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ANSWER to Lessons in Strategy By 6... a6 Black embarked on a rather doubtful plan. Later, keen on the early development of his pieces, Black left his king in the centre, which is a serious violation of the principle of superiority in development.

Black's main mistake was 12... Rc8?, after which White could easily attack Black's king in the centre.

FROM PAGE 76

5) **Gustafsson - Hartman, Jonkoping (Sweden) 1987**  
Ref: Schack Nytt 3/87  
(Notes: Hartman)

Two bishops and mobile pawns - White is strikingly unable to control any square on the e-file. Watch the f-pawn go. No, the other f-pawn!

1. e4 d6 2. d4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. f4 Nf6 5. Nf3 O-O 6. Be3 Nbd7 7. Be2 c5 8. h3 Nh5 9. O-O cxd4 10. Nxd4 e5? 11. fxe5? (Nf5!?) dx5 12. Nf5? 13. gx5 14. Bxh5 f4 15. Bf2 Nf6 16. Be2 Be6 17. Bc5 Qxd1 18. Rfxd1 Rfc8 19. Bd6 Rxc3 20. bxc3 Nxe4 21. Bb4 a5 22. Bf3 f5 23. Bxe4 fxe4 24. Bd6 e3 25. Rab1 Bf6 26. Rxb7 Rd8 27. Rb8 Rxb8 28. Bxb8 Bh4 29. g3? Bxg3 30. Bxa7 e2 31. Rd8ch Kg7 32. Bf2 e1=Q 33. Bxe1 Bxe1  
White resigned. 0-1.

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## EDITORIAL

IN THE previous issue of NZC I said we had received several chess works from IGM Eduard Gufeld. Looking over the manuscripts I decided that it would be a pity to split and publish them over several issues of the magazine, articles on specific openings being worth more to a player when complete.

So it has been decided to publish them as Special, or Supplements, to NZC. They will be produced as cheaply as possible, but still with some style.

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It seems each issue this year I have to apologise for the lateness of publication. A bad bout of 'flu didn't help this one, and changing schedules at work as well as being involved in the introduction of new technology consumed many hours. Work on the August issue begins immediately! It WILL appear in August.

BILL COX

## ASSOCIATION NEWS

Congratulations to Invercargill Chess Club on the 60th. anniversary of the formation of their club. To celebrate this milestone, the club are to host the 1988 South Island Chess Championship at the magnificent Ascot Park Motel.

The Invercargill Licensing Trust are generously sponsoring the event by making available two conference rooms at this fine venue from Monday 22 to Friday 26 August. The Council of the NZCA agreed to the request to shorten the tournament to five days after studying a brochure of the motel and its excellent facilities.

The quality playing environments for this year's South Island Championship and for the Plaza International Tournament are

good examples of the conditions we would like for all our major championships. This kind of environment, especially with a 'professional' presentation (demo boards, game commentary, bulletins etc), can make our chess tournaments more pleasurable for the players and organisers, more interesting to spectators and the press, and, ultimately, more attractive to potential sponsors.

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## LETTERS

Sir,

THE New Zealand Junior Championship has become a farce! The financial outlay required by the participants to compete has made the tournament a non-event.

While this may not appear to be a problem to New Zealand's "seasoned" participants, if the tournament is to remain as the basis for selection of participants for overseas junior tournaments, such as the World Junior, some action must be instigated to remedy the situation.

The issue revolves around the expense required to be incurred by the participants, for negligible returns: a first prize which has not exceeded \$100 for the last three years; the right to pay to represent New Zealand in an overseas tournament.

This issue is highlighted by the fact that this year's Junior had to be "postponed" (cancelled?) due to lack of entries; no entries were received by the closing date.

Judging by the entries from New Zealand in the 1986 and 1987 Asian Junior - Paul Cooper in 1986 after receiving 19 days notice after a withdrawal, and no entrant in 1987 - it would not appear to be necessary to hold the "New Zealand Junior" at all as a method of selection.

With the event currently able to be viewed as financial suicide for any participant required to travel to the event, where is the logic behind continuing to hold it?

At present the winner of the tournament is styled "New Zealand Junior Champion", but is not really required to prove that he is the best in the country.

We believe that the New Zealand Junior Championship should be scrapped (who would lose out?!!) and selection for overseas events should be made based on the current playing strength of any players applying to the association to compete in an

overseas event, and who are prepared to pay their way.

Why continue the present system, where some of the best juniors do not compete in the event, and very few competitors actually wish to participate overseas?

Incidentally, the airfares for a participant from Auckland to Dunedin is the event is to be held in Dunedin is \$545.60. What more needs be said?

P R Cooper, M P Dreyer, N R Blaxall, C B Blaxall, D J Burge, I McNally, A B Howard, N P Bridge, B M Williams, B Wheeler, C S Byford, M Hellyar, C Joel, L D Rawnsley, indecipherable:  
Auckland Chess Club.

The NZCA received three letters from Paul Cooper on this subject in addition to a courtesy copy of this letter. The issues raised were discussed by Council at its meeting of 29 April and the Association's reply to him contained the following points:-

There is some sympathy for his arguments relating to travel costs, although this balances out as each centre takes its turn to host the event. There was a suggestion that the tournament should always be held in Wellington.

Council has the complete review of the Association's tournament structure as an item in its three year plan. It would be inappropriate to deal with this one tournament out of context with the total structure.

The rescheduling of this year's NZ Junior through lack of entries was due to a combination of unfortunate circumstances (as stated in NZ Chess Vol.14 No.2). These included juniors receiving entry forms either too late or not at all, because of a mix up in club mailing addresses. Rescheduling the event for Queen's Birthday weekend restored to NZ juniors the opportunity to compete over the board for the title of NZ Junior Champion.

Selection of players for International Representative honours remains a difficult

issue. The NZCA Handbook Rule 129 makes it quite clear that the NZ Junior Champion shall be entitled to represent New Zealand in the immediately following World Junior Championship. Some felt that a policy of "the best must go" should apply for all international selection and that the results of one particular tournament may not be representative. One indicated that he intends to submit a remit in this vein to the next AGM.

Finally, congratulations to Paul on winning the 1988 NZ Junior Championship.

Gordon Chamley, Secretary, NZCA.

Sir,

AS I was reading the February issue of New Zealand Chess I was amazed to read a letter from someone claiming that, I quote, "All in all I'll be very glad if women's chess tournaments disintegrate completely out of existence". I couldn't disagree more. The New Zealand Chess Association has for many years given women players the right to play in the premier reserve championship or the women's championship if numbers are sufficient, as Vivian Smith pointed out in her article on women's chess. Across the Tasman women's chess is flourishing! As in many other sports women take part in women's events if they choose, so why should chess be any different? The point I would like to make is I think more should be done to promote women's chess in New Zealand. In any case women should have the opportunity to take part in men's or women's tournaments, and not have that right taken away by a few selfrighteous individuals.

GRAEME SPAIN

Sir,

MISSING from the reports on both the NZ Congress and the Plaza International is mention of Jonathan Sarfati's MASTER-ly performance.

By my calculations the 1988 Championship field was of Category 1 strength, if the FIDE ratings are used instead of the NZ ratings as shown in the report. Peter Green, Nigel Metge and Ben Martin are assigned nominal 2200 ratings since they don't have ratings. (Did Ben gain a rating from the 1987 World Junior?).

Title norms were IM 8.5/11 and FM 7.5/11. Since Jonathan scored 7.5 he achieved the standard, but does it count? Was the Championship rated by FIDE? If the tournament was not rated then we are doing our top players a grave disservice. As an aside, Jonathan's performance against the rated players was of IM strength (6/8 against category III opposition).

Title norms for the Plaza International (category VIII) were GM 7.5/10, IM 5.5/10 and FM 4/10. Thus, Jonathan with a score of 4/10 achieved the standard for the second time this year.

It would be a tremendous achievement if he could repeat this feat at the forthcoming Olympiad and I wish him well.

MICHAEL ROCKS

PS: The board order for the Men's Olympiad team seems a little unusual. Is it correct?

The team in board order is: V Small, J Sarfati, O Sarapu, R Dive, A Ker, L Aptekar (capt). The women's team is: F Foster, W Stretch, J Sievey, L Terry.



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# RATINGS

## NZCA RATING LIST FOR 1/5/88

Events rated in the period November 1 to April 30 are: Plaza International, New Zealand Championship, Major Open, Civic Club Championship (A, B, C), Upper Hutt Club Championship (A, B), All-Canterbury Championship, Papatoetoe Club Championship, Canterbury CC Tournament, Auckland Easter, Civic Easter, Otago Easter and Philips Anzac Tournament. All players active within the last two years are included on the list. Asterisks (\*) denote provisional ratings based on fewer than 25 games.

This rating list was produced using software developed by Jim Simmons and Rowan Wood.

1	SMALL V A	2353	45	HART R	1993
2	SUTTON R J	2343	46	SHARKO A V	1989
3	SARAPU O	2320	47	VAN DYK T	1982
4	GARBETT P A	2308	48	MCNALLY I	1976
5	SARFATI J D	2292	49	GIBBONS R E	1974
6	DIVE R J	2290	50	VAN DIJK P	1974
7	KER A F	2268	51	BARLOW M J	1971
8	GREEN E M	2257	52	HAASE G G	1971
9	APTEKAR L	2247	53	JOHNSTON A J	1959
10	LLOYD A J	2242	54	CORRY R J	1955
11	GREEN P R	2236	55	COOPER D J	1954
12	MCLAREN L J	2211	56	STARK B	1951 *
13	WANSINK R	2205	57	CARPINTER B A	1944
14	MARTIN B M S	2202	58	LUKEY S G	1943
15	SMITH R W	2188	59	GOODHUE N	1943
16	LOVE A J	2185	60	BOYD K M	1940
17	GOLLOGLY D A	2184	61	WEEGENAAR D P	1938
18	STUART P W	2170	62	DUNN P	1927
19	METGE J N	2137	63	GOFFIN P B	1926
20	NOBLE M F	2134	64	FENERIDIS A	1919
21	FREEMAN R R	2123	65	MARTIN-BUSS B	1918
22	INNALA H	2122	66	WHEELER B	1917
23	WEIR P B	2119	67	ROBINSON J P	1907
24	WHALEY M G	2115	68	KER C M	1905
25	SPENCER-SMITH G J	2097	69	WHITEHOUSE L E	1902
26	JACKSON J R	2094	70	DOWMAN I A	1899
27	HAMPL M	2086	71	FRANKEL Z	1897
28	ALEXANDER B J	2085	72	VAN GINKEL J P	1897
29	STEADMAN M V R	2082	73	BENNETT H P	1895
30	DOWDEN R A	2082	74	LYNN K W	1892
31	WILSON M C	2081	75	VAN DER HOORN M W	1884
32	HAWKES P D	2077	76	FERGUSON R T	1883
33	SPAIN G A	2077	77	JORDAN A W	1882
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36	FITZPATRICK S P	2041	80	KINCHAMT K D	1874
37	MCKENZIE P D	2035	81	VAN PELT J	1868
38	SPILLER P S	2032	82	MARNER G	1864
39	POMEROY A J	2031	83	VETHARANIAM P A R	1861
40	CORNFORD L H	2031	84	GRKOW A	1860
41	DREYER M P	2029	85	IDN G J	1851
42	HOPEWELL N H	2018	86	CONNOR B P	1847
43	WALSH B G	2004	87	SINTON P J	1827
44	REYN I	2003	88	CAPIE M	1825

89	COLLINS P W	1825	149	CHRISTOFFEL M D	1682 *
90	TURNER M G	1824	150	MULLAN A B	1678
91	FOOR R L	1824	151	WINFIELD A	1677
92	O'BOYLE D	1817	152	THOMSON O N	1676
93	FREE T J	1816	153	BORREN A M	1674
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95	WILKINSON E M	1812	155	STEEL R G	1672
96	SIMS M T	1806	156	CHANDRA S	1670 *
97	KNIGHTBRIDGE W	1797	157	PRICE A J	1669
98	ADAMS D T	1796	158	LAMBOURNE G	1662 *
99	RAWNSLEY L D	1791	159	GOODWILLIE C	1661
100	EDWARDS D W	1786	160	O'CONNOR J A	1659
101	MONRAD P G	1786	161	DRAKE A S	1659
102	NIJMAN B	1784	162	SHEAD D B	1657
103	CARTER G S	1780	163	STRACY D M	1654
104	ADAMS J M	1776	164	OUI W	1654 *
105	WILSON R T	1770	165	JOEL C	1653 *
106	NIJMAN A J	1768	166	BOJTOR J	1652
107	FOORD M R R	1767	167	BLAXALL N	1650
108	EARLE M R W	1767	* 168	DOLEJS D	1648
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114	VETHARANIAM K	1753	174	ROUNDILL R L	1633
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117	BAUMGARTNER R	1748	177	FORBES G	1632 *
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## LOCAL NEWS

### CANTERBURY CLUB NEWS

All Canterbury Championship, December 1987

1 M Hampl 5½/6; 2 S Lukey 4½; 3 M Turner 4; 4-6 A Compton, A Jeffries, G Davies 3½; 7-9 R van Nobelen, D Edwards, O Thomson 3; 10-12 M Shanahan, J Wilkes, T Jeffries 2½; 13-15 T Yeo, D Archdall, J Hoseason 2.

In a double round seven-board match the Canterbury Club defeated Ashburton by 9 points to 5. It is hoped that an annual home and away series will become part of the local chess calendar.

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Following the Plaza International Boris Spassky gave a simultaneous display of 25 boards in Christchurch. After four hours play he recorded 23 wins and conceded two draws to Club Champion Michael Hampl and the strong correspondence player Lindsay Talbot. Publicity for the event was very good considering the short notice. The Canterbury Public library provided facilities at no charge. "The Press" and Radio 3ZB provided media coverage. An estimated 300 people watched the display during the evening.

Since August 1987 Michael Rocks has been writing a fortnightly chess column for "The Press" newspaper. Interest in chess in Christchurch seems low, as a competition for a copy of the Batsford book on the last World Championship match attracted a disappointing number of entries.

The Canterbury and Otago clubs have begun a match by post. Playing White, Canterbury opened 1 d4 and on the other board Otago opened 1 e4.

### CANTERBURY SCHOOLPUPILS TOURNAMENT

DUE TO the small number of entries this year the 8-round Swiss was replaced with a 6-player round-robin. Final positions were: 1-2 Stephen TOMLINSON & Peter LYNN 4.5; 3-4 S WAGONER & S HARTWELL 2; 5-6 C WRIGHT & M BURNS 1.

The tournament was directed by Ben Alexander and Michael Hampl.

### OTAGO AREA NEWS

By BEN MARTIN

RESULTS of club competitions for 1987:

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: 1 B Martin; 2 R Wansink; 3 K Boyd.

INTERMEDIATE CUP: 1 W Jones; 2 A Kwok; 3 L Campbell.

PERPETUAL HANDICAP TROPHY (for most improved players) Matthew Vincent.

In the popular "Chess for Fun" team tournament the winners for 1987 were:

SECTION 1: The Irrationals

SECTION 2: Woodpushers

SECTION 3: Flying In 2

SECTION 4: Two Plus Two and The Phantom Fitters (1=)

LONG overdue renovations to the Otago chess clubrooms were begun in March. The main playing area and hall were covered with gib-board and painted. New carpet will be laid soon. The club is indebted to those members that came and worked long hours redecorating. Chess-playing was not seriously disrupted, though there were a few minor problems during the Easter Tournament. The improvement in the playing area is enormous.

THE West German grandmaster Robert Hubner, in New Zealand, visited the Plaza International, visited Dunedin briefly. He gave a simultaneous exhibition at the South City Mall on March 30. Hubner won 28 out of 30 games, losing to Robert Wansink and drawing with Ben Martin. Both the quality and the speed of his play were very impressive. This was an all too rare opportunity to meet with and play a world class grandmaster; the holding of the Plaza International, in making this possible, has benefitted more than just those who took part in it.

THE 1988 Rank Xerox Otago Easter Open Tournament attracted 24 entries, including a strong contingent from Canterbury - four of the top five seeds. The tournament took place in rather

chaotic surroundings due to renovations being made to the club's main playing rooms. They resulted in, among other things, layers of dust that had to be wiped off the boards before each round!

There were three players rated over 2000 - B Martin, B Alexander and P McKenzie.

LEADING SCORERS; 1 B MARTIN 5.5; 2-3 S LUKEY & K BOYD 4.5; 4 L CAMPBELL 4; 5-11 B ALEXANDER, B GLOSTEIN, D WEEGENAAR, P MCKENZIE, E RAYNER, W PETCH & M FOORD 3.5.

In summary, Martin played some rather streaky chess and was lucky that some of his opponents (eg McKenzie, Alexander) did not take advantage of his mistakes. Boyd and Lukey played (on the whole) consistently, both emerging undefeated. Weegenaar was probably the most unlucky player; he could easily have got 2 or 2.5/3 (rather than .5/3) against Martin, Boyd and Alexander.

The under-1800 grade was won by Luke Campbell and the under 1500 was a tie between B Freeman, R Stone and I Thelwell. A representative of Rank Xerox, Mr Peter Steers, presented the prizes.

B ALEXANDER - B MARTIN

King's Fianchetto Opening

1. g3 Nf6 2. Bg2 g6 3. e4 d6 4. d4 Bg7 5. Ne2 0-0 6. Nbc3 Nc6 7. 0-0 e5 8. dxe5 dxe5 9. Nd5 nxd5 10. exd5 Nd4 11. c3 Nxe2+ 12. Qxe2 f5 13. Be3 Qd6 14. f4 e4?[[This kills any potential K-side and central play involving ...exf4. 14...Bd7 is more sensible]] 15. Rfd1 b6 16. Rac1 Rd8 17. Bf1 Bb7 18. c4 16? [[18... c5]] 19. c5 bxc5 20. Rxc5 Rab8 21. Rd2 Kh8 22. Qc4 Rd7 23. Qb3 Rdd8 24. Bc4 h6 [[24... Bxd5? 25 Rcxd5]] 25. Qa3 Kh7 26. Qa5 Rd7 27. Qa4 Rdd8 [[Maybe 27... g5 should be played immediately. Black desperately needs counterplay]] 28. Ra5 g5 29. Bxa5?! [[29 fxc5 hxg5 30. Bxg5 leaves Black's K

as exposed as White's]] 29...  
 gxf4 30. gxf4 Ra8 31. Kf1 Qg6  
 32. Bxb7 [[32. Be2 is safer]]  
 Rxb7 33. Qc6 Qh5! 34. Qxb7  
 Qf3+ 35. Bf2? [[35. Ke1 is still  
 unclear after 35... Qxe3; or  
 drawn after 35... Qh1+ Qf3 etc]]  
 35... E3 36. Re2 Qh1+ 37. Bg1  
 Bd4 38. Qxc7+ Kh8 39. Rc2  
 Qf3+ 40. Bf2 e2+. 0-1.

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By MARTIN DREYER

THE most significant international chess event in North America's history took place from January 23 - February 20, 1988 in St John, Canada. For 30 days more than 1000 of the world's top chess players from 45 countries competed in seven separate tournaments for \$400,000 in prize money. All the chess events were held at the Saint John Trade and Convention Centre or the Delta Brunswick Hotel.

I was fortunate enough to acquire a media pass through Leonard McLaren and NZC which gave me access to all the playing halls and the press room and analysis centre. Tickets to the tournaments were also available to spectators at only \$5 per day.

Organisation and preparation for the Festival was excellent and I must give full marks to Mary Thorne (Manager, Public Relations), Robert Hamilton (Festival chess consultant) and to more than 200 volunteers who helped make it such a success.

I had been on holiday in the US for a couple of months before the festival began, so took a two-plane flight from New York to Boston and then on to Saint John, where I arrived shortly before the start of the opening ceremony. Others on board the flight from Boston included GMs Benjamin Dlugy and Shamkovich,

who played in the First International which began the following day.

The World Chess Festival was officially opened by the Honourable Gilbert Finn, QC, Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick. There followed the drawing of colours for the first round of candidate matches. Also featured were the St Vincent's Chorale and the Rotary Boys' Choir.

Overall the opening ceremony was very enjoyable and was televised live.

The following evening Boris Spassky gave a lecture about his famous World Championship match against Bobby Fischer in 1972.

The first round of games for both the Candidates matches and the First International began on January 24 and were held in separate halls. In-game analysis was provided by Boris Spassky for the first two games.

On January 26 Spassky gave a simul in the atrium of Market Square. Commentated by British GM Raymond Keene, Spassky opened all 20 boards with 1: e4 and proceeded to win 17 of the games with three draws. Spassky was forced to take a repetition against me after overpressing a slight advantage in the French. The two other players to draw both worked for the festival and were given draws quickly in inferior/lost positions! Boris conceded a draw after only 20 moves to his attractive female opponent, who, when later interviewed by the press stated she was ready to take up a career as a chess professional! The next day she submitted her game

### TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

2-3 July Waitakere Trust Open, Waitemata CC  
 30 July 16th Placemakers Tradebase 40/40, Upper Hutt  
 22-26 August South Island Championships, Invercargill CC  
 5-10 September National Schoolpupils Championships, Wanganui  
 22-24 October Labour Weekend Tournament, Upper Hutt CC  
 28 Dec-9 Jan RJI NZ, Reserve, Women's Major Open  
 Championships, Otago CC

for publication in the WCF bulletin. Here it is:

B SPASSKY - M DUNN: King's Gambit. 1. e4 e5 2. f4 exf4 3. Nf3 d5 4. exd5 Nf6 5. Bb5+ Nbd7 6. Nc3 Bd6 7. Qe2+ Be7 8. d4 0-0 9. Bxf4 Bb4 10. 0-0 Bxc3 11. bxc3 a6 12. Bd3 Nxd5 13. Bxh7+ Kh8 14. Bd2 N7f6 15. Bd3 Bg4 16. Qf2 Bxf3 17. Qxf3 b5 18. Bg5 Re8 19. Rae1 Rxe1 20. Rxe1 g6 DRAW!?!?

Everyone else saw 21. Rf1 (21. Be4 is also good) 21... Kg7 22. Be4 winning.

#### CANDIDATES MATCHES

THE match between Yasser SEIRAWAN and Jon SPEELMAN was expected by many to be the closest. As it turned out it was the most one-sided. After an exciting draw in game one Seirawan steered his English opening into the kind of technical position on which he thrives. Seirawan may have been able to demonstrate some advantage in the middlegame, but instead sacrificed the exchange and was unable to obtain sufficient compensation. Game three was a complete disaster for the American, who gained a winning advantage after playing the opening very actively. With both players in severe time pressure Seirawan blundered and lost on time. Seirawan was a broken man after this loss and could only manage another half point. SPEELMAN 4; SEIRAWA 1.

PERHAPS the most exciting match was between the 56 year old veteran Victor KORCHNOI and the youthful Icelander Johann HJARTARSON, who was having his first crack at the candidates cycle. Game one saw Hjartarson playing White in an Open Ruy Lopez. Cool, aggressive play from him started a neat combination which assured material gain and victory to White. Hjartarson also had a good position in the second game, but by the adjournment Victor had the slimmest of edges and the

game was drawn after only three more moves. A quick draw followed in the third, but Korchnoi tried too hard for the win in the fourth and lost on time in a lost position. During the break after the fourth game Victor told me he would have to start winning! Like most of the players, I didn't think much of his chances, but once again the Soviet expatriate proved he can never be counted out till the last move of the game - he won both remaining games to force a tie-break. KORCHNOI 3; HJARTARSON 3.

THE match between the two soviets, Artur YUSUPOV and Jaan EHLVEST posed little difficulties and no problems for the older and higher rated Yusupov, who was never in danger of losing a game, let alone the match. Artur won with White in games one and three and sailed through to the quarter-finals. YUSUPOV 3.5; EHLVEST 1.5.

THE 24 year old superfinalist from the previous cycle Andrei SOKOLOV was considered the favourite against host national representative Kevin SPRAGGETT. After a fairly quick draw in the first game Sokolov ventured into the Panov attack in the Caro-Kann in the second. Play followed theory right through till the endgame, where Spraggett missed a draw in time trouble. After this win Sokolov relaxed, conceding draws in the next two games despite having the advantage in both. Amid tumultuous applause from the spectators Spraggett took the full point in the fifth game to equalise the scores. SOKOLOV 3; SPRAGGETT 3.

CONSISTENTLY near the top of the world, Dutch Grandmaster Jan TIMMAN faced the talented 23 year old Valery SALOV. The question was, had young Salov's talent crystallised enough for him to do

battle with the vastly experienced Timman? The first game started with rather original positional play leading to a tactical skirmish and a draw. Timman again had the advantage in the second game, but in time pressure exchanged a few pieces thereby relinquishing any advantage he may have had. Another draw followed. Timman gained a pawn advantage in the next game, but could not convert it in the opposite-coloured bishop ending. Timman finally managed to win the 6th and final game in efficient style. TIMMAN 3.5; SALOV 2.5.

PLAYING consistently Britain's Nigel SHORT was simply too strong for Hungary's Gyula SAX, winning games one and two and drawing the next three to take the match comfortably. Short also came very close to winning the third game, several pawns up in the ending. To be fair, Sax also had his chances in this game and blundered in the second after turning down a three-fold repetition of position. SHORT 3.5; SAX 1.5.

HUNGARIAN veteran Lajos PORTISCH has been one of the world's top contenders for decades. His match against Soviet tactician Rafael VAGANIAN was previewed as an unpredictable clash between two first-rate Grandmasters. After two evenly contested draws, Portisch made his move, a Queen's Gambit where Vaganian ended the opening a pawn ahead, but Portisch had a lead in development and an open file for his rook. When Portisch regained material equality his outside passed pawn spelled certain victory. PORTISCH 3.5; VAGANIAN 2.5.

#### TIE BREAKS

UNDERDOG Hjartarson won a pawn in the first game, but Korchnoi was able to draw the ending without much difficulty. The second game saw Hjartarson win with Black to take the match.

AFTER an exciting draw in the first game with Sokolov struggling to hold the draw with Black, Spraggett scored a sensational victory in the second game in what I can only describe as one of the most exciting displays of skill and strength I've ever witnessed. The Canadian defeated his more experienced opponent in a nail-biting 15 minute sudden death game which brought the capacity crowd to its feet and initiated a roar of applause from the festival press room!

#### CANDIDATE GAMES

HJARTARSON - KORCHNOI

Ruy Lopez

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. 0-0 Nxe4 6. d4 b5 7. Bb3 d5 8. dxe5 Be6 9. c3 Be7 10. Nbd2 Nc5 11. Bc2 Bg4 12. Re1 Qd7 13. Nf1 Rd8 14. Ne3 Bh5 15. b4 Ne6 16. Nf5 d4 17. Be4! bg6 18. g4! h5 19. h3! Kf8 20. a4! hxg4 21. hxg4 Qe8 22. axb5 23. Ra6! Nb8 24. Rxe6 fxe6 25. Nxe7 Bxe4 26. Rxe4 dxc3 27. Ng6+ Kg8 28. Rd4 Rxd4 29. Qxd4 Rh3 30. Ng5 Rh6 31. Nf4 Nc6 32. Qxc3 Qd8 33. Nf3 Nxb4 34. Bd2 Qa8 35. Kg2 Nc6 36. g5 b4 37. Qc5 Rh7 38. Nxe6 g6 39. Qd5 Kh8 40. Ned4 Qc8 41. e6 Nxd4 42. Nxd4 c5 43. Bf4 Ra7 44. Nc6 1-0.

YUSUPOV - EHLVEST

Queen's Gambit

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. c4 dxc4 4. Nc3 c6 [Black obviously intended to play the QGA, but after the last move White reconsidered and the opening has now become the Slav Defence. Indeed, after 4. e3 e6 5. Bxc4 c5 it is much easier for Black to reach equality than in sharp lines, eg: 4. Nc3 c5 5. d5 e6 6. e4 exd 7. e5; or 4. Nc3 a6 5. e4 b5 6. e5 Nd5 7. a4 etc] 5. a4 Bf5 6. e3 [6. Ne5 e6 7.



f3 Bb4 B. h4!? is now often played, but Yusupov chooses an older classical line] 6...e6 7. Bxc4 Bb4 B. 0-0 Nbd7 9. Nh4 [This move is becoming very popular after several convincing games by Karpov. White is trying to exchange his knight for Black's light-squared bishop, or to restrict it on g6 with the pawns f3 and e4. In both cases, White's solid pawn centre makes Black's struggle for equality a rather complex and difficult task] 9... 0-0 [I have seen this move before, but I can't believe it is good] 10. Nxf5 exf5 11. f3 Nb6 12. Bb3 Qd7 13. a5 Nbd5 14. Qd3 [if we accept that the opening is over, what Black has done so far is hardly to be recommended. White has a clear positional advantage, an excellent pawn centre and the bishop pair. So I rather say that not only is the opening over, but also the game. Besides, Yusupov is usually very convincing in such positions] 14...Be7 15. e4 Nb4 16. Qc4 Rad8 17. Be3 [Black is in real

trouble. He knows what not to do, and that is to avoid exchanging, and not to open the position because the bishop pair will dominate the entire board. The real difficulty for Black is finding a response to White's simple positional moves] 17...b5 18. axb6 axb6 19. Kh1 b5 20. Qe2 Ra8 21. Rad1 Rab8 [this is bad and loses by force. 21...Rfd8 was better, with the idea of 22. d5 cxd 23. e5 Ne8 24. Nxd5 Nxd5 25. Bxd5 Qxd5 with small chances of surviving] 22. d5 cxd5 23. e5! [Now the game is over] 23...Ne8 24. Nxd5 Nxd5 25. Rxd5 Qc6 26. Rc1 Qa6 27. Rd7 Rb7 28. Qd3 g6 29. Qd5 [White's light-squared strategy is simple, but nonetheless instructive] 29... Rxd7 30. Qxd7 Bb4 31. e6 fxe6 32. Bxe6+ Kh8 33. Bd4+ [Maybe 33. Qe8! was better] 33...Nf6 34. Bxf6+ [A simple, but beautiful and crushing win for Yusupov] 1-0.  
Notes by GM Ermenkov from the WCF Bulletin.

## OVERSEAS NEWS

By NM PETER STUART

### BRUSSELS

THE Belgian capital was the scene, in April, of the first of the six World Cup tournaments in the 1988-89 period. At the time of the Montreal super-GM tournament in 1978 Lubosh Kabalek was advocating a grand prix style competition for the world's strongest players, but it was only after the formation more recently of the Grandmasters Association (with Kavalek as Executive Director) that the idea finally got off the ground.

Altogether 25 grandmasters will participate, each playing in four events and counting his three best results. The total prize money, including the grand prix prizes, is in the region of

\$1.75 million. The second World Cup tournament will be at Belfort (France) in June-July and succeeding tournaments will be at Reykjavik, Barcelona, Rotterdam, and Skelleftea (Sweden).

At Brussels the 17 GMs were joined by local Luc Winants who was ineligible for grand prix points. Rafael Vaganian withdrew after four rounds due to the sudden death of his brother. Anatoly Karpov suffered his only loss in the fifth round, but nevertheless took the lead a few rounds later and held on comfortably until the end. Valery Salov's fine second placing was, perhaps, a surprise - insofar as one can speak of surprises in such a uniformly strong event - while Jan Timman and Viktor Korchnoi will be looking to drop this result from the grand prix scoring.

### REYKJAVIK

ICELANDIC candidate Johann Hjartarson won a category 10 tournament here in March and the depth of strength in Iceland chess was emphasised by the placing of two more local GMs in the top five. Scores: 1 GM Hjartarson (ICE) 8/11; 2 GM Polugaevsky (USR) 7.5; 3 GM Petursson (ICE) 7; 4-5 GM Arnason (ICE) & GM M Gurevich (USR) 6.5; 6-7 GM Adorian (HUN) & IM Tisdall (NOR) 6; 8-9 GM Dolmatov (USR) & GM H Olafsson 5.5; 10 IM Thorsteins (ICE) 5; 11 Vidarsson (ICE) 1.5; 12 Kristjansson (ICE) 1.

### SARAJEVO

THE annual Bosna tournament resulted in a triple tie between GM Iosif Dorfman (USR) and Yugoslav IMs Emir Dizarevich and Bogdan Lalic who both gained GM norms with 10/15. The other scores: 4 GM Romanishin (USR) 9; 5-6 GM Hulak (YUG) & IM Kozul (YUG) 8.5; 7-9 GM Cvitan (YUG), IM Dizdar (YUG) & IM Ninov (BUL) 8; 10 GM Marjanovic (YUG) 7.5; 11 Kovacevic (YUG) 7; 12-13 IM Gunawan (RIN) & IM Popchev (BUL) 6.5; 14 IM Klinger (OST) 5.5; 15 IM Arapovic (YUG) 4.5; 16 IM Mestrovic (YUG) 2.5.

THE FOLLOWING GAMES ARE TAKEN FROM THE EXCELLENT BULLETINS PUT OUT BY THE ORGANISERS OF THE S.W.I.F.T WORLD CUP TOURNAMENT.

### Scirawan-Belyavsky

Rd 2

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Qc3 Qf6 4.cxd5 cxd5 5.Qf4 Qc6 6.e3 Qf5 7.Qf3 e6 8.Qb5 Qd7 9.0-0 Qe7 10.Qxc6 bxc6= 11.Qc1 Qc8 12.Qa4? [12.Qe5=] 12...g5! 13.Qg3 h5= 14.h3 g4 15.hxg4 [15.Qe5 Qxe5 16.Qxe5 f6 17.Qf4 gxh3 18.g3 Qd6! (18...h4? 19.g4 Qg8 20.f3=) 19.Qc5 (19.Qxd6 ♖xd6?) 19...e5 20. Qb7 ♗e7 21.Qxd6+ ♗xd6?] 15...hxg4 16.Qe5 [16.Qh2 Qf6! (16...Qh4 17.Qd6 Qe7 18.Qg3=) 17.Qc5 Qxc5 18.dxc5 Qe4 19.Qxg4 ♗g5?] 16...Qxe5 17.Qxe5 f6 18.Qg3 ♕f7

### TRNAVA

A DOUBLE rounder with six GMs was the centrepiece of this Czechoslovak town's 750th anniversary celebrations. The event was won narrowly by Lubomir Ftacnik (CZE) with 6.5/10 ahead of the two Soviet representatives Lev Psakhis and Yuri Balashov on 6. Completing the field were Bonsch (DDR) 4.5, Meduna (CZE) & Lechtinsky (CZE) 3.5.

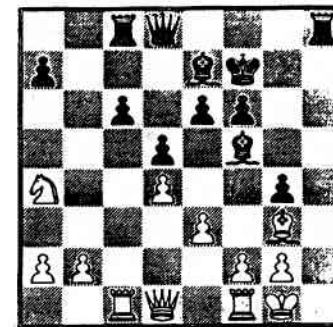
The concurrent category B Reti Memorial was won by GM Mokry (CZE) with 9.5/13 and Soviet players again filled the next two places: IM Rosentalis on 9 and GM Mikhailchishin (USR) 8.5.

### MUNICH

THE second of the two category 12 tournaments in the Federal Republic was another success for Iceland's Hjartarson, who scored an unbeaten 8/11 to head Robert Hubner (also unbeaten) by a point. Zoltan Ribli was third (again unbeaten) on 6.5.

### DORTMUND

SOVIET GM Smbat Lputyan took first place with 8/11 in this April event and England's Daniel King gained his final GM norm in tying for second with Hungarian GM Josef Pinter on 7.



19.Qe1 [A: 19.f3 gxf3 20.♗xf3 ♗g8! 21.Qf2 Qe4 22.♗d1 ♗g6 Δ23...♗cg8=]

B: 19.♖b3 ♗g8 20.♟fd1 ♖h7 21.♙f1 ♖h1+ 22.♙e2 ♗xg2 23.♞g1 (23.♙d2 ♞b8! 24.♙xb8 ♗xf2+ -) 23...♗f3+ 24.♙e1 ♙g6! 19...♞h5! 20.♙d2 (20.♖b3 ♗a5! 21.♙c3 ♞ch8 22.f3 (22.♙f1 ♗a6+) 22...gx f3 23.gxf3 ♗d8! 24.♙e2 ♗g8!) 20...♙e4! 21.♙f1? (21.♗d1 ♗g8 Δ 22...♗g6, 23...♞ch8 -) 21...♙f3 [1:42h-1:28h]

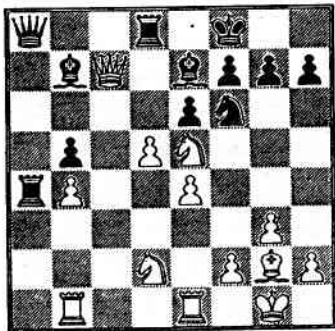
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**Belyavsky-Karpov**

**Rd.5**

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23...♗b8 [A] 23...exd5 24.exd5 ♙xd5 25.♙xd5 (25.♙g6+!?) 25...♞xd5 (25...♗xd5 26.♙c6 ♞d7 27.♗c8+ ♙d8 28.♙b3 Δ ♙c5+; 5...♙xd5 26.♗c2+)

26.♙f3+ (26.♙g6+ fxc6 (26...hxg6 27.♞xe7+ ♞xd2? 28.♞xf7+ ♙g8 29.♞xg7+ ♙h8 30.♞xg6+-) 27.♞xe7? ♞xd2 28.♞xf7+ ♙g8 29.♞xg7+ ♞h8 30.♞f7 ♞a6+; 27.♗xe7+ ♙g8 28.♞cl ♞d7 29.♗e6+ ♙h8+ B) 23...♞a7! 24.♗b6 exd5 25.exd5 ♙xd5 27.♙f3+/-) 24.♗xb8 ♞xb8 25.♙b3 ♙xb4 26.♞ocl exd5 27.exd5 ♙a3 28.♞dl ♙d6 29.♙c6 ♙xc6 30.dxc6 ♙e8 31.♙d4 b4 32.♙f5 ♙c5 [32...♙c7 33.♞d7 Δ ♙d5+] 33.♞d7 ♞a7 34.♞b7 [34.♞cl b3 35.♙e4 (35.♞xc5 ♞al+ 36.♙f1 b2+-) 35...♙f6 36.c7 (36.♞xa7 ♙xa7 37.c7 ♞c8 38.♙d6 b2=) 36...♞xc7! 37.♞xc7 b2 Δ ♙xe4=] 34...♞d8 [34...♞axb7! 35.cxb7 ♙d6! 36.♞cl ♙xf5 (36...b3 37.♞xc5 b2 38.♙e4+- ♙xe4 39.♞c8+-) 37.♞xc5 ♙d6 38.♞c7 b3 39.♞c3 ♙e7 40.♞xb3 ♞d7= Δ ♞c7] 35.♞cl ♞a5 36.♙b3 g6 37.♙b6 ♙d6 38.♙xf7 ♙xf7 39.c7 ♞e8 40.c8! [40.♞b8! ♙d6 41.♙d7+-] 40...♞xc8 41.♙xc8 ♙d6 42.♞b8 ♙e7 43.♞el+ ♙f6 44.♙e6 ♞a3 45.♙g2 ♞a7 46.♙d5 ♙f8 47.♞e6+ ♙g7 48.♞c6 ♙e7 49.h4 ♞a5 50.♙c4 ♞a7 51.h5 ♙d6 52.hxg6 hxg6 53.♞xb4 ♞al 54.♙d3 g5 55.♞d4 ♙f7 56.♞d7 ♞el 57.♙c4 ♙f8 58.♙xf7 ♙xf7 59.♙f3 ♙e8 60.♞a7

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**Nogueiras-Tal**

**Rd.6**

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♗f5?; 23.♗d6 (=/) 23...♙f8! 24.f5 ♞c5! 25.♗d3 ♞xf5 26.♙d8 ♞d5 [27.♙xf7 ♞xd3 28.♙g5 ♞xe! 29.♞xe1 ♞d2 30. a4 ♞d4+]

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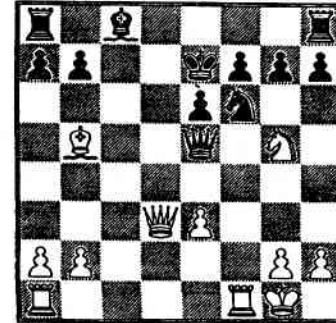
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**Nunn-Tal**

**Rd.11**

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17...♗xg5?? +- [A:17...♞d8? 18.♗xd8+ +-; B:17...♙d7 18.♗a3+ ♗d6 19.♗xd6+ ♙xd6 20.♞ad1+ ♙e7 21.♞xd7+ +-; C:17...a6! ♘ 18.♗a3+ ♗d6 19.♗xd6+ ♙xd6

20.♙xf7+ ♙e7 21.♙xh8 axb5 22.g4 ♙d7 23.g5 ♞xh8 24.gxf6+ gxf6 25.♙f2+! 18.♗a3+ ♙d8 19.♞ad1+ ♙d7 20.♙xd7 [20...♙d5 21.♞xf7 ♗xe3+ 22.♗xe3 ♙xe3 23.♞d3+-]

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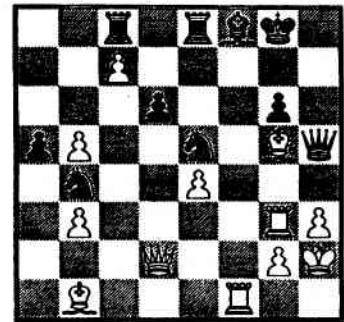
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**Sokolov-Portisch**

**Rd. 13**

1.e4 e5 2.♙f3 ♙c6 3.♙b5 a6 4.♙e4 ♙f6

5.0-0 ♙e7 6.♞el b5 7.♙b3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.b3 ♙b7 10.d4 ♞e8 11.♙g5 ♞f8 12.♙f3 [12.f4! Gutman] 12...♞e8 13.♙bd2 ♙f8 14.a4 h6 15.♙c2 exd4 16.cxd4 ♙b4 17.♙bl c5 18.d5 [18.♞a3!? c4 19...♞e3 d5!? 20.e5 ♙e4 21.♙h2!a] 18...♙d7 19.♞a3 c4 20.♙d4 ♙e5 [19...f5 20.♙h2 Δ ♞g3, ♗h5+] 21.axb5 ♗b6 22.♙xc4 [Sax-Short, Subotica 1987] 22...♙xc4 23.♞g3 ♙c8N [23...g6 24.♙e6!?, 24.♙f5+ ♘] 24.b3 ♙e5 25.♙e3 [25.♙xh6 ♙bd3! 25...♙g6 [25...♗c7 26.♙xh6 ♘+] 26.f4 ♗d8 27.f5 ♙e5 28.♗d2 a5 29.♙xb6 ♗h4 30.♙h2 ♙d7 [30...♙h8?! 31.♙g5 ♗h5 32.♞f1! Δ ♞f4, ♞h4+] 31.♙g5 ♗h5 32.♞f1 g6 [32...♞c8 33.♞f4 Δ ♞h4+-] 33.♙c6 [33.♞f4? ♙h6! 33...♙xc6 34.dxc6 ♞ab8 35.fxc6 fxc6 [35...♙xg6 36.♞f5 ♗h7 (36...♞e5? 37.♞xe5 Δ c7, b6+-) 37.c7 ♞c8 (37...♞b7? 38.♙d8+-) 38.b6+-] 36.c7 ♞bc8



[36...Ixb5 37.Qd8 Ixc5 38.Ic3 Qg4+  
39.Qh1 Qh6 40.Wxe1 (Anand) 40...Qg7  
41.Ixc5 Wxc5 42.hxg4 Δ Wcl+-] 37.b6  
Wh7 38.Ixf8+ Ixf8 39.Wxd6 Qbc6  
[39...Qf7 40.Wxe6 Ice8 (40...Ife8  
41.b7+-) 41.Wc4 Δ b7+-] 40.Qf6 Ixf6



The first Annual General Meeting of the Grandmasters Association was held in the Brussels Sheraton Hotel on April 26, 1988. Sixty-five grandmasters from 18 countries were present or represented at the meeting comprising the largest number of grandmasters ever assembled to decide upon matters crucial to the future of their professional chess careers.

### "Active Chess"

The subject of the World Chess Federation's (FIDE) so-called "Active Chess" cycle (tournaments where players have 30 minutes each to finish the game) was discussed at length by those present at the meeting. Although there was no opposition to supplementary, alternative-style chess tournaments, the Grandmasters unanimously agreed that FIDE's proposal to award ratings and Grandmaster (GM) and International Master (IM) titles for so-called "Active Chess" tournaments was unacceptable.

The meeting decided that the awarding of titles in non-professional chess events would lead to the devaluation of existing GM and IM titles (normally awarded for performances of excellence in top category tournaments) and would therefore cause confusion in the public, the media and among sponsors. They went further and agreed to issue a statement urging GMA members and other international chessplayers to publicly refuse to accept any so-called "Active Chess" GM and IM titles they might be awarded. It was also decided that GMA members would be asked to pressure their national chess federations to influence FIDE to stop the proposed creation of ratings and "Active Chess" titles.

The GMA is not opposed to so-called "fun chess events" as long as they do not damage professional chess events - and the GMA has defined a professional chess event as one in which only one game per day is played with an average time limit of at least three minutes per move.

### GMA Events

The GMA is pursuing the set-up of a worldwide speed chess circuit starting early 1989 and the conclusion of a contract between the GMA and CSS (a major British sponsor) is scheduled to take place in June, 1988.

The GMA is planning to launch a major Grandmasters tournament in Yugoslavia for the participation of non-World Cup GM's, with a prize fund of \$100,000, and transportation and accommodation paid for by the organisers. The targeted tournament date would be April, 1989, probably in conjunction with the next Annual General Meeting.

[40...Ife8 41.b4+-] 41.Wxf6 Wd7 42.b7  
[42...Ixc7 43.b8W+ Qxb8 44.Wxe5+-]  
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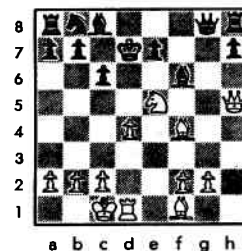
## NEWS FROM THE GMA

## LESSONS IN CHESS STRATEGY

By IGM EDUARD GUFELD

CHESS practice shows that many players, trying to get off the beaten track, sometimes deviate from contemporary methods of development, thereby permitting the opponent to achieve superiority in development. But there are exceptions, of course.

In the game Bellon - Kovachevich (Karlovi Vari, 1979) one of the positions of Alekhine's Defence was reached after 1: Nc3 Nf6 2: e4 d5. The game continued 3: e5 Nd7 4: e6! fe 5: d4 g6 6: h4 Nf6? [Black should have played 6:... Bg7, and if 7: h5 - 7:...Nf8, protecting "g6"] 7: h5! Nxh5 8: Rxh5! [The typical sacrifice of the exchange] 8:8:...gxh 9: Qxh5+ Kd7 10: Nf3! Bg7 11: Bh6 Bf6 12: Nxd5! [Getting to Black's king] 12:...exd 13: Qxd5+ Ke8 14: Qh5+ Kd7 15: 0-0-0! c6 16: Bf4 Qg8 17: Ne5+!



17:... Kd8 18: Nf7+ Kd7 19:  
Qf5+ Ke8 20: Qxc8+ Kxf7 21:  
Bc4+. Black resigned.

It is necessary to remember that superiority in development gives the initiative only in the case if in the ensuing struggle no mistakes will be made violating the principle of development.

As can be seen from the above example, superiority in development is often achieved by means of different sacrifices, including the exchange sacrifice.

In the following example, which is your homework, you should

consider the reasons and consequences of the violation of the most important strategic principle - the principle of achieving superiority in development.

Vasyukov - Modr (Prague, 1979-80). Sicilian Defence: 1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. Nc3 d6 4. d4 cxd 5. Nxd4 Nf6 6. g4 a6 7. g5 Nd7 8. Be3 b5 9. a3 Nb6 10. Rhg1 Bb7 11. Qg4 Nbd7 12. 0-0-0 Rc8 13. g6 hxg 14. Nxe6 fxe 15. Qxg6+ Ke7 16. Bg5+ Nf6 17. e5 Kd7 18. exf gxf 19. Bxf6 Be7 20. Bxb8 Qxb8 21. Rg3. Black resigned.

Your questions is: Where did Black go wrong?

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WELLINGTON SCHOOLPUPILS  
CHAMPIONSHIP 1988

By TODD STEVENSON

THE scheduled eight round series was altered to a seven round all play all due to the entry of only eight players.

The tournament was held at Rongotai College from May 9 to 13. Director of Play was Mr D Ellis, with J Sarfati directing for one day.

The tournament was very weak compared with previous years. Top seed T Stevenson was the eventual winner with 6.5/7. T Stephens was second with 5.5 and S Rupasinghe third with 4.5.

S Rupasinghe - T Stevenson  
Round 7.

1. Nf3 c5  
2. c4 Nf6  
3. e3

Rupasinghe doesn't normally play 1. Nf3 and took more than 35 minutes for his first 10 moves.

3. ... g6  
4. b3

Presumably 3. e3 was meant to support d4 and this is probably best.

4. ... Bg7

5. Bb2 Nc6  
 6. d4 cxd  
 7. Nxd4  
 I consider 7. exd4 d5 equal.  
 7. ... 0-0  
 8. Be2 a6  
 Probably not the most accurate.  
 9. Nxc6 bxc6  
 10. 0-0 c5  
 11. Nd2 Bb7  
 12. Bf3 Qc7  
 13. Bxb7 Qxb6  
 14. Qf3 Qxf3  
 15. Nxf3 d6  
 16. Rfe1

Better was Nd2 stopping my next move.

16. ... Ne4!  
 Black can't really afford to let White get in e4.  
 17. Bxg7  
 The only drawback of 16... Ne4.  
 18. Rad1 a5  
 Black is going to pick on the Q-side pawns.  
 19. Nd2 Nxd2  
 20. Rxd2 a4  
 21. Ra1?  
 Already in slight time trouble due to his unfamiliarity of his prepared opening, he makes a blunder.  
 21. ... Axb3  
 22. Rb2 Rfb8  
 23. Kf1

Moving the a-pawn is no better.

23. ... Bxa2  
 24. Rxb8 Rxb8  
 25. Rxa2  
 A pawn down with no compensation.  
 25. ... Rb3  
 26. Ra7 Kf6  
 27. Ke2 Rb2+  
 28. Ke1 Rb4  
 Another one bites the dust.  
 29. Kd2 Rxc4  
 30. Kd3 Rc1  
 31. h3 Rb1  
 32. Kc3 h5  
 33. h4 Rc1+  
 34. Kb2 Rf1  
 35. f3 Rf2+  
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#### COLLEGE CHESS (WELLINGTON)

#### TODD STEVENSON

ON APRIL 8 an inter-college competition was held at St

Patricks College with eight competing schools: St Patricks, Silverstream, St Patrick's Town, Rongotai College, Scots College, Upper Hutt, Wellington College, Wellington High and Wellington Girls.

Thanks to sponsorship from the New Zealand Chess magazine editor Bill Cox, prizes included the Hardy Memorial Trophy and a \$30 book prize.

After a 4-0 win in the last round over St Patricks Silverstream, the eventual winners were Rongotai College with 16½ points from 20 games.

On top board T Stevenson scored 4½/5, on second board A Jackson scored 3/5, on third board T Chan scored 4/5 and on fourth board W Ormsby went unbeaten to score 5/5, a top performance.

Second place went to Scots College, a creditable performance from a relatively young team, and in third place was St Patricks Town, whose second board, Tim Stephens, emerged with five wins from five games.

Because the event was a five-round Swiss, a time control of 30-30 was set (a maximum of one hour per game).

#### RONGOTAI - UPPER HUTT

##### Board One

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|---|------|------|
| 1 | d4   | Nf6  |
| 2 | c4   | e6   |
| 3 | Nc3  | Bb4  |
| 4 | e3   | d5   |
| 5 | a3   | Bxc3 |
| 6 | bxc3 | Nc6  |
| 7 | Nf3  | 0-0  |
| 8 | Bd3  | Ne4  |
| 9 | Qc2  | Nf6? |

This is a waste of time. The knight has to be supported by 9 ... f5 although there is a hole at e5 and the light-squared bishop is not too good.

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|----|------|------|
| 10 | 0-0  | Re8  |
| 11 | e4   | dxe  |
| 12 | Nxe4 | Nxe4 |
| 13 | Qxe4 | h6   |

Although this denies any white pieces the g5 square, inroads

have to be made into the white centre via ... e5 or ... c5.

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|----|-----|------|
| 14 | Ne5 | Nxe5 |
| 15 | dxe |      |

Keeping the black-bishop shut in.

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|----|-----|-------|
| 15 |     | Rb8   |
| 16 | Qg4 | Kf8!? |

The King should go to h7 or h8

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|----|------|-----|
| 17 | Rd1  | Qe7 |
| 18 | Rd3! | g5  |

Black can do little about the white attack.

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|----|-----|----|
| 19 | h4! | f5 |
|----|-----|----|

19 f4 is possible, also ... f5.

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| 20 | exf6 ep | RESIGNS |
|----|---------|---------|

Notes by Stevenson.

IN A truly magnificent gesture, long-standing club member Mr Janis Borovskis recently presented the Howick-Pakuranga Chess Club with a cheque for \$10,000.

Mr Borovskis, aged 77, has been a club member for the past 17 years. Latvian born, he became a refugee from his country after Soviet occupation in 1940 and later emigrated to New Zealand in 1950, arriving, incidentally, on the same ship as Ortvin Sarapu. He is a regular player in Auckland tournaments.

Mr Borovskis said that originally he was going to bequeath the money, but felt that since the club had been struggling over the last few years to maintain membership that now was an appropriate time, in order to attract public

attention and increase membership. (at one time the Howick-Pakuranga club could boast at being the second largest in New Zealand, but many players have since left the area, gone overseas, or simply lost interest).

The money will be invested in a trust account, the interest being used to promote an annual or biennial chess tournament to be known as the 'Latvian Gambit Tournament'. The club will be announcing more details at a later stage.

The Howick-Pakuranga club members, and I am sure all New Zealand chess players, would wish to join me in extending sincere gratitude to Janis. The club's prosperity is now surely guaranteed for many years to come.

PAUL SPILLER

#### TXS - Part 5

by NM Ewen Green

(TXS = The Exchange Sacrifice)

#### TXS AND PASSED PAWNS

TXS frequently finds its justification in terms of the quality and quantity of pawns - both your own and/or the opponent's.

This article will investigate only one of the several ways in which TXS and pawns are closely related. Before proceeding however it is worthwhile taking a quick look at the general role of pawns in a game.

**TXS**

#### PAWNS - IN GENERAL

Every Russian schoolboy knows that Philidor wrote "Pawns are the soul of chess".

What precisely Philidor meant by "soul" is debatable. But I think it is safe to assume that he thought pawns are very important, and I would agree with that sentiment.

I actually believe that pawns are only the second most important type of piece on the board - after the King.

Please do not confuse importance with power - the Queen is the most powerful piece on the board. (More about power shortly. But even a Queen can be defeated by lesser pieces.)

Why do I consider pawns to be so important? The answer is in what it takes to win a game of chess.

The course of the vast majority of games determines either the fate of one of the Kings in the opening or middlegame, or the fate of the pawns in the ending. Nothing else is sufficient to decisively disrupt the balance which exists from the start of a game.

To forcibly checkmate a King usually requires overwhelming material superiority - at least a Rook.

Where it is possible for the losing side to reduce the position more or less to an ending, with a material deficit of less than a Rook, the material remaining on the board is insufficient to force checkmate - until a pawn is queened.

Pawns are always present, while King attacks are not. Endings are almost always all about passed pawns.

Pawns are so important because of their enormous potential strength - as queens. No other piece can increase the powers with which it starts a game.

While I am on about pawns, let me make another couple of observations.

Pawns restrict the mobility or power of other pieces - both your own and your opponent's. If there were no pawns, chess would not be a game of strategy.

Another difference between pawns and the other pieces: a chess piece's ability to capture is precisely equivalent to its ability to move, with the exception of the exceptional pawn.

Mobility is a measure of power, and power is what a piece is worth. (A defensive piece has a double negative sort of power - it reduces the opponent's pieces'

mobility as it reduces its own.)

A slightly more general way of looking at mobility and power is in terms of square control. Capturing is still an expression of square control - with fatal consequences for one of the opponent's men.

#### PASSED PAWNS - IN PARTICULAR

Passed pawns are quality pawns, and TXS is just one way of promoting their prospects.

Passed pawns of ideal quality are supported, advanced, and connected. You can rarely have all these at once, and you don't need all of them anyway.

TXS can be used to either increase the power of a passed pawn which is already on the board, or to create a passed pawn.

#### HOW FAR ADVANCED?

The more pieces on the board, the more advanced a passed pawn needs to be if it is to have a significant influence on the immediate play.

If it is a middlegame, then the pawn usually needs to be on the sixth or seventh rank to have an immediate effect.

In endings or late middlegames, the mere presence of a passed pawn is often sufficient.

#### THE THREAT IS STRONGER ...

A passed pawn's effect is seen not only in the threat of its possible queening, but in the fact that the opponent must expend some of the power of their pieces in controlling its "lust to expand" (as Nimzovich wrote. Does this mean that passed pawns are the lusty souls of chess?).

Thus, a passed pawn can be strong even if it cannot advance or queen forthwith, because it limits the mobility of the opponent's pieces. The farther it advances before being restrained, the more the opponent's pieces which are involved in restraining the pawn must conduct their part of the battle from within their own half of the board. It is the old story - the threat is stronger than the execution (Nimzovich again!).

#### THE ROOK ON THE BACK FOOT

Consider in particular the effect on the mobility of the

opponent's Rook.

As a natural consequence of TXS, the opponent has one less minor piece with which to blockade or restrain the passed pawn. Unless they use their "extra" Rook.

But a Rook is least effective when positioned in front of a passed pawn - as the pawn comes closer to the queening square, the Rook's mobility is more and more limited to sideways movement. Eventually the Rook is down to half its maximum mobility - the worse half.

In middlegames as in endings, a Rook's place is behind a passed pawn; to get there during a middlegame is not easy.

#### RESTRAINT - ONE SQUARE AT A TIME

The process of restraining a passed pawn involves controlling - not necessarily occupying - at least one square on the path to its queening square. The nearer that square is to the pawn, the better.

#### ADVANCING - TWO SQUARES AT A TIME

To advance a passed pawn you need to control only two particular squares; the square the pawn is on (so that it is not captured), and the square immediately in front. Once it has advanced to the next square, you repeat the process.

#### ACCELERATION - TO WARP FACTOR 8

Passed pawns tend to accelerate as they approach their goal.

What really happens is that the influence of a passed pawn increases almost exponentially as it advances.

As a pawn gets closer to its eighth rank, no less than five changes occur:

1) the number of squares which the opponent can elect to exert control over reduces

2) the number of moves needed to reach the queening square reduces

3) the number of squares which the supporting pieces have to fight for reduces

4) the mobility of defending pieces reduces as they get nearer to the edge of the board

5) the supporting pieces' mobility increases as they tend to

occupy more and more central and advanced positions behind the pawn

It is this multi-sided effect which makes it seem that positions positively collapse as a passed pawn accelerates towards its goal! How often we read the word "helpless" in annotations to games where a passed pawn is a factor.

#### IT'S WORSE THAN THAT, JIM ...

Yes, other nasty effects of passed pawns await the opponent.

Consider what file the passed pawn might be on - wing or central.

If it is a wing file (a,b, g or h), the opponent's pieces are being decoyed away from central posts - and all to win or restrain a mere pawn.

If it is a central file (c,d,e or f), the opponent's forces are frequently split. In a middlegame situation, that's asking for trouble on the side - especially the side where the King is.

Time to show some games before I beam up.

1. Karpov - Spassky, Bugojno 1986  
Ref: Inf 41/390 (Notes: Makarychev)

The fine attack by Karpov depended a lot on his evaluation of an XS late middle game with Q + R + B + many pawns against Q + 2R. Though none of the pawns was yet advanced, Black's position was extremely difficult. Spassky avoided an ending, but the speed with which Karpov forced his resignation is testimony to the continuing problems of an exposed King.

I have included this game not to show how the pawns moved forward, but rather to demonstrate the evaluation that was needed.

It is ironic that Black's problems arose from moving his own K-side pawns forward.

Supplementary question: would White have dared - let alone succeeded - had the Ra1/Ra8 pair not been on the board? Try it out.

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 g6 4. c3 a6 5. Ba4 d6 6. d4 Bd7 7. O-O Bg7 8. Re1 Nge7 9. Be3 O-O 10. Nbd2 Qe8 11. Bb3 b6 12. dxe5 dxe5 13. Nc4

Kh8 14. Qc1 Bg4! 15. Ng5! h6 16. h3 Bd7 17. Nf3 Kh7 18. a4 f5?! 19. exf5 gxf5 (Black's aggressive expansion is about to rebound - first White sacs a piece to expose Black's King then he gets two pieces for a Rook. The nett balance is an XS with two pawn interest. Simple, eh? But Spassky missed it, or underestimated it.) 20. Nfxe5! Nxe5 21. Nxe5 Bxe5 22. Bxb6 Bd6 23. Qg5! Qg6 24. Rxe7ch Bxe7 25. Qxe7ch Kxh6 26. Qxd7 f4? (26. ... Qd6 27. Qxd6ch! is Makarychev's suggestion) 27. Qxc7 Rae8 28. Rd1 +- Rf6 (if 28. ... f3 then 29. g4, idea Rd5-h5) 29. Kh2 a5 30. Rd4 Ref8 31. Rd7 Rc6 32. Qe5 Qf6 33. Qd5 Rc5 34. Qe4 Black resigned. 1-0. No matter what Black tries, White has Qe7 and Bc2 ideas, ripping through the last of the black King's defences.

2) Fischer - Hamann, Nethanya 1968  
Ref: Inf. 6/496 (Notes: Ciric)

White gets FOUR advanced, connected passed pawns - an ideal tableau at the end. Black's passed pawn is more advanced, but White has three more than Black!

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 d6 6. Bc4 e6 7. Bb3 Be7 8. Be3 a6 9. f4 Qc7 10. 0-0 Na5 11. Qf3 0-0 12. f5 e5 13. Nde2 Nxb3 14. axb3 b5 15. g4 b4 16. g5! bxc3 17. gxf6 Bxf6 18. bxc3 +- Bb7 19. c4 d5 20. exd5 e4 21. Qg3 Qxg3ch 22. Nxc3 Bxal 23. Rxa1 f6 24. Kf2 Rfe8 25. Rd1 a5 26. c5 Red8 27. c4 a4 28. b4 a3 29. b5 a2 30. c6 Bc8 31. Bb6 Black resigned. 1-0.

3) Kramer - Chernin, Somerset 1986  
Ref: Inf. 42/335 (Notes: Chernin)

A theoretical XS which has been common in recent years. White's Rooks take too long to penetrate. The error on move 24 has a typical consequence - a Rook gains control of a vacant file even while its own minor piece blocks it, because of a discovered attack (in this case a check) if the file is opposed.

While White struggles to eliminate one passed d-pawn, Black is winning four of White's pawns. Supplementary question: how

does Black proceed if White sits on his back rank after exchanging Queens (Ral, Rc1, Kf1)? Does d4-d3-d2 win automatically, or does Black need to stay awake?

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 Nf6 4. e5 Nfd7 5. Bd3 c5 6. c3 Nc6 7. Ne2 cxd4 8. cxd4 f6 9. Nf4 Nxd4 10. Qh5ch Ke7 11. exf6ch Nxf6 12. Ng6ch hxg6 13. Qxh8 Kf7 14. 0-0 e5 15. Nb3 Nxb3 16. axb3 Bf5 17. Bxf5 gxf5 18. Bg5 Bc5 19. Qh4 Qd6 20. Bxf6 Qxf6 21. Qxf6 Kxf6 22. Ra5 b6 23. Ra6 e4 24. Rfa1 (24. Rc1! idea b4) 24. ... Rc8! 25. Kf1?! (25. Rxa7 Bd4! 26. Rd1 Rc2 ?) 25. ... Bb4!! ? (if 25. ... Bd4 26. Rd1 Ke5 27. f4ch! exf3 28. gxf3) 26. Rd1 Rc2 27. Rxa7 Bc5 28. b4 Rxf2ch +- 29. Ke1 Be3 30. Rxd5 Rxg2 31. h4 Rxb2 32. Rad7 Bf2ch 33. Kf1 Bxh4 34. R7d6ch Kg5 35. Rxb6 Kf4 36. Rg6 e3 (37. Re6 Rf2ch 38. Kgl e2 39. Rd4ch Kg5 40. Rxh4 Rf1ch 41. Kq2 Kxh4 42. Rxe2 Rbl -+) White resigned. 0-1.

4) Lindkvist - Sorenfors, Corr. 198  
Ref: Fernschach, June 1978 p. 149  
(as a note to another game)

Pawns aided by lead in development are sufficient here. Black has all the fun in getting to whatever the final position is, too.

1. b4 e5 2. Bb2 Bxb4 3. Bxe5 Nf6 4. c4 0-0 5. e3 d5 6. cxd5 Nxd5 7. Nf3 Re8 8. Be2?! Rxe5 9. Nxe5 Qf6 10. f4 Nxe3 11. Qb3 Nxc2ch 12. Kd1 Nxf4 13. Nxf7 Qxf7 14. Bc4 Be6 15. Bxe6 Nxe6 16. Re1 Nc6 17. Qxe6 Qxe6 18. Rxe6 Bd6 and now followed a misprint "19. h4 e5 20. Nc3 Rf8! 21. White resigns". Perhaps they meant 19. h4(?) Be5 20. Nc3 Kf7, when White really should resign. White's only sensible continuation is 19. Re2 when 19. ... Rf8! 20. Nc3 Nd4 21. Re1 Bxh2 leaves Black well along the winning trail - he has only to ensure his King is not harassed by the two Rooks as he advances the g- and h-pawns. Black has other moves in 20. ... Rf1ch or Bxh2; are these more or less effective? At any rate, Black won. 0-1. SEE INSIDE FRONT COVER

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