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INSIDE STORY

We were overseas when the April meeting was held so we only have the minutes to go by.

Martin Dreyer has been appointed as an additional regional councillor for Auckland.

The Singapore Chess Federation's invitation to the Under 16 and Under 18 world championships was deemed to be too late for effective action by council but someone must have thought differently since Shamnika Rupasinghe is over there as we write, representing New Zealand.

The minutes say something about remits appearing in NZ Chess but we haven't heard about it yet!

The Australians have asked about reciprocal rights in championships but this was turned down on constitutional grounds. It may be a good idea if we want Aussies to play here, for the title only, otherwise they won't come.

It seems there was only one entry for the Blackburn Cup and three for the Bledisloe. This suggests a declining activity in chess circles, a factor which is borne out by some clubs decreasing their orders for the magazine. This is all very upsetting for us; it is to be hoped that something will happen to reverse this apparent trend. The writer is pinning his hopes on faster time controls and possibly more events to raise the profile of chess.

Bernie Newman, our secretary for the past few months, wrote a letter of resignation which was accepted with regret. At the May (held early June) meeting, an offer from Mrs Poole to look after the main duties of the secretary till a replacement could be found was accepted. See 8th paragraph, p5 of February issue!

Not content with that, Chris Bell, treasurer, also resigned. He has various other interests and has found chess was appropriating too much of his free time.

The incorporation issue has slowed to a halt. Council require one more club signatory to effect the changeover but that club is not responding. Please!

The Olympiad selection committee tabled their choices for approval by council. There was quite a lot of discussion (surprise?) but the sub-committee's recommendations were accepted unanimously.

In **alphabetical** order: **Russell Dive, Martin Dreyer, Paul Garbett Ben Martin, Vernon Small** and winner of match between **Ortvin Sarapu and Robert Smith.**

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EDITORIAL

The die has been cast. The team for the 1990 Olympiad in Novi Sad, Yugoslavia has been chosen. That last word is the significant one.

In the past, a player getting in the first six in the championship or in the first six on the rating list had a pretty fair chance of making the team; if he could afford it, that is.

Sponsorship was virtually non-existent. Not only did the players have to find the fares to (usually) Europe, but also had to get extra leave from employers. Not surprisingly, we did not always have the best possible representation.

This time the selection panel has chosen the players they consider to be the best available. Of course, the Nationals had something to do with it, the special North Island too but, in the final count, it seems they want players i.e. people who are both active and successful today!

Russell Dive is, if anything, hyperactive in a chess sense and certainly is successful. Last time was his first experience of Olympiads, not memorable but he has a capacity to learn from his reverses.

Martin Dreyer is one of the new chums. His win of the North Island was (so I hear!) impressive. Maybe he will make a better player than manager!

Paul Garbett has been to two Olympiads before without starting any fires. He's solid and will be trying all the way.

Ben Martin, co-champion, has shown he is near the top of New Zealand chess and has played in World Juniors so has overseas experience. First Olympiad, though.

Vernon Small, our newest International Master and certain board one. Seven previous Olympiads. An odds-on bet.

Ortvin Sarapu, Champion of the Century and a mainstay of the team since 1970 seems less active these days but his knowledge and experience could be an invaluable help to the newer members, if he gets in.

Robert Smith has represented New Zealand four times before, his best effort being in 1982. To get in this time he has to overcome Sarapu in a match. If he can, he will deserve his place!

RATINGS

The following tournaments were rated in the April 30, 1990 rating period.

89/90 NZ champs, reserve champs, major open, Otago Easter, Auckland Easter, Flyman Auckland Open, All Canterbury champs, Canterbury CC #1, Canterbury Spring Cup, North Shore Open, A and B grade, Marilyn/Boyd/Sutton match, Civic CC, A, B and C grades, Upper Hut CC champs A and B grades, Papatoetoe CC champs A and B grades.

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92 WHITEHOUSE L E	1862
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504 JURY R	734*
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507 VINVENT D A	600*
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IM Ye Rongguang (CHI) - GM U Adriano (IND)
A lively affair with a picturesque finish.

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LOCAL NEWS

NORTH SHORE

Ratings performed pretty well in North Shore's first event of the year, the Summer Cup. Winner was **Peter Stuart** who conceded one draw while racking up six wins. Second was **Ralph Hart** (5.5), followed by the promising young player **Darryn Elliott** (5).

In the final round **Alexis Shead** (aged 11) was paired against **Merv Morrison** (80+), perhaps New Zealand's youngest and oldest tournament players. By winning, Morrison proved that experience tells - he also won their first encounter (see below).

(A neat 32-player crosstable was supplied but we doubt that it should be published - taking up a whole page - in a national magazine. What do you think and is there a need and a way to distribute such material? ed.)

AUCKLAND

Thanks to generous sponsorship from perennial tournament competitor **Merv Morrison**, Auckland Chess Centre have run a six-player invitational event for players rated under 1700 on Sunday afternoons.

Despite being rated second-last, **Alexis Shead** won with 4/5 to score his best result to date. His only loss was to **M Morrison**.

MT MAUNGANUI

Mount Maunganui demonstrated their growing strength by defeating Rotorua at the Hillier Centre, Mount Maunganui in a 13-board match 16-10. On top board **Rob McGregor** held **Augusto Calcena**, runner-up in the NI champ reserve to two hard fought draws.

WELLINGTON

Once again **Anthony Ker** won the Queen's Birthday tournament in Wellington with 4/5. **Arthur Pomeroy** took clear second with 3.5 leaving four players, **Jonathan Sartali**, **Mark Noble**, **Mark Van Der Hoorn** and **Kok Onn Mooi** sharing third on 3 points.

Grant Lezard, despite dropping a point when he went to watch a game of rugby, won the B grade with 4 points. **A Winfield**, **V Amull** and **C Goodwillie** shared the rest.

In the C grade, **L Farrington** constructed a picket fence while **J Frederickson** took second honours.

Organisation problems in the capital prevented the regional schoolpupils being played in May and an offer from Wellington club to host it was readily accepted by the defaulting official.

Thimos Mastorakis, fifth last year, ran away with the title this time with 4.5/5. **Marvin Jones** was second on 3 points.

As last year's winner, **Shamnika Rupasinghe**, was representing New Zealand overseas a request has been lodged to have his name forwarded to the Nationals in August. A decision is expected as we go to press.

OTAGO

Otago Club championship, round 1: A grade, **B Martin**; B grade, **B Freeman**; C grade, **L Campbell**; D grade, **R Edwards**; E grade, **D Cameron**; F grade, **A Chang**. 51 people have entered for round 2.

Rank Xerox sponsored the Otago Easter Open last month. 22 players turned up including four from Canterbury and one from Invercargill.

R Sutton, **G Spencer-Smith** 5; **P McKenzie** 4.5; **R Mackway-Jones**, **K Boyd** 4; **B Nijman**, **J Sutherland**, **T Raizis**, **P Vecovsky**, **T Duffield**, **A Loudon** 3.5; **S Kelly**, **H Gold** 3 etc.

Spencer-Smith, formerly Auckland, "played some interesting chess, ... winning an endgame a piece down and drawing when a piece up." **Mackway-Jones** (Invercargill) collected most of the prizes, the C grade, the B grade and upset for a first round win against **Sutherland** (449 difference).

INVERCARGILL

The Elders Real Estate Queens Birthday Weekend Tournament was held over five rounds at the Invercargill Public Library. This was the Invercargill club's first QB tourney and was a resounding success attracting 32 entrants - four from Canterbury, 11 from Otago and the other places filled by locals.

Top seed **Richard Sutton** came first with 5/5 while four players tied for second - **Kendall Boyd** (OT), **Brian Nijman** (CA), **John Sutherland** (CA) and **Paul Vecovsky** (OT) with four points each.

P Vecovsky also won the B grade with **Robert Mackway-Jones** (IN) in second place. The locals kept the C grade to themselves when **James McArthur** won with 3/5 and **Tom Pyne**, **Colin Bunce** and **Eric Forsyth** shared second. **Moss Wylie** took the upset prize by beating **Peter Sinton** (OT) in the first round.

The deciding game (round 5).

R Sutton - K Boyd

1 e4 d6 2 d4 Nf6 3 Nc3 c6 4 g3 e5 5 Bg2 Be7 6 Nge2 0-0 7 0-0 Nbd7 8 h3 Re8 9 Re1 Bf8 10 b3 Qc7 11 Bb2 b5 12 a3 Bb7 13 f4 a6 14 Qd2 exd4 15 Nxd4 c5 16 Nf5 g6 17 Ne3 Rad8 18 Rad1 Bg7 19 Kh2 Nb6 20 Ba1 h5 21 Ned5 Nbxh5 22 Nxd5 Nxd5 23 Bxg7 Kxg7 24 exd5 f6 25 Re3 Rxe3 26 Qxe3 Qf7 27 Re1 Bxd5 28

Bxd5 Qxd5 29 Qe7+ Kh6 30 Re2 Qf3 31 Rg2
Qa8 32 Qxf6 Rf8 33 Qxd6 Qc8 34 Re2 Qf5 35
N4 a5 36 Qe7 Rf6 37 Qd8 Rf8 38 Qxa5 Black
lost on time.

PETONE

This is really a return to Wellington but we were impressed with some features of this story.

Harbour City Chess Club, mainly Peter Collins and Gavin Marner, thought we were not getting enough chess, particularly between QB and Labour weekends so they organised a 60/60 event on the weekend after Queens Birthday. 18 players turned up and general opinion seemed enthusiastic.

The real point is that they intend to run at least one such event each month, perhaps with different time controls.

If you read Leonard McLaren's letter, you will see that quickplay (30/30) tournays are held almost every weekend in Britain and are getting large attendances. We haven't got their population but are of the opinion that shorter-timed tournaments will bring in more players.

Recently we saw a report by Arpad Elo that there was no significant difference between results in 60/60 events and the older, slower controls. The 30/30 is very popular overseas but may be a little fast for some. Is it possible that Upper Hutt hit on the best of all when they opted for 40/40?

For too long we have been hanging on to the slow, old man image of the Victorian era. We have done away with the smoke, (most of) the beards and the frock coats. Let's show the public that chess can be a fast, exciting sport! Well, not slow.

As I understand it, Harbour City does not mind if another club wants to do something similar; in fact I believe they would welcome it though we heard that they will have a sponsor for the next one in July!

Who won? Oh yes, would you believe A Ker and R Dive? The grade prize went to Andrew Stanton who drew with just about everybody. Spot prizes of Lotto tickets went to R Glover (0), G Mills (0) and T Pyatt (\$40).

The bad news...

Michael Rocks, on a study trip to Wellington, tells us that O N (Owen) Thomson passed away on 24th May 1990.

We knew and competed against Owen in Wellington before he retired and went down to Christchurch. We remember him as a quiet, friendly man who did his share of organisation as well as playing to a high standard.

We hope that one who knew him better than we did will forward us an obituary.

CHESS BY CORRIE

By Bill Cox

The New Zealand Correspondence Chess Championships are held annually, from April to March, and have been run for more than half a century.

The latest champion - the 56th - is **Howard Whitlock** of Wanganui. He is an honorary life member of the association and has been connected with it for many years, serving in several capacities.

Apart from the championship proper, six other tournaments are held in conjunction with it, a Reserve championship and five Trophy tournaments.

The Reserve winner is **Robin Calder** of Hamilton and the other trophies went to **Martin Post** of Wanganui (TT2); **Walter Wiederkehr** of Tauranga (TT3 blue); **John Barrance** of Johnsonville (TT3 red); **Greg Cochran** of Te Awamutu (TT4); and **John Lok** of Wanganui (TT5). Lok has recently moved to Dargaville. Congratulations to all winners.

Brett Sinclair, director of overseas play, said that the match against Northern Ireland got under way on May 1. Play is on 12 boards.

Other overseas news is that New Zealand is losing heavily to the United States - 23.5-3.5 in their favour! - but is leading 9.5-2.5 in the match against Correspondence Chess International (Switzerland).

In PATT2 (Pacific Area Teams Tournament) New Zealand has scored 18.5 points, but that puts us only sixth on the list of nine teams. Mark Noble of Petone (+3 +2 -1) and Bob Mitchell of Auckland (+3 -3) are playing well.

CHANDLER v KASPAROV?

Murray Chandler, the only grandmaster to have been born in New Zealand, won the Zone 1a Championship in Blackpool, England during May this year. (1a is the British players' opportunity to advance to the interzonals, the next step in the quest for the World Championship.)

Three players tied for second place and the right to join Chandler in the Interzonal. Two of them wanted to play off for the right but the third preferred drawing straws; so they drew straws (tossed a coin) to decide whether to draw straws or not. When the coin said yes, they went really upmarket and used an electronic bingo caller to decide the players rights!

OVERSEAS NEWS

By Peter Stuart NM

REYKJAVIK

The Visa/IBM Chess Summit match in the Icelandic capital was a quadrangular double-round event of four strong teams - the Soviet Union, England, United States and the Nordic countries. With matches on ten boards the Soviet Union could afford to be without Kasparov, Karpov and Belyavsky - but only just. In the Fifth round England, which lacked only Murray Chandler of its top line-up, joined the short list of countries to have beaten the Soviets in a match when they won 6:4 to close within half a point with just one round remaining. In the final round both matches were 5:5 draws, the U.S.S.R versus the U.S.A. and England versus the Nordic team, the latter being without Andersson and Curt Hansen.

The final scores were: 1 U.S.S.R. 31½, 2 England 31, 3 U.S.A. 30, 4 Nordic Countries 27½.

The following two games feature the same concluding combination.

TUKMAKOV - NORWOOD, Modern Benoni:

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 c5 4 d5 exd5 5 cxd5 d6 6 Nc3 g6 7 e4 Bg7 8 h3 0-0 9 Bd3 Nh5 10 0-0 Nd7 11 Be3 Ne5 12 Nxe5 Bxe5 13 f4 Bg7 14 Qf3 Nf6 15 Rael Nd7 16 e5 dxe5 17 f5 b6 18 d6 Rb8 19 Nd5 Bb7 20 fxg6 fxg6 21 Ne7+ Kh8 22 Qg3 Nf6 23 Qh4 Qxd6 24 Nxg6+ Kg8 25 Bc4+ Rf7 26 Bxf7+ Kxf7 27 Rd1 Qc7 28 Rd7+, 1 - 0.

FEDOROWICZ - VAGANIAN, French Defence:

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 Bg5 dxe4 5 Nxe4 Be7 6 Bxf6 Bxf6 7 Nf3 0-0 8 c3 b6 9 Bd3 Bb7 10 Qc2 Nd7 11 0-0-0 g6 12 h4 Bg7 13 h5 Nf6 14 hxg6 hxg6 15 Neg5 Bxf3 16 Nxf3 Qd6 17 Rh4 Nd5 18 Rdh1 f5 19 Qd2 c5 20 Qg5 Rf6 21 Ne5 cxd4 22 exd4 Ne7 23 Rh7 Rf7 24 Rh8+, 1 - 0.

Many of the grandmasters stayed in Reykjavik for the Open tournament which followed. Ten players tied for first place with a score of 7½/11: GM Arnason (ICE), GM de Firmian (USA), GM Dolmatov, IM Ernst (SWE), IM Mortensen (DEN), GM H.Olafsson, GM Polugaevsky (USR), GM Razuvaev (USR), GM Seirawan (USA) & GM Vaganian (USR).

Finishing on 7 points were: GM Azmaiparashvili (USR), GM Benjamin (USA), GM Makari-chev (USR), GM A.Sokolov (USR) & GM Tukmakov (USR).

BAHREIN

Czechoslovakian GM Jan Smejkal won a GM-tournament here with 9/11 ahead of GM Bel-lion (SPA) 8 and GM Flear (ENG) 7½. Then came: 4-5 GM Knezevic (YUG) & Abu El Zein (EGY) 6; 6-7 Abdel Nabi (EGY) & IM Bouaziz (TUN) 5½; 8-9 IM Afifi (EGY) & GM Plas-kett (ENG) 5; 10 Haki (SYR) 3; 11 Al Gafra (BAH) 0.

LONDON

Bent Larsen won a category 11 tournament in London during April, scoring 9/13. The other five grandmasters in the field were all English but they were, somewhat surprisingly, headed for second place by the American IM Patrick Wolff (22) who thereby gained his first GM norm.

Scores: 1 GM Larsen (DEN) 9; 2 IM Wolff (USA) 8½; 3-4 GM Hodgson (ENG) & GM King (ENG) 8; 5-6 GM Adams (ENG) & IM Frias (USA) 7½; 7-10 GM Chandler (ENG), IM Hebben (ENG), IM Kosten (ENG) & IM Watson (ENG) 6; 11 GM Flear (ENG) 5½; 12 IM Levitt (ENG) 5; 13 IM Motwani (SCO) 4½; 14 IM Tisdall (NOR) 3½.

WOLFF - FLEAR, Ruy Lopez:

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 0-0 Nxe4 6 d4 b5 7 Bb3 d5 8 dxe5 Be6 9 Nbd2 Ne5 10 c3 d4 11 Ng5 Qxg5 12 Qf3 Bd7 13 Bxf7+ Ke7 14 Bd5 Nxe5 15 Qe2 d3 16 Qe1 c6 17 f4 Qh6 18 Bf3 Kd8 19 fxe5 Be7 20 Nh3 Qg6 21 Nd4 Ke7 22 h4 Ne6 23 Be4 Nxd4 24 cxd4 [on 24 Bxg6 Black would obtain two pieces for the lady plus counterplay aimed at the white king commencing with 24...Ne2+]. After the text White's initiative soon becomes a winning attack! 24...Bxb4 25 Qxb4 Qxe4 26 Qd6+ Kc8 27 Bd2 Re8 28 Rf7 Ra7 29 Rcl Re6 30 Rf8+ Re8 31 e6 Rxf8 32 exd7+ Kb7 33 d8Q Rxd8 34 Qxd8, 1 - 0.

KUSADASI

Turkey's first super-Swiss was staged in April at the Aegean port of Kusadasi with a field of 113 including 22 GMs and 18 IMs. Gennadi Kuzmin took first place with a score of 7/9 after a 4½/5 start.

Leading scores: 1 GM Kuzmin (USR) 7; 2-7 GM Chiburdanidze (USR), GM Groszpete (HUN), GM Kudrin (USA), IM Novikov (USR), GM Rashkovsky (USR) & GM Vasiukov (USR) 6½. Among those on 6 points were GMs Balashov (USR), Malanuk (USR), Miles (USA) and Velimirovic (YUG) while GMs Gheorghiu (RUM) and Teshkovsky (USR) finished on 5½.

DORTMUND

The category 13 GM-Tournament A was dominated by the Soviet duo of Alexander Chernin who scored 9/11 and Boris Gelfand who was just half a point behind. The latter lagged by ½ points after their fifth round clash but then scored 5½/6; both players won their last two games.

Scores: 1 GM Chernin 9; 2 GM Gelfand 8½; 3-4 WGM Zsu. Polgar (HUN) & GM Wahls (BRD) 6; 5 GM Azmaiparashvili (USR) 5½; 6 IM Stohl (CZE) 5; 7-10 IM Bischoff (BRD), GM Browne (USA), IM Brunner (SWI) & GM Lobron (BRD) 4½; 11-12 GM Bönsch (DDR) & GM Kindermann (BRD) 4.

The other two Polgar sisters did not fare so well in the B tournament which was won by the East German pair of Lutz Espig and Rainer Knaak with 7/11. Judit came in 5th on 6 points while Zsotia shared bottom place on 4 points.

MUNICH

Following soon after the Dortmund event was another category 13 tournament in West Germany in April/May. A Soviet representative again took top honours when Alexander Belyavsky led from start to finish, a tenth round loss to Hickl only serving to reduce his winning margin.

Scores: 1 GM Belyavsky 7/11; 2-5 GM Gulko (USA), GM Nikolic (YUG), GM van der Sterren (NLD) & GM Yusupov (USR) 6; 6-7 GM Kindermann (BRD) & GM Ribli (HUN) 5½; 8-10 IM Bischoff (BRD), IM Brunner (SWI) & GM Hübner (BRD) 5; 11-12 GM Bönsch (DDR) & GM Hickl (BRD) 4½.

Belyavsky's victory over his compatriot featured a fine zugzwang.

YUSUPOV - BELYAVSKY, Queen's Indian Defence:

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 b6 4 g3 Bb7 5 Bg2 Be7 6 0-0 0-0 7 d5 exd5 8 Nh4 c6 9 cxd5 Nxd5 10 Nf5 Nc7 11 Nc3 d5 12 e4 Nba6 13 Bf4 Bf6 14 Nd6 Bc8 15 exd5 Bxc3 16 bxc3 Nxd5 17 Bxd5 cxd5 18 Qxd5 Be6 19 Qh5 Qd7 20 Rfel Nc5 21 Re3 Rad8 22 Rael Qa4 23 a3 Rd7 24 Nf5 Bxf5 25 Qxf5 Ne6 26 Be5 Rfd8 27 Rf3 Qxa3 28 h4 Qe7 29 Kg2 Rd5 30 Qg4 Qb7 31 Kh2 Rd1 32 Re4 h5 33 Qf5 Rf1 34 Bd4 Rd5 35 Re5 Rxe5 36 Bxe5 Re1 37 Kg2 Rd1 38 Kh2 Rd5 39 Kg2 a5 40 c4 Rc5, 0 - 1.

KINDERMANN - NIKOLIC, Ruy Lopez:

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 0-0 b5 6 Bb3 Bb7 7 c3 Nxe4 8 d4 Be7 9 Qe2 d5 10 dxe5 Na5 11 Bc2 c5 12 Nbd2 Nxd2 13 Bxd2 Nc4 14 Bf4 0-0 15 b3 Nb6 16 e6 Bc8 17 exf7+ Rxf7 18 Ne5 Rxf4 19 Nc6 Od6 20 Nxe7+ Kf8 21 Rael Bg4 22 f3 Bh5 23 Nf5 Qc7 24 g3 Re8 25 Qd2 Rxe1 26 Rxe1 Rxf3 27 Qg5 Bg6 28 Nxe7 Kxe7 29 Re7+ Qxe7 30 Qxe7+ Rf7 31 Qe5+ Rf6 32 Bxg6 Kxg6 33 Qe8+, 1 - 0.

LYON

The Zonal Tournament for France and the Low Countries (Zone 1b) was held at Lyon in April. Dutch GM John van der Wiel was the pre-tournament favourite but was unable to sustain the pace set by the young Frenchman Joel Lautier who conceded but four draws in compiling 10/12. Lautier, who turned 17 during the tournament, took the Interzonal spot and also completed his GM qualification, making him the youngest GM in the world at present. Van der Wiel took second place with 8½ points and was followed by: 3-4 IM Brenninkmeijer (NLD) & IM Miralles (FRA) 8; 5 IM Winants (BEL) 7½; 6-7 GM Piket (NLD) & GM Renet (FRA) 7; 8 GM van der Sterren (NLD) 6; 9 IM Koch (FRA) 4½; 10 IM Kuijff (NLD) 4; 11-12 Meulders (BEL) & IM Seret (FRA) 3½; 13 Stull (LUX) ½.

ZONE 11 CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Paul Garbett

This tournament took place in the "new" city of Shah Alam (planned and built as the state capital of Selangor over the past few years). Playing conditions were good and accommodation excellent, in a newly constructed Holiday Inn.

The previous system of preliminary and final round robins was replaced with an 11-round swiss. The big shock for me was how much stronger the Zonal has become since last I played - admittedly in the distant past. There were now five players rated over 2500 and a further seven between 2400 and 2500 while I found myself seeded 18th out of 22.

From the outset it became clear that none of the top three seeds were in good form. Torre, 2550, started with a draw and a loss, Ye JIangchuan, 2530 and U Adianto, were on or below 50 per cent after five rounds. Leaders for most of the tourney were IM Wang Zili (China) and GM Ian Rogers (Aus). In round 8, Rogers took sole lead which he held to the end but a draw with Torre in the last round let two Chinese, Lin Ta and Ye Rongguang, join him.

Since only two players go forward to the Interzonal, the top three had to play a tiebreak match. When I left, Rogers seemed fairly certain to qualify but then disaster must have struck in his last two games as I hear he subsequently missed out.

In rd 1 I played an unsound opening novelty as Black in a Sicilian against Liang Jinrong (2455). I had to sacrifice the exchange but despite keeping the game alive for some time, the result was never in doubt. Rd 2 gave me a crushing win against Rosland of Brunei but I went astray in the opening against Guy West. In the third round, sacrificed a pawn for complications but excellent defence sealed my fate. Rd 4 was better - a draw as Black against Jeremy Lin in the Leningrad Dutch with winning chances if I had seen the right idea. I was better for most of the game in rd 5 against Barcenilla but solid defence got him a draw. My Leningrad Dutch was wiped off the board in rd 6 by Nasib Ginting who played a new but very logical move in one of the main lines. Loren Schmidt, an American living in Japan, played an Alekhine Defence. I gained some advantage but a resourceful counter attack ended up in a queen and pawn ending which I managed to draw despite being a pawn down. In rd 8 I had an excellent win when Kamal tried an over-ambitious sacrifice as Black in the Sicilian Dragon. In rd 9 Torre had the white pieces and I resorted to my surprise weapon - the Centre Counter. I give the game below.

By now I felt much more confident, a dangerous state to be in. With Black against Carless in a Catalan, I played too passively and then over-compensated with an unsound attack. The last round saw a listless performance as White against Liew's Tarrasch French.

Overall, the tournament was very valuable experience. In some ways I feel one can learn more by playing in such an event, where the opposition is consistently stronger but not unbeatable, than in a team event where the standard often fluctuates dramatically. Being a sole representative from one's country can be a drawback but fortunately, the present group of top Australians are a pleasant and friendly bunch.

E Torre - P Garbett

Centre Counter

1 e4 d5 Prepared as a surprise weapon, with assistance from Graeme Spain. The variation of the Sicilian I had also prepared came to a sticky end earlier in the event. 2 exd5 Qxd5 3 Nc3 Qa5 4 d4 c6 5 Nf3 Nf6 6 Ne5 Nbd7 7 Nc4 Qd8 Probably better than Qc7 which can end up being kicked by Bf4. 8 Bd3 New to me. 8... g6! The best plan in this position. 9 0-0 Bg7 10

24 Threatening a5 with a permanent bind. 10...Nb6 Now the bind is much less cramping. 11 a5 Nxc4 12 Bxc4 Bg4 13 Ne2 An interesting move. White avoids weakening his position with f3 and prepares c3 and Qb3. 13...Qd7 Accurate play to ensure there is time for Be6. 14 c3 Be6 15 Bxe6 Qxe6 16 Nf4 Qd7 17 Nd3! Flexible. 17...0-0 18 Qb3 Qf5! Best defence. If now 19 Nc5 or Ne5, simply 19...Rab8. 19 Rd1 Qb5 The point of the previous move. 20 Qc2 if 20 Qxb5 cxb5 followed by Nd5 gives Black excellent play. 20...Nd7 Guarding the e5 and c5 squares. 21 Bf4 b6? 21...Qf5! threatening c5 equalises. 22 Re1 Qf5! A bold attempt to complicate as defending the e-pawn or e6 leaves White better; in most cases White plays Ne5. 23 Rxe7 c5 24 Qe2 cxd4 Not 24...c4 25 Ne5. 25 g4! Very dangerous for both sides. 25...Qb5 Not 25...Qd5 26 Nb4 winning Black's knight. 26 c4 Qc6 27 Nd4 Qc8 28 Nd5 d3! Deflects White's queen from g4 in anticipation of the following. 29 Qxd3 Nf6 30 axb6 Qxg4+ 31 Qg3 axb6! Black's saving grace. 32 Nxf6+? In view of the sequel, White should settle for rough equal chances after 32 Qxg4. If 32 Rxa8 Qd1+ is dangerous. 32...Bxf6 33 Qxg4 If 33 Rxa8 Qd1+ 34 Kg2 Rxa8 and Black threatens Ra1. 33...Rxa1+ 34 Kg2 Be7 35 Be5 Re1 White overlooked this move which disrupts his intended Bc3 threatening Qd4. 36 Qd4 If 36 Bc3 Re6 with winning chances for Black. 36...Rd8? A difficult decision when short of time. I should have played 36...Bc5! 37 Qc3 Re2 followed by Rg8 and Rd2. Black can then afford a multiple exchange of all pieces on f2 as the K and P ending just wins for him. Torre considered 36...Bc5 should win for Black. 37 Qc3 Re2 38 Bc7 Rdd2 39 Bxb6 Rxb2 40 Bd4 Rb8 41 c5 Re6 42 c6 Rg8 43 c7 Bde 44 Bb8 Bf8 Leading to a draw. I correctly rejected 46...f6 47 Qh3 f5 48 Qb3 Kf7 49 Qc3. However, still giving some winning chances is 46...Kf8 47 Qg7+ Ke7 48 Qxh7 Rxc7. It is doubtful if Black can hide his king permanently but if this is achieved White's weak pawn structure could cost him the game. 45 Be5 Bde 46 Bb8 Bf8 47 Be5 Bde ---

A game by each of the tournament winners.

GM I Rogers - IM R Antonio (Pn)

Black seems to be doing quite well in this game but Rogers' eye for tactical possibilities can be deadly.

1 Nf3 Nf6 2 d4 c5 3 d5 e6 4 Nc3 d6 5 e4 exd5 6 exd5 Be7 7 Bb5+ Bd7 8 a4 0-0 9 h3 Nae 10 0-0 Nb4 11 Re1 a6 12 Bc4 Bf6 13 Re2 Ra8 14 a5 Bf8 15 Bg3 Bg6 16 Rd2 Nd7 17 Nb1 b5 18 axb6 Nxb6 19 Na3 Re4 20 Bf1 a5 21 c3 Na6 22 Bc3 Re7 23 Bxg6 hxg6 24 Qe2 Nc7 25 c4 Ra8 26 Re1 Qd7 27 Qd1 Reb8 28 Ree2 Nc8 29 Rd3 Qf5 30 Ng5 Be7 31 Bc1 Qd7 32 Ne4 Rd4 33 Rde3 a4 34 Qe1 Bf8 35 Ng5 Nde6 36 Re4 f5 37 Rh4 Re8 38 f3 1-0. 38...Rxe2 39 Rh8+ etc.

IM Wang Zili (CHI) - FM Lin Ta (CHI)

French Defence

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 a6 4 Ngf3 c5 5 exd5 exd5 6 Bc3 c4 7 Be2 Nc6 8 0-0 Bde 9 Re1 Nge7 10 Nf1 0-0 11 c3 b5 12 Bg5 f6 13 Bh4 Nf5 14 Bg3 Nkg3 15 hxg3 Ra7 16 Nfd2 Bb8 17 Bf3 Qd6 18 Re3 Re7 19 Rxe7 Nxe7 20 Qe2 Be7 21 Re1 Nc8 22 Bg4 f5 23 Bf3 Nf6 24 Qe7 Qxe7 25 Rxe7 Rf7 26 Re2 Kf8 27 Ne3 Re7 28 Kf1 Bb6 29 Re1 g6 30 Bd1 Bd7 31 Nf3 a5 32 a3 Bde 33 Bc2 Kg7 34 Ne5 Bxe5 35 dxe5 Rxe5 36 Nxf5+ Rxf5 37 Bxf5 Bxf5 38 Re7+ Kf6 39 Rb7 Na4 40 Rxb5 d4! 41 Ke1 Not 41 cxd4 c3. 41...dxc3 42 dxc3 Nxc3 43 Rxd5 Nd1 44 a4 Kge6 45 g4 Bxg4 46 Rb5 Bf5 47 g4 Bd3 48 a5 c3 49 Rcs Kd6 50 Rcb Bae 51 Rd8+ Kc7 52 Rd5 Kc6 53 Rd1 c2 54 Rcl Bb3 55 f3 g5 0-1.

A typical Lin Ta game - persistent and thorough.

**Zone 11 Championship
26.02-10.03.90, Shah Alam, Malaysia**

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1. Ye Rongguang	m	2490	PRC	=05	+14	=06	+16	=11	=04	=03	=02	=09	+13	+10	7.5
2. Lin Ta	f	2410	PRC	+19	=03	=15	=09	=10	=11	=06	=01	+04	+05	+07	7.5
3. Rogers, Ian	g	2515	AUS	+08	=02	=16	+06	=04	+05	=01	+09	=07	=10	=11	7.5
4. Wang Zili	m	2525	PRC	+18	=06	+12	+05	=03	=01	=09	=07	-02	=08	+15	7.0
5. West, Guy	f	2330	AUS	=01	+13	+20	-04	+15	-03	=11	+14	=06	-02	+21	6.5
6. Johansen, Darryl	m	2420	AUS	+21	=04	=01	-03	+13	=10	=02	+11	=05	-07	+09	6.5
7. Ye Jiangchuan	m	2530	PRC	-12	=17	=18	+19	=09	+15	+10	=04	=03	+06	-02	6.5
8. Liew, Jimmy	m	2355	MAL	-03	=19	-11	=17	+21	+22	+16	+12	-13	=04	+20	6.5
9. Antonio, Rogelio	m	2440	PHI	+17	=12	=10	=02	=07	+16	=04	-03	=01	+14	-9	6
10. Handoko, Edhi	m	2370	RIN	=13	+11	=09	=15	=02	=06	-07	+18	+12	=03	-01	6
11. Torre, Eugenio	g	2550	PHI	=14	-10	+08	+12	=01	=02	=05	-06	=20	+19	=03	6
12. Barcenilla, Rogelio	m	2385	PHI	+07	=09	-04	-11	=20	+17	+13	-08	-10	+22	+14	6
13. Utut, Adiando	g	2525	RIN	=10	-05	+17	=14	-06	+18	-12	+16	+08	-01	+22	6
14. Nasib Ginting	g	2400	RIN	=11	-01	+21	=13	-16	+20	+19	-05	+22	-09	-12	5
15. Liang Jinrong	m	2455	PRC	+20	=16	=02	=10	-05	-07	-17	+22	+18	=21	-04	5
16. Balinas, Rosendo	g	2405	PHI	+22	=15	=03	-01	+14	-09	-08	-13	-21	=18	+19	4.5
17. Carless, David	g	2270	HKG	-09	=07	-13	=08	+22	-12	+15	=21	-19	+20	-18	4.5
18. Lim, Jeremy	g	2365	SIP	-04	=21	=07	=20	=19	-13	+22	-10	-15	=16	+17	4
19. Mohd. Kamal Abdullah	g	2295	MAL	-02	=08	+22	-07	=18	+21	-14	-20	+17	-11	-16	4
20. Garbett, Paul	g	2260	NZD	-15	+22	-05	=18	=12	-14	=21	+19	=11	-17	-08	4
21. Schmidt, Loren	g	2260	JAP	-06	=18	-14	+22	-08	-19	=20	=17	+16	=15	-05	4
22. Pg. Rosland Pg. Metassin	g		BRU	-16	-20	-19	-21	-17	-08	-18	-15	-14	-12	-13	0

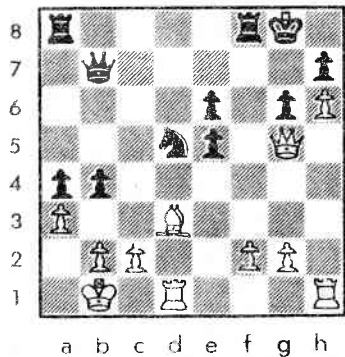
OUR MAN IN LONDON

By Leonard McLaren

Since returning to London after Hastings, I participated in several quickplays (30/30). My highest score was 5.5/6 in the Barbican Quickplay, 4th February. This gave me 2nd with Keith Arkell, IM, behind Neil McDonald, IM in an open field of 100 players.

C Crouch (2315) - L McLaren (2205)
French Winawer

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 Qd3? An exotic line which is gaining a few adherents. 4...dxe4 4...Ne7 has also been tried here. 5 Qxe4 Nf6 6 Qh4 Nd5 7 Bg5 7 Qxd8+ is equal, according to theory. 7...Be7 8 Bxe7 Qxe7 9 Qg3 0-0 10 0-0-0 Nxc3 11 Qxc3 Black has a slight space disadvantage so must find an effective mode of development. 11...Nc6 By threatening ...e5, Black invites White's next move, blocking the queen's path back to g3. 12 Nf3 a5 13 h4 Nb4 14 Kb1 b6 15 h5 Bb7 15...h5 just gives White the easy plan of g4, g5 etc. 16 h6 Nd5! 16...g6? 17 d5. 17 Qd2 g6 18 Ne5 a4 19 a3? Compare the note to Black's 15th. 19...c5 20 dxc5 16! 20...bxc5 gives Black little leverage on the queenside and cedes c4. 21 c6? If 21 Nf3 or Nc4 then Qxc5 while 21 Nd3 bxc5 leaves White somewhat uncoordinated. 21...fxe5 22 cxb7 Qxb7 Black's e-pawns may look weak but they cover some important central squares and, strangely enough, the e6 one ultimately wins the game! 23 Bd3 b5 24 Qg5? After this, Black's attack is faster than White's. 24 c3 slows Black up a bit. 24...b4



25 axb4 25 Bxg6 here or next move achieve nothing. 25...a3! 26 Qxe5 axb2 The main threat is 27...Ra1+ 28 Kxb2 Qxb4+ 29 Kxa1 Ra8+ etc. 27 c3 27 Qxe6+ Rf7 gives

Black the additional threat of Nc3+. 27...Rxf2 28 Bc2 Re2 28...Qa7? 29 Qxe6+ Rf7 30 Bb3! 29 Qd4 e5 30 Qxd5+ Both players were getting short of time. 30 Qc4 is correct, since 30...Qa7 allows Qxd5+. 30...Qxd5 31 Rxd5 Ra1+ 32 Kxb2 Rxh1 33 b5 Rh2! Effectively holding up the queenside pawns. Black has a won endgame. 34 Kb3 Rhxg2 35 Bd3 Rb2+ 36 Kc4 Rg4+ 37 Kc5 e4 38 Bc4 Kf8 39 Rd7 39 Re5 Rf4! 39...e3 40 Rf7+ Ke8 41 Rf3 41 Rf3 41 Rxh7? Rxc4+ 42 Kxc4 e2 41...Re4 42 Bd3 e2 43 Bxe4 43 Bxe2 is also hopeless. 43...e1Q 44 Bc6+ Ke7 44...Kd8? 45 Rf8+ 45 c4 Qg1+ 46 Kd5 Rd2+ 47 Ke5 Qd4#.

L McLaren (2205) - S Arkell (2270)
Caro-Kann

1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 e5 c5 4 dxc5 Nc6 5 Nf3 Bg4 6 h3 Bxf3 7 Qxf3 e6 8 Qg3 Nge7 9 Bg5 Qa5+ 10 c3 Nf5 11 Qd3 Qc7 12 g4 Qxe5+ 13 Qe2 Qxe2+ 14 Bxe2 Nfe7 15 0-0 Ng6 16 b4 h6 17 Be3 Be7 18 Nd2 0-0 19 f4 Bf6 20 Rac1 Rfd8 21 Nf3 Rac8 22 Nd4 e5 23 Nxc6 bxc6 24 fxe5 Bxe5 25 Bd4 Re8 26 Bd3 Nf4 27 Ba6 Nxb3+ 28 Kg2 Nf4+ 29 Kf3 Bxd4 30 cxd4 Ne6 31 Bxc8 Nxd4+ 32 Kf2 Rxc8 33 Rfd1 Ne6 34 b5 d4 35 b6 axb6 36 cxb6 c5 37 a4 Ra8 38 a5 Rxa5 39 b7 Ra2+ 40 Kf1 Rb2 41 Rb1 Rxb7 42 Rxb7 c4 ... 1-0

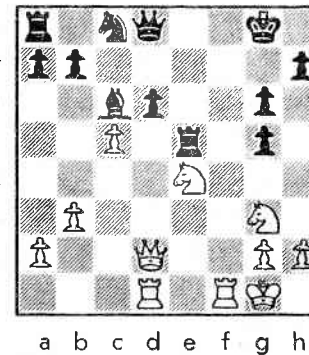
My most recent success was in the London Chess Centre Quickplay, 7th April. I came 3rd with N McDonald on 4.5/6, half a point behind Mackle and K Harandi, IM.

K Harandi (2420) - L McLaren (2205)
French Winawer

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e5 c5 5 Bd2 Ne7 6 a3 Bxc3 7 Bxc3 Nbc6 8 Nf3 cxd4 9 Nxd4 Nxd4 10 Qxd4 0-0 11 Bd3 Nc6 12 Qf4 d4 13 Qe4 g6 14 Bd2 f5 15 exf6 Qxf6 16 0-0 e5 17 f4 Bf5 18 fxg5 Qe6 19 Qe2 Bg4 20 Bc4 Bxe2 21 Bxe6+ Kg7 22 Rf6! Rae8 23 Rxe2 Rxe6 24 Rae1 Rf5 25 h3 R6xe6 26 Rxe5 Nxe5 27 Re4 Nc6 28 Be1 Rb5 29 b4 Rd5 30 Bf2 d3 31 cxd3 a6 32 d4 Kf6 33 g4 a5 34 Be1 axb4 35 axb4 Kf7 36 Bc3 Rb5 37 Re2 Ne7 38 Be1 Rd5 39 Bf2 Nc6 40 Kg2 Nxd4 41 Rd2 Ne6 42 Rxd5 Nf4+ 43 Kf3 Nxd5 ---

L McLaren - M Smart
Alekhine, 21 January

1 e4 Nf6 2 e5 Nd5 3 c4 Nb6 4 d4 d6 5 exd6 cxd6 6 Nc3 g6 7 Be3 Bg7 8 Bd3 0-0 9 Nge2 Nc6 10 0-0 Nb4 11 b3 Nxd3 12 Qxd3 Bf5 13 Qd2 Rg8 14 Ra1 e5 15 Ng3 Bd7 16 dxe5 Bxe5 17 Nce4 Nc8 18 Bg5 f6 19 f4 fxg5 20 fxg5 Rxe5 21 c5 Bc6



22 Nf6+ Kg7 23 Qc3 Ne7 24 Rxd6 Rxc5 25 Nf5+ 1-0.

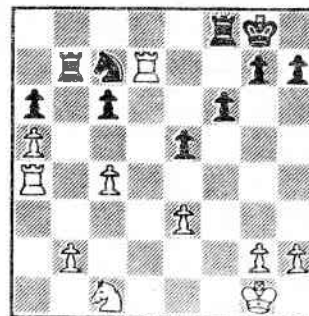
This last-round win gave me 2nd+ on 5/6 in a field of 90 including three IMs.

G Moore - L McLaren
French, 4th March

1 e4 e6 2 d3 d5 3 Nd2 c5 4 g3 Bd6 5 Bg2 Ne7 6 Ngf3 0-0 7 0-0 Nbc6 8 Re1 Bc7 9 c3 Rb8 10 Qc2 b5 11 h4 b4 12 h5 a5 13 e5 f6 14 exf6 gxf6 15 Nf1 Kh8 16 d4 Qe8 17 dxc5 e5 18 Nh4 Qxh5 19 Nh2 e4 20 Be3 f5 21 Bd4+ Nxd4 22 cxd4 f4 23 Bxe4 fxg3 24 fxg3 Bxg3 25 Bf3 Qxh4 26 Re2 Qxd4+ 27 Kh1 Bf5 28 Qc1 Bxh2 29 Rxb2 Be4 30 Bg2 Nf5 31 Qf4 Bxg2+ 0-1.

C Morrison - L McLaren
French, 11th March

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 c5 4 exd5 Qxd5 5 Nf3 cxd4 6 Bc4 Qd6 7 0-0 Nf6 8 Nb3 Nc6 9 Nbx4 d4 10 Qxd4 Qxd4 11 Nxd4 Bd7 12 Be2 Bc5 13 Nb3 Bb6 14 a4 a6 15 Bf3 Bc6 16 Bxc6+ bxc6 17 a5 Ba7 18 Ra4 0-0 19 Bg5 Nd5 20 c4 Nc7 21 Bf4 Rab8 22 Nc1 Rb7 23 Rd1 f6 24 Rd7 e5 25 Be3 Bxe3 26 fxg3 Rxb2



27 Rxc7 Rds 28 h3 Rd1+ 29 Kh2 Rxc1 30 Rxc6 R1c2 31 Kg3 Rxc2+ 32 Kh4 Rg6 33 e5 Rbg2 0-1.

P Vainker - L McLaren
French, 17 March

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e5 c5 5 a3 Bxc3+ 6 bxc3 Qc7 7 Nf3 Ne7 8 Be2 b6 9 0-0 Ba6 10 a4 Bxe2 11 Qxe2 Nd7 12 Ba3 0-0 13 Rf6! Rac8 14 Qd3 h6 15 g4 Rfe8 16 Re2 Ng6 17 Qd2 cxd4 18 cxd4 Qc3 19 Qxc3 Rxc3 20 Ne1 f6 21 Bd6 Rc4 22 Nf3 fxe5 23 Bxe5 Ndx5 24 Nxe5 Nxe5 25 Rxe5 Rxd4 26 h3 Kf7 27 a5 b5 28 a6 Rc8 29 Ra5 Rb4 30 Re2 Rb2 31 Kg2 d4 32 Rd2 e5 33 Kf3 Ke6 34 Ke4 Rf8 35 Ra1 Rf4+ 36 Kd3 Kd5 37 Rh1 e4+ 38 Re2 d3+ 39 cxd3 exd3+ 40 Ke3 Re4+ 0-1

A Salem - L McLaren
English, 8th April

1 Nf3 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 g3 b6 4 Bg2 Bb7 5 0-0 g6 6 b3 Bg7 7 Bb2 0-0 8 d3 d5 9 Nbd2 Nbd7 10 Rc1 c5 11 e3 Qe7 12 Qc2 Rac8 13 Rfe1 Ne8 14 Bxg7 Nxc7 15 e4 dxc4 16 dxc4 e5 17 Nb1 Ne6 18 Nc3 Nd4 19 Qd2 Nf6 20 Nd5 Qd6 21 Qh6 Nxd5 22 exd5 f6 23 g4 Rce8 24 Nd2 Qd7 25 Bb3 Qg7 26 Qxg7+ Kxg7 27 Rc3 f5 28 gxh5 gxh5 29 Rg3+ Kf6 30 Kf1 b5 31 Bg2 Ba6 32 Rh3 Kg7 33 R1e3 f4 34 Rc3 b4 35 Rc1 Bc8 36 Rd3 Bg4 37 f3 Bf5 38 Ne4 Bxe4 39 fxe4 f3 40 Bh3 Ne2 41 Rcd1 Nf4 42 Bf5 Nxd3 43 Rxd3 Rxf5 44 exf5 e4 45 Re3 Kf6 46 Kf2 Kxf5 47 Re1 Kf4 48 Rg1 e3+ 49 Kf1 f2 50 Rg3 e2+ 51 Kxf2 e1Q+ 52 Kf3 (sic!) 0-1

We were very impressed with Leonard's play in these quickplay tournaments and quite surprised to see how many of them there were. For a keen chessplayer, there must be a wonderful atmosphere in the area.

They frequently have a Grand Prix over there and who do you think won it this time? YES, congratulations Leonard.

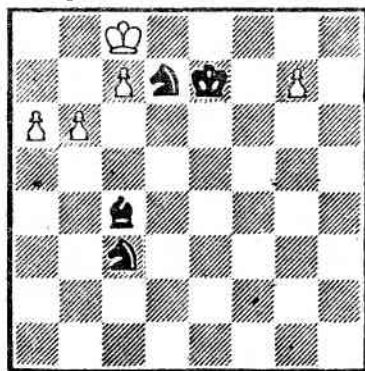
His next goal, if he can get in, will be the British Championships to be held in Eastbourne from 30 July to 11 August.

A week later, 18th August to the 27th, it's the Lloyds Bank Masters incorporating the Commonwealth Championships, to be held in the Cumberland Hotel, Marble Arch, London. Leonard will be our representative and we wish him well.

We noticed that the latter event will use the Olympiad time controls, one round per day starting at 1pm, a reasonable time! "Pairings are available by Ansafone several hours before play, possibly the same (sic) evening."

STUDY CORNER

By Emil Melnichenko



Draw J. Rusinek 5+4

At first glance White's advanced pawns may seem to offset his material deficit. However, mating threats abound. For instance, **1 b7? Ne4** and there is no defence against **2...Nd6 mate** while **1 g8Q+ Bxg8 2 a7 2 Kb7 Bd5+ wins. Bd5 3 a8Q 3 b7 Ne4** and **4...Nd6#** is familiar. **Bxa8 4 b7 Ne4 5 b7xa8 Nd6#** again nails down the coffin. If immediately **1 Kb7? Bd5+ 2 Kc8 2 Ka7 Nb5#** is a summary execution. **2...Nb5** then even the desperate **3 g8N+ Bxg8 4 Kb7 Bd5+ 5 Kc8 Nd6#** is to no avail. This leaves:

1 a7
Now **1...Ne4** (or **1...Nb5**) merely draws after **2 Kb7 Nd6+ Not 2...Bd5+ 3 Ka6** when Black cannot prevent a pawn from queening. eg **3...Nd6 4 g8Q Bxg8 5 a8Q. 3 Kc6 Bb5+ 3...Nxb6 4 Kxb6 wins. 4 Kd5 Nxb6+ 5 Kc5 Kf7** Bad is **5...Nd7+ 6 Kb4** or **5...Bc4 6 Kxb6 Nc8+ 7 Kb7 Nxa7 8 Kxa7 Kd7 9 Kb8** when, in both cases, the white infantry triumphs. **6 Kxb6 Nc8+ 7 Kxb5-** as does **1...Bd5 2 a8Q Nxb6 3 Kb8 Nd7+ 4 Kc8 Nb6+ 5 Kb8-**. If **1...Nxb6 2 Kb7 c3a4** Here **2...Kd7 3 a8Q** or **2...Kf7 3 g8Q+ Kxg8 4 a8Q+** are equally decisive promotions. **3 a8Q** wins. Therefore Black tries a different tack.

1 ... Ba6+
2 b7
The White king is forcibly incarcerated.
2 ... Ne4
Threatening **3...Nb6#** whichever pawn queens. Inferior is **2...Nb5** with the same intention when **3 g8N+ Ke8 4 Nf6+ Nxf6 5 a8Q Nd7 6 Qxa6** and **d6** is guarded.

3 g8N+
The cavalry arrives at the 11th hour to steal Black's fire.

3 ... Ke8
After **3...Ke6** Or **3...Kd6 4 Kd8 Bxb7 4...Nd6 5 c8Q** and the bell tolls for Black. **5 c8Q Bxc8 6 a8Q** and the White king, like the Count of Monte Cristo, stands to avenge his imprisonment.

4 Nf6+
Only this valiant self-sacrifice can decoy the Black knight away from **Nd6#**.

4 ... e4xf6
Upon **4...N7xf6 5 a8Q Nd6+ 6 Kb8 Bxb7 7 Qxb7 Nd7+ 8 Ka7 Nxb7 9 Kxb7 Nc5+ 10 Kc6** is a clear victory for the pawns. However, what is White to play now? After **5 a8Q Nd5 6 Qxa6 Ne7** mates.

5 a8B
A cardinal move! Now **5...Nd5** is a blink twice stalemate.

5 ... Ne5
But Black is not yet finished. White is allowed only a fettered shuffle as the enemy knights regroup.

6 Kb8 Nc6+
7 Kc8 Bf1

Naturally not **7...Nd5** leaving White stalemated. Black has freed the pawn on **b7** which must advance. If **8 b8Q? Ba6+ 9 Qb7 9 Bb7 Ne7#** is an attractive finale. **9...Ne4 10 Qxa6 Nd6#** beautifully explains the point of Black's fifth move. Neither can the cavalry come to the rescue this time as **8 b8N? Ne7+ 9 Kb7 Bg2+ 10 Nc6** Or **10 Ka7 Nc8+ 11 Ka6 Bxa8. 10...Bxc6+ 11 Ka7 11 Kb8 Nd7+. 11...Bd7 12 Kb8 Bh3 13 Bd7 Nd7+ 14 Ka7 Nc5 15 Bf3 Kd7** is a known theoretical win of three minor pieces against one.

8 b8R
The only way to rook Black out of a win!
8 ... Ba6+
9 Rb7
Not the blundering **9 Bb7?** when **Ne7#** smother's the White king.

9 ... Nd5
Menacing mate but ... managing merely stalemate. However, there is nothing better as **9...Ne7+ 10 Kb8 Nc6+** only repeats. **9...Bxb7+ 10 Bxb7** leaves a dead draw and **9...Bc4 10 Rb1** loses the stranglehold. This romantic study, thematically demonstrating all three underpromotions and exhibiting great economy and a natural setting peculiar to the best classical style, embodies a composer's realised dream.

Interestingly, Rusinek rejected an earlier version of his composition as being aesthetically inferior even though it showed all four possible promotions. By placing **g7** on **g6, e7** on **f8**, then adding a black queen on **d4** and white pawns on **h6** and **h7** to the above diagram, the fourth promotion is realised: **1 h8Q+ Qxh8 2 g7+ Qxg7+ 3 h6xg7+ Ke7 ... etc.**

WOMEN'S CHESS

By Vivian Smith

Things are looking up (at last) for women's chess in New Zealand.

The driving force behind a campaign to encourage more females to play chess is national coach Lev Aptekar. With the help of a Hillary Commission grant, Lev has been travelling the country, promoting chess among schoolgirls (and boys).

There are already signs of success - in Hawke's Bay for instance - where a group of 25 girls are receiving regular coaching.

As well as simply getting schoolgirls to play chess, Lev is aiming to establish a pool of talented girls aged between 9 and 16 with the hope that some of them will become Olympiad players of the future. Lev is sure that if New Zealand's top women players are available this year, a well-prepared team will record by far our best result yet at the Olympiads.

His work has already begun to show results. Many people were surprised at the recent North Island Championships in Hamilton when a woman finished 2nd- in the reserve group.

After several years of chess inactivity, Katrine Metge was coaxed back to serious chess play and persuaded to play in the Hamilton event. She scored six wins, two losses and no draws! Fighting chess indeed.

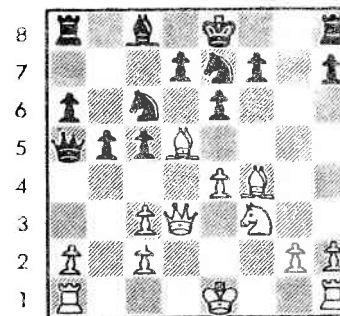
With her sharp aggressive play, Katrine made life difficult for many of her opponents. Top seed Augusto Calcena (rated 1924) was among her victims.

K Metge - A Calcena
Sicilian Defence
1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 Nc6 3 f4 g6 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 Bc4 e6 6 f5 gxf5 6...Nge7 is safer. **7 d3 fxe4 8 dxe4 Bxc3?!** Giving White the dark squares. **9 bxc3 Qa5 10 Qd3 a6 11 Bf4 b5 12 Bd5!** If **12...exd5 13 exd5** gives White a dangerous attack. eg **13...Nce7 14 d6 Nc6 15 0-0 Bb7 16 Ra6+ Kd8 17 Qf5** threatening both **Qxf7** and **Bg5+**. **12...Nge7**

SEE DIAGRAM NEXT COLUMN

13 Bxc6 Nxc6 14 0-0 Ra7 15 Bd6 Qb6 16 Qe3 Nd4 17 Be5 Nxc2 18 Qf2 Nxa1 19 Bxh8 Bb7 20 Ng5 1-0.

Neither did she take pity on her host for the week, Len Whitehouse (1862), who was dealt with just as severely.



K Metge - L Whitehouse
Sicilian Defence
1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 Nc6 3 f4 e6 4 Nf3 d6 5 d3 a6 6 a4 Be7 7 g3 Qc7 8 Bg2 Bf6 9 0-0 Nd4 10 g4 g6 11 Be3 Nge7 12 Rb1 Ncc6 13 f5 gxf5 14 exf5 Be5 15 Nxe5 Nxe5 16 Ne4 exf5 17 Nf6+ Kd8 18 c3 Qe7 19 Nd5 Qh4 20 cxd4 Nxd4 21 Bf4 Rg8 22 Qe1 Qxe1 23 Rbxex1 Be6 24 Kh1 cxd4 25 Bxd6 Kd7 26 Bf4 Ra7 27 h3 Bxd5 28 Bxd5 Nf6 29 Bxf7 Rf8 30 Be6+ Kd8 31 Bg5 b5 32 Rxf5 1-0.
Katrine has never been available for an Olympiad before but with play like this she should give this year's team a great boost.

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HERE AND THERE

Our latest information from the university bulletin boards, via Arthur Pomuruy, is that Fischer, Robert J, former world champion that is, has been seen in Belgium. Apparently we are not likely to see a resumption of the "Fischer boom": His interest seems to be in a new electronic time clock.

The clock is said to have been patented. The players start with one hour on the clock and gain two minutes for every move made and a warning is given just before a player's time is up.

Seems to us it is a hoax. Repeating moves, preferably and probably by agreement, would enable the players to shift the time control to a quiescent stage of the game. After 60 moves the time control speeds up. Why not speed it up at the start if that is what is wanted? One writer thought it would encourage people to play quicker, thus building up a time reserve. What's new? Our experience is that a time reserve rarely wins a lost game. In fact, the size of a time reserve is probably proportional to one's chances of losing!

Other stories relate to the forthcoming world championship match and peripheral activity. The driving force behind the American involvement is said to be three times richer than Trump. If recent stories that Trump may be in debt are true, does that mean the new man is worth three times nothing or three times minus something?

An organisation called Nova is putting together a film on chess and computers, the main one being Deep Thought which beat David Levy 4-0 but lost to Kasparov. They have filmed the latter match and interviewed Kasparov and hope to have it out by October. Could be interesting. Wonder if we will see it?

Frenchman Joel Lautier, now the youngest active GM and the second youngest ever (RjF first, of course), qualified for the Interzonal with eight wins and four draws, two points clear of the field. He considers himself the logical challenger in 1993 and the best of his generation to be Michael Adams, Gata Kamsky (new American, said to be invited to Interzonal), Judit Polgar and a Russian or two.

In Lautier's hands, the Samisch looks to be a good line, if you like this sort of game. Notes from Jean Marc Alliot.

J Lautier J Piket

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 f3 0-0 6 Be3 Nc6 7 Nge2 a6 8 Qd2 Re8 9 h4 h5 10 0-0-0 A typical Samisch position; White attacks the kingside and Black the other. 10...b5 In Lautier-Scholler, Black played 10...Rb8. 11 Nd5 bxc4 12 Nxf6+ Bxf6 If 12...exf6 13 Nf4 Ne7 14 Bxc4 and

White is better. 13 g4! A second pawn sacrificed to open the files on the kingside. 13...hxg4 14 h5! g5 The only move possible. If 14...gxh3 15 hxg6 hxg2 16 Qxg2 and Black has no defence. (eg 16...fxg6 17 Qh2 g5 18 Bxc4+ e6 19 Qh7+ Kf8 20 Rdf1 wins). 15 Bxg5 e5 If 15...gxh3? 16 Bxf6 exf6 17 Qh6! wins. 16 Bxf6 Qxf6 17 fxg6 exd4 18 g5 Qf3 19 g6 fxg6 If 19...Qa3 20 gxh7+ Kxf7 21 Nxd4 Qxd2+ 22 Rxd2 Ne5 (22...Nxd4 23 Rxd4 with clear advantage) 23 Rf2+ Ke7 24 Rg1 with serious advantage. 20 Nxd4 Nxd4 21 Qxd4 Rxe4 If 21...Be8 22 Rg1 Qxh5 23 Qf6 Kh7 (23...Bf5 24 Bxc4+ wins) 24 Be2 with the decisive threat 25 Rh1! wins or 22...Of4+ 23 Kb1 g5 24 Be2 with 25 Rfd1 and 26 Rxc5 winning. 22 Qd5+ Kg7 23 h6+ Kh7 24 Bg2 Qf4+ If 24...Qxg2? 25 Qf7+ Kh8 26 Qg7#. 25 Kb1 c6 26 Qxc6 Bf5 27 Ka1 If 27 Qxa8? Re8+ wins. 27...Ra7 28 Rhf1! Qe5 29 Bxe4 Bxe4 30 Qxd6 Qxd6 31 Rxd6 Kxh6 32 Rc1! Bf3 33 Rxc4 Kh5 34 Rf6 Re7 35 b4 Bb7 36 Rf8 g5 37 Rh8+ Kg6 38 Rg8+ Kf6 39 Rc5 Re4 40 Rb8 Re7 Not 40...Rxb4 41 Rc7 winning the bishop. 41 Rf8+ Kg7 42 Rf5 Re1+ instead of resigns. 43 Kb2 Re2+ 44 Kb3 Re3+ 45 Ka4 Bf3 46 Rxc5+ Kf6 47 Rc7+ Ke6 48 Rxf3 Rxf3 49 Rg6+ 1-0

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THESSALONIKI 1988

Round 10 - v Australia. Skopje 1972 1-3, Nice 1974 1.5-2.5. Rating: 2540-2300. Seeded 32nd, finished 40th.

A disappointment, really. We hoped for more and it looked likely for a while but the top two boards succumbed. Ker chalked up another win.

Team: Small, Sarfati, Dive, Ker. Result: 1.5-2.5.

Rogers I. - Small V.

1. d4 f3 2. c4 c5 3. dxc3 e6 4. g3 b6 5. d2 6. b7 6.0-0 7. e1 d6 8. e4 9. bd7 9. d4 cd4 10. d4 11. b3 0-0 12. b2 a6 13. e2 c7 14. h3 15. ad8 15. e3 16. e2 17. ae1 18. e8 h2 19. a4 20. fe8 20. f4 21. a3 22. d4 23. b4 e5 24. d2 25. b5 26. f2 ab5 27. ab5 28. f5 29. f6 h6 30. e1 31. d1 g6 32. c1 33. d2 g5 34. d1 35. e3 36. d5 37. c7 38. d3 39. b1 40. ce6 41. a2 42. d4 43. a4 44. a3 45. f2 46. d3 47. f3 48. f3 1-0

Sarfati J. - West G.

1. d4 2. c4 e6 3. dxc3 4. e3 5. d3 6. c2 0-0-0 7. d3 e5 8.0-0 9. bc3 10. h6 11. f4 12. fe5 13. e4 14. e4 15. e4 ed4 16. cd4 17. d5 18. f3 19. b2 20. e4 21. d1 22. f4 23. ef4 24. a3 25. c5 bc5 26. c5 a6 27. d6 cd6 28. d6 29. h3 30. c8

30. c8 h8 31. g4 32. b3 33. g5 hg5 34. fg5 fg5 35. g3 36. b6 37. e5 38. f2 39. c7 40. e2 41. c2 42. c5 43. f2 44. g3 45. g7 46. c7 47. c5 48. f6 0-1

Ker A. - Barber H.

1. d4 2. d3 3. c4 4. g3 5. d2 6. c3 7. d5 c6 8.0-0 9. e3 10. d2 11. h6 12. g7 13. d4 cd5 14. cd5 a5 15. ac1 a4 16. fe1 b5 17. d2 18. a3 19. e4 fe4 20. ce4 21. e4 22. c8 23. e4 24. g2 25. f4 26. e4 27. e7 28. f3 29. d8 30. g4 31. g5 32. g5 33. f5 34. h3 35. f6 36. g4 1-0

Round 11 - v Paraguay. Haifa 1976 1.5-2.5. Rating: 2475-2300. Seeded 41st, finished 39th.

A tied match which kept us in the top half of the draw. The newsmaker was Ker who secured his third win in a row.

Team: Small, Sarapu, Dive, Ker. Result: 2-2.

Small V. - Franco Z.

1. e4 2. c3 3. g3 4. g2 5. d3 6. e3 e5 7. d2 8. f4 9. f4 0-0 10. g2 11.0-0 d5 12. ed5 13. h6 14. bc3 1/2-1/2

Santacruz F. - Sarapu O.

1. d3 2. d4 3. e3 e6 4. c4 c6 5. c3 6. d7 7. e2 h6 8.0-0 9. g6 8. cd5 ed5 1/2-1/2

Dive R. - Valiente C.

1.d4 2.f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 g6 4.g3
5.g7 5.e4 d6 6.f4 0-0 7.e2 e6
8.f3 ed5 9.cd5 9.g4 10.d2
11.e2 11.e2 12.0-0 12.a6
13.e1 14.b4 14.d1 15.f1
16.d7 16.c2 17.c1 17.f1
18.d1 b5 19.g3 20.d4 20.g2 f5
21.h3 22.e5 23.f3 24.d5
24.h2 25.e4 25.c3 26.bc3
27.ae8 27.f2 28.e3 28.g5 29.d3
29.b3 30.c4 30.a3 h6 31.f3
32.f3 0-1

Gamarra C. - Ker A.

1.d4 2.f6 2.c4 e6 3.f3 d5 4.c3
5.e7 5.cd5 ed5 6.g5 c6 7.e3 0-0
8.c2 9.bd7 9.d3 10.e8 10.0-0
11.h3 12.g6 12.f1 13.e4
13.e7 14.e7 14.de4 15.d2
15.f5 16.e2 17.e6 17.c5 17.f7
18.c4 19.c4 19.c4 20.e7
20.f7 21.b4 a6 22.ab1
23.e6 23.c3 24.d6 24.a4 d5
25.c5 26.e7 26.a3 g5 27.f1 f4
28.e2 29.f8 29.b2 fe3 30.fe3
31.b3 32.f7 32.d2 f2
33.e1 34.e7 34.bc2 35.e3
35.c6 36.g2 36.d1 e3 37.c7
38.e8 38.c8 39.f7 39.f1c7 40.g8
40.c2 ed2 0-1

Round 12 - v Mexico. Skopje 1972 2-2, Nice 1974 2-2, Malta 1980 1.5-2.5. Rating: 2425-2325. Seeded 36th, finished 44th.

An underperforming team but a good win at this stage. Small clinched his IM norm and Ker notched up consecutive win number 4.

Team: Small, Sarfati, Sarapu, Ker. Result: 3-1.

Sisniega M. - Small V.

1.e4 c5 2.f3 e6 3.c3 c6 4.d4
cd4 5.d4 a6 6.g3 d6 7.g2 d7

8.a4 9.e7 9.0-0 10.c8 10.de2 f6
11.b3 0-0 12.b2 13.a5 13.f4
14.f8 14.d2 15.e8 15.f1 16.b4
16.a1 17.c7 17.a1 h6 18.h4
19.b6 19.b2 20.c7 20.e2 21.b8
21.e1 22.c7 22.h3 23.d7 23.b5
24.ab5 24.b4 ba4 25.e5 26.e8
26.a3 27.c6 27.d3 de5 28.e7
29.f4 29.f8 30.h7 30.f1 31.d6
31.d6 32.d6 33.b6 33.f4
34.a3 34.a1 35.a8 35.d6 36.c5
36.d3 37.g8 37.c4 e5 38.c6
39.b6 39.e3 40.b4 0-1

Sarfati J. - Martin Del Campo R.

1.d4 2.f6 2.c4 g6 3.c3 4.g7 4.f3
0-0 5.g3 d6 6.g2 7.0-0 8.g4
8.e3 9.h3 10.f3 11.f3 12.d7 11.d5
12.e7 13.d2 f5 13.e4 14.f6 14.g2
15.d7 15.h2 16.h8 17.e2 18.f7
17.ae1 18.f8 18.f3 19.h5 19.ef5
20.f5 20.e4 c6 21.d3 22.d4
22.c3 cd5 23.cd5 24.b5 24.b5
25.b5 25.b4 a5 26.d2 a4
27.g5 28.d7 28.e6 29.c8 29.c1
30.e8 30.f1 31.f6 31.e4 a3
32.ba3 33.a3 33.f1 34.a8 34.b4
35.g8 35.e3 e4 36.a3 ef3
37.f3 38.e5 38.b4 39.f7 39.f7
40.a2 40.g2 41.g3 41.g1 42.f7
42.e1 b5 43.g3 44.g3 44.b1
45.e2 45.h1 46.g3 46.h2 47.f5
47.g1 48.h4 48.h1 49.f6 49.d4
50.b4 50.g5 51.b1 52.g6
52.f1 53.e7 53.e6 h6 54.e4
55.d4 56.a4 56.f5 57.d7
57.g2 h5 58.b1 59.c7 59.c1
60.d7 60.c3 g4 61.hg4 hg4
62.h2 63.f4 63.e3 64.g3
65.a4 65.f5 66.d7 66.b3 67.c7
67.f1 68.a5 68.e3 69.a1 69.e2
70.g1 70.f2 71.c1 71.g4 72.c5
72.e5 73.d5 73.d3 74.b7
1-0

Gonzalez J. - Sarapu O.

1.e4 e5 2.f3 3.c6 3.b5 a6 4.a4
5.0-0 6.e7 6.e1 b5 7.b3 d6
8.c3 0-0 9.a4 10.b7 10.d4 11.d7
11.bd2 12.f6 12.f1 13.a5 13.c2
14.c5 14.e3 15.cd4 16.c6
16.f5 17.c7 17.g5 ed4 18.f6
19.ab5 20.ab5 20.c1 21.ad8
21.d3d4 22.d4 23.b6
23.d3 24.f8 24.f3 g6 25.h1
26.e5 26.b3 27.g7 27.e3 28.c5
28.f5 29.h8 29.d6 30.c1 30.f7
31.g8 31.d8 1-0

Ker A. - Navarro R.

1.d4 2.c4 c6 3.f3 4.f5 4.cd5
cd5 5.c3 6.f6 7.b3 8.b6 7.b6
ab6 9.g5 e6 9.e3 10.b4 10.f6 g6
11.b5 12.e7 12.e2 13.g8 13.h4
14.f3 15.h5 15.c1 16.g3
17.a4 18.d8 18.c2 19.b3
20.e8 20.e8 21.e8 21.b5 22.c6
22.g2 23.d6 23.a1 24.d7 24.e1
25.d3 26.b8 26.f2 h5
27.g1 28.a8 28.f1 29.a5 29.b2
30.g4 31.fg4 32.fg4 h4 32.g5 f5
33.g2 h3 34.f3 35.g8 35.f4
36.g3 37.f4 37.f4 38.c8
38.g1 39.e7 39.e3 40.c6 40.d2
41.h4 41.e3 42.f7 42.f3 43.g6
43.e1 44.g4 44.e3 45.f7 45.e1
46.b4 47.c4 47.b2 48.d7
48.a7 49.c7 49.b5 50.c8 50.f2
51.h8 51.f1 52.h4 52.e2 53.e7
53.f3 54.f2 54.f2 55.g1 55.f1
56.g2 56.f2 57.g4 57.f1 58.h8
58.g3 59.h4 59.f3 60.f7
60.d3 61.b2 61.c2 62.c4 62.d3
63.g6 63.a5 64.ba5 65.g4
65.c7 66.f7 66.h3 67.f4 67.h8

1.f3 68.e2 69.e3 69.f2 14
70.h6 71.e7 71.f6 72.e4 72.h4
73.d2 73.h5 74.d4 74.e6 75.d7 75.g6
76.f3 76.e3 77.g4 77.d2 78.g2
78.e3 79.f6 80.g5 80.f2
81.h5 81.g2 82.h8 82.g7 83.g8
83.d5 84.e6 84.d4 85.f7 85.c5
1-0

Round 13 - v Egypt. No previous encounters. Rating: 2380-unrated. Seeded 57th, finished 48th.

Only the top board was rated but an ambitious team so the result was a good one.

Team: Small, Sarfati, Dive, Ker. Result: 2.5-1.5.

Small V. - Afifi A.

1.d4 2.g6 2.e4 3.g7 3.c3 d6 4.e3
5.f6 5.h3 c6 6.a4 0-0 7.f3 e5 8.de5
9.d8 10.d8 10.c4 11.bd7
11.d1 12.e8 12.g5 13.e7 13.0-0 h6
14.e3 1/2-1/2

El Arousy A. - Sarfati J.

1.d4 2.f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.f3 g6
5.cb5 a6 6.ba6 7.g7 7.c3 a6
8.g3 d6 9.g2 0-0 10.0-0 11.bd7
11.c2 12.b6 12.h3 13.f8 13.d1
14.e8 14.a4 15.b4 15.f1 16.c7
16.e4 17.b7 17.a6 18.a6 18.b1
19.b4 19.c3 20.c3 20.a3 21.b3
21.b3 22.b3 22.d3 23.ab6
23.g2 24.e5 24.e5 25.e5 25.b3
26.f4 0-1

Dive R. - Abou El Zein E.

1.d4 2.f6 2.c4 g6 3.c3 4.g7 4.e4
d6 5.g2 0-0 6.g3 e5 7.d5 a5
8.e2 9.a6 9.h4 10.c5 10.g5 c6
11.d2 cd5 12.cd5 13.f3 13.e8
14.h5 15.b5 15.h6 b4 16.d1 17.e7
17.f2 18.f8 18.h3 19.g7 19.g7
20.g5 21.ac8 21.b3 22.g8

22. $\mathbb{d}c4$ $\mathbb{E}a8$ 23. $\mathbb{d}f2$ $\mathbb{E}ca7$
 24. $\mathbb{E}ab1$ $\mathbb{d}c8$ 25. $\mathbb{d}h3$ $\mathbb{E}a6$
 26. $\mathbb{E}a6$ $\mathbb{E}a6$ 27. $\mathbb{d}g1$ $a4$ 28. $\mathbb{d}h2$
 $ab3$ 29. $ab3$ 30. $\mathbb{W}b4$ $\mathbb{d}d3$
 31. $\mathbb{W}c3$ $\mathbb{d}f4$ 32. $\mathbb{E}b2$ $\mathbb{E}a2a7$ 33. $\mathbb{E}c1$
 $\mathbb{d}h5$ 34. $\mathbb{d}h5$ $\mathbb{d}h5$ 35. $\mathbb{W}e3$ $\mathbb{d}g7$
 36. $\mathbb{E}bc2$ $\mathbb{E}b7$ 37. $\mathbb{E}b1$ $\mathbb{E}a3$
 38. $\mathbb{E}cb2$ $h6$ 39. $\mathbb{W}f2$ $\mathbb{E}b4$ 40. $\mathbb{W}c2$
 $\mathbb{W}h4$ 41. $\mathbb{W}c3$ $\mathbb{W}g3$ 42. $\mathbb{d}g1$ $\mathbb{E}e4$
 43. $\mathbb{E}c2$ $\mathbb{E}h4$ 44. $\mathbb{W}c8$ $\mathbb{d}f4$ 45. $\mathbb{d}f4$
 $\mathbb{W}h2$ 46. $\mathbb{d}f2$ $\mathbb{W}f4$ 47. $\mathbb{W}c3$ $\mathbb{E}h2$
 48. $\mathbb{E}g1$ $\mathbb{W}h4$ 49. $\mathbb{d}f1$ $\mathbb{W}d8$ 50. $\mathbb{W}b2$
 $\mathbb{W}a5$ 51. $\mathbb{d}f2$ $\mathbb{W}b6$ 52. $\mathbb{d}g3$ $\mathbb{W}g1$
 53. $\mathbb{W}a3$ $\mathbb{E}h5$ 54. $\mathbb{W}c1$ $\mathbb{W}d4$ 55. $\mathbb{E}c4$
 $\mathbb{W}d5$ 56. $b4$ $\mathbb{W}b5$ 57. $\mathbb{W}c3$ $\mathbb{W}b6$
 58. $\mathbb{W}e1$ $d5$ 59. $\mathbb{E}c5$ $\mathbb{W}f6$ 60. $\mathbb{d}f2$
 e4 61. $\mathbb{E}c8$ $ef3$ 0-1

Round 14 - v France. Skopje 1972 3-1.
 Rating: 2560-2370. Seeded 20th, finished 31st.

Spassky and Kouatly conceded draws but the others wanted wins. Ker tried but could do no better than draw, with an opponent rated at 2405!

Team: Small, Sarfati, Dive, Ker.
Result: 1.5-2.5.

The team's performance can be compared with those since Buenos Aires 1976 since when the number of matches has been constant. 30 is the highest score since then, both in Dubai 1986 and Thessaloniki 1988. We give the nod to the Thessaloniki result. At Dubai, we won one match 4-0 and never failed to score. In 1988, we had three 4-0 results but also lost 4-0 twice! However, on a rough countup of the rankings of the opposition, we think it was 20 per cent harder in 1988 than it was in 1986.

That **Vernon Small** achieved his International Master title at the event is another plus. Most of the hard work had been done in the previous six months but his performance rating of 2506 put him in 15th place on the board one list.

Jonathan Sarfati scored 54 per cent on the difficult second board, not as much as we hoped for and maybe not as much as he thought either while **Ortvin Sarapu** didn't play as much as we hoped. He had some minor health problems but maintained a 50 per cent score.

Russell Dive worked very hard but didn't see much for his trouble, at least not then. Perhaps the wide experience he got in Thessaloniki stood him in good stead when he went to another tournament just after the Olympiad and won an IM norm.

From the first seven rounds **Anthony Ker** scored 33 per cent. No show of a norm there. His win in the ninth round against Andorra was no surprise but then wins against Australia, Paraguay, Mexico and Egypt pulled him up to 63 per cent. The last-round draw was, perhaps, an anticlimax but his 62.5 was the team's second best success rate.

Lev Aptekar went along as the second reserve (and captain) but did not intend to play unless there was no one else. In our opinion, that was a mistake on the council's part. The women's team is only allowed one reserve and there can be problems if one player is sick. The others are then forced to play. A second reserve is sufficient except in extreme cases.

A fairly general idea is that the last one or two rounds are the most vital because getting a weak opponent and smashing them, can lift the team several places. Of course, getting a strong opponent has the opposite effect.

The last sentence is the part that is often overlooked as it is just as likely as the other.

The team has to play well all the time. That's one reason to carry two reserves, if one reaches the top 20 after 13 rounds, even a loss in the last will leave the team better than 30th. When 30th at the 13th, a team has a 50/50 chance of beating 30 and dropping to 50!

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1. Chandler, Murray	g	2585	ENG	x	=	=	=	1	1	1	1	1	=	1 8
2. Adams, Michael	g	2555	ENG	=	x	=	=	=	=	1	1	1	1	7.5
3. Hodgson, Julian	g	2540	ENG	=	=	x	1	=	=	=	1	1	1	7.5
4. Suba, Mihai	g	2505	ENG	=	=	0	x	=	1	1	1	1	1	7.5
5. King, Daniel	g	2515	ENG	0	=	=	=	x	1	1	1	=	=	6.5
6. Davies, Nigel	m	2475	WLS	0	=	=	0	0	x	=	1	1	1	5.5
7. Motwani, Paul	m	2470	SCO	0	0	0	0	0	=	x	1	1	=	4
8. McNab, Colin	m	2390	SCO	0	0	=	0	0	0	0	x	=	=	2.5
9. Carton, Pat		2240	IRL	0	0	0	0	=	0	0	=	x	1	2.5
10. Hynes, Kilian		2240	IRL	=	0	0	0	=	0	=	=	0	x	2.5
11. Rayner, Francis		2270	WLS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	=	=	x 1

WELLINGTON CHESS LEAGUE

The above organisation has been having trouble getting into gear this year and a group of players from Civic and Wellington clubs eventually got it to hold a meeting in the middle of June.

As the date for the annual meeting had already passed by, it was decided that the meeting be the annual general, though audited accounts were not available.

This allowed the election of officers. After re-election for Roy Kent, to the position of patron, there was a complete changeover.

Peter Collins became President, Ted Frost, Secretary; Russell Dive, Treasurer; Rating Officer, Mark Noble; T Frost, G Marner, J Sarfati, W Ramsay Management Committee.

Nominations for the National Schoolpupils were S Rupasinghe and T Mastorakis.

All-Wellington scheduled for 11th/12th August and 18th/19th August. DOP, Tim Frost.

A motion to stop updating the regional rating list was passed so that the new rating officer had time for about 40 moves before being made redundant.

Mercantile Mutual Masters

By Ben Martin

This year two New Zealanders, Russell Dive and myself, were invited to the Mercantile Mutual Insurance Masters Chess Tournament in Australia. The venue was the Hakoah Club in Bondi, Sydney. Ten players took part; five from Australia, two from New Zealand and one each from Hungary, Singapore and the USSR. Zurab Azmaiparashvili, at 2610, was rated nearly 200 points ahead of his nearest rivals and was expected to dominate the event.

Azmaiparashvili did win the tournament, one point ahead of Steven Solomon (Australia). Solomon's strong performance was the surprise of the tourney. He finished well ahead of his expected score, securing the IM norm of 5.5/9, and his IM title, with one round to go.

Russell and I were seeded tenth and ninth respectively so our final placings (9th- and 10th) were not too surprising. Russell started slowly but made a good recovery, pulling off a couple of fine twiddles in the process. In contrast, I started well (2.5/4) but collapsed in the last five rounds. Still, I think I learned a lot and playing a grandmaster for the first time is quite an experience, win, lose or draw!

No	Player	Rating	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Azmaiparashvili Z (GM)	URS	2610	7.5	x	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	1
2	Solomon S (FM)	AUS	2385	6.5	=	x	1	1	-	-	0	1	1
3	Johansen D (IM)	AUS	2420	5	=	0	x	-	1	0	-	1	1
4	Davidovic A (IM)	AUS	2420	4.5	0	0	-	x	-	-	1	0	1
5	Madl I (WGM)	HUN	2390	4	-	-	0	-	x	-	0	1	0
6	Laird C (FM)	AUS	2315	4	0	=	1	-	-	x	1	0	=
7	Wong M (IM)	SIP	2410	3.5	0	1	-	0	1	0	x	-	=
8	Dive R	NZD	2255	3.5	0	0	0	1	0	1	-	x	=
9	D Gedevanishvili	AUS	2420	3.5	0	0	0	0	1	-	-	-	x 1
10	Martin B	NZD	2270	3	0	0	-	0	0	1	1	x	0

C Laird - Z Azmaiparashvili (Pirc)

1 e4 d6 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 c3 g6 4 Bd3 Bg7 5 0-0 0-0 6 Re1 Bg4 7 h3 Bxf3 8 Qxf3 c5 9 Bf1 Nc6 10 Na3 Qa5 11 Nc4 Qc7 12 a4 a6 13 d3 b5 14 Ne3 b4 15 Bd2 Rab8 16 Nc4 Nd7 17 Qd1 Rb7 18 Qc1 bxc3 19 bxc3 Rfb8 20 Bh6 Bb8 21 Ra2 Rb1 22 Qd2 Qb7 23 f4 Rxe1 24 Qxe1 Qb1 25 Qd2 Nb6 26 Rb2 Nxc4 27 Rxb8+ Nxb8 28 dxc4 Qxe4 29 Bd3 Qb7 30 f5 Nd7 31 fxe6 hxg6 32 Qc2 Ne5 33 Be2 Qd7 34 Bg5 Bf6 35 Bxf6 exf6 36 a5 Qc7 37 Qa4 Qb7 38 Qd1 Qe4 39 Bf1 Qe3+ 40 Kh1 Qf2 41 Be2 Kg7 42 Bf1 Nc6 43 Bd3 Nxa5 44 Qa1 Nc6 45 Qxa6 Ne5 46 Qxd6 Qd2 0-1

Solomon - Davidovic (Sicilian)

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Qb6 5 Nb3 Nf6 6 Nc3 e6 7 Be3 Qc7 8 f4 d6 9 Bd3 a6 10 0-0 Be7 11 Qf3 0-0 12 Rae1 Nf7? Too slow. 13 Qg3 Bf6 14 e5! dxe5 15 f5 exf5 16 Bxf5 Qd8 17 Rd1 Nd4 18 Nxd4 exd4 19 Bxd4 Bxd4+ 20 Rxd4 Qb6 21 Qh4 h6 22 Nd5 Qxb2 23 Ne7+ Kh8 24 Rd6 Nf6 25 Bxc8 Qe5 26 Rdxh6! Qe3+ 27 Kh1 Rxc8 28 Nxc8 gxh6 29 Qxh6+ 1-0

Dive - Davidovic (Queens Gambit Dec)

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 d5 4 Bg5 Be7 5 cxd5 exd5 6 Qc2 Nbd7 7 e3 0-0 8 Bd3 Re8 9 Nge2 Nf8 10 h3 c6 11 0-0 g6 12 Rad1 Ne6 13 Bh4 Ng7 14 f3 Nh5 15 Bxe7 Qxe7 16

e4 dxe4 17 fxe4 f5 18 Bc4: Kh8 19 Qc1 b5 20 Bd3 b4 21 Na4 fxe4 22 Bc4 e3 22. Bb6 is safer. 23 Rf7 Qg5 24 h4! Qxh4? 24... Qd8 or 24... Qh6 lets Black keep his e-pawn. 25 Qxe3! Bg4? 25... Ba6 26 Qd3 may still be slightly better for Black. 26 Qh6! Bxe2 White threatened 27 Nf4 and 27 Rxf7. 27 Rxf7 Nxf7 28 Qxh4 Bxd1? 28... Bxc4 resists longer. 29 Bf7! Re4 29... Red8 30 Bxg6 h5 31 Qf4 Kg8 32 Bf7+! Kh7 33 Qe4+ Kh8 34 Qg6 wins. 30 Qxe4 Bxa4 31 b3 Bb5 32 d5 exd5 33 Bxd5 Rd8 34 Qxb4 a6 35 Bc4 Bxc4 36 Qxc4 a5 37 Qc7 Ra8 38 Qb7 Rd8 39 Qa7 h5 40 Qxa5 Rd1+ 41 Kf2 Nf5 42 a4 Rb1 43 Qc3+ Kh7 44 a5 h4 45 a6 Ng3 46 Ke3 Nf5+ 47 Kf4 1-0

Marlin - Wong (Albin Counter Gambit)

1 d4 d5 2 c4 e5 3 dxe5 d4 4 Nf3 Nc6 5 g3 Be6 6 Nbd2 Qd7 7 Bg2 0-0-0 8 0-0 Nge7 Better is 8...h6 to preserve the bishop. 9 Ng5 Nxe5 10 Nxe6 Qxe6 11 Qa4 Kb8 12 Qb5 c6 13 Qa5 Re8 14 Nb3 Nxc4 15 Qa4 Nb6 16 Qxd4 Ng6 17 Be3 Qc4 18 Qd1 Be7 19 Rc1 Qa4 20 Qc2 Bf6 21 Qc5 Ka8 22 Rfd1 Rd8 23 Nd4 Nd5 24 Nxc6! bxc6 25 Qxc6+ Qxc6 26 Rxc6 Ng7 27 Rc5 Bxb2 28 Bxd5+ Nxd5 29 Rxd5 Rxd5 30 Rxd5 Rb8 31 Rd7 Rb7 32 Rd8+ Rb8 33 Rxb8+ Kxb8 34 Kg2 a6 35 Kf3 Kc7 36 Ke4 g6 37 Bd4 Ba3 38 Ke5 Be7 39 Kd5 Kd7 40 Bc5 Bf6 41 e4 h5 42 f4 Bc3 43 h3? 43 f5! is stronger; either White gets a passed e-pawn or isolates Black's h-pawn. 43...Be1 44 g4 hxg4 45 hxg4 Bc3 46 a4 Bf6 47 Bd6 Bh4 48 Be5 Be7 49 Bd4 Bd6 50 Be3 Be7 51 Bd2 Bd6 52 Bc1 Bb4 53 g5 Bf8 54 Bb2 Bd6 55 Be5 Ba3 56 f5 gxf5 57 exf5 Be7 58 g6 fxg6 59 fxg6 Bf8 60 a5 Zugzwang. Black must allow White's king to enter. 60...Bh6 61 Kc5 Ke6 62 g7 Kf7 63 Kb6 Bd2 64 Kxa6 Bxa5 65 Kxa5 Kg8 66 Kb5 Kf7 67 Kc5 Kg8 68 Kd6 Kf7 69 Kd7 1-0

The women's Zonal, a 12-player round robin, was dominated by two Chinese, Xie Jun and Peng Zhaoqin drew with each other and blitzed the rest of the field. A "new" Australian, Novakovic Dekic (Yugoslavia) came third on 7.5 and gained the WIM title.

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ROTORUA CC meets Thursdays 7.30pm in the Salvation Army Hall, Old Taupo Road, Rotorua. Secretary: Percy Margolin, 64 Turner Drive, Rotorua Phone Rotorua 83-415.

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