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LATE NEWS

There was a six-way tie in the North Island Championship held in Silverstream last month (May) C Ker, A Ker, I Reyn, J Sarfati, R Smith and D Weegenar We understand Charles Ker gets the spot in the National champs.

National Schoolpupils will be held in Trekkers Hotel, Cuba Street, WGTN from 28 August to 1st September

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New editor will need all the help he can get. Have you got any copy?

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EDITORIAL

THIS is the last issue of New Zealand Chess which I will produce and the reins now pass to Bill Ramsay, who moves out of the New Zealand Chess Association secretary's chair.

It is the 14th issue of the magazine in 25 months of editorship and though the experience has been enjoyable, like everybody else in these fast moving days my spare time has shrunk, apparently to the point of non-existance! At least, that is how it feels most of the time.

I would like to offer to all those people who have contributed to the magazine my thanks for their efforts. Obviously without them there would have been no However, when stacked up against overseas magazines NZC runs a poor second. To ensure the success of any publication the best writers must appear in the pages. In the case of a chess magazine that means the best players and with only a couple of exceptions NZC has sadly lagged. It is up to the emerging champions to take the time to put writer to paper by way of analysis, general thoughts on play, or anything that pertains to chess and offer it to the magazine. The editor would welcome it gladly, but not if it is months out of date. Again, spare time is the problem.

Please, senior players, give the new editor some help. My best wishes to all players in the future.

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1989 LATVIAN GAMBIT OPEN February 18-19

By Paul SPILLER

THE 1989 Latvian Gambit Open, previously known Howick-Pakuranga Open, was made pòssible as otlined in New Zealand Chess last year by a donation to the Howick Pakuranga Chess Club by long-time member JANIS BOROVSKIS.

This meant the club could offer a prize fund of \$2500 which attracted an extremely strong field of 75 players, including newly appointed IM Vernon SMALL. In fact there was a total of 16 players and a computer rated over 2000.

There was a lot of interest to see how Small performed along with Paul Garbett, recent co-winner of the New Zealand Championship, and also Russell Dive, fresh from overseas SUCCASS.

In all events the tournament produced a tremendous upset with Martin DREYER (rated 2104) and seeded only 13th, playing some excellent chess, coming out on top with 6.5/7. He had successive victories against R SMITH (2191), R DIVE (2282), 0 SARAPU (2289), P GARBETT (2276) before agreeing to the offer of a draw by V SMALL (2353) in the final round.

Certainty an exceptional performance.

Vernon Small, the top seed, had an early hiccup with a tense struggle against dark horse Carl REYNOLDS (1707) in round one, resulting in a draw. He made up for this early lapse with later victories against Ewen GREEN (2256), Michael HAMPL (2134) and Orvin SARAPU (2289).

Paul GARBETT, who finished in a tie with Small for second, must have been pleased to gain revenge against the computer of Bruce BARNARD that upset him last year!

The special prize of a computer for the player who gained

victory against the highest rated ELO opponent using the Latvian Gambit produced a flurry of gambits in the last two rounds. Stephen LUKEY finally managed to overcome Richard TAYLOR (1850), despite a losing position, to take out this particular prize.

Four chess computers featured in this year's event, possibly for the last time as numerous complaints were received from the players.

Bob GIBBONS once again took up the task of DoP, a difficult job considering the large number of entries and the shortness of time between some rounds.

RESULTS 1st M DREYER 6.5/7 2nd= V SMALL, P GARBETT 6/7 4th= R DIVE, M HAMPL 5.6/7 6th= O SARAPU, E GREEN, P GREEN, SMITH. М FREEMAN, COOPER, P SPILLER 5/7

GRADE PRIZES Grade 1 (1800-2000) R HART 5/7 Grade 2 (1600-1800) C REYNOLDS 4.5/7 Grade 3 (1400-1600) C WILSON

3.5/7

Grade 4 (under 1400) B LIM 4/7 YOUTH PRIZE (under 20) 1st= D BOYD, P TUFFERY 4/7 3rd D FLLIOT 3,5/7 BEST RESULT BY COMPUTER B BARNARD (MEPHISTO)

LATVIAN GAMBIT ALL-COMER PRIZE S LUKEY (chess computer),

M DREYER - IM O SARAPU Three Knights

l	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Nc 3	g6
1	d4	exd
5	Nxd4	Bg7
5	Be3	Ng e 7
7	0d2	0-0
3	0-0-0	d€
9	Bc4!?	Ne5
10	Be2	Ng4
11	Bxg4	B×g4
12	f3	Pd7

13 Bh6! White now instigates action on the king-side with the strong Yuooslav Attack setup.

13		f5
14	h4	fxe4
15	Nxe4	Nf5
16	Nx f5	Rxf5
17	Bxg7	Kxq7
18	h5!	_

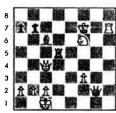
Over the last few moves Black has succeeded in exchanging several of White's dangerous minor pieces, but as a result he has even fewer defenders and the attack continues.

18 ... Qe8?
Leaving the 'c' pawn unguarded, but alternatives are hard to find. On 18 ... Rxh5 then 19 g4! is strong while Ortvin's suggestion of 18 ... g5 allows 19 h6+ with Rh5, Qc3 or Nxd6 to follow.

19	hxg6	Qxq6
20	Qc 3+	Kg₿
21	Qxc7	Bc6
22	Rxd6	Qq7
22	D-IO.	_

23 Oxg7+ is, of course, a winning endgame, but I was hoping to win in the middlegame.

23		Rxd8
24	Qxd8	Rf8
25	Qh4	Rf7
26	Ng5	Rd7
27	Qc 4+	Rd5
28	Nxh7	Qxq2
29	Nf6+	K f 7
30	Rh7+	



abcdefgh
... Kxf6
Qf4+ Ke6

32 Qf7+ 32 Qh6+! pointed out by Paul Cooper Ke5 33 Qe3+ Kf5 would win immediately. Both sides only had a few minutes left for the rest of the game.

	Ke5
Qe7+	Kf4
Qe4+	Kg3
Rg7+	Kf2
Rxg2+	Kxg2
Qg4+	Kf2
14	Bd7
Qg7	Ke3
f5	Bxf5
Qxb7	Be4
Qxa7	Ke2
ь3	Rd2
Qc5	Rd1+
Kb2	Rd5
Qc4	Ke3
a4	Rd4
Qc3+	ВdЗ
Qxd3+	Rxd3
cxd3	Kxd3
a5	Kd4
a6	Kc5
a7	Kb6
a8=0 1-0	
5 by Drever.	
	Qe4+ Rg7+ Rxg2+ Qg4+ f4 Qg7 f5 Qxb7 Qxa7 b3 Qc5 Kb2 Qc4 a4 Qc3+ Qxd3+ cxd3 a5 a6

IM V SMALL - M DREYER Queen's Gambit Accepted

1 d4 On the adjacent board Garbett played 1 d4 against Green and offered to take it back if Peter played a Latvian!

1		NfE
2	Nf3	d5
3	c4	dxc4
4	Nc3	а£
5	a4	e€
6	e3	c5
7	Bxc4	Nc6
8	0-0	cxd4
9	exd4	Be7
10	Re1	Nb4
11	Bg5	0-0
12	Qb3!?	Nee
13	Qd 1	Nb4
14	Qe2	Nfd5
15	Bxe7	Nxe7
16	Rad1	Nbd5
17	Bb3	bE
18	Ne5	Qd6!?
19	Ne4	Qb4
20	Bc2	Ng6
		3.

21 Nc6 This looks like a winner as Black's queen is trapped, but Black has a defence.

21		Ng f4
22	Qf3	Qc4
23	Rc1!	0xc6
24	Nf6+	gxf6
25	Bxh7+	

And at this point Vernon offered the draw which I immediately accepted. With three pieces for the Queen, Black is certainly not worse and probably has the better prospects after 25 ... Kxh7 26 Rxc6 Rg8 and Bd7 with the idea of b5. DRAWN

Notes by DREYER



RANK XEROX OTAGO OPEN EASTER TOUNAMENT.

By Ben MARTIN

THE 1989 Rank Xerox Otago Open Tournament was won by Steven LUKEY (Canterbury) with 5.5/6. He dropped half a point to Ben ALEXANDER after fighting to hold a difficult ending.

Richard SUTTON and Kendall BOYD (Otago) came second and third respectively, with 5/6 and 4.5/6.

Luke CAMPBELL directed the tournament.

SIXTEEN players entered the Otago-Southland Schoolpupils' Championship - all were male and none came from outside Dunedin.

Top seed Eric RAYNER came first equal with Gideon LEVYSON with 6/7. These two now qualify to represent their region at the New Zealand Schoolpupils' Championships (ater in the year.

This tournament was also directed by Luke CAMPBELL.

RESULTS from round 1 of the Otago Club Cgampionship: A grade 1st K Boyd B grade 1st= G Aimers, M Foord C grade 1st L Campbell D grade 1st E Kosie E grade 1st H Gold F grade 1st= V Hay, D Cameron G grade 1st P Frost



PAPATOETOE CHESS CLUB 1988

By Graham BANKS

JANUARY TOURNAMENT 1st C BLAXALL 2nd= G BANKS L COLLINS F McCARTHY D FAIRLEY M MILLS

SUMMER CUP

1st SAITEK ANALYST
2nd MEPHISTO ROMA
3rd= L COLLINS
 C WILSON
Collins won the play-ff for the trophy.

HANDICAP TOURNAMENT

1st= B MARSICK
B TURNER

3rd I REID

Marsick won the play-off for the trophu.

WINTER CUP
1st MEPHISTO ROMA
2nd= D NOTLEY
S HART
S DEVLIN

Notley won the play-off for the trophy.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

A grade 1st= B MARSICK
S HART
Srd= G BANKS
S DEVLIN
B Grade 1st= P CROSBIE
P WALLIS
Grd= P MCCARTHY
B TURNER
R FULLER
J MCRAE
C grade 1st A GRENFELL
2nd J TURNBULL
Grd C LAMBERT

Papatoetoe lost the Auckland Minor Chess Clubs League to Howick as a result of the following interclub results. v Papakura 4-2 & 3.5-2.5 v Howick 1.5-4.5 & 2-4



AUCKLAND REGIONAL SCHOOLPUPILS CHAMPIONSHIP 1989

By David SHEAD

THIRTY competitors from around the Auckland region gathered for the schoolpupil championship which was held at the Auckland Chess Centre over the three days from May 8 - 10. Ages ranged from 18 down to 7, and a good, competitive spirit was apparent at all age levels.

In the final analysis it turned out to be a three horse race, with Darryn ELLIOT, Mark SINCLAIR and David BOYD clearly outclassing their nearest rivals. These three have, perhaps, more experience of competitive and club chess and their games also showed a higher level of technical mastery.

Some obviously talented players clearly suffered from a lack of 'book knowledge'. Perhaps that situation will be alleviated as 'Chess in Schools' progresses.

Apart from the major prizes, there was fierce competition for the age group prizes.

These were won as follows: 14-15 Matthew GILLARD; 12-13 Shane HOY FANG and Christopher HOGGINS; 10-11 Alexis SHEAD; 9 and under Roman JEWELL and Hayden PICKERING.



WELLINGTON

SCHOOLPUPILS

The Wellington Schoolpupils tournament was held at Rongotai College from 8th May to 12th May with 11 competitors. Two or three were playing their last or

second-last schoolpupils but the majority were in the 14-15 years age group.

Sending out 100 entry forms resulted in more players than last year and a larger geographic spread. One entrant came down from Hawera and another from Palmerston North. Wellington Chess League was grateful for the billets provided by the McLarens (of Leonard fame) and McElwees (Rongotal teacher).

The event ran very smoothly and the boys (no girls) were a credit to the schools they came from. Surprisingly, we had to break a pairing once only.

Four wins and a draw took James Donaldson (Upper Hutt) to a handy lead until Black Thursday. On that day Donaldson managed to blunder a bishop in both games allowing Shamnika Rupasinghe (Scots) and Stefan White (Upper Hutt) to pass him.

Rupasinghe, by winning his last round game while White lost, took first place ahead of Donaldson, White and Marvin Jones (Hutt Valley). To determine who was entitled to represent Wellington at the nationals, I utilised SB points, awarding the second place to Donaldson.

The DOP's task was very easy but time-consuming. Jonathan Sarfati came in on the Tuesday and gave me a day off but he was the only person from the league that I saw all week. This meant I had to make the decision on the tie-break without consultation and conduct the prizegiving on my own. I can and did do it but why did I have to? Out of 400 chessplayers in Wellington am I, and Jonathan, the only ones with spare time?

Results: S Rupasinghe 6.5; J Donaldson, S White, M Jones 5.5; T Mastorakis 5; D Gwynn, P Chung 4.5; P Shaw 4; R Carson, S McCallum 5; R Jackson 1.

S Rupasinghe P Shaw
1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e5
5 5 8 Bd3 h5 9 044 Qh4 10 Bxf5
Qxf4 11 Bxf4 exf5 12 Nf3 Nc6 13
dxc5 0-0 14 0-0 Be6 15 Nd4 Rab8
16 Rab1 Rfc8 17 Rb5 a6 18 Rb6
Na5 19 Rfb1 Nc4 20 Rxb7 Nxa3 21

 Rxb8
 Nxb1
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 Rxb1
 Pxc5
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 Rc8
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 Nxe6
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 26
 Rb6

 Kf7
 27
 Rxb1
 Rc7
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 Kf2
 Ev
 29

 Rd6
 Kf7
 30
 Ke3
 Ke7
 31
 Kd3
 Kf7

 32
 Rd8
 Ke7
 33
 Bg5+
 Kf7
 34
 Rh8

 35
 Bf6+
 Kf7
 36
 Rh7+
 Resigns.



Womens' CHESS

By Vivian SMITH

SEVERAL women players have been doing well on the international scene recently.

Zsofia Polgar's stunning performance in Rome (see Aprilisue, NZ Chess p37) has been compared with with the best results of Fischer and Kasparov. As mentioned in the April issue, Zsofia scored 8.5/9 to win the tournament with a performance rating of 2930!

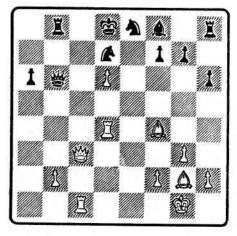
A female player struck again at Metz, France. Sweden's Pia Crammling tied for first on 7.5/9 with Tony Miles and Lohlweyer. The field of 150 included B Grandmasters.

And in Switzerland World Champion Maya Chiburdanidze took the brilliancy prize at the Lugano tournament with this superlative effort.

CHIBURDANIDZE - HOFFMAN Sicilian.

1.	ė4	c 5
2	Nf3	e£
3	Nc3	a6
4	d4	cxd4
5	Nxd4	Q∈ 7
6	g3	ь5
7	Bg2	Bb7
8	ο-α	d6
9	Re1	Nd7
10	a4	bxa4
11	Rxa4	Ng f6
12	Nd5	exd5
13	exd5+	Kd8
14	Nc 6+	Bxc6
15	dxc6	Nb€
16	Fid4	d5
1.7	c.4	0xc6
18	cxd5	0.5
19	d6	EbB
		, 67 63

20	Bf4	Nbd7
21	Qd2	h6
22	Rc1	Qb&
23	Qc3	NeB



Q∈7+	Nxc7
dxc7+	KeB
Re4+	Be7
cxb8≃Q+	Nxbé
Rc8+	Kd7
Bh3+	1-0
	dxc7+ Re4+ cxb8=Q+ Rc8+

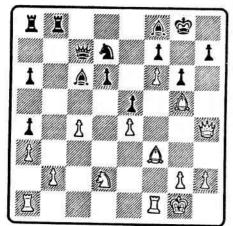
So on the professional circuit at least women are becoming well established as equals or - in some cases - better than equal.

I confidently expect to report on more international successes by female players in the near future.

In the meantime I leave you with a couple more examples of Zsofia Polgar's sparkling play from Rome — a result, according to British Chess Magazine, that made "strong men tremble."

ZSOF IA	POLGAR	(2295)	11	SUBA
(2515)	Gieili	D. NO.		

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2	Nf3	d6
3	d4	Nf6
-4	N∈3	cxd4
5	Nxd4	ë6
6	Be2	a6
7	0-0	Be7
8	Be3	Qc 7
9	f4	0-0
10	Qe1	b5
1.1	aЗ	Bb7
12	Bf3	Nbd7
1.3	Qg3	No.5
14	f5	e5
15	NP3	Na4
16	Nxa4	bxa4
17	Nd2	Rfc8
18	c 4	Bc6
19	Bh6	BfB
20	Bg5	Nd7
21	fE	g6
22	Qh4	Rcb8



23	Bg4	Qb6+
24	Kh1	0xb2
25	Bxd7	Bxd7
26	₽h€	d5
27	Bxf8	Qxd2
28	Rad1	Qe3
29	Rde1	Qd2
30	BhE	Qa5
31	exd5	ReB
32	Be3	Kh8
33	Bh6	Qc 5
34	Re4	Kg8
35	Eq7	1-0

J	RAZUVAYEV	(2550)	ZSOFIA
POI	GAR (2295).	English.	

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Nf3

46	NT3	N∈€
3	Nc3	gE
4	e 3	d6
5	d4	6 x d 4
6	exd4	Bq4
7	Be2	Bg7
8	0-0	Nhe
9	d5	Bxf3
10	Bx f3	Ne5
11	Be2	Nf5
12		
	Bd2	Nd4
13	Re1	00
14	Bf1 &	a6_
15	Ne4	ReB
1.€.	Bc3	Nf5
17	63	Qc 7
18	Rc 1	ь6
19	gЗ	Nc17
20	Bh3	ВжсЗ
2.1	Rxc3	Ng 7
22	Qd2	Qb7
23	Qh 6	Nf8
24	Ng 5	65
25	Roe3	bxc#
26	bxc4	Ω∈7
27	Red	Nh5
28	Rh4	Nf6
29	Nf3	Rab8
30	Nd4	Rb2
31	Qc 1	Qb6
32	a4	Ra2
33	Qc 3	q5
34	Rh6	Na6
35	Bf5	Rxa4
36	h4	0ь4
37	Qc 1	Oxe4
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38	h×a5	
39		Qxc1
40	Rxc1	Rxd4
41	gxf6	exf6
	Bd7	Re2
42	Rh5	Re5
43	Rh1	Rdxd5
44	Kg2	Rd2
45	Rhd1	Ree2
46	Rxd2	Rxd2

and Black went on to win with her extra 3 pawns (86 moves).



OVERSEAS NEWS

By NH PETER STUART

LINARES

This tournament, in February/March, attained category 16 despite some problems at the start. Korchnoi withdrew in protest at the fact that the organising committee had failed to properly consider his objection to the appointment of Baturinsky as arbiter. It will be remembered, of course, that Viktor Baturinsky had a major role in the Soviet chess hierarchy at the time of Korchnoi's defection and during the two World Championship matches of 1978 and 1981. Not unnaturally Korchnoi sees him as his main persecutor from those years. Then there was the question of the participation of Spanish number one Illescas but the sponsor's insistence on category 16 precluded his playing.

Karpov's first round loss obviously made things very difficult and his chances were not improved when Vassily Ivanchuk, who had the bye in round one, scored five points from his first six games. The race was always between these two and in the end Ivanchuk was able to preserve a half point advantage.

The final scores: 1 GM Ivanchuk (USR) 71/2; 2 GM Karpov (USR) 7; 3 GM Ljubojevic (YUG) 6; 4-5 GM Short (ENG) & GM Timman (NLD) 512; 6 GM Yusupov (USR) 5; 7 GM Belyavsky (USR) 41; 8 GM Portisch (HUN) 4; 9-10 GM Gulko (USA) & GM A. Sokolov (USR) 31/2; 11 GM Hjartarson (ICE) 3.

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Ivanebuk is a fairly new name in world chess yet be is already ranked at number 6 on the FIDE Rating List. His result at Linares suggests be might to rather higher on the next list!

KARPOV - YUSUPOV, Leningrad Dutch:

1 c4 f5 2 d4 Nf6 3 g3 g6 4 Bg2 Bg7 5 Nc3 d6 6 Nf3 0-0 7 0-0 c6 8 b3 Oc7 9 Ba3 a5 10 RcI Na6 11 Od2 Bd7 12 Rfel Nb4 13 Bb2 e5 14 a3 Na6 15 dxe5 dxe5



16 Nb5! cxb5 17 cxb5 Nc5 18 Bxe5 Qb6 19 Bxf6 Bxf6 20 Qd5+ Ne6 21 Oxd7 Rad8 [It looks as though the ex-World Champion has miscalculated - his queen is trapped is it not? 22 Rc6! Rxd7 [The alternative was also unpleasant: 22...bxc6 23 Oxe6+ Kg7 24 Oxc6] 23 Rxb6 Nc5 24 b4 axb4 25 axb4 Ne4 26 e3 Kf7 27 h4 Rb8 28 Rc1 Ke7 29 Nd4 Kf7 30 Bxe4 fxe4 31 Ne6 Bd8 32 Ng5+ Bxg5 33 hxg5 Re8 34 Rc4 Kg7 35 Kg2 Rf7 36 Rd6 h6 37 gxh6+ Kxh6 38 b6 Re5 39 Rc7 Rf8 40 Rxb7 Ref5 41 Rd2 Rb5 42 Rd4, 1 - 0.

BELYAVSKY - IVANCHUK, Ruy Lopez:

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 Bc5 4 c3 Nf6 5 d4 Bb6 6 Nxe5 Nxe5 7 dxe5 Nxe4 8 Qg4 Bxf2+ 9 Ke2 Oh4 10 Oxg7 Rf8 11 Nd2 Bc5 12 Nf3 Of2+ 13 Kd1 Be7 14 Rel Ob6 15 Rxe4 Qxb5 16 c4 Qc6 17 Qxh7 d5 18 exd6 Qxd6+ 19 Rd4 Qb6 20 Qe4 Rg8 21 Be3 Qxb2 22 Rb1 Qxg2 23 Rb5 Bg4 24 Rf5 Qf1+ 25 Kc2 Qe2+, 0 - 1.

AMSTERDAM

The Euwe Memorial tournament in March was a four-player double round-robin. Jan Timman held the lead at the half-way stage and then, in round 4, defeated Nigel Short, his nearest rival, to take a stranglehold on first place. Short then took the full point off Salov in round 5 to move into second place.

Scores: I GM Timman (NLD) 41/3; 2 GM Short (ENG) 4; 3 GM Salov (USR) 3; 4 GM Hjartarson (ICE) 1/2.

HJARTARSON - SALOV, Nimzoindian Defence:

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 Qc2 Q-Q 5 a3 Bxc3+ 6 Qxc3 b6 7 Bg5 Bb7 8 f3 c5 9 dxc5 bxc5 10 e3 Nc6 11 Nh3 h6 12 Bh4 Rc8 13 0-0-0 d5 14 Bxf6 gxf6 15 cxd5 exd5 16 Kb1 Qd6 17 Nf4 d4 18 Oel Oe5 19 Og3+ Og5 20 Nd5 Kg7 21 e4 Rfd8 22 Of2 Qe5 23 Bd3 f5 24 f4 Qe6 25 exf5 Qxd5 26 Qg3+ Kf8 27 f6 Rd6 28 Qg7+ Ke8 29 Rhel+ Kd8 30 Be4 Qb3 31 Bc2 Qd5 32 Be4 Qe6 33 Bxc6 Qf5+ 34 Kal Bxc6 35 Re7 Rd7 36 Re5 Qc2 37 Re8+ Kc7, 0 - 1.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

A number of European countries held their national championships during the first four months of the year. The Yugoslav Championship saw a two-way tie between IMs Branko Damljanovic and Zdenko Kozul who scored 114/17. Third place went to CM Dragan Barlov II while GM P.Popovic was fourth on 105. Notable absentees were Predrag Nikolic and Ljubomir Ljubojevic. The subsequent play-off for the title was won by Kozul.

The Dutch Championship had a surprise outcome when Rini Kuijf won the title by a half point from favourite (and only GM) John van der Wiel who shared second place on 612/11 with van der Sterren. The promising junior, IM Jeroen Piket, was one of three with 6 points. Absentees were Timman, Sosonko and Ree.

Hans-Ulrich Grünberg won the 38th East German Championship at Zittau from a field that included most of the country's top players except Wolfgang Uhlmann. Grünberg scored 1012/13 and was followed by another IM, Thomas Luther, on 912 points. The GMs Knaak and Bönsch took third and fourth places with $8\frac{1}{2}$ and 8 points respectively.

The untitled Wojtkiewicz won the Polish Championship at Slupsk with 91/2/15. Next

were IM Kuczynski on 9 points, then IMs Jasnikowski & Sznapik on 81/2.

Bent Larsen competed in the Danish Championship for the first time since 1964 but had to share first place with IM Mortensen; both players scored 75/11. Third equal were 1Ms Höi & Schandorff on 61/2.

BARCELONA

The fourth World Cup tournament took place in April with Milhall Tal absent because of illness. Thus there were 17 players including local GM Illescas who was not eligible for GP points. Ljubomir Ljubojevic took the lead right from the start and never let go. For a long time Nigel Short appeared to be the other contender for first place and the Englishman did indeed catch up to share the lead after the 11th round but only 12 points from his last 5 games saw him drop to a share of 5th place.

Gary Kasparov had a rather shaky start: the bye in round 1, a draw with white against Ribli in round 2, and then a loss to Yusupov in round 3 when the World Champion took an over-optimistic view of his position after an exchange sacrifice. Not until round 8 did Kasparov obtain a plus score and only in the final round did he catch up with Ljubojevic.

The scores:

					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
1	Kasparov	USR	G 27	75	x	1,	1	1	1/2	1	12	l _s	0	15	1	1	1	4	Ļ	1	12	11
2	Ljubojevic	YUG	G 25	80	4	x	12	Į,	1/2	1/2	12	1	Ļ	12	12	l	1	1	1	1	1	11
3	Salov	USR	G 26	30	0	12	x	노	1	1	1,5	0	1	15	Ŀ	12	1	0	1	1	1	10
4	Korchno1	SWI	G 26	10	0	12	3	x	0	15	1	15	12	1	15	1	1	1	ı	0	15	912
5	Hübner	BRD	G 26	00	35	15	0	1	x	15	ì	1/2	7	12	1.5	12	12	1	15	1,	1/2	9
6	Short	ENG	G 26	50	0	15	0	1,2	12	×	15	1	1	1	3-5	1,5	0	0	1	1	1	9
7	Nikolic	YUG	G 26	05	1,5	1/2	32	0	0	12	x	15	15	Ļ	12	12	4	32	1,5	1	1	8
8	Vaganian	USR	G 26	00	12	0	1	12	15	0	12	×	1	4	l ₂	1/2	ł	0	15	O	1	71∕≤
9	Yusupov	USR	G 26	10	1	12	0	1/2	12	0	32	0	x	녈	Ļ	Ł	١	12	12	1	12	71/2
10	Ribli	HUN	G 26	25	4	35	1/2	0	1,	0	1,2	1/2	Ļ	x	12	1	15	1,	1/2	1.2	15	735
11	Spassky	FRA	C 25	80	0	1,	4	ιį	1,5	15	1,5	1,	Ļ	15	x	0	12	15	12	1	32	71,
12	Belyavsky	USR	G 26	40	0	0	1/2	0	12	1	15	1,	1/2	0	I	x	1	1	1	12	0	71/2
13	Speelman	ENG	G 26	40	0	0	0	0	15	1	35	الم	1	Ļ	15	0	x	15	1	1	1	7
14	Hjartarson	ICE	G 26	15	15	0	I	0	0	1	4	1	1/2	4	ł	0	15	x	0	4	0	61/2
15	Seirawan	USA	G 26	10	12	0	0	0	4	0	Ł	15	15	1/2	1/2	0	12	1	x	15	1	61/2
16	Illescas	SPA	G 25	25	0	١ź	0	1	15	0	0	1	0	1 ₂	0	12	0	Ļ	12	x	12	51/2
17	Nogueiras	CUB	G 25	75	1,5	0	0	12	15	0	0	0	Ļ	1/2	12	I	0	1	0	Ļ	x	51 ₂

Salov gained his second rich haul of GP points with a late run including three consecutive wins in rounds 14 - 16. The placings for the purposes of the Grand Prix are somewhat different, however, since Illescas's results are deleted. Thus Ljubojevic will gain 28 GP points, Kasparov 261, Korchnoi 25, Salov 231, Hubner 22, & Short 2013.

KASPAROV - SALOV, Symmetrical English:

1 Nf3 Nf6 2 c4 b6 3 Nc3 c5 4 e4 d6 5 d4 cxd4 6 Nxd4 Bb7 7 Qe2 Nbd7 8 g3 Rc8 9 Bg2 a6 10 0-0 Qc7 11 b3 e6 12 Nd5 Qb8 13 Rd1 g6 14 Bg5 Bg7 15 Bxf6 Nxf6 16 Nxb6 Rd8 17 e5 Bxg2 18 exf6 Bxf6 19 Nxe6 fxe6 20 Qxe6+ Be7 21 c5 Bb7 22 Rel Qc7 23 c6 Bxc6 24 Rac1 Rd7 25 Nxd7 Qxd7 26 Qc4 Bb7 27 Qc7 Rf8 28 Qb8+ Kf7 29 Rc7, 1 - 0.

SPEELMAN - SHORT, Symmetrical English:

1 Nf3 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 b6 4 e4 Bb7 5 Bd3 c5 6 e5 Ng4 7 0-0 Nc6 8 Be4 f5 9 exf6 Nxf6 10 Bxc6 Bxc6 11 d4 Bxf3 12 Qxf3 cxd4 13 Nb5 Rc8 14 Bf4 a6 15 Nxd4 Rxc4 16 Rfdl Qc8 17 Rac1 Kf7 18 Qe2 Rxc1 19 Rxc1 Qa8 20 Nf3 Bc5 21 Ne5+ Ke7 22 Bg5 Rf8 23 RdI d6 24 b4 dxe5 25 bxc5 bxc5 26 Qc2 Kf7 27 Bxf6 Kxf6 28 Rd3 e4 29 Qc3+ Kf5 30 Rd7 e3 31 0xc5+ Kg6 32 0xe3 0c6 33 0g3+ Kf5 34 0h3+ Ke5 35 0g3+ Kf5 36 Rc7 0e4 37 h4 h6 38 Rxg7 Qel+ 39 Kh2 Qe5 40 Ra7 Qxg3+ 41 Kxg3 Rg8+ 42 Kh3 Rc8 43 Rxa6 Rc3+ 44 g3 h5 45 Ra5+ e5 46 f4 Ke4 47 fxe5 Kf3 48 e6 Kf2 49 Rf5+, 1 - 0.

SHORT - RIBLI, Sicilian Naidorf:

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Be3 e6 7 f3 b5 8 g4 h6 9 h4 b4 10 Nce2 e5 11 Nb3 d5 12 Ng3 d4 13 Bf2 Be6 14 Bd3 h5 15 g5 Nfd7 16 f4 Bg4 17 Be2 exf4 18 Nxh5 Bxe2 19 Qxe2 d3 20 cxd3 f3 21 Qxf3 Ne5 22 Qe2 Nxd3+ 23 Kf1 Nxf2 24 Kxf2 Nc6 25 Kg2 Qb8 26 Racl Ne5 27 Nf4 Bd6 28 Nd4 O-O 29 Nd5 Re8 30 Nf5 Ng6 31 Rcf1 Nf4+ 32 Nxf4 Bxf4 33 Qf3 Be5 34 Nxg7, 1 - 0.

YUSUPOV - KASPAROV, King's Indian Defence:

1 Nf3 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 d4 0-0 6 Be2 e5 7 d5 a5 8 Bg5 h6 9 Bh4 Na6 10 Nd2 Qe8 11 0-0 Nh7 12 a3 Bd7 13 b3 f5 14 exf5 gxf5 15 Bh5 Qc8 16 Be7 Re8 17 Bxe8 Qxe8 18 Bh4 e4 19 Qc2 Qh5 20 Bg3 Re8 21 Bf4 Qg4 22 g3 Ng5 23 Kh1 Nf3 24 Rac! Nc5 25 Nxf3 Qxf3+ 26 Kg! Nd3 27 Qd2 Bd4? [Doubtless Kasparov wanted to catch up to the field after his early bye but this turns out to be over-optimistic; Black should have recaptured the exchange! 28 Rc2 Kh7 29 h3 Rg8 30 Kh2 Qh5 31 Nd1 Ne5 32

f3 Nd3 33 Ne3 Nxf4 34 gxf4 Bb6 35 Qf2 Qg6 36 Re2 Bc5 37 fxe4 fxe4 38 f5 Qh5 39 Rd2 Rg5 40 Qf4 Qe8 41 Ng4, 1 - 0.

SEIRAWAN - LJUBOJEVIC, Queen's Gambit Declined:

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 d5 4 Bg5 Nbd7 5 e3 c6 6 cxd5 exd5 7 Bd3 Bd6 8 Nge2 Nf8 9 f3 Ng6 10 e4 dxe4 11 fxe4 Be7 12 0-0 0-0 13 Qb3 c5 14 e5 Ng4 15 Bxg6 hxg6 16 Bxe7 Qxe7 17 Nf4 Qh4 18 h3 Ne3 19 Rf2 Be6 20 d5 g5 21 Nfe2 c4 22 Qb5 Bxh3 23 gxh3 Qxh3 24 Rh2 Qg4+ 25 Kf2 Qf5+ 26 Kxe3 Qxe5+ 27 Kd2 Qxh2 28 Qxc4 Rae8 29 Rd1 Re5 30 Kc2 Qh7+ 31 Kb3 Qh3 32 Nd4 Rc8 33 Qb5 Re3 34 Ka3 Qg4 35 Rd2 Qf4 36 Rd1 Qd6+ 37 Kb3 a6 38 Qb4 Qxd5+ 39 Ka3 Rc4 40 Nf5, 0 - 1 (time).

It is not easy to make comparisons of World Cup points when some players have completed 2 events, others 3 and some 4. Unless otherwise indicated the following scores are from 3 events. Belyavsky and Speelman have played all four of their events; their score is the best three of the four. Kasparov 83, Ljubojevic 664, Belyavsky 634, Karpov 54 (2), Speelman 51, Andersson 49 , Salov 48 (2), Sokolov 48, Ribli 46, Spassky 451, Ehlvest 45 (2), Nikolic 431, Hubner 43 (2), Nunn 421 (2), Yusupov 421,

CHESS OSCAR

The miracle of mail by sailing ship all the way from Spain reveals that the 1988 Chess Oscar awards went to Gary Kasparov and Judit Polgar. The voting by chess journalists and FIDE dignituries resulted in the following points in the men's section: I Kasparov 592, 2 Karpov 446, 3 Speelman 327, 4 Short 305, 5 Ivanchuk 199, 6 Yusupov 162, 7 Belyavsky 153, 8 Hjartarson 147, 9 Timman 144, 10 Salov 127.

In the women's section the top ten were: 1 J.Polgar 519, 2 Chiburdanidze 372, 3 Zsu. Polgar 338, 4 Cramling 300, 5 Ioseliani 283, 6 Akhmilovskaya 272, 7 Levitina 151, 8-9 Litinskaya & Zso. Polgar 119, 10 Gaprindashvili 75.

NEW YORK OPEN

The 91 players in the top section of this year's New York Open in March included a record 45 grandmasters as well as 25 international masters. An incentive to play was provided in that the event was one of three qualifying tournaments for the next World Cup series. The Soviet Union was particularly well represented with 14 competitors although only veteran Lev Polugaevsky got amongst the high prize winners.

The nine-round Swiss was won by American GM John Fedorowicz with 7 points. There was a multi-national tie for second place involving GMs Gulko (USA), Lobron (BRD), H.

Olafsson (ICE) & Polugaevsky (USR) on 64 points.

On 6 points: GMs Christiansen (USA), de Firmian (USA), Dolmatov (USR) Gufeld (USR), M.Gurevich (USR), Petursson (ICE), Romanishin (USR), Smyslov (USR), FM Dreev (USR) & untitled Epeshin (USR). On 54 points: GMs Dzindzihashvill (USA), Ehlvest (USR), Gelfand (USR), Kovacevic (YUG), Kudrin (USA), Chernin (USR), IMs I. Ivanov (CAN) & J. Polgar (HUN).

LUGANO

Played just before the New York Open, this event attracted 29 GMs in the 184-player main event. This was also a 9-round Swiss but a startling 8 points was required for a share of first place - the score achieved by Viktor Korchnoi and Margeir Petursson.

A group of 13 players shared third place back on 64 points: GM Chernin (USR), GM de Firmian (USA), IM Douven (NLD), GM Gheorghiu (RUM), IM Hansen (DEN), IM King (ENG), CM Knaak (DDR), IM Lautier (FRA), Marinelli (ITA), IM Mascarinas (PHI), GM Miles (USA), IM Piket (NLD) & GM Rogers (AUS).

GMs Browne, Hort & Lerner were among those on 6 points while the 51/2-pointers included such heavyweights as Gavrikov, Nikolic, Nunn, Sax, Seirawan & Torre.

DORTMUND

Ukrainian veteran Efim Geller took first place in a category 11 tournament in this West German city in March. The scores: 1 CM Geller (USR) 71; 2 IM Tolnai (HUN) 7; 3 GM Hick1 (BRD) 6; 4-6 IM Bischoff (BRD). IM Kotronias (GRE) & GM 1. Sokolov (YUG) 512; 7-10 GM Hort (BRD), IM King (ENG), IM Mohr (BRD) & GM Psakhis (USR) 5; 11-12 GM Kindermann (BRD) & IM Schmittdiel (BRD) 44.

HUBNER v SPASSKY

A short match in Venice was won 4-2 by the German GM who won the first game (with White) and the fourth (with Black) without reply by Spassky.

KARPOV v ANDERSSON

A similar match at Marostico (also Italy) saw Anatoly Karpov defeat Ulf Andersson 21/2 - 11/2. This match was evenly fought. First Karpov erred with the black pieces but the Swede was unable to make the most of his chance. Then it was Andersson's turn to make the mistake when Karpov was similarly unable to extract the full point. The third game was drawn in 21 moves. The final game went Karpov's way after a defensive mistake by Andersson in an otherwise tenable position.

STUDIES By Emil MELNICHENKO

FANTASTIC play from a plain position is an ideal sought after by players and composers alike. Although Slepyan, a composer from Minsk, achieves this here, his study unfortunately did not get the recognition it deserved when it originally proved faulty and had to be corrected.

A look at the diagram begs the question: how is white to proceed when black is virtually a queen for a mere bishop ahead?



G Slepyan, Shakmaty v SSSR, 1978

1. Kb8 Obviously not 1. Be3? 1. Bq5? or 1. c5? as 1. ... Kc7 leaves the white king imprisoned. 1. ... h1=Q If 1. ... a1=0 2. a8=0 0x<1 (2.

... Qd4 3. Qa7+ Ka5 4. Bd2+

Qxd2 5. Qc5 ends the struggle, while 2. ... Kc5 3. Qd5+ Kb6 4. Qd6+ also snares black) 3. Qa7+ Kc6/a5 4. Qc7 is mate. No better is 1. ... Kc5 2. a8=Q Kd4 (2. ... Kd6 3. Qd5+ Ke7 4. Ba5+ Kf8 5. Odi stops black's pawns and 2. ... a1=0 3. Qd5+ mates) 3. Bb2+ Kd3 4. Qe4+ Kd2 with 5. Qh4 winning.

2. Be3+

A terrible blunder would be 2. a8=Q? Qh8 mate.

2. ... Ka5 After 2. ... Kc6 3. a8=Q+ Kd7 4. Qd5+ Ke7 (4. ... Ke8 5. Bc5 Qh3 [5. ... Qh7 6. Qe6+ mates] 6. Qg8+ Kd7 7. Qc8 ends black's dreams) 5. Bc5+ Kf6 6. Qd6+ Kd7 (6. ... Kg5 7. Qxe5+ Kh6 8. Qh8+ skewers the queen while 6. ... Kf5/7 7. Qf8+ Ke6 8. Qe7+ Kf5 9. Qf7+ Kg5 10. Be3+, Kh5 11. Qh7 is mate) 7. Qf8+ Kh7 8. Qf7+ Kh6 (8. ... Kh8 9. Be7 and 10. Bf6+ wins) 9. Be3+ g5 10. 8c5 g4 11. Be3 mate draws the curtain.

3. a8=N

The only way to unhorse black! How many players would automatically gueen only to find that after 3. ... Qh8+ 4. Kb7 (4. Kc7 Qq7+!=) Qq7+:5, Kc6 Qf6+ 6. Kd5 Qf7+ 7. Ke4 Qf5+ (7. Kxe5?

a1=0 wins) 8. Kd5 0d7+ 9. Kc5 Qe7+ draws by perpetual check! If here white tries 4. Ka7 Qxa8+ 5. Mxa8 a1=Q 6. Kb7 Qd4 7. Bxd4 exd4 (7. Kc7 q5 and black wins by zugzwang, eg. 8. Bxd4 exd4 or 8. Kc6 Qd8) 8. c5 d3 9. c6 d2 10. c7 d1=0 11. c8=0 0xf3+ (11. b4+ Kb5=) draws the endgame. 3. Qh8+ 4. Kb7 0xa8+Black's only way to allay

execution by either Bd2 mate or Bb6 mate. It now becomes clear that a draw by perpetual check after 4. ... Qg7+ is prevented by Nc7, hence white's underpromotion to a knight! Kc7

Not a misprint but the only move to win! White, in effect, has gained a tempo. After 5. Kxa8? a1=0 6. Kb7 Qd4 (6. ... 0xa3 7. Bd2+ wins) 7. Bxd4 exd4 (7. Kc7 gS reduces white to zugzwang with no constructive or good waiting move, eq. 8. Kb7 Qd6: 8. c5 0d5; 8. Kc8 Qc3; or 8. Kc6 Qd8 9. Kb7 Qd6 [9. Bc5 Qc8+; 9. c5 Qc8+1 10. c5 Qd7+ and black has wrested the win from white's hands in every variation) 8. c5 d3 with a drawn queen and pawn ending inevitable. Ob D+

A desperate attempt to fend off checkmate. After 5. ... Qc8+/d8+ 6. KxQ and white wins as in the main line.

6. K×b8 a1 ≈ D 7. Kc7

Certainly not 7. Kb7? Qd4 which simplifies to the already shown draw after 8. Bxd4 exd4=. There is no time here for 8. Kc77 since 8. ... g5 leaves white with only losing moves as noted before, and if 8. f4? Qd7+ followed by 9. ... exf4 dethrones the white king.

7. ... Qd4f4

And quite suddenly it is black instead who is in zugzwang and embarassed with no reasonable reply. Mate on the hoof by Bd2 mate or Bb6 mate forces 8. ... 0xe3 (8. ... g5 9. fxg5 changes nothing) 9. fxe3 exf4 10. exf4 q5 11. f5 with 12 . Qb4 mate being one road to

victory. Underpromotion, avoidance of

capture, gain of tempo and reciprocal zugzwang are all here to catch the eye of the beholder.

BLACK IS (STILL) OK! BY IGM ANDRAS ADORJAN

Barle - Adorjan Caro-Kann

1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 ed5 cd5 4 c4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 cd5 Nd5 7 Qb3 Mb6 8 d5 Bg7 9 Be3 0-0 10 Rd1 Na6 11 Nf3

If 11 Ba6 ba6 12 Nge2 a51 13 Qb5 Rb8 14 Qa57 Nc4 gives black plenty of counterplay for the pawn, according to Svesnikov. 11...0d61 12 a37 Normal is 12 Be2 when Black

1s still doing fine after 12 ...Nc5 13 Qb5[13 Qa3 Nca41 13 Qb4?? Nd3] Nca41 14 Ne4 [14 Na4 Bd7] Od7 15 Qb3 Qc7 16 0-0 Bf5 17 Rc1 0d8 18 Nc5 Nc5 19 Rc5 Qd6 as in Schultz - Miles BRD 1983. The text is defending against Qb4, but proves to be a heavy loss of time. 12...Nc5 13 Qb5

13 Qa2 Nca4 14 Na4 Na4 15 Bd4 e5+-; 13 Qb4 Nca4. 13...Nca41

The tempting 13...Bc3 14 bc3 Ne4 15 Ob3 Bd7 wasn't so clear after 16 Rd41 14 Ne4 Qd7 15 Qb3 A tricky try. Others: (a) 15 Qa5 Nb2 16 Bb6 ab6 17 QaB Nd1 18 Kd1 Qd5 19 Ned2 Bg4 20 Qa4 Bf3 21 gf3 Rd8 22 Qc2 Bh6-+; (b) 15 Qb4 Qf51 [On Nb2 16 Rd41 the case is not at all

clear, now however white is in trouble. Threatening 16 ...a5 and 16...Nb2.] 16 Bb6 ab6 17 b3 Nb2 18 Rd2 Ra311 19 Qa3 Qe4 20 Be2 Bc3 21 0-0 Bd2 22 Nd2 Oe2 23 Ob2 Rd8 24 Qd4 Be6 or 24 Qc3 Bf5 and black wins. (c) 15 b3 Nc3 with a small plus for black.

15...Nb2 16 Bb5 Qq4 17



All of a sudden the black queen is trapped, but never mindl 17...Nd1 18 h3 18 Qd1? Bc3 19 Kf1 Bd7-+:

18 Kd17 Rd8 19 h3 Oe6. 18...Ne3 19 hg4 Ng21 20 Kf1 Nf4

The smoke has cleared up: Black has more than enough compensation and all white may do is to complicate in this lost position.

21 Na5 h6 22 d617 ed6 I spent some time consider-1ng 22...ha5 23 de7 Re81 24 Be8 Be6, but decided rather take than sacrifice things from this moment...

23 N5e4 Bq4 24 Rh4 Be6 25 Of3 Nfd5 26 Nd6 Nc31 27 Nge47 Rad8 28 Nf6 Bf6 29 Of6 Rd6 30 Oc3 30 Rh67 Bh3. 30...Rc8 31 062 h5 32 Be2 Rc5 33 a47 Drops another pawn. 33...Bd7 34 Rd4 Na4 35 Od2 Rd4 36 Od4 Bc6 37 Od8 Kh7 38 f3 Rf5 39 Kf2 Mc3 40 Bd3 Rf3 41 Ke1 a5 42 Kd2 Ne4 0-1.

BUNNIES UNITE

What do you think of reverse pairings in swiss tournaments? I had a play around with some possibilities and came to the conclusion that they are an attempt by the lions to keep the rabbits in their burrows. Instead of trying to pair equals, neverse pairing ensures the pairings are as far apart as possible.

Looking at the six-round event (and conceding that the six-rounder may be the worst case but the most common), I found that in all cases looked at. the Successful high-rated player always got a weaker field than a successful low-rated player. In the case where the rabbit is the only upset and keeps on winning, he will meet all the top seeds. With reverse pairing, there is no иау a top seed will meet more than three out of five unless the field is small. Of the three methods I looked at, reverse pairing was the worst.

Accordingly. reverse pairing to aberration which should never have seen the light of day.

Since using a 1 1 pairings still Leaves higher-rated player with advantage of a slightly weaker field, perhaps other ideas should be looked at though direct pairing seems to be the simplest way.

One I have heard about lately is splitting the field into an elite group (playing a round robin) and the others in a swiss as is done at congress.

Another alternative (to reverse pairings) is accelerated pairings if it is necessary or desirable to continue with a large swiss. This method would ensure that the high-rated players don't get an easy ride against a rabbit who flukes an early win. It would also tend to make players oppose their peers (high or low) and create a more pleasant tourney for the low-rated, many of whom have expressed their dislike of the battering they recetve high-rated players in a swiss event, This complaint is entirely the fault of reverse pairings.

dan't expect bunny-bashers to like this but they are big enough to look after themselves therice rievense pairings).

Bill Ramsay

COMPUTER CHESS UPDATE G. Banks

1988 WORLD MICRO CHAMPIONSHIP (Almeria, SPAIN)

The two main titles of interest to the average reader were the MANUFACTURERS group and the COMMERCIAL group. The MANUFACTURERS group

entered only by FIDELITY AND MEPHISTO each with 4 machines enabling 32 games to be played between the two programs. result was 19-13 to MEPHISTO and some of the games were very impressive. The first game given found its way into the DAILY TELEGRAPH. The tactics incredibly deep and Whites 20.Be3 was one of the best moves of the tournament. The move order is impeccable as the e-file is cleared for the rook, the darksquared bishop is brought into the kingside attack, and an exchange sacrifice decides matters.

FIDELITY-MEPHISTO

1.e4,c6; 2.d4,d5; 3.ed,cd; 4.c4, Nf6; 5.Nc3,e6; 6.Nf3,Be7; 7.cd, Nxd5; 8.Bd3,Nb4; 9.Be4,0-0; 10.0-0,N8c6; 11.Rel.Qd6; 12.Nb5,Qd8; 13.Bf4,a6; 14.Nc7,Ra7; 15.d5,ed; 16.Nxd5,Nxd5; 17.Qxd5,Be6; 18.Qh5,g6; 19.Qh6,Qc8; 20.Be3,Ra8; 21.Bxc6,Qxc6; 22.Bd4,f6; 23.Rxe6,Qd7 24.Ng5,Bb4; 25.Bxf6,Rae8; 26.Rxe8, Rxe8; and White woo

In the next game MEPHISTO gains a win with fine positional play.

FIDELITY-MEPHISTO

1.e4,d6; 2.d4,Nf6; 3.Nc3,c6; 4. Nf3,Bg4; 5.h3,Bh5; 6.Be2,e6; 7.0-0 d5; 8.e5,Ne4; 9.Be3,Nxc3; 10.bc, Be7; 11.Rb1,b5; 12.Qd2,0-0; 13.Rb2,Nd7; 14.Bf4,h6; 15.Rfb1,a6; 16. Nh2,Bxe2; 17.Qxe2,Nb6; 18.Qg4,Kh8; 19.Rb3,c5; 20.Rd1,Qc7; 21.Qe2,Rac8 22.Rc1,Nd7; 23.Qe3,Qa5; 24.a3,c4; 25.Rbb1,Nb6; 26.Qf3,Na4; 27.Ra1, Qxc3; 28.Qxc3,Nxc3; 29.Re1,Na4; 30.Ng4,Bd8; 31.Bd2,c3; 32.Be3,Be7; 33.Ra2,Kg8; 34.Nh2,Rc4; 35.Rb1,Nb2 36.Rba1,Rfc8; 37.Nf1,f6; 0-1(time)

And finally the winner of the BEST GAME PRIZE.

1.d4,Nf6; 2.c4,e6; 3.Nf3.b6; 4.

MEPHISTO-FIDELITY

Nc3, Bb4; 5.Qb3, Na6; 6.Bg5, Bb7; 7. 0-0-0,Bxc3; 8.Qxc3,Ne4; 9.Qe3,Nxg5 10.Nxg5,Qf6; 11.Qg3,h6; 12.Nf3,Be4 13.a3,c5; 14.e3,cd; 15.Nxd4,Nc5; 16.f3,Bh7; 17.e4,0-0; 18.e5,Qe7; 19. f4, f6: 20.Qe3,fe; 21.fe,Qh4; 22.g3,Qh5; 23.Bg2,Rac8; 24.Rd2,Qg6; 25.Kd1, Rf7; 26.b3,Rcf8; 27.Ke2,Qh5+; 28. Kel, Rf2; 29.Qxf2, Nd3+; 30.Rxd3, Rxf2; 31.Kxf2,Bxd3; 32.Rel,Of7+; 33.Bf3,Qf8; 34.Re3,Bb1; 35.Nb5,Qc5 36.Be2,a6; 37.b4,Qc6; 38.Nd6,Oh1; 39.h4,Qh2+; 40.Kfl,Kh7; 41.Nc8,Oh1+ 42.Kf2,Qc6; 43.Nd6,a5; 44.Bdl,Qhl; 45.Ba4,Qh2+; 46.Kf3,Qql; 47.Ke2, Qg2+; 48.Kel,Bc2; 49.Bxd7,Qgl+; 50.Ke2,Qdl+; 51.Kf2,Bd3; 52.q4, Qfl+; 53.Kg3,g5; 54.hg,hg; 55.Rf3, Qgl+; 56.Kh3,Bfl+; 57.Rxfl,Oxfl+; 58.Kg3,Qf4+; 59.Kg2,Qxg4+; 60.Kf2, Qd4+; 61.Kfl, Qxe5; and Black won

The COMMERCIAL section was originally to be run on the basis of the two strongest models of each manufacturer being purchased from retail outlets and then being pitted against each other in an all play all. However the manufacturers had not notified of this and as a result NOVAG, SAITEK, and CXG sent formal protests against the inclusion of their machines. The three entries that did participate were FIDELITY (32 bit MACH III at 20mhz). MEPHISTO (32 bit ALMERIA at 20mhz) and CONCHESS (PLYMATE AT 20mhz). MEPHISTO triumphed over FIDELITY in this section also, both machines totally outclassing the CONCHESS program which only achieved & point.

Finally, here is the list of the top performing commercially available machines in games versus humans only: (ELO)

- 1. FIDELITY MACH III 2185
 (53 games)
- 2. MEPHISTO DALLAS 32 2109 (197 games)
- 3. MEPHISTO MEGA 4 2101
- (46 games)
 4. MEPHISTO AMSTERDAM 2093
 (182 games)
- 5. NOVAG EXPERT (5mhz) 2089 (62 games)
- 6. MEPHISTO MONDIAL/DALLAS XL 2079 (48 games)
- 7. FIDELITY MACH IIC+ 2075
- 8. CONCHESS PLYMATE (4mhz) -
- 9. NOVAG SUPER EXPERT/SUPER FORTE
 (6mhz) 2068 (94 games)
- 10. NOVAG EXPERT (6mhz) 2061
- (22 games) 11. MEPHISTO MM4 (5mh2) - 2056
- (78 games) 12. MEPHISTO ROMA 32 - 2046
- (47 games)
 13. SAITEK LEONARDO ANALYST (8mhz)
 2029 (20 games)
- 14. MEPHISTO DALLAS 16 2026 (50 games)
- 15. MEPHISTO SUPER MONDIAL 2020 (6 games)

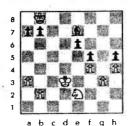
FNDGAME TRILOGY

By Leonard McLaren

In the congress I was involved in three bishop versus knight endgames. In each case the bishop demonstrated its superiority in this phase of the game.

In the examples that follow, the diagram shows the position when the endgame type had just arisen.

L McLaren



B Martin

In this position from round 1 black's advantage - owing to the slightly unbalanced pawn structure and the white pawns fixed on black squares - does not appear to be enough to win. Nevertheless white must be careful.

36 ... Kc7

37 Nd4 Kd7

38 Kc4 a6 (Putting pawns on squares the opposite colour to the bishop's in order to control more territory)

39 Nf3? (Giving a lot of ground by allowing the black king to reach d5. Better was 39 a4! with a probable draw)

1.5.4

40 Kd3 B16

41 b3 (s) Kd6

42 a4 (White either has to play this or allow ...a5-a4 fixing a weakness on a3)

... ba

43 ba Kc5 (The a-pawn is lost so white must attack black's only real weakness, the e-pawn)
44 Nq5 Kd5 (44...Bxg5?? 45 hg wins for white; 44...Kb4 is possible but I was a little unsure of 45 Nxe6 Kxa4 46 Nc7 a5 47 Nd5 when white is active)
45 Ke3 (White protects his kingside pawns. 45 Kc2 Bd4 and 45 Nf3 a5 46 Ng5 Kc5 are similiar to the text)

... a5 (So when this pawn becomes passed it will be a step closer to queening)
46 Kf3 (46 Kd3 e5!)

... Kc4 (46...e5 first is also good but I didn't want white to gain the use of the f4 square after 47 fe)

47 Nxe6 Kb4

48 Ke3 (White does not have time to win a pawn e.g. by Nc7-e8-d6xf5 because the black a-pawn queens)

... Kxa4

49 Kd3 Kb5

50 Nc7+ (50 Kc2 Kc4)

... Ксб

51 Ne6 Kd6

52 Ng5 Kd5

53 Kc2 (53 Nf3 a4)

... a4

54 Kb! (White has to go after the

a-pawn sometime. His plan is to win one kingside pawn with the knight and sacrifice the knight for the other pawn)

Bd4

55 Ka2 (55 Nh3 Bc3-e1)

. . . Bf2

56 Nh7 Ke6 (The king is needed to defend the pawns which is why it is the bishop that infiltrates)

57 Ng5+ Kf6

58 Ka3 Bxq3

59 Nh3 Bxh4

60 Kxa4 Ba3

61 Kb4 h4! (Not 61... Bxf4?!

62 Kc4! when white has a couple of extra tempi to rush back to the kingside, making the win harder)

62 Kc4 Kg6

63 Kd3 Kh5 64 Ke2 Kg4 65 Ng5 Bxf4

66 Nf7 h3 67 Kf1 Be3 68 Nd6 f4

69 Nf7 f3 70 Ne5+ Kg3 71 Nd3 f2 0 - 1

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White's stranded knight and weak kingside placement give him a difficult game in this position from round 3.

42 ... Bd7

44 Kf4 (White's king has to combine two functions - keep out its counterpart and rescue the knight if needed, e.g. by Kc4 and Nb5)

Kf7

45 Ke4 (If 45 g4 Ke6 46 Ke4 f5+

47 gf+ Kf6 48 Kf4 h5! winning)

Keć

46 f4

47 q3 (47 f5+? Kd6)

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48 Kd4 (48 f5+? of+ 49 Kd4 Kd6)

Kd6 (48...Kf5 is also

dood)

49 Kc4 Ke6

50 Kd4 (50 Nb5 Bxb5+; 50 Kc5 Kf5

51 Kd6 Ba4 52 Ke7 Kg4 53 Kxf6 Kxg3

54 Kxg6 [54 Kg5 Bd7!] 54...Kxh4 and queens)

. . . Kf5

51 Ke3 Ka4

52 Kf2 Kh3

53 Kf3 Kh2

54 Kf2 (54 f5 gf 55 Kf4 Kg2)

f5! (Gaining the opposition in what is, in effect, a king and pawn ending)

55 Kf3 Kai

56 Ke3 Kg2 57 Kd4 Kxg3 58 Ke5 Kxh4

59 Kf6 Kg4 60 Kxg6 h4 0-1

In this round 7 position white's passed pawn is a bonus. However, because of the semiclosed nature of the position, black will draw if he can prevent infiltration, e.g. see the note to white's 47th.

R Wansink



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43 Kc3 Na7! (Preventing Bb5-e8)

44 Be2 (Aiming for Bd1-a4-e81

Kb7

45 Bd1 Nb5+

46 Kd3 Ka6

47 Ke3 (47 Ba4 Ka5 48 Bxb5? Kxb5

is a draw e.g. 49 f4 Kc6 50 Kc3 Kb5-a5-b5 etc or 49 Ke3 e5 50 Kd3

Kc6!)

. . . Ka5

48 Kf4! (The only way to make progressi

Nxd4

49 Ke5 Nb5 (If 49...Nf5

intending 50 Kf6 h4 liquidating, then 50 Be2! followed by

shepherding home the c-pawn)

50 Kf6 Nc3

51 Bc2 d4

52 Kxf7

53 Bxg6

54 Bxh5 e3 (54...d3 55 a6)

55 fe Ne4

56 ed (56 a6)

Nxq5+

57 Ke7 Kb5 58 Be8+ Ka5 59 d5 Ne4

60 d6 Nxq3 61 d7 Nf5+ 62 Kf6 Nd6

63 cd 1-0



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Notes by GM Leonid Shamkovich -

IM Jonathan Levitt (2445) -IM Julian Hodgson (2480)

> 1. **d4** Nf6

2 c4 c5 ь5 ٦. **d** 5

N£3 4.

One of the possible avoiding the main line 4. cxb5 a6. Now if 4. ... bxc4 5. Nc3 with some advantage.

4.

cxb5 a 6 5

Nc3!? 6.

Levitt has prepared a new idea. Usual is 6. bxa6 and 7. Nc3.

axb5 6.

7. d6!?

Zaitsev's old Very likely idea 7. e4

sounder. Bg7!

This is better than 7. ... b4 = 8, dxe7 = 8xe7 = 9, Nd5 + /=.

8. dxe7

After 8. e4 0-0 Black is OK.

8. ... 0xe7

Nxb5 0 - 0

d 5 10. e3

In return for OHE has achieved good Black advantage play (space permanent threat of ... d4).

> 11. Be2 Nc6

12. 0-0 Bf5

13. Bd2 Ne4

14. Bc3 Nxc3

15. bxc3 Rfd8

bishop -/+ Strong weak pawns c3 and a2.

> 16. a4 h5

17. Rel Na5 18. Nd2 Be5!

19. Nf3 Bf6

20. Bd3 Re4

21. Ra2 Black's dominate pieces the

board. 22. Qe2 Ra5

23. Rd1 Nb6

0xe4 24. Bxe4

25. Nd2 Qe7 26. Rdal Rda8

27. Qd1 047

Threatening 28. ... Nxa4.

28. Nb3 Rxa4!	
29. Rxa4	If 47. Qxe2 dxe2 48. "Nc3
29. Nxc5? Rxa2!	Nxf2+ 49. Kg2 Nd3 wins.
29 Rxa4	47 Nxf2+
30. Rxa4 Nxa4	48. Kg2 Ng4+
	49. Kh3
31. c4 d4 32. exd4 cxd4	Or 49. Qxe2 dxe2 50. Nc2
	Ne3+!
Black has created what turned	49 f5
out to be a strong passed pawn.	With the nice idea of 50
However, White, with better	Qxh2 mate.
at his 33rd turn, could have	50. Qxe2 dxe2
avoided the worst.	51. Nc2 Nf2+
33. g3?	52. Kh4 Nd3
33. N3xd4 instead was much	53. Kg5 el=Q
better and should lead to a	54. Nxel Nxel
draw after 33 Nb2 34.	55. h4 Nf3+
Qd2 Nxc4.	56. Kf4 Nd4
33 d3!	57 Kg5 Kg7
34. Nd2 Nc5	58. g4 Ne6 mate.
35. Qf3 Bg5	www.
36. Qa8+ Kh7	
37. Qa2 Qg4!	Ø ∏ //.
38. Nc3 Bxd2	
39. Qxd2 Qxc4	
Black has an extra passed pawn.	
Further play is a matter of	
technique.	***************************************
40. Nd1 Qc2	
41. Qel Qe2	(100)
42. Qfl Ne4	
With the elegant idea 43	778 A 1111
Nd2.	WI Find the second of the seco
43. Ne3 Nd2	
44. Qd1 h4!	The state of the s
45. Kg2 h3+	$\omega \omega u_{jj}$

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46. Kxh3

47. Of1

Ne4

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