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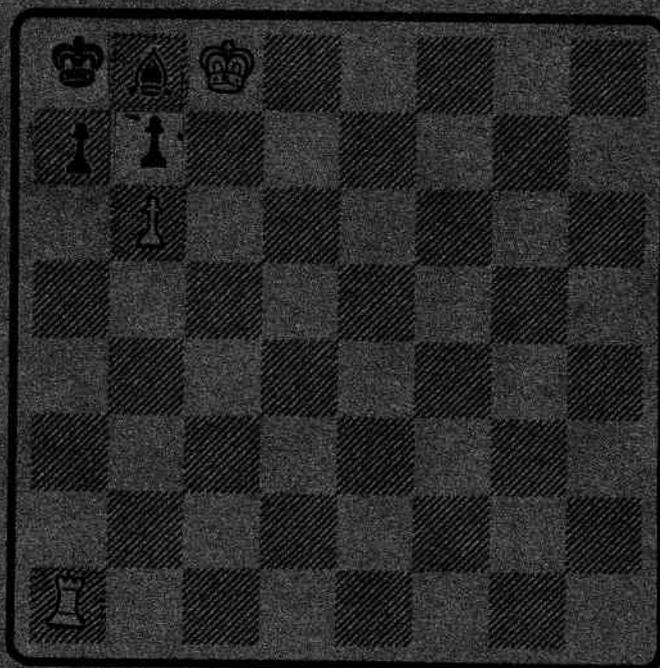
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LATE NEWS

THE November tour by IM Edouard Gufeld has been cancelled because of lack of sponsorship.

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CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE DECEMBER ISSUE MUST BE WITH THE EDITOR NOT LATER THAN NOVEMBER 27.

CONFIRMED players at the World Chess Festival in Canada next year are Kasparov, Yusupov, Sokolov, Korchnoi, Timman, Short, Speelman, Seirawan, Vaganian, Salov, Spraggett, Sax, Hjartarson, and Erivest.

SOLUTION TO ISSUE No3 STUDY

1. Nd7 Bb5 2. Kd8 Bxd7 3. Bc7+ Kc6 4. Bc5 K any 5. Kxd7+. A clever final position! Black's bishop is lost in mutual zugzwang. Taken from B Kasparyan's Domination in 2545 Endgame Studies, revised, 1987.

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EDITORIAL

THE Plaza International Tourment in Wellington in March is building up in strength with the news that GMs Hubner and Rogers will be on hand (see story further along and NZCA News). With one final place on the New Zealand team still to be filled there should be a strong turnout for the NZ Championship Tournament over the New Year which will decide the last board place.

Interest in the Plaza tournament is very high already and we know of several players who have already booked two weeks of their annual leave to be in town for the fortnight! As it is combined with the Wellington Arts

Festival, accommodation in Wellington is likely to be at a premium - so if you are thinking of coming along then don't delay in sorting out a place to stay.

We are still trying to boost circulation of NZC and to this end a reciprocal advertising arrangement has been made with the Dominion Sunday Times. They get a page in NZC, we get an ad in the DST every couple of months. The first ad ran in the DST on October 18. We hope this will pull in subscribers who are not members of a club or who don't know that the magazine exists.

Bill Cox

ASSOCIATION NEWS

THE Plaza International Chess Tournament, to be played in Wellington next March, was mentioned in the last issue of NZ Chess. This major event will feature eight international players including several of the world's top 20 chess players (GM's Spassky and Chandler are already confirmed) and many times National Champion, IM Ortvin Sarapu. The field of 12 competitors is to be completed by four resident New Zealanders.

The Tournament organisers, International Chess Promotions Limited, asked the NZCA to nominate four New Zealand players and the selection is Russell DIVE, 1987 NZ Champion (NZ 2296, FIDE 2235), Anthony KER, highest FIDE-rated player (NZ 2212, FIDE

2410) and Vernon SMALL, highest NZ-rated player (NZ 2371, FIDE 2355).

The fourth berth at this prestigious event is reserved for the winner of the 1988 Robert Jones Investments Limited New Zealand Championship. Should the winner be one of those players already selected, then the highest placed unselected player will be chosen. An exceptionally vigorous Annual Congress is now anticipated.

Two items of Club business now:

1. Our Rating Officer, Rowan Wood, does a magnificent job and your co-operation makes that job so much easier for him. Unfortunately, some clubs are making life hard by forwarding

invalid cards for NZCA rating. The Association has specified an approved format for rating cards and examples are given on page (28) of the NZCA Handbook (which affiliated clubs should now have received). Section (2) of the Handbook explains the Rating

Regulations and the penalty for infringement.  
 2. Finally, the NZCA affiliation fees for 1987/88 were due on 1 September and overdue on 1 October. If any club still requires an Affiliation Form or Invoice, please contact the NZCA Secretary.

## LETTERS

Sir

SINCE taking out a subscription to Chess in Australia this year, it becomes apparent that the problems facing chess players in both Australia and New Zealand are similar.

We both suffer from rivalry between the regions, an administration structure that is based on volunteer officials, a lack of competitive chess, and a large degree of isolation from the rest of the chess world.

It has also become apparent that many players, on reaching the 2,000 rating figure in New Zealand, drastically curtail their activities. Having nearly reached the summit in New Zealand, there is nothing left to do unless one is prepared to venture overseas on one's own. International competition is very much up to the individual since only six places are available in the Olympiad team, and very little international competition is available under the New Zealand flag.

This could all be alleviated by taking the idea of the Amstrad Grand Prix one stage further. New Zealand has four centres capable of staging tournaments; Australia at least five. Using the major centres as a start, it should be possible to build up a circuit of international play. But unlike the Grand Prix, where anyone can join in, this circuit would be based on ability.

Starting off with what the Americans call the futurity tournament, ie a rating

tournament, a number of up and coming players would be given exposure to a strong all-play-all tournament.

The winner of this tournament would gain automatic entry to the second ties - an International Masters Tournament of category 3-5 where title norms would be available.

The winner of the IM Tournament would gain entry to the top ties - a GM Tournament.

The circuit would be run in conjunction with the Australians.

Between us I'm sure we can hold at least three rating, two IM and two GM Tournaments annually.

No doubt many are wondering how to finance such a venture. Sponsorship is basically advertising, and budgets for those are generally large due to the cost of the media in New Zealand.

Last year the Otago Club approached FTC for \$500 for the Labour Weekend Tournament. On talking to the manager we were laughed at. He had been expecting much more, and with a \$250,000 advertising budget, we were asking for peanuts.

However, to obtain worthwhile sponsorship we need to show the commercial world they are getting value for money. If we as an Association don't possess the necessary people and skills to obtain sponsorship, then we should contact a sports marketing group for advice.

There really doesn't seem much point in congratulating ourselves whenever someone gains an IM norm if we are not prepared

to provide the opportunities here in New Zealand also.

I have not touched on things like the club organisation, chess publications, coaching - does anybody know what the chess in school programme is about? ... and so on.

They are important as well, and hopefully in a debate on what

chess in New Zealand actually means to people, they will be covered.

From the newest novice right through to Vernon Small at the top, I don't believe that the current set up for chess is in anybody's best interests.

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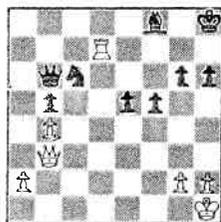
# SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

By PETER MCKENZIE

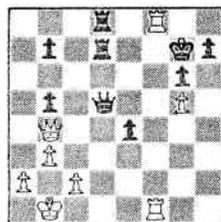
THIS year's South Island Championship was organised by the Canterbury Chess Club in Christchurch. Anthony Ker showed that he has improved his play considerably during the last couple of years to take first prize. Ben Martin played with considerable maturity to take the title as the highest placed South Islander.

In general, the tournament was most enjoyable, special thanks going to the Plastic Sheeting Place Ltd. who provided sponsorship and free pens for the players.

Can you see what the player of the white pieces missed in the following two diagrams? Solutions at the end of the article.

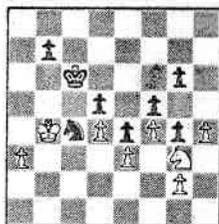


Gloiststein-Chandra



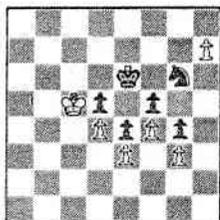
Love-Boyd

The following position occurred in Martin - McKenzie, round 7:



Martin-McKenzie after 48...Nc4

Martin, not liking the look of 49. Nf1 or 49. h5 surprised McKenzie with 49. Nxf5!?. There followed 49. ... gxf5 50. h5 Kb6? 51. h6 Nd6 52. h7 Nf7. What is black's plan? He must swap his vulnerable b-pawn and move his K to the K-side to stop the h-pawn and free his N. Hence, after some fiddling around, the following position was reached.



Martin-McKenzie after 69...Ng6

Here the game was adjourned, but was not continued as the players agreed a draw. Why? After 70. Kc6 black's only active move is 70. ... Kf6. The 'obvious' 71. Kxd5 actually loses to 71. ... Nxf4+!, the most difficult line being 72. gxf4 Kg7 73. Ke6 g3 74. d5 g2 75. d6 g1=Q 76. h8=Q+ Kxh8 77. d7 Qg8+ 78. Ke7 Qg7+ 79. Ke8 Kg8!. However, after 70. ... Kf6 white can draw with 71. Kd6! waiting for black's king to vacate f6 before capturing the d5 pawn. The main line goes

PLAYER	Club/Rtg	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Ttl	SOS
1 A Ker	HV 2212	W11	W8	W22	L2	W6	W3	W9	W10	7	
2 B Martin	OT 2209	W12	W20	D3	W1	D10	W4	D5	W6	6.5	
3 M Hampl	CA 1920	W23	W13	D2	D14	W5	L1	D4	W17	5.5	40
4 B Alexander	CA 2065	W21	W16	D14	D6	W8	L2	D3	W9	5.5	37.5
5 P McKenzie	CA 2061	W7	L22	W21	W25	L3	W23	D2	W8	5.5	34
6 S Lukey	CA 1898	W19	D10	W18	D4	L1	W11	W14	L2	5	40
7 R van Nobelen	CA 1658	L5	W26	L9	W27	L17	W15	W22	W14	5	30.5
8 K Boyd	OT 1867	W24	L1	W15	W16	L4	W13	D10	L5	4.5	38
9 B Carpenter	CI 2039	D18	D15	W7	W20	D14	W17	L1	L4	4.5	37
10 T Love	OT 2213	D15	D6	W25	W22	D2	D14	D8	L1	4.5	37
11 M Turner	CA 1742	L1	D24	W23	W12	D20	L6	D16	W21	4.5	33.5
12 E Wilkinson	PN 1735	L2	D27	W24	L11	L23	W19	W18	W20	4.5	31
13 J Sutherland	OT 1768	W30	L3	L20	W28	W15	L8	W23	D16	4.5	27.5
14 D Weegenaar	CA 1991	W25	W17	D4	D3	D9	D10	L6	L7	4	37
15 G Davies	CA 1752	D10	D9	L8	W19	L13	L7	W28	W23	4	32.5
16 G Marner	WN 1814	W28	L4	D17	L8	W24	D20	D11	D13	4	32
17 P Sinton	OT 1785	W29	L14	D16	W18	W7	L9	D20	L3	4	32
18 S Chandra	OT 1601	D9	W19	L6	L17	W22	D21	L12	W26	4	31.5
19 W Jones	OT 1516	L6	L18	W30	L15	W27	L12	W29	W22	4	25
20 P Collins	WN 1830	W27	L2	W13	L9	D11	D16	D17	L12	3.5	35
21 B Glotstein	CA 1681	L4	W28	L5	L23	W26	D18	W24	L11	3.5	31
22 A Nijman	CA 1794	W26	W5	L1	L10	L18	W25	L7	L19	3	36
23 M Morrison	NS 1534	L3	W30	L11	W21	W12	L5	L13	L15	3	32.5
24 A Compton	CA 1500	L8	D11	L12	W29	L16	W27	L21	D28	3	27.7
25 M Shanahan	CA 1550	L14	W29	L10	L5	W28	L22	L26	W30	3	24.5
26 P Baylts	CA unr	L22	L7	L27	W30	L21	W29	W25	L18	3	23
27 I Ben Israel	WA 1362	L20	D12	W26	L7	L19	L24	W30	L29	2.5	24
28 J McGahey	CA 1175	L16	L21	W29	L13	L25	W30	L15	D24	2.5	23
29 J Hoseason	CA 1106	L17	L25	L28	L24	D30	L26	L19	W27	1.5	
30 V Hay	OT 1062	L13	L23	L19	L26	D29	L28	L27	L25	.5	

Club Code: CA-Canterbury; CI-Civic; OT-Otago; PN-Palmerston North  
WA-Wanganui; WN-Wainuiomata; HV-Hutt Valley; NS-North Shore.

71. ... Kg7 72. Kxd5 Nxf4+ 73. Ke5 [the point of 71. Kd6] and black loses too many pawns, eg. 73. ... Ne2 74. Kxf5 Nxf3+ 75. Kxf4 Ne2 76. Kf5 Nc3 77. d5 =.

Obviously, if black's g-pawn was on g3 and white's was on g2 then white would not have the above drawing recourse. Hence, if black had played 50. ... g3! he would have retained a winning position.

The following game was responsible for Robert van Nobelen winning the upset prize.

VAN NOBELEN - WEEGENAAR  
FRENCH DEFENCE  
[Notes by McKenzie]

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. e5 Nfd7 5. f4 c5 6. Nf3 Nc6 7. Be3 cxd4 [7. ... Qb6 is more active though it has come

under pressure in recent tournaments] 8. Bxd4 [8. Nxd4 is usual] 8. ... Be7 9. Qd2 Nb6 10. Be2 Bd7 11. O-O Rc8 12. Bf2 Na5 13. Rb1 Nac4 14. Qe1 O-O 15. Bd3 Bb4 16. Qe2 h6 [16. ... Nxb2 more or less forces 17. Bxh7+ Kxh7 with an unclear position eg. 18. Ng5+ Kg6 (18. ... Qxg5 19. fxf5 Bxc3 20. Qh5+ Kg8 21. Bxb6 axb6 22. Rf3) and white has a couple of ways to continue the attack 1) 19. Rxb2 Bxc3 20. Qd3+ 2) 19. Qg4 f5] 17. Nd1 Qc7? [Black should try to slow down white's queenside play with 17. ... f5] 18. g4! f6 19. g5 hxg5 20. fxf5 Nxe5 [20. ... fxe5 21. g6 with the idea of 22. Ng5, 23 Qh5] 21. Bg3 Bd6 22. Nxe5 fxe5 23. Rxf8+ Kxf8 [23. ... Rxf8 24. g6] 24. g6 Qd8 25. Qh5 Ke8 26. Bb4 Qc7 27. Qh8+ Bf8

28. Qg8! [Black must give up his queen to prevent 29. Qf7X, if 28. ... Bc6 29. Qe6+ Be7 30. Qf7+ Kd7 31. Qxe7X] 28. ... Qc5+ 29. Nf2 Qe7 30. Bxe7 Kxe7 31. Qf7+ Kd6 32. c3 e4 33. Bxe4 dxe4 34. Nxe4+ Kc6 35. Qf3 Kb5 36. Qh5+ Nd5 37. b3 Ka6 38. Qe2+ b5 39. c4 Nf4 40. Qd2 1-0

SOLUTIONS: Gloistein-Chandra - The game continued 1. Qf7? Be7 2. Qe8+ Kg7 3. Rxe7+ Nxe7 4. Qxe7+ Kg8 Draw. Best was 1. Qe6! [threatening 2. Qf6+ etc] ... Bg7 11. ... Be7?? 2. Rxe7? 2. Qf7 Ne7 3. Rxe7 Qf6 4. Re8+ Kh7 5. Qg8X.

Love-Boyd - 1. Qc3+ Qd4 2. Qxd4+ Rxd4 3. R1f7X.



#### CITY OF HASTINGS JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

By MICHAEL EARLE

THE eighth City of Hastings Junior Chess Tournament was held at the Hastings Indoor Stadium on 26 September and attracted a total of 511 entries from thirty-two primary and intermediate schools in Hawkes Bay.

This popular annual event ran smoothly on a knockout system and once again, Flaxmere Schools dominated, winning twelve of twenty-one divisions. Peterhead School, where Murray Chandler gave a simul in November 1983, picked up two of the three special awards - for the most entries (80) and for the greatest percentage of competitors per school roll (22%). Waitahora School, near Dannevirke, won the third award, for travelling the greatest distance to compete.

#### GIRLS WINNERS

7 Years Old Peterhead  
Robin Clarke  
8 Years Old Flaxmere Prim  
Sharon Oveinikovas  
9 Years Old Frimley  
Jade Weaver  
10 Years Old Frimley  
Rachel Morris

11 Years Old Peterhead  
Maara Tere  
Open Junior Heretaunga Int  
Hayley Miller

#### BOYS WINNERS

7 Years Old  
Dean Herligy Flaxmere Prim  
8 Years Old Section A  
Vaughan Michaelson Flaxmere Prim  
8 Years Old Section B  
Trent Miller Peterhead  
9 Years Old Section A  
Dean Foster Te Mata  
9 Years Old Section B  
Nicholas Carew Peterhead  
9 Years Old Section C  
Stephen Rice Peterhead  
10 Years Old Section A  
George Huhu Peterhead  
10 Years Old Section B  
Edwin Rea Peterhead  
10 Years Old Section C  
Andre Chalmers Greenmeadows  
11 Years Old Section A  
Maurice Wairau Flaxmere Int  
11 Years Old Section B  
Jared Cresswell Havelock North  
11 Years Old Section C  
John Hine Havelock North Prim  
Open Junior Section A  
Stefan Rea Flaxmere Int  
Open Junior Section B  
Derek Redward Hillcrest  
Open Junior Section C  
Gregory Joll Waipukurau



#### AUCKLAND CHESS CENTRE

THE SUMMER CUP (A Grade) was tragically the last Tournament, where the chess community was to witness the creative prowess and dynamism of Michael Hopewell.

Michael played consistently throughout and was never in danger of losing his lead.

Results - A Grade: M Hopewell 5.5/7 1; R Smith 5, 2; P Green 4.5, 3; N Metge 3.5 4; N Hopewell 3, 5; N Bridges, S Vandam 2.5, 6-7; P White 1.5, 8.  
B Grade: V Smith 6.5/7, 1; B Williams 5, 2; T Baytor, H Jones 4, 3-4.  
C Grade: P Young 6/7 1; S Baker 5.5, 2; M Garland 5, 3.

THE WINTER CUP, a seven round open Swiss, saw Bob Smith score a convincing and indomitable 7/7. Vivian Smith and Ian McNally unveiled their trumps to achieve a creditable 5.5 and a share of second place. They were followed by P Green, M Hare, C Byford and L Kennedy, all with 5 and sharing 4-7 places. 35 players took part.



#### WINSTONE TOURNAMENT 1987

by Peter Stuart

WITH more than \$2,000 in prize money at stake, the 14th Winstone Tournament, organised by the North Shore Club attracted 70 players to the Club's new playing rooms over the weekend of 12-13 September.

The 28-player Open boasted an average rating of over 2,000 - and more than one-third of the players were from outside Auckland, a most pleasing aspect for the sponsor and the organiser. Foremost among the visitors were the Civic (Wellington) duo of Leonard McLaren and current National Champion Russell Dive.

Over the 14 years of this Tournament, fourteen names have been engraved on the handsome trophy including two new ones this year. Ortvn Sarapu's name now appears five times; a new record. Previously he shared the record with Paul Garbett on four wins, while other multiple winners are Kai Jensen (3), Tony Carpinter (2), and Vernon Small (2). Jensen, incidentally, is now living in Auckland where he hopes to complete a PHD in English Literature. Inactive in

Club	Rtg	R.1	R.2	R.3	R.4	R.5	T'1	SOS
1 Stuart P.W.	NS 2171	D12	W2	W9	W4	D3	4	17
2 McLaren L.J.	CI 2105	W15	L1	W21	W8	W7	4	14½
3 Sarapu O.	NS 2338	W22	W11	W14	D7	D1	4	14
4 Dive R.J.	CI 2296	W19	W16	D7	L1	W10	3½	14½
5 Freeman M.R.	NP 2117	D25	W24	D8	D13	W11	3½	11
6 Fitzpatrick S.P.	WT 2052	L11	D26	W25	W19	W16	3½	10
7 Garbett P.A.	NS 2314	W20	W18	D4	D3	L2	3	15½
8 Green E.M.	NS 2239	W23	D9	D5	L2	W20	3	14½
9 Spain G.A.	HA 2045	W27	D8	L1	W18	D13	3	12½
10 Green P.R.	AC 2218	L18	W28	W12	W14	L4	3	11
11 Stark B.	HA 1738	W6	L3	D13	W22	L5	2½	15½
12 Robinson J.P.	WT 1830	D1	D17	L10	W21	D14	2½	14
13 Smith R.W.	WT 2282	W21	L14	D11	D5	D9	2½	13½
14 Walsh B.G.	HA 2034	W26	W13	L3	L10	D12	2½	13½
15 Reid A.V.	NS 1739	L2	L20	W27	W25	D17	2½	11
16 Hart R.	NS 2020	W28	L4	D19	W24	L6	2½	11
17 Whaley M.G.	NS 2134	D24	D12	D18	D20	D15	2½	10½
18 Wheeler B.	AC 1905	W10	L7	D17	L9	D19	2	13½
19 Dreyer M.P.	CI 1960	L4	W23	D16	L6	D18	2	13½
20 Hopewell N.H.	AC 2014	L7	W15	D22	D17	L8	2	13
21 Spencer-Smith G.J.	NS 1937	L13	W25	L2	L12	W24	2	12
22 Cooper P.R.	AC 2015	L3	W27	D20	L11	D23	2	11½
23 Whitehouse L.E.	HA 1907	L8	L19	D28	W26	D22	2	9
24 Bojtor J.	AC 1781	D17	L5	W26	L16	L21	1½	12
25 Shead D.B.	NS 1774	D5	L21	L6	L15	W28	1½	12
26 Blaxall C.S.	PT 1709	L14	D6	L24	L23	W27	1½	10½
27 van Dam S.	AC 1711	L9	L22	L15	W28	L26	1	
28 Okey K.M.	NP 1680	L16	L10	D23	L27	L25	½	

Tournaments over the past few years, he is not contemplating a serious come-back in the near future.

Sarapu surged to the lead with three wins on the first day, but managed to avoid any of his main rivals. He was never in danger of defeat and was able to coast home with two draws on the Sunday, although the first of these was a spirited encounter with Garbett.

Despite conceding a first round draw with improving John Robinson the second winner, Peter Stuart met a rather stronger field defeating both Wellingtonians along the way. He and Sarapu were tied for the lead going into the final round and a perfunctory draw was agreed, leaving both players on 4 points and with plenty of time to watch the efforts of the two or three players who could catch them.

The third winner, McLaren, recovered well from his round two loss to Stuart, defeating Ewen Green and Garbett in the last two rounds. Leonard actually made a reflex draw offer against Garbett in the last round during time trouble but Paul, already teetering on the edge of oblivion, inexplicably refused and immediately blundered despite having ample time on his clock.

Dive came very close to beating Garbett in a queen ending in the third round before conceding the draw, and then overlooked an evil zwischenzug against Stuart in round four. This cost him any chance of victory, but then a determined win against Peter Green ensured a respectable placing. Dive was joined in fourth place by Michael Freeman, who very unobtrusively gathered in his undefeated 3.5 points and Simon Fitzpatrick, who essayed the ultimate Swiss gambit - a loss in round one and a draw in round two! This trio shared \$240.

Garbett's inability to utter a simple "yes" at the appropriate moment precluded his joining this group and, in the process, promoting them all to third equal. Nevertheless, he did have one

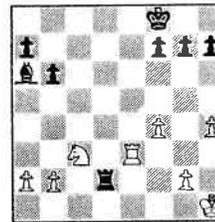
stroke of luck in round two when Bruce Wheeler blundered a piece in an otherwise dead drawn position.

The Under-2000 Grade prizes were shared by Andrew Reid, John Robinson, Bernhard Stark and Bruce Wheeler.

The Winstone B-Grade, restricted to players rated under 1700, saw Richard Jackson and Ian McNally sharing first prize (\$170 each) with 4.5/5. Bruce Marsick, John O'Connor and George Trundle (\$80 each) finished third equal on 4 points.

Other scores: 6-11 J des Forges (1st, Under 1500), TP Dwyer, AJ Malcouronne (1st=, Under 1300), PB Tuffery, R Watson (1st=, Under 1300) & J Worn 3.5; 12-17 DJ Boyd (2nd=, Under 1500), RB Johnstone, BK Stewart (2nd=, Under 1500), Ms WR Stretch, PR Wilcock (2nd=, Under 1500) & I Zwart 3; 18-25 BG Emett, LP Grevers, AJ Henderson, AH Kasmara, MK Morrison, CP Reynolds, M Schwarzer & E Tuffery 2.5; 26-32 HA Ales, JK Boyd, GW Crosland, D Elliott, B Sullivan, C Walker & C Wilson 2; 33-36 WS Peddie, AT Shead, CJ Stott & PF van der Mey 1.5; 37-41 JM Donnelly, Miss GM Jones, R Leih, M Mills & B Savage 1; 42 RG Williams 0.

MCLAREN (2105) - STUART (2171), Sicilian Defence: 1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. f4 e6 4. Nf3 Nge7 5. d4 cxd4 6. Nxd4 Nxd4 7. Qxd4 Nc6 8. Qf2 d5 9. Bd3 Be7 10. 0-0 0-0 11. Bd2 (perhaps better was 11 a3) 11. ...Nb4 12. Kh1 b6 13. Rael Nxd3 14. cxd3 Ba6 15. exd5 (there is no direct defence of the d-pawn) 15. ... Bxd3 16. Rg1 Ba6 (Black cannot win a pawn by 16. ...exd5 because of 17. Qe3) 17. dxe6 Bh4! 18. Qe3 Bxe1 19. e7 Qxd2 20. exf8Q+ Kxf8 (as Leonard pointed out later 20. ...Rxf8 wins the b-pawn, but I preferred to exchange queens when Black will have the more active rook) 21. Rxe1 Qxe3 22. Rxe3 Rd8 23. h4 Rd2



24. Ne4!? (going for counter-play; 24. b3 Bb7 would be unpleasant) 24. ...Rxb2 25. Nd6 Bb5 26. Rc3 Bf1 27. Nf5 Bxg2+ 28. Kgl Ke8! 29. Rc7 Bd5 30. Rxa7 Rxa2 31. Nxc7+ Kf8 32. Rd7! (the rook ending offers better drawing chances than that with minor pieces) 32. ...Kxg7? (Black had only about one minute for 13 moves. The finesse 32. ...Rg2+! 33. Kf1 Kxg7 34. Rxd5 Rg4 wins another pawn) 33. Rxd5 Ra7? (and this second mistake throws away the win. In this position the rook was better in front of the pawn; thus 33. ...Rb2 wins although not without difficulty) 34. Kf2 Rb7 35. Rb5 Kf6 36. Ke3 Ke6 37. f5+? (White returns the favour. Instead the risky looking 37. Rh5 seems to draw eg: 37. ...b5 38. Rxh7 b4 39. Kd2 Rd7+ 40. Kc2 Rd4 41. f5+ Kf6 42. Kb3 and Black can make no progress if White oscillates his king between b3 and a4. The waiting move 37. Ke4 also merits attention) 37. ...Kd6 38. f6 Ke6 39. Rh5 (so White adopts the plan in the note above, but under much worse circumstances) 39. ...Kxf6 40. Rxh7 b5 41. Kd3 Kg6 42. Rh8 b4 43. Kc2 f5 44. Rf8 b3+ 45. Kb2 Rb5 (with clock worries over the win is relatively simple) 46. Rh8 f4 47. Rg8+ Kh5 48. Rf8 Kg4 49. h5 Rkh5 50. Kxb3 Rc5 51. Rg8+ Kh3 52. Rf8 Kg3 53. Kb4 Rc7 54. Rg8+ Kf2 55. Rg7 (perhaps he will not notice ...) 55. ...Rxc7 (beats bulding bridges), 0 - 1.

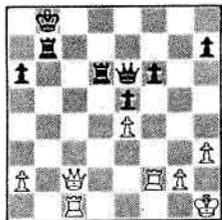
STARK (1738) - SARAPU (2338), Queen's Gambit: 1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 c6 4. cxd5 exd5 5. Nf3 Nf6 6. Bg5 Be7 7. Qc2 Nbd7 8. e3 Nh5 9. Bxe7 Qxe7 10. Bd3 Nf4 11. 0-0 Nxd3 12. Qxd3 0-0 13. e4 dxe4 14. Nxe4 Nf6 15.

Nxf6+ Qxf6 16. Qb3 Be6 17. Qxb7 Bd5 18. Ne5 Rfb8 19. Qd7 Rxb2 20. a4 h5 21. Ra3 Rab8 22. Qxa7 h4 23. Qd7? Rxf2! 24. Nf3 Rxf1+ 25. Kxf1 Rb1+ 26. Kf2 Rb2+ 27. Kgl g6 28. Qg4 Qe7 29. Ral Qe3+ 30. Kh1 Rf2 31. Nxb4 Rf4 32. Qg3 Qxd4, 0 - 1.

COOPER (2015) - STARK (1738), French Winawer: 1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e5 Ne7 5. a3 Bxc3+ 6. bxc3 c5 7. Qg4 Qc7 8. Qxg7 Rg8 9. Qxh7 cxd4 10. Qd3 Qxe5+ 11. Ne2 dxc3 12. Bf4 Qf6 13. Qxc3 Qxc3+ 14. Nxc3 Nbc6 15. 0-0-0 e5 16. Bg3 Be6 17. h4 f6 18. Be2 Rd8 19. h5 Nf5 20. h6 Rh8 21. h7 Nxc3 22. fxg3 Rd7 23. Rh6 Rdxh7 24. Rxf6 Ke7 25. Rff1 Rd8 26. Rh1 Rxh1 27. Rxh1 Rf8 28. g4 Rf7 29. Rdl Nd4 30. Bf3 Nxf3 31. gxf3 d4 32. Nb5 Rxf3 33. Nxa7 Rxa3 34. Nb5 Ra5 35. Nxd4 Ral+, 0 - 1.

MCLAREN (2015) - GARBETT (2314), Sicilian Defence: 1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. f4 g6 4. Nf3 Bg7 5. Bb5 Nd4 6. 0-0 Nxb5 7. Nxb5 d5 8. d3 a6 9. Nc3 d4 10. Ne2 Nf6 11. Qe1 Bg4 12. Qg3 Bxf3 13. Qxf3 Qd7 14. f5 gxf5 15. Ng3! fxe4 16. Nxe4 0-0-0 (the attempt to hold the extra pawn by 16. ...Qc7 allows 17. Bg5 with advantage) 17. Nxc5 Qd5 18. Ne4 Rd7 19. Bf4 Nxe4 20. dxe4 Qc5 21. Bg3 e6 22. Qf4 e5 23. Qg4 f6 24. Bh4 Qb6 25. b4 (Black's king looks the more vulnerable, but over the next few moves Garbett works up some initiative on the other wing) 25. ...Re8 26. Rf3 Qe6! 27. Qg3! (now it is White's turn to shy away from a queen swap, after which his c-pawn would be more vulnerable than the Black f-pawn) 27. ...Rg8 28. Qf2 Qg4 29. Qe2 (not 29. Bxf6 Bh6 30. Qe2 Rf7 31. Re1 Rg6! with a strong attack) 29. ...Rc7 (of course, not 29. ...Qxh4? 30. Qc4+) 30. Be1 Bh6 31. h3 Qh5 32. Kh1 Rcg7 33. Rf2 Qf7!? (this time Black should have exchanged queens. After 33. ...Qxe2 34. Rxe2 Kd7 with the idea Ke6, Rc7, Rgc8 he would be slightly better. After the text White can turn his attention to

the queen-side) 34. b5 Qe6 35. bxa6 bxa6 36. Bd2 Bxd2 37. Qxd2 Rb7 38. c3 Rd8 39. cxd4 Rxd4 40. Rc1+ Kb8 41. Qc2 Rd6



42. Rf3 Rdb6 43. Rc3 (McLaren offered a draw here, doubtless under the influence of time pressure) 43. ...Rb2? (no thanks, I would rather lose! After this Black is, indeed, lost. Instead 43. ...Ka7 should hold the position as Black has two extra tempi compared with the game continuation) 44. Rc8+ Ka7 45. Qc5+ Qb6 (no better was 45. ...R2b6 on account of 46. Qf8 Rb8 [or 46. ...Rd6 47. Ra8+ Kb6 48. Rb1+] 47. R1c7+ R6b7 48. Rxb8 Rxc7 49. Ra8+ winning) 46. Qf8 Qe6 47. Ra8+, 1 - 0.

P GREEN (2218) - DIVE (2296), Symmetrical English: 1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. Nf3 cxd4 4. Nxd4 e5 5. Nb5 d5 6. cxd5 Bc5 7. e3 0-0 8. N5c3 e4 9. Nd2 Bf5 10. Nb3 Bb4 11. Bd2 Nbd7 12. Nd4 Bg4 13. Be2 Bxe2 14. Qxe2 Bxc3 15. bxc3 Ne5 16. 0-0 Qxd5 17. Rfb1 a6 18. a4 Rac8 19. Rb4 Rc7 20. f4 exf3 21. gxf3 Ng6 22. e4 Qe5 23. Qe3 Re8 24. Re1 Qh5 25. Qf2 Rd7 26. Kh1 Ne5 27. Re3 Red8 28. Qe2 Nc6 29. Nxc6 Rxd2 30. Nxd8 Rxe2 31. Rxe2 Qxf3 32. Rg2 Qd1+ 33. Rg1 Qxd8 34. Rxb7 g6 35. Rf1 Kg7 36. c4 Qd3, 0 - 1.



NEW ZEALAND SCHOOLPUPILS' CHAMPIONSHIP

By MICHAEL ROCKS

THE Canterbury Chess Club hosted the 1987 NZ Schoolpupils'

Championship on August 31-September 3. There was no sponsor this year, since no one was asked. Ben Alexander acted as DoP.

For the first time since 1984 all the regions sent their representatives. Ben Martin, the 1986 champion, did not enter this year, which was a relief to those that did play.

The field was of a fairly uniform standard, with the top seed being Quentin Johnson (1688). It is hoped that the "Chess in Schools" programme will arrest the decline in playing strength that has been apparent over the last few years. Perhaps a motivating

factor needs to be introduced into school level chess, like guaranteed access to the Australian Junior for the winner of the Schoolpupils, or even the World under 16 tournament if funds permit.

On a brighter note, David Nickerson, the second Otago representative, flew back from Nebraska to claim his place in the tournament. Unfortunately, his results did not match his enthusiasm.

J DES FORGES (1468) - G LEZARD (1456)  
NIMZO-INDIAN

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e3 c5 5. a3 Bxc3 6. bxc3 0-0 7. Bd3 b6 8. e4 d6 9. Bg5 e5 10. d5 Nbd7 11. Ne2 Re8 12. 0-0 h6 13. Bh4 Nf8 14. f4 Ng6 15. fxe5 Nxh4 16. exf6 gxf6 17. Ng3 Kh8 18. Qh5 Ng6 19. Qxh6 Kg8 20. Nh5 1-0

Q JOHNSON (1688) - J DES FORGES (1468)

FRENCH DEFENCE  
[Notes by B Alexander]

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 Nc6 5. f4? [A mistake that went unpunished in this game, better is 5. Nf3] 5. ... Qb6 6. Nf3 cxd4?! [This exchange allows white's knight to reach c3.

Better is the immediate 6. ... Nh6) 7. cxd4 Nh6 8. Nc3 Nf5 9. Na4 Bb4 [This move would have been good if white had played the more usual 5. Be2 instead of 5. f4. In this position the calm retreat 9. ... Qd8! leaves white in trouble, eg. 10. Be2 Bb4+ 11. Bd2 Qa5 12. Bc3 allows 12. ... Ne3 winning the g-pawn, or 10. Nc3 Bd7 seems good for black] 10. Bd2 Qa5 11. Bc3 b5 12. a3 Bc3 13. Nc3 b4 14. axb4 Qxb4 15. Bb5 [White now has a whole extra move (f4) when this position is compared with the more usual continuation in which the white bishop travels to b5 via e2] 15. ... Bd7 16. Bxc6 Bxc6 17. Qd2 0-0 18. 0-0 Rfb8 19. Rf2 Rb7 20. g4 Ne7 21. Ng5 Qc4 22. f5! h6 23. fxe6 hxg5 24. exf7+ Kf8 25. e6 Rab8 26. Qxg5?! [White has played the attack well so far, but 26. Ne2 was necessary to defend the d-pawn] 26. ... Qxd4 27. Qh5?! [Now chances seem equal, better is 27. Rd1] 27. ... g6

28. Qh6 Qg7 29. Qxg7+ Kxg7 30. Raf1 Kf8 31. h4 Rxb2 32. h5 gxh5 33. gxh5 d4 34. Rxb2 Rxb2 35. Rd1 Rg2+ 36. Kf1 Nf5 37. Rb1 Ne3+ 38. Ke1 Rg1+ 39. Ke2 Rxb1 40. Nxb1 Be4 .5/.5  
T STEVENSON (1429) - Q JOHNSON (1688)

Queen's Gambit Declined  
[Notes by Stevenson]

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 d5 4. Bg5 Nbd7 5. e3 Be7 6. Nf3 b6 7. Rc1 Bb7 8. Bd3 dxc4 9. Bxc4 Ne4 10. Bxe7 Qxe7 11. Bd3 Ndf6 12. Nxe4 Bxe4 [If 12. ...Nxe4 13. Qa4+] 13. Bxe4 Nxe4 14. Qc2 Qb4+ 15. Kf1! f5 [Bad move, leads to my 16th move] 16. Qc6+! [If Qxc7 then 16. ... 0-0] 16. ... Kc7 17. Qxc7+ Kf6 [Better is 17. ... Kf8] 18. Qe5+ Ke7 19. Rc7+ Kd8 [Black should resign] 20. Qxg7! (Subtle threat) 20. ... Qb5+ 21. Kg1 Re8 22. Ne5 Nd2 [Black tries a swindle] 23. Nc6+ Resigns [Loss of the queen] 1-0

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Pts	
1 des Forges J	A	x	.5	1	.5	.5	1	1	.5	5
2 Stevenson T	W	.5	x	1	1	0	.5	.5	.5	5
3 Lezard G	W	0	0	x	.5	1	1	.5	.5	4.5
4 Rayner E	O	.5	0	.5	x	.5	1	1	1	4.5
5 Johnson Q	C	.5	0	0	.5	x	0	1	1	3
6 Tomlinson B	C	0	1	0	0	1	x	.5	.5	3
7 Gill G	A	0	.5	0	0	0	.5	x	1	2
8 Nickerson D	O	.5	0	0	0	0	.5	0	x	1



NORTH SHORE CHESS CLUB  
CHAMPIONSHIP

ORTVIN Sarapu displayed consistently good form over several months in winning the North Shore Club's 1987 Championship. After drawing with eventual runner-up Peter Stuart in the first round, he showed the field a clean pair of heels. Wolf Leonhardt defeated Stuart, but lost several games against lower rated opponents to share third place with Greg Spencer-Smith.

With many of the Club's top players absent, this year's field was the weakest for some years but Jonathan Chandler nevertheless gave the lie to his modest (1644) national rating in compiling an excellent plus score.

Sarapu has now won or shared the Club title the last six years, thus equalling Stuart's long-standing record for consecutive wins.

Scores: 1. O Sarapu 10.5; 2. PW Stuart 8.5; 3.-4. W Leonhardt & GJ Spencer-Smith 7; 5. J Chandler 6.5; 6.-7. KD

Kinchant & WH Knightbridge 5.5;  
8.-9. GL Pitts & PR Snelson 4;  
10. RB Johnstone 3.5; 11. RG  
Steel 3; 12. MK Morrison 1.

The 24 players in the B-Grade  
Championship were split into two  
equal divisions. Brenton Emett  
won the first with 9/11, Robin  
Clader (ex Hamilton) taking second  
with 8.5 points. David Boyd won  
the other group with 7.5/11, while  
Graham Mears and Jim Mathieson  
shared second place on 6.5. A  
play-off will be held later on in  
the year.

Youngster Darryn Elliott  
cleaned up the C-Grade with a  
possible 11 points. Second was  
Kirk Boyd on 9 points, while Alan  
Gales and Bruce Shaw tied for  
third with 8.5.



#### 1987 AMSTRAD COMPUTERS GRAND PRIX

With just one leg left, leaders in  
both the Handicap and Open Grand  
Prix sections have a fight on  
their hands.

In the Amstrad Open section, Bob  
Smith has kept ahead of Ortvin  
Sarapu, despite losing ground to  
him in both the Papatoetoe Open  
and the Winstones Open - the 5th  
and 6th legs.

The fight for the major places in  
the Amstrad Handicap section is  
still closer. The lead has changed  
regularly throughout the series,  
and a number of players can make  
the top 3 with a good effort in  
the final leg - the ACC Labour  
Weekend tournament.

#### Amstrad Open GP Section:

1. R. Smith (Wai)	47.60
2. O. Sarapu (NS)	46.93
3. E. Green (H-P)	43.60
4. P. Garbett (NS)	42.79
5. S. Fitzpatrick (Wai)	41.20
6. G. Spain (Ham)	40.20
7. P. Green (ACC)	39.50
9. R. Hart (NS)	39.00
10. G. Spencer-Smith (NS)	38.36
11. P. Cooper (ACC)	37.90
12. J. Robinson (Wai)	36.00
13. S. van Dam (ACC)	34.70

14. B. Marsick (Pap)	34.64
15. J. Chandler (NS)	34.00

#### Amstrad Handicap GP Section:

1. D. Boyd (NS)	58.24
2. B.H.P. Marsick (ACC)	55.60
3. I. McNally (ACC)	55.05
4. I. Zwart (NS)	55.00
5. G. Mears (NS)	54.55
6. B. Emett (NS)	54.50
7. J. Chandler (ACC)	53.85
8. M. Morrison (NS)	53.66
9. G. Spencer-Smith (NS)	49.86
10. J. Robinson (Wai)	49.20
11. G. Spain (Ham)	48.24
12. S. van Dam (ACC)	48.05
13. S. Fitzpatrick (Wai)	48.04
14. R. Smith (Wai)	47.60
15. O. Sarapu (NS)	46.93



#### COLLEGE CHESS (WELLINGTON)

by Todd Stevenson

THERE have been talks between  
colleges about a quadrangular  
inter-school tournament between  
Scots, Rongotai, St Patricks  
Kilbirnie and Wellington Colleges.

The Inter-School Trophy, which  
was mislaid some years ago, has  
now been found. It is hoped that  
this will bring about a renewed  
interest in the tournament. Any  
colleges in the Wellington Area  
wishing to participate or  
contribute in any way should  
contact me at Wellington 888-656.

The most recent chess event  
has been the St Pats - Rongotai  
game with a 30-30 time control.  
Rongotai emerged the winners 6-2  
over eight boards, losing on top  
board.

Here is a game where black  
had all but won when he saw his  
flag fall!

M GORDON (St Pats) - G LEZARD  
(Rongotai), Ruy Lopez-Marshall  
(Balogh variation): 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. exd Nxd5 10.  
Nxe5 Nxe5 11. Rxe5 Nf4 12. d4  
Ng6 13. Re1 Bd6 14. Qf3!? (14.  
Nd2) ...Rb8 15. Nd2 Qh4 16.

Nf1 (16. g3 normal Marshall)  
...Bg4 17. Qd3 Kh8 (for 18. f5)  
18. Bd2 (for f3) ...f5 19. Ng3!?  
f4 20. Ne4 Bf5 21. f3 (stops  
21. ...f3) ...Qh5 22. Qe2 Be7  
23. Nf2 Bh4 24. Ra1 Rb6 25.  
Qe8 Bxf2+ 26. Kxf2 Qxh2 27.  
Bxf4 Qxf4 28. Bf7 Qxc1 29.  
Qxf8+ Nxf8 30. Rxc1 Ne6 31.  
Re1 g6 32. d5 Ng5 33. Re8+ Kg7  
34. Be6 (forced) ...Nxe6 35.  
dxe6 Rxe6 36. Rc8 and Black lost  
on time in a winning position.



#### PLAZA INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

GRANDMASTER Robert Hubner has been  
signed to play in the Plaza  
International Tournament in  
Wellington next March.

The West German, rated seventh  
in the world on the 1987 list,  
will probably be top seed for the  
tournament, ahead of former World  
Champion Boris Spassky.

Holding a position as a  
papyrologist at Cologne  
University, Hubner, 39, is the  
only one of the World's elite  
players who is not a full time  
professional. He has qualified for  
the Candidates series three times.  
In 1980 Hubner reached the final  
of the Candidates and played a  
match with Viktor Korchnoi for the  
right to challenge then champion  
Anatoly Karpov, but withdrew  
because of stress when trailing by  
one point after eight games.

Also signed up for the Plaza  
tournament is Australian  
Grandmaster Ian Rogers, 25. The  
long-haired, bearded Rogers is one  
of the rising players on the  
international circuit, with an  
interesting style of play. He  
spends half his time in Sydney and  
the other half in Europe and  
America, always travelling with  
his wife Cathy, a former lawyer  
who acts as his manager.

The organisers of the  
tournament are looking for some  
volunteers to help run the event.  
One job would be running the  
demonstration boards. This is a

great opportunity to not only help  
New Zealand chess but also to see  
some of the world's best players  
in action, meet them and watch  
them analyse.

Volunteers would not have to be  
on hand for the whole tournament,  
a roster system will be arranged.

Those interested should  
contact Bernard CARPINTER by  
ringing Wellington (04) 847-600 or  
writing to him at 7 Broomhill  
Road, Highbury, Wellington 5.

[Editor's note: Prize money for  
the tournament is around \$16,000,  
not \$200,000 as reported in the  
previous issue.]



#### NZCA CONGRESS 1987 / 88

THE North Shore Chess Club is  
organising the 1987/88 Robert  
Jones Investments New Zealand  
Championship Congress from 28  
December to 9 January. There will  
be a guaranteed minimum prize fund  
of \$6000.

At the Association's last  
Annual General Meeting, it was  
decided to make some changes to  
the Congress format. The New  
Zealand Championship will, as  
usual, be a round-robin with 12  
players. The former Premier  
Reserve Championship, however,  
will be replaced by two new  
events: a 12-player New Zealand  
Reserve Championship; and a  
Swiss-style Major Open.

It is hoped that the new  
round-robin Reserve Championship  
will provide a more competitive  
and interesting tournament for  
those players on the fringe of  
selection for the New Zealand  
Championship.

There will also be a New  
Zealand Women's Championship,  
assuming there are sufficient  
entries. The format for this will  
be decided when entries are known,  
but provision is made in the rules  
for a 12-player round-robin.

The Congress will have two  
rest days: 1 January and 6  
January. Daily playing sessions  
will be from 12.30pm to 5.30pm,

with a two-hour break before adjourned games are resumed. The Tournament Director will be Mr Bob Gibbons.

Entry forms containing full

information will be distributed to clubs within a few weeks. For the organising club's postal address, see CLUB DIRECTORY on the inside back cover.

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# OVERSEAS NEWS

by NM Peter Stuart

## SZIRAK INTERZONAL

THE second of the three Interzonal Tournaments was not kind to the favourites - Andersson, Belyavsky and Ljubojevic must wait another three years for their next crack, while Lajos Portisch caught up with third placed John Nunn only when he won his last round game with the black pieces against Velimirovic, while Nunn drew with Christiansen. These two will play off for the third place in the Candidates Match series.

The two winners, both in their early twenties, are first time Candidates and Hjartarson will be the first Icelander since Fridrik Olafsson in 1959 to reach that stage of the World Championship eliminators.

Scores: 1.-2. GM Hjartarson (Ice) & GM Salov (USR) 12.5; 3.-4. GM Nunn (Eng) & GM Portisch (Hun) 12; 5. GM Belyavsky (USR) 11; 6. GM Andersson (Swe) 10.5; 7. GM Ljubojevic (Yug) 10; 8. GM Christiansen (USA) 9; 9.-10. GM Benjamin (USA) & IM Todorovic (MNC) 8.5; 11.-12. IM Marin (Rum) & GM Velimirovic (Yug) 7.5; 13.-14. GM Adorian (Hun) & IM Milos (Brz) 7; 15. GM Flear (Eng) 6; 16. IM de la Villa (Spa) 5.5; 17. IM Bouaziz (Tun) 4.5; 18. IM Allan (Can) 1.5.

LJUBOJEVIC - NUNN, Roy 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. Re2 Qh4 14. g3 Qh3 15. Nd2 Bf5 16. Bc2 Bxc2 17. Qxc2 f5 18. c4 Qg4 19. Re6 Nf4! 20. Rxd6 Rae8 21. cxb5 Re2 22. Qc4+ Kh8 23. Qxe2 Nxe2+ 24. Kg2 f4 25. bxc6 fxg3 26. hxg3 Nf4+, 0 - 1.

## ZAGREB INTERZONAL

THE third Interzonal, like the first, was played in Yugoslavia - in fact all three Tournaments were held within a circle with a radius

of less than 200 kilometres. At Zagreb two of the top three seeds, Viktor Korchnoi and Yasser Seirawan, came through with colours flying to take first and second places while Jaan Ehvest, a 25 year old IM with a 2540 rating, took the third qualifying spot. Latin American hopes Julio Granda Zuniga and Jesus Nogueiras joined second seed Predrag Nikolic a half point away from qualification. Boris Spassky would have been among the favourites but he withdrew before the start.

Scores: 1. GM Korchnoi (Swi) 11; 2.-3. IM Ehvest (USR) & GM Seirawan (USA) 10; 4.-6. GM Granda (Per), GM Nikolic (Yug) & GM Nogueiras (Cub) 9.5; 7.-11. GM Eingorn (USR), GM Grunfeld (Isr), GM Pinter (Hun), GM Polugaevsky (USR) & GM Torre (Phi) 8.5; 12. GM Hulak (Yug) 7.5; 13. GM Inkirov (Bul) 7; 14. GM Miles (Eng) 6.5; 15. GM Barlov (Yug) 6; 16. IM Hickl (BRD) 5; 17. IM Baragar (Can) 1.5.

- KORCHNOI - SEIRAWAN,  
Symmetrical English: 1. Nf3 Nf6 2. c4 b6 3. g3 Bb7 4. Bg2 c5 5. 0-0 g6 6. d4 cxd4 7. Qxd4 Bg7 8. Nc3 d6 9. Be3 Nbd7 10. Rac1 0-0 11. Qd2 Ne4 12. Nxe4 Bxe4 13. Rfd1 Qc7 14. Bh3 Rab8 15. Nd4 Ba8 16. Nb5 Qb7 17. f3 a6 18. Nc3 b5 19. Nd5 e6 20. Ne7+ Kh8 21. c5 Ne5 22. cxd6 Nc4 23. Rxc4 bxc4 24. d7 Rfd8 25. Bd4 Qb4 26. Qg5 Qb5

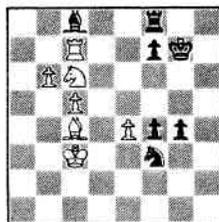


27. Nxcg6+ fxcg6 (Alternatives allow mate in two) 28. Bxcg7+ Kxcg7  
 29. Qe7+ Kh6 (29. ...Kh8 also allows mate in two) 30. Rd4 Qb6  
 31. e3 Qxd4 32. exd4 Bxf3 33. Bxe6 c3 34. bxc3 Rf8 35. Bb3 Bh5 36. h4 Bf3 37. g4 a5 38. Kh2 Ba8 39. Bdl Bf3 40. g5+ Kh5 41. Kg3, 0 - 1.

EHLVEST - GRANDA, Modern Defence: 1. e4 g6 2. d4 Bg7 3. Nc3 d6 4. f4 c6 5. Nf3 b5 6. Bd3 Bg4 7. e5 Nh6 8. h3 Bf5 9. g4 Bxd3 10. Qxd3 Qd7 11. Be3 Na6 12. 0-0-0 Nc7 13. exd6 Qxd6 14. f5 Nd5 15. Ne4 Qc7 16. fxcg6 hxcg6 17. Bd2 Ng8 18. Nc5 0-0-0 19. Kbl Nb6 20. Qa3 Nd5 21. Be1 Ngf6 22. Qa6+ Kb8 23. Bg3 Rd6 24. Ne5, 1 - 0.

TORRE - EHLVEST, Sicilian Defence: 1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. c3 Nf6 4. Be2 Nc6 5. d4 e6 6. Nbd2 cxd4 7. cxd4 Be7 8. 0-0 0-0 9. Re1 e5 10. d5 Nb8 11. Bf1 Ne8 12. Nc4 Nd7 13. Bd2 g6 14. g3 f5 15. exf5 gxf5 16. Bh3 Ng7 17. Bb4 Rf6 18. Rc1 Rh6 19. Bg2 Rg6 20. Qb3 Kh8 21. Qa3 e4 22. Nfe5 Nxe5 23. Nxe5 Rf6 24. Nc4 b6 25. Ne5 Bf8 26. Nc6 Qd7 27. Bc3 Rf7 28. f3 exf3 29. Bxf3 Kg8 30. Qa4 f4 31. Qd4 fxcg3 32. Bh5 Rf2 33. Ne7+ Kh8 34. Re6 Bb7 35. hxcg3 Rg2+ 36. Kxcg2 Qxe6 37. Nc6 Qh6 38. Rf1 Kg8 39. Bf7+ Kh8 40. Rh1 Qg5 41. Rh5, 1 - 0 (after 41. ...Qc1 black is mated by 42. Rxh7+ Kxh7 43. Qe4+ Kh8 44. Qh4+ etc).

SEIRAWAN - NOGUEIRAS, King's Indian: 1. d4 g6 2. e4 Bg7 3. c4 d6 4. Nc3 Nd7 5. Be3 e5 6. dxe5 dxe5 7. Nf3 Ngf6 8. Nd2 h5 9. Be2 Bh6 10. Bxh6 Rxb6 11. b4 a5 12. a3 Nf8 13. Nb3 Qxd1+ 14. Bxd1 axb4 15. axb4 Rxa1 16. Nxa1 Ne6 17. Kd2 c6 18. f3 Ke7 19. Nb3 Rh8 20. Be2 Rd8+ 21. Kc2 h4 22. Ra1 Nh5 23. Bf1 Ng5 24. Ra7 h3 25. Na5 Kf6 26. Ne2 hxcg2 27. Bxcg2 Nf4 28. Nxf4 exf4 29. Ra8 Rh8 30. h3 Kg7 31. c5 Ne6 32. Rh8 Nc7 33. Bf1 Ne6 34. Kc3 Rd8 35. Bc4 Ng5 36. Nxb7 Rf8 37. Na5 Bd7 38. Rb7 Bxb3 39. Nxc6 Nxf3 40. b5 g5 41. b6 Bc8 42. Rc7 g4



43. Rxc8 Rxc8 44. b7 Rh8 45. Nd8! g3 46. b8Q g2 47. Qxf4 g1Q 48. Qxf7+ Kh6 49. Qxf3 Qc1+ 50. Kh3 Qb1+ 51. Ka4 Qa1+ 52. Kb5, 1 - 0.

#### WOMEN'S INTERZONALS

BOTH Women's Interzonal Tournaments were held in Yugoslavia. At Smederevska Palanka Marta Litinskaya (USR) won with a score of 11/15. There was a three-way tie for third place between Nona Gaprindashvili (USR), Eliska Klimova (Cze) and Irina Levitina (USR) on 10.5 points. These three will play off for the two available places in the Women's Candidates.

Nana Ioseliani (USR) won the

second event at Tuzla with 13/17, a point ahead of compatriot Ketevan Arakhamia. Agnieszka Brustman (Pol) and Lidia Semenova (USR) shared third place, the former winning the tie-break match 4-1.

#### WORLD OPEN

THE 14th World Open at Philadelphia in July saw new arrival (in the US) Boris Gulko and England's Tony Miles share first place (US\$17,500 each) with 8/10. Eight players tied for third place with 7 points: GM Browne, GM Christiansen, GM de Firmian, GM Lein, IM Meyer, IM Frias, Root (all USA) and IM Damljanovic (Yug).

#### BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP

THIS year's British Championship (the 74th) in August made a rare visit to Wales - the city of Swansea. Nigel Short dominated the 58-player Swiss with a fine winning score of 9.5/11.

Canadian IM Igor Ivanov tied for second place on 8 points with England's Stuart Conquest, while English players IM King and GM Plaskett shared fourth place with 7.5 points. Candidate Jonathan Speelman was among those on 7 points, while Australian GM Ian Rogers was one of six players tied for twelfth place on 6.5.

#### BIEL

BORIS Gulko scored another important success in winning the double-round main event at this year's Biel Chess Festival in July-August. Gulko's 5 win - 1 loss record gave him 9 points out of 14. Oleg Romanishin (USR) was second on 8.5 points, followed by Daniel Campora (Arg) on 8. Next were Chandler (Eng) and Hort (BRD) on 7.5, then Lobron (BRD) and Z Polgar (Hun) on 5.

Zsuzsa Polgar was the only non-Grandmaster in the field, and included Murray Chandler among her victims.

#### AMSTERDAM

THE Crown Group at this year's OHRA Tournament was a six-player double-round robin won by John van der Wiel by the proverbial nose.

Scores: 1. GM van der Wiel (Nld) 6.5/10; 2.-4. GM Chandler (Eng), GM Gulko (USA) & GM Timman (Nld) 6; 5. GM Chernin (USR) 4.5; 6. GM Zapata (Col) 1.

The GM group was rather strong too - 11 of the 28 competitors were GMs. Vlastimil Hort won the nine-round Swiss with 7 points, a half point ahead of GM Gavrikov (USR). Sharing third were GMs Campora (Arg), Dlugy (USA), Murey (Isr) and A Rodriguez (Cub) on 6 points.

#### LONDON

A FIELD of 186 players from 23 countries competed in the Lloyds Bank Masters Tournament in late August. The winner, on tie-break, was American IM Michael Wilder with 8 points in the ten-round Swiss. Murray Chandler equalled that score to take second place.

Other leading scores were: 3.- 6. GM Benjamin (USA), IM Ernst (Swe), GM Fedorowicz (USA) & GM

Rogers (Aus) 7.5; 7.-14. IM Adams (Eng), IM Anand (Ind), IM I Ivanov (Can), IM Karolyi (Hun), Keitlinghaus (BRD), GM Kudrin (USA), GM Nunn (Eng) & GM Plaskett (Eng) 7.

#### CANDIDATES MATCHES

THE first round of the Candidates Matches will be played at St John (Canada) in January/February 1988. Fourteen players will take part. They are Sokolov (loser of the last Candidates super-final); Yusupov, Vaganian and Timman (2nd to 4th in last Candidates); Sax, Short and Speelman (Subotica Interzonal); Hjartarson, Salov and Nunn/Portisch (Szirak Interzonal); Korchnoi, Ehlvest and Seirawan (Zagreb Interzonal); and Spraggett (Canadian nominee).

The seven winners from this first round will then be joined by Karpov (loser of 1986 World Championship match) in the quarter-finals to be played in May-June 1988. The semi-finals will be held in January-February 1989, and the final in May-June 1989.

Each match in the Candidates series will be for the best of six games ie: a score of 3.5 points wins the match. If a match is tied after six games then, after a new drawing of lots for colours, two further games are played. If the score is still tied then, again with a new draw for colour, one further game is played with each player having one hour for the whole game. If this game is drawn the players have just 30 minutes each for the next game, and if this game too is drawn then further games will be played with each player having 15 minutes per game until there is a decisive result.

#### DORTMUND

SOVIET GM Yuri Balashov took top honours with 8/11 while Sweden's Ulf Andersson, also undefeated, shared second place on 7 points with Vladimir Tukmakov. Then came: 4.-5. GM Agdestein (Nor) & GM Nunn (Eng) 6.5; 6. GM Ribli

WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

By BEN MARTIN

THE 1987 World Junior Championship was held in Baguio City, Philippines, from July 19 to August 3. There were 52 players from more than 40 countries, including one GM - Simen Agdestein of Norway - and ten or so IMs.

This year it was decided to hold the World Women's Junior at the same time as the open tournament and so there were 20 women competing alongside us. Interestingly, there were none in the open tournament.

The accommodation and food were of a good standard. Luckily for me (and for other players not used to tropical climates) Baguio's high elevation - 4000 feet above sea level - meant that the temperatures did not become excessively high. It was still humid, though, and there were spectacular thunderstorms almost every day.

The games were played in the Baguio Convention Centre, site of the 1978 Karpov-Korchnoi World Championship match. The only major source of irritation was the fighting in the hall - periodically we were plunged into darkness, usually for only a few seconds, but once for over half an hour. Playing sessions went from 1 pm to 7 pm, with adjournments from 9 pm to 11 pm.

ROUND 1: Black v Gregory Serper (USSR) rated 2435. I lost an exchange on move 18 and a piece a few moves later. 0-1.

ROUND 2: White v Jose Paz (Bolivia). I gained a promising position, then cut off my bishop's only flight square, letting him trap it. 0-2.

ROUND 3: Black v Daly Colm (Ireland). More disaster. In a good endgame I greedily gobbled a poisoned pawn and lost soon after. 0-3.

ROUND 4: White v Al-Hatir Al Khater (Qatar). I got a strong kingside attack. I sacked a piece, but he found the best defence and escaped into a drawish

endgame a pawn down. I gave back the pawn; he took it the wrong way and got mated. 1-4.

ROUND 5: Black v Idelfonso Datu (Philippines). After surviving considerable pressure in the middle-game I went into an endgame with a tiny positional weakness. However, I didn't defend accurately and my position slowly drifted into a loss. 1-5.

ROUND 6: White v Sabeeh Alam Butt (Pakistan) rated 2330. Another Scheveningen. I got a worse position so I offered a pawn to activate my pieces. He declined the pawn, but I activated my pieces anyway! He lost material and I easily won the ending. 2-6.

ROUND 7: White v Weerakoon Ishan (Sri Lanka). I obtained a crushing bind in the opening (knights entrenched on c5 and d7!), but he wriggled out. Later I won a pawn - then turned an easily won R+p endgame into a draw by some careless play. 2.5-7.

ROUND 8: Black v Mel Ezeokoli (Nigeria). I won a drawish endgame when my opponent obligingly put all his pawns on the same colour squares as his bishop, then let my king in. 3.5-8.

ROUND 9: White v Richard Wessman (Sweden). In yet another Scheveningen, I developed a strong kingside attack. However, I tried to break open the position too soon and ended up in a lost endgame. 3.5-9.

ROUND 10: Black v Dharma Sinarta (Indonesia). An awful game - I allowed a piece sacrifice, forcing perpetual check, got a winning position when my opponent tried to mate me, then self-destructed. 3.5-10.

ROUND 11: White v Michel Bijoux (Seychelles). After a dubious opening I won an endgame in which my opponent played very weakly - swapping off his good bishop and failing to activate his rook, allowing me connected passed pawns. 4.5-11.

ROUND 12: Black v Hannes Steffansson (Iceland) rated 2335. I played very badly, letting him rip open my king's position. When

I saw he had the obvious win of a bishop I was about to resign...but instead of winning a piece, he sacrificed one for a non-existent mate. Still convinced the mate was there, he turned down a perpetual check. I held on to the piece and won. 5.5-12.

ROUND 13: Black v Enrico Sevillano (Philippines) rated 2315. I had at least equality for most of the game. Then in a level position my opponent, the Asian Junior Champion, allowed a sudden mating attack. He missed the only move to save material. I won the exchange and the game.

Final score 6.5-13, 23rd= (32nd on tie break).

I was very pleased with this result. I threw away several good positions in the early rounds, but this was made up for by my luck later on (especially in round 12!).

IM Anand Viswanathan from India won the tournament with 10-13 - he was the only undefeated player. Next was Vassily Ivanchuk (URS) 9.5-13; 3rd= G Serper (URS), P Wolff (USA) 9-13; 5th V Akopian (URS) 8.5-13; 6th= S Andestein (NOR), J Piket (NLD), G Rechlis (ISL), P Blatny (CSR), M Wahla (FGR), V Puri (CAN) 8-13; ...

The women's tournament was comfortably won by Kamila Baginskaite (URS) 9.5-11; 2nd= Svetlana Prudnikova (URS), Elena Zayats (URS) 9-11; ...

My last round game:

ROUND 13. SEVILLANO (PHI) - MARTIN (NZD). FRENCH DEFENCE (TARRASCH)

(Notes by Martin)

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 Nf6 4. e5 Nfd7 5. Bd3 c5 6. c3 Nc6 7. Ne2 Qb6 8. Nf3 cxd4 9. cxd4 f6 10. exf6 Nxf6 11. 0-0 Bd6 12. Nc3 0-0 13. a3 Kh8 14. Bc2 Bd7 15. Bg5 Rac8 [15. ... Qxb2? 16. Qd3 threatening Rfb1 and Bxf6] 16. Qd3 g6 17. Ba4? [Allowing the exchange of his good bishop] 17. ... Nb8 18. Bxd7 Nbx7 19. b4 Bb8 20. Rac1 Rc4

21. Ne2 Rxc1 [Maybe 21. ... Rfc8 is better] 22. Rxc1 Ne4 23. Bh6 Re8 24. Nh4 Qd6 25. Ng3 Ndf6 26. Qb5 Qh6 27. Qxb6 axb6 28. Nxe4 Nxe4 29. Nf3 Nd6 30. Ne5 Nb5 31. Nd7 nxd4 32. Kf1 Bd6 33. Nxb6 Kg8 34. h3 Kf7 35. Bg5 Nb5 36. a4 Nc7 37. b5 e5 38. Bd2 Ke6 39. Ke2 e4 40. Be3 Be5 41. a5?! [This causes problems. 41. Rd1 is stronger] 41. ... Nxb5 42. Nxd5 Rd8 43. Nb6 [If 43. Nf4+ Kf6 white's pieces are awkwardly placed. Not 43. Nb4?? Bb2 44. Re1 Bc3 45. Rb1 Bxb4 46. Rxb4 Nc3+ and wins] 43. ... Bb2 44. Rc8?? [44. Re1 is forced, when 44. ... Bc3 45. Rb1 Nd4+ 46. Bxd4 Rxd4 is probably slightly better for black] 44. ... Nc3+ 45. Rxc3 Bxc3 46. Na4 Bxa5 47. Nc5+ Kd5 48. Nxb7 Ra8 49. Nxa5 Rxa5 50. g4 Ra1 51. Bg5 Rh1 52. h4 Rg1 53. f3 Rg2+ 0-1

The tournament winner's game against the top seed:

ROUND 7: ANAND 9INDIA0 - AGDESTEIN (NOR).

RUY LOPEZ

(notes by Martin)

1. e4 Nc6 2. Nf3 e5 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 b5 5. Bb3 Na5 6. 0-0 d6 7. d4 Nxb3 8. axb3 f6 9. Nc3 Bb7 10. Nh4 Ne7 11. dxe5 dxe5 12. Qf3 Qd7 13. Rd1 Qe6 14. Nd5 Nxd5 15. exd5 Qf7 16. c4 Be7 17. Nf5 Rd8 18. Be3 g6 [18. ... 0-0 looks safer to me] 19. Nh6 Qg7 20. Qg3 Bc8 21. h4 Bd6 22. Qf3 Be7 23. Rac1 bxc4 24. bxc4 Rf8 25. c5 f5 26. Bg5 Bxg5 27. hxc5 Qe7 28. Qg3 f4 29. Qh4 e4 30. d6 Qe5 31. dxc7 Rxd1+ 32. Rxd1 e3 [32. ... Qc7 puts up more resistance] 33. Rd8+ Ke7 34. Ng8+ Rxc8 35. Rxc8 Be6 36. c8=Q exf2+ 37. Qxf2 Bxc8 38. Rxc8 1-0.

I enjoyed the tournament a lot. The Filipinos were very friendly and there was no sign of the political unrest that has been troubling the country.

I would like to thank the Otago Chess Club for helping pay the cost of my fare to the Philippines.

# WOMENS' CHESS

by Vivian Smith

CALLING all female chess players - women/schoolgirls - it is time to stand up and be counted!

NZCA Council has passed a resolution "that if there are insufficient entries to hold a Women's Championship at this year's Annual Congress, then no New Zealand Women's team will be sent to the 1988 Olympiad".

While it is doubtful that any women players have taken kindly to the somewhat heavy fisted "play or else" stance by Council, it is important that we rally round and make every effort to support the Women's Championship. Not just to protect our Olympiad representation, which is reason enough, but to support women's chess in New Zealand generally.

We do need such a tournament as a focus for women's chess; to bring women players together - out of the woodwork (and kitchens); to assess what talent there is about; to kindle the often flagging interest and enthusiasm of women players; and encourage new players into the game.

Often women have never played in a tournament before, and lack confidence to do so in such a male dominated sport. The Women's Championship is an ideal stepping stone to the open tournaments.

It is unfortunate that this tournament will be clashing with the Annual Congress, which some players may prefer to enter due to the weaker nature of the women's tournament. But if we want a true women's championship, with a decent standard of play, we need all the top women players to participate.

We need it well supported and well publicised so that the New Zealand public can see that women can and do play chess - and do it well.

Speaking of the Women's Champs, a story from England shows

that even those players who may be a little inexperienced or a bit rusty can still be in with a chance.

A 19 year old solo mother living on the 'dole' in a South London Council flat has recently won the British Ladies Open Chess Championships. Cathy Forbes had played chess well as a school-pupil, but gave up the game when she went waitressing at the age of 16. After having a baby and going on the 'dole', she entered the British Ladies Championships on impulse and came away with the title.

Meanwhile several women, who do get a lot of practice, have been doing well on the world professional scene. The remarkable Hungarian Zsuzsa Polgar (rated 2495) has beaten two of the world's top Grandmasters recently. Our own Murray Chandler (rated 2595) went down 1/2 - 1 1/2 to Zsuzsa at the Biel Chess Festival in Switzerland in July - unfortunately I have not seen a score of the game - and she also beat Ljubojevic (rated 2620) at Bilbao in Spain in June. Ljubojevic, who beat Karpov at the last Olympiad, also lost to the other woman in the Tournament: Women's World Champion Maya Chiburdanidze (rated 2530).

CHIBURDANIDZE - LJUBOJEVIC, Sicilian: 1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. Bb5+ Bd7 4. Bxd7+ Qxd7 5. 0-0 Nc6 6. c3 Nf6 7. d4 cxd4 8. cxd4 d5 9. e5 Ne4 10. Ne1 f6 11. f3 Ng5 12. Be3 e6 13. Nc3 Be7 14. Qd2 0-0 15. exf6 gxf6 16. Nd3 Nf7 17. Nf4 Nd6 18. Bf2 Rae8 19. Rael Bds 20. Re2 Nf5 21. Na4 Ba5 22. Qd1 Qd6 23. g3 Nh4 24. Qb3 b6 25. a3 Kh8 26. Rcl Rg8 27. Kf1 Nf5 28. Qd3



28. ...Nfxd4 29. Bxd4 e5 30. Be3 exf4 31. Bf4 Ne5 32. Bxe5 fxe5 33. b4 b5 34. Qxb5 Bd8

35. Rd1 d4 36. Nc5 Rgf8 37. Kg2 Qd5 38. Qb7 Qxb7 39. Nxb7 Bb6 40. Nd6 Re6 41. Nc4 Bc7 42. Rxd4, 1 - 0.

Zsuzsa Polgar's win over Ljubojevic was even more impressive. It can be found in NZ Chess Vol 13 No 4 p 90.

These women must be our role models and the Olympiad is the

only time New Zealand women players have the opportunity of meeting, watching, or even directly competing against players of this calibre. Remember, if you do not play in the Women's Championship that chance may be lost.

Finally, a reminder to everybody that I need contributions: games, items of interest etc. Please send them to 2 Autumn Avenue, Glen Eden, Auckland 7.

## WANDERING THRO THE WOOD

By IM ORTVIN SARAPU

FOLLOWING on last issue's column, Sam Lloyd also composed another stalemate in 12 moves. This time it is white who is stalemated. To make it harder to solve, or compose, both white and black should have all their pieces on the board!

Sam Lloyd not only solved (composed) the problem, he made it look like a real game!

White: THE VICTIM - Black: THE CHAMPION - 1. d4 (Kasparov's favourite move!) 1. ... d6 2. Qd2! (This was, or is, a theoretical novelty!) 2. ... e5 3. a4 e4 4. Qf4 f5 5. h3 Qe7 6. Qh2 Be6 7. Ra3 c5 8. Rg3 Qa5+ 9. Nd2 Bh4 10. f3 Bb3 11. d5 e3 12. c4!-! (Lloyd's signs, not mine!) 12. ... f4 Stalemate!!

Sam Lloyd wrote of this position - "Marvellous to relate white is stalemated and cannot

move although not a pawn has been exchanged on either side.

"A contingency which authorities have claimed could not occur in less than 20 moves! But here comes the real problem of the situation which has been submitted for arbitration to the greatest masters without arriving at the satisfactory conclusion.

"White, failing to observe that he was stalemated pondered over the move so long that his clock ran down and his opponent claimed the game on the time limit!

Now, where is the justice of making a player lose the game for failing to perform the impossible?

"He could not move, and yet he forfeits the game because he failed to move!

"I fail to find any rule which states that a player must announce that he is stalemated.

"The player achieving the

stalemate generally announces the fact. Moreover, the player in this case was a foreigner who could not speak the language and he maintained that the only law which covers the case says that a player must not stop his clock until he has made his move!"

Come to think, if you or I had been DOP I wonder what we would decide? .5/.5 or 0-1?

HERE is one of four games I recently played against the Mephisto Dallas computer. The Dallas has been rated over 2200, in some cases a 2300 rating has been given. The Labour Day 8 round will show the rating "it" will earn!

IM O Sarapu - Mephisto Dallas Game No 3. Petroff Defence.

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nf6

Computers are programmed with openings up to a few moves, but one knows when the book is finished for the computer suddenly takes longer over its moves!

3. d4 exd4 4. e5 Ne4  
5. Qxd4 d5 6. exd5ep Nxd6  
7. Nc3 Nc6 8. Qf4 g6  
9. Be3

Here "Mr Dallas" spent 3 minutes. The book move was 9. Bd2 (Keres) or 9. Nd4

9. .... Bg7 10. 0-0-0 Bxc3?!

I would not play this move as black, it does break up white's pawn structure on the Queen side, but it is difficult to take real advantage of it. White has now two Bishops and dark squares in black's position are weak, g7, f6, h6 etc.

11. bxc3 Qe7 12. Bc5 Be6

White can win a pawn by Bxd6 etc. Black would even be able to regain it by Bxa2, c4, Na5 etc.

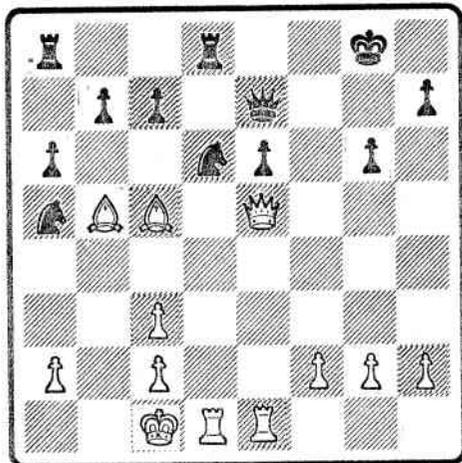
13. Bb5 0-0

"It" could not very well castle to the other side, as then Bxc6 and Bxa7 is bad for black.

14. Rhe1

White has a clear-cut advantage here. All because of Bxc3?!

14. ... Rfd8 15. Ng5 Na5  
16. Nxe6 fxe6 17. Qe5 a6!?



Computers are very good in calculations. Here white is "lured" into attack by 18. Bd4 Axb5 19. Qh8+ Kf7 20. Qxh7+ Ke8 21. Qxg6+ Kd7 22. Bf6 Rg8! 23. Qxg8! Rxg8 24. Bxe7 Kxe7. Here black has 2 knights for rook and 2 pawns. Black is OK in my opinion.

18. Ba4! Nac4!? 19. Qxe6+ Qxe6  
20. Rxe6 Kf7 21. Rde1 b5  
22. Bb3 Re8 23. Bxc4

"Farewell" two bishops, but now black has his queen side pawns also doubled.

23. ... bxc4 24. R6e5 Rxe5  
25. Rxe5 Rb8 26. a4 Re8?!

White should have a winning game here, but this offer of playing king and pawn ending is very welcome to white!

27. Bxd6 cxd6 28. Rxe8 Kxe8

The rest is easy to play and to understand. As computers never resign and play to checkmate I will stop when it is too clear!

29. Kd2 Kd7 30. Ke3 Kc6

TXS - Attacking the Enemy King

by NM Ewen Green

The breadth of the subject of attack hardly allows for much depth of treatment within the length of any one article such as this. Volumes have been written on the subject already - my own favourite is Kotov & Keres' "Art of the Middlegame".

I shall restrict the scope of this article to attacks which have the following characteristics:

- the opponent's counterattack (if any) is not aimed at our own King
- the opponent's King has castled
- the attack is being carried out by pieces and - at most - one pawn
- at most one file is open or can be opened (probably by exchanging an advanced pawn).

Attacking the enemy King does not necessarily result in mate. In fact, mate is almost an exception. Less glorious but more likely outcomes of a successful attack are material superiority, better ending, weaknesses in the opponent's pawn structure, more space and mobility, etc. Any of these can be just as decisive.

Whatever the result, attacking is an essential part of any player's range of skills, and sacrificing is an integral part of that skill.

Among the most common effects of an attacking XS are:

- permanent pawn structure weaknesses around the King
- for an attacker's Bishop, the opening and control of a diagonal aimed toward the opposing King
- for an attacker's Knight, the occupation of an advanced outpost

31. Kd4 d5	32. f4 Kd6
33. g4 a5	34. f5 gxf5
35. gxf5 h6	36. h3! h5
37. h4 Ke7	38. Kxd5 Kf6
39. Ke4 Kf7	40. Ke5 Ke7
41. f6+ Kf7	42. Kf5 Kf8
43. Kg6 Kg8	44. Kxh5 and won.

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near to the opposing King - decoy or exchange of an important defensive piece

In addition, the pin motif seems to combine very nicely with TXS.

Lists such as the above are all very well; they provide useful clues as to whether to investigate an XS possibility more thoroughly. But these clues do not provide any guarantee of success, as they focus only on one sector of the board.

To evaluate TXS on a broader scale when attacking, I propose the following rule: it is vital that the centre be stabilised.

I believe that testing for this condition can provide a very useful measure of the chances of success.

The attraction of the concept is that it involves using knowledge about the position on the board, rather than relying on long or difficult calculations. This "knowledge" is the catalogue of defensive manoeuvres a player mentally notes - the various ways in which the opponent's pieces can come to the aid of their King. The elements are squares, lines, ranks diagonals, etc.

This mental catalogue of information is not re-created at each move, but built up and updated over a series of moves. It is an important part of the vocabulary of the chessplayer's thought processes. I would liken it to long-term memory - the

short-term memory is calculation of specific variations, which may be discarded immediately a move is made, with only themes, schemas and outlines filtering through to be added to the long-term memory.

Just what form stabilising the centre takes can vary. But no matter what the form, the effects of a stabilised centre are the same:

- opposing pieces are hindered in coming to the defence of their King
- opposing pieces are unable to penetrate the centre
- important attacking pieces are not threatened with being exchanged off

A locked pawn centre is the most obvious stabilising method.

An advanced broad pawn centre can deny the opposing minor pieces suitable staging posts, forcing them to go the long way round via their first and second ranks.

Even a single advanced pawn may be sufficient to hinder freedom of movement. Indeed, the pawn can be one of the opponent's, probably on his second or third rank.

It may be sufficient that entry points be protected on an open central file.

At other times, TXS will produce a weak colour square complex in the centre, so that the opponent's pawns form a barrier to movement - a sort of extended restraint or blockade. An example of this type is given below; Black's inability to mobilise or exchange allowed a massive build up.

The degree of stabilisation indicates the "pace" of attack needed. A successful XS may still be possible in the absence of any of the above conditions, but it will probably be more a combination than an attack.

Bilek - Gheorghiu, Bucharest 1968. (Informator 5/330, notes by Parma)

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. g3 g6 4. Bg2 Bg7 5. d3 e5 6. Nh3 d6 7. O-O Nge7 8. f4 0-0?? 9. f5!! exf5? [9. ... f6 ± ] 10. exf5 Bxf5 11.

Rxf5 Nxf5 12. Be4 Nfd4 [ 12. ... Nfe7 13. Bxh7+ Kxh7 14. Qh5+ Kg8 15. Ng5 +-] 13. Qh5 [ 13. Bxh7+? Kxh7 14. Qh5+ Kg8 15. Ng5 Nf3+ -+ ] 13. ... Re8 [ 13. ... f5 14. Bd5+ Kh8 15. Ng5 h6 16. Qg6 +- ] 14. Qxh7+ Kf8 15. Bg5 Qd7 16. Nd5 Re6 17. Rf1 Nxc2 18. Bg6 N2d4 19. Bh6 1-0.

#### TXS POSTSCRIPT

1. To be useful, a definition must give some predictive power to the person applying it. Not only descriptive, but prescriptive. It must enable sense to be made out of - or, more accurately, imposed upon - a position. I would appreciate any feedback from readers about the stabilised centre idea.

2. Where can examples of XS's be found? In any magazine; there were four in the previous issue of New Zealand Chess, not counting the two I gave! Once you start looking, XS's are everywhere. It is for this reason that I have cut down the number of example games from four to one for this article.

3. Several players complained that the first example game I gave in the last issue was not an easy one. I agree - it was very difficult, and needs playing through twice at least, slowly!

4. Last but not least, unless referring to a specific player, anywhere I use "him" or similar masculine forms, I mean "him or her".

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