blundering with 1...Kg4? There followed: 2 b7 f5 3 b8Q Rxb8 4 Rxb8 f4 5 Kd5 (the white king waltzes in) 5...f3 6 Ke4 f2 7 Rf8 Kg3 8 Ke3, 1-0. Instead 1...Ke4! would have drawn: 2 b7 f5 3 b8Q Rxb8 4 Rxb8 f4 5 Rb4+ (Or 5 Re8+ Kd3! 6 Kd5 f3 7 Rf8 Ke2 8 Ke4 f2 =) 5...Ke3 6 Kd5 f3 7 Rb3+ Ke2 8 Ke4 f2 9 Rb2+ Ke1 10 Ke3 f1N! =. A drawn rook v knight ending is reached.



With the kings playing such an impor-

tant role it is not surprising that the concept of the 'opposition' can be decisive. Diagram 6, a surprising study by Richard Reti (1928), illustrates.

As 1 Ra4? e4 2 Ra5+ Kf4 3 Ke6 e3 4 Kd5 e2 5 Ra1 Kf3 6 Kd4 Kf2 only draws, the white king arriving a move too late, it seems that 1 Re1 must be played. Then 1...e4 2 Ke7 Kf4 3 Kd6 e3 4 Kd5 Kf3 5 Kd4 e2 6 Kd3 is indeed winning. Black, however, has a nice improvement in this line in 2...Ke5! when 3 Kf7 Kf5! or 3 Kd7 Kd5! achieve nothing while 3 Re2 Kf4 4 Kd6 e3 5 Kd5 Kf3 gains a tempo for Black - and a draw.

Thus White must lose a move in order to gain the opposition and the key-move, 1 Re2!, is no longer so surprising. There follows: 1...e4 2 Re1! Ke5 (Or 2...Kf4 3 Ke6 etc) 3 Ke7! (Only so! 3 Kg6 only draws after 3...Kf4 when the white king cannot reach the d-file in time) 3...Kd4 (3...Kf4 4 Kd6 is just a mirror image) 4 Kf6 e3 5 Kf5 Kd3 6 Kf4 e2 7 Kf3 +-.

The defender in a rook and pawn endgame should always be on the alert for opportunities to reach a drawn ending with pawn versus rook. We have already seen one example where a grandmaster failed to properly appreciate his chances. We conclude this article with two more examples from practical play.

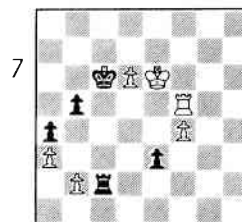


Diagram 7 shows the position after 74 moves of the game Aptekar-Stuart (N.Z. Championship 1980/81). Although the position should be a win for White, a high degree of precision is required. Play continued:

1 Re5!

A fine all-purpose move which prepares the rapid advance of the f-pawn, helps shelter the king from possible checks, and emasculates the black e-pawn. Also 1 d7!? is winning but it is hard to go past such an obviously good move as the text.

1...e2! 2 f5?

Lev correctly realised that the f-pawn was the more dangerous pawn in the long run, the d-pawn being easily stopped in its tracks by ...Rd2. The move played, however, gives Black the time to grab the b-pawn, a very useful acquisition as it turns out. Instead 2 d7! precludes the pawn grab as 2...Rd2 is forced. Now the careless 3 f5? allows a study-like draw by 3...Rd6+ 4 Ke7 Rxd7+ 5 Ke8 Rd5! 6 Re6+ Kc7 7 f6 Rd6! 8 Re7+ Kc8! 9 Rxe2 (There is nothing better) 9...Rxf6, but there is a win with 3 Re3! Rd6+ 4 Kf5! Rxd7 5 Rxe2 and the f-pawn carries the day.

2...Rxb2! 3 f6 Rd2!

Now Black's idea becomes clear. He will win the d-pawn and then sacrifice his rook for the f-pawn, eventually reaching a drawn ending with a-pawn against rook.

4 f7

Now 4 d7 is too late, e.g. 4...Rd6+ 5 Kf5 Rxd7 6 Rxe2 b4! 7 axb4 (Or 7 Re4 b3 8 Rxa4 b2 9 Rb4 Rb7 =) 7...Kb5 8 Rb2 a3 9 Rb1 Rd2 =. Even worse would be 4 Kf5? Rd5! winning for Black, e.g. 5 Rxd5 e1Q 6 d7 Qf1+! 7 Ke6 Qh3+ 8 Ke7 Qh7+ 9 f7 Qe4+ 10 Kf6 Qxd5 -+.

4...Rxd6+ 5 Ke7

After 5 Kf5? Rd5! 6 f8Q Rxe5+ 7 Kxe5 e1Q+ only Black can contemplate playing for a win. The text forces the win of the rook right away.

5...Rd7+ 6 Ke8 Rxf7 7 Kxf7 b4!

Forcing the draw - and vindicating Black's decision to preserve his e-pawn on move 1 instead of exchanging pawns by 1...Rd2 2 Rxe3 Rxd6; thanks to the e-pawn the black king cannot be denied access to the b5 square.

8 axb4 a3 9 Rxe2

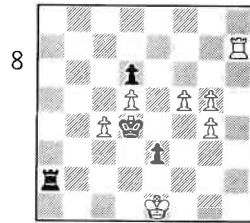
No better is 9 b5+ Kb6 10 Rxe2 Kxb5. White must capture the e-pawn without delay since a3-a2 is threatened.

9...Kb5 10 Ke6

Or 10 Re4 a2 11 Re1 Kxb4 =. White plays on in the hope of winning as in position 3 above but his king cannot reach b3 in time - he is one tempo shy!

10...Kxb4 11 Kd5 Kb3 12 Kd4 a2 13 Re1 Kb2 14 Re2+ Kb1 15 Rxa2, ½ - ½.

The next position (diagram 8) arose in a game Stuart-Hosking (England 1974).



White has a clear material superiority and should be winning but (as in the game above, funnily enough) a black pawn on e3 proves to have magical properties!

1 Re7?

With the simple idea of sacrificing the rook for the e-pawn at the right moment and winning with connected pawns on the sixth rank. Alas, the idea does not work after the text due to excellent defence by Black. With some real analysis (and iron nerves!) I might have essayed 1 g6! Kd3 2 Kf1 winning, e.g. 2...e2+ 3 Kf2 Ra1 4 Re7 Rf1+ 5 Kg2 e1Q 6 Rxe1 Rxe1 7 g7 Re8 8 f6, or 2...Rf2+ 3 Kg1 Rf4 4 Kg2! e2 5 Re7 Rxe4+ 6 Kf3 Rg5 7 Kf4 Rg1 8 c5! and the rook can no longer cope with all the pawns.

1...Kd3 2 Kf1 Rf2+! 3 Kg1 Rf4!

Black's cunning defence has enabled him to seize the initiative; suddenly the white kingside pawns are vulnerable and the white king will be frog-marched to the h-file. Nevertheless I still misguidedly hoped to win - in reality, White should now be happy with a draw.

4 g6 Rxe4+ 5 Kh2 e2!

Just the right timing. Instead, 5...Rg5? loses to 6 g7 e2 7 f6 Rh5+! (The best chance as, after 7...Re5, both sides queen but White wins by forcing the exchange of queens by 10 Qg3+) 8 Kg2! Rg5+ 9 Kh3 Rh5+ 10 Kg4 Re5 (Now forced) 11 Rxe5 dxe5 12 g8Q e1Q 13 f7! and Black soon runs out of checks.

6 Rxe2!

The only move to even hold the draw. Instead 6 g7? loses to 6...Rxe4 7 Rxe4 Kxe4 8 g7 e1Q 9 g8Q Qh1+ and 10...Qg1+ winning the white queen.

6...Kxe2 7 c5!

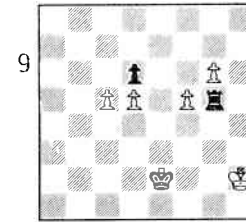
The alternative, 7 Kh3, loses to 7...Kf3! 8 e5 (Now the only try) 8...Rg5! 9 Kh4 Kf4 10 cxd6 Rg1! 11 Kh3 Kxf5 12 d7 Rh1+ and the pawns soon fall. Black was able to gain tempi with mate threats.

7...Rg5! [Diagram 9]

Taking the c-pawn loses to the steady advance of the pawns, starting with d6, as the reader will easily verify and 7...Rh4+? 8 Kg3 Rh8 9 cxd6 is no better. Interesting though is 7...Kf3 8 cxd6 Rh4+ when Black must take the draw by a well-known study idea: 9 Kg1 Rg4+ 10 Kf1 Rh4 11 Ke1 Ke3 12 Kd1 Kd3 etc.

8 Kh3?

Completely underestimating Black's reply. White should settle for the easy draw after 8 cxd6! Rxf5! 9 Kg3! Rg5+ (9...Ke3 10 Kg4) 10 Kf4 Rxe6 11 Kd5 Kd3 12 d7 Rg8 13 Kd6.



8...Kf3!

But not 8...Rxf5? 9 Kg4 Rf8 10 cxd6 Ke3 11 g7! Rg8 12 Kf5 Rxe7 13 Ke6 =.

9 Kh4 Kf4!

Black can also win with 9...Rg1, e.g. 10 cxd6 Kf4 11 Kh3 Kxf5 12 d7 Rh1+ 13 Kg3 Rh8. The text, however, is prettier. On the other hand, 9...Rxf5? loses immediately to 10 g7.

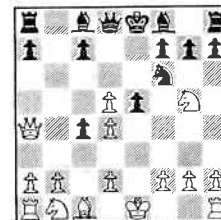
10 cxd6 Rxf5 11 g7 Rg5 12 d7 Rxe7, 0 - 1.

The mate threat wins the d-pawn.

## PANEL POSER

Reader's questions for this column should be sent to the Editor. They may concern games, analysis, openings, endings, chess history or, in fact, anything relevant to the game. Personal replies are not possible. The panel comprises Ewen Green, IM Ortvin Sarapu, Vernon Small, Robert Smith, Peter Stuart & Peter Weir - who have been rather under-employed in this regard recently!

In the diagrammed position reached after the moves 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Nf6 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5 Nd4 6 c3 b5! 7 cxd4 bxc4 8 Qa4+, how should Black reply.



From the diagram 8...Nd7 can be met by 9 Ne6!? or simply 9 d3 but not 9 Qe6 when 9...Qxg5 (not 9...Rb8 10 Nxf7!) is probably better for Black. Alternatively 8...Bd7 or 8...Qd7 are met by 9 Qxc4 when Black's queenside pawns are weak and in many lines White remains a pawn up. - Ralph Hart

After 8 Qa4+ Black has a good reply in 8...Qd7 as, after 9 Qxc4, either of the captures on d5 is favourable:

9...Nxd5 10 0-0 Nb6 11 Qe2 Be7 12 Nf3 exd4 13 Re1 Bb7 with a very good position for Black (Khodzhaev - Lipnitsky 1951).

9...Qxd5 10 Qxd5 Nxd5 11 dxe5 Nb4 with strong Black pressure (Kevorkov - Friedstein 1951).

- Peter Weir

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Kg7 46 Rc2 Kh6 47 Rc4 Rg2+ 48 Rc2  
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half a point. Next were GM Pinter (HUN) & IM Toth (ITA) on 5½ while GM Inkiov (BUL) & GM Mednis (USA) tied for fifth with 5 points. GM Nikolac (YUG) & IM Rivas (SPA) were next on 3½ with Gobet (SWI) on 3 and IM Zichichi (ITA) 2.



## LUGANO

The Lugano Open (March) with almost 200 players including 19 GMs and 36 IMs was won by Gyula Sax with 8/9. The top scores: 1 GM Sax (HUN) 8; 2-5 IM Cvitan (YUG), GM Gheorghiu (RUM), GM Nunn (ENG) & GM Seirawan (USA) 7; 6-11 IM Cserna (HUN), GM Hort (CZE), IM Kudrin (USA), WGM Lematchko (SWI), GM Spassky (USR) & IM van der Sterren (NLD) 6½. GMs on 6 points were Farago (HUN), Gurevich (USA), Korchnoi (SWI), Mednis (USA), Torre (PHI) & Vukic (YUG). Sergei Kudrin made his first GM norm.



## CHESS OSCAR 1983

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bxa3 4 Kc1 Rh1+ wins) 2...Rxb4! 3  
gxb4 g3! 4 fxg3 (else ...g2) 4...  
c3+! 5 bxc3 a3, 0 - 1.
- Emmerich—Moritz, 1922:  
1...Qxh2+ (Black actually missed the  
win) 2 Kxh2 Ng4+ 3 Kgl Nh3+ 4 Kf1  
Nh2 mate.
- Schelfout—Amateur, Netherlands 1948:  
1 Qxh7+! Qxh7 2 Rxb7+ Kxh7 3 Rh1+  
Kg7 4 Bh6+ Kh7 5 Bxf8 mate.
- Yates—Sultan Khan, Hastings 1932:  
1 Rd8+! (Another opportunity missed)  
1...Rxd8 2 Nxd8 Bd5 3 Ne6! Kf7 4  
Nc7 Bc6 5 a8Q wins a piece.
- Capablanca—Bogoljubow, Moscow 1925:  
1 Rh4+! (Yet another missed win!) 1  
...gxb4 2 Nh6+! Rxb6 3 h3 mate.
- Geller—Najdorf, Zurich 1953:  
1 fxg6+ (Missed again!) 1...Kxg6  
(Else simply h4-h5) 2 bxc5! Rxb1 3  
c6 Rb8 4 c7 Ra8 5 c8Q Rxc8 6 Ne7+  
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