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INSIDE STORY

The June meeting of council tended to concentrate on the Olympiad. There was information from Manila, changes to the women's team, acknowledging Bob Gibbons' invitation to act as arbiter and a couple of submissions.

The first submission queried selection methods for overseas events and suggested criteria, among others, such as "demonstrable ability" and "activity". The second was a reaction to the first claiming that recent selections had been legal and proper. Other important issues mentioned were "coaching, development squad", super-NZ tourneys and financial support. We hasten to add, the editor had nothing to do with either submission.

That rating list we published was an amended one, making a point or two difference here and there. The rapid list was not published as one result had not come to hand which raises the question, "Are we not getting too fussy about ratings? We all know they are not individually accurate within 50 or more points. They are an average and humans are rarely average.

Ted Frost reported on arrangements for the congress. Suggested problems with Turnbull House as a venue prompted the booking of Queen Margaret's College instead. There is backpacker-style accommodation nearby and it is just up the road from the railway station.

Financial problems in the Sports Council stalled our Hall of Fame applications but Murray Chandler and Ortvin Sarapu will be nominated again. Continued page 100

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EDITORIAL

New Zealand's result at the Manila Olympiad has been described as anything from disappointing to a disaster. A look at the results, team and individual, make it difficult to disagree with the censors.

Doubtless, there are some who will try to blame individual players. Certainly two members of the open team will wish to forget the whole episode but whether the "for want of a nail" idea is a full and proper judgment, is not quite clear.

The selection committee chose a team that was, to some people, a predictable failure though it had a higher average rating than most recent New Zealand teams. The playing order was questioned and the team sent away without a non-playing captain. However, it is eminently possible that another committee, similarly instructed, would do the same.

At the last annual general meeting the selection committee (still to be formed at that time) were given fairly precise criteria. This was the result of the old-fashioned, recreation view of chess.

The national champion must be an automatic choice, they said. So he was put in at board five. That meant that the first reserve was automatic but board one still had to fight for his place?! Someone said the rule, and its application, was illogical. We prefer the adjective "stupid".

The choice of a representative team or individual should not be based on title or reputation. As with virtually all sports, the primary requirement for selection must be **current, demonstrated form**. The old "once a king, always a king" rubbish has validity only as part of a very old joke!

We believe that one selector should be appointed almost immediately, all criteria abolished at the next annual meeting and the selector left to get on with his or her job.

While everyone waits for something like this to happen, if it ever does, they could try tackling the real cause of our woes. We need more players, thousands of them. How to get them has always been the big problem. Solve this one and you solve most of the others!!

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By the editor

The last time, Novi Sad, 1990, we had the advantage of attending the event. Manila, we thought, was too hot and it was unlikely we would get a free trip to a European capital. However, with one week to press time, we have not had a report and we do want to let you know what happened.

As reported last issue the women's team was changed before departure, leaving Vivian Smith as the only experienced player and the only real hope for points. Smith finished with 7 points, Helen Courtney one draw, Edith Otene, a win and a draw and Amy Cater one win and two draws. Smith played every round. Let's hope she gets enough rest before the next one in 1994!

The men's (or open) team struck a toughie in the first round, Netherlands, with four grandmasters. 0-4 of course. Against the provisionally unrated South Africans in the second round we recovered somewhat 3.5-0.5. Yes, the South Africans were playing; so were Bosnia, Croatia, Israel and Palestine, to mention a few. Makes one wonder!?

After that the New Zealanders met teams ranging from moderate to weak and didn't score too well, either.

Two years ago we said comparisons with previous attempts were difficult but this time all criteria pointed in one direction.

We looked at ratings, seedings, titles and previous encounters (11 of them). Most team members will lose FIDE points, eight of the 14 opponents were seeded lower than us, no grandmasters beaten, only Ben Martin and Paul Garbett could beat an international master (one each) and we were about four points behind former results where a comparison was possible.

It was said that Ben Martin needed just a draw in the last round to get another norm; from a grandmaster on 2615.

Last time, if we remember correctly, four team members (including Martin) had a better chance of a norm (but fluffed it). Paul Garbett achieved it, beating a grandmaster in the process.

Some on council have been trying to establish a selection system similar to that used by all other sports. It was felt that 1988 was the start of the changes and the 1990 result was some sort of proof that it was working. Now that we have seen what the old grace and favour method based on titles and reputations can do, or not do, could we please consider current form, attitude and ambition in future!

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New Zealand 0 Netherlands 4

GM Timman 2620 1 B Martin 0
IM V Small 0 GM Piket 2615 1
GM Wiel 2540 1 J Sarfati 0
P Garbett 0 GM Sterren 2535 1

New Zealand 3.5

South Africa 0.5
B Martin 1 D Solomons 2200 0
C de Villiers 2200 .5 IM V Small 5
M Dreyer 1 L Bouak 2200 0
O Solomon 2200 0 IM O Sarapu 1

MARTIN - SOLOMONS

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♗c3 ♕g7 4.e4 d6
5.♗e2 0-0 6.♗g5 h6 7.♗e3 e5 8.d5
♗bd7 9.♙d2 ♖h7 10.g4 ♗c5 11.f3
a5 12.0-0-0 ♗e8 13.h4 ♗d7 14.♗h3
♙c8 15.♙dg1 16.f4 ef4 17.♗f4 f5
18.gf5 gf5 19.e5 ♗e5 20.♗g6 ♗g7
21.♗f8 ♗f8 22.♗h5 f4 23.♙c2

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New Zealand 2.5

Bangladesh 1.5
Z Rahman 2360 1 J Sarfati 0
P Garbett 1 J Rahman 2200 0
S Rahman 2200 .5 M Dreyer .5
IM O Sarapu 1 K Hasan 2000 0

A little disappointing but Bangladesh is an improver.

GARBETT - RAHMAN

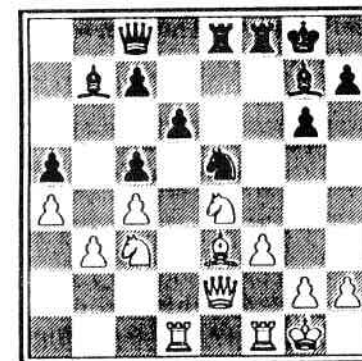
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12.♗c2 ♗c2 13.♙c2 ♗c7 14.a4 ♗f5
15.♗f3 ♗e7 16.♗d1 g5 17.♙c2 g4
18.♗e1 ♗g5 19.♗a3 ♙g8 20.♗c2
♗f8 21.♗f5 ef5 22.f4 ♗h6 23.♗c2

♗e6 24.g3 ♙d7 25.♗e3 ♗g7 26.b5
h4 27.♙g2 ♗h5 28.♗d5 h3 29.♙h1
0-0-0 30.♗e7 ♖b8 31.♗g8 ♙g8
32.♗c1 ♙h8 33.a5 ♙c8 34.a6 ♙b5
35.♗a3

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SARAPU - HASAN

1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.♗b5 f5 4.♗c3
fe4 5.♗e4 ♗f6 6.♗g3 e4 7.♙c2 ♙c7
8.♗c6 bc6 9.♗d4 g6 10.0-0 ♗g7
11.d3 ed3 12.♙d3 0-0 13.♗g5 ♙f7
14.a3 ♗g4 15.♗c3 ♗e5 16.♙e2 a5
17.b3 c5 18.♗b5 d6 19.♙ad1 ♗a6
20.a4 ♙ae8 21.c4 ♗h7 22.f3 ♙d7
23.♗e4 ♙c8 24.♗bc3



24... ♗g4 25.♗d2 ♗d4 26.♖h1
♙d8 27.fg4 ♙f1 28.♙f1 ♗c3
29.♙f3 ♗d4 30.♙f7 ♖h8 31.♗g5
♙a8 32.♗f6 ♗f6 33.♙f6 ♖g8
34.♙f7 ♖h8 35.♗f6

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New Zealand 1.5 Portugal 2.5

B Martin 0 IM A Antunes 2465 1
IM A Fernandez 2440 1 IM V Small 0
J Sarfati .5 L Galego 2405 .5
IM A Frois 2380 0 P Garbett 1

With Portugal seeded nearly 30 places above them, this was a satisfactory result and should have helped morale

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FROIS - GARBETT

1. ♖f3 f5 2.g3 ♗f6 3. ♘g2 g6 4.h3 ♘g7 5. ♘b2 d6 6.d4 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.c4 ♗e4 9. ♗c3 ♗c3 10. ♘c3 ♗c7 11. ♗d3 e5 12.e4 d5 13. ♗e5 de4 14. ♗e3 c5 15.f4 cd4 16. ♘d4 ♗d7 17. ♗d7 ♘d4 18. ♗d4 ♘d7 19. ♗d5 ♗f7 20. ♗fd1 ♗e8 21. ♗d6 ♘e6 22. ♗c7 ♗c7 23.a4 ♗f7 24. ♗d4 ♗e7 25. ♗ad1 a5 26. ♗f2 ♗c6 27. ♘f1 ♗cc8 28. ♗e3 ♗b6 29. ♗b1 ♗cc6 30. ♘e2 ♗b4 31. ♗d2 ♗cb6 32. ♗c2 ♘d7 33. ♗bd1 ♘e6 34. ♗b1 ♘f7 35. ♗dd1 ♘e8 36.c5 ♗c6 37. ♗d5 b6 38. ♗e5 ♗f8 39. ♘c4 ♗c5 40. ♗c5 hc5 41. ♗d1 ♗c4 0:1

New Zealand 3 **Wales 1**
IM J Cooper 2370 0 B Martin 1
IM V Small .5 F Rayner 2265 .5
C Morris 2225 0 M Dreyer 1
IM O Sarapu .5 I Jones 2285 .5

This match introduced a new strategy; win with black, draw with white! Both draws got a diagram of the final position!? A good result though they were lower rated.

IM J Cooper v B Martin

Notes by Martin (from Tony Love's column in the Otago Daily Times).

1 Nf3 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 Qc2 c5 5 a3 Ba5 6 e3 Nc6 7 Be2 0-0 8 0-0 d6 9 d4 Qe7 10 Rd1 Bxc3 11 Qxc3 e5 12 d5 12 dxc5 is more consistent with White's 10th move. 12...Nb8 13 Nd2 Bf5 Black is hesitant about playing ...e4 as it opens the long a1-h8 diagonal. 14 b4 Nbd7 15 Bb2 Ne4 16 Qc2 Ng3 17 Bd3

Bxd3 18 Qxd3 Nh5 19 Qe2 g6 20 Rab1 f5 Black prepares a kingside attack while White counters on the queenside. 21 Bc3 Rf7 Better is 21...Rac8 so Black can capture on c5 with a piece at move 24. 22 Nb3 b6 23 bxc5 Nxc5 24 Nxc5 bxc5 If 24...dxc5 then 25 d6 Qe6 26 Rd5 gives White good play. 25 Rb2 A serious error. 25 f3 allows White to answer 25...f4 with 26 e4 keeping the kingside closed. White then has time to invade on the b-file. 25...f4 26 Qg4 26 e4 f3 27 gxf3 Nf4 is good for Black. 26...fxe3 27 fxe3 Rxf8 28 h3 Rf5 Preparing ...Nf6 and ...Ne4 without allowing the annoying Qe6. 29 Rdb1 Nf6 30 Qh4 Rh5 31 Qe1 Ne4 An ideal square for the knight. 32 Rb8 Rhf5 33 Ba5 Qg5 34 Rxf8+ Rxf8 35 Rb2 h5 35...Rf3 allows Black counterplay with 36 Rb8+ Kg7 37 Bd8 Qxe3+ 38 Qxe3 Rxe3 39 Rb7+ followed by 40 Rxa7 36 Bc7 Kg7 37 Rb7 Kh6 38 Rb2 Qf5 39 Rb8 Rf7 40 Ba5 Kh7 41 Kh2 g5 42 Qe2 g4 43 Be1 Qg5 43...gxh3 44 gxh3 Ng5 is impossible due to 45 Qxh5+. 44 Qd3 Qg6 45 Bh4 White has defended well up till now but this is a blunder. After 45 Rb1 or 45 Rb2 Black has a definite advantage but there is no immediate breakthrough. 45...gxh3 46 Rb2 If 46 gxh3 Rg7 47 Qf1 Nd2 48 Qf2 Nf3+ wins. 46...Qg4 47 g3 Kh6 48 Qb1 Rf3 49 Qe1 Qf5 0-1.

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MORRIS - DREYER

1.c4 c5 2. ♗f3 ♗c6 3.d4 cd4 4. ♗d4 g6 5. ♗c3 ♘g7 6.e3 ♗f6 7. ♗c2 0-0 8. ♘c2 b6 9.0-0 ♘b7 10.e4 ♗c8 11.b3 ♗c7 12. ♗e1 ♗fd8 13. ♘a3 d6 14. ♗d1 ♗b8 15. ♗e3 e6 16.g4 ♗e7 17.e5 ♗e8 18.f4 ♗c6 19.ed6 ♗d6 20. ♘f3 ♗d4 21. ♘b7 ♗b7 22. ♗f2 f5 23. ♗g2 ♗e4 24. ♗e4 ♗e4 25. ♗de1 ♗c6 26.g5 ♗e8 27. ♘b2 ♗cd8 28. ♗h4 e5 29.fe5 ♗e5 30. ♗e5 ♘e5 31. ♗g2 ♗c5 32. ♗h1 ♗c6 33. ♘e5 ♗e5 34. ♗e1 ♗g4 35. ♗f1 ♗e3

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New Zealand 1.5 **Slovenia 2.5**
IM V Small 0 IM A Grosar 2455 1
IM J Barle 2430 .5 J Sarfati .5
P Garbett 0 IM L Gostisa 2430 1
M Tratar 2335 0 M Dreyer 1

Against one of the new, higher rated teams, this must count as better than satisfactory. Would black on all boards help?

New Zealand 2 **Malaysia 2**
E Cheah 2275 1 B Martin 0
J Sarfati 0 K Mohd 2200 1
N Mohd 2200 0 M Dreyer 1
IM O Sarapu 1 Y Gon 2200 0

A big disappointment against a team seeded well below NZ. Martin's queen wandered out of play and Sarfati overlooked the loss of a piece by discovery.

New Zealand 0.5 **Chile 3.5**
IM J Campos 2505 1 B Martin 0
IM V Small .5 IM H Salazar 2380 .5
P Garbett 0 J Egger 2355 1
S Silva 2355 1 IM O Sarapu 0

New Zealand 2.5

United Arab Emirates 1.5

B Martin 1 A Mansoor 2280 0
S Tayeb 2200 0 J Sarfati 1
M Dreyer 0 A Majeed 2200 1
O Moussa 2235 .5 IM O Sarapu .5

New Zealand needed a smash. They won the match but stayed in the lower reaches.

MARTIN - MANSOOR

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 g6 3. ♗c3 d5 4.cd5 ♗d5 5.e4 ♗c3 6.bc3 ♘g7 7. ♗f3 0-0 8. ♗b1 c5 9. ♘e2 cd4 10.cd4 ♗a5 11. ♘d2 ♗a2 12.0-0 ♗d7 13. ♘b4 ♗b6 14. ♗d3 ♘e6 15. ♗a1 ♗b3 16. ♗d2 ♗e4 17. ♘e4 ♗c4 18. ♗ac1 ♗b5 19.d5 ♘d7 20. ♘c7 ♗f8 21.d6 ♗cc8 22. ♗b1 ♗c6 23. ♗f4 ♘e8 24. ♗e5 ♗c5 25. ♗g4 ♗c4 26. ♗f6 ♗h8 27. ♗h4 1:0

TAYEB - SARFATI

1.e4 e5 2. ♗f3 ♗c6 3. ♘c4 ♘c5 4.e3 ♗f6 5.b4 ♘b6 6.d3 0-0 7.a4 a6 8.0-0 d6 9. ♗bd2 ♗c7 10. ♘b3 ♗g6 11. ♗c4 ♘a7 12. ♘c3 ♘e6 13.h3 h6 14. ♗h2 ♗d7 15. ♘a7 ♗a7 16. ♗c3 ♗aa8 17. ♘e6 ♗c6 18.c4 c6 19. ♗c2 ♗f4 20. ♗f5 d5 21. ♗3h4 g6 22.g3 gf5 23.cf5 ♗c7 24. ♗g1 ♗4h5 25. ♗d2 ♗h7 26. ♗ac1 ♗ac8 27.g4 ♗f4 28. ♗f3 ♗c7 29.g5 ♗6h5 30.g6 fg6 31.fg6 ♗g7 32.cd5 cd5 33. ♗c1 ♗d7 34. ♗g4 ♗h3 35. ♗e5 ♗c5 36. ♗c3 ♗fe8 37. ♗h3 ♗f6 38. ♗c7 ♗c7 39. ♗c7 ♗8e7 40. ♗e7 ♗e7 41. ♗g1 ♗c2 42. ♗c1 ♗g6 43. ♗c7 b6 44. ♗c6 ♗a2 45.a5 ba5 46. ♗a6 a4 47. ♗g2 a3 48.h5 ♗h2 49. ♗a3 ♗b5 50. ♗f3 ♗f5 51. ♗c3 h5 52. ♗a4 ♗b2 53. ♗f4 ♗e5 54.d4 ♗e6 55. ♗h4 ♗f5 56.f3 ♗h3 57. ♗f2 ♗g5

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New Zealand 1.5 Morocco 2.5

IM H Hamdouchi 2435 1 IM V Small 0
J Sarfati .5 J El Bilia 2220 .5
Z Bennis 2200 1 P Garbett 0
M Dreyer 1 A Zair 2200 0

This didn't help either. Now the team were almost certain to finish below their seeding.

Dreyer, M (2235) - Zair, A

1. e4 c5 2. d3 c6 3. g3 e6 4. d2
f6 5. d3 e7 6. d2 e2 0-0 7. 0-0 a6
8. h3 c8 9. e3 d6 10. f4 c7 11. g4
f8 12. d2 b8 13. f5 b5 14. g5
d7 15. d3 e5 16. f6 g6 17. h4
g4 18. h5 d8 19. hg6 fg6 20. f4
e3 21. e3 f7 22. h4 d4
23. f2 b4 24. d1 e5 25. e3 c6
26. g4 c7 27. h4 c6 28. g4
c7 29. e3 h3 30. e4 d5
31. g2 h5 32. e3 d4 33. c4 d6
34. h1 c6 35. e6 e6 36. f3
f7 37. d5 gh5 38. f5 b7 39. g6
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New Zealand 3.5

Puerto Rico 0.5

B Martin 1 J Santa 2225 0
O Santana 2260 5 IM V Small 5
P Garbett 1 L Santa 2240 0
L Sosa 2240 0 IM O Sarapu 1

At last! Three games were no more than 30 moves each but Small, against the highest-rated player, had to go to 52 for the draw.

Martin, B (2320) - Santa, J (2225)

1. d4 f6 2. e4 c5 3. d5 b5 4. cb5 a6 5. c3
a5 6. c3 e4 7. b6 c3 8. bc3
b6 9. d3 g6 10. b1 a5 11. c2
e7 12. d2 0-0 13. f3 d6 14. 0-0

d7 15. e4 c7 16. c4 e5 17. c5
e5 18. a4 a5 19. e2 d7
20. a3 a4 21. g5 fe8 22. f4 d4
23. h1 e6 24. f3 ed5 25. cd5 ab8
26. f5 b1 27. b1 b5 28. d3
d3 29. d3 b8 30. f4 b6
31. fg6 hg6 32. h4 g7 33. g3 e7
34. e1 h7 35. g4 e5 36. e5
e5 37. f1 g7 38. d7 h6
39. f7 e4 40. f8 h5 41. h8
g4 42. d8

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Garbett, P (2305) - Santa, L (2240)

1. e4 e5 2. f3 f6 3. d3 c6 4. c3 d5
5. bd2 e7 6. e2 0-0 7. 0-0 e8
8. b4 a6 9. a3 f8 10. c2 g6 11. b3
g7 12. d1 e7 13. e5 de4
14. de4 h6 15. e3 b6 16. a4 c6
17. c5 g4 18. a6 e3 19. fe3
c8 20. b5 b7 21. e2 ed8
22. c4 d6 23. d6 d6 24. a2
d1 25. f2 d8 26. d2

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New Zealand 1 Mexico 3

B Martin .5 IM M Sisniega 2525 .5
IM R del Campo 2410 1 J Sarfati 0
P Garbett 0 IM R Espinoza 2430 1
Garmendez 2325 .5 IM O Sarapu .5

A strong team that must have been having a hard time. Not the type one likes to meet near the end but a not unexpected result.

New Zealand 4 Sri Lanka 0

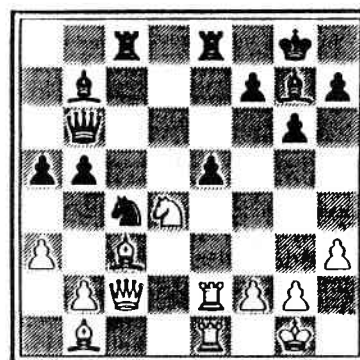
H Arturupane 2340 0 B Martin 1
IM V Small 1 A Amarawickramma 0
R Winjesundara 2200 0 P Garbett 1
M Dreyer 1 R Amarasinghe 2200 0

A good result, winding up for a sprint finish though the bottom three opponents were unrated.

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Sosa, L (2240) - Sarapu, O (2350)

1. e4 c5 2. f3 c6 3. b5 a6 4. a4
f6 5. 0-0 b5 6. b3 d6 7. e1 e7
8. c3 0-0 9. h3 a5 10. e2 c5 11. d4
c7 12. bd2 cd4 13. cd4 b7 14. a3
ac8 15. d3 ed4 16. d4 d7
17. d2 f3 e6 18. d2 c4 19. c1
b6 20. e3 fe8 21. b1 g6
22. e2 g7 23. c2 a5 24. e5 de5
25. e5 de5 26. ce1



26... dcd8 27. b3 b4

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Again, Ben Martin annotates for the Otago Daily Times.

H Aturupane v B Martin

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 exd5 exd5
4 Nc3 Bb4 5 Bb5+ A waste of a tempo.
5... c6 6 Bd3 Ne7 7 Qf3 Nd7 8 Bg5 Nf8 9 Nge2 Ne6 10 Bd2 0-0 11 a3 The position is level after 11 0-0. 11... Bd6 12 Nd1 Bd7 13 c3 Qc7 14 h4 Aggressive but committal. 14 Ne3 is safer. 14... Rae8 15 Ne3 c5 Counter attacking in the centre. 16 Qh5 Better is 16 Nf5 Nxf5 17 Qxf5 g6 18 Qf6 Be7 19 Qf3 when

White has a weakness at g6 to aim at. 16... f5 17 Kf1 it's not too late for 17 0-0 when Black is only slightly better. 17... Qb6 18 g4 White must attack before his position disintegrates. 18... cxd4

18... Qxb2 is also strong but not 18... g6 19 Qh6 cxd4 20 h5. 19 Nxf5 19 gxf5 dxe3 20 fxe6 (Bxe3 Nc5 and then 21 b4 Bxf5 or 21 f6 g6 22 Rg1 Bh3+ wins for Black) 20... g6 21 exd7 gxh5 22 dxh8 Q Rxe8 23 Bxe3 Bc5 leaves White with not quite enough for the queen. 19... g6 20 Nxe7+ On 20 Nh6+ (20 Qh6 gxf5 21 Rg1 Kh8 wins) 20... Kg7 21 Nf5+ Nxf5 wins. 20... Rxe7 21 Qh6 dxc3 22 Be3 d4 23 Bg5 Rf7 24 h5 Rxf2+ 25 Ke1 If 25 Kg1 then 25... Qc6 wins. 25... cxb2 25... Nxc5 26 Qxc5 Rxe2+ mates after 27 Kxe2 Qxb2+ or 27 Bxe2 Bg3+ 28 Kd1 Ba4. 26 Rb1 Nxc5 27 Qxc5 Qc5 28 Qh6 Bg3 29 hxg6 Rxe2+ 30 Kxe2 Rf2+ 31 Ke1 Qa5+ 32 Kd1 Ba4+ 0-1.

New Zealand 0 Peru 4

B Martin 0 GM J Zuniga 2615 1
IM J Larenas 2415 1 J Sarfati 0
P Garbett 0 C Guerrero 2425 1
J Aguilar 2315 1 M Dreyer 0

At the end of a relatively weak performance, one does not expect a team from the top 30 in the world. Still, with the average number of moves at 55, the New Zealanders made a fight of it.

That's it for another two years. In conclusion we must thank Jonathan Sarfati who supplied all

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the New Zealand games. The editor accepts all responsibility for choosing which ones to publish. Thanks also to Tony Love, Ben Martin and Otago Daily Times for the annotated games.

At the Wellington club, Jonathan Sarfati gave a talk on some games from the Olympiad. In the audience were two former national contenders, J D Steele (second in 1946 and 1947) and J Eriksen (one-time South African champion and third here in 1959).

After the Olympiad, a committee chose the winners of the brilliancy prizes. World champion Garry Kasparov appeared on both the committee and the prizelist, gaining first place for this game. The notes are solely the responsibility of the editor and are nothing like the explanations given by Sarfati.

G Kasparov v P Nikolic

1 d4 d5 2 c4 c6 3 Nc3 e5 The Winawer Counter Gambit. **4 dxe5 d4 5 Ne4 Qa5+ 6 Bd2 Qxe5** Black recovers the pawn easily enough but the books do not recommend running around with the queen in the opening. **7 Ng3 Qd6 8 Nf3 Nf6 9 Qc2 Be7 10 0-0-0 0-0 11 e3 dxe3 12 fxe3** Not everyone's choice but White has already allocated c3 for the bishop **12...Qc7 13 Bc3 Bg4 14 Bd3 Nbd7 15 Bf5 Bxf5 16 Nxf5 Rfe8 17 Nxc7** The justification for the White sacrifice is that the

king's shelter is broken, f6 is pinned and d7 is also under attack. **17...Kxc7 18 Qf5 Nf8 19 h4 h6 20 g4 Qc8** Hoping to relieve the pressure by exchanges. **21 Qxc8 Raxc8 22 g5 Nh7 23 e4 Rcd8** The knight cannot run away. **24 Rdf1 Kf8 25 gxf6 Bxf6 26 e5 Bg7** Defends the loose pawn on h6 but it has only one move left and the king is tied to its defence. **27 Rhg1 c5 28 Kc2 Re6 29 Rg4 Bh8 30 b4 b6** White's attack seems to have run out of steam so he seeks another avenue for his rooks. **31 bxc5 bxc5 32 Rb1 Ra6 33 Rb2 Bg7** What else? The knight and king can't move (33...Ke8 34 Rg8+ Kd7 35 Rb7+) and the rooks look as good as they can be. Now the world champion sacrifices a whole pawn. **34 Rb7 Rxa2+ 35 Kb3 Ra6 36 e6 Rxe6** Black either lost the bishop (and knight) or got mated. eg **36...Bxc3 37 e7+ Ke8 38 Rg8+ and Rxf8. 37 Rxc7 1-0.**

Jonathan also featured the second prize winner and Anthony Ker had it in his column in the Evening Post. Ian Rogers, the Australian grandmaster, produced a real beauty.

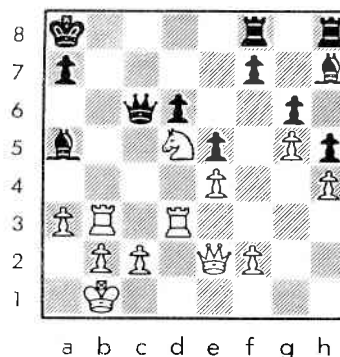
I Rogers v G Milos

1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 d6 3 Nc3 Bg4 4 e4 e6 5 h3 Bh5 6 Qe2 Ker reckoned White intends castling queenside and developing the bishop the other way. **6...c6 7 g4 Bg6 8 Bg5 Be7 9 Bxf6 Bxf6** By eliminating this knight, White speeds up his advance and in-

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creases his control of e4 - Ker. **10 h4 h6** All the way with 10...h5 might have been better. Save a tempo, if nothing else. **11 0-0-0 Nd7**

12 Kb1 Qc7 13 Rg1 h5 14 g5 Be7 15 d5 e5 Black tries to block the position but only manages to block his own pieces. **16 Bh3 0-0-0 17 Nd2 Kb8 18 Nc4 Nb6 19 Nxb6 Qxb6 20 Rd3 Ka8 21 a3 Rdf8** Hoping for ...f5 and ...Rxf6, freeing his game. **22 Bf5 Bh7 ...Bxf5** leaves Black with a poor bishop and gives White a springboard on e4. However, as Sarfati pointed out, Black shows how to inter a bishop. **23 Rgd1 g6 24 dxc6 bxc6** If 24...gxf5 25 cxb7+ Qxb7 26 Nd5 is similar to the game. **25 Bd7 Qc7 26 Bxc6+ Qxc6 27 Nd5 Bd8 28 Rc3 Qb7 29 Rb3 Qc6 30 R1d3 Ba5**



31 Rdc3 Bxc3 32 Qa6 1-0.

Taking the queen allows Nc7# and 32...Qc8 loses the queen to 33 Nb6+ followed by mate in three moves. That leaves 32...Rc8 33 Nb6+ Kb8 which loses the rook

and gets mated shortly after. Also in this line 33...Qxb6 34 Rxb6 Rb8 35 Rxb8+ Rxb8 36 Qc6+ wins.

Our women's team also had a tough start, meeting Bulgaria and then Brazil. After that it was mostly unrated players except for board one where the going was a lot harder. In the last round we came up against Spain, seeded 19th. They must have been playing well below their ratings.

We have looked only at wins. If anyone thinks they played extra well in a draw or even a loss, they will have to point it out. That goes for the men, too.

Just for the record, here is Amy Cater's first Olympiad win (against Seychelles).

VEL - CATER

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♘c3 ♙c5
4.♙c4 d6 5.0-0 ♙g4 6.h3 ♙h5 7.d3
♘d4 8.♙h1 ♘xf3 9.gxf3 ♜h4
10.♙h2 ♙xf2 11.♙g2 ♜g3+ 0:1

Vivian Smith collared all the other wins. We show just two. First, there's the shorter one against United Arab Emirates then, perhaps the best one, against Italy.

SMITH - AHMED

1.e4 c6 2.d3 d5 3.♘d2 ♜a5 4.g3 de4
5.de4 ♘f6 6.c3 ♙g4 7.♜c2 ♘bd7
8.♙g2 e5 9.h3 ♙c6 10.♘g3 h6 11.0-0
0-0-0 12.b4 ♜b6 13.♘h3 ♙h8
14.♙e3 ♜b5 15.a4 ♙h3 16.♜h3
♜d3 17.♜fd1 ♜e4 18.♘e5 ♜f5
19.♘f7 ♙e7 20.♘h8 ♜h8 21.♜d4
g5 22.♜e1 ♙c8 23.♙g5 hg5 24.♜c7
♘e5 25.♜d1 ♘f7 26.b5 ♙c7
27.bc6 bc6 28.g4 ♜g6 29.♜d7 1:0

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Fittante, G - Smith, V (2035)

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♗c3 ♖g7 4.e4 d6
5.♗ge2 0-0 6.♗g3 e5 7.d5 c6 8.♖e2
cd5 9.cd5 ♗bd7 10.♖e5 h6 11.♖e3
a6 12.h4 h5 13.♖c1 b5 14.a3 ♖b8
15.b4 ♗b6 16.♖g5 ♖d7 17.♖h5
♖c8 18.♖e2 ♗c4 19.♖c4 ♖c4
20.♖f3 ♖c8 21.♖f6 ♖g4 22.♖e3
♖f6 23.h5 ♖d8 24.♖d3 ♖e7 25.hg6
fg6 26.♗ge2 ♖h4 27.0-0 ♗g7 28.f3
♖a7 29.♗h2 ♖h8 30.fg4 ♖f2
31.♖h3 ♖h3 32.gh3 ♖e3 33.♖cd1
♖c7 34.♖d3 ♖d4 35.♖f3 ♖c8
36.♗g2 ♖d8 37.♗g3 ♖e7 38.h4
♖a7 39.♗g2 ♖c8 40.♗g3 ♖f8
41.♖f8 ♗f8 42.♗d4 ed4 43.♗c2
♖g7 44.♖d4 ♖e5 45.♗g2 ♗f7
46.g5 ♖e7 47.♗c3 ♖e7 48.♖d3
♖c4 49.♖f3 ♗g7 50.♗g3 ♖d4
51.♗g2 ♖d2 52.♗h3 ♖e1 53.♗g2
♖h4 54.♖g3 ♖f4 55.♗h3 ♖c1
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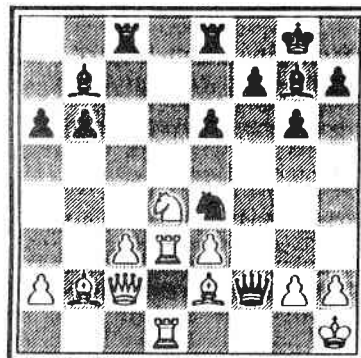
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1. Kasparov, Gary..... 2790
2. Ivanchuk, Vassily..... 2720
3. Karpov, Anatoly..... 2715
4. Shirov, Alexie..... 2710
5. Anand, Viswanathan.... 2690
6. Gelfand, Boris..... 2685
7. Short, Nigel..... 2680
8. Bareev, Evgeny..... 2670
9. Timman, Jan H..... 2665
10. Salov, Valery..... 2655
11. Kamsky, Gata..... 2655
12. Yusopov, Artur..... 2640
13. Polugaevsky, Lev..... 2640
14. Yudasin, Leonid..... 2635
15. Khalifman, Alexander.. 2635

Sorry, Edith. You had a win too,
and a diagram (v Angola).

AFONSO - OTENE

1.d4 d5 2.c4 ♗f6 3.♗c3 g6 4.e3 ♖g7
5.♗f3 0-0 6.♖e2 b6 7.0-0 ♖b7
8.♖d2 ♗bd7 9.♖c2 c5 10.cd5 ♗d5
11.♖ad1 ♖c8 12.♖c1 ♗c3 13.bc3
ed4 14.♗d4 a6 15.♖d2 e6 16.♖fd1
♖f6 17.♖b2 ♖f8 18.♖a4 ♗c5
19.♖c2 ♗c4 20.♖d3 ♖f2 21.♗h1



21...♗g3

0:1

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LOCAL NEWS

AUCKLAND

A Jenkins Trophy challenge match between North Shore and the Auckland Centre is always a highlight of the year in Auckland. The Centre were confident of retaining the trophy they won the previous year with a score of 11-9 as they had acquired the services of Orivin Sarapu and beefed up the lower boards.

Not unexpectedly the honours were shared equally on the top ten boards but a vastly improved performance by North Shore's lower boards resulted in a narrow 10.5-9.5 win.

Results (NS names first): P Garbett = O Sarapu, R Nokes = M Dreyer, P Stuart 1-0 P Green, A Carpinter = P Cooper, M Whaley = N Metge, R Hart 1-0 N Hopewell, P Weir = M Steadman, W Leonhardt 0-1 B Wheeler, G Ion = I McNally, F Foster 0-1 L Cornford, G Pitts 1-0 R Gibbons, P Hair = S McRae, B Emmett 0-1 K Ward, A Shead 1-0 L Rawnsley, P Snelson 0-1 G Gill, W Stretch = A Casilang, G Sullivan = P Caukwell, J Cockcroft 1-0 J McDonald, R Johnstone 0-1 G Gibson, G Mears 1-0 M Morrison.

WELLINGTON

The schoolpupils' tourney had 17 players this year, a big improvement on recent efforts in the area.

Kent Wong was impressive when winning the event with 5.5/6. Sanjay Kumar, by finishing second,

became Wellington's second qualifier for the nationals in August. Under-16 champion, Francis Hoffman, disappointed and did not play the top two.

Another unusual facet, for Wellington, was the participation of four girls. Roseanne Sheehan looked to be the best of them, scoring three points and losing to the top finishers only. - M Noble

The new affiliation idea has not finished with us yet. At a lately-convened annual meeting of the Wellington District Chess Association, the secretary informed those present that the rules made getting a quorum difficult, at least. On his suggestion, the meeting agreed to pursue the business in hand and ratify a new, more suitable, set of rules at a special general.

Elections: Patron, R S Kent; President, P Collins; V-president, T Frost; Secretary, E Frost; Treasurer, P Monrad; DOP, M Noble; Auditor, J D Steele. Management com: G Marner, R Wood, A Pomeroy, J Sarfati and one each from Upper Hutt and Kapiti clubs. Officers ex-officio members?

Fees are to stay the same as last year and the interclub start to be 6th July. In an attempt to cater for the reduced numbers in clubs, A grade and C grade teams are of three players but the B grade will retain four players.

LOCAL NEWS continued

Average rating of the A grade is not to be below 1750, the B grade not above 1750 (maximum individual 1850) and C grade 1350 down. The time control, thankfully, will not be one of those two-time things. It is 105 minutes each per game.

Wellington's adherence to absurdly high B grade rating cutoffs can only do harm!

Harbour City are changing their name. It is to be Petone Chess Club. Let's hope the gravestone we saw is not a proposed logo!?

Timing of the All Wellington is not yet set. Could be a November warm-up for Congress!

There was also talk of a Wellington Rapid Champ, based on aggregate points (set events).

KAPITI

Sponsored by AMP and Coastlands 20/20 Camera Centre, this year's 30/30 event attracted some of Wellington's stronger players.

Anthony Ker was a convincing winner though Peter van Dijk may have been better but he let a mate in one go by! There were a lot of upsets and many games went right down to the wire.

Grade A1 A Ker 5/5; J Sarfati, P van Dijk, P Monrad 3.5.

Grade A2 G Marner 4/5; P Connor 3.5.

Grade B R Wood, D Capper P King 3/5.

Grade C M Hill 3/5; L Farrington 2.5 -

Mark Noble.

A Ker v J Sarfati

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 b5 4 cxb5 a6 5 bxa6 g6 6 g3 Bg7 7 Bg2 d6 8 Nf3 0-0 9 0-0 Bxa6 10 Nc3 Nbd7 11 Qc2 Ng4 12 Rb1 Qa5 13 Bd2 Rfd8 14 b3 Ra7 15 Na4 Qb5 16 Rfe1 Qb7 17 h3 Nge5 18 Bc3 Qa8 19 Nxe5 Nxe5 20 f4 Nd7 21 Bxg7 Kxg7 22 e4 c4 23 b4 Bc8 (sic, Bb7) 24 Qb2+ f6 25 Nc3 Ra3 26 Kh2 Qa7 27 Qd2 Ra8 28 Rb2 Qa6 29 Bf1 Nb6 30 Qd4 Rxc3 31 Qxc3 Na4 32 Bc4 Nxc3 33 Bxa6 Bxa6 34 Rc2 Na4 35 Rc7 Kf7 36 e5 dxe5 37 fxe5 Nb6 38 d6 Nd5 39 e6+ Kf8 40 Rc5 Bb7 41 d7 Rxa2+ 42 Kg1 Ra8 43 Rec1 1-0.

INVERCARGILL

26 players entered this year's Queens Birthday event, a nationally-rated five round swiss. Almost half of the entry was from Dunedin.

Top seeds **Stephen Lukey** (Christchurch) and **Tony Love** (Dunedin) shared first place after drawing their final round encounter to finish unbeaten on 4.5/5. Kendall Boyd and Graham Haase tied for third place, a half point behind.

The B and C grades were hard fought with Hamish Gold (Dunedin) taking the former (3/5) while David Guthrie (Dunedin) and Paul Hurley (Invercargill) shared the latter.

Paul Hurley also won the upset prize with his first round win over Mike Harvey (Otago).

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David Guthrie displayed fine sportsmanship in agreeing to play his last round opponent when the opponent did not arrive before the first hour was up (never trust Japanese imports!?). David went on to win the game against a higher rated player.

We agree with the late Cecil Purdy; when one has a win in one's pocket, leave it there. By all means play a game, but leave the win where the rules put it. Anyway, the DOP should have marked it down as a default, end of story!!

G Haase v S Lukey

Notes by Tony Love in the Otago Daily Times

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 0-0 5 Be2 d6 6 Nf3 e5 7 dxe5 dxe5 8 Qxd8 Rxd8 9 Bg5 If 9 Nxe5 Nxe4 9...Re8 10 0-0-0 c6 11 Nxe5 Na6 Obviously not 11...Rxe5 12 Rd8+ and then 12...Re8 13 Bxf6 or 12...Ne8 13 Rxc8 or 12...Bf8 13 Bxf6. 12 Bf4 Better is 12 Nf3. Haase played 12 f4 in this position against Tony Dowden in last year's Otago championship but Black obtained good counterplay with 12...h6. 12...Nc5 13 Bf3? This loses a piece though Black's reply is difficult to see. The position is tricky, eg 13 f3 Nh5! 13...g5! This wins by force. 14 Bg3 g4 15 Be2 Ncxe4 16 Bd3 No better is 16 Nd3 Nxc3 or 16 Nxe4 Nxe4 17 Bd3 Nxc3. 16...Nxc3 17 hxc3 Rxe5 0-1.

K Boyd v T Love

Notes by TL in ODT

1 d4 Nf6 2 Bg5 c5 3 Bxf6 gxf6 4 d5 Bg7 Played to avoid the line where White sacrifices a pawn after 4...Qb6 5 Nd2 Qxb2 5 c4 f5 6 Nc3 Qa5 7 Qd2 d6 8 e3 Na6 9 Bd3 Also worth considering is 9 Nh3 with the idea of 10 Nf4 and 11 Nh5. 9...Bd7 10 Nge2 Nb4 11 Ng3 Better is 11 Bb1 11...Nxd3+ 12 Qxd3 a6 13 0-0 13 Nxf5 loses after 13...Bxf5 14 Qxf5 Bxc3+ 15 bxc3 Qxc3+ 13...b5 14 cxb5 axb5 15 Nxf5 Bxf5 16 Qxf5 Bxc3 17 bxc3 Qxc3 18 Rfc1 Qf6 Black realises that if the queens come off, the position is an easy win. His b5 and c5 pawns are strong while White's a2 pawn is weak. 19 Qf4 Better is 19 Qd3 b4 20 a3 swapping off one of Black's powerful pawns. 19...h5 20 Qe4? This allows Black to force a queen swap and is, therefore, probably the losing move. 20...Qg6 21 Qf4 If 21 Qh4 or 12 Qf3 then 21...Qg4 21...Ra4 22 Qg3 Qxg3 23 hxg3 Kd7 24 Rab1 b4 25 Rb2 Rha8 26 Rcc2 Kc7 The winning idea is simple; play the king to b5 and the c-pawn to c4 and c3. 27 Kf1 Kb6 28 Ke2 Kb5 29 Kd3 Ra3+ 30 Ke4 c4 31 Kd4 Rd3+ 32 Ke4 Rd1 White is powerless, eg 33 Kf3 Ra3 34 Ke2 Ra1 35 Kf3 c3 winning. 0-1.

LOCAL NEWS continued

OTAGO

Kendall Boyd has taken advantage of Ben Martin's absence due to Olympiad commitments to take out the second round of the Otago Championship. Boyd, who also gained a free point from a default by Tony Dowden, scored 4.5/5.

Other scores in A grade were: T Love 4; J Sutherland, G Haase 2; P Sinton 1; T Dowden .5.

Winners of other grades were: B, M Foord; C, P Vecovsky; D, D Guthrie; E, A Grandfield; F, T Everitt, M Boyd; G, V Hay.

Boyd also won the second annual Midwinter Lightning Tourna-

ment. He defeated John Sutherland in the final of the knockout event.

A team made up of players from the Dunedin "Chess For Fun" competition, won this year's annual quadrangular tournament held in June. They finished with 10 points while Invercargill and Otago Chess Club (minus its strongest players) had nine and Ashburton eight. The winning team were a replacement for Timaru which was unable to compete this year.

T Love

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EDITOR'S POSTBAG

Dear Sir,

Remarks in the April 1992 issue concerning Olympiad selection and the activity of (top) New Zealand chessplayers begs comment. Most offensive of these was "Occasional or part-time players are not wanted there [in the NZ Championship] as they do nothing for local chess."

This statement shows a lack of appreciation of what the NZ Championship stands for and of the personal circumstances of most chessplayers. I, for one, have an extremely demanding job and a young family. Despite my desire to play as much chess as possible it is not currently possible. I imagine the championship was designed to determine the strongest chess player in New Zealand. I did not think that acceptance into it was a reward for activity or helping local chess.

Roger Nokes

The above letter has been abbreviated as events have overtaken the subject matter. When a top player does not play he deprives others of an opportunity to learn, to gain or regain points or to become the strongest player. That was the meaning of "they do nothing for local chess". Most sports insist candidates play frequently. Why not chess?

WANGANUI PROVINCIAL HOTEL

NORTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIP

From Gordon Hoskyn

The Wanganui Provincial Hotel North Island Chess Championship was held at the Sacred Heart College, Wanganui, from 18th to 23rd May 1992.

Top seed in the 54-strong field was Anthony Ker, who won the event last year with eight wins from the eight games. Russell Dive, winner of the national championship in Wanganui in 1986-87, was second seed while Robert Smith, a two-time winner of the North Island in Wanganui (jointly in 1982 and outright in 1984) was third seed.

Others rated over 2000 were Mark Noble, Graeme Spain, Charles Ker, Arthur Pomeroy, Greg Aldridge and Robert Craig, the last-named being a dark horse since he was resuming play after a 20-year break.

Round one: There were no major surprises but two mini-upsets took place. Jim Cater (1792) was held to a draw by Bob Bowler (1276) and David Bell (1573) drew with Bill Sutton (947) in an opposite colour bishop ending.

Round two: 13 players reached two points.

Round three: Just five (A Ker, Dive, Pomeroy, G Aldridge and Spain) won again to reach three points. Draws between Smith and Peter Hawkes and Noble and David Cooper put those four on 2.5.

Round four: Dive beat clubmate Pomeroy to be the only one with a perfect score. A Ker and G Aldridge dropped off the pace by drawing with each other while Smith's draw with Spain pulled the latter back.

Round five: This round saw the awaited clash of the two top seeds, Ker and Dive. Interest and speculation fell away when Dive won a rook on the 16th move and accepted Ker's resignation on the 40th. Spain took clear second place with a win over C Ker (see June issue). Playing what he regarded as his best game of the tournament, Smith joined Noble, G Aldridge, Darryn Elliott and Gavin Marner on four.

Richard Goris Robert Smith

1 e4 g6 2 d4 Bg7 3 c4 d6 4 Nc3 Nf6 5 Nf3 0-0 6 Be2 e5 7 0-0 Nc6 8 d5 Ne7 9 Ne1 Nd7 10 Nd3 f5 11 Bd2 c5 12 a3 a5 13 Rb1 Nf6 14 f3 f4 15 g4 h5 16 h3 Ne8 17 b4 axb4 18 axb4 b6 19 Qb3 Ra6 20 Ra1 Rxa1 21 Rxa1 Bd7 22 Nb5 Nc8 23 Kg2 Qg5 24 Be1 hxg4 25 hxg4 Rf7 26 Bf2 Nf6 27 Rh1 Nxc4 28 fxg4 f3+ 29 Bxf3 Rxf3 30 Rg1 Qxc4+ 31 Kf1 Qxe4 0-1.

Round six: Dive emerged from a time scramble with Spain with a clearly-winning game and Spain resigned two moves into the adjournment (see p69, June issue). A point and a half behind Dive were A Ker, Smith, Noble, Spain, Pomeroy, Elliott, Cooper and Marnar.

Round seven: Dive-Smith was a 28-move draw. Though this prevented Dive from emulating Ker's 8/8 last season, it was good enough to give Dive at least a share of the title. A Ker, Noble, Spain and Pomeroy shared second place with one round to go.

Round eight: Russell Dive achieved another of his goals, the North Island title, when he agreed a draw with Mark Noble in 21 moves to finish unbeaten with seven points from the eight games. Anthony Ker strode confidently into second place only to be joined by Graeme Spain, having another of his better results. The other prizewinners, 4th, were Robert Smith and Mark Noble.

There were another eight prizewinners, three grades and two upsets: grade 1 (under 2000) Darryn Elliott, Dave Cooper, Gavin Marnar. Grade 2 (under 1600) Ted Frost, Julius Bojtor. Grade 3 (under 1400) Michael Burn.

Upset No 1: Ross Jackson. No 2: Bill Sutton.

Finally, thanks to Ian Bell who did an excellent job as tournament director.

EDITOR'S POSTBAG

Dear Sir,

As a recent Parliamentarian and keen chess player, I feel honour bound to respond to the jibe in the April issue. In New Zealand today chess clubs attract one active member per 2000 of population. Given that there are fewer than 100 parliamentarians, I reckon that one club player (myself) in the past 20 years is perfectly reasonable. As evidence that today's parliamentarians can still play chess, here is a recent game from the Hastings B grade championships.

Bill Sutton v Brian Reeder

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e7 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3 0-0 5 Bd3 c5 6 Nf3 Nc6 7 0-0 Bxc3 8 bxc3 d6 9 e4 e5 10 d5 Ne7 11 Nh4 h6 12 f4 Ng6 13 Nxf6 fxe5 14 fxe5 dx6 15 h3 b6 16 Be3 Qd6 17 a4 Bd7 18 a5 Nh5 19 Rxf8+ Rxf8 20 axb6 axb6 21 Qb1 Nf4 22 Bxf4 Rxf4 23 Ra6 Rf6 24 Be2 g5 25 Ra8+ Kh7 26 Rd8 Qc7 27 Ra8 g6 28 Qa1 h5 29 Qc1 g4 30 hxg4 Bxg4 31 Bxg4 hxg4 32 Qg5 Qd6 33 Qh4+ Kg7 34 Qh8+ 1-0.

A Junior Perspective

Kent Wong
reporting

A beautiful winter's evening in Wanganui - or so it felt. The chilly night air refreshed me as I stepped off the coach, stretching my legs as they had been constricted for an entire five hour trip (two hours on the road, three for comfort stops) from the Capital. My mind erased the thought that I would be sitting a whole lot more for the next few days.

We left the terminal quickly, courtesy of Gordon Hoskyn, the tourney organiser. The venue, Sacred Heart Girls' College, was postcard-picturesque; green surroundings augmented by fallen bronze autumn leaves. Well kept lawns and tidy villas stretched out enticingly. Things were on the up.

We settled down in our condo. We were going to spend six luxurious nights asleep in girls' beds! Yee ha! Centrally placed, a few steps from the excellent kitchen facilities, adjoining lounge, TV room, playing hall and fields - everything but the jacoozy - our condo became kind of the juniors' common room.

Day one of the North Island tourney saw the gathering of over 50 participants - among them a handful of juniors from Wellington, Napier, Auckland and local homeboys. Everything was effectively organised by DOP Ian Bell, Gordon "Flash" Hoskyn and the respective Wanganui CC members. There were even wedges for uneven tables! Yup, things sure were organised. It didn't seem like a tournament of old.

Everyone, however, was taken aback when Ted Frost, on NZCF's behalf, laid down the law with iron fist, emphasising vehemently something like, "There will be no more of this Mickey Mouse NZCF organisation from this time on." Gulp! The iron curtain had been drawn on "non-affiliated players". This was cold shower stuff and there was no power cut either. Nevertheless, the Telecom-like NZCF monopoly would remain, that was Clear.

The festivities began first round, or, rather the formalities. The top seeds disposed of their opponents Kleenex-style. After the second round the juniors who were boarding, grouped together and played transfer. Transfer has all the spectacle of correspondence chess and talk like a divorce court. It's flying piece city! Nevertheless, everyone has a swashbuckling time. And what else was going on in our spare time at a seemingly shut-eye chess tournament? There was the daily game of Family Business, four-a-side funball, footy on a hockey field which provided a few laughs (and gasps) that brought on my asthma, but you've probably heard that old wheeze before. If that didn't suit, lop-sided table tennis was playable.. Then there was touch rugby (two-a-side) kick-off 0300 hrs.

Anyway, one Tuesday night a bunch of us cruised down to Pizza Hut for that \$9.96 deal, when you can eat all you want. We managed to incite the locals into a chorus of "Happy Birthday To You" (all other patrons joined in in unison) to a Wanganusian birthday boy, turning him a tomato-puree red. We went to sleep, after transfer, about 2-3am.

Next morning there were voiced complaints about a loud stereo being played all night. I recall seeing one solitary speaker jacked up to a stereo but would that be loud? Uh, uh.

Along with the usual hilarity such as a midnight cook-up of spag soup with not-so-cooked pasta and still-frozen peas and vege, the juniors enjoyed themselves thoroughly even though there was an apparent lack of sleep. Some rounds began at 9am but it was blissful heaven with a 12 noon "move off".

Call me a hick from the sticks but I really enjoyed the venue naturelle. The atmosphere generated by actual competition, the high jinks, and hometown hospitality were contributing factors. Make sure you check out the next tourney away from home. It can be great fun.

OVERSEAS NEWS

By Peter Stuart NM

MIKHAIL TAL †

Former world champion Mikhail Nekhemyevich Tal died in Moscow in late June.

Born in the Latvian capital on 9 November 1936, Tal gained the sobriquet "Magician of Riga" for his scintillating attacking play which gained him the International grandmaster title before he had been awarded the IM title.

In 1957 Tal became the youngest ever Soviet champion when he won the first of his six titles, a record still only equalled by Botvinnik. This qualified Tal for the 1958 Interzonal Tournament at Portoroz, an event which was dominated by younger players. Tal won and was joined in the 1959 Candidates Tournament in Yugoslavia by Benko, Fischer, Olafsson and Petrosian as well as Keres and Smyslov.

Tal swept to victory here too, including a 4-0 whitewash of the even younger Fischer, and in the following year he defeated Botvinnik, becoming the youngest world champion to that time.

Outprepared by Botvinnik and possibly already suffering from the ill-health which plagued him for the rest of his life, Tal lost the return match in 1961. Later in the same year, however, he won one of his most important tournament victories at Bled, with a one point margin over runner-up Bobby Fischer.

Despite numerous spells in hospital Tal continued to be a force in world chess and among his victories was that in the 1979 Riga Interzonal where he won by 2½ points with a score of 14/17.

Tal never lost his boundless enthusiasm for chess and was active in international play until shortly before his death - as will be seen in other items in this section. With Tal's death the chess world has lost one of its favourite sons.

BARCELONA

The Olympic Games city was the venue in May of a close-scoring category 13 tournament. The joint winners were Ukrainian GM Iosif Dorfman and 24-year-old Spanish IM Jorge Magem with 6½/11. Five players tied for second place on 6 points: GM Akopian (ARM), GM Lautier (FRA), GM Rivas (ESP), GM Romanishin (UKR) and GM I.Sokolov (YUG).

In what was to be his last international event Mikhail Tal was next on 5½, sharing eighth place with Mikhail Gurevich and long-time rival Viktor Korchnoi. The field was rounded out by GM O.Rodriguez on 4½ and IM Ochoa on 2.

The following last-round game cost former World Junior champion (and Olympiad board 2) Akopian a share of first place.

TAL - AKOPIAN

Sicilian Defence, 3 Bb5

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 d6 4 0-0 Bd7 5 Re1 Nf6 6 c3 a6 7 Ba4 c4 8 d4 cxd3 9 Bg5 e6 10 Qxd3 Be7 11 Bxf6 gxf6 12 Bxc6 Bxc6 13 c4 0-0 14 Nc3 Kh8 15 Rad1 Rg8 16 Qe3 Qf8 17 Nd4 Rc8 18 f4 Bd7 19 b3 Bd8 20 Nf3 b5 21 Qa7 Bc7 22 Qxa6 bxc4 23 b4 Qg7 24 g3 d5 25 exd5 Bxf4 26 Kf2 f5 27 gxf4 Qxc3 28 Qd6 Ba4 29 Rd4 Rg7 30 dxe6 Bc6 31 Ng5 Rxc5 32 Qe5+ Rg7 33 Rd8+ Rxd8 34 Qxc3 f6 35 e7 Ra8 36 Qxf6 Be4 37 Rg1 Rxa2+ 38 Ke1, 1-0.

AMSTERDAM

The quadrangular double-round Euwe Memorial tournament in May featured both Candidates semi-finalists. Nigel Short and Viswanathan Anand tied for first on 3½ points while Yasser Seirawan and Jan Timman brought up the rear on 2½.

In their personal mini-match Short beat Timman with the white pieces and drew with the black.

SHORT - TIMMAN

Ruy Lopez, 6 Qe2

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 0-0 Be7 6 Qe2 b5 7 Bb3 0-0 8 c3 d5 9 d3 Bb7 10 Nbd2 Re8 11 a3 Bf8 12 Ba2 Nb8 13 Re1 Nbd7 14 Nf1 c5 15 exd5 Bxd5 16 Bxd5 Nx05 17 Bd2 g6 18 Rad1 Bg7 19 h4 Nf8 20 h5 Qd7 21 hxg6 hxg6 22 Qe4 Rac8 23 Qh4 f6 24 Ng3 Ne6 25 Ne4 Kf7 26 Qg4 Re7 27 c4 Nb6 28 Ba5 Rc6 29 Bxb6 Rxb6 30 Nh4 Nf8 31 Qf3 Rc6 32 Nc3 Rd6 33 Nd5 Re8 34 Qg3 Rxd5 35 cxd5 Qxd5 36 b4 cxb4 37 axb4 Bh6 38 Qf3 Rd8 39 Qe4 Qd6 40 g3 Bg7 41 Ra1 Qxd3 42 Qxd3 Rxd3 43 Rxa6 Rb3 44 Rc1 Rxb4 45 Rc7+ Kg8 46 Ra8 Rg4 47 Kh2 f5 48 Rb7 Ra4 49 Rab8 Ra6 50 Rxb5 Kf7 51 R8b7+ Kf6 52 Nf3 e4 53 Ne5 Ne6 54 Rd5 Kg5 55 Nf7+ Kh5 56 Kg2 Bd4 57 Rb4 Bf6 58 Rxe4 Ng5 59 Rh4 mate, 1-0.

Hegener+Glaser, manufacturer of Mephisto and Fidelity chess computers, made an offer of one million SFr to the first West European to become the challenger. Although the offer was to remain open until 1994 it was withdrawn earlier this year when already there was a strong likelihood that the million francs might be claimed.

Not surprisingly this retraction provoked an angry response, not least from Messrs Short and Timman, and a new agreement has

now been reached between the German company and both Candidates finalists.

The press release announcing the new package finishes with a message for Mr Kasparov: "With Nigel Short and Jan Timman the chess world has now won two new and unique identification persons who will give the representatives of the hitherto chess superpowers a **hellacious, Mephistophelian hot and hard time**" (our emphasis).

MADRID

Anatoly Karpov shrugged off his disappointing loss to Short in the Candidates semi-final to win a very convincing victory in the "City of Madrid" tournament in May.

The former world champion's 7½ out of 9 gave him a 2 point margin over joint runners-up Judit Polgar and GM Vladimir Epishin.

Next were IM Romero (ESP), GM Salov (RUS) and GM Yudasin (RUS) on 4½. There followed IM San Segundo (ESP) and GM Z.Polgar (HUN) 3½; GM Granda (PER) and IM Magem (ESP) 3.

ROMERO - KARPOV

Centre Game

1 e4 e5 2 d4 exd4 3 Qxd4 Nc6 4 Qe3 Nf6 5 Nc3 Bb4 6 Bd2 0-0 7 0-0-0 Re8 8 Bc4 d6 9 f3 Na5 10 Bb3 Nxb3+ 11 axb3 a5 12 Qf2 Bd7 13 Nge2 a4 14 bxa4 Bxa4 15 Nb1 Bc5 16 Be3 b6 17 Bd4 Bd7 18 g4 Ra5 19 Nf4 Bc6 20 Rhg1 Nd7 21 Nh5 g6 22 Qd2 Bxd4 23 Qxd4 gxh5 24 gxh5+ Kf8 25 Qg7+ Ke7 26 Rg5 Qa8 27 b4 Rxcg5 28 Qxcg5+ f6 29 Qg7+ Kd8 30 Qxh7 Qa2 31 Qh6 Kc8 32 Qf4 Rh8 33 h6 Qg8 34 Rd3 Qg5, 0-1.

MOSCOW

A Lightning Tournament in late May was won by the World Champion but only after a bad start. Kasparov lost his first game to Tal

and was lucky to draw his second versus World U-14 champion Boris Avrukh who was a piece up at one stage.

Scores in the double rounder were: 1 Kasparov 11½/14; 2 Bareev 10½; 3 Tal 7½; 4-5 Dolmatov & Smyslov 6; 6 Vyzmanavin 5½; 7-8 Belyavsky & Avrukh 4½.

MUNICH

The SKA-Mephisto tournament in the Bavarian capital provided pre-Olympiad training for most of the German team.

Despite a penultimate round loss to Robert Hübner which left the German GM and Boris Gelfand a half-point in front, Mikhail Gurevich still took first prize. While he defeated American GM Larry Christiansen in the final round Gelfand lost to Dane Curt Hansen and Hübner to Alexander Halifman.

The tournament was category 15 (average rating 2604).

GUREVICH - CHRISTIANSEN

Nimzoindian Defence

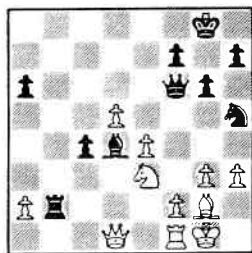
1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 Qc2 c5 5 dxc5 Na6 6 a3 Bxc3+ 7 Qxc3 Nxc5 8 b4 Na4 [New but perhaps not sufficient; Christiansen, however, needed a win] 9 Qc2 b5 10 cxb5 Nb6 11 Nf3 Bb7 12 e3 Rc8 13 Qd1 Ne4 14 Bb2 0-0 15 Be2 Nc4

16 Bd4 d6 17 0-0 e5 18 Rc1 Nb6 19 Bxb6 axb6 20 Qb3 Qf6 21 Qb2 h5 22 Nd2 Rxc1 23 Qxc1 Rc8 24 Nxe4 Qg6 25 Qd1 Bxe4 26 Bf3 Bxf3 27 Qxf3 Qd3 28 Qb7 Rc3 29 Qxb6 Rxa3 30 h3 Rb3 31 Qc6 Kh7 32 Qf3 Qg6 33 Rd1 Rxb4 34 Qe2 Kg8 35 Kh2 Qe6 36 Rd2 e4 37 Qxh5 f5 38 Qg5 Qe5+ 39 g3 Rxb5 40 Qd8+ Kf7 41 Qd7+ Kg8 42 Rxd6 Kh7 43 Kg2 Ra5 44 Re6 Qb8 45 Qf7 Re5 46 Rg6, 1-0.

HANSEN - GELFAND

King's Indian Defence

1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 g6 3 c4 Bg7 4 g3 0-0 5 Bg2 d6 6 0-0 Nbd7 7 Nc3 e5 8 e4 exd4 9 Nxd4 Re8 10 h3 a6 11 Re1 Rb8 12 b3 c5 13 Nc2 b5 14 Qxd6 Bb7 15 Qd1 Ne5 16 Bf4 Nh5 17 Bxe5 Bxe5 18 Nd5 bxc4 19 bxc4 Bxd5 20 cxd5 Qf6 21 Rb1 Rxb1 22 Qxb1 Rb8 23 Qd1 Rb2 24 Rf1 c4 25 Ne3 Bd4



26 e5! Qb6 27 Qf3 c3 28 d6 c2 29 Kh2 Bxe5 30 Nc4 Qb5 31 Nxe5 Qxe5 32 Qa8+ Kg7 33 d7 c1Q 34 Rxc1

MUNICH			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2
1	Gurevich M.	BEL g	2635	x	0	½	½	½	1	½	1	½	1	7
2	Hübner	GER g	2615	1	x	½	½	1	½	0	0	1	½	6½
3	Gelfand	UKR g	2665	½	½	x	1	½	0	½	1	0	1	6
4	Yusupov	RUS g	2655	½	½	0	x	½	½	½	½	1	1	6
5	Hertneck	GER g	2530	½	0	½	½	x	0	½	½	½	1	6
6	Christiansen	USA g	2595	0	½	1	½	1	x	0	½	1	0	5½
7	Speelman	ENG g	2630	½	½	½	½	½	1	x	0	½	½	5½
8	Lobron	GER g	2565	0	1	0	½	½	½	½	x	1	½	5½
9	Halifman	RUS g	2625	½	1	½	½	½	0	1	0	x	½	5
10	Hansen C.	DEN g	2620	0	0	1	½	0	½	½	½	½	x	5
11	Wahls	GER g	2570	½	½	0	0	0	1	½	½	½	½	4
12	Lutz	GER m	2540	0	0	0	0	0	½	½	½	1	0	3½

Rxf2 35 d8Q Qxg3+ 36 Kh1 Qf4 37 Qf8+ Kf6 38 Qad8+, 1-0.

HALIFMAN - HUBNER

Queen's Indian Defence

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 b6 4 a3 Bb7 5 Nc3 d5 6 cxd5 exd5 7 Qa4+ c6 8 Bg5 Be7 9 e3 0-0 10 Bd3 c5 11 Rd1 Nbd7 12 Ne5 Nxe5 13 dxe5 Nh5 14 Ba6 Bxa6 15 Rxd5 Qe8 16 Bxe7 Qxa4 17 Nxa4 Rfe8 18 Rd7 Bb5 19 Rc7 Bxa4 20 g4 Rec8 21 Rxc8+ Rxc8 22 gxh5 f6 23 Rg1 Kf7 24 Bd6 Re8 25 f4 Bc2 26 Kd2 Be4 27 Kc3 f5 28 Kc4 a6 29 h6 gxh6 30 Bc7 Re6 31 Bd8 b5+ 32 Kxc5 Rc6+ 33 Kb4 Rc2 34 b3 Rxh2 35 Bf6 Bd5 36 Rg7+ Kf8 37 Rd7 Be6 38 Rd6 Kf7 39 Rxa6 Rb2 40 Ra7+ Kg6 41 Kc5 Rxb3 42 Rg7+ Kh5 43 Kd6 Bc4 44 e6 Rxa3 45 e7 Ra8 46 Bc3 b4 47 Bxb4 Kh4 48 e4 fxe4, 1-0.

HUBNER - GUREVICH

Queen's Gambit, Semi-Slav

1 d4 d5 2 c4 c6 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 Nf3 e6 5 e3 Nbd7 6 Qc2 Bd6 7 Be2 0-0 8 0-0 Qe7 9 e4 dxe4 10 Nxe4 Nxe4 11 Qxe4 e5 12 Bg5 f6? [Hübner is a known devotee of this variation with 6 Qc2 so presumably Gurevich did some homework on it before the game; strange, then, that he did not know about this blunder. Neither 12...Qe6 nor 12...Qe8 has proved successful either so perhaps Black must revert to the more usual 11...f5 12 Qc2 e5] 13 Bd3 g6 14 Bh6 f5 15 Bxf8 Kxf8 16 Qe3 e4 17 c5 Nxc5 18 dxc5 Bxc5 19 Qc1 Be6 20 Bc4 exf3 21 Bxe6, 1-0.

WALSALL

Murray Chandler had a £1,000 payday when he won the "Walsall Kipping Jubilee" tournament in May, a weekender similar in format to many Auckland tournaments (40 moves in 1½ + 15 minutes to finish).

Leading scores: 1 GM Chandler 6½/7; 2-5 IM Emms, GM Flear, IM Martin & GM W.Watson 5½; 6-11 IM Agnos, IM Hebden, IM Motwani, GM Nunn, GM Suba & GM Suetin 5.

For some time now Chandler has owned a 20% interest in BCM Ltd, publisher of the **British Chess Magazine**. Under a recent agreement Murray has bought the other 80% from the BCF and is thus now the sole owner of the 111-year-old magazine.

COMMONWEALTH CHAMPIONSHIP

This year's event was held just before the Olympiad in Malaysia - a break with the practice of the last five years when the Lloyds Bank Open has incorporated the championship.

The strong English and Indian contingents were expected to dominate but Scottish IM Colin MacNab won on tie-break from an English GM quartet, making his final GM norm along the way although he must achieve a 2500 rating before being awarded the title.

MacNab's 6½ points was equalled by Conquest, Miles, Suba and Watson. Australian IM Darryl Johansen joined English GMs Gallagher and Hodgson as well as the Indian IM quartet of Babu, Prasad, Ravi and Thipsay on 6 points.

ST PETERSBURG

The category 10 (2495) "White Night 92" tournament in the former Leningrad was won by Azerbaijani IM Elmar Magerramov who made a GM-norm with his 8/11.

Second was GM Kuzmin (UKR) with 7½ points while IM Ionov (RUS) on 6 was third.

There is obviously huge scope for international tournaments in the former Soviet republics - six were represented here.

BRUSSELS

The World Cup finale took place in early July in the form of the S.W.I.F.T. Rapid Chess Challenge. Of the original invitees Kasparov and Ivanchuk declined and shortly before the event Ljubojevic also pulled out to be replaced by his compatriot Ivan Sokolov.

The format for the 32-player KO tournament was the same throughout: two-game matches with just 25 minutes per player. If a match was tied then two blitz games (5 minutes each) were played and if the scores were still tied then a final blitz game was played with Black having the odds of a draw but only 5 minutes against 6 for White.

The upsets started on day one when Karpov, top seed, was eliminated by Seirawan; after a draw the second game reached a drawish ending with rooks and opposite coloured bishops but Karpov found his pieces tripping over each other and was unable to avoid the loss of a couple of pawns.

Also eliminated in the top half of the draw were Ehlvest, Halifman, Salov and Gurevich at the hands of Georgiev, Lobron, Piket and Gulko respectively.

The bottom half proceeded more according to the seedings apart from Adams beating Nunn $1\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ when the doctor blundered in a drawn rook ending.

The second round saw Yusupov knocked out by Lobron while Adams saw off Short. Bareev, who had beaten Korchnoi 2-0 in the first round, lost by the same score to Speelman. The quarterfinal pairings were Timman v Lobron, Anand v Sokolov, Speelman v Adams and Nikolic v Georgiev. In the Balkan encounter Nikolic won $1\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ while Anand won both games, the second most spectacularly.

There was more drama in the remaining two matches. Against his third English opponent Michael Adams won the second blitz game after three draws. After trading wins Timman and Lobron drew their first two blitz games; Timman won the toss and opted to take Black in the decider but white and an extra minute counted for more.

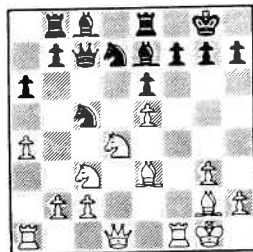
The last remaining seeds bowed out in the semi-finals when Adams beat Anand and Lobron beat Nikolic, both by $1\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$. If Ladbrokes accepted any bets on a Lobron v Adams final there would have been a huge payout!

The two final rapid games went with the white pieces but the 20-year-old Adams then demonstrated great virtuosity at the 5-minute time control, winning both games.

ANAND - SOKOLOV

Sicilian Defence

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 a6 5 Nc3 d6 6 a4 Nf6 7 Be2 Nbd7 8 0-0 Nc5 9 Bf3 Be7 10 g3 0-0 11 Bg2 Qc7 12 Be3 Rb8 13 f4 Re8 14 e5 dxe5 15 fxe5 Nfd7



16 Rxf7 Kxf7 17 Qh5+ Kf8 18 Rf1+ Nf6 19 exf6 Bxf6 20 Ndb5 axb5 21 Nxb5 Qd7 22 Qxh7 Qe7 23 Rxf6+ Qxf6 24 Bxc5+ Re7 25 Qh8+ Kf7 26 Nd6+, 1-0.

YUSUPOV - LOBRON

Benoni Defence

1 d4 e6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 exd5 4 cxd5 d6 5 Nc3 g6 6 e4 Bg7 7 Nge2 Nf6 8

f3 a6 9 a4 Nbd7 10 Bg5 h6 11 Be3 Qe7 12 Nc1 Ne5 13 Be2 Rb8 14 0-0 0-0 15 h3 g5 16 f4 gxf4 17 Bxf4 Ng6 18 Bh2 b5 19 axb5 axb5 20 Bf3 b4 21 N3e2 Nh7 22 Nd3 Ng5 23 Nxc5 Bxb2 24 Nd3 Bg7 25 Rb1 Nh4 26 Rxb4 Bxh3 27 Rxb8 Rxb8 28 Rf2 Ngxf3+ 29 gxf3 Bd4! 30 Ng3 Ra8 31 Nc1 Bxf2+ 32 Kxf2 Qa7+ 33 Ke1 Qe3+, 0-1.

ADAMS - SHORT

Queen's Pawn

1 d4 d5 2 Bg5 c6 3 e3 h6 4 Bh4 Qb6 5 Qc1 e5 6 c3 Nd7 7 Nf3 e4 8 Nfd2 f5 9 Bg3 Ngf6 10 c4 Nh5 11 Nc3 Nxc3 12 hxg3 Nf6 13 a3 Be6 14 b4 Qd8 15 Be2 Be7 16 c5 0-0 17 Nb3 b6 18 0-0 Rb8 19 Qc2 g5 20 b5 bxc5 21 dxc5 Qc8 22 bxc6 Bf7 23 Nd4 f4 24 Ncb5 f3 25 gxg3 Qh3 26 Rfb1 exf3 27 Bxf3 Ne4 28 Bxe4 dxe4 29 Qxe4 Bxc5 30 Rc1 Bb6 31 Nd6 Bxd4 32 exd4 Bh5 33 c7 Ra8 34 c8Q Raxc8 35 Rxc8 Rxc8 36 Nxc8 Qxc8 37 Re1 Bf7 38 d5 Qd7 39 Rd1 Qd6 40 Qe3 a5 41 Qc3 h5 42 Qc6 Qe5 43 d6 Qe2 44 Qc1, 1-0.

WAITAKERE TRUST GAMES

N Metge v P Hair

1 d4 d5 2 c4 dxc4 3 e4 c5 4 Nf3 cd 5 Nd4 Bd7 6 Bc4 Nc6 7 0-0 e6 8 Bf4 Qf6 9 Nc6 Qf4 10 Nd4 Qe4 11 Nc3 Qh4 12 Re1 Bc5 13 Re4 Qd8 14 Ne6 Be6 15 Re6 fe 16 Qh5 g6 17 Qc5 Qe7 18 Qe5 Nf6 19 Be6 Rf8 20 Re1 Rd8 21 Qb5 Nd7 22 Bd7 Rd7 23 Re7 Ke7 24 Qe5 Kf7 25 g3 Re8 26 Qf4 Kg7 27 Ne4 Rf7 28 Qh4 Rfe8 29 Ng5

R W Smith v H Bennett

1 e4 d5 2 ed Nf6 3 d4 Nd5 4 c4 Nb6 5 Nc3 e5 6 de Qd1 7 Nd1 Nc6 8 f4 Be6 9 b3 0-0-0 10 Be2 Nb4 11 Ne3 Bc5 12 Nf3 Be3 13 Be3 Nc2 14 Kf2 Na1 15 Ra1 Bg4 16 h3 Bf3 17 Bf3 Kb8 18 Re1 Rhe8

19 Bh5 g6 20 Bf3 h5 21 Kg3 c6 22 Kh4 Nd7 23 Kg5 Nf8 24 Kf6 Rd7 25 Rd1 Red8 26 Rd7 Rd7 27 Bc5 Ne6 28 Bd6 Kc8 29 f5 Nd4 30 fg fg 31 Kg6 Nf3 32 gf h4 33 f4 Rd8 34 Kf7 Kd7 35 c5 b6 36 e6 Kc8 37 e7 Rd7 38 Kf8 bc 39 e8Q Rd8 40 Bc5 a6 41 Qd8 Kd8 42 Be7 Kd7 43 Bh4 Ke6 44 Bg5 1-0.

B grade

K Metge v F Dagnino

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 e5 c5 4 Nf3 Nc6 5 Bd3 Qb6 6 0-0 cd 7 Nbd2 Bd7 8 a3 g6 9 Nb3 Bg7 10 Re1 Nge7 11 Bf4 Nf5 12 Bf5 ef 13 Nbd4 Nd4 14 Qd4 Qc6 15 Bh6 Bh6 16 e6 0-0-0 17 ed7 Kb8 18 Ne5 Qf6 19 Qd5 Rhf8 20 Rad1 Bf4 21 Nd3 Bd6 22 Nc5 Bc5 23 Qc5 Qb6 24 Qf8 Rf8 25 Re8 Qd8 26 Rf8 1-0.

C Wilson v D Eades

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cd 4 Nxd4 e6 5 Nc3 Nf6 6 Be2 a6 7 0-0 Bc5 8 Be3 Qc7 9 Ne6 de 10 Bc5 Ne7 11 Bd6 Qd8 12 e5 Nd7 13 Qd3 0-0 14 Rd1 f6 15 ef Nf6 16 Qg3 Rf7 17 Bc7 Qf8 18 Rd8 Ne8 19 Bf3 Ra7 20 Rad1 b5 21 Re8 Qe8 22 Rd8 Qd8 23 Bd8 1-0.

C Stott v K Metge

1 d4 d5 2 c4 Bf5 3 Nc3 e6 4 Nf3 c6 5 e3 Nf6 6 cd ed 7 Bd3 Bg6 8 0-0 Bd6 9 Ne2 Ne4 10 Nf4 Qc7 11 g3 Nbd7 12 Nh4 Be7 13 Ng6 hg 14 Be4 de 15 Ng2 Nf6 16 f3 Qd7 17 Ne1 Qh3 18 Qe2 0-0-0 19 Qg2 Bd6 20 Qh3 Rh3 21 fe Ne4 22 Rf7 Rdh8 23 Nf3 g5 24 Kg2 d4 25 Ne5 Rh2 26 Kf1 Ng3 27 Ke1 Re2 0-1.

Sorry, Mears, Smith and Storey.

15th WAITAKERE TRUST OPEN

By Bob Smith

57 players fronted up at the Kelston Community Centre, West Auckland, on the 4th July. The number was a little disappointing for the organising club, Waitemata, compared with 72 the previous year.

However, with five players rated over 2200 including this year's runaway North Island champion, Russell Dive, stern competition was in prospect. The time control, 45 in 90 minutes plus 15 to finish, can usually be guaranteed to produce some exciting finishes.

As always, the prize fund was generous – over \$2000 offered, including a \$100 bonus for five straight wins. Even the B grade (restricted to 1700 and under) winner could take home at least \$250. A feature this year was the direct pairings by Director of Play, Bob Gibbons, at the request of the organisers.

Play duly started almost on time – and so did the upsets. The major drama was Dive dropping a half point to Bruce Wheeler after misplaying a won position. Peter Stuart also began shakily, drawing with David Boyd.

In the second round Nigel Metge showed he was on form with a hard-fought win over Bob Smith and Ewen Green escaped a dubious position against John Robinson with a timely draw offer. Only three players were still on full points – Peter Green, Leonard McLaren and Metge.

Round three saw Dive get the better of McLaren in a mutual time scramble while Peter Green drew with Metge. The leaders were now Dive, P Green and Metge on 2.5.

Metge took the sole lead in round four by beating Dive while P Green scraped a draw when Smith ran out of time to win and had to take a perpetual. McLaren rejoined the pack after Goris sacrificed a pawn for a lost game; Stuart also reached 3 points when Robinson declined a draw and contrived to lose from two pawns up.

The fifth, and final round, saw Metge lose a sharp game to McLaren and P Green – P Stuart, the only other game with a bearing on first prize, ended as McLaren hoped – a draw. Meanwhile, Dive, Smith and E Green joined the queue for the runner-up cheques with wins over lower-ranked players.

So, Leonard McLaren, who now lives in West Auckland, made a triumphant return to tournament chess in New Zealand after a long break, taking out the \$500 first prize. Tied for second a half point behind were the next seven players in seeding order – Dive, Smith, E Green, P Green, Stuart and Metge. An argument, perhaps, in favour of direct pairings?

The separate B grade tourney was won jointly by Katrine Metge and Simon Van Dam, who won their first four games and then were not tempted by the \$50 bonus for five wins, agreeing a quick draw.

Prizes were presented by Mr Gordon Sunde, chairman of the Waitakere Licensing Trust, which has sponsored the tournament almost since its inception.

Leonard sent his best game and Bob sent all the best game entries (both grades). We will publish as much as we can find room for.

D Storey v L McLaren

1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 e3 Nbd7 4 Bd3 c5 5 c3 g6 A logical anti-Colle System aimed at blunting the Bd3. 6 0-0 Bg7 7 Nbd2 0-0 8 b4 Also playable is the thematic 8 e4 dxe4 9 Nxe4 Nxe4 10 Bxe4 Qc7 with a very small advantage to White owing to his central control and slight weakness of Black's kingside. 8...b6 9 a4 Qc7 10 Bb2 10 a5 and 10 bxc5 bxc5 11 Ba3 are more active. 10...e5 11 dxe5 Ng4 12 Be2 Ngxe5 13 Rc1 Bb7 14 Nxe5 Nxe5 Black has achieved equality. 15 c4 d4 It would be less good to win the two bishops by 15...Ng4 16 Bxg4 Bxb2 because after 17 Rc2 Bg7 18 cxd5 Bxd5 19 bxc5 bxc5 Black has a weak c-pawn. 16 exd4 cxd4 16...Nc6 is equal but I wanted to offer an interesting pawn sacrifice. 17 Bxd4 If White declines by 17 Nf3 then 17...Ng4 18 g3 d3 and wins. If instead 17 Bf3 Nd3 or 17 Nb3 Qc6 with a clear advantage to Black in each case. 17...Rad8 18 Be3 Black has good compensation after 18 Bxe5 Bxe5. Also bad is 18 Bc3 Qc6, eg 19 f3 Ng4 or 19 Bf3 Nxf3+ 20 gxf3 with a badly weakened kingside. Not, however, 20 Qxf3 Bxc3 winning a piece. Qc6 19 Bf3 19 f3 Ng4 19...Nxf3+ 20 Qxf3 Qd7 21 Qg3 White can keep his extra pawn by 21 Qd1, though after 21...Rfe8 22 Nf3 Qe7 23 Qb3 Bxf3 24 gxf3 Qh4 Black has attacking chances. 21...Qxa4 Black has a slight advantage owing to the two bishops and the weakness of White's queenside pawns. 22 b5 Rfe8 23 Nf3 Lets Black in. After 23 h4 White has better attacking possibilities. 23...Be4 24 Ng5 White would do better to return with 24 Nd2. 24...Bd3 25 Rfe1 h6 25...Bxc4 26 Qh4. 26 Nh3 Bxc4 27 Nf4 Bxb5 28 h4 28 Nh5 does not work after 28...gxh5 29 Bxh6 Qg4 28...Qe4 29 Bd2 Qf5 30 Rxe8+ Bxe8 0-1.

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CHESS, BY CORRY!

By Bill Cox

The 58th Correspondence Chess Championship was won jointly by Wellington's Russell Dive and Peter Stuart, of Auckland, both scoring eight points from their ten games.

For Peter, it was his second championship, having won the 57th Russell, an over-the-board champion, was gaining his first postal title.

Gordon Hoskyn won the Reserve Championship with nine points from 11 games. H Cornwall took the TT2 with 8.5/10; Earl Roberts TT3 with 10/12; John Feyter TT4 with 8.5/9 and A R Gray TT5 with 7/10.

The 1991-92 Handicap Tourney went to Edward Swayne of Auckland. He played 21 games, won 19 and drew two. Julian Larsen, of Mount Wellington, was runner-up with 12 wins and three draws from 15 games.

Richard Sutton judged the Best Game (championship) and wrote the notes (abbreviated here) for EP, the corry magazine (Ed. J W Maxwell, PO Box 3278, Wellington).

Bruce Barnard v Mark Noble

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 f4 e5 7 Nf3 Nbd7 8 a4 d5 9 exd5 Most natural seems 9 Nxd5 Nxe4 since the Black knight seems a bit insecure on e4 but Black has immediate threats on the a7/g1 diagonal and 10 Be3 may have to be played next, rather than 10 fxe5. 9...e4 10 Ng5 White could cause his opponent more problems with 10 Ne5. 10...Bb4 11 Qd4 Qb6 A well thought out response as Black will soon recover the pawn if queens are exchanged. 12 Qc4 0-0 13 Be2 Qa5 14 Bd2 Nb6 15 Qd4 e3 A fine deflection sacrifice. With the exchange of e pawn for d pawn, White's exposed king and ill-cooperating pieces become precarious. 16 Qxe3 Nbx d5 17 Qd4 More intriguing variations occur after 17 Nxd5 Nxd5. If, for example, 18 Bxb4 Qxb4+ 19 Qd2 Qxd2+ White loses the f-pawn and still suffers through the exposure of his king and his potentially weak g and c pawns - Black's rooks will come swiftly into action but this could well have been White's best chance. If instead, 18 Qd3 (threatening mate - the sole remaining point of Ng5), Black has 18...Bf5 19 Qxf5 Bxd2+ 20 Kf2 (otherwise ...Ne3+ wins the queen) 20...Qb6+ 21 Kg3 Bxf4+ winning. 17...Rd8 18 Qc4 Here a liquidation beginning 18 Nxd5 is even worse than before. The move played soon leads to disaster. 18...h6 19 Nf3 Be6 20 Nxd5 Bxd2+ 21 Nxd2 Bxd5 22 b4 Qb6 23 Qc5 Qe6 24 Nf3 Bxf3 25 gxf3 Re8 26 Qf2 Nh5 27 Kf1 Nxf4 28 Bd3 Qh3+ 29 Kg1 Re5 30 Qf1 Qh4 0-1.

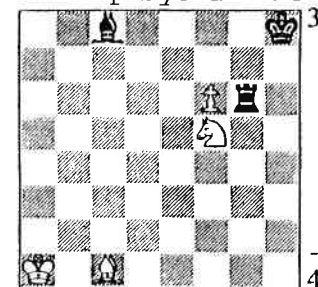
STUDY CORNER

By Emil Melnichenko

The creative imagination of the St Petersburg composer, Vladimir Aleksandrovich Korolkov (1907-1987), broke the barriers of what is thematically possible on the chessboard. Weaker than his wife OTB and slow at analysis perhaps yet his magical pen continues to delight and inspire maestro and novice alike.

V A Korolkov
1st Pr. Lelo 1951

White plays & wins



1 f7

Incorrect is 1 Bb2? Rxf6 2 Bxf6+ Kh7 = when the twominor pieces can only draw against one.

1 ... Ra6+

Initiating unexpected counterplay but 1...Rf6 2 Bb2 leaves the rook paralysed and 1...Rg8 2 fxg8Q+ Kxg8 3 Ne7+ deprives Black of an army.

2 Ba3

At first glance, this is surprising. However, 2 Kb2? Rf6 renders Bb2 illegal while 2 Kb1 Bxf5+ is disastrous.

2 ... Rxa3+ 3 Kb2 Ra2+

Now Black makes an offer that must be refused! If 4 Kxa2 Be6+ arrests the pawn while 4 Kc3? Rc2+ 5 Kb4 (not 5 Kd4 Rd2+ and 6...Rd8=) 5...Rb2+ 6 Kc5 Rc2+ 7 Kb6 Rb2+ 8 Kc7 Rb7+ also draws.

4 Kc1 Ra1+ Here 4...Rc2+ 5 Kd1 wins.

5 Kd2 Ra2+ 6 Ke3 Ra3+ 7 Kf4 Ra4+

8 Kg5 Unforgiving is 8 Ke5? Ra5+ 9 Kf6 Rxf5+.

8 ... Rg4+ 9 Kh6

The White king dodges the dogged rook avoiding both 9 Kxg4? Bxf5+ 10 Kxf5 Kg7 11 Ke6 Kf8 12 Kf6 stalemate and 9 Kf6 Rg8 10 Ne7 Rd8 =.

9 ... Rg8

A last resource which appears to suffice but note that 9...Rg6+ fails against 10 Kxg6 Bxf5+ 11 Kf6.

10 Ne7 Be6 Obviously if 10...Rd8 then 11 Ng6 mates.

11 fxg8Q+ Not 11 Ng6+? Rxg6+ 12 Kxg6 Bxf7+ =.

11 ... Bxg8

12 Ng6# A checkmate that is so incredible as to seem absurd!

INSIDE STORY

Continued

The Gambit Chess Club, set up to cater for those who cannot become affiliated because there is not a suitable club within reach, got preliminary approval from council but, at the next meeting, an objection was raised.

The objectors felt that the \$12 membership fee charged might entice regular or potential club members to join the Gambit CC to avoid the much higher charges of many metropolitan clubs.

In reply, it was stated that the Gambit CC was aware of the possibilities involved and that there was no intention to poach members.

An Olympiad team member who provided the team with access to a chess database during preparation for games in Manila, will receive an honorarium.

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.

Darryn Elliott has declined to go to the World Junior and opted, instead, to play in the Asian Junior. We will not have any representative at the World Junior or the Under-16 this year.

The next Olympiad is set down for Thessaloniki, for the third time, in 1994. Athens had hopes, since they can't get the Olympics, of hosting the 1996 Olympiad. However, Qatar, a country with as much money, sorry, muscle, as America, have put in a tentative bid.

A lot more people will be able to get FIDE ratings in future. The plan is to reduce the lower limit to 2000, in six-monthly steps of 500 each. With the high end soon to reach 2800 we get a feeling of unease. It feels like October '87.

Martin Dreyer brought back a few goodies for NZCF from Manila and FIDE's CACDEC. Chess developing countries includes us. Hope they are more use than the Chess-Base program we never saw.

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AUCKLAND CHESS ASSOCIATION, meets Tuesdays, 7.30pm. President, Ortvin Sarapu, Secretary, Aidan-B Howard. Postal address: 17 Cromwell St, Mt Eden.

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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.

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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 Mondays 7.30pm, Wolmann House, 3 Hinemoa Street, Rotorua. Contacts: Secretary, Mark Kimberley 345-6804 or Richard Boyden 348-6871.

NEW PLYMOUTH CC meets Tuesdays 7.30pm at 11 Gilbert Street, New Plymouth. Contacts, President, Bob Bowler, 251 Coronation Ave, phone 758-0797 or Errol Tuffery, 758-2626.

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.

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