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INSIDE STORY

Special General Meeting

In opening the debate on the council's motion at the special general meeting to confirm the teams selected for the 1990 Olympiad, the president, Mr W A Poole, pointed out that the rule utilised by the originators (No 32) was not well drafted.

Though the original request was acceptable in respect to the number of clubs, the provision of exactly 150 players was difficult, if not impossible, to achieve. Accordingly, at the president's request, the council had agreed to exercise its ability to call a special general meeting.

A letter from the North Shore Club was then read to the meeting claiming injustice to one of its members. It closed by awarding its votes in favour of the motion.

lan McElwee (Wellington), told the meeting of a vigorous debate at that club resulting in a narrow majority in favour of abstaining from voting on the council motion. He added that while a good majority were not in favour of a no confidence motion, many members considered the selected Olympiad open team to be unfair.

Mr A Ker, not a delegate, then requested permission to speak to the meeting. This was granted by the chair. Mr Ker's submission recounted and compared past performances of certain players and their respective ratings. He closed by suggesting a challenge match be played for one place on the team.

Otago councillor Mr E G A Frost then conveyed a comment he had received on the matter from Otago but this was immediately challenged from the floor and a request to have the official Otago communication read to the meeting was met. The letter briefly reported that the Otago club unanimously supported the motion.

Before the counting of votes took place, the president replied that, since the council and its selection committee had endeavoured to perform their duties to the best of their ability, any criticism on a serious matter must be construed as a no confidence motion.

This was the standard practice in most other organisations and should anything go wrong because of decisions made, the officials are fired

The motion was carried by 25 votes for, three votes against, with five clubs abstaining. Continued on page 114

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CROPPING THE PICK

When picking a representative team in any activity there are two methods. One can make rules when there is no need for a selector or one can "make" a selector when there is no need for rules. A third method we can envisage is by ballot. Governments are done this way!

We consider the two appropriate methods to be mutually exclusive. To attempt to combine the two would mean that the rules picked some and the selector picked the rest. The result would be a composite team in which the individual parts may not combine since they were selected on different criteria.

Rules tend to make everything very neat and predictable. Efficiency and stability are enhanced and everything is right with the world. At least till a change in circumstances or environment.

While it may be very desirable to have specified titleholders. champions or tourney winners in the team most years, it is possible one or more of them could be very undesirable one year due to a variety of causes many months before the Olympiad. We have not heard of anything preventing vicious criminals being good chess-players! Or vice versal! Extreme? Yes, but a lot less extreme may be equally undesirable in a team context.

Another factor in this problem is that the national organisers of chess have had the game recognised as a sport by the Hillary Commission, at least. This implies that the teams be selected, not chosen by the mechanical application of rules.

Criteria can include results and ratings but these are historical records which indicate past achievements. Like a horse's form line, they can be a useful guide but winning the Pukemanu Sprint does not guarantee a win in the Melbourne Cup. Class, fitness and attitude on the day come into the equation. And all of these can be seen only in the play; not in results which often occur because of losing (or not playing) rather than winning!

SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIP 1990

By Tony Dowden

The Westpac South Island Chess Championship was held at the Southern Cross Hotel in Dunedin from 19th to 24th August, As with last year, eight rounds were squeezed into five days and there were 34 entries.

Top seed and hot favourite was New Zealand co-champion Ben Martin. Kendall Boyd, with some excellent local results looked a likely challenger. Former Olympiad player Tony Love and ex-Aucklander Greg Spencer-Smith though missing recent matchplay, were the other players rated over 2000 and expected to figure in the finish.

Richard Sutton, reigning champion, did not play, Tony Dowden, just returned from overseas, decided to DOP instead of play and Graham Haase was also not available...

The exotic entrant was Michael Schwass from Wellington and the popular was Ari Nyman who has played in every South Island championship as far back as anyone can remember.

Interesting entries were Isobel McIntosh, returning to competitive chess after a very long break and the only woman entrant and the two noticeably younger competitors Shaun Stephenson and David Guthrie.

Round 1: Third seed Boyd beautifully swindled an utterly lost ending against Duffield while Love and McIntosh proved to be rusty indeed. Round 3: Martin and Spencer-Smith had the only clean scores.

Round 4: Spencer—Smith played actively and well to overcome a pawn structure weakness against Martin and a draw resulted. Brian Nyman played as well as Boyd played badly to record a notable upset.

Round 5: Spencer-Smith handed Love an easy win while Martin beat Brian Nyman in a sacrificial kingside attack.

B Nyman v B Martin

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3 c5 5 Bd3 Nc6 6 Nf3 Bxc3 7 bxc3 d6 8 e4 e5 9 d5 Ne7 10 0-0 Ng6 11 Ne1 0-0 12 Rb1 b6 13 g3?! Bh3 14 Ng2 Ne8 15 Qh5 Qd7 16 Qe2 15 17 f3 Nf6 18 exf5 Bxf5 19 Ne3 Bxd3 20 Qxd3 Nh5 White is reduced to passive defence, 21 Rb2 Rf7 22 Rbf2 Raf8 23 Ng2 Qh3 24 Bg5 Rf5 25 Be3 (See diagram)

 Nxg3! 26 hxg3 Rh5 27 Re2 Qxg3 28 Bd2 Rf4! 29 Be1 Qh2+ 30 Kf2 Rg5 31 Rg1 Qg3+ 31...Nh4 is more clinical. 32 Kf1 Rxf3+ 0-1

Round 6: Martin decisively beat Love who played the Benko Gambit rather limply, thus effectively deciding the tournament. Boyd beat Foord while Rayner drew with B Nyman.

B Martin v T Love

1 d4 Ni6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 b5 4 cxb5 a6 5 e3 g6 6 Nc3 Bg7 7 Ni3 0-0 8 a4 d6 9 Bc4 axb5 10 Bxb5 Na6 11 e4 Nb4 12 0-0 Bb7 In order to maintain pressure on the d5 square and prevent e4-e5 it is essential to insert ... e6 somewhere about here. 13 Re1 Qc7 14 Bc4! Ba6 15 Nb5 Bxb5 16

Bxb5 Rfb8?! 17 Bd2 Ng4 18 Bc3 f6 A homble concession – Black is strategically lost. 19 Nd4 cxd4 20 Bxb4 Ne5 21 Rc1 Qa7 22 I4 Nd7 23 Kh1 Rc8 24 Rxc8+ Rxc8 25 Qg4 I5 26 exf5 Nf6 27 Qe2 Rc7 28 fxg6 hxg6 29 Qe6+ Kf8 30 Bd3 Qb7 31 Ba5 1-0

Round 7: From a French Defence Martin beat Boyd with a well-timed attack while Spencer-Smith crashed horribly against B Nyman. This assured Martin of all the first prize and the title. Love beat Foord who had the toughest draw of the event.

T Love v M Foord

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 a6 5 Nc3 Qc7 6 Bd3 Nc6 7 Be3 Bd6 8 h3 Nf6 9 0-0 Nxd4 10 Bxd4 Be5 11 Bxe5 Qxe5 12 Qe2 b5 13 a3 Bb7 14 Rae1 0-0 15 f4 Qc5+16 Kh1 Nh5?! Black runs out of ideas, He needs play in the centre and on the queenside. Perhaps ...Rac8 or ...d6 and ...Nd7, 17 Kh2 g6 18 e5 d5? Anti-positional, White punishes this move impressively, 19 Qf2 Qxf2 20 Rxf2 Ng7 21 g4 Rac8 22 Ne2 Rfd8 23 Nd4 Bc6 24 f5 exf5 25 gxf5 Bd7 26 e6 fxe6 27 fxe6 Bc6 28 a4 Rf8 29 Rxf8+ Kxf8 30 Rf1+ Ke8? 31 axb5 axb5 32 Nxc6 Nxe6 33 Bxb5 Rc7 Black plays on in the mutual time trouble but to no avail, 34 Nd4+ Ke7 35 Re1 Kd6 36 Rxe6+ Kc5 37 c3 Rc8 38 b4#

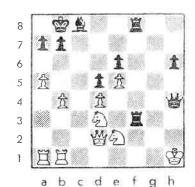
K Boyd v B Martin

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 f4 c5 6 c3 Nc6 7 Ndf3 cxd4 8 cxd4 Qb6 9 g3 f5 10 Bh3 Be7 11 g4 fxg4 12 Bxg4 Nf8 13 Ne2 Bd7 14 0-0 0-0-0 15 Kh1 Ng6 16 Ne1 Rhf8 17 a3 Nh4 18 Nd3 Nf5 19 Bxf5 Rxf5 20 b4 Rdf8 Biack seems to have less

activity but coolly activates the pieces he can and only advances his pawns when it really counts. Possibly White is now lulled into a false sense of security – assuming that his attack will win. 21 Be3 Kb8 22 Nc5 Bc8 23 Qd2 h6 24 Rfb1 Qd8 25 a4 g5 26 fxg5 Bxg5 27 a5 Rf2 28 Nd3 Bxe3 29 Qxe3 R2f3 30 Qd2 Qh4 Suddenly the Black pieces have swarmed in. See diagram

31 Ng1 Rf2! 32 Nxf2 Rxf2 33 Nf3 Rxf3 34 Rf1 Nxd4 35 Rxf3 Nxf3 36 Qg2 Nxe5 37 Rc1 Qg5 38 Qc2 Nc4 39 Rg1 Qf4 White loses on time in a lost position. 0-1

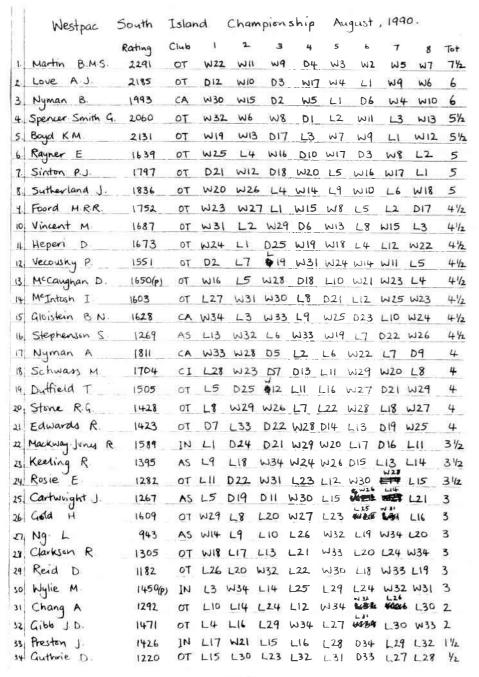
Round 8: Martin won again against a psychedout Sinton. Love and B Nyman beat Rayner and Vincent respectively to secure a second place tie while Spencer-Smith and Boyd also won to share fourth place.



Further down the field Eric Rayner scored 5/8 to win the B grade and Shaun Stephenson broke 50% to convincingly win the C grade, Shaun fought most tenaciously against much higher rated players and is certainly a player to watch in the future.

Our congratulations to a popular winner, Ben Martin and thanks to Arthur Patton, Otago Chess Club president, for his energetic and efficient organisation, promotion, venue and sponsorship getting.

Two outstanding aspects of the tourney were that there were no short draws and no disputes! I doubt if anyone enjoyed the punishing playing schedule but the novelty of having a house-bar didn't attract any brickbats.





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2	R Smith	W10	D4	W3	L1	W5	D6	D7	W13	5.5
3	B Martin	D14	W5	L2	D6	W13	W4	D1	W7	5.5
4	A Ker	W15	D2	D1	W13	W7	L3	D6	W10	5.5
5	M van der Hoorn	D12	L3	W8	W10	L2	W13	W9	L1	4.5
6	G Spain	W13	D16	D7	D3	D1	D2	D4	D11	
7	P Green	W11	L1	D6	W12	L4	W10	D2	L3	4 4
8	J Cater	L1	W11	L5	W14	L10	L9	bye	W15	
9	W Lynn	L16	L13	bye	L15	W11	W8	L5	W14	
10	H Bennett	L2	W15	D12	L5	M8	L7	W13	L4	3.5
11	P Spiller	L7	L8	D15	bye		W14	D12	D6	3.5
12	B Walsh	D5	D14	D10	L7	W15	L1	D11	L2	3
13		L6	W9	W14	L4	L3	L5	L10	bye	3
14		D3	D12	L13	L8	bye	L11	W15	L9	3
15	P Tuffery	L4	L10	D11	W9	L12	bye	L14	L8	2.5
16	N Hopewell	W9	D6			WITHD	REW			1.5

THIRD ASIAN UNDER-16 CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Christchurch, New Zealand, September, 1990

Results Table

			1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	Total	Place
1. John-Paul	Wallace	AUS	x	0	1	1	1	1	4	1
2. Ahmed Ibrah	im M. Abdullah	QTR	1	x	0	0	1	1	3	2
3. Shamnika	Rupasinghe	NZD	0	1	x	0	1	1	3	3
4. (none)	Hendry	RIN	0	1	1	x	0	ŗ,	21/2	4
5. Mathew	Vincent	NZD	0	0	0	1	x	1	2	5
6. Alexis	Shead	NZD	0	0	0	Ļ.	O	x	4	6

NB. This tournament was seriously affected by the military situation in the Gulf, which caused non-attendance by two countries. Two others were also absent.

OVERSEAS NEWS

By Peter Stuart NM

MANILA INTERZONAL

For the first time since 1970 the current World Championship cycle saw just one Interzonal tournament. It was held at Manila in July, a 13-round Swiss with 64 players. Not only was the format similar to the earlier GMA-World Open at Moscow but many of the leading contenders featured in both events.

Two of the most disappointed players at Moscow would have been Boris Gelfand and Vassily Ivanchuk, ranked third equal in the world on the latest (1 July) FIDE rating list. At Manila they made at least partial amends by sharing first place. It is interesting that Gelfand fought long and hard for his last round victory when a draw would have been ample to qualify - and his opponent was compatriot Jaan Ehlvest who thereby ended half a point short of qualifying.

With almost fifty grandmasters competing there were the inevitable flops and surprises - only eleven could qualify for the Candidates. With the exception of Robert Hübner (2585) all the qualifiers are rated 2600 or higher although several would not have been counted among the favourites. In particular the result of India's top player Viswanathan Anand stands out; he becomes Asia's, second Candidate after Eugene Torre. Also the Soviet trio of Dolmatov, Dreev and Yudasin have previously played under the shadow of their more illustrious countrymen.

Obviously the unlucky list is longer. Mikhail Gurevich looked certain to make the top eleven but lost his last two games. In the last round he played the Exchange variation against Nigel Short's French but once again this drawish variation failed to deliver the goods against an opponent determined to win. Portisch and Vaganian languished well down in the bottom half, sharing the same score with

untitled American youngster Gata Kamsky (2650!).

Scores (tied players listed in final ranking order): 1-2 GM Gelfand (USR) & GM Ivanchuk (USR) 9; 3-4 GM Anand (IND) & GM Short (ENG) 8½; 5-11 GM Sax (HUN). GM Korchnoi (SWI), GM Hübner (BRD), GM Nikolic (YUG), GM Yudasin (USR), GM Dolmatov (USR) & GM Dreev (USR) 8: 12-20 GM M.Gurevich (USR), GM Damijanovic (YUG). GM Ki. Georgiev (BUL), GM Ljubojevic (YUG), GM Ehlvest (USR), GM Halifman (USR), GM Seirawan (USA), GM Shirov (USR) & GM Hjartarson (ICE) 72; 21-28 GM de Firmian (USA), GM Rechlis (ISR), IM Spassov (BUL), GM Stohl (CZE), GM Adams (ENG), GM Dzindzihashvill (USA), GM Ftacnik (CZE) & GM Gulko 7; 29-39 GM Lautier (FRA), GM Lputyan (USR), GM Illescas (SPA), GM Ivanovic (YUG), GM Torre (PHI), GM Agdestein (NOR), IM Marin (RUM), GM Tal (USR), GM Miles (USA), GM Sunye (BRA) & GM A. Sokolov (USR) 61: 40-47 GM Popovic (YUG), IM Cabrilo (YUG), GM Spraggett (CAN), GM Zapata (COL), GM Ye Rongguang (PRC), GM Lobron (BRD), IM Rachels (USA) & GM Petursson (ICE) 6: 48-53 GM Portisch (HUN), GM Rogers (AUS), GM Vaganian (USR), Kamsky (USA). IM Lin Ta (PRC) & GM Smyslov (USR) 51: 54-57 GM Chandler (ENG). IM Mascarinas (PHI), IM Arencibia (CUB) & IM van Riemsdijk (BRA) 5: 58-59 [M El Taher (EGY) & IM Juarez (GUA) 4; 60-63 IM Plasetski (CAN), IM Hmadi (TUN), IM Afifi (EGY) & GM Salov (USR) 3½; 64 IM Thipsay (IND) 1.

Salov and Thipsay both withdrew after seven rounds.

GUREVICH - SHORT, French Defence:

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 exd5 exd5 4 Nf3 Bg4 5 h3 Bh5 6 Be2 Bd6 7 Ne5 Bxe2 8 Qxe2 Ne7 9 0-0 0-0 10 Bf4 Re8 11 Qg4 Bxe5 12 Bxe5 Ng6 13 Bg3 Nd7 14 Nd2

Nf6 15 Qf3 c6 16 Qb3 Qb6 17 Qxb6 axb6 18 a3 Ne4 19 Nxe4 Rxe4 20 Rfd1 b5 21 Kf1 f6 22 f3 Re6 23 Re1 Kf7 24 Rxe6 Kxe6 25 Re1+ Kd7 26 Ke2 h5 27 Kd3 h4 28 Bh2 Ne7 29 Bf4 Nf5 30 Bd2 b6 31 Re2 c5 32 Be3 b4 33 axb4 c4+ 34 Kc3 Nd6 35 Re1 Ra4 36 Kd2 Rxb4 37 Ra1 Rxb2 38 Ra7+ Ke6 39 Rxg7 b5 40 Bf2 b4 41 Kc1 c3 42 Bxh4 Nf5, 0 : 1.

SHORT - TORRE, Sicilian Rauzer:

1 e⁴ c⁵ 2 Nf³ Nc⁶ 3 d⁴ cxd⁴ 4 Nxd⁴ Nf⁶ 5 Nc³ d⁶ 6 Bg⁵ e⁶ 7 Qd² a⁶ 8 0-0-0 Bd⁷ 9 f⁴ b⁵ 10 8xf⁶ gxf⁶ 11 Nxc⁶ 8xc⁶ 12 Qe¹ Be⁷ 13 Bd³ Qb⁶ 14 Kb¹ h⁵ 15 f⁵ Qc⁵ 16 Rhf¹ Kd⁷ 17 Rf³ Rag⁸ 18 fxe⁶+ fxe⁶ 19 Nd⁵ Rxg² 20 b⁴ Qa⁷ 21 Nxe⁷ Kxe⁷ 22 Qc³ Kd⁷ 23 Rxf⁶ Rh⁷ 2⁴ e⁵ Rg¹ 25 Rxg¹ Qxg¹+ 2⁶ Rf¹ Qg² 2⁷ Qd⁴ Kc⁷ 2⁸ Rg¹, 1:0.

CHANDLER - IVANCHUK, French Winawer:

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e5 c5 5 a3 Bxc3+ 6 bxc3 Ne7 7 Nf3 Bd7 8 a4 Qa5 9 Bd2 Nbc6 10 Bb5 0-0-0 11 0-0 c4 12 Bc1 f6 13 Qe1 Rhe8 14 Ba3 Kb8 15 Bxc6 Nxc6 16 Qe3 Ka8 17 Rfb1 Bc8 18 Bd6 Rd7 19 Rb5 Qd8 20 a5 g5 21 Bc5 g4 22 Bb6 Rc7 23 Ne1 fxe5 24 dxe5 Bd7 25 Qc5 Re7 26 a6 bxa6 27 Rxa6 Be8 28 Bxc7 Rxc7 29 Qd6 Qxd6 30 exd6 Rb7 31 Rxb7 Kxb7 32 Ra1 Kc8 33 Rb1 a5 34 f3 h5 35 Kf2 Kd7 36 fxg4 hxg4 37 h3 gxh3 38 gxh3 Kxd6 39 Nf3 a4 40 Nd4 e5 41 Nxc6 Kxc6 42 Ke3 Kc5 43 Kd2 Kd6 44 Rb6+ Kc5 45 Rf6 Kb5 46 Re6, 1 : 0.

LAUTIER - YUDASIN, Nimzoindian Defence:

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3 c5 5 Nge2 cxd4 6 exd4 d5 7 c5 Ne4 8 Bd2 Nxd2 9 Qxd2 a5 10 a3 Bxc3 11 Nxc3 a4 12 Bd3 b6 13 cxb6 Qxb6 14 Bc2 Bd7 15 0-0 0-0 16 Rfe1 g6 17 Re3 Rc8 18 Rd1 Bc6 19 Rf3 Nd7 20 Qf4 Rf8 21 Rh3 Qxb2 22 Bb1 Rab8 23 Qh4 h5 24 Qg5 Kg7 25 Rg3 Rh8 26 Bxg6 f6 27 Qh4 Rh6 28 Bxh5+ Kh8 29 Qg4 Rh7 30 Bg6 f5 31 Qf4, 1 : 0.

GEORGIEV - DREEV, QGD Semi-Slav:

1 d4 d5 2 c4 c6 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 Nc3 e6 5 e3 Nbd7 6 Qc2 Bd6 7 Be2 0-0 8 0-0 dxc4 9 Bxc4 b5 10 Be2 Bb7 11 Rd1 Qc7 12 e4 e5 13 dxe5 Nxe5 14 Nd4 b4 15 Nf5 Bc5 16 Na4 Bxf2+ 17 Kxf2 Neg4+ 18 Bxg4 Nxg4+ 19 Kf3 Nxh2+ 20 Kf2 Ng4+ 21 Ke1 Qh2 22 Bg5 Ba6 23 Nc5 Qg1+ 24 Kd2 Rfd8+ 25 Bxd8 Rxd8+ 26 Kc1 Rxd1+ 27 Qxd1 Qxc5+ 28 Kb1 h5 29 Qd4 Qxd4 30 Nxd4 Bd3+ 31 Kc1 Bxe4 32 g3 g5 33 Kd2 Kg7 34 Rc1 h4 35 gxh4 gxh4 36 Ne2 h3 37 Ng3 Bd5 38 Nh5+ Kh6 39 Nf4 h2 40 Nxd5 cxd5 41 Ke2 Kg5 42 Kf3 d4 43 Rh1 d3 44 Rd1 f5 45 Rh1 f4 46 b3 a6, 0 f1.

DE FIRMIAN - YUDASIN, Sicilian Najdorf:

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 f4 e6 7 Qf3 Qb6 8 a3 g6 9 Be2 Bg7 10 Be3 Qc7 11 0-0-0 0-0 12 g4 Nc6 13 f5 Nd7 14 Rhf1 Nce5 15 Qg3 Re8 16 Qh4 b5 17 Bh6 Bh8 18 fxe6 fxe6 19 Nxe6 Qb7 20 Nd5 Nf6 21 Nec7 Bxg4 22 Nxe8 Bxe2 23 Nexf6+ Bxf6 24 Qxf6, 1 : 0.

ILLESCAS - KAMSKY, Caro-Kann Defence:

1 e4 c6 2 c4 d5 3 cxd5 cxd5 4 exd5 Nf6 5 Nc3 Nxd5 6 Nf3 g6 7 Qb3 Nb6 8 Bb5+ Bd7 9 Ne5 e6 10 Ne4 Be7 11 d4 Bxb5 12 Qxb5+ N8d7 13 Bh6 a6 14 Qe2 Bb4+ 15 Kf1 Nd5 16 Nxf7 Kxf7 17 Ng5+ Ke8 18 Qxe6+ Qe7 19 Qxd5 Kd8 20 Ne6+ Kc8 21 Rc1+, 1 : 0.

LAUTIER - SHIROV, King's Indian Defence:

1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 g6 3 g3 Bg7 4 Bg2 0-0 5 0-0 d6 6 c4 Nc6 7 Nc3 a6 8 h3 Bd7 9 Bg5 h6 10 Be3 Rb8 11 Nd5 b5 12 Nxf6+ exf6 13 cxb5 Rxb5 14 Qd2 g5 15 d5 Ne7 16 Nd4 Rxd5 17 Bxd5 Nxd5 18 Nf5 Bxf5 19 Qxd5 Bxh3 20 Rfd1 Re8 21 Rac1 f5 22 Rd2 Rxe3 23 fxe3 Qe7 24 Kf2 Be5 25 Rh1 Bxg3+ 26 Kxg3 Qxe3+ 27 Qf3 Qxd2 28 Qa8+ Kg7 29 Kxh3 Qxe2 30 Qd5 Kg6 31 Qd4 f4 32 Rg1 f5, 0 : 1.

GUREVICH - TAL, QGD Tarrasch:

1 c4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 c5 4 cxd5 exd5 5 Nf3 Nc6 6 g3 Nf6 7 Bg2 Be7 8 0-0 0-0 9 Bg5 cxd4 10 Nxd4 h6 11 Be3 ReB 12 Rc1 Bf8 13 Qa4 Ne5 14 Rcd1 Bd7 15 Qb3 Bc6 16 Nxc6 bxc6 17 Bd4 Rab8 18 Qc2 Qa5 19 Qf5 Rxb2 20 Nxd5 Rxe2 21 Nxf6+ gxf6 22 Be4 Bg7 23 Qh7+ Kf8 24 Rc1 f5 25 Bxc6 Re7 26 Bb5 Nf3+ 27 Kg2 Nxd4 28 Rc8+ Re8 29 Bxe8 Qd5+ 30 Kh3 Rxe8 31 Rxe8+ Kxe8 32 Qxq7 Qe4 33 f4

Ne6 34 Qe5 Qc2 35 Rf3 Kf8 36 Rb3, 1 : 0.

HJARTARSON - TAL, Sicilian Rauzer:

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 Nc6 6 Bg5 e6 7 Qd2 Be7 8 0-0-0 0-0 9 Be2 a6 10 h4 Bd7 11 h5 Nxd4 12 Qxd4 h6 13 Be3 Bc6 14 f4 b5 15 Bf3 Qa5 16 a3 Rab8 17 Bd2 Qc7 18 g4 Nd7 19 g5 hxg5 20 h6 Bf6 21 Qf2 g6 22 e5 dxe5 23 fxg5 Be7 24 Ne4 Bxe4 25 Bxe4 Qc4 26 h7+ Kh8 27 Qg2 Nc5 28 Bb4 Qa2 29 c3 Rbc8 30 Bxc5 Bxc5 31 Qg3 Bxa3 32 bxa3 Qxa3+ 33 Kd2 Rfd8+ 34 Ke1 Rxd1+ 35 Kxd1 Qa4+, 0 : 1.

HJARTARSON - POPOVIC, Grünfeld Defence:

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 d5 4 cxd5 Nxd5 5 e4 Nxc3 6 bxc3 Bg7 7 Bb5+ c6 8
Ba4 0-0 9 Ne2 b5 10 Bb3 Bb7 11 0-0 c5 12 d5 Nd7 13 Bg5 h6 14 Be3 Qc7 15
Qd2 Kh7 16 Rac1 Nf6 17 f3 Rfd8 18 c4 e6 19 Rfd1 exd5 20 cxd5 c4 21 Bc2
Nxd5 22 exd5 Rxd5 23 Bd4 Re8 24 Be4 Rd7 25 Qc3 Qd8 26 Bc2 Rxe2 27 Bxg7 Qg5
28 q3 b4, 0 : 1.

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KASPAROV v PSAKHIS

World champion Gary Kasparov thrashed former compatriot (now Israeli) GM Lev Psakhis 5 - 1 in a match played at Murcia in Spain during July. Psakhis had some winning chances in game 2 which was eventually drawn and he also drew the third game.

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BIEL

The main event of this annual congress was a double round-robin of eight grandmasters. Anatoly Karpov took a comfortable first place with an undefeated $9\frac{1}{2}/14$ while the solid Swede Ulf Andersson was also unbeaten in taking clear second on 8 points.

Tony Miles continued his recent good form in tying for third place with West German GM Matthias Wahls on $7\frac{1}{2}$ while Vlastimil Hort (CZE) and Lev Polugaevsky (USR) scored 7. Bringing up the rear were Nick de Firmian (USA) on 5 and Joel Lautier (FRA) on $4\frac{1}{2}$.

All told there were no fewer than 14 events in the congress. The 180-player Master Open was won by GM Gavrikov (USR) on 9 points followed by GM Vyzmanavin (USR) $8\frac{1}{2}$ and then the trio of GM Kindermann (BRD), IM A.Kuzmin (USR) and IM Rosentalis (USR) on 8 points.

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP

In the absence of Nigel Short and John Nunn favouritism in this year's British Championship at Eastbourne fell on the shoulders of Jon Speelman. The tournament was an 11-round Swiss with 74 players of whom 10 were GMs and 15 LMs.

The surprise winner was GM Jim Plaskett, ranked only 15th with a 2445 rating. Plaskett has always been an uncompromising player but his record of nine wins and two losses was certainly unusual. In second place, on 84, was GM Julian Hodgson while Jonathan Mestel occupied third slot on 8 points. Next was a bunch of four players on 7½: GM Adams (defending champion), IM Emms. GM King and GM Speelman.

BUCKLEY - BASMAN, Irregular Opening:

1 d4 h6 2 e4 a6 3 Bd3 c5 4 dxc5 e6 5 Be3 Qc7 6 b4 a5 7 c3 Nc6 8 Qa4 Nf6 9 Ne2 g5 10 Na3 Ng4 11 Bd2 Qb8 12 Nb5 b6 13 Ng3 bxc5 14 Be2 8e6 15 c4 h5 16 bxa5 h4 17 Nf1 Nge5 18 Bxg5 Nd4 19 Nxd4 cxd4 20 Nd2 d3 21 Bd1 Rg8 22 Rb1 Qc7 23 Bxh4 Bh6 24 Bb3 Qc5 25 Bg3 Rc8 26 Rd1 Rxg3 27 hxg3 Ng4 28 Rf1 Be3 29 Nf3 Nxf2 30 a3 Nxd1 31 Bxd1 Bxc4 32 Qb4 d2+ 33 N=d2 Q=b4 34 axb4 Bxd2+ 35 Kxd2 Bxf1 36 Ba4 Rb8 37 Kc3 Kd8, 0 : 1.

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AMSTERDAM

The Crown group of the OHRA tournament in July-August was the now familiar 6-player double round-robin. Despite his loss to Korchnoi in the last round Alexander Belyavsky maintained a one-point cushion in the final standings. Portisch shrugged off his Interzonal debacle, placing second in the category 14 event.

				1	2	_ 3	4	5	6	
1	Belyavsky	USR	G 2605	x x	1 1	1 ₂ 0	1 1	1 ½	1 1	61
2	Portisch	HUN	G 2590	0 0	x x	1 1	1 1/2	1 1	1 1	51
3	Korchnoi	SWI	G 2630	1 1	₹ 0	хх	$\frac{1}{2}$ 0	1 1	1 1	5
4	Azmaiparashvili	USR	G 2575	1/2 1/2	0 ½	$\frac{1}{2}$ 1	хх	0 1	1 1	41
5	Nunn	ENG	G 2610	0 1	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	½ O	1 1/2	XX	1/2 1/2	41
6	van der Wiel	NLD	G 2555	<u>₹</u> 0	10	$\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2}$	1 1	1 1	x x	4

The Grandmaster group was a relatively low scoring 9-round Swiss featuring Polgar sisters at both ends and the middle. Judit Polgar tied for first place with Vladimir Tukmakov while Zsuzsa scored 50% and Zsofia propped up the table.

Leading scores: 1-2 GM Tukmakov (USR) & WGM J.Polgar (HUN) 6; 3-8 GM Anand (IND), IM Brenninkmeljer (NLD), GM Fedorowicz (USA), GM C.Hansen (DEN), GM Hellers (SWE) & GM Uhlmann (DDR) 5½; 9-11 GM Piket (NLD), IM Serper (USR) & IM Stohl (CZE) 5; 12-15 GM Dorfman (USR), WGM Z.Polgar (HUN), GM Psakhis (ISR) & IM van Riemsdyk (BRA) 4½ 24 players.

KORCHNOI - BELYAVSKY, Queen's Gambit:

1 c4 e6 2 Nc3 Nf6 3 Nf3 d5 4 d4 Be7 5 Bf4 0-0 6 e3 c5 7 dxc5 Bxc5 8 Qc2 Nc6 9 a3 Qa5 10 Nd2 Bb4 11 cxd5 exd5 12 Bd3 d4 13 0-0 Bxc3 14 Nc4 Qh5 15 bxc3 dxe3 16 Nxe3 Be6 17 Rab1 Nd5 18 Rb5 Rfd8 19 c4 Nd4 20 Qb2 Nxb5 21 cxd5 Bxd5 22 Bxb5 Be4 23 Bc7 Rdc8 24 Rc1 Qg6 25 Bd7 Rf8 26 h4 Kh8 27 Bf4 Rad8 28 Rc7 f6 29 Qb4 Rf7 30 h5, 1 : 0.

PORTISCH - KORCHNOI, Grünfeld Defence:

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 d5 4 Bf4 Bg7 5 Rc1 0-0 6 e3 c6 7 Nf3 Be6 8 Ng5 Bf5 9 Be2 h6 10 Nf3 dxc4 11 Bxc4 Nbd7 12 h3 g5 13 Bh2 c5 14 0-0 Rc8 15 Qe2 cxd4 16 Nxd4 Bg6 17 Bd3 Bxd3 18 Qxd3 Nc5 19 Qb1 Nd5 20 Rfd1 Bxd4 21 Rxd4 Nxc3 22 Rxc3 Qb6 23 Qc2 Rc6 24 b4 Ne6 25 Rxc6 bxc6 26 Rc4 a5 27 Rxc6 Qxb4 28 Be5 Ng7 29 Rxh6 f6 30 Qh7+ Kf7 31 Qg6+ Kg8 32 Rh7 Rf7 33 Kh2, 1 : 0.

LONDON

The Lloyds Bank Open in August saw a triple tie for first place between GM Adams, IM Conquest (both ENG) and IM Sturua (USR) on 8 points. Both IMs made GM norms and Conquest also won the Lloyds Bank trophy on tie-break.

Sharing fourth place on 7½ were IM Gallagher (ENG), IM Levitt (ENG), GM Kaidanov (USR), GM Nunn (ENG) and GM Suba (ENG). Among those on 7 points were GMs Chandler (ENG), Hodgson (ENG), Speelman (ENG) and Timoshenko (USR).

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PRAGUE

A small tournament sponsored by GMA chairman Bessel Kok as a chess tribute to democracy was held in August-September. Hort and Kavalek are, of course, expatriot Czechs. The scores: 1 GM Timman (NLD) 4; 2 GM Short (ENG) 3½; 3 GM Ftacnik (CZE) 3; 4 GM Kavalek (USA) 2; 5 GM Hort (BRD) 1½; 6 GM Smejkal (CZE)

SHORT - KAVALEK, Vienna Game:

1 e4 e5 2 Nc3 Nc6 3 g3 Bc5 4 Bg2 h5 5 Nf3 h4 6 Nxh4 Rxh4 7 gxh4 Qxh4 8 d4 Nxd4 9 Nd5 d6 10 Ne3 Nf6 11 c3 Bg4 12 Nxg4 Nxg4 13 Rf1 Ne6 14 Qe2 Nxh2 15 Rh1 Ke7 16 Kd1 Rh8 17 f3 Qg3 18 Bd2 Bf2 19 Bf1 Rh4 20 Qd3 Nc5 21 Qe2 Nxf3 22 Rxh4 Nxh4 23 Kc2 Nf3 24 Rd1 Nxd2 25 Rxd2 Be3, ½ : ½ (why?).

DADATOFTOF OPEN

By Graham Banks

The 5th Papatoetoe Open (25/26 August) had an entry of 46 which was split into six groups of six players and a final group of 10. The small groups played round-robins and the other a swiss.

Robert Smith and world champion commercial computer Mephisto Portorose won the top group, leaving the others well behind.

Schoolpupil Darryn Elliot won the second group while Graham Banks and Chris Joel shared first place in group 3. Young players also figured prominently in the remaining groups, a good omen for Auckland's chess future.

Group 1: **R Smith, M Portorose** 4; G Spain 2.5; P Garbett, M Dreyer, P Stuart 1.5.

Group 2: **D Elliot 3.5**; I McNally, D Notley 3; P Weir 2.5; G Walden, N Blaxall 1.5.

Group 3: **G Banks, C Joel 3.5**; K Metge 3; D Brunton, D Storey 2; D Lark 1.

Group 4: **M Chan 4.5**; P Hair 3.5; G Thye 2.5; B Hooton 2; G Mears 1.5; T Dwyer 1.

Group 5: **G Gill 5;** F Fuatui 3.5; J Worn 3; M Morrison 2; P McCarthy 1.5; K Tennant 0.

Group 6: **D Morrow, C Stott 4;** N Easterlow 3; C Wilson 2; P Lynch, D Lim 1.

Group 7: E Swayne, B Turner 4;

M Garland, T Renouf, P Turner 3; N Pattinson, J McRae 2.5; K Wong 2; T Woodhams 1; J Pratt 0.

R Smith v M Dreyer

Queens Gambit Acc Notes by R Smith

1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 d5 3 c4 dxc4 4 Qa4+ Bd7

BCO gives 4...c6 5 Qxc4 Bf5 6 Nc3 e6 7 g3 Nbd7 8 Bg2 Be7 9 0-0 0-0 10 Re1 Ne4 11 e3 Qb6 12 Qe2 Rad8 =.

5 Qxc4 Bc6 6 Nc3 e6 7 Bg5 Be7 8 Rc1

To prevent the simplifying ...Ne4; Black would lose the c7 pawn.

8...Nbd7 9 e3 0-0 10 Be2

White reserves d3 for his queen, in some lines, where it can help enforce e4.

10...h6 11 Bh4 a6 12 0-0 Rc8

Black prepares the simplifying

13 Bxf6!? Nxf6

13...Bxf6 14 e4 and White has the centre.

14 Ne5 Bd5 If 14...Bd7 or e8, White can pressure the queenside with Bf3 and Qb3, as in the game.

15 Nxd5 Nxd5 Better is 15...Qxd5 16 Bf3 Qxc4 17 Rxc4 c6.

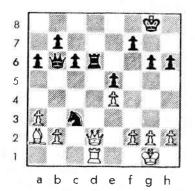
16 Qb3 Nb6 17 Bf3 c6 18 Rfd1 Bd6 19 Be4 White switches to the kingside, with Black occupied defending the other.

19...Bxe5 20 dxe5 Qc7 21 Bb1 Rfd8 22 Rd6 Nd5 23 Qd3 g6 24 Rcd1 Rxd6 25 exd6 Qb6 26 Qd2 e5 27 a3 Rd8 27...Qb3!?

28 Ba2 Rxd6?! 29 e4 Nc3

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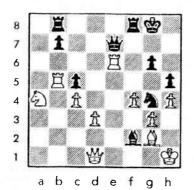


Black's idea is 30 Qxd6 Nxd1 31 Qxd1 Qxb2 32 Bb1 Qxa3 and Black may even be winning, but...

30 Qxd6 Nxd1 31 Qxg6+ Kh8 32 Qxh6+ 32 Qf6+ is quicker! 32... Kg8 33 Qg6+ Kh8 34 Qf6+ Kh7 35 Bxf7 1-0.

P Stuart v R Smith English Opening Notes by R Smith

1 c4 Nf6 2 Nc3 q6 3 q3 Bq7 4 Bg2 0-0 5 Nf3 d6 6 0-0 c5 7 d3 Nc6 8 Rb1 Bd7!? 9 a3 Qc8 10 Re1 a5?! 10...Bh3. 11 Bg5 Be6 12 Nd2 12 Qd2 12...h6 13 Bxf6 Bxf6 14 Nd5 Bxd5 15 Bxd5 Qd7 16 Ne4 Ba7 17 Nc3 h5! 18 h4 Ne5 19 Bg2 Ng4 20 Nd5 Rae8 21 b4 axb4 22 axb4 e6 23 Nb6 Qe7 24 bxc5 dxc5 25 Na4 Rb8 26 Rb5 f5! 27 e3 f4 28 exf4 Bd4 29 Rxe6 Bxf2+ 30 Kh1



30...Qxe6! 31 Bd5 Qxd5 32 cxd5 Rbe8 33 Rb1 Bxg3 34 Qb3 Rxf4 34...Re2. 35 Nxc5 Ne3 36 Ne6 Rxh4+ 37 Kg1 Rh2 38 Rb2? Rc8 39 Rb1 R8c2 40 Nf4 Bxf4 41 d6+ Kg7 42 Qxb7+ Kh6 43 d7 Rhg2+ 44 Qxg2 Rxg2+ 45 Kh1 Bc7 46 Rc1 Rh2+ 47 Kg1 Bb6?? 48 Rb1?? Mutual time scramble. Neither player knew the time control had been reached but if 48 Kxh2 Ng4+ 49 Kg3 Ne5 surprisingly Black still wins. 48...Rg2+ 49 Kh1 Rd2 50 Rxb6 Rxd3 51 Rb3 Rd1+ 52 Kh2 Ng4+ 0-1.

P Garbett v G Spain

Leningrad Dutch Notes by G Spain

1 d4 f5 2 g3 Nf6 3 Bg2 g6 4 Nh3 Bg7 5 Nc3 A new move which Paul told me Korchnoi has played with success recently. 5...0-0 6 Nf4 d6 6...Nc6 is better controlling the e5 square. 7 d5! c6 8 h4 Qe8 9 Qd3!? Na6?! Black should try 9...e5 10 dxe6 d5. 10 dxc6 bxc6 11 h5?! Too slow; White can win a pawn with 11 Qc4+

d5 12 Nexd5 exd5 13 Nxd5 Be6 14 Nxf64 exf6 15 Qxa6 Rc8 16 0-0! Rxc2 17 Qxa7 Rxe2 18 Bf3? 11...Rb8! 12 hxq6 hxq6 13 e4 e5 14 Nfe2 d5 15 exd5 Nb4 16 Qd2 Nbxd5 17 Nxd5 No better is 17 b3 e4 18 Bb2 e3 19 fxe3 Nxe3 20 Bf3 Ba6 when the powerful Black knight cripples the White position. 17...cxd5 18 Bxd5+ Nxd5 19 Qxd5+ Be6 20 Qq2 Qb5 Black has excellent compensation for his pawn with better development and open lines, 21 Nc3 Qc4 22 Qh3 Kf7 23 Qf1 Qc6! 24 Nd1?? A blunder in a difficult position but White has no real defence against Black's threats, 24...Bc4 25 Qq1 Qf3 0-1 After 26 Nc3 e4 wins.

M Portorose v P Garbett

Dutch Defence

1 d4 f5 2 Bg5 d5 3 e3 c6 4 Nc3 Qb6 5 Na4 Qa5+ 6 c3 e6 7 Be2 Nd7 8 b4 Qc7 9 Nf3 Bd6 10 Nc5 Ndf6 11 h3 h6 12 Bxf6 Nxf6 13 0-0 0-0 14 Qc2 e5 15 dxe5 Bxe5 16 Nxe5 Qxe5 17 Nd3 Qd6 18 Rad1 b5 19 Nc5 Qe7 20 a4 a6 21 Ra1 Be6 22 Qd3 Ne4 23 Nb3 Qf6 24 Nd4 Bd7 25 Bf3 Qg6 26 Rfe1 Kh8 27 Red1 Rfe8 28 Kf1 Qd6 29 Bh5 Rf8 30 Ne2 g6 31 Bf3 Ng5 32 Nd4 Kh7 33 Kg1 Nf7 34 Be2 f4 35 e4 bxa4 36 Nf3 a5 37 Rxa4 axb4 38 Rxb4 Ra2 39 exd5 c5 40 Rb7 Nd8 41 Qb1 Nxb7 42 Qxa2 Qe7 43 Bd3 Nd6 44 Re1 Qf6 45 Qa7 Rf7 46 Qxc5 Kg7 47 Qd4 Nb5 48 Qxf6+ Kxf6 49 Ne5 Nxc3 50 Nxf7 Kxf7 51 d6 Na4 52 Re7+ Kf6 53 Rxd7 Nc5 54 Rh7 Ke6 55 Bxg6 and White won.

D Elliot v D Notley

Exchange French

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 exd5 exd5 4 Bd3

Bd6 5 Nf3 Nf6 6 0-0 Bg4 7 Re1+ Nge7 8 as f6 9 Nbd2 Qd7 10 b4 g5 11 Qb3 0-0-0 12 a4 h5 13 a5 Bf5 14 Bf1 Ng6 15 b5 Nce7 16 b6 a6 17 Kh1 g4 18 Ng1 h4 19 f3 h3 20 g3 gxf3 21 Ngxf3 c6 22 Ba3 Rde8 23 c4 dxc4 24 Nxc4 Bb8 25 Ncd2 Nd5 26 Bc4 Rhg8 27 Rac1 Kd8 28 Bc5 Draw agreed.

C Joel v D Lark OGD

1 d4 d5 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 Nf3 Bxc3+ 5 bxc3 c6 6 cxd5 cxd5 7 e3 Bd7 8 c4 Bc6 9 Bd3 Nf6 10 a4 0-0 11 a5 Qc7 12 cxd5 Bxd5 13 0-0 Bxf3 14 Qxf3 Qc3 15 Ba3 Rd8 16 Qxb7 Nbd7 17 Qb5 Rdb8 18 Qc4 Qxc4 19 Bxc4 Rc8 20 Ba6 Re8 21 Bd6 Ne4 22 Bc7 Re7 23 Bb7 Ndf6 24 Bxa8 Rxc7 25 Bxe4 Nxe4 26 Rfc1 Rxc1+ 27 Rxc1 g6 28 Rc7 Nf6 29 Rxa7 Nd5 30 Ra8+ Kg7 31 a6 Nb4 32 a7 Nc6 33 e4 1-0

D Lark v G Banks

1 d4 d5 2 e3 Nf6 3 c4 e6 4 Nc3 c6 5 Nf3 Nbd7 6 Be2 Bd6 7 0-0 0-0 8 Qc2 b6 9 a3 Bb7 10 b4 dxc4 11 Bxc4 c5 12 bxc5 bxc5 13 Ng5 Bxh3+ 14 Kh1 h6 15 Nh3 Bb8 16 Ne2 Ng4 17 f4 Qh4 18 Kg1 Nd16 19 Bd3 cxd4 20 exd4 Bd5 21 Qd2 Ne4 22 Qe1 Qe7 23 Bxe4 Bxe4 24 Qg3 f5 25 Nf2 Nxf2 26 Qxf2 Rc8 27 Bd2 Bd6 28 a4 Rab8 29 Nc3 Ba8 30 Rfe1 Bb4 31 Qe3 Bxc3 32 Bxc3 Bd5 33 Rab1 Rxb1 34 Rxb1 Qa3 35 Rc1 Qxa4 36 Kh2 Qb3 37 Qd2 Rc6 38 Kq1 Ra6 39 Ba5 Rc6 40 Rxc6 Bxc6 41 Qc3 Qd5 42 Qd2 Qe4 43 Kh2 h5 44 Bd8 Kf7 45 Qf2 Qd5 46 Bc7 a5 47 Be5 Qd8 48 Qg3 g6 49 Qc3 Bd5 50 Bc7 Qb4+ 51 Kg1 Qg4 52 Qb2 h4 53 Kh2 Qg3+ 54 Kg1 h3 55 Bxa5 Bxg2 0-1

BULLETIN BOARD

From Arthur Pomeroy

On 11th August this game was shown live on West German TV. For the "German TV Cup", it was played between Judit Polgar and Rainer Knaak (East German champion on 2515). Time 1 hour each, colours random, draw counts as win for Black!

J Polgar v R Knaak

- 3-		
1 e4		e6
2 d4		d5
3 Nc3		Bb4
4 e5		c5
5 a3		Вхс3+
6 bxc3		Ne7
7 Qg4		Qc7
8 Bd3		cxd4
9 Ne2		Qxe5
10 Bf4		Qf6
11 Bg5		Qe5
12 cxd4		h5
13 Qh4		Qc7
14 Bf4		Qa5+
15 Bd2		Qd8 (50)
16 g4		e5
17 dxe5		Bxg4
18 Rg1		Qd7 (36)
19 f3	(39)	Be6 (29)
20 Nd4		Nbc6
21 Nxc6		Nxc6
22 Rxg7	(31)	Qc7

Here the commentators, Hort and Pfleger, pointed out that White cannot play 23 f4 due to 23...Nxe5 24 fxe5 Qxe5+ winning a rook. What happened?

23 f4 Nxe5

24 fxe5 Qxe5+ 25 Kf2 (25)

Now Black can pick up either rook. Will it do him any good?

25 ... Qxg7 (12) 26 Rg1 (21) Qb2 (5:44) 27 Bb4 f6 28 Re1 (19) 0-0-0 (0:59)

28...Kf7 is defeated by 29 Rxe6 Kxe6 30 Qh3+ Kf7 31 Qd7+ Kg8 32 Qxd5+ Kg7 33 Qd7+ and mate next move.

29 Rxe6 . Kb8 (0:39) 30 Qxf6 Qa2 31 Qd4 Rc8 (0:32)

Hort: "Black probably has no time to resign."

32 Bd2 Ka8 (0:27) 33 Be3 Rxc2+ 34 Bxc2 Qxc2+ 35 Ke1 Qb1+ 36 Kd2 Qa2+ 37 Kd1 Qb1+ 38 Ke2 Qc2+ 39 Bd2 Rf8 40 Qxd5 1-0

It was not clear whether Knaak resigned or lost on time. Next year they want to get Kasparov to challenge J Polgar for the cup!

The 1990 World Chess Championship is scheduled to commence on 8th October in the Hudson Theatre, New York. Tickets for each game were advertised at \$100, season ticket \$1000 but other information suggests singles at \$50 and \$25. Most credit cards are acceptable!

LETTERS

Dear Sir.

With reference to your paragraph in Inside Story in the August issue, I don't know who the clubs are who are seeking assistance for losses on NZCA tournaments that they have run.

May I suggest a recipe to successfully run tournaments.

Take two accountants, make one the president, the other the treasurer and leave them to it. Of course, neither will be A, B or C grade players but they play the game for the game's sake.

Just over 18 months ago we ran the Robt Jones Investments Congress. After paying all expenses, including a well distributed prize list and supplying afternoon tea free, we made a small profit.

We have just finished hosting the Westpac South Island Champion—ship and again we have made a small profit.

I maintain that all tournaments should pay for themselves and this has been the case in Otago for the past six years.

If any clubs require any assistance in working out budgets, do not hesitate to contact us.

Arthur J Patton President Otago CC

We also received a long letter from **Don Stracy** regarding comments in the August issue on the dispute between the Upper Hutt Club and Russell Dive. It is our

understanding that the club has written to Mr Dive and that he considers the content of the letter to be acceptable to him.

It is possible that the word "rejected", as used in the published article, could have been misleading but as the core issue seems to have been resolved we will not pursue it.

Our concern is to see that an entrant gets to play unless the whole tournament is cancelled. If this is denied because of rating cutoffs announced on the entry form, that is another reason not to announce cutoffs!

Now the hard part! We have to hand two letters on the subject of the chosen Olympiad teams. Is that sufficient to signal general interest? As each letter advocates different teams would more letters choose more teams? Would three members of the teams and one not in the teams like to read criticism of their fitness?

After considering the above questions and the result of the special general meeting, we have decided not to publish the letters. However, from those letters and from comments made to the editor personally, it is evident that selection procedure may come up for discussion at the next AGM. Accordingly, we (the editor, not the association) consider that a cautionary view should be voiced through the editorial.

LOCAL NEWS

WELLINGTON

Scots College were clear winners of the Inter-college teams tourney, winning all matches and scoring 10/12. The team was Shamnika Rupasinghe, Kent Wong, Marvin Jones and Antony Sewhoy.

Rongotai were second, St Patrick's (Silverstream) third and Wellington fourth.

The Wellington Chess League, under the guidance of new president Peter Collins and secretary Ted Frost, is aiming to bolster junior chess in the capital with more tournaments and encouragement for the lower reaches to give the youngsters more avenues in which to participate.

A B-GRADE CLASH

The editor has sometimes expressed the view that there is not enough life or ideas in today's play. For quite a few years he used 1 Nf3 and spent the next four hours, or less if he blundered early, trying to figure out what was going on. Not now. Today he endeavours to play sharply (usually, don't count on it!) and, at B grade level, his opponents sometimes oblige.

Bruce Kay once played in the national championship and is usually very steady; slow, but steady. After this game he said; "That was a very good game for you," Not many opponents are that generous; thanks Bruce! Civic club champs, 1990.

W Ramsay v J B Kay

French Winawer

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e5Jc5

5 a3 Bxc3+ 6 bxc3 Ne7 7 N/3 Nbc6

The expert in attendance frowned at this move but an opening book gives it as the second option though it indicates that 7. Bd7, the fourth option, is best for Black, 8 Bd3 Qc7 The move ... Qa5 seems to be used a lot in this variation. Perhaps it is better than the text here. 9 Be3 cxd4 Another from from the expert. White thought the pawn should stay on c5 to maintain the tension but the book often gives ...c4. 10 cxd4 Bd7 It now looked as if Black might castle long so White got ready to shove the rooks to abc. He had been thinking also of h4 and g4 with the rook at home. 11 0-0 Na5 Definitely a mistake. White was already thinking of No5 with a possible sacrifice on f7 or f6 and taking a Black piece away from the action almost commits White to that plan. 12 Ng5 h6 One idea White had was 13 N-h7-f6 but opted to strand the king in the middle. Black saw the possibility but thought it wasn't viable 13 Nx17 Kxf7 14 Qh5+ g6 15 Qh4 The original intention was 15 Qf3+ Nf5 16 Q4 regaining the piece but the text seemed to keep more lines open and White wanted to have fun, not reach some kind of equality. 15...Ng8 Not the best, as we shall see. Rag8 or Raf8 seem to be better but then 16 Bxh6 may keep the attack alive. 16 Bg5 Rf8 Taking the bishop was a possibility but Black wants to choose when to give back the material, 17 Bf6 Suddenly, White glimpses the reward for his boldness! The bishop cannot be taken (safely) and there are mating possibilities: 17...Rh7 Suppressing his excitement. White forces a calm, casual whisper (there are other games in progress) "I think it's mate in three." 18 Bxg6+ Kxg6 19 Qg4+ Kf7 20 Qh5#

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Just prior to closing the meeting, the president reported the results of the Asian Under-16 event in Christ-church (see p102 for the cross-table).

In reply to a question from the floor, he said that **Darryn Elliot** (Auckland) won the New Zealand Schoolpupils Championship, Mark Sinclair (Rotorua) was second and Shane Hudson (Christchurch) was third.

It was reported at the August council meeting that all the necessary signatures had been received for incorporation but that another legal problem had surfaced. It appears that members can only be incorporated bodies or individuals. Under the first class, only seven or eight clubs (out of about 30) would qualify. The president undertook to meet with a suitable solicitor and the Hillary Commission on the matter.

Approaches have been made to GMA for details on running a World Cup event in 1992. Someone pointed out that the Wellington Arts Festival was scheduled for March 1992 and it was suggested that it would be desirable to hold the tourney at that time.

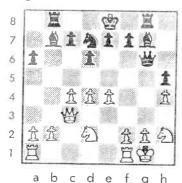
Lev Aptekar said there were still places available for spectators on the airline to Yugoslavia. The teams will be leaving about 11th November while the president, as delegate, and the editor, as women's captain, will leave on the 14th

CHESS BY CORRY

By Bill Cox

A game from the British CC Society's magazine Chess Post. It was played in the semifinal of World CC Championship XVI V Sogaard (Denmark) v K Krantz (Sweden) Notes by Kjell Krantz

1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 a61? With the idea 3 c4 c5 4 d5 b5 etc 3 Bf4 Better is 3 Bg5 3...b5 4 e3 Bb7 5 Nbd2 Better is 5 h3 to provide an escape square for the bishop on 14. 5...Nh5l 6 Bg5 h6 7 Bh4 g5 8 Ne5 Ng7 9 Bg3 d6 10 Nef3 10 Nd31? Nf5 11 a4 is unclear, 10...Nf5 11 c4 b4l A compulsory pawn sacrifice. If 11...Qa7 12 Qb3 gives the advantage to White 12 Bd3 Qd7 13 Bxf5 Qxf5 14 Qa4+ Nd7 15 Qxb4 Rb8 16 Qc3 Bq7 in my opinion Black has real compensation for the pawn. 17 0-0 h5 18 h4 gxh4 19 e4 Weakens the centre but 19 Nxh4 Qg4 looking to 20... Bf6 was also problematical. 19...Qq4 20 Nh2 Qq6 21 Bxh4 Ra8



22 Qg3? A blunder, The "ugy" 22 g3 was obligatory. Black has now many possibilities. 22...Bxe4 with the idea 23 Nxe4 Qxe4 24 Re1 Qxh4l 22...Qxg3 23 Bxg3 Bxd4 Advantage to Black because of the threat 24...Rxg3. 24 Nhf3 Bxb2 25 Rab1 Ba3 26 Rfe1 Bc5 27 Bf4 f6 28 Be3 Kf7 29 Nd4 e6 30 f4 f5 31 exf5 e5 0-1

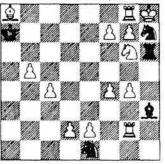
The finish could be 32 fxe5 dxe5 33 N4f3 Bxf3 34 Rxb8 Rxg2+ 35 Kf1 8xe3 36 Rxe3 with an easy win.

STUDY CORNER

By Emil Melnichenko

57 entries from 12 countries competed in a tourney dedicated to the memory of John Richard Harman. The product of his Sisyphean labour, the Harman index, systematically records many thousands of studies. Here is one of Aotearoa's finalists from that contest.

E. Melnichenko 3 Hon.Mention, Harman MT of EG, 1988



13 + 5

White's material advantage is enormous yet the prognosis is grim in view of the apparently inescapable threat of mate once the knight on h7 moves.

1 b6+

Random checking is frowned upon but here it is the only reasonable move as obviously both 1 g5? Nxg5 and 1 Re8 Nf6 are suicidal.

1 ... Ka6

Naturally 1...Kxb6? 2 Rb8+ and 3 g8Q frees the White monarch.

2 Bb7+ Kxb6

Black sidesteps both 2...Kxb7? 3 Rb8+ and 2...Ka5? 3 Ra8+ when g8 is vacated with an all-important check.

3 ¢5+ Kb5 4 Bc6+

Not 4 Ba6+? Ka5 when Black is shielded long enough to deliver mate.

4 ... Kxc5

Of course the inferior 4...Kc4? is met by 5 Ne5+ Kxc5 6 d4+ forcing the hapless sovereign to face a fatal check from the turret on g8.

5 d4+ Kc4 6 Bd5+

Here 6 Bb5+? loses to Kb4 while 6 Ne5+? fares no better after 6...Kc3 7 Rg3+ Nf3! 8 Rxf3+ Kd2 9 Rd3+ (both 9 Nc4+ Ke1 and 9 Rxh3 Rxh3 10 Nf3+ Kc1 fail to find reprieve for White) Ke1 10 Rxh3 (10 Rd1+ Kxd1 11 Ba4+ Ke1 12 Nf3+ Kf2 is also hopeless) Rxh3 11 Bg2 h6.

6 ... Kxd4 7 e3+ Kd3 8 Be4+

Both 8 Bc4+? Kc3 and 8 Ne5+? Kxe3 9 Rg3+ (if 9 Nc4+ Kd4 10 Rd2+ Kc3 11 Rd3+ Nxd3 wins) Kf2 10 Rxh3 Rxh3 render White defenceless.

8 ... Kxe3

9 Rg3+

Now 9 Re2+? Kxe2 10 Bd3+ Kf2 11 Nf8 Nxf8 mates.

9 ... Kf2

The weary monarch finds a haven from checks at last but not after 9...Nf3 10 Rxf3+ Ke2 11 Rxh3 Rxh3 12 Bg2 Rh6 13 Re8+.

10 Rxh3

The point of the thematic descending staircase becomes clear as White now challenges Black's

supremacy on the h-file!

10 ... Rxh3

11 Nh4

This desperate move celebrates the problemist's mousetrap theme! The decoyed rook is momentarily prevented from announcing mate or capturing the valiant knight as 11...Rxh4 is answered by 12 Bxh7. While closing the h-file, White has also opened the e4-h7 diagonal along which the bishop's sights are trained.

11 ... N/6 12 f8N

Neither 12 Bh7? Rxh4 13 f8N (else 13...Rxh7#) Nd3 14 g5 Nxf4 15 g5xf6 (15 g6 Kg1 16 Ne6 Nxg6#) Kg1 16 f7 Kf2 17 Ne6 Ng6# nor 12 Bg6? Rxh4+ 13 Bh5 Nxh5 14 Kh7 Nxf4# saves the Maginot Line.

12 ... Rxh4+

An unforgettable blunder would be 13 Bh7? Nd3 14 g5 Nxf4 when Black smothers the king as in the previous note. However, after the text White wins comfortably by force, eg, 13...Nxe4 14 g5 or 13...Nxg8 14 Kxg8 Rxg4 15 Ng5 when queening can't be prevented.

The judge, David Friedgood, a FIDE OTB master and third-time winner of the Lloyds Bank British Solving Championship, said: "An artificial position (8 wPP) but the repetitive manoeuvre is great fun, the byplay shows considerable ingenuity and there is even an underpromotion. Most of the wood is consumed in the flames."

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