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INSIDE STORY

The big news at council was, of course, the selections for the Olympiad teams.

Open team, in alphabetical order: **Martin Dreyer, Paul Garbett, Ben Martin, Jonathan Sarfati, Ortvin Sarapu, Vernon Small.**

Anthony Ker, writing in the Evening Post, said: "...one of the strongest teams New Zealand has fielded and a good mix of age and experience..".

Paul Garbett is captain and Ker and Russell Dive are the two reserves (non-travelling).

Not much to argue about in that: The top four from the championship and the two international masters. It just seems a pity we had to wait to hear it. Mind you, one has to feel sorry for players who beavered away for two years in club events, regional tourneys and national championships, risking their ratings and reputations, supporting and encouraging chess in New Zealand while others picked their events carefully or didn't bother playing at all.

Incidentally, this is why we have that "played so many games in the past two years" rule for the championship. Occasional or part time players are not wanted there as they do nothing for local chess.

The women's team, **Fenella Foster, Katrine Metge, Vivian Smith** was an easy one. They need four members and have had to defer naming the fourth till they can find her.

Why won't the girls come out to play?

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EDITORIAL

Great news, wasn't it? Affiliation fees rose only \$2. If the club can make a saving on electricity by not heating the playing room it may be able to keep the subscription at the same level as last year. That should ensure we do not lose any members. They may die of pneumonia but the club will pull through. Chess is addictive and we can always find new members with our low subs, low service and low esteem.

Chess, worldwide and for many years, has been run on a shoestring. Things looked good in the Fischer era but it never really penetrated down to club level. Some clubs meet in draughty church halls or battered school ones. Members are supplied with all playing equipment, opponents, coffee and biscuits, organised events and sometimes prizes; all for a dollar a week or less. The wonder is that the clubs have survived at all!

Voluntary labour; that's what has done it and that is what keeps the national organising body going. The president, secretary and treasurer, at least, spend time every day attending to chess matters, for someone else. They all have jobs to do, families to consider and would like to play a game or two, if they had the time. If their time was ever charged out, affiliation fees would have to be nearer \$80 than \$8.

Now that we are liable for GST a higher level of skill is needed for the treasurer's post and we may have to pay for it one day soon. It is our belief that employing someone to handle the main secretarial duties would be advantageous and cost-effective. The programming and extension of the rating system could conceivably cost a lot more than the nothing we spend now. The magazine is produced (for the printer) on equipment that cost someone, not the federation, over \$6000.

You are getting it cheap, which, in itself, is not a bad thing. The problem is that one usually gets what one pays for. Should the federation not measure up to your ideas, remember, you set the fees.

LOCAL NEWS

The 1991 Civic Championships turned out to be a major triumph for Russell Dive who soon broke clear from the field and finally conceded only one draw. Russell appears to have perfected his technique to the point that he can usually avoid risks while improving his position and if need be outplay his opponents in the ending. This was most graphically displayed by his twelve hour victory over Alan Johnston, which both showed immense patience (very little happened between hours four and eight!) and excellent technique.

In contrast to Russell, Anthony Ker took far too many risks — in particular, his attempt to win a position known to be a book draw after a piece sacrifice in the Petrov produced a suicidal loss against Tony Jordan. Mark Noble generally played well to share second with Anthony — he had the better of his draw against Russell Dive and would have done better except for a terrible blunder against Charles Ker. His win with the white pieces against Alan Johnston showed real fireworks:

M Noble v A Johnston

1. f4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. e3 c5 4. b3 Bg4 5. Be2 Nc6 6. Bb2 e6 7. O-O Be7 8. d3 Bf3 9. Bf3 Qc7 10. Nd2 O-O-O 11. a3 h6 12. b4 cb4 13. ab4 Nb4 14. Nb3 Kb8 15. Ra4 Qc2 16. Be5 Ka8 17. Qa1 a6 18. Nd4 Qd2 19. Rb1 Rd7 20. h3 h5 21. Nb5 Qe3 22. Kh1 Bc5 23. Rbb4 Bb4 24. Ra6 ba6 25. Qa6 Qa7

26. Na7 Ra7 27. Qc6 Rb7 28. Qa4 Ra7 29. Qb4 Rc8 30. f5 Rb7 31. Qa5 Ra7 32. Qb5 Rc1 33. Kh2 Rf1 34. Qb8 1:0

Charles Ker continues his recent form of some good chess and some terrible games. For a time, he was hot on Russell's heels, but the following effort put paid to his chances for a high place:

R Dive v C Ker

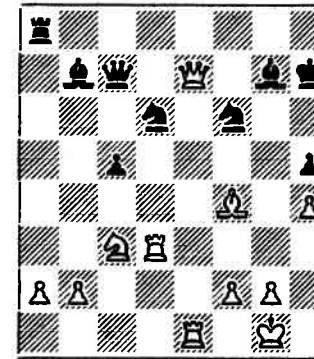
Notes by R Dive

1 d4 d6 2 c4 e5 3 d5 f5?! 4 e4! Nf6 5 exf5 Bxf5 6 Nc3 g6 7 Nge2 Bg7 8 Ng3 Qd7 9 a3 0-0 10 Bd3 Bxd3 11 Qxd3 a5 12 Rb1 Qg4 13 Be3 Nh5 14 Nxf5 Qxf5 Not 14...Qxg2 15 Ng3. 15 c5 Qg4 16 Qe4 The queen swap favours White because of Black's weak white squares and bad bishop. 16...Qd7 17 cxd6 cxd6 18 0-0 Na6 19 Na4 Qb5 20 Nb6 Rad8 21 b4 axb4 22 axb4 Rf7 23 Rfc1 Rc7 24 Rxc7 Nxc7 25 Rc1 Na6 26 Rc4 Qe8 27 h4! For the time being, Black is holding his position, so White tries to create some more weaknesses in Black's game. 27...Bf6 28 h5 gxh5? Better was 28...Kg7. 29 b5! Now that Black has weakened himself on the kingside, White lures his queen to the queenside. 29...Qxb5 Otherwise White gets in on the queenside. 30 Qf5 Bg7 31 Qe6+ Kh8 32 Rc8 Qb1+ 33 Kh2 Rf8 34 Rxf8+ Bxf8 35 Nd7?

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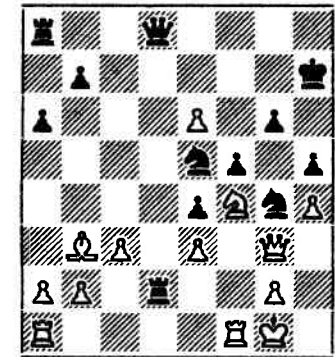
In time trouble, White misses 35 Bg5 and the threat of Bf6 finishes Black quickly. 35...Qg6 36 Nxf8 Qg7 37 Nd7 b5 38 Qe8+ Qg8 39 Qxt5 1-0 (time).

Typical of Charles' play is his game against me.



After both sides had played to get at the other's king, white had just rashly taken the pawn on e7. Black, already in time trouble, tried 1. ... Qc6 2. f3 Re8, winning the white queen, but after 3. Rd6 Re7 4. Re7 Qc8 5. Rf6, the white rooks triumphed. Much more fun is 1. ... Re8! when 2. Qc7?? eventually loses quite spectacularly after 2. ... Re1+ and 3. ... Ng4+ etc. White would have to find 2. Bd6!, when the white rooks should predominate in the long run. Although my score shows a number of draws, these and my decisive games all seemed to be the result of nerve-wracking complications. Rather than trying to apply positional squeezes, I seemed to be holding suspect positions together tactically. This does lead to some

excitement, as in the following game, where Mark VanderHoorn and I both tried to mate the other while ignoring defence, but I would hate to make this a habit:



Here White tried to relieve the pressure by 27. Nh5, but Black rejected the sacrifice to increase the pressure with 27. ... Qb6 28. Rae1 Nd3. White's next was a shock: 29. Qg4!!, since 29. ... fg4 30. Rf7 Kh6 31. Nf6 g5 32. h5 Rh8 33. e7 Ne1 34. e8=Q leaves Black struggling and no other line seems to achieve better than a perpetual. So 29. ... Ne1! 30. Qf4 Ng2 31. Nf6 Kg7 32. Nh5 produced a draw by repetition.

Both Mark VanderHoorn and Alan Johnston played below their best. Mark usually couldn't produce complications which favoured him, while Alan could not quite achieve the dull positions he was aiming for. Alan Aldridge fought hard, but in a field this strong he was always going to be marked for extra effort by players wanting extra points.

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In the B Grade, the winner was only decided in the final round, with three players, Alan Winfield, Peter King, and Rowan Wood in contention. King had led the tournament for the most part but a draw with Ian McElwee combined with a fortunate Winfield win over Jim Simmons gave the latter a half-point advantage going into the last round. Wood had to rely on both King and Winfield faltering to have any chance. This was not to be as both King and Winfield won their final games. Thus Winfield repeated his success of 1989, winning the B Grade Championship by half a point from King.

Final scores: A. Winfield 7.5 (7-1-1), P. King 7 (5-4-0), R. Wood 6 (4-4-1), J. Mazur 5 (4-2-3), D. Capper 4.5 (4-1-4), B. Kay 4 (2-4-3), I. McElwee 3 (2-2-5), J. Simmons 3 (2-2-5), W. Ramsay 2.5 (1-3-5), Z. Shardy 2.5 (2-1-6).

A Winfield v J Mazur

Notes by A Winfield

1 d4 d5 2 c4 c6 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 Bg5 e6 5 Nf3 h6 6 Bh4 g5? 6...Be7 or Nbd7 best. **7 Bg3 dxc4 8 e4 b5?** Now both Black's wings have been weakened and there is no safe place for the king. **9 Be2 Bb4 10 0-0?!** Completing development and offering another pawn. **10...Bxc3 11 bxc3 Nxe4 12 Qc2 Nxc3 13 fxg3 Nd7** For the two pawns, White is fully developed whereas Black has most pieces on the back rank. **14 Ne5 Nxe5 15 dxe5** If now

15...0-0 16 Rf6 Kg7 18 Bh5 followed by Raf1 and h4. **15...h5 16 Rad1 Qb6+ 17 Kh1 Qe3 18 Bf3 Bd7 19 Rfe1 Qc5 20 Qd2 Qe7 21 g4** To enable the bishop to stay on the long diagonal. **21...h4 22 h3 0-0-0 23 Qe3 Be8 24 a4 Rxd1 25 Rxd1 Rf8** Black, looking for some counter-play with ...f5 fails to see White's threat. **26 axb5 cxb5 27 Qe4 Qc7 28 Qa8+ Qb8 29 Rd8+ 1-0.**

The C Grade was somewhat of an unknown quantity with only two established players in the field of eight. One of these unknown, Alan McPherson, blitzed the rest, scoring 6.5, dealing with a late challenge from Brent Southgate in the last round. Southgate had to settle for second equal with David Wong, two points back on 4.5.

Final scores: A. McPherson 6.5(6-1-0), B. Southgate 4.5 (4-1-2), D. Wong 4.5 (4-1-2), E. Sarfas 4 (4-0-3), A. Belz 3.5 (3-1-3), J. Gillespie 3 (3-0-4), P. Harnett 1.5 (1-1-5), T. McClennan .5 (0-1-6).

Arthur Pomeroy, Rowan Wood

The club's annual meeting put Brent Southgate in as president, John Gillespie as secretary, Alan Winfield as treasurer and Alan Aldridge as captain.

The captain's report mentioned that club champion Russell Dive had won the All Wellington, the Civic Easter and first equal in the Wellington Queen's Birthday event. Anthony Ker won the North Island, 8/8, while his brother, Charles, won

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the 1992 Reserves to qualify for the hundredth championship.

WANGANUI

The Wanganui club had three grades in its championships last year and all featured two-way ties.

In the A grade, for the G F Francis Trophy, **Dave Cooper and Yung Le** shared the title with 13.5. After them came Prince Veteraniam 12, Howard Whitlock 7, Wayne Boswell and Martin Post 6, Gordon Hoskyn 5.5, Viacheslav Vologzhanin 5, David Bell 3.5.

B grade winners were Chris Burns and Bernard Nicholson on nine points. Then came Chas Ward 7, Gerard Roeven 6.5, Shaun Street 5.5, Lothian Holmes 4, Greg Smith 1.

The C grade was shared by Valerie Margrain and James Stewart.

Most clubs should know by now that Wanganui are hosting the **1992 North Island** championship from 18th May to 23rd May at the Sacred Heart College, Oakland Avenue, St Johns Hill. Entry fee is \$40 if your club is affiliated to the federation. It would have been \$42 but an oversight caused the old rule to be applied.

Closing date is 13th May but for another \$10 one can get in on the Sunday before play. The club would appreciate players bringing along their clocks if they have them. They also ask for an SAE if

you want confirmation of your entry. If the timetable is correct, there will be a mixture of six-hour and four-hour sessions!?

KAPITI

Kapiti club is holding its 30/30 on 25 April, same place as last year, Kapiti College. Entry fee is \$15 before 21st April to Mark Noble, 97 Seddon Street, Naenae.

AUCKLAND

Paul Spiller sent info on the Netway Communications sponsored Masters tournament scheduled there this month. It will be held in the Old Chase Gymnasium, level 7, Durham House, Finance Plaza, Albert Street, Auckland. 12-player round robin, 1300hrs to 1900hrs, adjournments 2000 to 2200. Rest days are 4th and 9th April, finishes 12th.

The field is: Lembit Oil GM 2600, Tony Miles GM 2565, Vernon Small IM 2390, Ortvin Sarapu IM 2350, John Wallace 2340, Ben Martin FM 2320, Mark Noble 2320, Eddie Levi FM 2310, Jonathan Sarfati FM 2305, Paul Garbett 2305, Martin Dreyer 2235, Kudzanai Mamombe IM of Zimbabwe, no rating supplied. Arbiter is Bob Gibbons.

It looks like being a category 5 event in which one requires seven points for an IM norm. Assuming three IMs start, one of the others could still get a norm even if he lost to the GMs but would require 70 per cent against the rest. Better to draw, at least, with the GMs!!

LOCAL NEWS

FIDE

While on international issues, the January 1992 rating list puts Anthony Ker at 2330, Richard Sutton 2315, Russell Dive 2300, Leonard McLaren 2275, Peter Green 2265, Graeme Spain 2255, Peter Stuart 2245, Bob Smith 2240 and Tony Love 2225.

To make up a full list you will have to take the NZers out of the previous story. These ratings do not include the last congress so it is conceivable Martin Dreyer won't be so lowly come July.

Only three women remain on the list: Vivian Smith 2035, Fenella Foster 2020 and Katrine Metge 2005.

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White to play and win
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DUNEDIN

Otago Chess Club announced the winners of the best game prizes at the recent congress. They were: Championship, Paul Garbett against Peter Stuart (p2 February issue), Premier Reserve, Phillip Abrahamson versus Kendall Boyd (p22). No one wrote or told me about the two misplaced pieces in the diagram (K should be on g7 and Q on d7; white B on f4, not e3, too). Maybe no one reads the magazine!?

Prizewinner in the Major Open was Simon Grainger for his game against Dennis McCaughan in round nine. We asked for a few notes from the winner.

S Grainger v D McCaughan

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 f3 0-0 6 Be3 e5 7 d5 Nh5 8 Qd2 f5 9 Bd3?!

White typically plays 9 0-0-0. If Black now plays 9...f4 we get 10 Bf2 Bf6 11 Nge2 Bh4 12 Bg1 saving the bishop and preparing for a queenside attack. Interestingly, an earlier game McCaughan-Vecovsky followed a similar path - with a win to White!

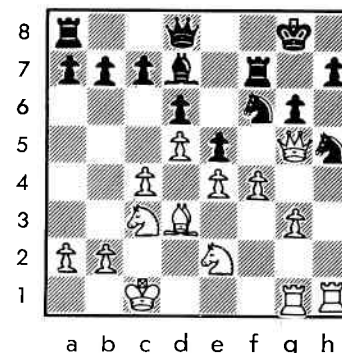
9...f4 10 Bf2 Bf6 11 Nge2 Bh4 12 g3 f3 13 hxg3 Bg5?!

13...Be7 is better as White must play 14 Ng1 disrupting his rooks. 14...Be7 15 Rf1 also wouldn't help White very much.

14 Be3 Bxe3 15 Qxe3 Nd7 16 0-0-0 Ndf6 17 Rdg1 Rf7 18 Qg5

White now seizes the initiative with the threat of 19 Rxh5.

18...Bd7 19 f4



19...h6 Not liking the onslaught beginning after, say, 20 f5, Black sacrifices a couple of pawns to get at the queen. A better idea is 19...Ng4! 20 Rxh5 Qxg5 21 Rxg5 Nf2! 22 Kd2 (anything else is worse) Nh3 23 Rh1 Nxc3 24 fxc3 Raf8 and I don't think White is much better.

20 Qxg6+ Rg7 21 Qxh6 Be8 22 fxe5?

Inexplicable, as it gives Black a blockade on e5. 22 f5 also gives the queen a retreat and Rupasinghe noticed 22 g4!? Black's best line then appears to be 22...Nxc3 23 Rxg4 Rxg4 24 Rxh5 Bxh5 25 Qxh5 Qh4 26 Qxh4 Rxh4 27 fxe5 dxe5 with a position that can only be described as obscure.

22...Ng4 23 Qd2 Nxe5 24 Rf1 Nxc3 25 Nxc3 Rxg3?

Short of time, Black misses his last chance with 25...Qg5! threatening 26...Nxd3+. White then has little better than 26 Qxg5 Rxg5 (the pieces are still hanging) 27 Be2

Rxg3 28 Rhg1 and it's going to be tough for White to win. Now, however, there follows...

26 Rh8+! Kxh8 27 Qh6+ Kg8 28 Rf8# 1-0.

Overall, I think that both sides had their chances in this game. It was just that I made the most of mine - something which happened frequently at Congress.

A little story that came the way of Arthur Pomeroy ...

Many years ago I was playing Andrew Whiteley (IM, though not then). At the next board, Hartston was playing Basman. In a rather woolly position, I played Qxh2+, supported by a knight on g4 to regain a pawn. I went off to tap Andrew on the shoulder. Meanwhile, Hartston leaned over and gently pushed Andrew's king across from g1 to h1. By the time Andrew and I got back to the board we had to fight our way through a seething mass of spectators ("Extra, extra! International player mated in 12!"). Andrew sat down, never turned a hair, and calmly moved his king from h1 to f1. Puzzled crowd disperses slowly. I heard them muttering "That's how you become an international" and "He only gets away with it because he's famous" and "I didn't see that, I thought it was mate" and suchlike sentiments. - Andy Walker, Notts University.

OVERSEAS NEWS

By Peter Stuart NM

HASTINGS

Evgeny Bareev repeated his convincing 1991 victory in the doyen of New Year tournaments with 10½/14. Second in the double rounder was Norway's Simen Agdestein on 9 while Latvian star Alexei Shirov was third on 8½ points. Completing the all-GM field were: 4-5 Adams (ENG) & Speelman (ENG) 7; 6 Chandler (ENG) 6½; 7 Hodgson (ENG) 4; 8 Suetin (CIS) 3½.

Overall a disappointing result from an English point of view, only the veteran Alexei Suetin saving the home contingent from a monopoly of the bottom places.

ADAMS — CHANDLER, Sicilian:

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 Nc6 6 Ndb5 d6 7 Bf4 e5 8 Bg5 a6 9 Bxf6 gxf6 10 Na3 f5 11 exf5 Bxf5 12 Nc4 Nd4 13 Ne3 Be6 14 Bc4 Qg5 15 Ncd5 Rc8 16 Bb3 Nxb3 17 axb3 f5 18 g3 f4 19 h4 Qg6 20 gxf4 Bh6 21 Ra4 Rf8 22 h5 Qg8 23 fxe5 Bxd5 24 Qxd5 Bxe3 25 Qxg8 Bxf2+ 26 Kf1 Rxc8 27 Kxf2 Rxc2+ 28 Kf3 dxe5 29 Re1 Rg5 30 Rg4 Rxh5 31 Rg7 Rf5+ 32 Ke4 Rf7 33 Rg8+ Kd7 34 Rd1+ Kc7 35 Rg3 Rxb2 36 Rc3+ Kb6 37 Kxe5 Re2+ 38 Kd6 Re8 39 Rh1 Rg7 40 Rh4 a5 41 Rh5 Rd8+ 42 Ke6 Ka6, 0 - 1.

AGDESTEIN — HODGSON, English:

1 c4 c5 2 Nf3 h6 3 d4 g5 4 dxc5 Bg7 5 Nc3 Bxc3+ 6 bxc3 Qa5 7 h4 g4 8 Qd4 Nf6 9 Nd2 g3 10 f3 Nc6 11 Qe3 b6 12 h5 bxc5 13 Nb3 Qa4 14 Qxc5 Rb8 15 Nd4 Nxd4 16 Qxd4 d6 17 c5 Qxd4 18 cxd4 dxc5 19 Bf4 Rb4 20 Bxg3 cxd4 21 Be5 0-0 22 a3 Ra4 23 Rh4 Ba6 24 Bxd4 e5 25 Bf2 e4 26 Rd1 Re8 27 Bd4 exf3 28 gxf3 Nh7 29 Rg4+ Ng5 30 f4 Re4 31 fxg5 Rxg4 32 Bf6, 1 - 0.

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HUNGARIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

The 3rd Hungarian 'Super Championship' in December was sensationally won by 15-year old Judit Polgar who

at the same time gained her third GM norm, thereby qualifying for the title. She becomes the youngest ever grandmaster, beating Bobby Fischer's record by a month.

Scores: 1 WGM J. Polgar 6; 2-3 GM Adorian & GM Sax 5½; 4-5 GM Horvath & WGM Z. Polgar 5; 6 GM Portisch 4½; 7-9 GM Groszpetter, GM Lukacs & GM Tolnai 3½; 10 GM Farago 3.

TOLNAI — J. POLGAR, Sicilian:

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 a6 5 Nc3 Qc7 6 f4 b5 7 Bd3 Bb7 8 Qf3 Nf6 9 Be3 Nc6 10 0-0-0 b4 11 Nce2 Na5 12 g4 d5 13 e5 Nd7 14 Kb1 Nc4 15 Bc1 0-0-0 16 h4 Nc5 17 b3 Na3+ 18 Ka1 f6 19 c3 fxe5 20 fxe5 Nc4 21 Nxe6 Nxe5 22 Qg3 Nxe6 23 Bf5 Kb8 24 Bxe6 bxc3 25 Nxc3 d4 26 Rhf1 Bb4 27 Na4 Rhe8 28 Bf5 Bc6 29 Bd2 g6 30 Bb1 Bxa4 31 bxa4 Bc3+ 32 Bxc3 Qxc3+ 33 Qxc3 dxc3 34 Rcl Rc8 35 Rf4 Rc5 36 Rb4+ Ka7 37 Rb3 Rec8 38 Be4 R8c7 39 Rcb1 Nc6 40 Bxc6 R5xc6 41 Rb4 Rc4 42 a3 Rxb4 43 axb4 Rc4 44 h5 a5 45 hxg6 hxg6 46 Ka2 Rxb4 47 Rgl g5 48 Ka3 Kb6, 0 - 1.

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REGGIO EMILIA

As I predicted it wasn't long before a category 18 tournament was held. The tournament in northern Italy over the New Year had an average rating of exactly 2676, so just achieving that exalted status. It is worth noting that a 14-player event of category 18 is not yet possible — thus Linares will be "only" category 17.

Once again world champion Gary Kasparov found the going tough in a super-GM tournament — where once he consistently won them now a number of other players are taking their turn. Here he could manage only three wins to balance his second-round loss to Viswanathan Anand. Certainly one unfortunate loss in such a short tournament can destroy one's chances but that was not really the case with

Kasparov at Reggio as he had made up the lost ground by round 6 when the eventual top three shared the lead on 4 points. The trio drew their next two games, leaving 8 of the 10 players within a point of one another going into the last round. Here, however, Anand had an ace up his sleeve, a pairing against the out-of-form Alexander Belyavsky. While the Indian

garnered the full point Kasparov was unable to make any impression with the white pieces against Halifman and Boris Gelfand, also playing white, had the same result against Anatoly Karpov. The January 1992 FIDE Rating List shows Anand in fifth place and his result here demonstrates that this ranking is perfectly realistic.

The scores:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1 Anand	IND	g	2650							
2 Gelfand	CIS	g	2665							
3 Kasparov	CIS	g	2770							
4 Karpov	CIS	g	2730							
5 Ivanchuk	UKR	g	2735							
6 Halifman	GER	g	2630							
7 Polugaevsky	CIS	g	2630							
8 Salov	CIS	g	2665							
9 Gurevich M.	BEL	g	2630							
10 Belyavsky	CIS	g	2655							

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	x	½	1	½	½	½	1	1	0	1
2	½	x	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	1
3	0	½	x	½	1	½	½	½	1	1
4	½	½	½	x	½	0	½	½	1	1
5	½	½	0	½	x	1	½	½	½	½
6	½	½	½	1	0	x	½	0	½	1
7	0	0	½	½	½	½	x	1	½	1
8	0	½	½	½	½	1	0	x	1	0
9	1	½	0	0	½	½	½	0	x	1
10	0	0	0	0	½	0	0	1	0	x

In passing it can be pointed out that nine of the players are Russian speakers; probably not the most comfortable position for Anand, the odd man out.

KASPAROV — ANAND, French Defence:

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 c5 4 exd5 Qxd5 5 dxc5 Bxc5 6 Ngf3 Nf6 7 Bd3 0-0 8 Qe2 Nbd7 9 Ne4 b6 10 Nxc5 Qxc5 11 Be3 Qc7 12 Bd4 Bb7 13 0-0-0 Nc5 14 Be5 Nxd3+ 15 Rxd3 Qc4 16 Nd4 Be4 17 Re3 Qxa2 18 Bxf6 Bg6 19 Ra3 Qd5 20 h4 gxf6 21 h5 Qxd4 22 hxg6 hxg6 23 Rah3 f5 24 Rh4 f4 25 Qf3 Rac8 26 Rxf4 Qc5 27 c3 Kg7 28 Rhh4 Qe5 29 g3 Qe1+ 30 Kc2 Rcd8 31 Rd4 Qe5 32 Rhf4 Qc7 33 Qe3 e5 34 Rxd8 Rxd8 35 Re4 Rd5 36 g4 b5 37 g5 Qd6 38 f3 a5 39 Qe2 Qe6 40 Qh2 Qf5 41 Qg3 Qd7 42 Qe1 b4 43 cxb4 Qa4+ 44 b3 Qa2+ 45 Kc3 a4 46 bxa4 Qa3+ 47 Kc2 Qxa4+ 48 Kc3 Qa3+ 49 Kc2 Rd3, 0 - 1.

BELVAVSKY — ANAND, Semi-Slav:

1 d4 d5 2 c4 c6 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 e3 e6 5 Nf3 Nbd7 6 Bd3 dxc4 7 Bxc4 b5 8 Bd3 Bb7 9 0-0 b4 10 Ne4 Be7 11 Nxf6+ Nxf6 12 e4 0-0 13 e5 Nd7 14 Be4 Rb8 15 Qc2 h6 16 Be3 c5 17 Bxb7 Rxb7 18 dxc5 Nxc5 19 Rfd1 Qb8 20 Qc4 Nd7 21 Qe4 Rc8 22 Rd2 Rbc7 23 Rad1 Rc4 24 Rd4 Nb6 25 Qg4 Kf8

26 Qe4 Kg8 27 Qg4 Rxd4 28 Rxd4 Kf8 29 Qh5 Qc7 30 h4 Bc5 31 Rd2 Bxe3 32 fxe3 Nd5 33 Kf2 Qc5 34 Nd4 Nf6 35 Qf3 Qxe5 36 Rd1 Kg8 37 Qf4 Qd5 38 Ral e5 39 Qf5 Rc4 40 b3 exd4, 0 - 1.

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GRONINGEN

This category 13 New Year event was jointly won by GM Jeroen Piket (NLD) and GM Curt Hansen (DEN) with 6/9. Then came: 3-4 GM Christiansen (USA) & GM I. Sokolov (YUG) 5; 5-6 GM Akopian (ARM) & GM Dreev (CIS) 4½; 7 GM Ftacnik (CZE) 4; 8-9 GM Romanishin (UKR) & IM Schmittidiel (GER) 3½; 10 IM Brenninkmeijer (NLD) 3.

HANSEN — FTACNIK, English:

1 c4 Nf6 2 Nc3 c5 3 Nf3 b6 4 e4 Nc6 5 d4 cxd4 6 Nxd4 Bb7 7 f3 e6 8 Be3 Qb8 9 Qd2 Be7 10 g4 0-0 11 0-0-0 Rc8 12 g5 Ne8 13 Nxc6 Bxc6 14 Kb1 a6 15 h4 b5 16 h5 bxc4 17 g6 fxg6 18 hxg6 hxg6 19 Rgl Bf6 20 Rxc6 Kf7 21 Rg2 d5 22 exd5 exd5 23 Nxd5 c3 24 Qd3 Ba4 25 Qg6+ Kf8 26 Nxf6 c2+ 27 Rxc2 Rxc2 28 Nd7+ Bxd7 29 Qxc2 Be6 30 Qc5+ Kf7 31 Rd7+ Bxd7 32 Bc4+ Be6 33 Qf5+ Ke7 34 Qxe6+ Kd8 35 Bb6+ Rc7 36 Bd5 Ra7 37 Bc6, 1 - 0.

ASIAN CITIES CHAMPIONSHIP

Jakarta won this event, held at Dubai in January, on tie-break from Melbourne. Both teams scored 25½ points in the 9-round Swiss contest-ed by 37 cities. Top seed, in the absence of any Chinese teams, was Manila which finished third on 24.

DEPASQUALE - KAVIAN, Irregular:
1 d4 d6 2 h4 c6 3 Nc3 Nd7 4 g4 e5
5 e4 Be7 6 g5 h6 7 dxe5 dxe5 8
Qf3 hxg5? 9 Bc4, 1 - 0.

WIJK AAN ZEE

This year's Hochofenturnier saw 19-year old Loek van Wely off to a flying start with 3½/4, including wins over John Nunn, Piket and Epishin. He still shared the lead with 5/8 but his scoring fell away subsequently. With decisive games hard to come by the scoring was close most of the way but Valery Salov clawed his way to a half-point lead going into the last round while Boris Gelfand was clear second. While van Wely picked himself up after a three game losing streak to draw with Salov in 89 moves Gelfand defeated Sax to set up a tie for first place.

Scores: 1-2 GM Gelfand (CIS) & GM Salov (CIS) 8½; 3-4 GM Hubner (GER) & GM Korchnoi (SWI) 7½; 5-8 GM Epishin (CIS), GM Nikolic (YUG), GM Piket (NLD) & GM Seirawan (USA) 6½; 9-11 GM Sax (HUN), GM van der Wiel (NLD) & IM van Wely (NLD) 6; 12-13 IM Brenninkmeijer (NLD) & GM Nunn (ENG) 5½; 14 IM Romero Holmes (SPA) 4.

MONACO

The "Melody Amber" rapid tournament in February was almost another victory for Viswanathan Anand, the quick-play specialist, but his last round loss to tailender Bent Larsen allowed Vassily Ivanchuk to sneak ahead.

Scores in the double-round event:
1 GM Ivanchuk (UKR) 14/22; 2 GM

Anand (IND) 13½; 3-5 GM Karpov (CIS), GM Korchnoi (SWI) & GM Ljubojevic (YUG) 12½; 6-7 GM Adams (ENG) & GM Seirawan (USA) 11; 8-9 GM Piket (NLD) & GM Polugaevsky (CIS) 10; 10-11 WGM J. Polgar (HUN) & GM Speelman (ENG) 8½; 12 GM Larsen (DEN) 8.

CANNES

The increasing popularity of rapid chess with both sponsors and players was reflected in a small teams event held in conjunction with the "normal" open tournament. This was won by England (Nunn, Adams, Chandler & Hodgson) with 17½/24 followed by U.S.A. 14, Netherlands 12 and France 4½.

The 9-round Open was won by GM Lajos Portisch (HUN) with 7½ ahead of IM Bricard (FRA), GM Kirov (BUL), GM Lobron (GER), IM Minasian (ARM) & GM Spraggett (CAN) 7.

BERN

One of the major European opens, held in February, was won by GM Andrei Sokolov (CIS) with 7½/9. Swedish WGM Pia Cramling demonstrated clearly that women's chess doesn't begin and end with the Polgar sisters in sharing second place on 7 points in the 266-player field which included 32 GMs and 41 IMs.

CSOM - P. CRAMLING, English:

1 c4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 g3 e5 4 Nc3 g6
5 Bg2 Bg7 6 a3 a5 7 d3 Nge7 8 0-0
d6 9 Bd2 0-0 10 Rb1 Rb8 11 Qa4 Bg4
12 Nb5 Qd7 13 Qc2 Rfe8 14 Rfcl b6
15 e4 Rf8 16 Ne1 Bh3 17 f3 Bxg2 18
Nxxg2 Qh3 19 Rf1 f5 20 Bc3 f4 21
gxf4 exf4 22 Bxg7 Kxg7 23 Qc3+ Kg8
24 d4 g5 25 d5 g4 26 fxxg4 f3 27
Rf2 Nd4 28 Nxd4 cxd4 29 Qxd4 fxxg2
30 Rxxg2 Ng6 31 Rg3 Qh4 32 Qe3 Ne5
33 Qe2 Rf4 34 Rf1 Rbf8 35 Rxf4 Rxf4
36 Kg2 Rxxg4 37 b3 Rxxg3+ 38 hxg3 Qg5
39 Qf2 Qg4 40 Qxb6 Qxe4+ 41 Kg1 Qe1+
42 Kg2 Qe2+ 43 Kh3 Qf1+ 44 Kh4 Qf5
45 Qd8+ Kg7, 0 - 1.

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(We regret the names are not in finishing order. We tried to convert our information but met two players at the same board recording a win each. This copy seems to be more accurate but still in the same order. Is there an easy way of conversion?)

No.	Player	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	TO	PLACE
1	P.Sinton (Otago)	W20	W11	W18	D9	D10	W12	W5	W7	W2	L6	L15	8	2nd
2	A.Aldridge (Wellington)	W21	D12	W22	L10	W26	D8	D16	W5	L1	W9	W6	7.5	3rd=
3	A.Compton (Canterbury)	D22	W40	W17	D5	L9	W33	L10	W16	D6	D14	D7	6.5	9th=
4	E.Rayner (Otago)	W23	D13	D12	L21	D16	D19	W22	W26	D9	L10	L30*	5.5	17th=
5	N.Cruden (Taranaki)	W24	W14	D10	D3	D8	W21	L1	L2	D12	W18	W9	7	5th=
6	R.Edwards (Otago)	W25	W16	L9	W18	L12	W14	W8	D10	D3	W1	L2	7	5th=
7	D.McCaughan (Otago)	W26	D17	D13	W15	D21	W22	W9	L1	L10	W30	D3	7	5th=
8	R.Mackway-Jones (Southland)	W27	L18	W35	W14	D5	D2	L6	D23	W24	L15	W26	6.5	9th=
9	P.Vecovsky (Otago)	W28	W19	W6	D1	W3	D10	L7	W12	D4	L2	L5	6.5	9th=
10	S.Grainger (Wellington)	W29	W34	D5	W2	D1	D9	W3	D6	W7	W4	W12	9	1st
11	E.Frost (Wellington)	W30	L1	D34	W19	L22	D23	W33	D24	D16	L12	D21	5.5	17th=
12	D.Boyd (Auckland)	W31	D2	D4	W13	W6	L1	W15	L9	D5	W11	L10	6.5	9th=
13	D.Capper (Wellington)	W32	D4	D7	L12	W18	L16	L23	L29	W37	W33	L22	5	24th=
14	U.Genc (Otago)	W33	L5	W32	L8	W28	L6	D20	W19	W23	D3	L16	6	15th=
15	G.Shaw (Otago)	L34	W29	W28	L7	D23	W17	L12	W21	W22	W8	W1	7.5	3rd=
16	A.Shead (Auckland)	W35	L6	D26	W34	D4	W13	D2	L3	D11	W17	W14	7	5th
17	C.Benson (Canterbury)	W36	D7	L3	L26	W32	L15	W27	L30	W29	L16	D23	5	24th=
18	D.Heperi (Otago)	W38	W8	L1	L6	L13	W35	L19	W33	W26	L5	L24	5	24th=
19	M.Wylie (Southland)	W39	L9	D24	L11	W34	D4	W18	L14	L30	L29	D38	4.5	29th=
20	I.Thelwall (Otago)	L1	W30	L21	L33	W31	W38	D14	L22	L32	W35	W25	5.5	17th=
21	R.Jackson (Wellington)	L2	W31	W20	W4	D7	L5	L26	L15	W27	D24	D11	5.5	17th=
22	H.Gold (Otago)	D3	W27	L2	W24	W11	L7	L4	W20	L15	W32	W13	6.5	9th=
23	M.Morrison (Auckland)	L4	L32	W36	W29	D15	D11	W13	D8	L14	L26	D17	5	24th=
24	G.Trundle (Auckland)	L5	W33	D19	L22	D38	W29	W25	D11	L8	D21	W18	6	15th=
25	R.Keeling (Ashburton)	L6	L35	L33	W37	D30	W39	L24	L32	W40	W27	L20	4.5	29th=
26	D.Guthrie (Otago)	L7	W36	D16	W17	L2	W28	W21	L4	L18	W23	L8	5.5	17th=
27	R.Metge (Auckland)	L8	L22	W31	D32	L33	W34	L17	W37	L21	L25	W40	4.5	29th=
28	G.Guerin (Canterbury)	L9	W38	L15	W39	L14	L26	L37	W34	L33	L31	W36	4	33rd=
29	D.Reid (Otago)	L10	L15	W30	L23	W39	L24	W38	W13	L17	W19	L32	5	24th=
30	R.Stone (Otago)	L11	L20	L29	W36	D25	W32	W35	W17	W19	L7	W4*	6.5	9th=
31	D.Makoare (Otago)	L12	L21	L27	W40	L20	L37	L36	W39	L38	W28	D35	3.5	37th
32	J.Macdonald (Ashburton)	L13	W23	L14	D27	L17	L30	W39	W25	W20	L22	W29	5.5	17th=
33	P.Abrahamson (Canterbury)	L14	L24	W25	W20	W27	L3	L11	L18	W28	L13	L34	4	33rd=
34	J.van Zoomeren (Otago)	W15	L10	D11	L16	L19	L27	W40	L28	L35	W36	W33	4.5	29th=
35	F.Thompson (Nelson)	L16	W25	L8	L38	W40	L18	L30	D36	W34	L20	D31	4	33rd=
36	A.Barker (Hawke's Bay)	L17	L26	L23	L30	L37	D40	W31	D35	L39	L34	L28	2	40th
37	G.Sullivan (Wellington)	Late	Late	Late	L25	W36	W31	W28	L27	L13	L40	L39	3	38th=
38	L.Potroz (Nelson)	L18	L28	Bye	W35	D24	L20	L29	D40	W31	W39	D19	5.5	17th=
39	N.Fraser (Nelson)	L19	Bye	W40	L28	L29	L25	L32	L31	W36	L38	W37	4	33rd=
40	M.Michaelson (Hawke's Bay)	Bye	L3	L39	L31	L35	D36	L34	D38	L25	W37	L27	3	38th=

Wanderin Willie returns

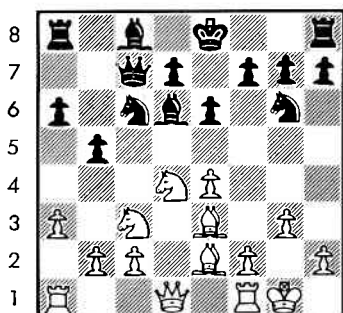
The last time we met was in August, nearly two years ago. Way back then I mentioned that the Turnbull Library did not have the first five issues of the magazine. Since then **Richard Sutton** has come up with three of them and, more recently, **Michael Rocks** produced copies of the five. According to Michael, **Peter Goffin**, the founding editor, still has originals. Thanks, everyone. Now, we just need those three issues of the Gazette.

*I had seen it mentioned that Wanganui Chess Club issued daily bulletins during the congress 1895-96. In February of this year I found six issues, Nos 1-3 and 5-7 in the Turnbull Library. Presumably there was a No 4 and I suspect Nos 8 and 9. They are near the size of the magazine, a single sheet folded to give four pages and named **Wanganui Chess Club Journal**. These would be our first congress bulletins and quite possibly the first national championship daily bulletins in the world. Can anyone find the missing bulletins? Over to you, Wanganui! While on that search look also for a 1895-96 congress photo by a Mr A Martin.*

This is the most interesting game I have found so far. It is from bulletin No 3 dated Dec 2 1895 but was probably Jan 2 1896. Time control was 30 moves in two hours and 15 per hour thereafter.

G Pearce v J Edwards

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Nc3 e6 4 d4 cxd4 5 Nxd4 a6 6 a3 Qc7 7 Be3 Ne7 8 Be2 Ng6 9 0-0 Bd6 10 g3 b5 See diagram.



11 Ndx b5 axb5 12 Nxb5 Qb8 13 Nxd6+ Kf8 14 Nxc8 Qxc8 15 Qd6+ Kg8 16 Rfd1 Nf8 17 Bd2 Qb7 18 Bc3 h5 19 Qf4 Ne7 20 Qg5 Neg6 21 Bxh5 Qxe4 22 Bxg6 fxe6 23 Qe7 Rh7 24 Rd4 Qxc2 25 Rf4 Qf5 26 Rxf5 gxf5 27 Rd1 g6 28 Qf6 Ra7 29 Rd4 d5 30 Rh4 Raf7 31 Qh8+ Rxh8 32 Rxh8#.

A lot of chess in New Zealand in those days was played by correspondence or telegraph. The latter involved hiring a morse code operator from the post office (and his equipment) and games could last for three evenings. Later, play was instituted on Saturdays from 1pm to 11pm.

The Hon John Bryce played quite often, using both codes. President of the association in 1896 was Sir Robert Stout and among the vice

presidents were Bryce and His Honour Mr Justice Denniston. Today's parliamentarians are conspicuous by their absence. Perhaps, they haven't the time to think!

Here is a telegraph game I found in the New Zealand Mail for 30th May 1883. The notes are by Charles William Benbow, a prominent player who finished third in the 1888-89 championship (the second one).

Mr Moore v Hon J Bryce (Christchurch v Wellington)

1 e4 e5 2 f4 exf4 3 Bc4 h5 An original continuation, though it may be doubted if it is quite equal to the more customary moves; it, however, has the merit of throwing both players at once on their own resources. 4 Nf3 d6 5 d4 g5 6 Nc3 c6 7 0-0 b5 8 Bb3 Ba6 9 Bxf7+ A spirited and aggressive line of operation, but risky under the circumstances. 9...Kxf7 10 Nxe5+ Qxe5 11 Bxf4 If 11...Rxf4 had been played 11...Nf6 would have relieved Black from the attack. 11...Qg4 12 Bxd6+ We incline to think that he would have done better had he gone with the bishop to K5 in order to win the rook. 12...Ke6 13 Bxf8 Qxd1 14 Nxd1 Nd7 15 Bb4 Ng6 16 Rf4 Rh6 17 Ne3 Rg6 18 Nf5 Rg8 19 Ne3 A lost move. Rf2 would have been sounder for Black dare not play Nxe4. 19...Bb7 20 Raf1 Rg5 21 Be1 Ng4 22 Nf5 This knight is very active but apparently not to much purpose. 22... Nxe4 Exchanging the knight for three pawns and leaving the game equal as to pieces but with a slight advantage of position in favour of Black. 23 Kxe4 Rxe4+ 24 Kh3 Rxc2 25 R1f2 Rxf2 26 Rxf2 Nf6 27 Re2 Rg4 28 d5+ An unsound combination of which Black avails himself to the uttermost: Ng3 was the best at his disposal and that was not altogether satisfactory. 28...cxd5 29 Nd4+ Kd7 30 Nxb5 a6 31 e5 Ne4 "Thou marshall'st me the way that I was going." 32 Nc3 Ng5+ ...the game might well have been resigned at this point. 33 Kh2 Nf3+ 34 Kh3 Ng1+ 35 Kh2 Nxe2 36 Nxe2 Re4 37 Ng3 Rxe1 0-1.

During my searching and collecting, I came across the title deed (or whatever one calls it) of the New Zealand Chess Foundation, formed on 10th November 1969. It was signed by the first three trustees, Alvan Samuel Hollander, Rudolph Emil Aronson Baeyertz and Donald Malcolm Stracy. I contacted the last-named but he does not recall very much about it. Apparently he was drafted in because he came from Wellington and the deed says trustees should come from different provinces. Undoubtedly it was an initiative of the late Hollander who was very active in chess promotion at the time.

I don't think any trustees have been nominated at the past two congresses though there is supposed to be at least one each year. My fading memory banks recall a sum of about \$1000, the earnings from

which were used for junior chess. Does the seal shown at the bottom of the deed still exist, is there a trustee left, how much money is there in the fund and should the deed be held anywhere special or shall I give it to the Turnbull Library for safe keeping?

I saw something of the small simul given by **Tony Miles** in Wellington. During the play, some players, including at least one rated above 1900, said "pass". Is this fair? Surely, the time he takes to go round the others is his agreed handicap and it is only sporting of the players to make their move every time he comes to the board? I know 15 is not a big number but it's not the GM's fault.

Our study editor replied to the mention I made of an ending in Purdy's magazine. He supplied a whole page of similar positions showing that analysis of such positions had been published last century! However, I do not think Purdy was claiming originality but was just surprised to see such a clear example occurring in OTB play.

Mr Melnichenko also disputed some of the analysis in Chris Bell's piece on the endgame rook and three pawns versus bishop and five. I did think some readers were interested in endgames but, since I received only one comment, I must be flogging a dead horse.

At a recent meeting of the Civic Chess Club **Anthony Ker** gave a lecture/seminar or whatever. He chose a game published in an American magazine, complete with a point scoring system. The students had to "play" one side and were told, after choosing their

moves, what score that move earned. Later, Mr Ker went through the game and all its variations. It was not the first time. The point I wish to make is that he does something for chess. Another strong player in that category is **Russell Dive**. He has been treasurer for the federation, the Wellington District Association and the Civic club. All at the same time!

Our editor seems to favour a negative view. Perhaps you know of someone who is working for chess and deserves to be mentioned. Let's be positive and talk about the good guys!

PROBLEMS, PROBLEMS, PROBLEMS!



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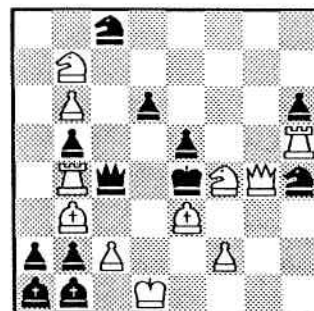
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BRITISH CHESS SOLVING CHAMPIONSHIP, 1992

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We received full results and information on last year's solving competition. Entries came from everywhere. Among 63 magazines and newspapers mentioned were the Irish Times, L'Italia Scacchistica, Mid Ocean News Bermuda, Nederlands Dagblad, New York Post, Scotsman, STZ Stuttgart, Telegraph India and, nearer home, Evening Post, New Zealand Chess Magazine (sic) and The Press, Christchurch.

Eight publications achieved 100 per cent in the starter problem including NZ Chess with five right out of five entries. Europa-Rochade, whatever it is, scored even better - 62 out of 62!



The diagram shows the 1992-3 starter problem. As usual it is a mate in two moves, White playing up the board, of course. Successful solvers will be sent the harder first postal round and, if still right, the second. There are two special prizes (in addition to non-specials) for the first randomly-drawn correct one and top-scoring foreign entry after the second postal round.

Mate in two give only the first move by White and have their entry postmarked no later than 31st May 1992. Entries to:

British Chess Solving Championship, 76 Lambcroft Avenue, Mottingham, London SE9 4PB. Don't forget to say where you saw it! (NZ Chess).

Your editor has been trying frantically to fill this issue, with very limited success. Problems are not his thing but, this time, they fill another page. They are the problems in the 1991 postal rounds, six in each. If you didn't get that far last time, maybe this will cheer you up!?

CORRESPONDENCE CHESS

It appears that our correspondence columnist, Bill Cox, is having as much trouble as we are to find copy this month.

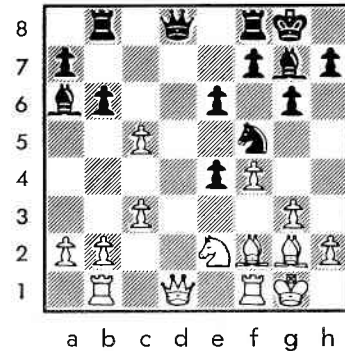
This also explains why the magazine is a little thin. The first two issues of the year can be difficult to fill unless one gets huge reports on Congress. If the club wants a bit more space devoted to it, March could be the month to send it!!

Graham Banks was one of our generous helpers. This game was played in TT Reserve 1991-92.

F Foster v G Banks

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|---------|-------|
| 1 e4 | c5 |
| 2 Nc3 | Nc6 |
| 3 g3 | g6 |
| 4 Bg2 | Bg7 |
| 5 d3 | d6 |
| 6 f4 | e6 |
| 7 Nf3 | Nge7 |
| 8 0-0 | 0-0 |
| 9 Be3 | Nd4 |
| 10 Rb1 | b6 |
| 11 Ne2 | Nxf3+ |
| 12 Bxf3 | Rb8 |
| 13 c3 | Bb7 |
| 14 d4 | d5 |
| 15 dxc5 | dxe4 |
| 16 Bg2 | Nf5 |
| 17 Bf2 | Ba6! |

All 'book' so far in Fenella's pet opening.



Black will win, at least, the exchange.

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|---------|---------|
| 18 cxb6 | axb6 |
| 19 Nc1 | e3 |
| 20 Qxd8 | Rfxd8!? |

I think that, objectively, 20...exf2+ is better but Black still wins a piece and this way, possibly more.

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|---------|------|
| 21 Be1 | e2 |
| 22 Rf3? | |
| 22 ... | Rd1 |
| 23 Kf2 | Rbd8 |
| 24 g4 | |

White can do nothing to prevent what follows.

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|---------|------|
| 24 ... | Rxe1 |
| 25 gxf5 | Rf1+ |
| 0-1. | |

FIRST POSTAL ROUND, 1991

1. Mate in 2	2. Mate in 3	3. Mate in 4
4. White to play an win	5. Selfmate in 2	6. Helpmate in 2 (two solutions)

SECOND POSTAL ROUND, 1991

1. Mate in 3	2. Mate in 4	3. Mate in 5
4. White to play an win	5. Selfmate in 5	6. Helpmate in 5

SOLUTIONS, FIRST POSTAL ROUND

These are not complete but give main lines. If you're really keen a dollar and a stamped addressed envelope can get the rest (five A4 pages).

No 1: 1 Nge4. Mates by 2 N(x)c3, Bh2, R5xe4, Nd3, Nxf3 and Rf3.

No 2: 1 Kh8 (threat: 2 Nc7+ Kc6 3 Bc5# or 2...Kd4 3 Nb5#)

1...Rxf2 2 Bg8 Kc6 3 Nd4# 1...Kc6 2 Be8+ Kd5 3 Qf5#
 1... Nc3 2 Nd8+ Kd4 Nc6# 1...Nf4 2 Qxh1+ Ng2 3 Qxg2#
 1...Nh4 2 Nxb4+ Ke5 3 f4# 1...Ne3 2 Qxh1+ Ng2 3 Qxg2#

No 3: 1 d3 (threat 2 Nf3+ Kxf5 3 Ne3+ Kf4 4 Qe4#)

1...Kxf5 2 Ne3+ Ke5 3 Nf3+ Kf4 4 Qe4#
 1...Kd4 2 Qd6+ Kc3 3 Qc5+ Kb3 4 Qc2#
 1...Nc3 2 Qe6+ Kd4 3 Nf3+ Kc5 4 d4#
 1...Nd2 2 d4+ Kxd4 3 Nc2+ Ke5 4 Qe6#

No 4: 1 b6 Kb4 2 b7 Ba7 3 a6 Ka5 4 b8Q Bxb8 5 Kb7 Kb5 6 a3 Ka5 7 a4 and Black is in zugzwang and must lose.

No 5: 1 Qxb6 (threat 2 Qb4+ axb4#)

1...Qh8+, Qd8 or Qd7 2 Qd4+ Qxd4#
 1...Qxc7+ or Qa6 2 Qc6+ Qxc6# 1...f2+ 2 Qe3+ Rxe3#
 1...Rxd2 2 Qd4+ Rxd4# 1...Bf2 2 Qd4+ Bxd4#

No 6: 1 Qxc5 Rh8 2 Qxb4 Rxc8# 1 Qxd6 Bc7 2 Qxd3 Bxe5

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LATE, LATE NEWS

The Latvian Gambit Open was played the weekend before we went to the printer. Russell Dive was there and gave us the top finishers. Quite a star-studded field by all accounts.

Sharing the top spot were the two visiting grandmasters, **Tony Miles and Lembit Oll** with 6.5/7. Paul Garbett was the top New Zealander on six points with Anthony Ker and Roger Nokes sharing fourth place with five and a half.

Languishing in a ten-way tie for sixth place were Russell Dive, Ortvin Sarapu and Vernon Small. All ties mentioned here are listed alphabetically. Time control was 60 minutes each per game (60/60). There were 82 starters.

The grandmaster tournament in Auckland will be almost finished by the time you see this but, just before we went to the printer, Anthony Ker returned from Auckland and reported on the first round.

It appears that Lembit Oll, the Estonian grandmaster has withdrawn. He was reported to be sneezing and coughing. Must be that Auckland weather again.

A quick call to Australia has secured the services of Ian Rogers, the Australian grandmaster, thus maintaining the status of the tourney; category 5, 7 points needed for an IM norm!

Someone up in Auckland must have a crystal ball. He, or she, made up the invitation list for the GM tourney and included all members of the Olympiad team some two months before they were announced!

In the first round, Tony Miles duly won his first game but not without some difficulty. His opponent, Nigel Metge, called in to replace the Zimbabwean international master, plays a mean game with White and has sworn not to finish last.

Ben Martin (Dunedin) demolished Ortvin Sarapu's Benoni in 30 moves, giving notice that he has serious intentions. One norm before he goes overseas would be a tremendous boost for him!

Top-rated New Zealander Vernon Small (Christchurch) took a quick draw with Paul Garbett (Auckland) as did Mark Noble with Eddie Levi, Australian FIDE master.

Martin Dreyer and Jonathan Sarfati had a 34-move draw. Rogers versus John Wallace, a young Australian, is scheduled for this evening.

ANSWERS

- 1) 1 Nf5 exf5 or Bxa3 2 Re8#.
- 2) 1...Nf4 2 gxf4 Rf6 3 f3 Rg6+ 4 Kf2 Qh4+ 5 Ke3 Qxf4+ 6 Kf2 Bh4#.
- 3) 1...Rxf2+ 2 Kxf2 Qg3+ 3 Ke2 Qf3+ 4 Ke1 Qxh1+ 5 Ke2 Qf3+ 6 Ke1 Qxc3+ 0-1.
- 4) 1...Rxe3 2 Rxe3 Nf4 0-1.

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The other big news is that **Sir Robert Jones** has consented to become our Patron. His company, Robt Jones Investments Ltd, has been the principal sponsor of chess in New Zealand for some time. Let's hope he never gets tired of us.

Rating officer Jim Simmons says there is no problem initiating a rating list for rapid play events (30/30 to 60/60). We would have the same code numbers in both systems but the ratings would be kept separate. One could have one rating and not the other.

Problems arise, surprise, when affiliation is considered. Only affiliated players are rated so what happens when organisers wish to invite anyone, affiliated or not, to their event. They want to encourage everyone to play and, hopefully, join their club.

CLUB DIRECTORY cont

NELSON CC meets Thursdays 7.30pm at 2 Shakespeare Walk. Contact, Dan Dolejs, 89-827 or Denis Boyce, Motueka 87-985. Visitors welcome.

CANTERBURY CC meets Wednesdays 7.00pm, 227 Bealey Avenue, Christchurch. Phone 663-935 (clubrooms). Contact, Brian Nijman, phone 348-0576.

ASHBURTON CC meets Mondays 7.30pm (Feb-Oct inclusive), Room R5, Ashburton College, Walnut Avenue. Roy Keeling 86-936, Stephen Taylor 85-761. Post: PO Box 204, Ashburton.

OTAGO CC meets Wednesdays and Saturdays 7.30pm at 7 Maitland Street, Dunedin. Phone 477-6919 (clubrooms). Pres, David Reid, 12 Marquis Street, Dunedin, phone 473-7652.

INVERCARGILL CC meets Tuesdays 7.30pm at Staff Room, South School, Ness Street. Contact, Robert Mackway Jones, phone 64-747 or Allan McCall, phone 82-204

NEW ZEALAND CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION, PO Box 3278, Wellington. Local and overseas play. Contact, J W (Sandy) Maxwell, phone 237-4753.

The first solution, temporary, is that no levies be applied to rapid tournaments for the first year, at least. "Clubs may be loathe to support rapid rating if additional financial cost is placed on them."

What additional cost? Surely the club adds it to the entry fee.

Incidentally, we wish to record that the **North Shore Chess Club** is, in our opinion and despite what we may have said in the past, the club most supportive to the federation. They admit to more members and buy three times more magazines than any other club. We need more like them.

Ashburton club are really getting into it. They will host this year's Schoolpupil's final and have asked for the South Island champs next year.

By the way, club listings are free but council also agreed to cease supplying clubs with a free copy of the magazine. If it is not ordered, this may be **the club's last copy!**

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AUCKLAND CHESS ASSOCIATION, contact: Secretary, Martin Dreyer, 142b Upland Rd, Remuera, phone 522-2781.

AUCKLAND CHESS CENTRE meets Mondays 7.15pm at 17 Cromwell Street, Mt Eden, Phone 602-042 (clubrooms). Martin Dreyer, 142b Upland Road, Remuera, Phone 522-2781.

DEVONPORT CC meets Tuesdays 7.30pm, Methodist Church Hall, Owens Road, Devonport. Philip Hair, phone 458-673; David Shead, phone 456-175. Postal 18 Grove Road, Devonport.

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

NORTH SHORE CC meets Wednesdays 7.30pm, Northcote Community Centre, cnr College Road/Ernie Mays Street, Northcote. Postal address: PO Box 33-587, Takapuna. Contact, Peter Stuart, phone 4456-377.

PAPATOETOE CC meets Wednesdays 7pm, St George's Anglican Hall, Landscape Rd, Papatoetoe. Contact, Graham Banks, 534-7951 evenings.

WAITEMATA CC Thursdays 7.30pm, Kelson West Community Centre, Great North/Awaroa Rds. Postal: 2 Autumn Ave, Glen Eden. Bob Smith, 818-4113; Steve Lawson, 818-5137.

HAMILTON CC meets Thursdays 7pm at Hamilton Bowling Club, Pembroke Street, Hamilton. Contact, Hilton Bennett,

TE AWAMUTU CC meets Wednesdays 7.30pm at Federated Farmers Building, Carlton Street. Roman Novak 871-6165 or Murray Dunwoody 871-6491. Postal, 126 Bridgeman Rd.

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.

NEW PLYMOUTH CC meets Tuesdays 7.30pm at clubrooms, 11 Gilbert Street, New Plymouth. Contact, President, R P Bowler, 251 Coronation Ave, phone 80-797 New Plymouth.

BAY OF PLENTY CC meets Hillier Centre, Gloucester Rd, Mt Maunganui, Thursdays 7pm and Mt Maunganui Public Library, 10am on Saturdays. Contact, Barney Sullivan phone 575-6793.

NAPIER CC meets Mondays in the library, Colenso High School, Arnold Street, Onekawa, Napier. Secretary: Maurice Berry, 21 Clyde Road, Napier, phone 835-8339.

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

PALMERSTON NORTH CC meets Tuesdays 7.30pm, Intermediate School, Ferguson Street. Contacts, John Chapman, phone 358-0337; Mark Brimble, phone 358-3648.

WANGANUI CC meets Mondays, Chess and Camera Club Building, Cooks Gardens at 7pm. Contacts: President, Gordon Hoskyn 343-6101 or secretary Chris Burns 345-5149.

KAPITI CC meets Thursdays 7.30pm at Block E, Kapiti College, Margaret's Road, Raumati Beach. Contact, Glenys Mills (Sec), 179 Te Moana Road, Waikanae. 293-4991.

UPPER HUTT CC meets Mondays 7.30pm at Fraser Crescent School Hall, Redwood Street, Upper Hutt. Contact, Anton Reid, 16 Hildreth Street, Upper Hutt, phone 528-8756.

HUTT VALLEY CC meets Tuesdays 8pm at Hutt Valley Intermediate School, south end, entrance off Kauri Street. Contact, Bob Teece, phone 563-8234.

HARBOUR CITY CC meets Wednesdays 7.30pm, Central Bowling Club, Petone. Contacts: Peter Collins 564-6764; Gavin Mamer, 564-8401. Address, 54 Kowhai Street, Wainuiomata.

CIVIC CC meets Tuesdays, 7.30pm at Turnbull House, Bowen Street, Wellington. Contact, Russell Dive, 14 Burton Street, Lower Hutt, phone 566-6090.

WELLINGTON CC meets Saturdays from 6pm, Turnbull House Bowen Street. Contacts: Tim Frost, 476-3541; E G A Frost, 476-4098. Postal address: 17 Croydon Street, Karori.