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INSIDE STORY

Phil Viner (Australia) was asked to represent New Zealand at the FIDE Congress in Europe. A formal matter, really, as there does not seem to be a lot happening there just now.

The big, and sad, news since we last wrote was the passing away of Bruce Marsick and Len Whitehouse. They were both keen and active players who achieved the distinction of playing in the national championship. Their obituaries and games should appear elsewhere.

The tournament committee gave its usual busy report with recommendations. These covered stricter entry rules for congress events, rating for rapid chess, Olympiad selection panel (Ted Frost, Mark Noble, Bob Gibbons), more activity in NZ Junior and Under 16 fields, certificates, miniatures or suchlike for top three in NZCF events and other recipients of special awards and that Arthur Pomeroy join the tournament committee. All these were more or less approved but the first, at least, requires general meeting sanction.

We saw draft accounts for the year and congratulated Russell Dive on the job he did.

Just a few omissions from the list of nominees for the AGM. Mark Noble, councillor, Cooper and Lybrand, auditors and vice-patrons Roy Kent, Alan Fletcher and Graham Haase.

The editor's proposal that chess clubs be allowed a listing in the magazine free, gratis and for nothing, as hinted at last issue, was passed, i.e. As from January 1992, club listings are FREE.

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3	J D Sarfati	2211	WE	½	½	--	½	½	1	½	1	½	½	½	1	7
4	P A Garbett	2272	NS	½	0	½	--	½	½	1	½	1	½	1	1	7
5	R W Smith	2232	WT	½	½	½	½	--	½	½	1	½	½	1	0	6
6	R J Dive	2267	CI	½	0	0	½	½	--	1	1	0	1	0	1	5½
7	A F Ker	2325	CI	0	0	½	0	½	0	--	1	½	1	1	1	5½
8	G A Spain	2180	TE	0	½	0	½	0	0	0	--	1	1	½	1	4
9	R J Sutton	2296	OT	0	0	½	0	½	1	½	0	--	½	½	0	3½
10	J N Metge	2048	AC	0	0	½	½	½	0	0	0	½	--	½	1	3½
11	P W Stuart	2138	NS	0	0	½	0	0	1	0	½	½	½	--	½	3½
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By Ben Martin

The Otago Chess Club hosted the 1991-1992 RJI national chess congress played at University College, Dunedin. John Harraway once more took on the task of director of play and performed it with his usual thoroughness and efficiency.

The venue, a university hall of residence, was excellent. All three tournaments fitted easily into one huge room with the championship players in an alcove off to one side. The analysis room was large, with television and a ping-pong table in an adjacent area. Accommodation was offered at nearby Selwyn College.

David Reid, Otago Chess Club president, officially opened the congress. There were 64 players, a little down on last year's total but still a respectable number.

With three Olympiad places at stake a strong field was assembled for the championship. It included five former New Zealand champions and the current titleholder. They were top seed Ben Martin; Anthony Ker, champion in 1991 and winner of the North Island championship with 8/8; Richard Sutton; Paul Garbett, Russell Dive and Jonathan Sarfati. The other competitors were Robert Smith, Martin Dreyer, Graeme Spain, Peter Stuart, Tony Love and Nigel Metge.

Round 1: Immediately the tournament was off to a fighting start with four wins. The major surprise was Ker's unleashing of Basman's Opening (1...g5) to beat Spain. Dreyer beat Love, Martin beat Metge and Garbett had a good win versus Stuart. Dive-Smith and Sutton-Sarfati were interesting hard-fought draws.

P Garbett v P Stuart

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nc6 5 Nb5 d6 6 c4 Nf6 7 N1c3 a6 8 Na3 Be7 9 Be2 0-0 10 0-0 b6 11 Be3 Bb7 12 Qb3 Nd7 13 Rfd1 Nc5 14 Qc2 Nb4 15 Qd2 Bf6 16 Bf4 Be5 17 Bg5 Qc7 18 f4 Bxc3 19 Qxc3 Nc6 20 Qe3 Ne7 21 Bf3 f6 22 Bh4 Rfd8 23 Rac1 Nd7 24 Bf2 Rab8 25 Bg4 Kf7 26 b4 Ba8 27 Rc3 Nf8 28 Nc2 e5 29 f5 Qc6 30 Bf3 b5 31 cxb5 Qxb5 32 Rc7 Rd7 33 Qb3+ Ke8 34 a4 Qa5 35 Rxd7 Nxd7 36 Bh5+ Kd8 37 Rxd6 Qc7 38 Qd3 Bxe4 39 Rxd7+ Qxd7 40 Qxe4 Qxf5 41 Qe2 g6 42 Bg4 Qf4 43 Be3 1-0.

Round 2: Five decisive games this time. The one player to win with black was Garbett, who beat Ker's Grob - thus gaining revenge for his defeat with that opening in the 1984-5 champs. Metge, Martin and Sarfati beat Love, Sutton and Spain respectively. Stuart-Dive looked headed for a draw till White's king invaded Black's queenside with terrifying speed. Dreyer survived a shaky opening to draw with Smith.

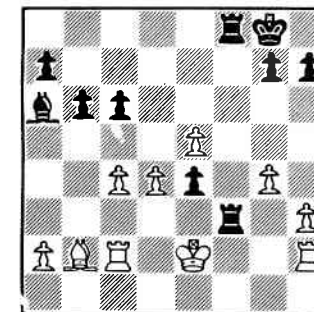
A Ker v P Garbett

1 g4 d6 2 h3 e5 3 Bg2 c6 4 d4 Qb6 5 e3 Nd7 6 b3 Ngf6 7 Bb2 e4 8 d5 Nxd5 9 Bxe4 Qb4+ 10 Nd2 Nc3 11 Qf3 Ne5 12 Qg2 Nxe4 13 Qxe4 Qxe4 14 Nxe4 f5 15 f4 fxe4 16 fxe5 d5 17 Ne2 Bb4+ 18 c3 Bc5 19 Nd4 0-0 20 Ke2 b6 21 c4 dxc4 22 bxc4 Ba6 23 Rac1 Bxd4 24 exd4 Rf3 25 Rc2 Raf8 26 Rh2

26...Kf7 27 Bc1 b5 28 Rf2 Ke6 29 Be3 bxc4 30 Rc3 R8f7 31 Rxf3 Rxf3 32 Bd2 Kd5 33 Rxf3 c3+ 34 Kd1 exf3 35 Be3 Ke4 36 e6 Bc8 37 e7 Bd7 38 Bg1 Kd3 39 a4 a5 40 g5 c5 0-1.

J Sarfati v G Spain

1 e4 d5 2 exd5 Qxd5 3 Nc3 Qa5 4 d4 Nf6 5 Nf3 c6 6 Bd2 Bf5 7 Bc4 e6 8 Ne5 Nbd7 9 Qe2 Bb4 10 Nxd7 Nxd7 11 a3 0-0-0 12 0-0 Bxc3 13 Bxc3 Qc7 14 b4 Nf6 15 f3 Rhg8 16 Be1 Nh5 17 c3 g5 18 Qe3 Qf4 19 Qe2 Qc7 20 Ra2 g4 21 Bh4 Rdf8 22 Qe3 g3 23 hxg3 Nxc3 24 Re1 h5 25 Bg5 Bh7 26 Bf4 Nf5 27 Qe4 Qd7 28 Qe5 Kd8 29 Qb8+ Qc8 30 Qxa7 Rg6 31 Qa5+ Ke8 32 Bd3 1-0.



Round 3: Again a good round to be White. Dreyer stormed Stuart's kingside to win convincingly. Love opened his score by beating Smith and Dive converted his extra pawn into a win against Ker. Garbett and Sarfati had a short draw while Sutton and Metge had a longer one. Spain was a clear exchange up against Martin in an endgame but was swindled at the last moment.

M Dreyer v P Stuart

1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 Nc6 3 g3 Rb8 4 f4 g6 5 Nf3 Bg7 6 Bg2 b5 7 d3 b4 8 Ne2 e6 9 0-0 Nge7 10 a3 a5 11 axb4 axb4 12 e5 d5 13 d4 cxd4 14 Nxd4 Bd7 15 Be3 Nxd4 16 Nxd4 0-0 17 Qd2 Re8 18 g4 Bb5 19 Rf2 Nc6 20 Nxc6 Bxc6 21 Bc5 Bf8 22 Bxf8 Rxf8 23 f5 exf5 24 gxf5 Re8 25 e6 fxe6 26 fxg6 hxg6 27 Qh6 Rb7 28 Raf1 Rg7 29 Rf3 Ree7 30 Rh3 Rh7 31 Qxg6+ Rhg7 32 Qh6 Rh7 33 Rg3+ Rhg7 34 Rxg7+ Rxg7 35 Qxe6+ Kh8 36 Qh6+ Kg8 37 Qxc6 Qg5 38 Qe8+ Kh7 39 Qe2 Re7 40 Qd3+ Kh6 41 Qxd5 1-0.

Round 4: Stuart-Love was a short draw, Metge drew with Smith in a much more exciting game which saw Metge sacrificing material for an attack. Spain's unusual opening paid off as Sutton quickly lost a pawn and eventually the game. Sarfati had a fine positional win over Dive but Garbett suffered what was to be his only loss of the tournament to Martin. Yet again Ker entered an opposite-coloured bishop ending a pawn down - his third in a row. Dreyer won, but not without some help from his opponent. Leading scores were: Martin, Dreyer 3.5; Sarfati 3 and Garbett 2.5.

N Metge v R Smith

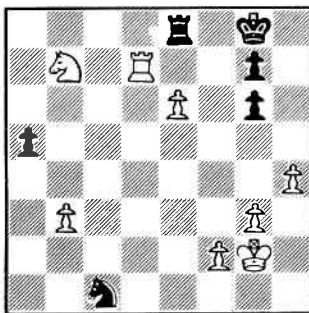
1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 Be2 0-0 6 Bg5 h6 7 Be3 Nbd7 8 Qd2 c5 9 d5 Qa5 10 h4 h5 11 Nh3 b5 12 cxb5 a6 13 Ng5 Nb6 14 0-0 Ng4 15 Bxg4 Bxg4 16 f3 Nc4 17 Qe2 Nxe3 18 fxg4 Nxf1 19 Rxf1 hxg4 20 Qxg4 Bd4+ 21 Kh1 Bxc3 22 bxc3 Qxc3 23 bxa6 Qg7 24 Qd7 Rxa6 25 Qxe7 Rxa2 26 Rf6 Ra7 27 Qxd6 c4 28 e5 Rc8 29 Nxf7 Rxf7 30 Rxc6 c3 31 h5 c2 32 Rxc7 Kxc7 33 Qg6+ Kf8 34 Qh6+ Kg8 35 Qg6+ Kf8 36 Qh6+ Kg8 37 Qg6+ Kf8 =.

J Sarfati v R Dive

1 e4 Nf6 2 e5 Nd5 3 d4 d6 4 Nf3 Bg4 5 Be2 e6 6 h3 Bh5 7 0-0 Be7 8 c4 Nb6 9 Nc3 0-0 10 Be3 d5 11 cxd5 Nxd5 12 Qb3 Nb6 13 Rfd1 c6 14 a4 a5 15 Ne4 N8d7 16 Bg5 Ra7 17 Bxe7 Qxe7 18 Nd6 Nd5 19 Re1 Nb4 20 Nd2 Bg6 21 Rac1 Nb6 22 N2e4 Rd8 23 Bf3 N6d5 24 Red1 Nf4 25 Kh2 Nfd5 26 Nc3 NB6 27 Be4 Qh4 28 g3 Qe7 29 Bxg6 hxg6 30 Nce4 Rd7 31 Rc3 Ra8 32 Rf3 Rf8 33 h4 N6d5 34 Qc4 Rc7 35 b3 b6 36 Kg1 Ra7 37 Ng5 f6 38 Nge4 fxe5 39 Rxf8+ Qxf8 40 dxe5 Qf3 41 Rd2 Ra8 42 Ng5 Qc3 43 Qxc3 Nxc3 44 Nxe6 b5 45 Nc5 Nbd5 46 axb5 cxb5 47 Nxb5 Rc8 48 Nxc3 Nxc3 49 Nb7 Ra8 50 Rd7 Ne2+ 51 Kg2 Nc1 52 e6 Re8 See diagram 53 Nd6 Rxe6 54 Rd8+ Kh7 55 Nf7 1-0.

As this was New Year's Eve, there was no adjournment session. Instead, 28 people played in the New Zealand lightning championship. The winner was Anthony Ker (playing real openings!). The following day being a rest day gave many the opportunity to enjoy one of several excursions organised by the Otago Chess Club.

Round 5: Dreyer and Sarfati had a second rest day in nine moves while the other five games ended decisively. Love put up little resistance against Ker's by now familiar 1...g5. Dive played passively,



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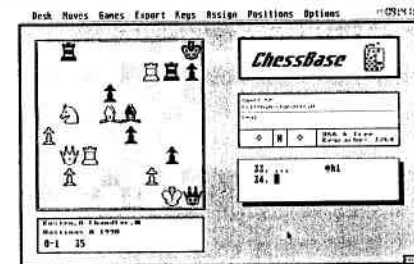
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allowing Martin to take the lead half a point ahead of Dreyer. Garbett and Spain ground down Sutton and Metge respectively but Smith-Stuart was more lively and had a nice finish.

R Smith v P Stuart

1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 Nc6 3 f4 e6 4 Nf3 Nge7 5 d4 cxd4 6 Nxd4 Nxd4 7 Qxd4 Nc6 8 Qf2 d5 9 Bd3 Be7 10 0-0 0-0 11 a3 b6 12 Kh1 Bb7 13 Bd2 Rac8 14 Qg3 Kh8 15 Qh3 dxe4 16 Nxe4 f5 17 Ng5 Bxg5 18 fxg5 Ne5 19 Bc3 Qd5 20 Rad1 Ng6 21 Be2 Qc6 22 Bf3 Qc7 23 Bxb7 Qxb7 24 Rd3 Rcd8 25 Rfd1 Rxd3 26 Qxd3 Nf4 27 Qd2 Nd5 28 Be5 Qc6 29 Qd4 Rg8 30 c4 Ne7 31 h3 Ng6 32 Bxg7 Rxc7 33 Qd8 1-0.

R Dive v B Martin

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 Bb4+ 4 Nc3 c5 5 g3 0-0 6 Bg2 d5 7 cxd5 cxd4 8 Nxd4 Nxd5 9 Qb3 Nc6 10 Nxc6 bxc6 11 0-0 Qa5 12 Ne4 Ba6 13 Qc2 Be7 14 Bf3 Nb4 15 Qc3 Qf5 16 a3 Nd5 17 Qc2 c5 18 Re1 Rab8 19 Bg2 Rb6 20 Bd2 Rfb8 21 Ra2 h6 22 Qc1 c4 23 Nc3 Nxc3 24 Bxc3 Bc5 25 Rf1 e5 26 Ra1 Bd4 27 e3 Bxc3 28 bxc3 Rb3 29 Qd1 Qf6 30 Qd7 Rxc3 31 Qxa7 Rcb3 32 Bd5 Rb2 33 e4 c3 34 Rfc1 R8b6 35 Rf1 Bxf1 36 Rxf1 Qf3 37 Qc7 Rb1 38 Bc4 Rxf1+ 39 Bxf1 Rb2 40 Qc8+ Kh7 0-1.

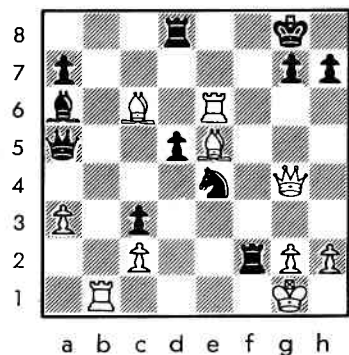
Round 6: The critical game was the clash between Martin and Dreyer. Martin played sharply, sacrificing two pawns for a few attacking chances. Dreyer gave back the material and suddenly his pieces were swarming all over White's position. This win gave Dreyer the lead which he never lost again. The unfortunate Dive suffered his third successive loss, this time to Sutton. Sarfati's victory over Love brought him up to within half a point of the lead. Ker-Smith, Spain-Garbett and Metge-Stuart were all draws.

B Martin v M Dreyer

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e5 c5 5 a3 Bxc3+ 6 Bxc3 Qa5 7 Nf3 cxd4 8 Bd3 Nc6 9 0-0 dxc3 10 Rb1 f6 11 Bf4 fxe5 12 Nxe5 Nf6 13 Bb5 0-0 14 Nxc6 bxc6 15 Bxc6 Ba6 16 Re1 Rad8 17 Rxe6 Ne4 18 Be5 Rxf2 19 Qg4

See diagram

19... Rf1+ 20 Rxf1 Qb6+ 21 Bd4 Qxd4+ 22 Kh1 Nf2+ 23 Rxf2 Qxg4 24 Bxd5 Kh8 0-1.



R Sutton v R Dive

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3 c5 5 Nge2 cxd4 6 exd4 d5 7 c5 Ne4 8 Bd2 Nc6 9 Nxe4 dxe4 10 Bxb4 Nxb4 11 Qa4+ Nc6 12 Nc3 0-0 13 Rd1 f5 14 Be2 Ne7 15 d5 exd5 16 Nxd5 Nxd5 17 Rxd5 Qf6 18 Rd6 Qxb2 19 Qc4+ Kh8 20 0-0 f4 21 Qxe4 Qxa2 22 Bf3 Rb8 23 Qd4 Qf7 24 Ra1 a6 25 Re1 Qc7 26 Re5 a5 27 h3 Ra8 28 Qxf4 Bd7 29 Qd4 Bb5 30 c6 Bxc6 31 Bxc6 bxc6 32 Rd7 Qb8 33 Ree7 Qb1+ 34 Kh2 Rf6 35 Rd8+ 1-0.

Round 7: The most entertaining game of the round was Dive-Spain. Spain sacrificed a knight but just when he looked like stealing all of Dive's pawns, his queen was trapped. Stuart gained a large advantage against Ker but, somehow, lost. Martin beat Love, and Dreyer beat Sutton in a queen and pawn endgame. Garbett-Metge and Smith-Sarfati were fighting draws.

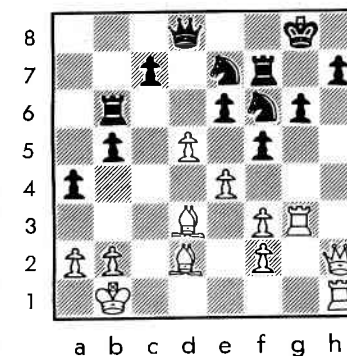
R Dive v G Spain

1 d4 d5 2 c4 Nc6 3 Nf3 Bg4 4 e3 e6 5 Nc3 Bb4 6 Qb3 Bxf3 7 gxf3 Nge7 8 Bd2 Rb8 9 0-0-0 0-0 10 h4 Bxc3 11 Bxc3 dxc4 12 Bxc4 b5 13 Bd3 Rb6 14 Kb1 Nd5 15 Rdg1 a5 16 Rg3 a4 17 Rhg1 g6 18 Qd1 Qxh4 19 Bd2 Qd8 20 Rh1 f5 21 Qg1 Nce7 22 Qh2 Rf7 23 e4 Nf6 24 d5

24... Nfxd5 25 exd5 Qxd5 26 f4 b4 27 Qg2 Qd4 28 Qa8+ Rf8 29 Qxa4 Qxf2 30 Be1 Qxf4 31 Rgh3 h5 32 Qb3 c5 33 Bc4 Kh7 34 Bg3 Qe4+ 35 Ka1 Nd5 36 Re1 Qg2 37 Rh2 1-0 (time).

Round 8: Metge built up a strong position against Ker's Basman Opening and ... lost on time. Spain also lost on time to Dreyer in unusual circumstances. Spain, in time trouble, thought he had a draw by threefold repetition. It turned out that repetition had not occurred, thus Spain's clock was put forward five minutes which caused him to overstep the time limit. However, later analysis established that Dreyer was winning anyway. In the other decisive game Love beat Sutton. Sarfati-Stuart and Martin-Smith were draws while Garbett put Dive under pressure but could not win.

Leading scores going into the second rest day: Dreyer 7, Martin 6, Sarfati 5.5.



Round 9: Garbett-Dreyer and Smith-Sutton were both long draws - the fourth successive draw for Garbett and Smith. Dive crushed Metge's Dutch Defence while Spain and Martin won with black against Love and Stuart respectively. Ker and Sarfati drew.

R Dive v N Metge

1 d4 f5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 g3 e6 4 Bg2 d5 5 0-0 Bd6 6 c4 c6 7 Bf4 Bxf4 8 gxf4 0-0 9 e3 Kh8 10 Nbd2 Rg8 11 Ne5 Qe8 12 Ndf3 Nbd7 13 Ng5 Rf8 14 Qf3 h6 15 Qh3 Kg8 16 Ngf3 Ne4 17 Nxd7 Bxd7 18 Ne5 Nd6 19 c5 Nc8 20 Kh1 Ne7 21 Bf3 Kh7 22 Rg1 Rg8 23 Rg3 Rd8 24 Rag1 Qf8 25 Bh5 Be8 26 Bxe8 Qxe8 27 Nf3 Nc8 28 Qh4 Rd7 29 Rh3 Qe7 30 Qh5 Qf6 31 Ne5 Re7 32 Rg6 Qf8 33 Nf3 Kh8 34 Ng5 b6 35 b4 bxc5 36 bxc5 a5 37 Nxe6 Qe8 38 Rxb6+ 1-0.

Round 10: Martin sacrificed material to expose Ker's king but Ker defended well till just before the time control when he missed a tactic and lost. Smith and Garbett eked out wins in rook and pawn endings against Spain and Love. Dive-Dreyer, Sutton-Stuart and Metge-Sarfati were drawn. In the last-named, Metge played his combination to win a rook a move too soon only to see Sarfati win the material back immediately after.

B Martin v A Ker

1 d4 h6 2 e4 g5 3 Nc3 d6 4 Be3 c6 5 Qd2 Qa5 6 Bd3 Nf6 7 f3 Nbd7 8 Nge2 b5 9 Ng3 a6 10 0-0 Bb7 11 a4 b4 12 Na2 c5 13 c3 bxc3 14 bxc3 e6 15 d5 exd5 16 exd5 Nxd5 17 Be4 N7f6 18 Nh5 0-0-0 19 Nxf6 Nxf6 20 Bxb7+ Kxb7 21 Rfb1+ Ka8 22 Qb2 Qc7 23 Qe2 Qc6 24 a5 Nd7 25 Rb6 Nxb6 26 Qxa6+ Kb8 27 Rb1 Qa8 28 Qxb6+ Kc8 29 c4 Be7 30 Nc3 Rd7 31 Nd5 Bd8 32 Qb5 Bxa5 33 Ra1 Ra7 34 Bxc5 dxc5 35 Qxc5+ Kb8 36 Rxa5 Rc8 37 Qd6+ Rc7 38 Qd8+ Rc8 39 Qd6+ Rc7 40 Rb5+ 1-0 (time).

Round 11: Going into the last round Dreyer and Martin were equal on 8 points. Garbett and Sarfati on 6.5 each were fighting for the third Olympiad place though Smith, on 5.5, had an outside chance of catching them. The critical pairings were Dreyer-Metge, Sarfati-Martin and Smith-Garbett. The second of these games meandered to a fairly dull draw though White missed the win of a piece along the way! Soon after, Smith and Garbett agreed a draw. Stuart and Spain split the point, as did Ker and Sutton but not without a fight. Love played aggressively against Dive but to no avail.

Meanwhile, after his third draw offer had been declined, Dreyer found himself with a large time advantage and the better position. At length he broke through to win and gain clear first.

M Dreyer v N Metge

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3 c5 5 a3 Bxc3+ 6 bxc3 Nc6 7 Bd3 e5 8 Ne2 d6 9 e4 h6 10 0-0 g5 11 Rb1 b6 12 d5 Ne7 13 f3 Ng6 14 Be3 Bd7 15 Bc2 Nf4 16 Ng3 Qc8 17 Ba4 Qa6 18 Bxd7+ Kxd7 19 Qb3 Rhg8 20 Nf5 Rg6 21 g3 N4h5 22 h3 Ng7 23 Nxd7 Rxd7 24 Kg2 Ne8 25 a4 Nc7 26 Kh2 Rag8 27 Rf2 f6 28 a5 bxa5 29 Qa4+ Ke7 30 Rfb2 Rc8 31 Rb7 R7g8 32 R1b5 Rgd8 33 Rb1 Rd7 34 Kg2 Rcd8 35 Qc6 Qxc4 36 Bf2 Ne8 37 Rxd7+ Rxd7 38 Qc8 Nc7 39 Rb8 1-0.

Thus Martin Dreyer surprised everyone by capturing his first championship title with the impressive score of nine points from eleven games. After the event he modestly attributed his success to his ChessBase computer database. However, it is not enough just to play the openings well; Dreyer backed up his preparation with strong middlegame play and the accurate exploitation of endgame advantages. He only looked in danger in one game (against Smith) and went through undefeated.

Martin's aggressive approach netted him seven wins but was sometimes a liability. His games against Dreyer and Spain highlight the risks involved in playing actively.

In contrast, the third place getters, Garbett and Sarfati, played solidly. Sarfati was the only undefeated player other than the winner but in many games he had trouble generating winning chances. Smith, too, played solidly after his early loss to Love and accumulated a respectable total.

Dive and Ker did well to reach 50 per cent after terrible starts. Both showed resourcefulness in difficult positions. It could be argued that Ker handicapped himself with his choice of openings but 1 g4 and 1...g5 do have the advantage of avoiding most opening theory!

Metge, Stuart and Spain performed creditably though they will, no doubt, be regretting lost opportunities. Sutton and Love had tournaments that they will both want to forget.

It seems that the lure of Olympiad places was a strong incentive for the championship players. The overall percentage of draws (40) was low and there were few short ones. On the whole, the players were willing to fight and, as a result, some exciting games of chess were produced.

(We are not finished yet. Tony Dowden, too, has furnished a report on the reserves in the same five or six days we allowed Ben Martin. Sorry this issue is relatively late. We shall have to organise!)

STUDY CORNER

By Emil Melnichenko

Like an unexpected pearl in a shell, an unforgettable idea may be concealed within a deceptively simple position. How often are there two?

1 b7

Mandatory as 1 Bb8? Kg1 2 b7 h1Q 3 Ba7+ Kf1 4 b8Q Bd6+ 5 Qxd6 Qxg2+ 6 Kf4 Qh2+ wins neatly while 1 Kf2? Bc5+ 2 Kf1 Bd4 leaves b6 pinned.

1 ... Bc5

A rude shock designed to disturb White's complacency. However, the alternatives 1...Be7 2 Kf2 Bxh4+ 3 g3 Bxg3+ 4 Kxg3 h4+ 5 Kxg4 Kg2 6 b8Q h1Q 7 Qb7+ Kh2 8 Qc7+ Kg2 9 Qc2+ Kf1 10 Qf2#

2 Bb6

Unbelievable but both 2 Bxc5? and 2 b8Q? Bd6+ 3 Kf2 g3+ 4 Kf1 Bxb8 5 Bxb8 are stalemates. Note that 2 Bb8? Kg1 3 Bc7 Be3 4 b8Q h1N#.

2 ... Bd4

The bishop edges along the invisible tightrope preventing the winning manoeuvre beginning with Kf2. If 2...Bxb6 then 3 b8Q Ba7 4 Qb3 Bc5 5 Qc3 Bd4 6 Qxa3 Bc5 7 Qa5 Be3 8 Qxh5 Kg1 9 Qf5 is as leisurely as it is cautious.

3 Bc5

The aptly named love-chase theme continues. Not 3 Kf4? Bxb6 4 b8Q Bf2 when White can only draw by perpetual check with 5 Qb1+ Kxg2 6 Qb7+ Kg1 7 Qb1+=. Other moves are taboo: 3 Bxd4? and 3 b8Q? Be5+ 4 Qxe5 stalemate while after 3 Bc7? Kg1 4 b8Q Bf2+ 5 Kf4 h1Q (if 6 g3 Bxg3+) Black has at least a draw as g2 will fall.

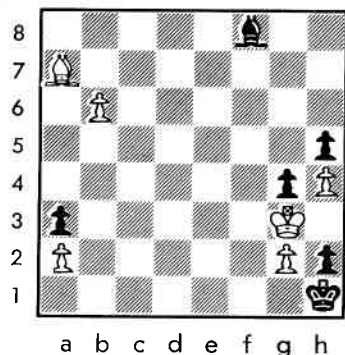
3 ... Be5+

If either 3...Bxc5 or 3...Be3 then b8Q triumphs.

4 Kf2 Bg3+ 5 Kf1

Now 5...Be5 6 Bxa3 g3 7 Bc5 Bd6 8 a4 Bc7 9 a5 Bd6 10 a6 Bb8 11 Bd6 Ba7 12 Bxg3 Bb8 13 Be1 Ba7 14 g4 demonstrates Black's powerlessness.

More remarkably, by placing the bishop (on a7 in the diagram) on e3, the same matrix yields the more difficult twin win first discovered by Birbrager in 1955: 1 b7 Bc5 2 Bd4 Bb6 3 Bc5 Ba7 4 Bb6 Bb8+ 5 Kf2 Bg3+ 6 Kf1.



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LOCAL NEWS

BRUCE MARSICK 1928-1991

It is with great sadness that I wish to mention the passing away of Bruce Marsick during the early hours of Thursday, 21 November.

A tireless worker for chess, Bruce was Secretary/Treasurer of the Papatoetoe Chess Club and Chairman of the Auckland Chess Association.

This year, while playing chess over the board, by correspondence and tutoring chess, he organised and directed the Auckland Schoolpupils, NZ Schoolpupils and Papatoetoe Open.

Earlier in his chess career Bruce played at NZ Championship level. At various times he won the Reserve, Major Open and North Island Championships.

Returning to correspondence play last year, he won TT2 and was promoted to the Reserve Champs. He spent his last evening at the Papatoetoe club where he won his game and was in good spirits. He died peacefully in his sleep early next morning.

Bruce is survived by his wife Julie, son Paul and daughters Anna and Jane.

He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Rest in peace, good friend.

Graham Banks

KAPITI

Glenys Mills has sent us the results of the Kapiti Chess Club championships, 1991:

A grade - Tom Powell Trophy:
Alvaro Lacunza 1; Ab Borren 2; Earl Roberts 3.

B grade - A Borren Trophy:
Mark Gosnell 1; Martin Hill, Rex Hayes 2=.

C grade - Gufeld Trophy: **Ged Farnan** 1; Zoe Kingston 2; Guy Barnes 3.

All the above received certificates, presented by President Ab Borren and free subscriptions for one year to NZ Chess. *(Hooray!)*

Earl Roberts won the Rapid Chess Trophy with Jim MacIntosh runner-up.

USA

Maybe out of place but computer buffs or fans of those interminable piece endgames may find it interesting. Ian Finnie, Stokes Valley, sent us a copy of an article in Scientific American, Nov 1991.

Apparently, one Lewis B Stiller has written a program that found a winning line 223 moves long in a R+B v 2Ns endgame. "Still, we're dealing with roughly 32 trillion operations, and a stray neutron might conceivably have bounced into the computer chips." His assistant has 65,536 processors and eight billion bytes of memory. Probably another year before it is available in a laptop!

LOCAL NEWS cont

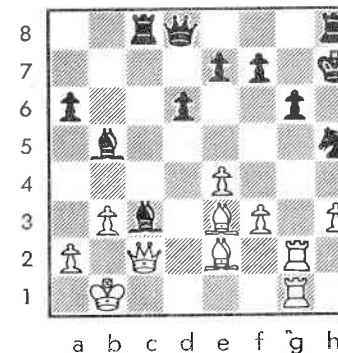
Now a game to break the monotony of news.

WELLINGTON

S Grainger v E G A Frost

B grade All Wgtn

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 f3 0-0 6 Be3 Nbd7 7 Qd7 c5 8 Nge2 b6 9 0-0-0 cxd4 10 Nxd4 Bb7 11 Be2 a6 12 g4 h5 13 h3 Rc8 14 Rdg1 Kh7 15 Rg2 Rh8 16 gxh5 Nxh5 17 Rhg1 Ne5 18 b3 Nc6 19 Nxc6 Bxc6 20 Kb1 b5 21 cxb5 Bxc3 22 Qc2 Bxb5



23 e5 Bxe5 24 Rxc6 Bf4 25 Qf5 Ng3 26 Qxf7#.

AUCKLAND

At least from that quarter. Ortvin Sarapu has returned from Germany and the World Senior Championship where he finished in eighth equal place. Above him were names like Smyslov, Geller (tied for first) Krogius, Unzicker, Pachman. Sarapu did not lose a game, winning three and drawing eight. Merv Morrison, too, was

there and finished equal 91st on four points with two wins and four draws from eleven games.

In the associated lightning (5 minute) championship, Sarapu came second behind Krogius.

From there they (Sarapu and Morrison) went to Talinn for a weekender where Sarapu scored 3.5 points in the top group. On the way home he played two simuls in Germany scoring 75 per cent in each case. His next event is the Australian championships held at the same time as ours.

NEW PLYMOUTH

From Paul Tuffery: Taranaki Open 30/30, 10th August 1991.

Dave Cooper (Wang) won the 1991 event with 5.5/6 ahead of Paul Tuffery (NP) on 5 points. Martin Post (Wang) was the one who took a half point from the winner but was beaten for third place by Neil Cruden (Eitham). The rest were: Chris Burns, Keith Okey, Michael Petrove 2.5; John Billing, Jacey Connor 2; Bob Bowler 1. All minor placegetters except Burns (Wang) are from New Plymouth.

The last-named had a different result in the New Plymouth Open 30-30 on 9th November. **B Bowler, Justin Davis 5/6**; C Burns, M Post 4; M Petrove, Warwick Goodin, Errol Tuffery, J Connor, David Finnikin (all NP), Matthew Crombie (Ham) 3; Andy Schafer 2; Greg Smith (Wang), Alan Jury (NP) 1.5; James Stewart (Wang) 1.

LOCAL NEWS cont

The club championship was run on that mini tournament idea but with different time controls; two 40/40s, two 90/90s and a 120/120. This could appeal to more people or produce a more versatile champion but may have a down side. There would be minimum or no opportunity for some club members to get a national rating. There are some who do not participate outside the club. We would like them to do so but would not penalise them if they didn't and it seems that is what happens when "full" time controls are not used.

After last year's complete domination of the Senior championship by Michael Freeman (150 out of 150), this year Paul Tuffery had had him in his sights.

Freeman won the first two minis (30/30) and (120/120) but suffered his first loss in a championship game at the hands of Tuffery (90/90) in the third.

The fourth one went to Freeman with 5/5 (40/40) but Tuffery hit back again in the fifth and last mini (90/90) when Freeman sacrificed a piece for two pawns only to have to give up another to prevent a pawn queening, leaving an easy win in the ending.

However, Freeman may have been more circumspect in that game if the final placings had still been undecided.

Goodin's win in the Intermediate championship, ahead of C Bage

and last year's winner E Tuffery, was well deserved. Unfortunately, Bage was unable, because of work commitments, to play in the final two tournaments. Up till then he was matching Goodin point for point.

Connor was a convincing winner of the Junior with W Schafer clear second. First fives -

Senior: **M Freeman 1**; P Tuffery 2; N Cruden 3; K Okey 4; M Petrove 5.

Intermediate: **W Goodin 1**; C Bage, E Tuffery =2; B Bowler 4; C Bolton 5.

Junior: **J Connor 1**; W Schafer 2; A Schafer 3; J Tan 4; A Wells 5.

WELLINGTON

Did you notice that all New Zealand Championship contestants had a FIDE rating? Russell Dive noted all New Zealand FIDE ratings at July 1991. We believe the January 1992 list is only marginally different as no one was particularly good, or bad since July.

IM V Small 2390, **FM** P Clemance 2355, **IM** O Sarapu 2350, A Ker 2330, M Noble 2320, **FM** B Martin 2320, R Sutton 2315, P Garbett 2305, **FM** J Sarfati 2305, R Dive 2300.

E Green 2290, P Green 2265, G Spain 2255, P Stuart 2245, R Smith 2240, M Dreyer 2235, N Metge 2230, A Love 2225, D Gollogly 2215, P Goffin 2205.

Women: V Smith 2035, F Foster 2020, K Metge 2005.

LOCAL NEWS cont

We were hunting through our files for good wins by Bruce Marsick and these turned up in the post!

From the British Chess Magazine 1954, The Student's Corner by D A Yanofsky (pp 298-299). Played in the Auckland Championship 1954.

J Davis v B H P Marsick

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 0-0 Be2 6 Re1 b5 7 Bb3 0-0 8 c3 d5 9 exd5 Nxd5 10 Nxe5 The annotator notes E J Byrne v BHP Marsick, North Island 1954 10 Bxd5 Qxd5 11 d4 Bg4 12 Qd3 Bxf3 13 gxf3 Rad8 14 Qe4 Qxe4 15 Rxe4 exd4 16 Bf4 Bd6 17 cxd4 Bxf4 18 Rxf4 Nxd4 19 Nc3 b4 0-1. **10... Nxe5 11 Rxe5 c6 12 Bxd5 cxd5 13 Qf3 Bd3 14 Rxd5 Qe7 15 Qe3 Be6 16 Rd3 Rfe8 17 b3 Qc7 18 Qe1 Bxh2+ 19 Kh1 Bf4 20 Qg1 Qe5 21 g3 Qh5+ 22 Kg2 Qh3+ 23 Kf3 Bg4+ 24 Kxf4 g5+ 25 Kxg5 Qh5+ 0-1.**

A more recent example from the Otago Daily Times 28th January 1989. Column by Graham Haase.

B H P Marsick v J Sutherland

1 e4 d6 2 d4 Nf6 3 Nc3 g6 4 f3 Bg7 5 Be3 0-0 6 Qd2 c6 7 0-0-0 b5 8 g4 a5 9 h4 h5 10 Bh6 Qb6 11 e5 Ne8 12 gxh5 gxh5 13 Qg5 dxe5 14 Nh3 Kh7 15 Bxg7 Nxg7 16 Qxe5 Bxh3 17 Bxh3 e6 18 Rdg1 f6 19 Rxg7+ Kxg7 20 Rg1+ Kh6 21 Qf4+ Kh7 22 Bf5+ 1-0.

OTAGO

The Otago Club Championship featured an exciting finish between Ben Martin and Richard Sutton. Their individual encounter was a hard-fought draw but after Sutton lost to Tony Love early in the round, Martin was able to win all his other games and become the outright champion.

Martin managed to avoid defeat right through 1991 and only conceded a miserly number of draws. He is definitely bad for our Elo's down here so, if anyone wants to borrow him, the A grade players in Dunedin would be delighted!!

Actually, Ben intends to do post-graduate studies overseas, so we wish him well and don't expect him to return without an IM title.

The final results in the championship were:

Senior: **B Martin 1**; R Sutton 2; T Dowden 3.

Intermediate: **Robert Edwards 1**; Terry Duffield 2; Roger Gonin 3.

Junior: **Ben Caradoc-Davies 1**; Brian Stevens 2; Jan Oveson 3.

Perpetual Handicap: Matthew Vincent 1; Gary Shaw 2; R Edwards, David Vincent =3.

AUCKLAND

Paul Spiller reminds us that the Latvian Gambit Open is on 28 and 29 March. Seven round swiss, 60/60, over \$2000 in prizes. Titleholders in for free, \$20 for most of us. Eats, yes; smokes, no! Paul is at 1/6 Kookaburra Place Howick.

OVERSEAS NEWS

By Peter Stuart NM

BELGRADE

An all-GM cast of category 15 in November was dominated most of the way by Boris Gelfand who turned in a performance more in line with his high FIDE rating than his previous few tournaments. He led all the way but a penultimate round loss to Gata Kamsky allowed the young American and also the Yugoslav Ivan Sokolov to catch up with John Nunn and Mikhail Gurevich just half a point back.

Notwithstanding the difficult task of beating the solid Predrag Nikolic with the black pieces, Gelfand was the only one of the three leaders to gain the full point in the last round. Kamsky drew with Yusupov but Sokolov, who had enjoyed a good tournament till then, lost to compatriot Damjanovic. Nunn beat Belyavsky to share second place.

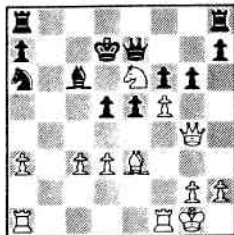
Scores: 1 GM Gelfand (USR) 7½; 2-3 GM Kamsky (USA) & GM Nunn (Eng) 7; 4-5 GM Gurevich (BEL) & GM Sokolov (YUG) 6½; 6 GM Damjanovic (YUG) 5½; 7 GM Nikolic (YUG) 5; 8-9 GM Lautier (FRA) & GM Yusupov (USR) 4½; 10-12 GM Belyavsky (USR), GM Ljubovjevic (YUG) & GM Seirawan (USA) 4.

GELFAND - KAMSKY, Grünfeld Defence: 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 d5 4 cxd5 Nxd5 5 e4 Nxc3 6 bxc3 Bg7 7 Nf3 c5 8 Rb1 0-0 9 Be2 cxd4 10 cxd4 Qa5+ 11 Bd2 Qxa2 12 0-0 Qe6 13 Qc2 Qc6 14 Qd3 Qd6 15 Bb4 Qd8 16 d5 Na6 17 Ba3 b6 18 Qe3 Nc5 19 Rfd1 Bg4 20 e5 Rc8 21 h3 Bxf3 22 Bxf3 Qc7 23 d6 exd6 24 exd6 Qd8 25 Be2 Re8 26 Qf3 Re6 27 d7 Rc7 28 Bb5 Re7 29 Rd2 Rxd7 30 Bxd7 Rxd7 31 Rxd7 Qxd7 32 Qa8+ Bf8 33 Re1 h5 34 h4 Qd4 35 Re8 Kg7 36 Qxa7 Bd6 37 Kf1 Nd3 38 Ke2 Nf4+ 39 Kf3 Qd1+, 0 - 1.

NIKOLIC - GELFAND, King's Indian: 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nf3 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 Nb3 Rb8 12 Qc2 Ne5 13 c5 dxc5 14 Nxc5 Qe7 15 Be3 b6 16 Nb3 c5 17 f4 Nc4 18 Bf2 Bb7 19 Rf1 Qd7 20

a4 Nxb2 21 Qxb2 Nxe4 22 Rad1 Bxc3 23 Rxd7 Bxb2 24 Rxb7 Rxb7 25 Rxe4 Rxe4 26 Bxe4 Rd7 27 a5 bxa5 28 Nxc5 Rd1+ 29 Kg2 Bd4 30 Bb7 Rd2 31 Ne4 Rc2 32 Bxa6 Bxf2 33 Bd3 Rb2 34 Nxf2 a4 35 Bc4 a3 36 Kf3 Rc2 37 Bd5 Rd2 38 Bc4 Rc2 39 Bd5 a2 40 Bxa2 Rxa2, 0 - 1.

NUNN - NIKOLIC, French Defence: 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e5 c5 5 a3 Bxc3+ 6 bxc3 Ne7 7 Nf3 b6 8 Bb5+ Bd7 9 Bd3 Ba4 10 dxc5 bxc5 11 0-0 c4 12 Be2 Ng6 13 Ng5 Nxe5 14 f4 Nd3 15 Bxd3 cxd3 16 f5 e5 17 Qh5 Qe7 18 Ne6 Kd7 19 Bg5 f6 20 Be3 Na6 21 cxd3 g6 22 Qg4 Bc6



23 Nd4 exd4 24 Bxd4 h5 25 Qh3 g5 26 Rfe1 Qf8 27 Re6 Rh6 28 Qe3 Re8 29 Re1 Nc7 30 Bc5 Qf7 31 Be7 Rh7 32 Qc5 Bb7 33 Qxa7 Kc8 34 Rb1 Rxe7 35 Rxb7, 1 - 0.

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PARIS

A knock-out event in November saw 16 of the world's top players compete for 1,200,000 francs (about \$400,000) at rapid chess. The matches were of two games with 25 minutes per player; if necessary a blitz game decided.

In the quarter-finals Timman broke a long drought against Karpov to win 2:0 while Anand beat Salov 2:0, Bareev beat Short 1½-½ and Kasparov defeated Gelfand 2:0.

Kasparov again won both games in his semi-final against Bareev and Timman matched Anand's quick play and recorded a 1½-½ victory.

The Dutch GM won the first game of the final after both players had

draw chances and then held on to draw with the black pieces and take the Immopar trophy and 400,000 francs first prize.

YUSUPOV - SALOV, Dutch Defence: 1 d4 f5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 g3 e6 4 Bg2 d5 5 0-0 Bd6 6 c4 c6 7 b3 Qe7 8 Nc3 0-0 9 Na4 b6 10 Nb2 Ba6 11 Qc2 Nbd7 12 Nd3 Rac8 13 Bf4 Ne4 14 Bxd6 Qxd6 15 Rfd1 c5 16 dxc5 bxc5 17 e3 Bb7 18 Qb2 Qb6 19 Racl Rfd8 20 Nf4 dxc4 21 Rxc4 Ba6 22 Rc2 Ne5 23 Rcc1 Ng4 24 Rxd8+ Rxd8 25 Bf1 Bxf1 26 Rxf1 c4 27 Qc2 c3 28 Nd4 e5 29 Nxf5 Ngxf2 30 Nd5 Qe6 31 Nfe7+ Kh8 32 Rxf2 Nxf2 33 Qxf2 Qxe7! 34 Nxc3 Qb4 35 Qb2 Rd3 36 Ne2 Qe1+ 37 Kg2 Rd2 38 Qxe5 Qxe2+ 39 Kh3 Qxh2+ 40 Kg4 Qe2+ 41 Kh3 Qf1+ 42 Kg4 Rd8 43 Qe7 Rf8 44 e4 Qf3+ 45 Kh3 h5 46 b4 Qh1 mate.

TIMMAN - KASPAROV, King's Indian: 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 f3 0-0 6 Be3 c6 7 Bd3 e5 8 d5 cxd5 9 cxd5 Nh5 10 Nge2 f5 11 exf5 gxf5 12 0-0 Nd7 13 Rcl Nc5 14 Bc4 a6 15 b4 Nd7 16 a4 Qe8 17 Kh1 Ndf6 18 b5 Qg6 19 Bd3 e4 20 Bc2 Bd7 21 bxa6 bxa6 22 Rb1 Rae8 23 Qd2 Kh8 24 Rb6 Rg8 25 Rgl Qf7 26 Rxa6 f4 27 Bd4 Ng3+! 28 Nng3 fxg3 29 Qf4! gxh2 30 Rf1 exf3 31 Qxf3 Ref8 32 Rxd6 Bg4 33 Rxf6 Bxf3 34 Rxf7 Bxg2+ 35 Kxh2, 1 - 0.

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WOMEN'S INTERZONAL

Three Chinese players made the top six to join Chiburdanidze and Alisa Maric in the Candidates, in the process eliminating a large group of higher rated Soviet players.

Scores: 1-2 Gaprindashvili (USR) & Peng (PRC) 9/13; 3-4 Ioseliani (USR) & Levitina (USA) 8½; 5-6 Qin (PRC) & Wang Pin (PRC) 8 34 players.

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ENGLISH CHAMPIONSHIP

This new event in December was played on the cup system with two-game matches played at the new international time control. The

final, of four games, was between Nigel Short and Michael Adams. The latter won the first game, Short drew level in the second and the last two games were drawn.

For the two tie-break games each player had only 15 minutes and Short won both games to become the first English champion.

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HUNGARIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

The Hungarian "Super Championship" in December proved to be a history making event when Judit Polgar took a clear first place ahead of 8 GMs and sister Zsuzsa.

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

Not only is this the first time a major national championship has been won by a woman but Polgar also made her third GM norm and thus qualifies for the title at the age of 15, beating Bobby Fischer's record by one month!

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IVANCHUK v TIMMAN

The annual radio-KRO match saw Timman up against the then world number two Vassily Ivanchuk - and up against it he was as the Ukrainian GM won the first two games to take a stranglehold on the best-of-six series. After three draws Timman made the score a bit more respectable by winning the final game.

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REGGIO EMILIA

Less than a year ago I commented that it would not be long before a tournament of category 18 was organised - and here it is! The field comprised ten of the world's top 14. All but one were originally Soviet citizens but Halifman and Gurevich had already left before the break-up of the U.S.S.R. commenced. At the

moment the affiliation of former Soviet players is somewhat unclear and new FIDE members are being asked to provide lists of their players.

Viswanathan Anand set the scene for an upset result in round two when he defeated Gary Kasparov. A one point deficit in such a short and strong tournament is not easy to make up - and so it proved for the world champion.

Anand by no means had things all

Reggio Emilia 1991/92

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
1	Anand	IND	g	2650	x	½	1	½	½	½	1	1	0	1	6
2	Gelfand	RUS	g	2665	½	x	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	1	5½
3	Kasparov	RUS	g	2770	0	½	x	½	1	½	½	½	1	1	5½
4	Karpov	RUS	g	2730	½	½	½	x	½	0	½	½	1	1	5
5	Ivanchuk	UKR	g	2735	½	½	0	½	x	1	½	½	½	½	4½
6	Halifman	GER	g	2630	½	½	½	½	1	0	x	½	0	½	4½
7	Polugaevsky	RUS	g	2630	0	0	½	½	½	½	x	1	½	1	4½
8	Salov	RUS	g	2665	0	½	½	½	½	½	1	0	x	1	4
9	Gurevich M.	BEL	g	2630	1	½	0	0	½	½	½	0	x	1	4
10	Belyavsky	RUS	g	2655	0	0	0	0	½	0	0	1	0	x	1½

Obviously his victory is an important milestone for Anand and perhaps one more indication that Kasparov is no longer so far out on his own.

The closeness of the competition can be seen from the fact that before the final round eight of the ten were separated by only one point.

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 Qel+ 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 Qel b4 43 cxb4 Qa4+ 44 b3 Qa2+ 45 Kc3 a4 46 bxa4 Qa3+ 47 Kc2 Qxa4+ 48 Kc3 Qa3+ 49 Kc2 Rd3, 0 - 1.

BELAVSKY - 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

his own way as both Kasparov and Gelfand caught up with him after six rounds. The Indian, however, had an ace up his sleeve - a last round game against the out-of-form Belyavsky who had 1½/5 but couldn't add to it. All three leaders drew in rounds seven and eight but while Anand was beating Belyavsky with the black pieces Kasparov and Gelfand, white versus Halifman and Karpov respectively, could do no more than draw.

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Nxf6+ Nxf6	12	e4	0-0	13	e5	Nd7	14	Be4	Rb8	15	Qc2	h6	16	Be3	c5	17	Bxb7	Rxb7	18	dx5	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.

POLUGAEVSKY - GELFAND, Grünfeld:
1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 g6 3 g3 Bg7 4 Bg2 0-0 5 0-0 d5 6 Nbd2 a5 7 c4 c6 8 Ne5 Ng4 9 Nef3 Bf5 10 b3 Nf6 11 Bb2 a4 12 Nh4 Be6 13 Qc2 a3 14 Bc3 c5 15 Rad1 cxd4 16 Bxd4 Nc6 17 17 Bxf6 Bxf6 18 Ne4 dxe4 19 Rxd8 Rfxd8 20 Qxe4 Rd2 21 f4 Rxa2 22 f5 gxf5 23 Nxf5 Ra1 24 Nxe7+ Nxe7 25 Rxa1 Bxa1 26 Qxb7 Bd4+ 27 e3 Bxe3+ 28 Kf1 Ra7 29 Qb8+ Nc8, 0 - 1.

WORLD SENIORS CH'P

Ortvin Sarapu represented New Zealand in the World Seniors (over 60) Championship at Bad Worishofen in November with a fair degree of

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U.S.S.R. CHAMPIONSHIP

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distinction. The 11-round Swiss of 111 players saw a two-way tie for first place between the Moscow GMs Vassily Smyslov and Effim Geller. A better tie-break score gave the title to Smyslov, 34 years after he won the world championship.

Scores (tied players in tie-break order): 1-2 GM Smyslov (USR) & GM Geller (USR) 8½; 3-6 IM Dückstein (OST), Usachyi (USR), GM Krogius (USR) & GM Unzicker (GER) 8; 7-10 GM Pachman (GER), IM Honfi (HUN), IM Durao (POR) & da Silva (BRA) 7½; 11-22 IM Sarapu (NZD), Weigel (GER), GM Suetin (USR) 7.

Sarapu's undefeated 7 points included draws against Krogius and Suetin. In 96th place (4 points) was Merv Morrison while New Zealand born IM Bob Wade finished 30th with 6.

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A. Minasian and IM E. Magerramov scored 8½/11, the former winning the title on tie-break points. Third was GM Epishin on 7½ points.

The cut-throat nature of the competition can be seen from some of the favourites' scores: Vyzmanavin 7; Shirov and Vaganian 6½; Krasenkov and Malaniuk 6; Balashov, Dreev and Lputyan 5½; Eingorn, Tal and Yudasin 5.

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FIDE RATINGS, 1 JANUARY

Anatoly Karpov regained his second ranking but only by virtue of losing fewer points than Ivanchuk. Nigel Short moved up from 7th to 4th, Viswanathan Anand 9th to 5th, Gata Kamsky 39th to 7th and Shirov 24th to 7th=. The top 50:

1	Kasparov	RUS	2780
2	Karpov	RUS	2725
3	Ivanchuk	UKR	2720

4	Short	ENG	2685
5	Anand	IND	2670
6	Gelfand	RUS	2665
7	Kamsky	USA	2655
	Salov	RUS	2655
	Shirov	LAT	2655
	Yusupov	RUS	2655
11	Bareev	RUS	2635
	Gurevich M.	BEL	2635
	Nikolic P.	YUG	2635
14	Polugaevsky	RUS	2630
	Sokolov I.	YUG	2630
	Speelman	ENG	2630
17	Halifman	GER	2625
18	Belyavsky	RUS	2620
	Chernin	RUS	2620
	Epishin	RUS	2620
	Hansen C.	DEN	2620
	Timman	NLD	2620
23	Ehlvest	EST	2615
	Granda Zuniga	PER	2615
	Hübner	GER	2615
	Nunn	ENG	2615
	Piket	NLD	2615
28	Azmaiparashvili	RUS	2610
	Dautov	RUS	2610
	Ljubojevic	YUG	2610
	Mecking	BRA	2610
32	Akopian	RUS	2605
	Andersson	SWE	2605
	Dorfman	FRA	2605
	Georgiev, Kiril	BUL	2605
	Psakhis	ISR	2605
37	Oll	EST	2600
	Sax	HUN	2600
	Seirawan	USA	2600
40	Christiansen	USA	2595
	Dolmatov	RUS	2595
	Goldin	RUS	2595
	Ribli	HUN	2595
	Romanishin	RUS	2595
	Yermolinsky	USA	2595
46	Adams	ENG	2590
	Agdestein	NOR	2590
	Chandler	ENG	2590
	Kramnik	RUS	2590
	Vaganian	RUS	2590
	Vyzmanavin	RUS	2590

On the Women's list Judit Polgar retains top place with an unchanged 2550 and sister Zsuzsa is equal 2nd on 2530 with Pia Cramling. Former world champion Maya Chiburdanidze is next on 2485, just ahead of new champion Xie Jun on 2480.

BOOK REVIEW

By Arthur Pomeroy

Lyev Polugayevsky, *The Sicilian Labyrinth*, 2 vols (Pergamon Chess, Oxford 1991)

Polugayevsky has been a firm adherent to the Sicilian throughout his chess-playing career, his name being particularly associated with the Najdorf, so a book from him on the opening is something to be welcomed. Some other reviewers have been disappointed that he does not attempt to cover the opening systematically. In my opinion, the very fact that this is *not* an openings manual makes this work especially interesting. The subjects treated, such as sacrificial attacks, the art of defence, and how to handle endgames which arise out of certain opening configurations, make the work instructive to non-Sicilian players (for instance, players of the English Opening could learn much about Maroczy Bind positions).

One result of the changes in Eastern Europe is a greater willingness to appreciate the efforts of western players. Polugayevsky obviously admires the games of Bobby Fischer (14 are given); equally notable is the number of games by English players in recent years (P. is generous enough to give a crushing loss to Mestel in the 1990 Reykjavik teams event). If there is one minor quibble, it is that Pergamon has chosen to publish the book in two volumes, rather than one of just over 300 pages. But overall, a book which belongs on any player's bookshelf.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

The editorial comment preceding the report on the North Shore club championship in the December issue was misleading. It has been club policy over many years not to have the championship nationally rated, and the question of it being so rated in 1991 did not arise. The opinions of the players were not sought either before or during the tournament and consequently none had any reason to state, as you suggest, that he would not play if the event were rated.

The further inference that the event was not nationally rated because of a possible boycott by some players is thus not correct. With respect, we suggest that the cause of chess in New Zealand is not well served by editorial comment based upon the sort of 'information' that was apparently available to you.

You are, of course, entitled to your own opinions about 'friendlies'. For our part, we, too, value a national rating list but suggest there are other criteria by which a chess game may be judged to be serious.

D Hall Secretary North Shore Chess Club Inc

As we have no reason to doubt the secretary's word, we apologise to the club for the suggestion of a boycott on the club championship. However, why the club persists in such action (in other club events as well) which denies the younger, improving players access to higher ratings, has never been satisfactorily explained. Our information was apparently wrong but elitism, by the individual or organisation, will not serve the cause of chess either. The North Shore Club and others, run several events but the top grade is not rated. The proletariat is.

The club suggests, but does not list any other criteria which would judge a game to be serious. When it comes to valuing a national rating list, we suggest they put their ratings where their mouths are.

THE PREMIER RESERVE 1991-92

By Tony Dowden

The Premier Reserve was a feast of fighting chess this year. A mixed bag of players were selected; including three from last year's championship but also three rated below 1800.

Top seeds were Greg Spencer-Smith and Tony Dowden but both were short on tournament practice in 1991. More match-fit were Paul Tuffery, Charles Ker and Kendall Boyd. Those three and junior Matthew Vincent seemed likely contenders.

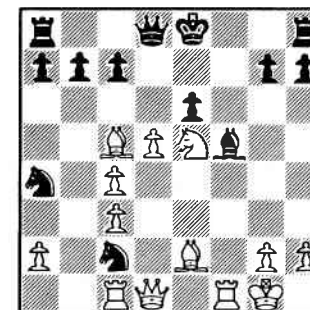
The first four rounds were rather messy with no one avoiding defeat. Vincent startled by leading with 2.5/3, crushing Ker in the process, but then lost to John Sutherland. At the first rest day the leading scores were: Graham Haase, Ker 3/4; Tuffery, Boyd, Vincent, Sutherland 2.5.

C Ker v P Abrahamson (round 2)

1 e4 c5 2 c3 d5 3 exd5 Qxd5 4 d4 e6 5 Nf3 Nf6 6 a3 Nc6 7 Be3 cxd4 8 cxd4 Be7 9 Nc3 Qd8 10 Rc1 0-0 11 Bd3 Re8 12 Bb1 Bf8 13 0-0 a6 14 Qc2 g6 15 Rfd1 Ne7 16 Bg5 Bg7 17 Ba2 h6 18 Bxf6 Bxf6 19 d5 exd5 20 Nxd5 Nxd5 21 Bxd5 Qb6 22 Qxg6+ 1-0.

M Vincent v C Ker (round 3)

1 e4 Nf6 2 e5 Nd5 3 d4 d6 4 c4 Nb6 5 f4 dxe5 6 fxe5 Nc6 7 Be3 Bf5 8 Nc3 e6 9 Be2 Be7 10 Nf3 f6 11 exf6 Bxf6 12 0-0 Qd7 13 d5 Nb4 14 Bc5 Nc2 15 Rc1 Bxc3 16 bxc3 Na4 17 Ne5 Qd8 See diagram.

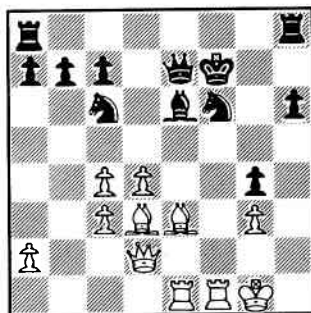


18 Rxf5 exf5 19 Bh5+ g6 20 Nxc6 Qf6 21 Nxc8+ Kd7 22 Bd4 Nxd4 23 Qxa4+ c6 24 cxd4 Qxd4+ 25 Kh1 Rxh8 26 dxc6+ Kc7 27 Qa5+ Kb8 28 Rd1 Qf6 29 c7+ Kc8 30 Rd8+ 1-0.

By the second rest day Ker had stamped his authority on the event by leading with 6.5. Sutherland was second on 6 but had a tough field ahead of him. Third equal were Dowden and Haase who had made solid progress to 5 points. Three players were on 4.5, Boyd and Tuffery both having lost their last two games but Abrahamson had started a late charge.

P Abrahamson v K Boyd (round 6)

1 e4 Nc6 2 Nc3 e5 3 f4 exf4 4 Nf3 g5 5 h4 g4 6 Ng5 h6 7 Nxf7 Kxf7 8 d4 d5 9 Bxf4 Bb4 10 Be2 Kg7 11 0-0 Bxc3 12 bxc3 Qxh4 13 g3 Qh5 14 exd5 Qxd5 15 c4 Qe4 16 c3 Nf6 17 Bd3 Qe7 18 Qd2 Be6 19 Rae1 Qd7 See diagram. 20 Bxh6+ 1-0.

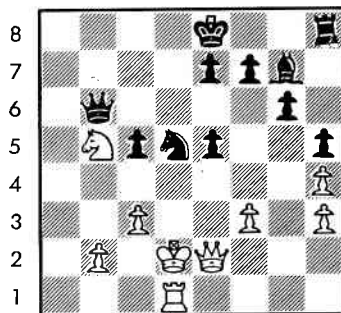


C Ker v M Foord (round 7)

1 e4 c5 2 c3 d5 3 exd5 Qxd5 4 d4 Nf6 5 Nf3 cxd4 6 cxd4 Nc6 7 Nc3 Qd8 8 d5 Nb8 9 Bf4 e6 10 Bb5+ Bd7 11 dxe6 fxe6 12 0-0 Be7 13 Re1 0-0 14 Bc4 Kh8 15 Qe2 Bb4 16 Ng5 Nc6 17 Rad1 Qe8 18 Bxe6 Nh5 19 Qc2 Qg6 20 Nf7+ Rxf7 21 Qxg6 hxg6 22 Bxf7 Bf5 23 Bd6 Bxd6 24 Rxd6 Rf8 25 Bxg6 Bxg6 26 Rxg6 Nf4 27 Rd6 1-0.

In the last three rounds Ker beat Sutherland and Tuffery and drew with Dowden to decisively win the tournament with nine points. Abrahamson reeled off three more wins to tie for second on 7.5 with Dowden who had staged a somewhat streaky comeback as well.

In tragicomic circumstances Martin Post uncorked the combination of the tournament but still conspired to lose against Dowden.



As White, Post has sacrificed unsoundly and Dowden has easily repulsed the attack. Play continued from the diagram.

23 Ke1 Nf4? Seemingly the most natural move but can you see the refutation?

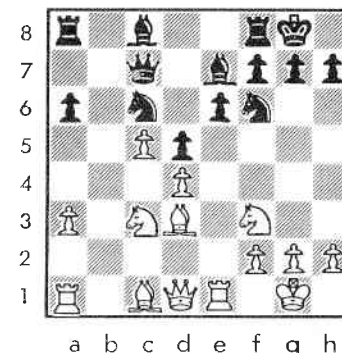
24 Nc7+ Qxc7 Forced, Mesmerised by the beauty of the combination and the sudden turn of events, Dowden thought a long time before electing not to resign - and because he spots a horribly cheap trap.

25 Qb5+ Kf8 26 Qb7! The point. Black must lose his queen or be mated. **26...Bf6** Quickly played. Of course, all swindling attempts must exploit the surging adrenalin factor. **27 Qxc7 Kg7 28 Rd8? Ne6** Oh dear. The knight can also move backward, thus redeeming its earlier indiscretion. The ending is, of course, an easy win for Black. Rather more convincing in round 9 were Abrahamson and Ker.

G Spencer-Smith v P Abrahamson

1 d4 d5 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 c5 4 e3 cxd4 5 exd4 Nf6 6 Nf3 Be7 7 a3 0-0 8 Bd3 a6 9 0-0 Qc7 10 c5 b6 11 b4 bxc5 12 bxc5 Nc6 13 Re1 See diagram

13...Nxd4!? 14 Nxd4 Bxc5 15 Nb3 Bxf2+ 16 Kxf2 Qxc3 17 Re3 Qc7 18 h3 e5 19 Bb2 d4 20 Re2 Rb8 21 Rc1 Qb6 22 Nc5 e4 23 Bb1 d3 24 Rd2 e3+ 25 Kxe3 Re8+ 26 Kf3 Bb7+ 27 Kg3 Re3+ 28 Kh2 Qd6+ 29 Kg1 Rxh3 30 Nxb7 Qh2+ 31 Kf2 Ne4+ 0-1.



C Ker v J Sutherland

1 e4 c5 2 c3 Nf6 3 e5 Nd5 4 d4 cxd4 5 cxd4 b6 6 Nf3 e6 7 a3 Be7 8 Bd3 Bb7 9 0-0 d6 10 Qc2 Nc6 11 Bd2 Rc8 12 Nc3 dxe5 13 dxe5 Na5 14 Qa4+ Kf8 15 Rad1 f5 16 exf6 gxf6 17 Bh6+ Kf7 18 Qg4 Bf8 19 Qh5+ Ke7 20 Rfe1 Bxh6 21 Qxh6 Qf8 22 Qh4 Nxc3 23 bxc3 Bxf3 24 gxf3 Rc5 25 Bf1 Nc6 26 f4 Qf7 27 Kh1 Rh5 28 Qg3 Rd8 29 Bg2 Rxd1 30 Rxd1 Na5 31 Qd3 Qe8 32 f5 Rxf5 33 Qd6+ Kf7 34 Qc7+ Kg6 35 Be4 Qa4 36 Rg1+ 1-0.

Premier Reserve Chess Championship
From 28th December 1991 to 9th January 1992

Player	Rtg	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
1 Ker C.M.	2029	XX	1	0.5	1	0.5	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	9
2 Abrahamson P.	1910	0	XX	1	0.5	1	0	1	1	1	0.5	1	0.5	7.5
3 Dowden R.A.	2047	0.5	0	XX	1	0.5	0	0.5	1	1	1	1	1	7.5
4 Sutherland J.L.	1888	0	0.5	0	XX	1	1	1	1	0.5	0	1	1	7
5 Haase G.G.	1977	0.5	0	0.5	0	XX	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	7
6 Tuffery P.B.	1929	0	1	1	0	0	XX	1	1	0	0.5	1	1	6.5
7 Boyd K.M.	1956	0	0	0.5	0	1	0	XX	0.5	0	1	1	1	5
8 Vincent M.B.	1857	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	XX	1	0.5	1	0.5	4.5
9 Spencer-Smith G.J.	2059	0	0	0	0.5	0	1	1	0	XX	1	0	1	4.5
10 Storey D.J.H.	1700	0	0.5	0	1	0	0.5	0	0.5	0	XX	1	1	4.5
11 Foord M.R.R.	1731	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	XX	1	2
12 Post M.J.	1771	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	XX	1

CHESS, BY CORRY

By Bill Cox

New Zealand has another correspondence chess International Master – Mark Noble of Wellington. The other is Roger Chapman, also of Wellington. Mark learned last year via the Australian authorities that the International Correspondence Chess Federation had awarded him the IM title for his play in the John Kellner Memorial Tournament, B section, an invitational event in which he scored 8.5 points out of a possible 14.

Joint NZ postal champion with Hilton Bennett in the 55th championships of 1988–89 and co-second in the 57th event, Mark has been playing correspondence chess for ten years, internationally for five years.

He was bottom seed in the Kellner Memorial. The average rating was 2400, with two rated at 2500 and including two IMs. From his level of about 2300, Mark thus lifted his game considerably to attain the title.

Heavily committed to overseas play – he is currently playing in a World Cup semifinal, the APTB Championships and Chess In Friendship for a few – Mark offers this advice to corry players: “Never rush your moves!” He does not believe in sending conditional moves, “Only if there is just one move possible. Don’t give your opponent any advantage.”

Mark says he will be concentrating on his correspondence games from now on though he does play otb chess at his local club. In the latest ICCF ratings list, Roger Chapman is on 2485 and Mark now has 2475.

Updating the Gideon Barcza Tournament, New Zealand won against Hungary by 10–8, two late results tipping the scales in our favour!

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TAUPO CC meets Mondays 7.30pm at “Lakewood”, 5a Fletcher Street, Taupo. Contact, Joanne Rae, phone 83–285

NAPIER CC meets Mondays in the library, Colenso High School, Arnold Street, Onekawa, Napier. Secretary: Maurice Berry, 21 Clyde Road, Napier, phone 836–8339.

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.

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 Marner, 564–8401. Address, 54 Kowhai Street, Wainuiomata.

CIVIC CC meets Tuesdays, 7.30pm at Turnbull House, Bowen Street, Wellington. Contact, Russell Dive, 14 Burnton 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.