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LATE NEWS

ALL WELLINGTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

A superb venue at Trekkers Hotel did nothing for the numbers attending this event.

Results: A grade - Russell Dive 1st, Michael Hampl, Nigel Metge 2nd equal.

B grade: Alan Winfield, Osric Mool 1st equal, Simon Grainger, Richard Schurr 3rd equal.

C grade: Philip Coghini, Chris McDonald 1st equal, Richard Glover 3rd.

We haven't yet worked out all the possibilities in the desktop publishing package. In time, we will sort out the tabbing and settle on type sizes which may not be done to the best advantage.

For games, perhaps a smaller typeface with a little more space between lines could be better.

Many thanks to Bob Smith, Paul Garbett and Nigel Metge who have supplied a lot of the copy for this issue.

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EDITORIAL

Another editor?! We hope, if you want him, this one will last for some time. Editorial experience is limited to one publication but a lifetime in the printing industry, particularly in newspapers, could prove of benefit.

My interests include the history of the national championships so it is possible that subject will appear from time to time. Other chess interests are general though board, piece and play variants are not our cup of tea.

A recent purchase was an Atari 1040 and a desktop publisher (Timeworks). Most of this issue will probably be produced on this system and we welcome comments from readers though not necessarily for publication. Incidentally, we consider scissors to be an editor's main tool.

Not being a high-rated player, we will be dependent on copy from stronger players. Games and analysis are the lifeblood of chess magazines so play well and let me know about it.

SIX SHARE NORTH ISLAND TITLE

By Martin Sims

The GENERAL MOTORS North Island Championship was held from 14 May to 21 May 1989. St Patrick's College, Silverstream was the venue and the Upper Hutt Chess Club hosted the event for the second time in three years. The majority of the out-of-town players opted for the dormitory accommodation provided by the college and inexpensive meals were also available on the premises.

For the first time in a New Zealand tournament, six-hour playing sessions were used (40 moves in 2 hours and 20 moves per hour thereafter), in line with the new FIDE standard. Since only one game was played each day this actually reduced the strain on the players, with very few games requiring adjournments. The format was a success and will almost certainly be used in future Island and national championships.

Anthony Ker, Jonathan Sarfati and Russell Dive were the natural favourites. Other strong Wellington candidates were Nigel Metge, Isidor Reyn and Charles Ker, who had won the Harbour City Club championship shortly before. Bob Smith (Auckland) and Graham Spain (Te Awamutu) were the main threats to the locals.

ROUND 1: Most of the stronger players won without difficulty. Exceptions were Hilton Bennett who never recovered from a terrible opening against Grant Lezard and Paul Spiller who made no impression on Devonport's Philip Hair, eventually drawing. An incident occurred on one of the lower boards when White claimed a win on time after Black had made his 40th move. A complaint was lodged but the win claim was upheld by the players' committee. (I have cut the report here as the national council has ruled on this matter. Ed)

ROUND 2: Don Stracy failed to find the best defence when Dive sacrificed the exchange in an unclear position. Sims did not take advantage of Sarfati's weak opening play and lost quickly. John van Ginkel won a clear pawn against Smith but agreed a draw anyway. Spain punished Todd Stevenson's timid opening play with a sacrificial attack. Metge's book exchange sacrifice caught Philip Monrad unawares. Spiller continued his poor form by losing to John Robinson after a premature attack.

ROUND 3: Anthony Ker easily beat Lezard. Dive beat David Weegenaar's Von Hennig-Schara Gambit and Sarfati took advantage of a blunder by Robinson to swap down to a won king and pawn ending. Bob Smith out-techniqued Peter Hawkes in the endgame and Bruce Wheeler self destructed against Graham Spain.

ROUND 4: In the first big clash of the event, Dive agreed a draw with Sarfati after missing some winning chances. Spain-A Ker was a colourless draw. Smith, C Ker and Metge joined the leaders with wins against Mike Roberts, Arthur Pomeroy and Peter Goffin respectively.

ROUND 5: Dive defended accurately against Spain's Dutch Stonewall Attack and ruthlessly exploited his positional advantage. C Ker-Sarfati and Reyn-Smith were short draws. Anthony Ker agreed to postpone his game with Metge to allow him to sit an exam at Massey University. No doubt exhausted by this schedule, Nigel put up little resistance. Leading scores: A Ker, Dive 4.5; Sarfati, Smith, C Ker 4; Spain, Metge, Reyn and nine others 3.5.

ROUND 6: Dive blundered a knight in a winning position against Anthony Ker. Fortunately, his active position and outside passed pawn were sufficient to hold the draw in a complex Q+N v Q ending. Smith used a lot of time in the opening and Sarfati soon had a winning advantage.

Spain dropped out of the running when he overlooked a mating threat in a double-edged position against Charles Ker. Metge, Reyn and Weegenaar emerged from the pack with wins against Paul Tuffery, John McDonald and Hawkes respectively.

ROUND 7: Sarfati won his Benko Gambit pawn back from Anthony Ker, leaving a drawn position after exchanges. Charles Ker and Dive agreed a draw in an unclear position. Metge got caught in an awkward pin against Weegenaar then blundered a piece in severe time trouble. Scores: A and C Ker, Sarfati, Dive, Weegenaar 5.5; Smith, Reyn, Pomeroy, Wheeler 5.

ROUND 8: Having gained the advantage against Weegenaar, Sarfati relaxed his grip on the centre at a critical moment. Weegenaar developed some strong counterplay and actually had the advantage when he agreed to a draw. Dive got into trouble early against Smith who won an exciting bishop ending. The Kers fought for 7 hours 20 minutes before agreeing a draw. Reyn sneaked up to join the winners at the last moment when Wheeler sacrificed unsoundly.

The six-way tie was perhaps appropriate as none of the players really stood out as particularly deserving winners. Charles Ker has improved out of sight in recent months and this result confirms him as one of the country's top players. Brother Anthony played his usual positive chess and earned his share of the title in workmanlike fashion. Sarfati was unconvincing in several of his games but was there when it mattered. Bob Smith, too, was not entirely convincing but his last round win against Dive was excellent.

Weegenaar's result was the biggest upset. Though he didn't play either of the Kers, his opposition was not inconsiderable and he certainly deserved his share of the prizemoney. Isidor Reyn was somewhat fortunate to get a share of the title without playing any of the co-winners except Smith. Still, an excellent result. Dive was the unluckiest player: he should have beaten Anthony Ker and was leading till his last round loss.

Round 1

G Turner B Wheeler

1 Nf3 d5 2 d4 e6 3 c4 c5 4 cxd5
exd5 5 e3 Nf6 6 Nc3 Nc6 7 Be2 Bf5
8 Ne5 Rc8 9 Nxc6 bxc6 10 0-0 Bd6
11 Na4 h5 12 Bf3 Bxh2+ 13 Kxh2
Ng4+ 14 Bxg4 hxg4+ 15 Kg1 Qh4
16 f3 g3 17 Resigns.

Round 2

D Stracy R Dive

1 e4 Nf6 2 e5 Nd5 3 d4 d6 4 Nf3 g6
5 c4 Nb6 6 exd6 cxd6 7 Be2 Bg7 8
0-0 0-0 9 Be3 Nc6 10 Nc3 Bg4 11
b3 d5 12 c5 Nc8 13 b4 a6 14 Rb1
e6 15 a4 N8e7 16 b5 axb5 17 axb5
Bxf3 18 Bxf3 Na5 19 Be2 Nf5 20
Qd2 h6 21 Rfd1 Re8 22 b6 e5 23
N5f Nxd4 24 Bxd4 exd4 25 Nc7 Nc4
26 Bxc4 dxc4 27 Nxe8 Qxe8 28 Re1
Qd7 29 Qb4 c3 30 Qc4 d3 31 Rb3
d2 32 Rd1 Ra1 33 Resigns.

T Stevenson G Spain

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e5 3 d5 Bc5 4 Nc3 e4
5 Qc2 Qe7 6 e3 0-0 7 Nge2 d6 8
Ng3 Re8 9 Be2 a5 10 0-0 Na6 11
a3 Bd7 12 b3 c6 13 dxc6 Bxc6 14
Rfd1 Qe5 15 Bb2 Qg5 16 h4 Qxh4
17 Nf5 Qg5 18 Nxd6 Re6 19 Ndb5
Bxe3 20 fxe3 Qxe3+ 21 Kf1 Ng4 22
Ke1 Rh6 23 Resigns.

P Monrad N Metge

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 Nf6 4 e5
Nd7 5 Bd3 c5 6 c3 Nc6 7 Ne2 cxd4
8 cxd4 f6 9 Nf4 Nxd4 10 Qh5+ Ke7
11 Ng6+ hxg6 12 exf6+ Nxf6 13
Qxh8 Kf7 14 Qh4 e5 15 0-0 e4 16
Bb1 Bd6 17 Nb3 Nf5 18 Qg5 Qh8
19 g3 Qh3 20 Qd2 Nh4 21 f4 e3 22
Resigns.

Round 5

R Dive G Spain

1 d4 f5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 g3 e6 4 Bg2 d5
5 0-0 Bd6 6 c4 c6 7 b3 Qe7 8 Bb2
0-0 9 Nbd2 Ng4 10 e3 Nd7 11 Qe2
Qf6 12 Rfe1 g5 13 Nf1 h5 14 N3d2
Qg6 15 f3 Nh6 16 e4 f4 17 Nb1
dxc4 18 Qxc4 Nb6 19 Qc3 Bd7 20
Ba3 Bxa3 21 Nxa3 Rf7 22 Nd2 Raf8
23 Nac4 Nxc4 24 Nxc4 Rg7 25 Ne5
Qf6 26 g4 Hxg4 27 fxg4 Bc8 28 h3
Nf7 29 Nf3 e5 30 dxe5 Qe7 31
Rad1 Re8 32 Bf1 Kh7 33 e6 Bxe6
34 Bd3 Kh8 35 Kf2 Bc8 36 e5 Be6
37 Nd4 Qc7 38 Bf5 Nd8 39 Nxe6
Nxe6 40 Rd6 Rge7 41 h4 Qb6+ 42
Kg2 Qc5 43 Qxc5 Nxc5 44 Rh6+ Kg8
45 Rg6+ Rg7 46 hxg5 Rxg6 47 Bxg6
Re7 48 Bf5 Ne6 49 Bxe6 Rxe6 50
Kf3 c5 51 Kxf4 b5 52 Kf5 Re8 53 e6
c4 54 bxc4 bxc4 55 e7 Kf7 56 g6+
Kg7 57 Ke6 Rb8 58 Kd6 Rb6+ 59
Kc7 Rxg6 60 e8Q Rc6+ 61 Qxc6
Resigns.

R Dive - A Ker

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 b5 4 cxb5 a6
 5 e3 d6 6 bxa6 Bxa6 7 Bxa6 Nxa6 8
 Nc3 g6 9 Nge2 Bg7 10 e4 0-0 11
 0-0 Qb6 12 Rb1 Rf8 13 Bg5 h6 14
 Bh4 Nc7 15 h3 Qb4 16 Qd3 Nb5 17
 a3 Qa5 18 f4 Nxc3 19 Nxc3 Kh7 20
 e5 Ng8 21 exd6 exd6 22 f5 Qa7 23
 Kh1 Be5 24 Ne4 Qc7 25 Rf2 c4 26
 fxc6+ fxc6 27 Qf1 Kg7 28 Rc1 Rxb2
 29 Rxb2 Bxb2 30 Rxc4 Qd7 31 Qf2
 Be5 32 Bg3 Re8 33 a4 Bxg3 34
 Qxg3 Re5 35 Qc3 Ne7 36 Nxd6
 Qxd6 37 Re4 Kf6 38 a5 Qxd5 39
 Rxe5 Qxe5 40 Qf3+ Qf5 41 Qc3+
 Qe5 42 Qa3 Qe1+ 43 Kh2 Qe5+ 44
 Kh1 Qc7 45 a6 Qa7 46 Qd6+ Kf7 47
 Kh2 h5 48 Kh1 Qa8 49 Qb6 Nc6 50
 Kh2 h4 51 g3 hxg3+ 52 Kxg3 Qe8
 53 Kg2 Qe4+ 54 Kh2 Qb4 Draw
 agreed after move 74.

D Weegenaar - P Hawkes

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 Nd4 4
 Nxd4 exd4 5 0-0 Bc5 6 d3 c6 7 Bc4
 d5 8 Bb3 Ne7 9 Bf4 Ng6 10 Bg3 h5
 11 h3 h4 12 Bh2 Qf6 13 e5 Qf5 14
 f4 Bd7 15 Qf3 0-0-0 16 Kh1 Ne7 17
 c3 Qg6 18 cxd4 Bxd4 19 Nc3 Nf5
 20 Ne2 Bxb2 21 Rab1 Ba3 22 d4
 Be7 23 Qc3 Be6 24 Ba4 Bd7 25
 Rb2 b6 26 Rc1 c5 27 dxc5 Bxa4 28
 cxb6+ Kd7 29 Qc7+ Ke6 30 bxa7
 Rc8 31 Qxc8+ Rxc8 32 Rxc8
 Resigns.

A Ker - J Sarfati

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 b5 4 cxb5 a6
 5 e3 g6 6 bxa6 Bg7 7 Nc3 0-0 8 e4
 d6 9 h3 Qa5 10 Bd2 Nbd7 11 Qc2
 Bxa6 12 Bxa6 Qxa6 13 Nge2 Ne5
 14 0-0 Nd3 15 a3 c4 16 Be3 Nd7

17 Nd4 Rf8 18 Rab1 Rb7 19 Rfd1
 Nc5 20 b4 cxb3 21 Nxb3 Qc4 22
 Bxc5 Nxc5 23 Nxc5 Rxb1 24 Qxb1
 Qxc5 25 Ne2 Qxa6 Draw agreed.

R Smith - R Dive

1 e4 Nf6 2 e5 Nd5 3 d4 d6 4 Nf3 g6
 5 Bc4 Nb6 6 Bb3 a5 7 a4 Bg7 8
 Ng5 d5 9 f4 f6 10 Nf3 Bg4 11 0-0
 Na6 12 h3 Bf5 13 Nh4 e6 14 Nxf5
 exf5 15 Nd2 exf5 16 fxe5 fxe5 17 c3
 cxd4 18 cxd4 Nb4 19 Nf3 Nc4 20
 Qe2 Qc7 21 Bf4 Ra6 22 Rac1 Rc6
 23 Ne1 0-0 24 Nd3 Nxd3 25 Qxd3
 Rf8 26 Qf3 Qd7 27 Rc3 Bf8 28
 Rf1 Nb6 29 Rxc6 Rxc6 30 Rxc6
 Qxc6 31 Bd2 Bb4 32 Bg5 Nc4 33
 Kh2 Kg7 34 g4 fxg4 35 hxg4 Bf8 36
 Qf6+ Qxf6 37 Bxf6+ Kf7 38 Bxc4
 dxc4 39 d5 h6 40 Kg2 Bc5 41 Bd8
 b6 42 e6+Kg7 43 Kf3 b5 44 axb5 a4
 45 b6 c3 46 b7 c2 47 b8Q c1Q 48
 Qc7+ Kg8 49 Qf7+ Resigns.

That's all the recommended games.
 To fill in, a couple of quickies.

A Pomeroy - G Trundle

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4
 Nc6 5 Nc3 Nf6 6 Bc4 e6 7 Be3 Bd7
 8 Qe2 Be7 9 0-0-0 a6 10 Bb3 Na5
 11 g4 Nxb3 12 axb3 h6 13 h4 Bc6
 14 Nxc6 bxc6 15 g5 Nd7 16 f4 g6
 17 h5 Qa4 18 hxg6 fxc6 19 Qc4 Kf7
 20 f5 - 1-0

B Wheeler - M Waddle

1 e4 d6 2 d4 Nf6 3 Nc3 g6 4 f4 Bg7
 5 Bd3 0-0 6 Nf3 c5 7 dxc5 dxc5 8
 0-0 Bg4 9 Be3 Qa5 10 e5 Nf7 11
 Qe1 Bxf3 12 Rxf3 Nc6 13 Qh4 f5 14
 Bc4+ Kh8 15 Rh3 h6 16 Qg5 Kh7
 17 Rad1 Rad8 18 Be6 Nxe5 19 Rxd8
 Rxd8 20 fxe5 Rd1+ 21 Kf2 - 1-0

NORTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIP 1989

1 Ker C	HC 2117	W32	W15	D21	W13	D 2	W 8	D 7	D 3	6
2 Sarfati J	WE 2285	W36	W28	W30	D 7	D 1	W 4	D 3	D 5	6
3 Ker A	CI 2329	W41	W37	W26	D 8	W 9	D 7	D 2	D 1	6
4 Smith R	WT 2199	W27	D12	W10	W35	D 6	L 2	W16	D 7	6
5 Weegenaar D	CA 1908	W51	W48	L 7	D23	W28	W10	W 9	D 2	6
6 Reyn I	CI 2063	W46	D35	D12	W26	D 4	W37	D17	W14	6
7 Dive R	CI 2282	W44	W16	W 5	D 2	W 8	D 3	D 1	L 4	5.5
8 Spain G	HA 2194	W38	W18	W14	D 3	L 7	L 1	W22	W13	5.5
9 Metzge N	CI 2088	W33	W20	D13	W21	L 3	W22	L 5	W24	5.5
10 Hawkes P	CI 2032	W42	W22	L 4	W46	D12	L 5	W23	W21	5.5
11 Bennett H	HA 1943	L26	W51	L35	W48	W31	W21	D15	W30	5.5
12 van Ginkel J	NE 1845	W29	D 4	D 6	W16	D10	D17	L13	W32	5
13 Pomeroy A	CI 2027	W47	W19	D 9	L 1	W36	D14	W12	L 8	5
14 Wheeler B	AC 1922	W49	W34	L 8	D38	W23	D13	W27	L 6	5
15 Notley D	HP 1792	W55	L 1	W47	D28	D24	W18	D11	D17	5
16 Stracy D	UH 1850	W56	L 7	W49	L12	W46	W19	L 4	W27	5
17 Spiller P	HP 2032	D40	L30	W53	W39	W38	D12	D 6	D15	5
18 Stevenson T	WE 1841	W45	L 8	D39	D27	W33	L15	W41	W31	5
19 Borren An	KA 1737	W57	L13	L46	W52	W25	L16	W26	W37	5
20 Monrad P	-- 1790	W52	L 9	W40	L37	L27	W56	W47	W29	5
21 Goffin P	AC 1926	W39	W23	D 1	L 9	W35	L11	W36	L10	4.5
22 Tuffery P	NP 1792	W50	L10	W42	W30	D37	L 9	L 8	W44	4.5
23 Aldridge A	CI 1726	W59	L21	W32	D 5	L14	W44	L10	W36	4.5
24 Frankel Z	WE 1917	W53	L26	W52	D36	D15	W29	D32	L 9	4.5
25 Booth A	HP 1696	L48	W31	L36	W54	L19	D49	W39	W35	4.5
26 Lezard G	WE 1494	W11	W24	L 3	L 6	L30	W40	L19	W46	4
27 Compton A	CA 1654	L 4	D29	W48	D18	W20	W30	L14	L16	4
28 Sims M	UH 1881	W54	L 2	W43	D15	L 5	L32	W42	D34	4
29 Stephens T	CA 1356	L12	D27	W45	D40	W42	L24	W37	L20	4
30 Robinson J	WT 1896	W31	W17	L 2	L22	W26	L27	W35	L11	4
31 Neilson P	TA 1400	L30	L25	W58	W41	L11	W33	W38	L18	4
32 Mears G	NS 1601	L 1	W55	L23	D51	W39	W28	D24	L12	4
33 Steffensen T	AC 1600	L 9	L52	W57	W49	L18	L31	W56	W47	4
34 Waddle M	MD 1703	W60	L14	L38	D56	W43	L36	W49	D28	4
35 Roberts M	-- 1764	W58	D 6	W11	L 4	L21	W38	L30	L25	3.5
36 Gloistein B	CA 1674	L 2	W54	W25	D24	L13	W34	L21	L23	3.5
37 McDonald J	-- 1891	W43	L 3	W56	W20	D22	L 6	L29	L19	3.5
38 Abum S	WE 1605	L 8	W45	W34	D14	L17	L35	L31	W53	3.5
39 Morrison M	NS 1481	L21	W59	D18	L17	L32	W55	L25	W54	3.5
40 Hair P	DP 1580	D17	D53	L20	D29	D47	L26	W48	D41	3.5
41 Bojtor J	HP 1676	L 3	L43	W60	L31	W48	W54	L18	D40	3.5
42 Von't Steen R	UH 1584	L10	W50	L22	D47	L29	W52	L28	W51	3.5

3	Gordon M	WE 1388	L37	W41	L28	D44	L34	W51	D54	D49	3.5
44	Winfield A	CI 1861	L 7	L56	W59	D43	W51	L23	W53	L22	3.5
45	Gillespie J	CI 1275	L18	L38	L29	W60	D52	L53	W55	W58	3.5
46	Ramsay W	CI 1593	L 6	W58	W19	L10	L16	L47	W57	L26	3
47	Trundle G	-- 1538	L19	W57	L15	D42	D40	W46	L20	L33	3
48	Wiederkehr W	MM unr	W25	L 5	L27	L11	L41	W58	L40	W59	3
49	Turner G	PN 1478	L14	W60	L16	L33	W57	D25	L34	D43	3
50	Webber C	UH 979	L22	L42	L51	W53	L54	L57	W60	W58	3
51	Gulliver M	TA 1400	L 5	L11	W50	D32	L44	L43	W52	L42	2.5
52	Rawnsley D	HP 1193	L20	W33	L24	L19	D45	L42	L51	W60	2.5
53	Paino R	CI 1444	L24	D40	L17	L50	W59	W45	L44	L38	2.5
54	Watson M	AC 1388	L28	L36	W55	L25	W50	L41	D43	L39	2.5
55	Sullivan B	MM 1233	L15	L32	L54	W59	D56	L39	L45	W57	2.5
56	Petrove E	NP 1376	L16	W44	L37	D34	D55	L20	L33	L50	2
57	Gordon R	HH unr	L19	L47	L33	W58	L49	W50	L46	L55	2
58	Mills G	KA 989	L35	L46	L31	L57	W60	L48	W59	L45	2
59	Rakoczy G	RO unr	L23	L39	L44	L55	L53	W60	L58	L48	1
60	Shaw R	KA unr	L34	L49	L41	L45	L58	L59	L50	L52	0

OUR MAN IN LONDON

Leonard McLaren is currently playing the English tournament circuit and is writing regularly

From mid-June to mid-July he played in six quickplay events (active chess) scoring 3/6, 3/6, 4.5/6, 4/6, 3.5/6, 3.5/6. Here are some of his games.

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1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Bf4 e6 4 e3 Be7 5 h3 0-0 6 Nbd2 b6 7 Bd3 c5 8 c3 Ba6 9 c4 Nc6 10 Qa4 Na5 11 Rc1 dxc4 12 Nxc4 Nd5 13 Nce5 Bxd3 14 Nxd3 c4 15 Nde5 Bb4+ 16 Kf1 a6 17 Bh2 b5 18 Qc2 f6 19 e4 fxe5 20 exd5 exd4 21 Nxd4 Qxd5 22 Nf3 Rad8 23 a3 Bc5 24 b4 cxb3 25 Qb2 Nc4 26 Qe2 b2 27 Re1 Nd2+ 0-1.

L. McLaren - P. Carey 15 July Rnd 6

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 Nf6 4 0-0 Bc5 5 c3 0-0 6 d4 Bb6 7 Bg5 h6 8 Bh4 g5? (8...d6) 9 Nfg5 hxg5 (9...Nxe4 10 Nf3) 10 Bxg5 Kg7 (10...d6) 11 f4! Qe8 (11...exd4 12 e5 dxc3+ 13 Kh1 cxb2 14 Bxf6+ Qxf6 15 exf6+ Kh6 16 Nc3 +; 11...Nxd4? 12

Nf3+ 13 Kh1 Nfg5 14 exf6+ Kh6 15 h4 -) 12 Bxf6+ (fxe5 is a good alternative) Kxf6 13 Kh1 a6 (Material level but Black has trouble co-ordinating pieces and placing king) 15 Bc4 d6 16 exd6+ cxd6 17 Nd2 Bd7 18 Qf3 f6 19 Qg3 Kd8 20 Raef1 (20 Qxd6? Bc7) 20...Kc7 21 Bd5 Rd8 22 Nc4 Qe7 23 b4 Ba7 24 a4 b5 25 axb5 axb5 26 Ne3 Kb6 27 Ra1 Bb8 28 Ra3 Be8 29 Rfa1 Qb7 30 c4 Qc8 31 c5+ Kc7 32 Qg7+ Bd7 33 Bxc6 Kxc6 34 Ra6+ Kc7 35 Nd5+ Kb7 36 Rb6++

L. McLaren - H. Haeri 25 June Rnd 2

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Bxc6 dxc6 5 0-0 Bg4 6 h3 h5 7 d3 Bxf3 8 Qxf3 Qf6 9 Qxf6 Nxf6 10 Nd2 0-0-0 11 Nc4 Re8 12 f4 Bc5+ 13 Be3 Bxe3+ 14 Nxe3 exf4 15 Rxf4 Rhf8 16 Rf1 Kd7 17 R4f2 Re6 18 Nf5 Ne8 19 Ng3 Nf6 20 Rf5 h4 21 Nh5 Nxf5 22 Rxf5 1-0.

Apparently most of these tournaments have about 200 entrants with several IMs and the occasional GM.

NORTH SHORE OPEN

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Northcote Central Community Centre

FORMAT: Five-round swiss in two grades with a time control of 45 moves in one and a half hours plus 15 minutes to complete the game. The B-grade is restricted to players rated under 1700 on the 1st May 1989 grading list.

RATING: Both tournaments will be rated by the New Zealand Chess Association

SCHEDULE: Saturday rounds commence at 9.30am, 2pm and 6.30pm. Sunday rounds start at 10am and 2.30pm. Players' meeting at 9.15am on the Saturday.

ENTRY FEES: Open and B-grade, \$22 (NZCA tournament levy included) if received by 5 September. Late entries (which may be accepted up until 8.45am on the Saturday) incur a \$5 surcharge. Players without membership in an NZCA-affiliated club should add \$6 to the appropriate entry fee.

PRIZES: Open - 1st \$400, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$220, 4th \$160, 5th \$110.

B-grade - 1st \$200, 2nd \$140, 3rd \$100, 4th \$70.

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The North Shore Open is organised by the NORTH SHORE CHESS CLUB INC.

Entry forms with full information are available from chess clubs or from the secretary, North Shore Chess Club, PO Box 33-587, Takapuna, Auckland 9.

LOCAL NEWS

WELLINGTON CLUB

The Wellington Chess Club will be hosting the championship congress this year from 28th December 1989. The venue will be Samuel Marsden Collegiate School (a prominent girls college) in the suburb of Karori.

The school will provide boarding facilities in addition to the playing rooms.

The club intends to run the usual championship, Reserve, and Major Open but also hopes to have a women's championship and another for players below about 1350 on the rating list.

Full details have been promised soon, maybe even before this magazine hits the streets.

WELLINGTON

Wellington Interclub 1989

By Chris Bell

The new kids on the block, Harbour City, took out both the A and B grade titles this year. Civic pushed them all the way in the A grade but the B grade was virtually a one-horse race. Kapiti had mixed results in the C grade, losing out to Wellington by only a half-point.

All matches were played on Sunday evenings (in Upper Hutt) over a period of six weeks. The A and C grades were conducted as double-round robins, owing to there being only three teams in each grade. Several Wellington-based players did

not play and this detracted somewhat from the competition.

Final points: A grade - HB City 10.5, Civic 9.5, U Hutt 4.

B grade HB City 16.5, Civic 13.5 U Hutt 11, Kapiti 9, U Hutt 2.75, U Hutt 3.15.

C grade Wgtn 9.5, Kapiti 9, U Hutt 5.5.

17th PLACEMAKERS 40/40

By Chris Bell

Only 81 hardy souls turned up to brave the Arctic-like conditions of Upper Hutt's Civic Hall. Rest assured competitors - a formal complaint is being made to the Upper Hutt City Council about the inadequate heating.

Mr David Brown, Placemakers Upper Hutt branch manager, welcomed the players, 20 of whom then took their places in the A and B grades while 41 sat down to play the C grade. At the end of the day he returned to present Russell Dive with the winner's cheque in the A grade. Jonathan Sarfati was second followed by Anthony Ker, Nigel Metge and Arthur Pomeroy who shared third.

The same pattern eventuated in the B grade where Bob Shaw came first ahead of Bill Ramsay with Osric Mooi, Keir Maxwell and David Heremaia sharing third. Unlike the A grade where Dive and Sarfati did not meet, Shaw played and defeated Ramsay.

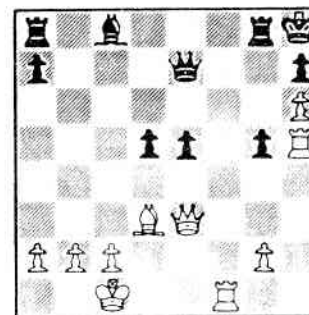
In the C grade Marvin Jones and Phillip Coghini tied for first and four players shared third - Errol Tuffery, Godfrey Turner, James Edwards and Chris McDonald.

Games from Mercantile Mutual with notes by Ian Rogers and diagrams from the bulletins.

Rnd 1: P Garbett - G West

Showpiece of the round West did not know of the recent idea 13 Bh6! and Garbett's aggressive follow-up (16 f4!) paid dividends.

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 Be3 Bg7 7 f3 0-0 8 Qd2 Nc6 9 0-0 0-0 10 exd5 Nxd5 11 Nxc6 bxc6 12 Nxd5 cxd5 13 Bh6 Bb7 14 h4 e5 15 Bxg7 Kxg7 16 f4 16 17 h5 g5 18 h6+ Kh8 19 fxh5 5 20 Rh5 Rg8 21 Bd3 Qe7 22 Rf1 Bc8 23 Qe3



23 Bd7 24 Rf7 Qxf7 25 Qxc5+ Rg7 26 hxg7+ 1-0

West injudiciously refuses two draw offers and is outplayed in time trouble.

Rnd 2: G West - O Sarapu

1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 e6 3 e3 b6 4 Bd3 Be7 5 Nbd2 c5 6 0-0 0-0 7 Qe2 d6 8 c3 Qc7 9 e4 cxd4 10 cxd4 e5 11 b3 Nc6 12 Bb2 Nxd4 13 Nxd4 exd4 14 Bxd4 Bb7 15 Rac1 Qd8 16 Bb5 Rc8 17 Bb2 Ne8 18 Nf3 Nc7 19 Bc4 Bf6 20 Bd3 Bxb2 21 Qxb2 Ne6 22 Rxc8 Qxc8 23 Rc1 Nc5 24 Bb1 Qe6 25 Nd2 Rc8 26 f3 g6 27 b4 Na4 28 Rxc8+ Qxc8 29 Qc2 Nc3 30 Qd3 Ba6 31 Qc2 d5 32 exd5 Nxd5 33 Qxc8+ Bxc8 34 a3 Kf8 35 Ba2 Be6 36 Ne4 Ke7 37 Ng5 h6 38 Nxe6 Kxe6 39 Kf2 Ke5 40 Ke1 f5 41

g3 g5 42 Kd2 Kd4 43 Bb1 f4 44 gxf4 gxf4 45 Bd3 Ne3 46 a4 Nc4+ 47 Ke2 Nb2 48 Bb5 Kc3 49 Kf2 Kxb4 50 Kg2 Nxa4 51 Be3 Nc3 52 Kh3 Nd5 0-1

D Gedevanishvili - R Gibbons

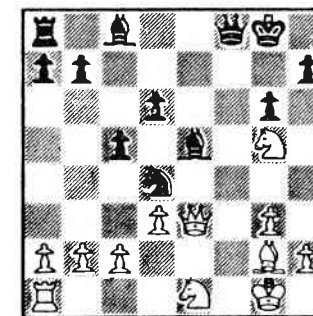
White's fine knight manoeuvre (Nc2-e3-c4-a5-c6) turns a slightly better endgame into a comfortable win.

1 Nf3 Nf6 2 e4 c5 3 Nc3 Nc6 4 g3 g6 5 Bg2 Bg7 6 0-0 0-0 7 d4 cxd4 8 Nxd4 a6 9 Nc2 Rb8 10 Bf4 d6 11 Qd2 Be6 12 b3 Qa5 13 Nd5 Bxd5 14 cxd5 Qxd2 15 Bxd2 Ne5 16 Rac1 Rbc8 17 Ne3 N5d7 18 Nc4 Rc7 19 Na5 Rxc1 20 Rxc1 b6 21 Nc6 Re8 22 e4 Kf8 23 f3 Rc8 24 b4 Ne8 25 Bf1 Ra8 26 a4 Ne5 27 Nxe5 Bxe5 28 Be3 b5 29 axb5 axb5 30 Bxb5 Rb8 31 Bd7 Kg7 32 b5 Bb2 33 Rc8 Rxc8 34 Bxc8 1-0

Rnd 4: R Gibbons - D King

Greatest surprise so far. When playing 16 Ng5 White had overlooked Black's reply. Black became too greedy (18...Bd4! 19Nxd4 cxd4! wins) and was perhaps fortunate that White had only a draw in the final position.

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 g3 Nc6 4 Bg2 d6 5 d3 Bg7 6 0-0 e5 7 Nc3 Nge7 8 Be3 0-0 9 Qd2 f5 10 Ne1 Nd4 11 f4 fxh4 12 Nxe4 Nef5 13 fxh5 Nxe3 14 Rxf8+ Qxf8 15 Qxe3 Bxe5 16 Ng5

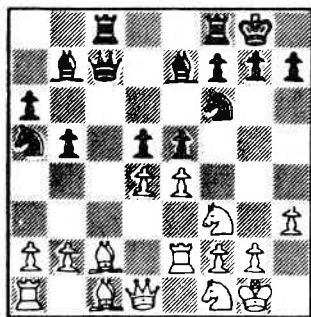


16...Nb3 17 Bd5+ Kg7 18 Nef3 Nxa1 19 Nf7 Qe8 20 Qh6+ Kf6 21 Qg5+ Kg7 5-5

Years of experience have given Sarapu an excellent feel for the Ruy Lopez. Wohl made life easy for Black with 21 Nxd5?? simply losing a piece.

Rnd 4: A Wohl - O Sarapu

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 Na5 10 Bc2 c5 11 d4 Qc7 12 Nbd2 cxd4 13 cxd4 Bb7 14 Nf1 Rac8 15 Re2 d5



16 dxe5 Nxe4 17 Bf4 Nc4 18 Bd3 Qb6 19 Rc1 f6 20 Ne3 fxe5 21 Nxd5 Bxd5 22 Bxc4 Bxc4 23 Rxe4 Rxf4 24 Rxe5 Bd6 25 Rd5 Rd8 26 b3 Bxd5 27 Qxd5+ Kh8 28 Rc6 Qb8 29 Ng5 Bc7 0-1

P Garbett - D Gedevanishvili

After Black broke out with b5 and d5 White countered coolly and should have won with his extra piece.

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 a6 5 Bd3 Nf6 6 0-0 d6 7 c4 g6 8 Nc3 Bg7 9 Be3 0-0 10 Be2 Qc7 11 Rc1 b6 12 Qd2 Bb7 13 f3 Rfd8 14 Rfd1 Nbd7 15 Kh1 Rac8 16 Qe1 Qb8 17 Qh4 Re8 18 Nc2 Ba8 19 Rd2 b5 20 cxb5 d5 21 Rf1 Ne5 22 Bg5 Ned7 23 Nb4 a5 24 Na6 Qd6 25 f4 e5 26 fxe5 Qxe5 27 Bf4 g5 28 Bxe5 gxh4 29 Bxf6 Nxf6 30 exd5 Nxd5 31 Nxd5 Bxd5 32 Bg4 Bc4 33 Rfd1 Be6 34 Bxe6 Rxe6 35 Kg1 Bf8 36 Kh1 Rc4 37 Rd4 Rc2 38 Rg4+ Rg6 39 Rxc6+ hxg6 40 Ra3 a4 41 b4 axb3 42 axb3

Ra2 43 Rf8 Ra5 44 Nc7 Ra7 45 b6 Rb7 46 Nd5 Kg7 47 b4 g5 48 h3 Bxb4+ 49 Nxb4 Rxb6 50 Rd4 f6 51 Kf2 Kg6 52 Kf3 Rb5 53 Nd5 Ra5 54 Ne3 Ra6 55 Nc4 Rc6 56 Ke4 Re6+ 57 Kd3 Ra6 58 Rd6 Ra2 59 Ne3 Ra3+ 60 Ke2 Ra2+ 61 Kf3 Ra3 62 Rc6 Rb3 63 Ke4 Rb4+ 64 Nc4 Ra4 65 Kf3 (sealed move) Rb4 66 Ne5+ Kg7 67 Rc7+ Kh6 68 Nd7 Kg7 69 Ra7 Kf7 70 Ne5+ Ke6 71 Nd3 Bb1 72 Ke4 Rf1 73 Rc7 Rg1 74 Rc2 Rd1 75 Rc6+ Kf7 76 Nf2 Rf1 77 Ke3 Re1+ 78 Kf3 Kg6 79 Rd6 Ra1 80 Nd1 Ra4 5-5

Rnd 6: A Wohl - R Gibbons

A powerful game by Black. After 13...b5! Black's attack almost plays itself since 16 d6 fails to 16...Bxd6!

1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 f3 e6 4 Nc3 b6 5 Be3 Ba6 6 Nge2 Nf6 7 Qd2 dxe4 8 fxe4 Bb4 9 Ng3 Bxf1 10 Rxf1 Nbd7 11 0-0-0 0-0 12 a3 Be7 13 Kb1 b5 14 d5 cxd5 15 exd5 b4 16 axb4 Bxb4 17 dxe6 fxe6 18 Bg5 Qa5 19 Rf3 Nd5 20 Nge4 Rxf3 21 gxf3 Rb8 22 Bf6 N7x16 23 Nxf6+ Nxf6 24 Qf4 Rf8 0-1

D Johansen - D Gedevanishvili

A game worthy of a battle for first place.

1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 e6 3 c4 Bb4+ 4 Nbd2 d5 5 Qa4 Nc6 6 a3 Be7 7 e3 0-0 8 Bd3 a6 9 0-0 dxc4 10 Qxc4 Bd7 11 Qc2 a5 12 e4 h6 13 Nc4 a4 14 Qe2 Nh7 15 e5 Ng5 16 Bxg5 hxg5 17 Qe4 g6 18 Ne3 Na5 19 Qg4 Kg7 20 Rad1 Rh8 21 Be4 Ra6 22 Qg3 Bb5 23 Rfe1 c6 24 Ng4 Rh5 25 h3 Bc4 26 Nd2 Bd5 27 Qc3 Nb3 28 Bxd5 Qxd5 29 Ne4 Rh8 30 Qe3 Raa8 31 Nef6 Qc4 32 Rd3 Rad8 33 Red3 Kf8 34 Ne4 Rh5 35 Ngf6 Rh8 36 Nxc5 Bxf6 37 exf6 Qd5 38 Qg3 Rh5 39 h4 Kg8 40 Qc7 Qd7 41 Qf4 Na5 42 g4 Rh8 43 Nf3 Nc4 44 d5 Nxb2 45 R3d2 Nxd1 46 dxe6 Qc8 47 Rxd8+ Qxd8 48 e7 Qe8 49 Qd2 1-0

36 a5 bxa5 37 bxa5 Kb5 38 Kxe4 Kxa5 39 Kf5 Kb5 40 Ke6 Kc5 41 Kf7 g5 42 Kg7 Kd4 43 Kxh7 Ke4 44 Kg6 g4 45 Kg5 Kf3 46 Kh4 Kg2 47 Kxg4 Kxh2 48 Kf4 Kh3 49 Kf3 1-0

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A grade

R Dive - T Stevenson

1 Nf3 c5 2 g3 b6 3 Bg2 Bb7 4 0-0 Nf6 5 c4 e6 6 Nc3 Be7 7 Re1 0-0 8 e4 d5 9 d4 cxd4 10 Nxd4 a6 11 Be3 Nbd7 12 f4 Qc7 13 Rc1 Rfe8 14 b3 Rac8 15 Bf2 Bf8 16 h3 Qb8 17 g4 e5 18 Nc2 g6 19 g5 Nh5 20 f5 Nf4 21 f6 Nc5 22 Bf1 b5 23 h4 bxc4 24 bxc4 Nce6 25 Nd5 Nxd5 26 cxd5 Nf4 27 Qd2 Qa8 28 Na3 a5 29 Nc4 Rxc4 30 Rxc4 Ba6 31 Rc6 Bxf1 32 Rxf1 Qb7 33 Be3 Nh5 34 Rfc1 Qd7 35 Qg2 Resigns

G Marner - M Hampl

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Nf6 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5 Na5 6 Bb5+ Bf7 7 Qe2 Be7 8 Nc3 0-0 9 0-0 c6 10 dxc6 Nxc6 11 Nf3 Nd4 12 Nxd1 exd4 13 Bxd7 Qxd7 14 Ne4 Nd5 15 d3 Rac8 16 Bg5 f6 17 Bh4 g5 18 f4 gxh4 19 f5 Ne3 20 Rf4 Rxc2 21 Qh5 Rxc2+ 22 Kh1 Rf7 23 Rxf4 Qf5 24 Qh6 Rg7 25 Rf4 Qg6 26 Rg1 Rxc1# 0-1

B grade

B Kay - A Winfield

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 d6 4 Nc3 g6 5 e4 Bg7 6 f4 0-0 7 Nf3 e6 8 Be2 exd5 9 exd5 Re8 10 0-0 Ng4 11 h3

Ne3 12 Bxe3 Rxe3 13 Qd2 Qe7 14 Rae1 Bxe3 15 bxc3 Bd7 16 Bd3 Rxe1 17 Rxe1 Qf6 18 Ng5 Qd8 19 Qe2 h6 20 Ne4 Ba4 21 g4 Na6 22 g5 h5 23 Nf6+ Kg7 24 f5 Qc8 25 Nxf5+ Kf8 26 Qe7+ Kg8 27 fxg6 Qf8 28 gxf7+ Qxf7 29 Bh7+ 1-0

C grade

P Coghini - R Glover

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Bc5 4 c3 d6 5 a4 Na5 6 Bxf7+ Kxf7 7 b4 Bxf2+ 8 Kxf2 Nc6 9 b5 Ne7 10 Qb3+ Ke8 11 d4 Ng6 12 Bg5 Nf6 13 Re1 Bg4 14 Nbd2 h6 15 Bxf6 Qxf6 16 Kg1 Nf4 17 d5 Kd7 18 Re3 Rhf8 19 Raf1 h5 20 h3 Bxf3 21 Rxf3 Qg5 22 Rf2 Nxf3+ 23 Rxf3 Rxf2 24 Kxf2 Qxd2+ 25 Kg1 Qe1+ 26 Kh2 Rf8 0-1

A grade

N Metge - T Stevenson

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 b5 4 cxb5 a6 5 e3 Qa5 6 Nc3 axb5 7 Bxb5 Bb7 8 Bf2 Qb6 9 Nge2 Nxd5 10 0-0 e6 11 a4 Be7 12 a5 Nxc3 13 axb6 Nxd1 14 Rxa8 Bxa8 15 Rxd1 0-0 16 Bc3 d5 17 f3 Bc6 18 Bd3 Nd7 19 Ra1 Ra8 20 Ra7 Bd6 21 Bb5 Nxb6 22 Rxa8 Bxa8 23 Ba5 Nc8 24 Kf2 Kf8 25 Nc3 Na7 26 Bd3 Nc6 27 Bb6 Ne5 28 Be2 Ke7 29 e4 d4 30 Nb5 d3 31 Nxd6 Kxd6 32 Bf1 Nc4 33 Ba7 Nxb2 34 Bb8+ Kc6 35 Be5 d2 36 Be2 Nd3+ 37 Ke3 Nxe5 38 Kxd2 Kb6 0-1

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 1990

By W A Poole New Zealand Chess Association President

Dramatic last-minute rule changes for the championship left no reasonable alternative but to withdraw the bid made to hold the match in Wellington next year.

Only two bids were forthcoming at the 60th FIDE Congress in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, in August.

Lyon, France, offered a prize fund of SwFr 3.0 million plus a diamond encrusted gold cup to a value of approximately SwFr 0.16 million. Total SwFr 3.16 million.

Wellington, New Zealand, offered a prize fund of SwFr 3.0 million plus 20% for CACDEC contribution (= SwFr 0.6 million). Total SwFr 3.6 million.

Both of these bids necessarily were formulated under the old rules and, in what must be a brief report, it is worth stating one of the vital rules in full. The tradition of a defence by the reigning champion against a challenger found by elimination among the world's best contenders, is (at least potentially) set aside. The champion and challenger also lose their choice among competing venues - instead the Congress decides.

Review of World Championship Match Regulations

1) Delete 1.41 and substitute

1.41 The Players

The players are the World Champion and the Challenger. The challenger is the winner of the Final Candidates Match.

The first reserve is the loser of the Final Candidates Match.

The second reserve is the loser of the Candidates Semifinal Matches who has the higher FIDE rating by weighted average in the July 1989 and January 1990 FIDE Rating Lists.

The third reserve is the loser of the Candidates Semifinal Matches who has the lower FIDE rating weighted average in the July 1989 and January 1990 FIDE Rating Lists.

The fourth reserve is the highest rated player (excluding the above players) by weighted average in the July 1989 and

January 1990 FIDE Rating Lists who expresses a willingness so to act.

Though FIDE contends that the effect of the easy substitution envisaged will force the champion to play, for fear of losing title and prize money to a

substitute there was no mention of the challenger not playing. That last suggests that memories of Fischer/Spassky 1972 are not strong, while the declared intention is to "control" Kasparov.

However, the effect of the champion not playing is that there will be a re-run of the Candidates Final, which may not be all that exciting. More importantly, England will conduct the Candidates Final next March with a prize fund of SwFr 0.3 million. How can sponsors realistically be expected to offer ten times that sum for a "championship" match between the same two players, possibly with the result already a foregone conclusion?

Can a government guarantee for a match for a championship really be expected to underpin this sort of thing when major sponsors might withdraw having been sold something different?

In the worst-case scenario, where the fourth reserve is called in, what is on offer is anyone down the rating list till somebody is found who will fill in, for the loser's end of the purse.

For surely a fourth reserve found in this way is on a hiding to nothing against an undefeated champion, or a challenger running hot after eliminating top-level rivals. This, too, is not worth millions in prize money.

Alarmed at these proposed new rules, the Task Force in Wellington signalled the delegation in Mayaguez, for "flexibility" otherwise there is "no alternative but to withdraw", and to say so. The delegation then asked whether it might be worthwhile first to try to negotiate, the obvious target being a delay in the application of the rule-change. This was agreed.

Not only did this prove to be impossible, but FIDE took opportunity to object to a stipulation in the Wellington bid as follows:

The Match is to be between the reigning World Champion, Mr G Kasparov and a challenger, to be determined by the presently uncompleted cycle of Candidates Elimination Matches.

That objection fell away when the delegation pointed out that the wording was practically the same as in the first paragraph of new rule 1.41 - and that was no good ground for writing off the Wellington bid. Further, FIDE was getting into the slightly odd situation of contending that its rule change would force the champion to attend, while objecting to a stipulation that says he should.

After prolonged negotiations conducted in private and in public, there was no movement.

Withdrawing the bid before the full gaze of the General Assembly has, as expected, made a very definite point in some quarters, and some subsequent interventions at the General Assembly hint that the issue may not yet have ended. If that should prove so, it will be a relief after a difficult and frustrating experience. But the rules need watching.

MERCANTILE MUTUAL MASTERS

BY PAUL GARBETT

An excellent tournament - well organised by Cathy and Ian Rogers, closely fought and full of interest

Favourites for the event were new English grandmaster Danny King, current Australian champion Darryl Johansen, Dimiry Gedevanishvili a new Australian and Guy West who had won a string of recent Australian tournaments.

The IM norm was 6 points; the venue the Hokoah Club at Bondi Beach was extremely pleasant

Chris Depasquale was the star of the first six rounds - producing a number of original and impressive performances including a win against Johansen and looking a "sitter" for the IM norm. However, a dramatic reversal of three losses wrecked his chances. The crucial game was in round 8 which Gedevanishvili won in 104 moves in the wee small hours. An impressive performance though

In the last round Johansen beat Gedevanishvili with a splendid attack to join him in first place. Neither dominated the event but both were deserving winners.

Ortvin Sarapu had an excellent result - he lost narrowly in a long game against King in the first round but after that was never in difficulty. Wins in rounds 2 and 4 and with no particular pressure on him to achieve a particular score, he was content to take draws against some of the stronger players from promising positions. Ortvin looks to be in his best form for some time and left the Australians quite impressed (all their current top players are under 40)!

I started with a stunning win over Guy West but then fell apart with three straight losses. Things looked bleak as I still had to play the top three seeds in the last five rounds. In round 6 I played well to reach a winning ending but only drew through not knowing the correct technique. I then defended well against Johansen and King to get draws and finished with a reasonable result.

Bob Gibbons had an amazing draw with Danny King and an excellent win against A Wohl. Not a bad result for Bob who was playing in a strong tournament after a lay-off of several years.

This sort of tournament is needed in New Zealand. A regular series like this in Australia and New Zealand would produce IMs in both countries in a short space of time.

Cathy and Ian Rogers are owed a special tribute for their splendid efforts in organising the event which was sponsored by a Dutch-based insurance company

The total entry was one of the lowest for many years and the organisers are at a bit of a loss to explain why. We know that travelling expense is an important deterrent; we also feel that topping the prize money, even if it were possible, would not overcome this. Perhaps players could give their thoughts.

The standard of catering was once again high; the hot lunch being especially welcome! This is a feature that we think important to retain, though some consideration was given to abandoning it in favour of higher prizes. Again, your opinions are welcome.

AUCKLAND

12th WAITAKERE TRUST OPEN

By Bob Smith

A strong field of 59 players turned up on July 1 and 2 for the 12th annual tournament organised by the Waitemata Chess Club and sponsored by the Waitakere Licensing Trust.

Numbers were slightly down on last year because several regulars (including Ortvin Sarapu and Paul Garbett) were overseas, while a few were watching the All Blacks demolish the French at Eden Park.

The tournament was played in two separate divisions, with the B grade restricted to players rated under 1700.

Rnd 1: A notable result was Robert Baumgartner's (1765) win over Ian McNally (1998), though no one took too much notice of that at the time

Rnd 2: The big upset was Baumgartner's victory over Green, apparently after a dubious sacrifice.

Rnd 3: More shocks; Baumgartner continued his amazing run by beating Dive (2282).

Rnd 4: Giantkiller Baumgartner finally succumbed to one of the giants, being steadily outplayed by Hampl. Dive recovered from his lapse by beating Graham Spain.

Rnd 5: A determined Dive used his favourite Alekhine Defence to drag Hampl back into the pack. Spain handed Baumgartner his second loss.

So we had a three-way tie for first between Dive, Hampl and Smith on 4/5 each winning \$291. Spain, Weir and Steadman were a half point behind but the sensation of the event was undoubtedly Robert Baumgartner, who scored 3/5 against an average field of 2180! He won his grade and \$50. McNally won the other open section grade prize.

In the B grade, top seed and veteran Aucklander Simon van Dam duly prevailed but not without the odd bit of anxiety.

Van Dam won first place outright and \$200. 81 year-old Merv Morrison reached 4/5 to share second place with Darryn Elliott and Graeme Mears.

The first grade prize was shared by Robert Goris and Paul Neilson while Brian Palmer won the second grade prize.

Some reports are heavily cut to leave space for games, virtually all of which have come from Auckland!

GAMES SECTION

WAITAKERE OPEN

J Cater - D Notley

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 c5 4 Bb5+
Nc6 5 Ngf3 dxc4 6 Nxc4 Bd7 7 e3
cxd4 8 0-0 Be7 9 Re1 Nf6 10 Bf4
Nxe4 11 Rxe4 a6 12 Bc4 dxc3 13
bxc3 Rc8 14 Qe2 b5 15 Bb3 Na5 16
Rd1 Nxb3 17 axb3 Qb6 18 Red4 Rd8
19 Be3 Qc7 20 Bf4 Qb6 21 Ne5 Bc8
22 Rxd8 Bxd8 23 Qh5 Qb7 24 Rxd8
Kxd8 25 Nxf7 Kd7 26 Nxb8 Qd5 27
Qf7+ 1-0

G Walden - G Banks

1 Nf3 Nf6 2 b3 g6 3 Bb2 Bg7 4 g3
b6 5 Bg2 Bb7 6 0-0 0-0 7 c4 c5 8
d4 d4 cxd4 9 Nxd4 Bxg2 10 Kxg2 d5
11 Na3 Na6 12 Kg1 Rc8 13 Ndb5
Qd7 14 cxd5 Rc5 15 Qd4 Rxd5 16
Qa4 Nc5 17 Qc4 Rh5 18 h4 Qh3 19
Bxf6 Bxf6 20 Rad1 Bxh4 21 Rd5 Bg5
0-1

M Steadman - D Notley

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 e5 c5 4 dxc5 Nc6
5 Nf3 Bxc5 6 Bd3 Nge7 7 Bf4 Qb6
8 0-0 Ng6 9 Bg3 Qxb2 10 Nbd2 Qb6
11 Nb3 Bf8 12 h4 Qc7 13 Qe2 Nb4
14 h5 Ne7 15 Bb5+ Bd7 16 Nfd4
Ng8 17 a3 Nc6 18 c4 Nxd4 19 Nxd4
Ne7 20 Rac1 Qd8 21 f4 a6 22 Bxd7
Qxd7 23 Rfd1 Rc8 24 f5 Nc6 25 fxe6
fxe6 26 Nxe6 d4 27 Nxf8 Rxf8 28 e6
Qe7 29 c5 Qg5 30 Bd6 Rf5 31 Rf1
Rf6 32 Rb1 Nd8 33 e7 Ne6 34 Rxf6
gxf6 35 Qxe6 1-0

Mephisto - M Hampf

1 e4 Nf6 2 Nc3 e6 3 d4 Bb4 4 Qc2
0-0 5 Nf3 c5 6 dxc5 Nc6 7 Bf4 Re8
8 Bd6 Qa5 9 0-0-0 Bxc3 10 bxc3 b6
11 cxb6 axb6 12 Kb1 Qa4 13 Qxa4
Rxa4 14 Nd2 Bd7 15 f3 Rea8 16 a3
Ne8 17 Bb4 Nxb4 18 cxb4 Rxa3 19
Kb2 d5 20 exd5 Ra2+ 21 Kc3 Rc8 +
22 Kd3 exd5 23 Nb1 Rb2 24 e3 Ba6
+ 25 Kxd4 Rxb4+ 26 Ke5 Bb7 27
Nd2 f6+ 28 Kf5 g6+ 29 Ke6 Kf8 30
Kd7 Rc6 31 Nc4 Rbxc4 32 Rd5 Rc7
33 Kd8 Ra4 34 Ba6 Rxa6 35 Ra1

Rva1 36 Ra5 Rd1+ 37 Rd5 Rxd5+
0-1

R Dive - K Okey

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3 c5
5 Bd3 0-0 6 Nf3 Nc6 7 0-0 Bxc3 8
bxc3 d6 9 Ng5 h6 10 Ne4 Nxe4 11
Bxe4 e5 12 f4 Qe8 13 dxe5 dxe5 14
f5 b6 15 Bd5 Rb8 16 e4 Ne7 17 f6
Nxd5 18 cxd5 Kh7 19 Qh5 Rh8 20
Rf3 Qf8 21 fxe7 Kxg7 22 Rg3+ Kh7
23 Bxh6 1-0

R Smith - A McNally

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 Nb8 10 d4 Nbd7 11
Nbd2 Bb7 12 Bc2 Re8 13 Nf1 Bf8
14 Ng3 h6 15 a4 g6 16 b3 Bg7 17
Bb2 d5 18 axb5 axb5 19 Rxa8 Qxa8
20 dxe5 Nxe4 21 Nxe4 dxe4 22 Qxd7
exf3 23 e6 Bd5 24 Qxf7+ 1-0

J Cater - R Dive

1 e4 Nf6 2 e5 Nd5 3 d4 d6 4 Nf3 g6
5 Be2 Bg7 6 0-0 0-0 7 Nbd2 Nc6 8
c4 Nb6 9 exd6 cxd6 10 d5 Na5 11
Bd3 e6 12 dxc6 Bxe6 13 Rb1 Naxc4
14 Ne4 Ne5 15 Nxe5 dxe5 16 b3
Qe7 17 Qe2 Rac8 18 Bb2 Nd5 19
Rbd1 f5 20 Nd2 Nf4 21 Qe3 Qg5 22
g3 Nh3+ 23 Kh1 Bd5+ 24 Nf3 Qxe3
25 fxe3 Bxf3 26 Rxf3 e4 27 Bxg7
exf3 28 Bf8 Nf2+ 29 Kg1 Nd1 30
Bh6 Nb2 31 Bb5 Rc2 32 h4 Kf7 33
Bf1 Ke6 34 Bg7 Kd5 35 Bxf8 Ke4
36 Bh6 Nd1 37 Bc4 Nxe3 38 Bxe3
Kxe3 39 Bg8 Rc1+ 40 Kh2 f2 41
Bc4 Rxc4 42 bxc4 f1Q 0-1

R Dive - G Spain

1 d4 f5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 g3 e6 4 Bg2 d5
5 0-0 Bd6 6 b3 Qe7 7 c4 c6 8 Nbd2
Nbd7 9 Bb2 b6 10 Ne5 Bb7 11 f3
0-0 12 e4 dxe4 13 Nxd7 Qxd7 14
fxe4 Nxe4 15 Nxe4 fxe4 16 Bxe4 c5
17 Bxb7 Rxf1+ 18 Qxf1 Qxb7 19
Qg2 Qxg2 20 Kxg2 cxd4 21 Bxd4 e5
22 Be3 Re8 23 Rd1 Re6 24 Rd5 Kf7
25 a4 Bb4 26 Kf3 e4+ 27 Ke2 Bc3
28 Rd7+ Re7 29 Rxe7 Kxe7 30 c5
Ba5 31 cxb6 axb6 32 Bd2 Bxd2 33
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OVERSEAS NEWS

BY MICHAEL WHALEY

While Peter Stuart walks the streets of Europe the writer will try to keep you abreast of the events and happenings from around the chess world.

With the World Cup having rounds in April, May and June-July, it seems fitting to give a couple of games from Barcelona, the results of which can be found in the June issue of New Zealand Chess.

V Korchnoi - P Nikolic 1 e4 (a surprise for Nikolic, Korchnoi normally plays 1 c4) d6 2 d4 Nf6 3 f3 e5 4 d5 Be7 5 Be3 0-0 6 Qd2 c6 7 c4 b5 8 Nc3 b4 9 Nd1 a5 10 Nf2 Qc7 11 Rc1 Nbd7 12 Ne2 Ba6 13 Ng3 Rfc8 14 Nf5 Bf8 15 dxc6 Qxc6 16 Be2 Nc5 17 0-0 Ne8 18 Nd3 Ne6 19 b3 Qc7 20 Qe1 g6 21 Nh6+ Kh8 22 Qh4 f6 23 f4 exf4 24 Nxf4 Nxf4 25 Qxf4 Bg7 26 Bd4 d5 27 e5 g5 28 Qf5 Bxh6 29 exf6 Qf7 30 Bh5 Qf8 31 Be8 1-0.

G Kasparov - J Speelman 1 d4 d6 2 e4 g6 3 c4 e5 4 Nf3 exd4 5 Nxd4 Bg7 6 Nc3 Nc6 7 Be3 Nge7 8 h4 h6 9 Be2 f5 10 exf5 Nxf5 11 Nxf5 Bxf5 12 Qd2 Qd7 13 0-0 0-0-0 14 b4! Nxb4?! (14...Kb8) 15 Nh5! Nc2 (if 15...Nc6 16 Bf3 leaving Black with plenty of problems) 16 Bf3! d5 17 Bxd5 Nxa1 18 Nxa7+ Kb8 19 Qb4 Qxd5 20 cxd5 Nc2 21 Qa5 Nxe3 22 fxe3 Rhe8? 23 Nb5 Rxd5 24 Qxc7+ Ka8 25 Qa5+ 1-0. (25...Kb8 26 Qa7+ Kc8 27 Qa8+ Kd7 28 Qxb7+ Ke6 29 Qc6+ wins).

Following Barcelona the World Cup moved to Rotterdam for the SWIFT tournament. Kasparov did not compete. However, Karpov was there and out to gain cup points and perhaps not only close the gap on Kasparov but even get his nose in front. With three rounds to go Karpov led with 9.5 from 12 games, Timman was one point further back but had played one game more. Karpov looked set not only to win the tournament but to net a tidy pile of cup points. Then things went wrong for Karpov. He lost to Ljubojevic then Salov, in both cases playing with the white pieces. However, he could still come first equal if he won the last round against Englishman John Nunn. Karpov, playing the black side of a Ruy Lopez found it was all too much, Nunn securing the victory on move 81.

I can not remember Karpov losing three games in a row in tournament play! The reason: well it was suggested by some that his 38 years might be catching up with him. This seems unlikely. It was probably his desire to win the tournament by a big margin and thus head rival Kasparov in the World Cup standings. Either way, time will tell.

Thus final standings were: 1 Timman 10.5; 2 Karpov 9.5; 3 Vaganian 9; 4 Nunn 8.5; 5-8 Van der Wiel, Sokolov, Ehlvest, Salov 8; 9 Short 7.5; 10 Seirawan 7; 11-13 Nogueiras, Yusupov, Sax 6.5; 14-15 Ljubojevic, Portisch 6; 16 Hjartarson 4.5.

Timman will doubtless be pleased with his result and will hope that he can continue his good form through to the Candidates semifinals in October. One of the other candidates, Yusupov, will be looking for an improvement in his form if he is to have any chance at all against Karpov (despite the latter's advancing years!).

J Timman - A Sokolov 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 Nc3 d6 4 d4 exd4 5 Qxd4 Nc6 6 Bb5 Bd7 7 Qd3 a6 8 Bxc6 Bxc6 9 Bf4 Qc7 10 0-0-0 0-0-0 11 Nd2 b5 12 a4 b4 13 Ne2 Qb7 14 Nc4 Bxe4 15 Qd4 Nf6 16 Bxd6 Qc6 17 Rd2 Bd5 18 Nb6+ Kb7 19 Bxf8 Rhxf8 20 Nxd5 Nxd5 21 Qxg7 Qxa4 22 b3 Qa5 23 Kb2 Qa3+ 24 Kb1 Qa5 25 Kb2 Qa3+ 26 Kb1 Qa5 27 Rhd1 Rc8

28 Qxh7 Rc7 29 Qe4 Rd8 30 Nf4 f5 31 Qf3 Rc3 32 Nxe6 Rxf3 33 Nxd8+ Qxd8 34 Rxd5 Rxb3 35 cxb3 Qh4 36 R5d4 1-0.

A Karpov - J Timman 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 d5 4 cxd5 Nxd5 5 e4 Nxc3 6 bxc3 Bg7 7 Bc4 0-0 8 Ne2 c5 9 0-0 Nc6 10 Be3 Bg4 11 f3 Na5 12 Bxf7+ Rxf7 13 fxd4 Rxf1 14 Kxf1 Qd6 15 e5 Qd5 16 Bf2 Rd8 17 Qc2 Qc4 18 Qb2 Bh6 19 h4 Rf8 20 g5 Qd3 21 Qb1 Qe3 22 Qe1 Bg7 23 Kg1 Qe4 24 Ng3 Qxh4 25 Ne4 Rxf2 26 Nxf2 cxd4 27 Rd1 d3 28 Qe3 Nc6 29 Nxd3 Qa4 30 Qf3 Qa6 31 e6 Nd8 32 Nf4 Be5 33 Nd5 Qc5+ 34 Kh1 1-0.

WORLD CUP STANDINGS: Kasparov 83; Karpov 80.5; Ehlvest 68; Ljubojevic, Salov 66.5; Nunn 65.5; Beliavsky 63.5; Short 58.5; Timman 67.5.

STOCKHOLM: The Sweden Chess Tournament was held in May. Though the tournament was category 13 there was little fighting spirit shown by the competitors. The winner, Czech Lubomir Ftacnik accumulated just three wins, drawing the remaining eight games. 1 Ftacnik 7; 2-4 Anderson, Van der Wiel, Wilder 6.5; 5-6 Sax, Sokolov 6; 7 Polugayevsky 5.5; 8-9 Aranson, Smyslov 5; 10 Wedberg 4.5; 11 Hellers 4, 12 Pia Cramling 3.5.

LONDON: GM Bent Larsen won the Watson, Farley & Williams International Chess Challenge. Larsen, who was a clear point ahead of the field at the finish gave the crowd plenty of action drawing only five of his 13 games. The tournament included a couple of players of interest, namely Mihai Suba, now playing in the English colours and WGM Susan Arkell, also of England. Nigel Davies' 7 points were not sufficient to collect a GM norm. 1 Larsen 9.5; 2 King (Eng) 8.5; 3 Suba 8; 4-5 Davies (Eng), Wolff (USA) 7; 6-10 Motwani (Sco), Arkell (Eng), Hodgson (Eng), Adams (Eng), Sadler (Eng) 6.5; 11 Watson (Eng) 6; 12 Wilder (USA) 5.5; 13 McNab (Sco) 5; 14 Susan Arkell 2.

B Larsen - M Wilder 1 Nf3 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 d5 4 d4 c6 5 e3 Nbd7 6 Bd3 dxc4 7 Bxc5 b5 8 Bb3 Bb7 9 0-0 a6 10 e4 c5 11 e5 cxd4 12 Qxd4 Bc5 13 Qf4 b4 14 exf6 bxc3 15 fxg7 Rg8 16 Ba4 Rfg7 1-0 (17 Qe5 Bf8 18 Bh6 Rg8 19 Rad1 Bc8 20 Bxf8 Rxf8 21 Qd6 with the idea of 22 Ne5 wins).

PARIS: Canadian Kevin Spraggett won a nine-round swiss in Paris. Spraggett's 6.5 points was enough to win the 24-player event by a half point from Jansa, Murey and Fedorwicz (all GMs). The surprise was the poor showing of Lev Psakhis (2585) finishing in 12-15 place with 4.5.

SNIPPETS FROM SARAPU

Ortvin Sarapu is probably the most frequent supplier of news items for this magazine. We know he has a wealth of experience but he is different from most in that he shares it.

First, a game from history.

M Tal - T Petrosian 1974

1 e4 g6 (experimenting?) 2 d4 Bg7 3 Nc3 d6 4 Nf3 Nf6 5 Be2 0-0 6 0-0 Nc6 (Better is 6...c6 or 6...e5) 7 d5 Nb8 8 Re1 e5 9 dxe6 Bxe6 10 Bf4 h6 11 Nf4d Bd7 12 Qd2 Kh7 13 e5! dxe5 14 Bxe5 Ne4 15 Nxe4 Bxe5 16 Nf3 Bg7 (After Bxb2 White would still play Rd1) 17 Rad1 Qe8 18 Be4 Be8 (Black cannot develop his Q-side. No help is 18...Bg4 19 Neg5+ hxg5 20 Nxxg5+ Kg8 21 Nxf7 Rxf7 22 Qd8+ with a winning attack. Now for a beautiful finish) 19 Neg5+ hxg5 20 Nxxg5+ Kg8 21 Qf4 (simple threat Qh4 and mate)

21...Nbd7 22 Rxd7! Bxd7 23 Bxf7+ Rxf7 24 Qxf7+ Kh8 25 Qxg6 Bf5 26 Rf7+ Kg8 27 Nh6+. With 28 Nxf5 Black resigned. Very seldom that Petrosian lost like that.

Did you know that Adolf Andersen died in 1879, the year of New Zealand's first national championship?

No room for a diagram but it is a pretty simple problem by Reti. White to move and draw. White: Kd6, Ps b5, h4; Black: Kg8 Ps a7, g6, h5. Ortvin reckons one should solve it in 10 minutes without moving the pieces. We will turn the solution upside down. Try not to look before trying to find it yourself.

4 Ke5 Kc7 5 Kd5. If 3...Kf6 4 Ke6 etc.
Kf4 Kc7 4 Ke3! If 1...Kf7 2 Ke5 Kc7 3 Kd5 Kd7 1 Kd5 (all other moves lose) Kg7 2 Ke4 Kf6 3

BOOK REVIEW

By Nigel Metge

Batsford Chess Openings 2 (Kasparov and Keene)

424pp - \$48 from NZ Chess Supplies

Fifteen years ago I played in my first NZ championship. My only opening books were Fine's *The Ideas Behind the Chess Openings*, Barden's *Guide to Chess Openings* and MCO 10. This 'depth' of opening preparation was perhaps average for the time. A few superior types imported foreign language magazines and rubbed it in by scoring their games in German algebraic (the rest of us used English descriptive). Now I have 2 or 3 dozen opening monographs, 49 Informators, 5 ECOs, 11 New In Chess Yearbooks plus subscriptions to *New In Chess*, *Tournament Chess* etc. I still manage to qualify for the NZ championship sometimes but what openings to play? It's a problem.

The first BCO (1982) was a boon. With its improved 'MCO'-type format and its emphasis on sharp lines of play (possibly a Kasparov influence) it quickly became a bestseller. Now BCO2 has arrived. As usual all openings or related opening groups are given a short introduction followed by a fairly comprehensive selection of main lines of play in international algebraic. Footnotes on the same or adjacent page provide alternative continuations and references to master games.

As one would expect there are many changes in the new edition. BCO2 is some 20% longer, mostly in the QP and semi-open defences. A close reading of several pages at random reveals a marked reduction in typographical errors, a continued preference for sharp lines and a majority of post-1982 references. Assessments have, of course, changed. One example is a sharp line in the French Tarrasch: 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 Nf6 4 e5 Nf7 5 Bd3 c5 6 c3 Nc6 7 Ne2 cxd4 8 cxd4 16 9 Nf4! Nd4 10 Qh5 Ke7 11 exf5 Nf6 12 Ng6 hxg6 13 Qh8. BCO continued weakly with 13...Kf7 14 0-0 e5 15 Nb3! Nf5 and Black is fine. Recent praxis has shown that the white N should go to f3 allowing doubled f-pawns but creating pressure on the half-open g-file. eg: 15 Nf3! Nxf3 16 gxf3 Nh5? 17 Bg6! Kg6 18 Kh1 with advantage. Now BCO2 gives 13...e5 14 Nf3 Nxf3 15 gxf3 Bf5 unclear.

Several minor features annoy. The contents page would be better replaced with the index. No bibliography is listed as in BCO. Instead book titles are given as 'references' under individual openings. Thus acknowledgement of general works (such as ECO, Informators) is omitted. Further, the monographs quoted are often Batsfords and not always the best in their field. The French and Caro-Kahn Defences do not qualify for references at all! Finally, the 'entree' piece by Keene is witless. To demonstrate the importance of the 1987 Kasparov-Karpov match to the Exchange Grunfeld, Keene chooses perhaps the worst game of the match - No 11 - in which Karpov blunders horribly.

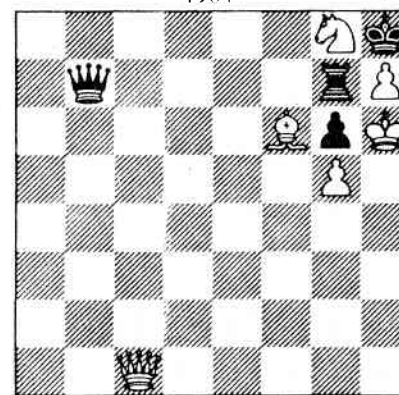
Who should buy this book and why? First, players of NZ championship calibre (say 2100-2300+) will find BCO2 useful as a basic reference and a basis for further openings research. Players in the 1800-2100 bracket will find it valuable as a comprehensive reference book. Players below this strength should first master the excellent 'Openings for the Club Player' by Barden and Harding.

STUDIES

By Emil Melnichenko

Solvers wishing to uncover the winning motif in this prizewinner from an international tourney held in Hungary, should note that if White tries 1 Qa1? or 1 Ne7? then 1...Qh1+ draws by stalemate, while 1 Be7? loses to 1...Qe4. Though the black queen is tied down to the defence of the rook, it threatens check on the h file from both the 7th rank and a1-h8 diagonal, and it is against this constant menace that White must defend in order to win. Solution in next column

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Kasparov on sport finance

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We reproduce the more interesting paragraphs.

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"In the final analysis, everything is subordinate to the goal of winning as many medals as possible..."

ANSWERS

Randviir problem: 1 Rb3 Nxb3 2 Nd3 and mate next move. If 1...Nc2 2 Ra3+ bxa3 3 b3 mate.

Melnichenko problem: 1 Qc6 Qc7 2 Qd6 Qd7 3 Qe6 Qc7 4 Qh3 Qc3 5 Qh5 Qxf6 6 gxf6 Rxf7+ 7 Kxf6 Rxf5 8 Kxf5 Kxf8 9 Kg6 wins

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THE RETURN OF SARAPU

By IM Ortvin Sarapu

I left Estonia 46 years ago so an invitation to compete in the Paul Keres Memorial tournament this year was accepted enthusiastically. The reception I got in Tallinn was almost overwhelming. All my distant relatives, schoolmates and friends phoned me in the hotel. Every morning I had five or six visitors and then at 3pm sat down for the games. After the games I was invited to visit all over Tallinn plus drinks etc.

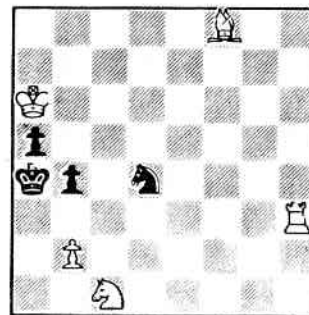
There were two events; a grandmaster tournament, jointly won by Jaan Ehlevst (Estonia 2600), Lembit Oll (Estonia 2510) and Georgi Timoshenko (Russia 2530) with seven points each from ten games, and an International master event over 11 rounds.

I found I could not concentrate on chess as usual. Reunions and celebrations are not the best atmosphere for chess. My result was one loss to the 1989 Danish champion Lars Schandorff (from a drawn position) and 10 draws!! The tournament winners were GM Alexander Kotshiev (Russia 2475) and Lars Schandorff (Denmark 2435). I finished in a tie for 6th place with Andres Vooremaa (Estonia) and Jaan Narva (Estonia).

White A Kotshiev (Leningrad) Black O Sarapu (Auckland)

1 Nf3 Nc6! 2 g3 e5 3 d3 d6 4 Bg2 g6 5 0-0 Bg7 6 c4 f5 7 Nc3 Nf6 8 Rb1 0-0 9 b4 Qe7 10 Nd5 Nxd5 11 cxd5 Nxd4 12 Nd2 f4 13 e3 fxe3 14 fxe3 Rxf1+ 15 Qxf1 Nf5 16 Nc4 Bd7 17 Bd2 Rf8 18 Qe2 Bb5 19 Be4 Bh6 Draw agreed. I had obviously the better position but I did so many times play for a draw in this tournament.

The Estonian master and TV regular chess show "actor" Juri Randviir composed this problem on 27 March 1989.



SECOND EDITORIAL

Some people may consider our (the editorial our) treatment of the World Championship affair to be over-belligerent. This may be the case but we have received information that makes us wild at the treatment New Zealand has been given.

Part of our information was that the present world champion had stated that he was prepared to defend his title in 1990 against the winner of the Candidates Final Match anywhere in the world.

The New Zealand World Championship Task Force did everything right. They worked hard and long and had every encouragement from the FIDE President, at least till the last few days before the meeting of the General Assembly in Puerto Rico.

Given the above and considering that New Zealand's bid was the only one which was coursed through the meeting in Warsaw and presented in Puerto Rico as required by FIDE, it is astounding that we were allowed to withdraw, let alone encouraged, as seems to have been the case.

No doubt the animosity between the World Champion and the FIDE President has something to do with the situation. Nevertheless, there is more to it than that and it is quite possible that we will still have a chance to host the match.

We will have to wait and see just how democratic FIDE is.

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NEW ZEALAND CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION, PO Box 3278, Wellington. Local and overseas play. Contact, J W (Sandy) Maxwell, phone 367-682

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AUCKLAND CHESS ASSOCIATION, contacts: President, Ewen Green, phone 412-9701; Secretary, Nigel Hopewell, 78 Old Mill Road, Grey Lynn, Auckland 2.

AUCKLAND CHESS CENTRE meets Mondays 7.15pm (tournament and casual play) at 17 Cromwell Street, Mt Eden, phone 602-042. All chessplayers and visitors welcome.

DEVONPORT CC meets Tuesdays 7.30pm at the Methodist Church Hall, Owens Road, Devonport. All welcome. President, Philip Hair, phone 458-673; Secretary, David Shead, phone 456-175. Postal address: 18 Grove Road, Devonport.

HOWICK-PAKURANGA CC meets Tuesdays 7.30pm at Howick Bridge Club, Howick Community Complex. Contact, Derrick Lark, 39 Minaret Drive, Bucklands Beach, Auckland. Phone 534-1114.

NORTH SHORE CC meets Wednesdays 7.30pm (tournament and casual play) in the Northcote Community Centre, cnr College Road/Ernie Mays Street, Northcote. Postal address: PO Box 33-587, Takapuna. Contact, Peter Stuart, phone 456-377. Visitors welcome.

PAPATOETOE CC meets Wednesdays 7-11pm at St George's Anglican Church Hall, Landscape Road, Papatoetoe. Contact, G Banks, phone 279-8170 or J McRae, phone 278-4520 evenings.

WAITEMATA CC meets Thursdays 7.30pm at Kelson West Community Centre, cnr Great North and Awaroa Roads. Postal address: PO Box 69-005, Glendene, Auckland S. Contacts, Ben Savage, phone 818-2301, Bob Smith, phone 818-4113.

HAMILTON CC meets Thursdays 7pm at Hamilton Bowling Club, Pembroke Street, Hamilton. Contact, Len Whitehouse, 165 Galloway Street, Hamilton, phone 69-582.

ROTORUA CC c/o Percy Margolin, 64 Turner Drive, Rotorua

CAMBRIDGE CC meets Tuesdays 7pm at the Red Cross Hall, Millich Place, Cambridge. Contact, Brian Carthew, PO Box 611, Cambridge, phone (071) 277-948. Visitors welcome.

NEW PLYMOUTH CC meets Tuesdays 7.30pm at clubrooms, 11 Gilbert Street, New Plymouth. Contact, President, Errol Tuffery, phone 82-626 New Plymouth.

MOUNT MAUNGANUI CC meets Tuesdays 2pm and Thursdays 7pm at the Hillier Memorial Centre, Gloucester Road, Mt Maunganui. Contact, Barney Sullivan phone 56-793.

TAUPO CC meets Mondays 7.30pm at "Lakewood", 5a Fletcher Street, Taupo. Contact, Joanne Rae, phone 83-285.

HASTINGS/HAVELOCK NORTH CC meets Wednesdays 7pm at the Library, Havelock North High School, Te Mata Road, Havelock North. Contact, Mike Earle, phone 776-027.

PALMERSTON NORTH CC meets Tuesdays 7.30pm at Palmerston North Intermediate School, Ferguson Street, Palmerston North. Contact, President, John Chapman, phone 80-337; Secretary, Allen Blackburn, phone 64-522.

KAPITI CC meets Thursdays 7.30pm at Block E, Kapiti College, Margaret's Road, Raumati Beach. Contact, Bill Cox, Paraparaumu (058) 88-589.

UPPER HUTT CC meets Mondays 7.45pm at Fraser Crescent School Hall, Redwood Street, Upper Hutt. Contact, Anton Reid, 16 Hildreth Street, Upper Hutt, phone 288-756.

HUTT VALLEY CC meets Tuesdays 8pm at Hutt Valley Intermediate School, south end, entrance off Kauri Street. Contact, Derek Wong Nam, phone 673-297.

HARBOUR CITY CC meets Wednesdays at the Central Bowling Club, 'end of Roxburgh Street, Petone. Contact, Peter Collins phone 646-764 or Gavin Marnar, phone 648-401. Postal address, 54 Kowhai Street, Wainuiomata.

CIVIC CC meets 7.30pm at Wellington Bridge Club, Moturoa Street, Thorndon. Contact, Brent Southgate, phone 757-604.