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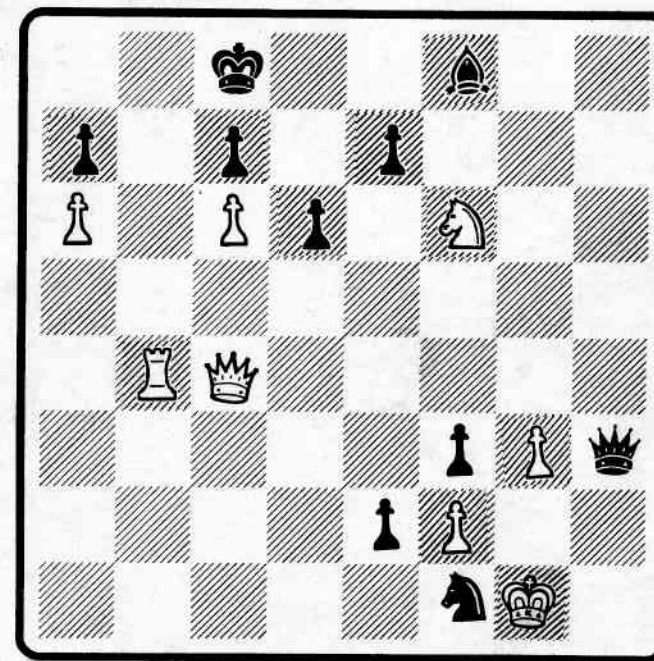


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#### CLUB CHANGE

NELSON CC meets 7.30pm Thursday at 2 Shakespeare Walk. Ph: Dan DOLJES 89827 or Denis BOYER Motueka 87985. Visitors Welcome.

ORTVIN SARAPU sent in the cover study which dates from 1874. The solution: 1. Qe6+! Qxe6  
2. Nd7 Qxd7 3. Rb8+! Kxb8  
4. cxd7 and mate next move.

# NEW ZEALAND CHESS

Editor: Bill COX

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THAT chess is a growing sport in New Zealand is reflected by the number of additional clubs that have come into the club directory. Kapiti CC started late last year and is now growing quickly in membership, while Mount Maunganui CC has got off to a flying start (see Barney Sullivan's letter). In Wellington the Harbour City CC had a great opening night in July and is continuing strongly. Just how many people play chess is not known and it would be great help if clubs not affiliated to the Association would send in the number of members. It would be of great assistance to the council when fronting up to organisations like the Hillary Commission or would-be sponsors if the chess spokesperson could indicate the number of chess players in the country. It would still be approximate, but could help to impress non-chess playing organisations with the seriousness with which the sport is treated in this country. Yes, sport. As in other endeavours, it is winning that counts and it is the winner of a tournament that gets most space in the media. The art side of the game has to take a back seat mostly in these fast flying days. **BILL COX**

## LETTERS

Sir,

Two years ago I advertised for anybody wanting a game of chess. No reply, though later I found a rather wild character who, if you thought for more than ten seconds would say, "It's your move, you know."

So this year I decided that the job must be done properly. First find a venue. Tried all the clubs and halls in town - mostly they charged \$25 up for a night. Then I

was lucky to find the Hillier Centre whose only charge was \$1.10 per person for all activities.

Now, PUBLICITY. Persuaded the local Trustee Bank to pay for an advertisement in the paper, then designed a poster which the Centre duplicated free and which were put out in all the halls, clubs and libraries as well as a few shop windows.

Our new town library had a grand opening and wanted activities. A visitor from Auckland rang me up wanting a game and we went to the library where the local newspaper photographed us and I got a quarter page spread - great free publicity as a result of which a bank offered to buy some chess sets.

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On the opening night I hopefully set out tables for eight, having borrowed some chess sets from the local school. My wife operated as receptionist and we were both stupefied when a queue started forming and 24 players came in! From that extraordinary start the impetus has never stopped and there are now 40 players on our list. BP Petroleum have put up \$150 for our championship

which is well under way and Ortvin Sarapu has just played a simultaneous which attracted 27 contestants; the one player who drew received a dinner for two at the local hotel. There must be a lot of people in towns of a similar size to ours who are seeking others who play and I hope that my experience may encourage somebody to have a go at forming a club.  
**BARNEY SULLIVAN**

## BLEDISLOE CUP

By NM Peter STUART

### BLEDISLOE CUP FINAL

AS THE only two teams to enter this year's Bledisloe Cup competition Auckland (the holder) and Otago fought out the final on Saturday, July 16, by telephone. The gratitude of both teams must be extended to Donaghys Industries who provided a free telephone link for the match.

Of all the telechess matches I have been involved in this was probably the most satisfactory - and not merely because of the result, a big win to Auckland, though this doubtless helped. Play started within a few minutes of the scheduled 1pm and proceeded smoothly right through to the close at 11pm. Only one of the 16 games required adjudication

(after 58 moves) while at least one other game reached move 60. Of course, the rate of play was possibly helped a bit by the fact that a number of games were decided rather early in the evening thus reducing transmission delays in the remaining games. Why cannot all such matches go so well?

Auckland was much the stronger team on paper, but this advantage has not been of much benefit in some matches in previous years. This time, however, the superiority was actually reflected in the play.

On top board Paul Garbett looked to gain a commanding position, but Robert Wansink was able to reach a drawn rook ending a pawn in arrears. In contrast Ben Martin's defence on the second board was rather weak and Roger Nokes wound up quite quickly with a mating attack.

The third board game between Ewen Green and Richard Sutton

### TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

Aug 22-26 S I Championships, Invercargill  
 Sep 5-10 National Schoolpupils Championships, Wangnau  
 Sep 24  
 Oct 10 World Junior Championships, World Girls Championships  
 Adelaide  
 Oct 22-24 Labour Weekend Tournament, Upper Hutt CC  
 Nov 12-30 Olympiad, Th essaloniki, Greece  
 Dec 28  
 Jan 9 RJI NZ, Reserve, Women's, Ma jor Open  
 Championships, Otago CC, Dunedin  
 Dec 28-  
 Jan 9 Australian Open Championships, Perth  
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 Howick-Pakuranga open.

was a bit of a mystery. Green himself thought he was getting the worst of it while Sarapu thought he was doing okay. Be that as it may, the game ended abruptly when Sutton

resigned, apparently because a move was played incorrectly on the Otago board much earlier in the game.

Auckland		Otago		
1.	Garbett P.A.	‡	Wansink R.	‡
2.	Nokes R.I.	1	Martin B.M.S.	0
3.	Green E.M.	1	Sutton R.J.	0
4.	Carpinter A.L.	‡	Boyd K.M.	‡
5.	Stuart P.W.	1	Haase G.G.	0
6.	Leonhardt W.	0	Sinton P.J.	1
7.	Whaley M.G.	1	Freeman B.	0
8.	Cooper P.R.	1	Foord M.R.R.	0
9.	Spiller P.S.	‡	Aimers G.	‡
10.	Cornford L.H.	‡	Campbell L.	‡
11.	Dreyer M.P.	1	Lambourne G.	0
12.	Ion G.J.	1	Vecovsky P.	0
13.	McNally I.	1	Kwok A.	0
14.	Gibbons R.E.	1	McIntosh J.	0
15.	Barlow M.J.	‡	Rayner E.	‡
16.	Thomas B.	1	Gibb J.	0
		12‡		3‡

The following two games were the most interesting of the match - but not perhaps the best!

#### MARTIN - NOKES

Irregular Opening: 1. e4 e6  
 2. d4 a6 3. Nf3 b5 4. Bd3  
 Bb7 5. Qe2 Nf6 6. O-O c5  
 7. c3 Nc6 8. Nbd2 Rc8 9.  
 dxc5 Bxc5 10. a4 b4 11. Nb3  
 Be7 12. c4 d6 13. Bg5 O-O  
 14. Rfd1 Qc7 15. Rac1 Nd7  
 16. Bxe7 Nxe7 17. Qd2 Nc5  
 18. Qxb4 Nxd3 19. Rxd3 Bxe4  
 20. Rxd6 Bxf3 21. gxf3 Nf5  
 22. Rd3 Qf4 23. Qc3 e5  
 24. c5 Rc6 25. Qd2 Qh4 26.  
 f4 exf4 27. h3 Rg6+ 28. Kh2  
 Qg5 0-1.

#### CAMPBELL - CORNFORD

Sicilian Rauzer: 1. e4 c5  
 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4  
 Nf6 5. Nc3 Nc6 6. Bg5 Bd7

7. Be2 Rc8 8. O-O Qa5 9.  
 Be3 g6 10. Nb3 Qd8 11. f4  
 Bg7 12. Kh1 h5 13. f5 gxf5  
 14. exf5 Ne5 15. Bd4 Nfg4  
 16. Bxg4 hxg4 17. Nd5 Rc4  
 18. Ne3 Rxd4 19. Nxd4 Qb6  
 20. c3 g3 21. h3 Bb5 22.  
 Nxb5 Qxe3 23. Nc7+ Kd8 24.  
 Nd5 Qe4 25. Kg1 Nd3 26.  
 f6 Bxf6 27. Nxf6 Qe3+ 28.  
 Kh1 exf6 29. Rxf6 Nf2+ 30.  
 Rxf2 gxf2 31. Qxd6+ Kc8  
 32. Kh2 [not 32. Rf1? Rxh3+  
 33. gxh3 Qxh3+ 34. Qh2 Qxf1+  
 winning] 32... Qe1 33. Rd1  
 a6 [or 33... f1Q 34. Qd7+  
 Kb8 35. Qd6+ repeating] 34.  
 Qd3 Re8 35. Qc4+ Kb8 36.  
 Qxf7 Qe5+ 37. g3 Qe2 38.  
 Rf1 Qxf1 ½-½.

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By Peter Collins

ON JULY 13, 1988, The Harbour City Chess Club officially came into operation. The Harbour City CC is based in Petone and has therefore filled a

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Jonathan Sarfati performed an excellent simul which ended in the fine result of 30 victories and only three draws.

Alongside was held what is hoped to be an annual event, an invitational lightning championship. Anthony Ker prevailed with 7.5/9 and Mark Noble finished runner-up with 6/9.

On behalf of the organisers I must say that the curiosity level displayed by Wellington's chess players on the opening night showed us the need for a true third centre in Wellington chess (apart from the Wellington region and Upper Hutt). Our club has proved this already by dragging out (inspiring!?) a few semi-retired players as well as those who play, but need a Hutt Valley club.

Please contact Peter Collins (54 Kowhai Street, Wainuiomata, Ph (04) 646 764) or Gavin Marnier (04) 648 401 for any details.



**1988 PAPATOETOE GLASS HOWICK-PAKURANGA OPEN FEBRUARY 20-21**  
By Paul SPILLER

WITH 67 entries this year (including two computers) the Howick-Pakuranga Open continues to be one of the most popular chess events in New Zealand. Entries were late in arriving, though, with no fewer than 46 during the last five days, including at least 10 late entries on Saturday.

As can be seen from the tournament chart Robert Smith dominated the event after Sarapu had an early hiccup (draw with Richard Taylor) and Garbett lost a piece to Smith by playing too hastily during the Sunday morning round. Garbett compounded his bad luck in the next round by losing on time to the Mephisto Roma computer. This particular machine did surprisingly well, also drawing with Ewen Green and Bob Smith in the last round.

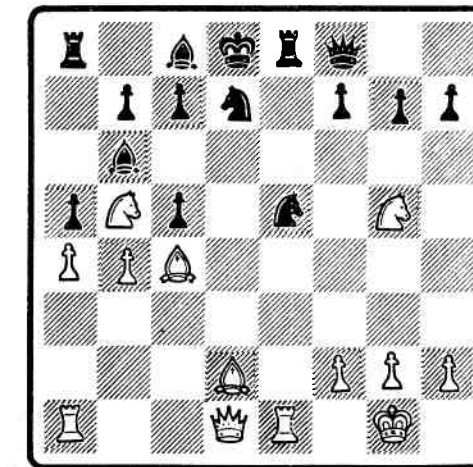
Other good performances were put up by Ralph Hart and Bruce Wheeler, with the Saitek Analyst computer of Graham Banks completing the major placegetters after beating Peter Weir in the final round.

Bob Gibbons had a rather busy time as DOP with the large number of time scrambles and also trying to police such rules as recording moves and 'monsterring' your opponent (a term used by Bob to describe someone trying to win on time after declining a draw despite being substantial material down).

**INTERESTING GAMES AND POSITIONS**

The position below was reached after 17 moves of a Scotch Game between R Baumgartner and P Weir in Round 5.

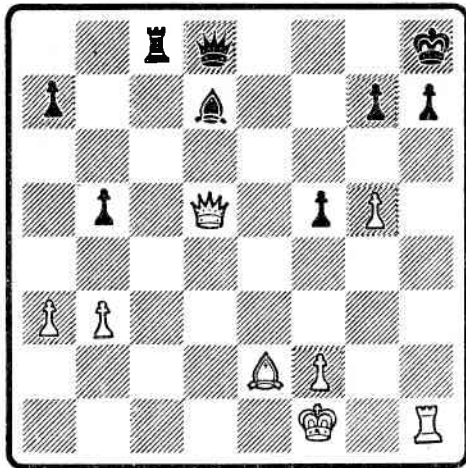
P WEIR



R BAUMGARTNER

White missed the chance for a quick victory with 18. Rxe5! eg 18... Nxe5 19. Nxf7+ Nxf7 20. Bg5 mate. This next position (below) was lost on time by White. Black has just played Rc8. White could force an immediate draw with 1. g6 Rc1+ 2. Bd1! b6 3. Rxb6+ gxh6 4. Qe5+ etc.

B Wheeler



P Spiller

SOME GAMES -

B Wheeler - L Cornford

Sicilian: 1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cd 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 Nc6 6. Bg5 Bd7 7. f4 Rc8 8. Be2 Nxd4 9. Qxd4 Qa5 10. Bf3 e5 11. Qd2 Be7 12. 0-0 0-0 13. Kh1 Rfd8 14. Rad1 Qc5 15. f5 Bb5 16. Be2 Bxe2 17. Qxe2 Rd7 18. Bxf6 Bxf6 19. Rd5 Qc4 20. Qd1 Bd8 21. Rf3 Bb6 22. R5d3 Bd4 23. f6 d5 24. ed g6 25. Qd2 Qb4 26. Rh3 h5 27. Rxb5 gh 28. Qh6 1-0.

P Weir - R Craig

Sicilian: 1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. Bb5+ Bd7 4. Bxd7+ Qxd7 5. 0-0 Nc6 6. c3 g6 7. d4 cxd 8. cxd Bg7 9. Nc3 Nf6 10. d5 Nb4 11. e5 Ng4 12. exd Qxd6 13. Qa4+ Kf8 14. Nb5 Qc5 15. Bf4 Nxd5 16. Rac1 Qb6 17. Bc7 Nxc7 18. Nxc7 Rc8 19. Qxg4 e6 Nxe6+ 1-0.

P Garbett - R Hart

Pirc Defence: 1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nc3 g6 4. Bc4 Bg7 5. Qe2 c6 6. e5 dxe 7. dxe Nd5 8. Bd2 Be6 9. 0-0-0 Nbd7 10. f4 0-0 11.

Nf3 N7b6 12. Bb3 Nxc3 13. Bxc3 Nd5 14. Bd2 Qb6 15. Ng5 Bf5 16. g4 f6 17. Nxb7 Bxg4 18. Qxg4 Kxh7 19. Rdg1 g5 20. h4 1-0.  
P Weir - E Green  
Queen's Gambit: 1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. g3 Be7 5. Bg2 0-0 6. Qc2 c6 7. 0-0 Nbd7 8. b3 Ne4 9. Ba3 f5 10. Bxe7 Qxe7 11. a4 g5 12. Nbd2 Qg7 13. Rad1 g4 14. Ne1 Ng5 15. Nbl dxc 16. Qxc4 Nb6 17. Qc5 Nd5 18. Nd3 b6 19. Qc1 Ba6 20. Nc3 f4 21. Nxd5 f3 22. exf gxf 24. Nc7 fxg 24. Kxg2 Bb7 25. h4 c5+ 26. d5 Ne4 27. Nxe6 Rxf2+ 28. Rxf2 Qxg3+ 29. Kf1 Nxf2 30. Nxf2 Ba6+ 31. Ke1 Qg1+ Kd2 Qxf2+ ½-½.

Leading scores: 1. R Smith 6; 2. Mephisto Roma, O Sarapu, R Hart, B Wheeler, Saitek Analyst 5½; P Garbett, E Green, P Green, S Devlin, R Craig 5.

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DEVONPORT CHESS CLUB ACTIVE 30/30 TOURNAMENT AUTUMN 1988  
 DEVONPORT CC runs a series of 'Active' (30-30) tournaments which are played during the first hour of each club night. In this way junior members (who have early bed times) are encouraged to take part in club activities. Also encouraged are lower rated players who enjoy the upsets caused by the fast time control. It doesn't suit everybody's style.

The table below gives the results of the Autumn Tourney held at the club. Philip Hair's solid style enabled him to avoid some of the more grisly happenings in time trouble.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	
1. P Hair	x	½	½	1	1	½	1	1	1	1	7½
2. A G Shead	½	x	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	6½
3. D Shead	½	0	x	½	1	½	1	1	1	1	6½
4. A T Shead	0	0	½	x	0	½	1	1	1	1	5
5. J Craig	0	0	0	1	x	½	1	0*	1*	1	4½
6. R Craig	½	1	½	½	½	x	1	0*	0*	0*	4
7. M Holloway	0	1	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	1	4
8. R Jewell	0	0	0	0	1*	1*	0	x	0	1	3
9. M Edwards	0	0	0	0	0*	1*	0	1	x	0	2
10. K Tennant	0	0	0	0	0	1*	0	0	1	x	2

\*=Default

Perhaps the greatest success of the tournament was the second place achieved by Anton Shead, whose pre-tournament rating indicated he should have been at the other end of the table.

A T Shead - J Craig. Two Knights Defence: 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. O-O Bc5 5. d4 Bxd4 6. Nxd4 Nxd4 7. f4 d6 8. Be3 Nxe4 9. fxe5 dxe5 10. Bxf7+ Ke7 11. Qd3 Bf5 12. Bxd4 Qxd4 13. Qxd4 exd4 14. Rxf5 Nd6 15. Rc5 Kxf7 16. Rxc7+ Kf6 17. Rd7 Rad8 18. Rxd8 Rxd8 19. Nd2 Nf5 20. Nf3 Ne3 21. Rc1 Kf5 22. c3 d6 23. Nd4+ Rxd4 and Black won.

to participate in tournaments abroad. It should be noted that each Scandinavian country has produced at least one strong IGM.

To give an idea of the Swedish chess talent here is a game from the match Iceland - Sweden.

H Stefansson - J Hall (comments by Black): 1. c4 (a surprise as the White player seems to be a notorious e4 player) 1... c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Nc3 e5 4. g3 g6 5. Bg2 d6 6. a3 (in case of 6... Bg7 7. b4!) 6... a5 7. O-O Bg7 8. d3 Nge7 9. Rb1 O-O 10. e3? (probably with the idea Nb5 and d4, although Nf3 would be better placed on e2, to continue with a possible f3. Now d5 is a possibility for Black) 10... h6 (d5 is better) 11. Nd2 Be6 12. Nd5 (White changes his plans, his c pawn wants to exchange on d5, followed by a4 and Nc4) 12... Rb8 13. Nxe7+ Qxe7 (if Nxe7 14. b4) 14. Ne4 b5! (after 14... d5 15. cxd Bxd5 16. Nf6+ and White has the bishop pair).

28. Qg2 Qa4 29. Bc4 cxb  
 30. d6 Qd7 31. Qd5 Nf5  
 32. Kh2 Rb6 (time trouble)  
 33. Bxb4 Ne3 34. Rxf7 (although I was short of time I was convinced that this is not correct, maybe White played this for Psychological reasons?)  
 34... Rxf7 35. Qxf7+ Qxf7  
 36. Bxf7+ (if 36. d7 Rb8 37. Bxf7+ Kxf7 38. Be7) 36... Kxf7 37. d7 Bf6 38. Bc3 Rd6 39. Rb6 Ng4+ 40. Kh3 Rxd7 and White resigns.

I apologise to the author for the undoubtedly many translation errors and omissions.  
 Roel von't Steen

No report on the North Island Championship has been received. Anthony Ker and Peter Stuart shared first place with 8½ points.

The following game and notes was sent in by G A Spain.

G Spain - P Collins

Morra Gambit Declined

1. e4 c5  
 2. d4 cxd4  
 3. c3 d3  
 4. Bxd3 Nc6  
 5. c4 e6  
 6. Nc3 Nf6  
 7. Nf3 Be7  
 8. O-O d6  
 9. Be3 Ng4!  
 10. Qe2 Nxe3  
 11. Qxe3 Bf6!  
 More accurate is O-O.  
 12. Racl O-O  
 13. Rfd1 Qc7  
 14. Bc2!

With the idea of Ba4 and Nb5.  
 14. ... Rd8?!  
 14... a6 is more flexible.  
 15. Ba4 Qb6?  
 16. Qxb6 Axb6  
 17. Bxc6! bxc6?  
 17... Bxc3 removing White's queen's knight was better.  
 18. e5!



(interesting would be 15. cxb Rxb5 16. Qa4 Rfb8 17. Nc3 Bb3 18. Qxb5 Rxb5 19. Nxb5 Bc2 20. Ra1 Nd8 with a better game for Black as the d3 pawn falls).  
 15. Nc3 Na7 16. Nd5 Qd7 17. Bd2 Nc6 18. f4? (White pushes too hard) 18... exf 19. cxb? Bxd5! 20. Bxd5 Ne7 21. Ba2 fxg 22. hxg Qxb5 23. Qf3 d5?! (Black should have taken on d3) 24. e4 Qd7 25. exd Nf5 26. b4 (a bold move) 26... axb 27. axb Nd4

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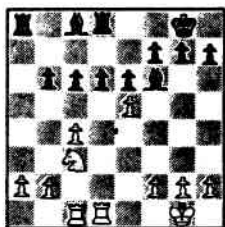
NEW Zealand Chess receives the Swedish magazine Tidskrift för Schack, a monthly magazine (11 issues per year), nicely printed. But Swedish subscribers are paying the equivalent of \$35 for this privilege!

As my knowledge of the Swedish language is rather limited I invite interested readers to contact Bill Cox. In return for translation or summaries of interesting articles you receive the magazine free of charge.

The layout and articles are similar to NZC, a couple of pages on overseas news, a very large tournament calendar and, of course, local club news.

Because of its geography many players have an opportunity





White has the two knights and is ready to attack in the centre.

18. ... Be7  
19. exd6 Rxd6?  
A better try was 19... Bxd6 as after 20. Ne4! Be7 21. Rxd8+ Bxd8 22. Rd1 Be7 23. Nd6 Ba6 24. Ne5! White has pressure, but no quick kill.  
20. Rxd6 Bxd6 -  
21. Rd1 Bf8  
Or 21... Be7 22. Ne5 Bb7 23. Nxf7! and 21... Be7 is met by 22. Ne5 c5 23. b3! Ba6 24. Nd7 Rd8 25. Nxb6 Rxd1+ Nxd1+-.  
22. Ne5 c5  
23. Rd8 f6  
24. Nd7! RESIGNED  
As after 24... Bb7 25. Rxa8 Bxa8 26. Nxb6 Bc6 27. a4 Be7 28. a5 Bd8 29. Nca4 Bxa4 30. Nxa4 Bxa5 31. Nxc5 is hopeless for Black.  
Notes by Graeme Spain.



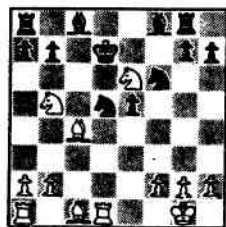
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G Spain - R Smith

Morra Gambit

1. e4 c5  
2. d4 cxd4  
3. c3 dxc3  
4. Nxc3 Nc6  
5. Nf3 d6  
6. Bc4 Nf6?  
Dubious. Best is 6... e6 or a6.  
7. e5! dxe5  
8. Qxd8+ Kxd8  
9. Ng5 Kc7  
10. Nxf7 Rg8  
11. Nb5+ Kd7  
No better is 11... Kb8 because

of 12. Nxe5 Nxe5 13. Bf4!.  
12. Ng5  
The clearest move to win material. White is threatening Be6+!. However, possibly even stronger is 12. Be3 or Bf4 followed by 0-0-0.  
12. ... Nb4  
After 12... Nd4 13. Nxd4 exd4 14. Bxg8 Nxb8 15. Nxb7 Black loses the exchange.  
13. 0-0 Nbd5  
14. Rd1 e6  
15. Nxe6!



The decisive move, Black's position now falls apart.

15. ... Kxe6  
16. Nc7+ Kf7  
17. Rxd5 Nxd5  
18. Bxd5+ Kg6  
19. Bxg8 Rb8  
20. Be3 b6  
21. Rc1 Bf5  
22. Rc6+ Kh5  
23. f3 Bg6  
24. Be6 RESIGNED  
After 24... Bf5 25. Bxf5 followed by Bg4+ Kh4 White mates with g3.

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### WISDOM IN CHESS by LEV APTEKAR

By B A NEWMAN

IT IS an aphorism amongst teachers that telling is not teaching - the student must be involved. What Lev's book does is to show you a series of sets of diagrams, each set illustrating a theme. So the reader is involved throughout.

Part I "Basic Elements" contains 166 diagrams both composed

and from master play. Where solutions are not shown in the text they are listed at the end of each part. The themes here include basic endings and tactical insight.

Incidentally, though these are "Basic Elements" you are not doing at all badly if you can work out all the composed problems without a peek at the solutions.

Part II "Chess Tactics" and Part III "Endgame Technique" follow the same format as Part

I. Whether the discussion is of mating nets, Knight, Bishop or Rook endings, the thematic approach is the same, involving the reader as if he were at the club in all kinds of trouble except time trouble.

This teaching by involvement makes Lev's book an indispensable addition to the library of any chessplayer who wishes to improve his game. There will be few chessplayers who cannot profit by this book. I very strongly recommend it.

### LESSONS IN CHESS STRATEGY

By IGM EDUARD GUFELD

ONE of the important principles of chess strategy is the seizure of the centre, providing freedom of action for the pieces and cramping the enemy's manoeuvres.

The seizing of the centre is accomplished not only by the pawns, but also by the pieces ensuring the advance of the pawns.

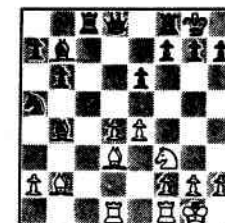
Why is this so important? By taking the centre one can prepare for an attack or gain space advantage. "The seizure of the centre," wrote Aaron Nimzowich, "can be replaced only by the pressure exerted by the rooks and bishops on the enemy centre."

It should be borne in mind that by occupying the central squares one should act very cautiously, capitalising on the centre for developing the initiative and attack.

The following game shows how important is this principle of chess strategy, which is often neglected by some chess players who concede the centre without any compensation.

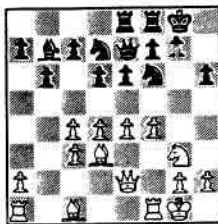
ANDRIANOV - IMANALIEV  
All-Union Junior Tournament 1980. Czech Defence. 1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. c4 c6 4. cd5 cd5 5. Nc3 Nc6 6. Bf4 Bf5 7. e3 e6 8. Bb5 Nd7 9. Qa4 Qb6 10. Nh4  
It is necessary to exchange

Bf5, because the bishop hampers White's intention to open up the centre. 10...Bg6? Black could have played better 10...Be4! blockading the e3 pawn. 11. Nxb6 hg6 12. e4 de4 Another mistake making Black's position defenceless. 13. d5! The decisive breakthrough in the centre. 13...Nc5 14. dc6! bc6 15. Bxc6+ Ke7 16. 0-0-0! Nxa4 17. Rd7+ Ke8 No better is 17... Kf6 18. Nxe4+ Kf5 19. Rxf7+ Kg4 20. h3+ etc. 18. Bxa4 Be7 19. Rxa7 1-0



Home study assignment: The previous position occurred in a game played by two Soviet Grandmasters. On his next move White launches a breakthrough in the centre. Analyse the position. How did White continue the attack?

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Another home study: The above position is from the game Alekhine - Zubarev. What is White's advantage? What plan can White choose?

ANSWERS TO LESSONS IN CHESS STRATEGY. (1) In the game Keres - Geller (Moscow 1962) the grandmasters played the Queen's Gambit. Black permitted his

opponent to organise a strong and ideal pawn centre. The game continued: 16. d5! ed5 17. ed5 Qe7 there is nothing better. 18. Ne5 f6 19. Qh5 g6 20. Nxc6! hg6 21. Bxc6 Qg7 22. Rd3 Bd6 23. f4. White's attack is irresistible. Black resigned on move 28.

(2) White has seized the centre. He intends to advance the pawns in the centre and afterwards attack the enemy king. The game continued: 1. Ba3 c5 2. Ra1 Kh8 3. d5! Ng8 4. e5 g6 5. Qd2 ed5 6. cd5 de5 7. c4! Kh7 8. Bb2 Nf6 9. fe5 Ng4 10. e6 Qh4 11. Rxf7+ Rxf7 12. Bxc6+! Kxc6 13. Qd3+ Kg5 14. Bc1+ 1-0.

## ASSOCIATION NEWS

In the past month, New Zealand chess has been recognised in two most significant ways by FIDE's Commission for Assistance to Chess Developing Countries (CACDEC).

Firstly, they have offered a scholarship for a New Zealand chess player to attend a three week training seminar in Suchumi, USSR. Jonathan Sarfati has been selected to attend this course which includes sessions by GM's Rasuvajev, Gufeld, Panchenko, Averbach, Smyslov, Taimanov, Kostiev and Suetin.

The seminar runs from 2 to 22 September and covers psychological aspects of a player's training, opening specifics in the repertory of a skilled chess player, method of studying typical middlegame positions, the commentary of games, combinations in chess art, upgrading chess players' art, tournament preparation, positional struggle in chess, endgame problems, upgrading of a chess player, general principles of evaluation and play of middlegame positions, method for training of middle-level players and training to analyse variations.

Alongside the course are a 7 round tournament against Soviet players, chess



JONATHAN SARFATI...Russia bound

clinics, a problem solving competition, a visit to a GM tournament in Sochi, a clock simultaneous exhibition, a cultural pro-

gram and various side trips. Altogether, a busy schedule.

As if all this wasn't enough, CACDEC also informed the NZCA that they are to supply us with a copy of the latest version of ChessBase, rewritten for the IBM DOS environment, with chess games data disks **AND** an IBM-compatible Turbo XT personal computer with monitor, 512K and two disk drives. The package is intended to help our players to improve their chess. Your ideas on how CACDEC's gift can best be used to achieve this aim are most welcome.

It must be the month of gifts as Computer Sciences of New Zealand, cost-price suppliers of the NZCA's computer hardware and software, have now generously donated a whiteboard and easel for our use. Thank you again, CSNZ.

In support of our bid to host the 1990 World Championship Final, Sir John Marshall is arranging for FIDE President Florencio Campomanes to visit New Zealand. This will probably take place in conjunction with his attendance at the World Junior Championships in Adelaide, South Australia.

Paul Cooper will represent New Zealand at the World Junior in September.

Arrangements for travel to the Olympiad in Thessaloniki, Greece, in November are now firming up. Several

fellow travellers are already taking advantage of the attractive Lufthansa package which Wolfgang Leonhardt is offering and bookings are still open should anyone else wish to join the group. Return travel may be made any time within six months by one of a variety of routes including Los Angeles, Hong Kong or Tokyo. Please contact the NZCA or Wolf Leonhardt at Lufthansa, Auckland if you are interested.

The long-promised Director of Play seminars should be available quite soon and any club wishing to host one of these should express their interest to the Association Secretary. Some clubs have already done so and their interest is noted.

The Bledisloe Cup was won by Auckland who beat Otago by 12.5 to 3.5.

Finally, I must now say goodbye and welcome my replacement as Secretary, Bill Ramsay. Bill has been a familiar figure around the chess scene for many years and I wish him well. I regret to say that, after several years of dedicated service, Ab Borren has resigned from Council. However, on the good side, Chris Bell, another well-known chess personality, replaces Roel von't Steen as Treasurer whilst Roel and myself remain on Council, at least for the time being.

## OVERSEAS NEWS

By NM Peter STUART

### AMSTERDAM

A QUADRANGULAR tournament in the Dutch capital in May was billed as the strongest tournament ever. Of course, with only four players it is not quite so difficult to achieve a higher than usual average rating - still, this event was category 17 with an average rating of 2673 so it will take some beating. The world's three highest rated (at that

time) players were joined by Dutch GM John van der Wiel with each player meeting each opponent four times.

This event was Gary Kasparov's last before his World Cup debut at Belfort and he certainly gave himself a vigorous workout. His play was aggressive with many sacrifices and he ran up a stunning undefeated nine points from his 12 games, including two wins against arch-foe Anatoly Karpov, who nevertheless came in second with 6.5 points.

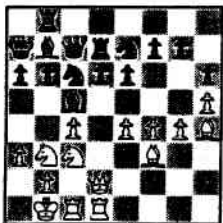


Both of Karpov's losses to the World Champion were on the black side of his previously most solid Caro-Kann. His play was generally somewhat disappointing and his first Caro-Kann loss was indicative. Kasparov sacrificed a knight for two pawns, but Karpov defended accurately and gradually built up a winning position. Then, however, he blundered into a drawn ending in time trouble. As if this was not enough he then overstepped the time limit with two moves still to play.

Jan Timman took third place with 5.5 points while van der Wiel, as expected, brought up the rear with three points.

#### KASPAROV - VAN DER WIEL

Queen's Indian - 1. d4 nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 b6 4. a3 Ba6 5. Qc2 Bb7 6. Nc3 c5 7. e4 cxd4 8. Nxd4 Bc5 9. Nb3 Nc6 10. Bg5 a6 11. 0-0-0 Qc7 12. Kb1 0-0-0 13. Qd2 d6 14. f3 h6 15. Bf4 Ne5 16. h4 Kb8 17. h5 Rd7 18. Rc1 Rc8 19. Be2 Ka7 20. Rhd1 Rdd8 21. g4 Ng8 22. Bg3 Ne7 23. f4 N5c6 24. Bf3 Rb8 25. Bh4 Rd7



26. Nb5+! axb5 27. cxb5 Na5 28. Nxa5 bxa5 29. Rxc5 dxc5 30. Qxd7 Qxf4 31. Rd6, 1-0. [The immediate threat is 32. Ra6 mate and 31... Ka8 is met by 32. Qc7 threatening both Qxa5+ and Ra6+ winning the queen. Also 31... Rc8 succumbs to 32. Bxe7 Qxf3 33. Ra6+ Kb8 34. Bd6+] ]

#### HAVANA

THE 23rd Capablanca Memorial tournament was won by little known Soviet IM Zurab

Azmaiparashvili with a score of 8/11 - a convincing 1.5 point margin over joint runners-up GM Granda Zuniga (PER) and GM Dorfman (USR). Then came: 4-5 IM Popchev (BUL) & GM A Rodriguez (CUB) 6; 6-8 GM Nogueiras (CUB), GM Rivas (SPA) & GM Vogt (DDR) 5.5; 9-10 GM B Garcia (CUB) & IM Milos (BRZ) 5; 11 GM Zapata (COL) 4.5; 12 IM Diaz (CUB) 2.5.

#### HANINGE

THIS Swedish town near Stockholm was the scene of a category 13 tournament in May. For many years Lev Polugaevsky has been an excellent customer for Viktor Korchnoi, who has won many convincing victories over his former compatriot, including two Candidates matches. It must, therefore, have been most gratifying to Polugaevsky to not only win the tournament handsomely, but also win his critical penultimate round game versus his old rival in just 26 moves.

Ulf Andersson, in one of his rare appearances in his homeland, took second place, while Norwegian neighbour Simen Agdestein was third. Korchnoi was the early leader with 5/7, but faltered with losses in rounds eight and 10 to Wedberg and Polugaevsky while drawing his other two games.

#### EUROPEAN ACTIVE CHAMPIONSHIP

THIS event was played at Gijon (Spain) in May. More than 100 players competed with 45 able to qualify for the Intercontinental Active Championship. Most of the top West European grandmasters were absent, so there will be a huge representation for Eastern Europe in the next round of this World Championship.

Anatoly Karpov tied for first place with compatriot Vladimir Tukmakov on 10 points and Viktor Gavrikov (USR) was clear third on 9.5. Dutch GM Hans Ree was "best of the west" in a fourth place tie on nine points with another three Soviet representatives in

Ehlvest, Novikov and Krasenkov.

#### BELFORT

THE second World Cup tournament was played in June. The early course of the tournament suggested a major upset could be in the making as Jaan Ehlvest took sole lead for a couple of rounds. However, subsequent losses to Karpov (round 10) and Kasparov (round 12) saw him drop to third place. Apart from Ehlvest's brief tenure of first place, Kasparov was always in charge and his loss to Karpov in

the 14th round served only to reduce his winning margin. Karpov made a good recovery after losing in the first round to Sokolov, his win against Ehlvest being especially crucial as he was 1.5 points behind the younger player going into that game.

Jan Timman went into this event ranked number three in the world, but came out ranked number six having lost 35 points (many of them here one suspects) during the six months to the end of June. After two dismal World Cup performances he can almost certainly kiss his chances of a major prize goodbye.

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
1.	Kasparov	USR	G 2750	x	0	1	½	½	1	½	1	½	1	1	1	½	1	1	11½	
2.	Karpov	USR	G 2715	1	x	1	½	½	0	1	½	½	½	½	1	1	1	½	10½	
3.	Ehlvest	USR	G 2585	0	0	x	½	½	½	½	1	½	1	½	1	1	½	1	9	
4.	Ribli	HUN	G 2620	½	½	½	x	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	½	½	½	½	8	
5.	Rübner	BRD	G 2595	½	½	½	½	x	½	½	½	0	1	½	½	½	½	1	8	
6.	Sokolov	USR	G 2595	0	1	½	½	½	x	½	½	1	½	0	½	½	½	1	8	
7.	Spassky	FRA	G 2565	½	0	½	½	½	½	x	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	½	8	
8.	Short	ENG	G 2630	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	x	½	1	½	½	½	0	1	7½	
9.	Speelman	ENG	G 2625	½	½	0	0	½	½	½	½	x	½	½	½	½	½	1	7	
10.	Ljubojevic	YUG	G 2610	0	½	½	½	1	0	½	0	½	x	½	½	½	½	½	6½	
11.	Andersson	SWE	G 2605	0	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	x	½	½	0	½	6½	
12.	Nogueiras	CUB	G 2560	0	0	½	½	0	1	½	½	½	½	½	x	½	1	½	6½	
13.	Belyavsky	USR	G 2645	0	0	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	x	1	1	0	6½
14.	Hjartarson	ICE	G 2590	½	0	0	½	½	½	0	1	½	½	1	0	0	x	½	0	5½
15.	Yusupov	USR	G 2620	0	½	½	½	½	½	0	0	½	½	½	½	½	0	½	x	5½
16.	Timman	NLD	G 2675	0	0	0	½	0	0	½	½	0	½	0	1	1	1	½	x	5½

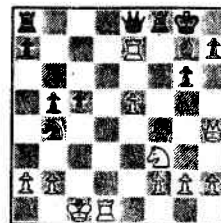
#### BELYAVSKY - KASPAROV

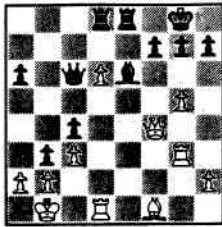
Grunfeld Defence - 1. d4 nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 d5 4. Nf3 Bg7 5. Qb3 dxc4 6. Qxc4 0-0 7. e4 Na6 8. Be2 c5 9. d5 e6 10. Bg5 exd5 11. Nxd5 Be6 12. 0-0-0 Bxd5 13. Rxd5 Qb6 14. Bxf6 Qxf6 15. e5 Qf5 16. Bd3 Qc8 17. Rd1 b5 18. Qh4 Nb4 19. Bxg6? fxg6 20. Rd7 Qe8 21. Re7

21. ... Bh6+ 22. Kb1 Rd8 23. Rd6 Qc6! 24. a3 [24. Qxh6 Qe4+] 24...Rxd6 25. exd6 Qxd6 26. axb4 cxb4 27. Qe4 b3 [28. Qe6+ Qxe6 29. Rxe6 Rc8 30. Re1 Rc2 31. Rf1 Bg7 winning] 0-1.

#### LJUBOJEVIC - KASPAROV

Sicilian Scheveningen - 1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 Cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 d6 6. g4 Nc6 7. g5 Nd7 8. Rg1 Be7 9. Be3 0-0 10. Qd2 a6 11. 0-0-0 Nxd4 12. Bxd4 b5 13. f4 b4 14. Ne2 Qa5 15. Kb1 e5 16. Bf2 Nc5 17. Qe2 Be6 18. Nc1 exf4 19. Qxf4 Rac8 20. Bd4 Rfe8 21. Nb3 Qa4 22. Bf6 Bf8 23. Rg3 Qc6 24. Nxc5 dxc5 25. Be5 c4 26. Bd6 b3 27. c3 Rcd8 28. e5 Bxd6 29. exd6

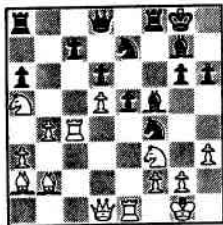




29. ... Rxd6! 30. Rcl [After 30. Rxd6 Black wins by 30.... Bf5+, eg 31. Kc1 Qxd6! 32. Qxd6 bxa2 or 31. Bd3 Re1+ 32. Qc1 and now not 32....Bxd3+ 33. Rgxd3 Rxc1+ 34. Kxc1 Qh1+ 35. Rd1 winning, but 32....Rxc1+ 33. Kxc1 Qh1+ 34. Kd2 Qxh2+ 35. Be2 Kf8! winning one of the White rooks] 30....Qc5 31. Kal Red8 32. Re3 Rd1 33. Re1 Rxe1 34. Rxe1 Qa5 35. a3 Qd5 36. Be2 g6 37. h4 Qd2 38. Qf1 Bh3 39. Qg1 Re8, 0-1.

#### HJARTARSON - SHORT

Ruy Lopez - 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. 0-0 Be7 6. Re1 b5 7. Bb3 d6 8. c3 0-0 9. h3 Bb7 10. d4 Re8 11. Nbd2 Bf8 12. a3 g6 13. Ba2 Bg7 14. b4 h6 15. Bb2 Nh5 16. d5 Ne7 17. Nb3 Rf8 18. c4 Bxc4 19. Na5 Bc8 20. Rcl f5 21. exf5 22. Rxc4 Bxf5



23. Nxe5! Bxh3 24. Nb7 Qc8 25. Nxd6 cxd6 26. Rxc8 Bxc8 27. Qd2 g5 28. Nc6 Nf5 29. Bb1 Nh4 30. Re7 Nh5 31. Bxg7 Nxb7 32. Qc3 Nhf5 33. g4 Nxe7 34. Nxe7+ Kf7 35. Bg6+ Kxe7 36. Qxg7+, 1-0.



# WOMENS' CHESS

By Vivian SMITH

VISIT any chess club or a weekend tournament and you'll notice very few women.

One reason is that women with families and domestic responsibilities find it hard to get - or justify - the time needed to play chess.

A non-chess playing husband may not be keen to babysit on club nights, or for a whole weekend, while his wife indulges in a mainly male activity.

He might feel better about it if she were at a cooking or sewing class! While a chess-playing husband will be the one at the club and tournaments while the wife looks after the children.

For women chess players, it's a problem that is unlikely to be solved in a hurry.

But for women who want to improve their chess and can't get out to play over the board, there is an alternative - correspondence chess.

I have played chess by mail for several seasons and find it invaluable for trying out new openings and ideas, without having to go further than the mail box.

It provides an incentive to delve into opening books that would otherwise gather dust.

You can gain a good appreciation of a new opening by playing one line in all your games where possible.

For the busy wife/mother/working woman (or combination thereof) the great thing about correspondence chess is that you can use "waste time" to consider your moves - lunchtime, tea breaks, in queues, on buses, while dinner is cooking - simply by buying a cheap pocket set.

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You can also nominate how many games you want to play and spend as much or as little time on your moves as you want (within the time limits).

It's also good to be able to sleep on a move and reconsider it the next day.

And if you think chess by mail is dull and takes forever, you'll be amazed how quickly - sometimes too quickly - those moves come racing back to your letter box.

Another major advantage for women is that you don't have to sit opposite a male who's trying twice as hard as he normally would because he doesn't want anyone to see him lose to a woman!

Correspondence chess is also a great leveller - by consulting books women can foot it with males who have more time to be booked up.

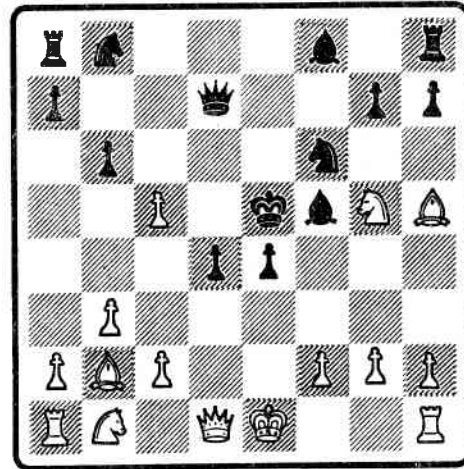
For example, take this game from last year's Trophy Tournament II (which I won with 8/9).

Influenced by World Champion Garri Kasparov, I tried a Gruenfeld for the very first time.

The book helped me through the early complications and five moves after he varied, white had to resign.

J Chandler - V J Smith  
Gruenfeld Defence - 1. d4  
Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 d5 4.  
cd Nxd5 5. e4 Nxc3 6. bc  
Bg7 7. Bc4 c5 8. Ne2 Nc6  
9. Be3 0-0 10. 0-0 Qc7 11.  
Rc1 Rd8 12. f4 Bg4 13. f5  
Na5 14. Bd3 Qd7 14. Bd3  
Qd7 15. d5 gf 16. c4 b5 17.  
h3 fe 18. Bxe4 Bh5 19. cb  
Qxb5 20. Rf2 [The first move  
out of the book; white has  
obvious aggressive intentions.  
The book line was 20. g4 Bg6  
21. Rxc5 Qb4 and Black was  
a little better in Rashkovsky  
- Tseshkovsky, Odessa 1974] 20...  
Rac8 21. Qc2 Bg6 22. Bxg6  
hg 23. Nf4 Rd6 24. Qe4 Nb7!  
25. Nd3? f5! 0-1.

In another game, because of the time available and the ability to move the pieces round, I was able to analyse a forced win after my opponent played a rather wild opening. V J Smith - J Veldhuizen  
King's Knight Opening, Greco Counter Gambit - 1. e4 e5  
2. Nf3 f5?! [the Greco C-G, Ed] 3. ef e4 4. Ne5 Nf6 5. Be2 d5!? [The book move is 5... d6] 6. Bh5+ Ke3 7. b3 b6 8. Ba3+ c5 9. d4 Bxf5 10. dc Ke6 11. Nf7 Qd7 12. Ng5+ Ke5 13. Bb2 d4



[Here I analysed the win; over the board I probably wouldn't have trusted my calculations, but in this case the pieces had been moved around a lot!] 14. Bxd4+! Qxd4 14. f4+ Kxf4 [15... Kd5 16. c4+ Kxc5 17. b4+ Kxc4 18. Na3+ Kd5 19. Bf7] 16. Qxd4 Bxc5 17. Nh3+ Bxh3 18. Rf1+ Kg5 19. Qe5+ Kh6 20. Rxf6+ gf 21. Qxf6+ Kxh5 22. Qxh8 Bf5 23. Nc3 Bb4 24. 0-0-0 Bxc3 25. Qxc3 Na6 26. g4+ 1-0 [26... Kxg4 27. Rg1+ Kh5 28. Qf6 Bg4 29. Qg7; 26... Bxg4 27. Rd5+ Kg6 28. Qc6+].

So correspondence chess can provide excitement without leaving the kitchen - and you don't have to worry about who's going to babysit!

Give it a go women chessplayers - it could be the way over your domestic hurdles.

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by NM Ewen Green.

(TXS stands for "The Exchange Sacrifice".)

#### MORE PASSED PAWNS

This article continues the theme of passed pawns as compensation for TXS.

There is no heavy-duty theory this time. Just some discussion of the games, and some general observations. Then the games can do the talking.

The earliest game below is from 1862, and it's a beauty.

One reason for choosing older games is to show that they already knew how to do it in the olden days. The art of sacrifice is not new. It is the basis for sacrifice ("sufficient cause") which has been broadened and refined.

Another aim of the games is to show how Bishop and Knight differ greatly in the way they support passed pawns.

A Knight often needs a little help from other pieces to be most effective, since it cannot stretch the opponent's forces as far.

The Dive - Spassky game is rather short-lived as an XS, but it does complete the picture of the Dive - Martin game from an earlier TXS article. I was under the impression that the Plaza game was to be included in that same issue, or I would have included it then.

The Sarapu - Rogers game, also from the Plaza tournament, shows that perfect accuracy is not absolutely necessary. There is a resilience factor inherent in strong passed pawns, and even strong players are reluctant to return material when they should.

TXS's were a happy hunting ground for Tschigorin. Undogmatically, he seems to have liked his XS's with a Bishop rather than a Knight as compensation. I could have included his victory over Pillsbury from Hastings 1895 instead, but that game is likely to be more accessible to readers than the one given below.

To end, a little thought which popped into my head recently.

Consider how many different types of exchanges of material - both equal and unequal - are possible in a game. Then consider how many are likely to actually occur during a game. The answers are - very many, and very few.

Like tends to exchange for like - Q for Q; R for R; B for B; N for N; P for P. Often, the farthest we drift from such "equal sacrifices" is when we exchange Bishop for Knight. Any farther apart on the scale and we call it a sacrifice. Pawns are the "loose change" of otherwise unequal transactions. Passed pawns are proof that loose change is sometimes very valuable.

#### TXS GAMES

1. L. Paulsen - Owen, London 1862.

Source is "500 Master Games of Chess" by Tartakower and du Mont, Game No. 350 (Dover edition).

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Notes based on those in that excellent work. Punctuation mine.

A mad attacking game from the positionally ignorant past? Not on your life!

1. e4 b6 2. g3 e6 3. Bg2 Bb7 4. Nc3 f5 5. Nge2 Nf6 6. d3 Bb4 7. O-O Bxc3(?) 8. Nxc3 fxe4?! 9. Nxe4! Nxe4 10. Qh5ch! g6 11. Qe5 O-O 12. dxe4 Nc6 13. Qc3 e5 14. Bh6 Rf7 15. f4 Ba6 16. fxe5!! Bxf1 17. Rxf1 Qe7 (17. ... Rxf1ch 18. Bxf1 is +- ) 18. Rxf7 Qxf7 19. e6! ("Neatly forcing entry into the hostile fastness.") 19. ... Qe7 20. exd7 Ne5 (Black tries to blockade. If he had tried to simplify with 20. ... Qc5ch 21. Qxc5 bxc5, then 22. e5 pins and wins. If he had tried to counter-attack with 20. ... Qxd7 21. e5 Qd1ch 22. Kf2 Nd4, then White plays 23. Qc4ch to prevent the threatened perpetual check before taking the Ra8.) 21. Bh3! (A double-duty diagonal) 21. ... g5?! (This move does not prevent the main threat. T&D give 21. ... c5 as best, though 22. Bf4 Nxd7 23. Qd3 Rd8 24. Qd5ch Kg7 25. Bc7 Rc8 26. Bd6 Qe8 27. Bxd7 wins. They also show a cute finish after the simplifying 21.... Qc5ch 22. Qxc5 bxc5 23. Be6ch Kh8 24. Bg5 Nc6 25. Bf6 mate.) 22. Qxc7 g4? ("Allowing a piquant finish". Black's best option was to go three pawns down after 22. ... Rd8 23. Be6ch 24. Qc3 Qc5ch 25. Qxc5 bxc5 26. Bxg5 Rxd7 27. Bxd7 Nxc5 28. Bc6.) 23. d8=Qch Qxd8 24. Qg7 mate. 1-0.

2. Tschigorin - Rosenthal, London 1883.

Black could perhaps have resisted better!? White generates new passed pawns almost at will. A longish game, but great fun for the Bishop. Note that the Rh1 was developed on its best square!

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. O-O Nxe4 6. d4 b5 7. Bb3 d5 8. a4 b4 9. a5 Nxd4 10. Nxd4 exd4 11. Qxd4 c6 12. Nbd2 Qf6 13. Qb6 Nxe4 14. Bxd2 Be7 15. Bxb4 Bxb4 16. Qxb4 Qe7 17. Qc3 O-O 18. Qxc6 Be6 19. Rfe1 Qf6 20. Rab1 Rfc8 21. Qd6 Rcb8 22. Bxd5!?! (Was this

really necessary?) Rd8 23. Rxe6 fxe6 24. Qxe6ch Qxe6 25. Bxe6ch Kf8 26. Kf1 Rd6 27. Bf5 g6 28. Be4 Rb8 29. Bd3 Rd5 30. Bxa6 Rxa5 31. Bd3 Rb8 32. Ke2 Ral 33. Rxa1 Rxa1 34. b4 Ke7 35. b5 Kd6 36. Kf3 Ra4 37. Ke3 Rb4 38. f4 Kc5 39. g4 Rb1 40. Kf3 Rg1 41. h3 Kd4 42. f5 gxf5 43. Bxf5 Kc5 44. Bxh7 Kxb5 (Black's King has succeeded in distancing itself from the main pawn mass!) 45. h4 Kc5 46. Kf4 Kd6 47. Kg5 Ke7 48. Bf5 Kf7 49. h5 Kg7 50. h6ch Kf7 51. Bg6ch Kg8 52. Be4 Kh8 53. Kf4 Rf1ch 54. Ke5 Rg1 55. Bf5 Ra1 56. c4 Re1ch 57. Kd6 Rh1 58. h7 Rd1ch 59. Kc6 Rd2 60. c5 Kg7 61. Kc7 Rh2 62. c6 Kf6 63. Kd8 Rd2ch 64. Ke8 Re2ch 65. Kf8 Rh2 66. c7 and Black resigned. 1-0.

3. Platonov-Savon, 38th USSR Ch. 1970.

White's cavalry penetrates deep into hostile territory, winning material. But a White Knightmare ensues.

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 e6 4. Nc3 exd5 5. cxd5 d6 6. Nf3 g6 7. e4 Bg7 8. Be2 O-O 9. O-O Re8 10. Nd2 Na6 11. f3 Nc7 12. a4 Nd7 13. Kh1 b6 14. Nc4 Ne5 15. Ne3 Rb8 16. f4 Nd7 17. Nc4 Nf6 18. e5 dxe5 19. d6 Ne6 20. fxe5 Nd7 21. Nd5 Nxe5 22. Ne7ch Rxe7 23. dxe7 Qxe7 24. Qd6 Qxd6 25. Nxd6 Bd7 26. Bb5 Rd8 27. Ne4 Bxb5 28. axb5 Rd7 29. h3 f5 30. Nc3 Nd3 31. Ra2 Bd4 32. Ra4 Kg7 33. Kh2 g5 34. Rd1 h5 35. Ne2 Nxc1 36. Nxd4 cxd4 37. Rxc1 d3 38. Rd1 Nc5 39. Ra3 d2 40. Kgl Kf6 41. Kf1 h4 42. Ke2 Ne4 43. b4 Rd5 (While N+P tie up K+R, the Black Rook cruises round picking off weaklings and creating more passed pawns. White gets a pawn and vague hopes of harassing the BK; Black gets everything else.) 44. Rdal Rxb5 45. Rxa7 Rxb4 46. Rd7 Rb3 47. Rd8 Rc3 48. Rd1 Rcl White resigned. 0-1.

4. Sarapu - Rogers, Plaza International 1988.

Notes based on the tournament bulletin.

A dangerous-looking K-side attack fizzles when TXS pops open the long diagonal and a pair of

advanced, central, connected passed pawns pops up.

Chances of saving the game pop up when attention pops off briefly, but unwillingness to return the loot lets the cat get popped back into the bag.

In short, a popping game unless you popped your money on the Rooks.

1. e4 c5 2. c3 Nf6 3. Bd3 Nc6 4. Qe2 e6 5. f4 a6 6. Nf3 Qc7 7. g3 b5 8. Bc2 Bb7 9. d3 Be7 10. Nbd2 d6 11. a3 g6 12. Nf1 Na5 13. Be3 c4 14. N1d2 cxd3 15. Bxd3 Ng4 16. Bg1 O-O? (16. ... e5!+) 17. h3 Nf6 18. Bd4 Nh5 19. Qf2 Nc6 20. Be3 e5 21. f5! Rfe8 22. Ng5 Bxg5 23. Bxg5 d5 24. O-O Na5 25. Be2?! (25. Rael!?) 25. ... Ng7 26. g4(?) dxe4 27. Qe3 Qc6 28. Bh6 Rad8! 29. Rad1 Rd3 30. Bxd3 cxd3 31. Nf3 Nc4 32. Qf2 gxf5? ("Far more convincing was 32. ... Qxf3 33. Qxf3 Bxf3 34. Rxf3 e4 with a crushing position for Black", comments the bulletin.) 33. Bxg7 Qxf3 (33. ... Kxg7?! 34. Rxd3 e4 35. Nd4!?) 34. Qxf3 Bxf3 35. Rxf3 e4 36. Bh6 Re6! (36. ... exf3? 37. Rxd3 leaves the BK restricted) 37. Kgl gxf5?! (37. g5 was the only chance, Black maintaining winning chances after 37. ... exf3 38. Rxd3 f6) 37.... Rxb6 38. Rg3ch Kf8 39. b3 Nd6 40. Re3 Rf6 41. Rf1 Rxf5 (The final obstacle, releasing the brakes on a third passed pawn. If now 42. Rxf5 Nxf5 43. Rxe4 d2 queens - a common tactic with a

supporting Knight.) 42. Rfe1 Rc5 and White resigned, since 43. Rcl f5 gives Black an unstoppable pawn roller. 0-1.

5. Dive - Spassky, Plaza International, 1988.

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e3 c5 5. Bd3 d5 6. Nf3 O-O 7. O-O Nc6 8. a3 Bxc3 9. bxc3 dxc4 10. Bxc4 Qc7 11. Bd3 e5 12. Qc2 Re8 13. dxe5 Nxe5 14. Nxe5 Qxe5 15. f3 Be6 (Spassky diverges from the Dive - Martin game; Dive does not. Differences matter.) 16. Rf2 c4 17. Bf1 b5 18. Bd2 Nd7 19. e4 f5! (Dreams of central expansion are nipped in the bud.) 20. Be3 fxe4 21. Bd4 Qc7 22. Qxe4 Nc5 23. Qe5 Qxe5 24. Bxe5 Rad8 25. f4 g6 26. h3 a6 (White has completely lost the battle, yet without suffering any material loss. Spassky now spends a pleasant dozen moves improving his position before he needs to search for the breakthrough.) 27. Kh2 h5 28. Kgl Kf7 29. Kh2 Rd7 30. Re1 Bf5 31. Ra1 Bd3 32. Re1 h4 33. Ra2 Bxf1 34. Rxf1 Rd3 35. Bd4 Ne4 36. Rc2 Ke6 37. Be5 Red8 38. Bd4 Kf5 39. Kgl R8xd4 (With an air of inevitability about it.) 40. cxd4 c3 41. Rf3 Rd1ch 42. Kh2 Ng3 43. Rxb3 hxb3 44. Kxg3 Rd3ch 45. Kf2 a5 46. Re2 b4 47. axb4 axb4 48. Re5ch Kf6 49. Rc5 b3 50. Ke2 Rg3 51. Kf2 b2 and, finally, White resigns. 0 - 1.

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## WANDERING THRO THE WOOD

By IM Ortvin SARAPU

BEFORE this year's NZ Championship it was difficult to predict the winner as the field was even and it was also hard to predict who would be last! Several new records were broken. It must be an all-time record to have 38 drawn games out of 66. Only 28 games gave a result. Last year, for

example, there were 26 draws and 40 results. Ewan Green broke Peter Stuart's record of nine draws by drawing 10 games - and winning against Peter Stuart! The four selected players for the Plaza tournament finished on top, only Sarfati with a terrific start of 3½ points from his first four games could not be stopped later.

It was the great struggle between Sarfati and Paul Garbett to get the fifth place in the GM competition. Even in the last round if Sarfati had lost to Bob Smith and Garbett won against Ker, Garbett would have won the place and the NZ Championship. But Sarfati won and Garbett lost.

Vernon Small told me that he just could not concentrate on this tournament as he was thinking about the Wellington GM Plaza competition. I think all four, Small, Dive, Ker and myself, had similar thoughts in our heads!

Peter Stuart found it too hard to be player and organiser at the same time. Bob Smith had an ear infection and was taking antibiotics during the competition. Two years ago he nearly won the championship in Christchurch - if he had won or drawn his last game there, against Roger Nokes.

As usual, players who do not win have their big IFs. Small must regret now that he said "NO" to Sarfati's draw offer on move 24. By saying YES Sarfati and Small would have had seven points each at the finish.

My big IF was against Nigel Metge. Feeling that I was winning and his time trouble when I had 10 minutes to make four moves and he had seconds, I forgot the clock and luckily saw that I also had only seconds left. Both players did not write moves down and did not even tick them. On move 40...Nf4+ my flag fell, but Nigel played 41 Kf3 instantly and therefore could not really claim a win on time. Also he could not produce a scoresheet to prove it.

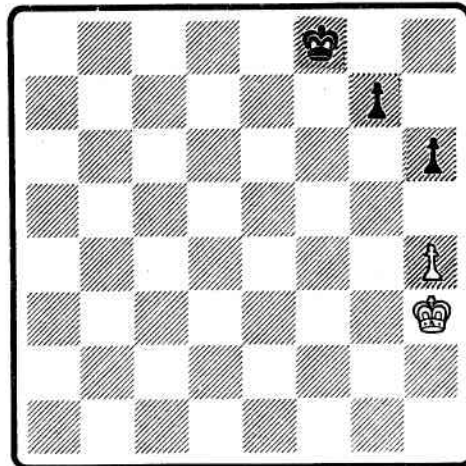
Realising that I blew my winning position and somehow under the impression that I would lose a piece I resigned. Later I found that I would not lose a piece and the endgame is probably a draw!

White has a big advantage, but it is possible to hold the R+p ending with h and f pawns. So I resigned in a drawn position. A good lesson never to resign until it is totally hopeless!

So Jonathan Sarfati's win was fully justified and earned. At one stage he had a lead of 1½ points.

If we cut out the last four players who could not get over 50 per cent, then the scores are: 1 Sarfati 5; 2 Sarapu 4; 3-4-5 Small, Ker, E Green 3½; 6-7 Dive, P Green 3; 8 Garbett 2½.

As for myself, I improved as the tournament progressed.



I FOUND a terrific K+ pawn(s) ending by R Reti & A Mandler, 1921.

White has K and one pawn, black K and two pawns. White to move and draw!

I noticed at the Congress that Major Open and even Reserve games ended much quicker than the Championship games. Are the Major Open players better than Championship players? How, then, can they find and decide on best moves?

As the solution shows, it is not easy to play this position out. How difficult it is to play good chess!?

THE SOLUTION: In the diagramme with BK e7 and WK e3 (or BK f7 and WK f3) white to move will draw with h4-h5! Black to move wins with g7-g6!

In the diagramme position it is not good to hold the opposition.

On the other hand, if the black king is on e7, white must have the answer to g7-g6 to take on the far-opposition and play Ke3!

Near opposition is not good, as soon as the white king goes to e5, there follows Kf7 and the white king loses as he cannot hold the opposition.

Also in the diagrammed pawn position, but with the BK e6 and WK e4 (or BK f6 and WK f4) white draws with h4-h5! Black to move wins with g7-g6!

White has to have the possibility of playing (if BK is on e6) after g7-g6, Ke4! After Ke6-f6 white plays Ke4-f4 etc.

Finally! The position is a draw, black: Kf6, Pg7, h5. White:Kf4, P h4. No matter who has the move.

So in the position: Black - Kf6 pg7, ph6; White - ph4 and black to move. Where should the white king be to draw? The answer is e4 or h5!

On Kh5 could follow 1 ... Kf6-e5 (1 ... Kf6-f5? stalemate) 2 Kh5-g6 Ke5-f4 3 Kg6xg7 h6-h5 4 Kg7-f6! Kf4-g4 5 Kf6-e5! Kg4xh4 6 Ke5-f4 draw.

Or 1 ... Ke6-f7 (if 1 ... Kf6-e7 2 Kh5-g6 Ke7-f8 3 h4-h5 Kf8-g8 4 Kg6-f5 Kg8-f7 5 Kf5-e5) 2 Kh5-g4 Kf7-e6 (if 2 ... g7-g6 then 3 Kg4-f3! If 2 ... Kf7-f6 3 Kg4-h5! If 2 ... Kf7-g6 3 h4-h5+ Kg6-f6 4 Kg4-f4) 3 Kg4-f4! (Bot 3 Kg4-h5? Ke6-f6! and wins. 4 Kh5-g4 Kf6-e5 5 Kg4-h5 Ke5-f4 6 Kh5-g6 Kf4-g4 7 Kg6xg7 h6-h5 8 Kg7-g6 or f6 Kg4xh4 or 7 h4-h5 Kg4-h4 8 Kg6xg7 Kh4xh5) 3 ... g7-g6 4 Kf4-e4 Draw!

White king on e4, follows 1 ... g7-g6 2 Ke4-f4 Kf6-e7 3 Kf4-e3! (3 Kf4-e5? Ke7-f7 and wins) 3 ... Ke7-f7 4 Ke3-f3 Draw.

But with the white king on g4 he loses as follows - 1 ... Kf6-e5 2 Kg4-h5 Ke5-f4 3 Kh5-g6 Kf4-g4 4 Kg6xg7 h6-h5 and wins.

Now at last the correct line to draw! 1 Kh3-g3! (1 Kg4? Kf7 and wins) 1 ... Kf8-f7

2 Kg3-g4! Kf7-g6 (2 ... Kf6 3 Kh5 or Ke6 3 Kf4 or 2 ... g7-g6 3 Kf3) 3 h4-h5+ Kg6-f6 4 Kg4-f4 draw.

Or 1 Kh3-g3! Kf8-e7 2 Kg3-f3 Ke7-f6 (2 ... Kf7 3 Kg4! or 2 ... Ke6 3 Kf4) 3 Kf3-e4! Kf6-f7 4 Ke3!

(only move, as 4 Ke5? or f3? or f5? g7-g6 and wins. When 4 Kf4? or h5? Ke6 wins. If 4 Kd5? or Kd4? or Kd3? Kg6 wins) 4 ... Kf7-e6 or g6 5 Ke3 f4 etc draws. Terrific endgame study!

..... Now that cricket has all the latest counts, here is my latest total!

Wellington's F K Kelling (before WW2) played 408 games in NZ Championships with 186 wins, 50 draws, 172 losses. E H Severne (also before WW2) played 313 games with 113 wins, 124 draws, 76 losses. O Sarapu, so far played 309 games, 188 wins, 101 draws, 20 losses in 28 congresses!

So my win against Anthony Ker was, in fact, the new record! No 187, and my win against Peter Stuart No 188. From 28 Championships I have never been more than i point behind the winner!

Nineteen times first, now eight times second and only once fourth (but only one point behind the winner). This must be some kind of world record and I will send it to the (Guinness) book of records!







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