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Australian Masters' Tournament

Paul Garbett, Mark Noble and Ortvin Sarapu are playing in a 12-player category 4 masters' tournament in Melbourne, which started on August 10. The rest of the field includes 3 IM's and 4 FM's. The tourney was arranged by the Australians to provide candidates with an opportunity to gain IM norms, for which 7½ points is required.

Asian Girls' Under-20 Championship

Joyce Ong of Howick-Pakuranga CC played in the Asian girls' under-20 championship held in Adelaide last month, completing a 10-player field, the minimum required by FIDE to enable the event to take place. Saheli Dhar (India) won with 8/9 (conceding two draws). Joyce found the competition tough and did not score.

Asian Under-16 Championship

David Guthrie, NZ Under-16 champion, is to play in the Asian Under-16 championship in Vietnam next month.

FIDE Interzonal

Qualifiers for the candidates' tournament are Gelfand 9/13; Salov, Kramnik, Khalifman, Kamsky, Van der Sterren, Adams, Yudaashin, Lautier 8½; Anand 8.

World Championships

The stand-off between FIDE and the Professional Chessplayers' Association over the 1993 World Championships continues, with the FIDE contest between Anatoly Karpov and Jan Timman due to start in Holland on September 6, moving later to Oman. That is just 1 day before the PCA match between Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short is due to start in London.

Blackburn Cup

Wanganui have beaten Ashburton 7-3 in their Blackburn Cup semi-final, played by fax. It took 11 hours.

Cover: At the Ashburton end of New Zealand's first chess teams match played by fax. Zig Urbanski studies the board with Ashburton secretary and organiser Ken Pow at the fax machine.

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An exposé of New Zealand's newest National Master, Bob Smith...Reports on the Australian Masters Tournament, the South Island Championship, the Asian Junior Girls Championship, the NZ Schoolpupils final...and there is bound to be something else, too.

1993 Asian teams tournament

The 10th Asian teams' championship held in Kuala Lumpur in June has resulted in another triumph for teams representing former Soviet republics. The gold medal and Tun Razak Challenge Trophy was taken out by Kazakhstan with 25 points out of a possible 36.

Olympiad silver medallist, Uzbekistan, had to be content with the runner-up position again, finishing on 24½. Domination of this event by former Soviet teams follows on from their success at last year's Manila Olympiad, where they claimed five of the six medals on offer.

The Philippines and China, the two teams which between them had won every previous Asian championship, had to be content with third and fourth. Five-time winner, the Philippines, finished third on 24 with four-time champion, China, fourth on 23½. India, without world number two Anand, and its other grandmaster Barua, found the going tough and could finish only sixth.

Despite the absence of Anand and Barua, the event attracted seven GMs and more than 20 IMs. One country which showed that it is rapidly emerging as a force in world chess is Vietnam, which finished eighth despite facing a very tough field.

The New Zealand side can feel well satisfied with its showing of ninth equal of 19 teams, scoring 18 points from 36 games, for a score of 50 percent. The late arrival of Iran meant that an odd number of teams participated (despite the host country, Malaysia, fielding three teams to guard against this very possibility) and this provided New Zealand with an added incentive to perform.

Eight teams were given the bye and forced to sit out one of the rounds, but New Zealand - through a mixture of skill, fighting spirit and good fortune - was able to avoid this fate. The side was also pleased that it managed to score half a point more than the last New Zealand team to participate in this event, back in 1983.

It has to be conceded that New Zealand took full advantage of the Swiss system by saving its only 4-0 success for the last round against Brunei. However, most of the teams below

By Tony Love

New Zealand not only played Brunei, but also gained two free points courtesy of the bye. The one team which New Zealand definitely did not deserve to head off was Myanmar (Burma), which finished 11th on 17½ points after facing a field which included seven of the top eight teams.

The New Zealand effort was spearheaded by Tony Love - who tied for the prize for best score at board two - and Michael Freeman. Both produced quality chess and fought determinedly when confronted by higher-rated players. Love scored 100 percent with Black against lesser opponents, and was able to hang on with White against the stronger opposition. His 5½ points from eight games represents a tournament rating performance of 2330. Freeman took full advantage of his good luck in securing six Whites from seven games.

Stephen Lukey and Bruce Anderson showed glimpses of form, but both found it difficult playing Black against top-level opposition. Lukey was unable to score any points with Black against four strong opponents. His cause was not helped by a start which saw him turn a draw into a loss in round one, and a win into a draw in round two. Anderson looked capable of anything after a good win against Indonesia in the first round, but failed to recapture that form in later rounds.

John Sutherland seemed overawed by the occasion early on, but recovered to win two of his last three games. His task was not made any easier by having to play Black in five of his six games.

The team, which also very much included manager Janet Anderson (Bruce's wife), was happy, closely-knit, and thoroughly enjoyed its time in what is a lovely country, with extremely friendly people. I am sure that takings at the "Party Box" nightclub will never again reach the heights they did during our stay!

Results (in board order): S Lukey 3½/8; T Love 5½/8; B Anderson 2½/7; M Freeman 4½/7; J Sutherland 2/6.

It is worth noting that the chairman of the organising committee made special mention in the official programme of how pleased he was to see New Zealand competing again after missing the last four championships. This point, perhaps more than any other, demonstrates just how worthwhile it was for New Zealand to be represented.

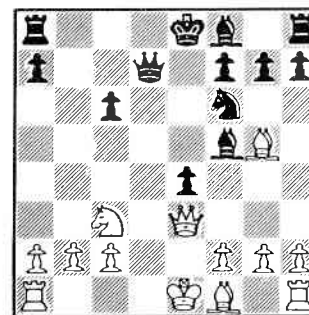
The following game was played in Round 8.

Love, T - Prasad, D (India)

Sicilian Defence

Notes by Tony Love

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Nf5 An attempt to steer the game into less well-known paths. I had seen Peter McKenzie play this against Philip Abrahamson at Congress and thought it was worth a crack. 6...d5 7.exd5 Bxf5 8.dxc6 bxc6 The ending is equal after 8...Qxd1+. 9.Qf3 Qd7 10.Bg5 e4 11.Qe3?! A novelty, although probably not a good one. However, Black gains an edge after 11.Qg3 Bd6



12.Qh4 Be5 11...Be7 11.Nd5 is also good. 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.Nxe4 This looks risky but if White plays anything else then (a) his previous couple of moves become completely pointless and (b) he is busted! 13...0-0! 14.Bd3 White may be able to hang on after 14.Nxf6+ gxf6 15.Qg3+ Kh8 16.Bd3, but it doesn't look like a lot of fun. Mind you, neither is 14.Bd3. 14...Bxb2 15.Rb1 Bd4 16.Qf3 Bg4 17.Qf4 f5 18.Nd6 Qe7+ 19.Kf1 Be5 20.Qc4+ Kh8 21.h3 White hangs on by a thread. 21...Rab8 21...Bxb3 22.Rxb3 wins a pawn, but gives White plenty of play, while after 21...Qxd6 22.hxg4 White is suddenly winning. 22.Rb3 Not 22.Nf7+? Qxf7 23.Rxb8 Rxb8 24.Qxf7

Rb1++ 22...Be2+ White is okay after 22...Bh5 23.Nxf5 Qf6 24.Qh4 23.Bxe2 Qxd6 24.g3 f4 25.g4 f3? This is simply a free pawn. 26.Rxf3 Bf4 Black probably intended 26...R-b4, but saw that it fails to 27.Qxc6! 27.Kg2 h5 28.Rd3 Qe7 29.Bf3 Rf6 30.Rhd1 Rbf8 31.Rd7 Qe5 32.Rd8 Qg5 33.Rxf8+ Rxf8 34.Qxc6 Be5 35.Qe4 Rf4 36.Rd8+ A nervous move in time pressure. White wins after 36.Qa8+ Kh7 37.Rd7, threatening 38.Be4+. 36...Qxd8+ 37.Qxe5 Qd4! 38.Qxh5+ Kg8 39.Qd5+ Kf8 40.Qa8+ Ke7 41.Qc6 Qb6 42.Qxb6 White should really play on a his losing chances are fairly non-existent. However, the team needed half a point to ensure that we played Brunei in the last round, rather than get the bye. So ½-½.

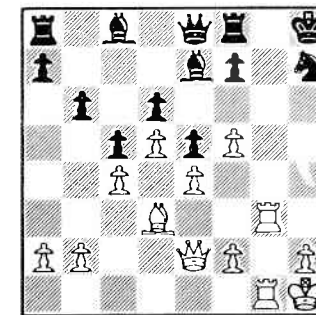
An earlier game from Round 3.

Lukey, S - Ooi (Malaysia)

Queen's Indian Defence

Notes by Tony Love

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.e3 Bb7 5.Bd3 Be7 6.Nc3 c5 More solid is 6...d5. 7.0-0 0-0 8.d5 White takes advantage of the fact that Black's last move allows White a sizeable advantage after 8...exd5 9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.Nxd5 Bxd5 11.Bh7+ Kxh7 12.Qxd5. 8...d6 9.e4 e5 10.Qe2 Ne8 11.Nd1 White manoeuvres his pieces to clamp down on Black's freeing ...f5 break. 11...g6 12.Bh6 Ng7 13.Ne3 Nd7 14.g4 Nf6 15.Kh1 Kh8 16.Rg1 Bc8 17.Rg3 Ng8 18.Bxg7+ Kxg7 19.Rag1 Nf6 20.Nf5+! The logical conclusion of White's strategy. 20...gxf5 21.gxf5+ Kh8 22.Ng5 Qe8 23.Nxh7! Nxh7



24.Rg7? White misplays the attack just as the end is in sight. The game is over after 24.Rh7+ e.g. 24...Rg8 25.Rxh7+ Kxh7 26.Qh5++ or 24...f6 25.Rxh7+ Kxh7 26.Qg4. 24...Bg5!

25.R1xg5 f6 26.Rxh7+ If 26.R5g6, Black defends with 26...Rf7. 26...Kxh7 27.Rh5+ Qxh5 28.Qxh5+ Kg7 29.Qg6+ Kh8 30.Be2 Ba6 31.Bh5 Rad8 Qh6+ Kg8 33.Bg6 Rd7 34.h3 b5 35.cxb5 Bxb5 36.h4 a5 37.a4! Bd3 38.Qe3 Be2 39.Qe2 Bb1 If 39...Bxb3, then 40.Qb5. 40.f3 Rb7 41.Qa6 Rd7 42.Qf1 Ba2 42...Be2 amounts to the same thing. 43.Qe2 Bxb3 44.Qb5 Rc7 45.Qxb3 c4 46.Qb6 Rfc8 47.Be8 The point of White's play. The bishop heads for c6 to block the c-file. 47...Rc5 48.Qxd6 c3 49.Bc6 Rc4 50.Qe6+ Kg7 51.Qd7+ Kh6 52.Qxc8 1-0

And lastly, from the final round.

Zeyad, J (Brunei) - Love, T
Sicilian Defence

Notes by Tony Love

1.e4 e5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nf34 Nc6 6.cxd4 d6 7.Be4 Nb6 8.Bb5 dxe5 The simplest way in this line is through exchanges. 9.Nxe5 Bd7 10.Bxc6 Bxc6 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.0-0 e6 13.Nc3 If 13.Qg4, 13...h5. 13...Be7 14.Qf3 Nd5 All this is well-known to "theory." White's next move, however, looks somewhat clumsy. 15.Rd1 is preferable. 15.Be3 0-0 16.Rac1 Qa5 17.a3 Rab8 18.Qe2 Rb3 19.Nd1 Qb5 20.Qe2 White is in a difficult position after 20.Qxb5 cxb5. 20...Rc8 21.Bd2 Bf6 22.Qc4 Black is doing well after 22.Bb4 Rd3. However, it is more difficult for Black to make progress after 22.Nc3! 22...Nb6! 23.Qxb5 cxb5 24.Rxc8+ If 24.Bc3, then 24...a5 is very strong. 24...Nxc8 25.Bc3 Nb6 26.Ne3 Na4 27.Rc1 h5 Threatening 28...Nxc3 29.Rxc3 Rxb2. 28.Nd1 a6! Clearer than 28...Nxc3 29.Rxc3 Rxc3 30.Nxc3 Bxd4 31.Nxb5 Bxb2. 29.Kf1 Nxc3 30.Rxc3 Rxc3 31.Nxc3 Bxd4 32.Nd1 Kf8 The win is just a matter of time. 33.Ke2 Ke7 34.Kd3 e5 35.h3 f5 36.h4 Ke6 37.f4 Kd5 38.fxe5 Kxe5 39.g3 Kd5 40.h3 Ke5 41.b4 Black wins easily after 41.Nc3 Bxc3 42.Kxc3 Ke4 or 41.Ne3 Bxe3 42.Kxe3 a5 43.Kd3 [43.Kf3 Kd4] 43...f4. 41...Kd5 42.Kd2 Ke4 43.Ke2 g6 44.Kd2 Kf3 45.Kd3 Be5 46.Ne3 Kxg3 47.Nd5 Kxh4 0-1

Time goes by...

There have been quite a few editors of NZ Chess over the last 20 years. We pick up the story with Peter Goffin way back in December 1975 when an issue sold for only 40 cents...

December 75	Peter Goffin	40c
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Zyg also introduced some major production and format changes, the most notable being a change to "glossy" paper. Peter Stuart stayed on to "help" with overseas news, and somewhere along the way became the International Editor, a post still held today.

April 86	Bob Mitchel	\$4.00!
(actually a double issue, normally \$2)		
February 87	Ab Borren	
Gallantly holding the fort until...		
June 87	Bill Cox	

Not only does Bill take the helm of the magazine but also the cover picture! Editors Peter Stuart, Bob Smith, Ab Borren and now Bill Cox have all made the cover of the magazine.

October 89	Bill Ramsay	\$2.50
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In April Bill resigned as editor after disagreements with the NZCF Council over the future direction and management of the magazine. He will be missed - his tenure as editor marks the second longest stretch (after Peter Stuart) - and he didn't even make a cover! The Federation, and especially the members of the Editorial Board, deeply appreciates the work that Bill did over the last three years and we hope we can carry on successfully where he left off. We have introduced a number of changes to the format and presentation of the magazine that we hope will be greeted favourably by readers.

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1993 North Island Championship

By Gordon Hoskyn

The 1993 North Island Championship was held for the second year running in Wanganui, and was again sponsored by the Wanganui Provincial Hotel. The tournament drew 52 entries, with eight rated at over 2000: Titleholder FM Russell Dive 2292, current National Champion FM Anthony Ker 2289, FM Jonathan Sarfati 2259, twenty times National Champion IM Ortvin Sarapu 2245, Robert Smith 2219, CIM and FM Mark Noble 2189, Graeme Spain 2181, and Kendall Boyd 2076.

Round 1 saw no major upsets, but there was a mini-surprise when Ben Giles 1266 held Don Stracy 1651 to a draw. Round 2 saw the eight top seeds win again. Alf Jones 1066 beat Bernard Nicholson 1410 (difference 344) in a game that eventually won the upset runner-up prize.

Round 3 saw only three players on maximum points. Ker beat Spain, Sarapu beat Prince Vetharaniam and Smith beat Alan Aldridge. On board 1 Dive drew with Noble. Giles beat Philip Hair 1631 (difference 365) and this took out the upset prize. Points: Ker, Sarapu, Smith 3; Dive, Sarfati, Noble, K Boyd, Craig Blaxall, Chris Burns 2½. Fourteen others on 2.

Round 4 saw Ker the sole leader with 4, as a result of a win over Smith, who missed the chance of a draw in time-trouble. Dive, Sarfati and Noble beat Sarapu, Blaxall and Burns, respectively, to be half a point behind Ker. Points: Ker 4; Dive, Sarfati, Noble 3½; Sarapu, Smith, Spain, Dave Cooper, Vetharaniam, Aldridge, David Guthrie, Edward Swayne and Kent Wong 3.

Round 5 saw draws on the top three boards, Dive-Ker, Sarfati-Noble and Aldridge-Sarapu. Further down in the field Edith Otene 1153 beat David Bell 1577 (difference 424) in a game that would have won her the upset prize, but she won a grade prize instead. Points: Ker 4½; Dive, Sarfati, Smith, Noble, Spain, Cooper 4; Sarapu, K Boyd, Blaxall, Aldridge, Mark Sinclair, Burns 3½.

Round 6 saw Ker and Sarfati draw in 41 moves. Spain beat Dive with a strong kingside attack. Smith beat Cooper in 107 moves and

three sessions, a pawn up but theoretically drawn until Smith wore down his opponent. Points: Ker, Spain, Smith 5; Sarfati, Noble 4½; Dive, Sarapu, K Boyd, Cooper, Blaxall, Aldridge, Swayne, Sinclair, Ted Frost, Hair, Burns 4.

In Round 7 Smith took the sole lead, with a win that gave Russell Dive an unwelcome 27th birthday present. The other overnight leaders, Ker and Spain, lost to Noble and Sarfati respectively. Points: Smith 6; Sarfati, Noble 5½; Ker, Sarapu, Spain, K Boyd, Burns 5.

In Round 8 Smith drew with Sarfati in 10 moves to claim his fourth North Island title, three of which he won in Wanganui. He also became the 50th player to qualify as a New Zealand Master since Henry Hookham qualified in 1890 (long before the title was actually awarded). This draw meant that Sarfati became the only player to go through the tourney undefeated, with 4 wins and 4 draws. Noble beat Spain in 103 moves to finish first equal and take out his first North Island title. In a Q+6P v Q+2P ending Spain finally laid down his king with Noble about to queen three pawns. Points: Smith, Noble 6½; Ker, Sarapu, Sarfati 6; Blaxall, Aldridge, Hair 5½; Spain, K Boyd, Simon Grainger, Cooper, Burns, 5.

The prize list was: N.I. title, Robert Smith and Mark Noble; grade 1, Alan Aldridge and Craig Blaxall; grade 2, Philip Hair; grade 3, George Trundle and Lawrence Farrington; grade 4, Edith Otene; first schoolpupil, David Guthrie and Francis Hoffmann; upset prizes, Ben Giles 1, Alf Jones 2.

A glance at the results shows that Philip Hair, Chris Burns, George Trundle, Lawrence Farrington, Edith Otene and Ben Giles all had good tournaments. On the other hand, Russell Dive, Prince Vetharaniam, Don Stracy, David Bell, Peter Voss and Bill Ramsay all would have finished below expectations.

Finally, thanks to Tim Frost for being a capable tournament director, and to the Wanganui Provincial Hotel for sponsoring the event.

North Island Championship Results

1	MF	NOBLE	PE	W36	W24	D14	W9	D3	D5	W4	W10	6½	40
2	RW	SMITH	WT	W44	W17	W6	L4	W15	W12	W14	D3	6½	38½
3	JD	SARFATI	WE	W18	W26	D11	W7	D1	D4	W10	D2	6	43
4	AF	KER	CI	W33	W20	W10	W2	D14	D3	L1	W11	6	42
5	O	SARAPU	AC	W29	W15	W25	L14	D6	D1	W12	W9	6	39
6	AL	ALDRIDGE	CI	W32	W16	L2	W35	D5	D13	D8	W19	5½	39½
7	CS	BLAXALL	AC	W43	D9	W21	L3	W27	D24	D19	W16	5½	35½
8	PI	HAIR	NS	W49	L25	L34	W52	W39	W20	D6	W15	5½	28
9	CJ	BURNS	WA	W30	D7	W13	L1	W26	D11	W17	L5	5	40½
10	GA	SPAIN	GA	W45	W27	L4	W11	W17	W14	L3	L1	5	39
11	KM	BOYD	OT	W38	W19	D3	L10	W25	D9	W24	L4	5	38
12	DJ	COOPER	WA	W23	D34	D28	W19	W16	L2	L5	W24	5	37½
13	S	GRAINGER	WE	W22	D28	L9	D24	W33	D6	D18	W27	5	35½
14	RJ	DIVE	CI	W35	W21	D1	W5	D4	L10	L2	D17	4½	42½
15	DW	GUTHRIE	OT	W46	L5	W29	W45	L2	D16	W22	L8	4½	36
16	K	WONG	WE	W47	L6	W30	W20	L12	D15	W23	L7	4½	35½
17	ED	SWAYNE	AC	W41	L2	W44	W34	L10	W30	L9	D14	4½	34
18	F	HOFFMANN	WE	L3	W37	D26	L27	W40	W31	D13	D21	4½	34
19	E	FROST	WE	W50	L11	W32	L12	W45	W25	D7	L6	4½	33½
20	MJ	POST	WA	W52	L4	W33	L16	W29	L8	W30	D25	4½	33
21	R	GORIS	GA	W42	L14	L7	W32	L24	W45	W34	D18	4½	31½
22	GE	TRUNDLE	GA	L13	W49	D27	D23	D31	W26	L15	W44	4½	30½
23	LB	FARRINGTON	WE	L12	D31	D47	D22	W44	W28	L16	W35	4½	30
24	M	SINCLAIR	WE	W40	L1	W36	D13	W21	D7	L11	L12	4	38
25	PAR	VETHARANIAM	WA	W48	W8	L5	W28	L11	L19	D29	D20	4	35½
26	DJ	BOYD	AC	W37	L3	D18	W47	L9	L22	D28	W39	4	32½
27	GA	HOSKYN	WA	W51*	L10	D22	W18	L7	D34	W39	L13	4	32½
28	AT	SHEAD	NS	W39	D13	D12	L25	D34	L23	D26	W40	4	32
29	RJ	WOOD	CI	L5	W46	L15	W41	L20	W43	D25	D31	4	31½
30	EA	OTENE	AC	L9	W48	L16	W38	W35	L17	L20	W46	4	30
31	DM	STRACY	UH	D34	D23	L45	W42	D22	L18	W44	D29	4	29
32	MK	MORRISON	AC	L6	W51	L19	L21	W47	W36	D35	D37	4	28½
33	CJ	STOTT	HP	L4	W52	L20	W37	L13	L39	W48	W41	4	28
34	BJ	GILES	NS	D31	D12	W8	L17	D28	D27	L21	D36	3½	35
35	DI	BELL	WA	L14	W42	W39	L6	L30	W38	D32	L23	3½	32
36	T	VAN BODEGRAVEN	GA	L1	W40	L24	L39	W42	L32	W43	D34	3½	30
37	J	WILSON	WA	L26	L18	W51	L33	W48	D40	D38	D32	3½	26½
38	GW	MEARS	NS	L11	L39	W46	L30	W52	L35	D37	W45	3½	25
39	R	GORDON	HH	L28	W38	L35	W36	L8	W33	L27	L26	3	32
40	RP	BOWLER	NP	L24	L36	W43	D44	L18	D37	W50	L28	3	27
41	B	SUTTON	HH	L17	L44	W48	L29	L49	W42	W47	L33	3	24
42	J	STEWART	WA	L21	L35	W50	L31	L36	L41	W51	W49	3	24
43	B	NICHOLSON	WA	L7	L47	L40	W51	W46	L29	L36	W48	3	24
44	PJ	VOSS	GA	L2	W41	L17	D40	L23	W47	L31	L22	2½	32
45	W	RAMSAY	CI	L10	W50	W31	L15	L19	L21	D46	L38	2½	30½
46	CL	WARD	WA	L15	L29	L38	W49	L43	W50	D45	L30	2½	25½
47	A	JONES	WT	L16	W43	D23	L26	L32	L44	L41	D51	2	27
48	W	ANDERSON	L25	L30	L41	W50	L37	W49	L33	L43	2	25½	
49	P	BECKMANN	AC	L8	L22	L52	L46	W41	L48	bye	L42	2	21½
50	L	BUTTON	L19	L45	L42	L48	W51	L46	L40	bye	2	19	
51	P	HARRIS	WA	L27*	L32	L37	L43	L50	bye	L42	D47	1½	
52	A	WILSON	WA	L20	L33	W49	L8	L38				1	

Best Game

The judge of the best game prize at the N.I. championship, Yung Le, says that almost all the games which were submitted were short (under 25 moves), indicating that NZ chess players have adopted a more aggressive style. The following game was awarded the best game prize not because it was free of errors but for the ability to seize and opportunity at the right moment.

Dive, R - Smith, R

Notes by Robert Smith

(with comments by Yung Le)

1.d4 Nf6
2.c4 g6
3.Nc3 Bg7
4.e4 d6
5.Nge2

Russell's favourite variation against the King's Indian. The knight goes to g3 to overprotect White's centre and may also help in a kingside attack.

5.... e5

Logical. Attacking d4, which the White knight wants to abandon.

6.d5

If 6.dxe5, dxe5 7.Qxd8+ Kxd8 is fine for Black. He plays ...c6 and puts his king on c7.

6... Na6

Planning either ...Nc5 and ...a5, or ...c6 and ...Nc7.

7.Ng3 h5

With the centre blocked, Black does not have to castle.

8.Bd3

Be2 may be better, but White wants to reinforce e4 in case of ...h4 and ...Nc5. [Yung Le comments: 8.Bd3 is a mistake. Necessary is h4.]

8. ... h4

9.Ne2

Better is Nf1.

9. ... h3!

[Yung Le: Black has been able to penetrate on White's kingside without losing a tempo.]

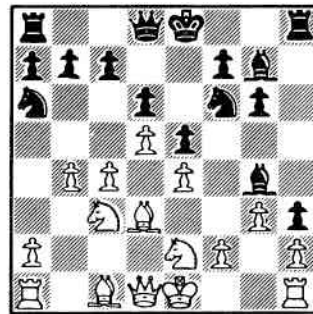
10.g3

Otherwise White gets a weak h-pawn.

10. ... Bg4

[Yung Le: There is a clear advantage to Black from now on.]

11.b4



11.... Kf8!!

Threatening ...Nxb4.

12.Rb1 Bf3

13.0-0

If 13.Rg1 Ng4.

13.... Ng4

Pressuring h2 and f2.

14.Be3 Nb8!

The beginning of a diabolical re-manoeuvre, which is almost impossible to stop. Russell thought I was just improving the knight's position.

15.c5 Nd7

16.cxd6 Nxb2!

The point. White is lost in all variations.

17.Kxh2

If 17.dxc7 Ng4 18.cxd8/Q+ Rxd8 19.Re1 h2+ 20.Kf1 h1/Q+ 21.Ng1 Nh2++.

17.... Nf6

18.Rh1

Otherwise 18...Ng4+ forces mate.

18... Ng4+

19.Kg1 h2+

20.Kf1

If 20.Rxh2 Rxh2 21.Kf1 Rh1+ 22.Ng1 Nh2+ 23.Ke1 Rxg1.

20... Bxh1

21.dxc7 Nxe3+

22.fxe3 Qf6+

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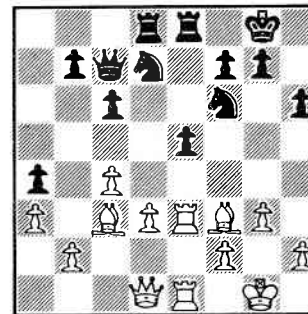
After 23.Ke1 Black simply retreats the bishop on h1 and gets a second queen.

From the final round, the game which Noble had to win to share the title:

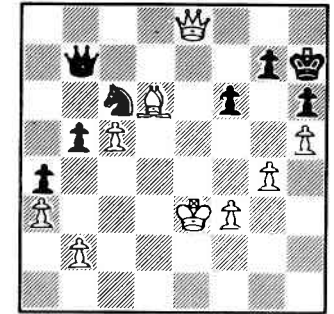
Noble, MF - Spain, G

Notes by Mark Noble

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Bb4 3.Qe2 Nf6 4.d3 h6 Graeme thinks knights are better than bishops, so stops White from playing Bg5. 5.Nf3 Qe7 6.Bd2 c6 7.g3 0-0 8.Bg2 d5 9.a3 Bxc3 10.Bxc3 d4 11.Bd2 a5 Stopping White from gaining space on the queenside. 12.0-0 a4 13.Rae1 Bg4 The second bishop out to get my knight. I can live with two bishops v two knights. 14.e3 Bxf3 15.Bxf3 dxe3 16.Rxe3 Qe7 17.Rfe1 Nbd7 18.Bc3 Rfe8 19.Qe2 Rad8 20.Qd1



Ra8 20...Nc5 looks a lot more confusing. White now has to do something, such as 21.Bxe5 Rxe5 22.Rxe5 Nxd3 23.Re7 Qb6 24.Re2 Nxf2 25.Qd8+ Qxd8 26.Kxf2 is probably better for White. 21.d4 exd4 22.Rxe8+ Rxe8 23.Rxe8+ Nxe8 24.Qxd4 Qd6? This loses straight away. White should win a pawn. 25.Qa7 b5 26.Qa8 Nb8 27.c5? A mistake. White wins a pawn, but if he had played 27.cxb5 cxb5 28.Qb7, White will win the b-pawn and the a-pawn will follow. 27...Qc7 28.Bxc6 Nxc6 29.Qxe8+ Kh7 30.Qe2 Qb7 31.Qe4+ Kh8 32.Qg4 f6 33.Qe6 Kh7 34.Qd5 Kh8 35.Ba5 Qa8 36.Bb6 Qe8 37.Bc7 Qe1+ 38.Kg2 Qe8 39.Bd6 Qd7 40.Qe4 Qb7 41.Kg1 Qd7 42.Qe2 Qb7 43.Qe8+ Kh7 44.Qe4+ Kh8 45.Qd5 Qd7 46.h4 Qb7 47.Kh2 Qd7 48.f3 Qb7 49.g4 Qd7 50.Kg3 Qb7 51.Bf4 Kh7 52.Qd3+ Kh8 53.h5 Kg8 54.Qd5+ Kh8 55.Qd6 Kg8 56.Qe6+ Kh7 57.Qe4+ Kh8 58.Qe8+ Kh7 59.Kf2 Ne7 60.Bd6 Nc6 61.Ke3



Zugzwang. 61...Ne5 62.Bxe5 fxe5 63.Qxe5 Qa7 64.Qe4+ Kh8 65.Qe8+ Kh7 66.Qxb5 Qe7+ 67.Kd2 Qe5 68.Qd3+ Kh8 69.Qc3 Qd5+ 70.Kc2 Qc6 71.Qe3 Kg8 72.f4 Kh8 73.Kc3 Qb5 74.Qd4 Qb3+ 75.Kd2 Qe6 76.Qd8+ Kh7 77.Qd6 Qa2 78.Qd4 Qe6 79.Qxa4 Qd5+ 80.Kc1 Qh1+ 81.Qd1 White went on to win in 103 moves. 1-0.

From round 4:

Noble, MF - Burns, C

Notes by Mark Noble

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 e4 4.Ng5 b5!? Black tries a gambit line, hoping White has not seen it before. 5.d3 bxc4 6.dxe4 h6 7.e5!? ECO gives 7.Nxf7 Kxf7 8.e5 Bb7 9.exf6 Qxf6 as better for White. 7...hxg5 8.exf6 gxf6 9.e4 Bb7?! Ba6 looks better, but 10.Qa4 with the idea of Be3 or b3 or Bxc4 means White has no trouble winning back his pawn. 10.Bxc4 Bb4?? Black misses what is about to happen to him. Maybe he should play Bc6 or Qc8. 11.Bxf7+ Kxf7 12.Qb3+ Kg7 13.Qxb4 Ba6 Black's only hope seems to be that he has opposite-coloured bishops. 14.Be3 Nc6 15.Qa4 Bb7 16.0-0-0 a5 17.h4!? White gives back his pawn to get pressure on the Black kingside. 17...gxh4 18.f4 d6 19.Nd5 Ne7? 19...Nb4 is better, but Black's king will still be a problem. 20.Nxf6! Kxf6 21.Bd4+ Kg6 If 21.Kf7 22.Qb3+ the king moves and White wins the bishop and is still attacking the Black rook on h8. 22.f5+ Kg5 23.Qb3 Now Black has a rook and bishop and a king en prise. 23...Ba6 24.Qe3+ Kg4 25.Rf6 1-0 If 25...Kh5 26.Qg5++ or if 25...Rh5 Qf3++.

16th Waitakere Trust Chess Open

By Bob Smith

A gratifying field of 70 turned out for the 16th Waitakere Trust Open at the Kelston Community Centre in West Auckland. The organising club, Waitemata, stuck with their established and successful format of separate A and B tournaments, with time controls of 45 moves in 90 plus 15 minutes' sudden death.

Thanks to the continued support of the Waitakere Licensing Trust, both tournaments boasted attractive prize-money, totalling almost \$2300. Perhaps the prizes in the B tournament were too attractive, as there was a decided imbalance in numbers between the two events - 51 in the B and just 19 in the A.

The B tournament, restricted to players rated 1700 and under, featured a number of "burglars" who had had higher ratings in the past and would not have been out of place in the A competition (what can be done about this?).

The A tournament was, as usual, fairly strong. Main contenders for the \$500 first prize were Paul Garbett 2289, Ortvin Sarapu 2245, Bob Smith 2219, Peter Green 2213, Martin Dreyer 2205 and Leonard McLaren 2187.

Round 1: All the favourites won. The only real upset was Nigel Metge 2071 being held to a draw by improving Waitemata junior Dipan Patel 1756.

Round 2: Garbett and Smith became the only players on two wins after Garbett somehow won what looked suspiciously like a drawn ending against Dreyer, and Smith's two Bishops proved too strong for Alexis Shead. Sarapu and McLaren had a 14-move rest round, while Green and Metge also drew, in 50 moves.

Round 3: Garbett as usual chose his game against Smith to produce his best form. He deftly fended off a show of King-side aggression before penetrating down the c-file. Even so, Smith's piece sacrifice would have been enough for the draw if he'd had more than two minutes left on the clock. Meanwhile, Sarapu easily beat Robinson after being given all the central squares. Green reached his favourite kind of queenless middlegame against David Boyd and awaited the inevitable errors, and Dreyer outplayed McLaren.

Round 4: With Garbett the sole leader on 3/3, the bets were on an early draw with Sarapu. The handshake came in less than an hour after 19 book moves of the Ruy Lopez. This allowed Green to catch up after he was surprisingly "gifted" a piece by Smith. Dreyer continued his comeback by beating Metge.

Round 5: Garbett and Green predictably drew after 22 moves to share first place. The winner of Sarapu-Dreyer could have caught up, but that game was agreed a draw in 9(!) moves to give them third equal. Bob Gibbons, who had sneaked up to 2½/4, could have joined the placegetters and substantially reduced their prize-money, but he was gradually pushed back by Smith, who thus reached 3 points and fifth place. McLaren and Metge also reached 3 with last-round wins against Mark Brimble 1826 and Robert Bennett 1471.

The tournament was run with direct pairing, in accordance with international trends. Whether this had an effect on the final standings is debatable, but it is interesting to note that the top seven seeds took out the top seven placings.

Meanwhile, in the B grade some of the would-be "burglars" were finding the going tougher than expected. An early victim was top seed Katrine Metge, who with a rating of 1700 had only just made the tournament cutoff. She lost in round 2 to Waitemata's Bruce Tidey, and again in round 3 to the durable Graeme Mears. Other likely winners on paper were Chris Joel 1696, Edward Wayne 1692, Don Storey 1681 (who has been rated in the 1900s), and the vastly under-rated Prashad Mistry 1483.

But when the dust had settled they were all left behind by Waitemata's Neville Easterlow 1524 and a former B grade winner Richard Beesley 1621, of the Auckland Chess Centre. Easterlow played the perfect "Swiss gambit", drawing in round 1 with Helen Courtney 1213, and as the favourites stumbled avoiding anyone higher than the 14th seed. Beesley got his 4½/5 in a slightly different way, starting with 4 wins and drawing his crucial last-round game with Storey.

Half a point behind in third equal were Wayne, Storey, Mistry and Waitemata's Dennis

Morrow. The top junior prize was shared by Russell Metge and Waitemata's Terence Lim, while the women's \$50 prize (based on performance, not just score) went to Helen Courtney.

The A tournament table:

1	PA GARBETT	NS	W8	W4	W5	D3	D2	4
2	PR GREEN	AC	W16	D7	W18	W5	D1	4
3	O SARAPU	AC	W11	D6	W9	D1	D4	3½
4	MP DREYER	AC	W14	L1	W6	W7	D3	3½
5	RW SMITH	WT	W15	W17	L1	L2	W10	3
6	LJ MCLAREN	GA	W12	D3	L4	D8	W14	3
7	JN METGE	AC	D19	D2	W17	L4	W13	3
8	GJ ION	NS	L1	W16	D10	D6	D9	2½
9	JP ROBINSON	WT	D18	W13	L3	D14	D8	2½
10	RE GIBBONS	GA	L17	W15	D8	W12	L5	2½
11	CS BLAXALL	AC	L3	D14	L12	W16	W18	2½
12	D LAM	AC	L6	bye	W11	L10	D15	2½
13	RH BENNETT	WT	bye	L9	D15	W18	L7	2½
14	MT BRIMBLE	WT	L4	D11	W19	D9	L6	2
15	HP BENNETT	HA	L5	L10	D13	W17	D12	2
16	J VAN PELT	WT	L2	L8	bye	L11	W19	2
17	AT SHEAD	NS	W10	L5	L7	L15	bye	2
18	DJ BOYD	AC	D9	W19	L2	L13	L11	1½
19	D PATEL	WT	D7	L18	L14	bye	L16	1½

The leading scores in the B tournament were 1st= R Beesley, N Easterlow 4½/5; 3rd= E Wayne, D Storey, P Mistry, D Morrow 4; 7th= O Storchnegger, R Metge, B Tidey, N Pattinson, H Goekel and B Stewart 3½.

Smith, R - Gibbons, R

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 g6 3.Nxe5 Qe7 4.d4 d6 5.Nf3 Qxe4+ 6.Be2 Bf5 7.c4 Bg7 8.0-0 Nc6 9.Re1 Nge7 10.Bg5 f6 11.Be3 Qc2 12.Qxc2 Bxc2 13.d5 Ne5 14.Nd4 Bf5 15.Nc3 a6 16.Rad1 0-0 17.h3 Bd7 18.f4 Nf7 19.g4 f5 20.g5 Rae8 21.Bf3 Nd8 22.Bf2 Ne8 23.Rxe8 Rxe8 24.Rc1 Nb6 25.b3 Nc8 26.Nce2 b6 27.b4 Bf8 28.Nb3 Nb7 29.Ned4 Be7 30.Kf1 Kf7 31.Ne6 Bd8 32.Nbd4 Ke7 33.h4 Na7 34.Nc6+ Bxc6 35.dxc6 Nc5 36.bxc5 Kxe6 37.cxb6 cxb6 38.Bd4 Kf7 39.h5 Nc8 40.Bd5+ Kf8 41.h6 Re7 42.Bf6 Be7 43.Bxe7+ Nxe7 44.a4 a5 45.Re1 Nxd5 46.cxd5 Kf7 47.Ke2 1-0

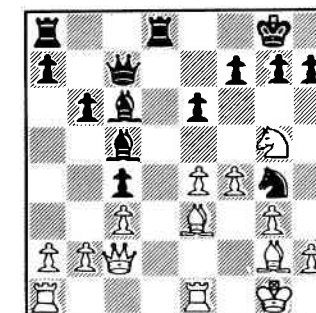
Dreyer, M - McLaren, L

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.Ngf3 c5 5.g3 Nc6 6.Bg2 Be7 7.0-0 b6 8.Re1 Bb7 9.c3 Qc7 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Nc4 0-0-0 12.a4 Bf6 13.Qb3 Rd7 14.a5 Nxa5 15.Nxa5 bxa5 16.Qa3 Bd8 17.Ne5 Rd6 18.d4 Ra6 19.Qxc5 Qxc5 20.dxc5

Rf8 21.Bf1 f6 22.Bxa6 Bxa6 23.Nc6 Bc7 24.Rxe6 Kd7 25.Nd4 Bc4 26.c6+ Kc8 27.Bd2 Rd8 28.Rae1 Be5 29.R6xe5 fxe5 30.Rxe5 a4 31.Bg5 Rg8 32.Nc2 Kc7 33.Na3 Bb3 34.Re6 h6 35.Bd2 Nxc3 36.Rg6 Ne2+ 37.Kf1 Nd438.Ba5+ Kc8 39.Rd6 Nf5 40.Rd7 a6 41.g4 Nh4 42.Rd3 Re8 43.c7 Ng6 44.Rd8+ Kb7 45.c8/Q+ 1-0

Ion, G - Garbett, P

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 b6 3.Bg2 Bb7 4.0-0 e6 5.d3 d5 6.Nbd2 Be7 7.Re1 c5 8.Ne5 Qc7 9.f4 Bd6 10.Ndf3 Nc6 11.Nxc6 Bxc6 12.c3 0-0 13.Qc2 Rfd8 14.e4 dxe4 15.dxe4 c4 16.Ng5 Bc5+ 17.Be3 Ng4



18.Bxc5 Ba4 19.Qe2 Qxc5+ 20.Kh1 Nf2+ 21.Kg1 Nd3+ 22.Kh1 h6 23.Nf3 Nxe1 24.Rxe1 Rac8 25.e5 Bc6 26.Nd4 Bxg2+ 27.Qxg2 Rxd4 28.cxd4 Qxd4 29.Rc1 Rd8 30.h3 Qe3 31.Rc2 b5 32.Kh2 g6 33.Re2 Qd3 34.a3 a5 35.Rc2 b4 36.axb4 axb4 37.h4 c3 38.bxc3 bxc3 0-1

Brimble, M - Patel, D

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.d3 e6 6.f4 Qc7 7.Nf3 a6 8.a4 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.h3 b6 11.e5 Nd5 12.Nxd5 exd5 13.c3 dxe5 14.fxe5 Be6 15.Bf4 Qd7 16.Kh2 Rac8 17.d4 c4 18.Bg5 Na5 19.Bxe7 Qxe7 20.Nd2 Qd7 21.Qh5 Rb8 22.Rf4 b5 23.axb5 Rxb5 24.Raf1 Rxb2 25.Rh4 h6 26.g4 Rxd2 27.g5 Bf5 28.gxh6 Be4 29.Rxe4 dxe4 30.hxg7 Rxd2+ 31.Kxg2 32.Qg5+ Kh7 33.Rf6 Qe6 34.Qh6+ Kg8 35.Rxe6 fxe6 36.Qxe6+ Rf7 37.Qxa6 Nb7 38.Qxc4 Kf8 39.Qc8+ Kg7 40.Qg4+ Kf8 41.Qxe4 Kg8 42.e6 Re7 43.Qf4 1-0

Wellington Queen's Birthday Weekender

Turnbull House, Wellington's answer to Simpson's Divan, was a dry, comfortable place to be on a wet, miserable long weekend. Thirty-six players from the North Island and the top of the South Island awaited the chess, the friendship and the points. The background noise included anecdotal victories being amplified and egos being inflated.

The players were from Hamilton, Hastings, Wanganui, Masterton, Lower and Upper Hutt, Petone, Wellington and Nelson. The Hastings contingent was family affairs. John and Barbara Sheehan brought their whole family, Shanta, Samuel and their promising young chess players, Rosaleen and Teresa. Bill Sutton was accompanied by his son Robin.

The A Grade was run as a six player round robin. **Russell Dive** survived an early-round oversight against **Jon Jackson** where he lost a piece and the game to retain the championship title with 4/5. Dive admitted that this score was a little flattering as he had struggled in more than just the game against Jon Jackson. **Gavin Marner** finished a point back in second place with three tied for third on 2½: Peter van Dijk, Hilton Bennett and Jon Jackson. An unlucky Greg Spencer-Smith trailed with the solitary draw. Jon Jackson could be relatively happy with his first tournament for five years. The disappointing fact about the A grade was the low turnout of top local players.

However, this was not the case in the combined B and C grades where thirty players started. Two upsets and a near miss occurred in round one. Bruce Dellaca was unkind to his clubmate, Dan Dolejs, Ricardo Paino surprised Don Stracy, while the writer suffered a narrow escape against Teresa Sheehan.

Round two went much as expected with the only surprise being the loss of top seed Mike Schwass to Julian Mazur. **Mark Sinclair** took the outright lead in round three with his nearest rivals all drawing. A victory in round four over Ted Frost left Sinclair needing only a draw against the only other contender, **Kent Wong**. However, Sinclair created a losing miniature

against Wong's Caro-Kann. This gave eight-seeded Wong (4½) the B Grade title ahead of Sinclair and an unbeaten Richard Glover (4). Half a point back were Mazur, Schwass, Stracy and Chris Burns (3½). The C grade was won by Ricardo Paino, Bruce Dellaca and Aaron Howard (2½). Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to Tim and Ted Frost for the organisation of the tournament.

The result of this fourth round game had a large impact on the final placings in this tournament.

Dive, RJ - Spencer-Smith, GJ

Notes by Russell Dive

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.e3 Nf6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.a3 cxd4 7.exd4 a6 8.c5 Up to now, both sides have played the opening very cautiously, but now White commits himself 8...b6 9.b4 bxc5 10.dxc5! White plays the more risky of the two captures. The question to be answered is, "whose pawns are better?" 10...Be7 11.Be2 0-0 12.0-0 Ne4?! 13.Bb2? Much better is to take the knight on e4 13...f5! 14.Na4 Bf6 15.Qc2 Bb7 16.Nb6 Rb8 17.Rfe1 Qc7 18.Rad1 Qc7 19.Bf1 Rfe8 20.Nd4 Be5 21.h3? White's idea with 20.Nd4 was to play f3 to shift the knight on e4. After 21.h3? however, White never wants to play that because of the hole on g3. Better would have been to retreat the knight to f3 and find another plan. 21...Bh2+ 22.Kh1 Bf4 23.Nf3 Qf7 24.Kg1 g5! Black's expected kingside attack begins. 25.Bc1! White exchanges bishops hoping to blunt Black's attack. 25...Bxc1 26.Qxc1 h6 27.Nd4 Nxd4 28.Rxd4 35 29.Rdd1 Qf6 30.Qc2 Kg7? Wrong square, Kh8 or d4 immediately was better 31.a4 d4 32.b5 axb5 33.axb5 Nc3 34.Ra1? Better was c6! sacrificing the exchange. 34...Be4 35.Qb3 g4 36.hxg4 fxg4 37.Ra7 Re7 38.Rfa1 Rf8 39.Rxe7+ Qxe7 40.c6 Qh4? Qf6 is best in this position and will probably lead to a draw after 41.Qb2 d3! 42.Nd7! Ne2+ 43.Qxe2! dxc2 44.Nxf6 exf1=Q+ 45.Rxf5 Kxf6. 41.Qb2?? What should be the losing move. White can win with 41.Ra7+ Kh8 [If 41...Kg6 42.Qe6+ wins] 42.Rf7!, the move White misses. 41...g3 42.fxg3 Qxg3 43.Qd2 d3! The winning move,

as long as Black follows it up correctly. 44.Re1 Ne2+? Blacks misses a beautiful win. With 44...Rxf1+ 45.Kxf1 [Rxf1 Ne2+ 46.Kh1 Qh4+++] Qh2!! with the devastating threat of Qh1+ 46.Qf2 d2!! wins out of hand. Although Black wins a piece with the game move, White's advanced queenside pawns ensure the draw. 45.Rxe2 Rxf1+ 46.Kxf1 dxe2+ 47.Kxe2 Qxg2+ 48.Kd1 Qg1+ 49.Qe1 Qd4+ 50.Qd2 Qxb6 51.Qd7+ Rf6 52.c7 With this move, White believes that he is forcing a draw. What wasn't realised is that Black will be forced to resign in just three moves. 52...Bf5 53.Qxf5+ Kxf5 54.c8Q+ Ke4?? A horrendous move that could not have been expected in this topsy-turvy game. 52...Qc6+ 1-0

Jackson, JJ - Marner, GJ

Notes by Russell Dive

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 c5 6.a3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 d5 8.cxd5 exd5?! This move leads to a hard to play variation for Black of the Nimzo-Indian Defence. Better is 8...Nxd5. 9.Ne2 c4? Releases the pressure in the centre too early. b6 followed by Ba6 is better. 10.Bc2 Nc6 11.0-0 b5 12.f3 Re8 13.Ng3 a5 14.Rb1 Rb8 15.e4 h6 16.e5 Nh7 17.f4 b4?! Sacrifices a pawn, but Black has to do something, otherwise he will get squashed on the kingside. 18.Ba4! Bd7 19.Bxc6 Bxc6 20.Qg4 Kh8 21.Qh5? White should take the pawn offering on the queenside. 21...bxc3! 22.Rxb8 Qxb8 23.Qxf7 Rf8 24.Qg6 Be8 25.Qg4 Qa7 26.Be3 Qe7 27.f5 Rg8! Gavin Marner is not used to defending and does not like defending, but here is he is playing like an Anthony Ker! 29.Qxd5 c2 30.Bc1 Qd3 31.Ne4 c3 32.Nd6 Ng5!? Time trouble looms and Black's best chances in this position are to play actively and complicate, complicate, thrice complicate. 33.Bxg5 hxg5 34.Qf3 Black threatened Qxf1+ followed by c1=Q+ 34...Qxd4+ 35.Kh1 Qh4 36.Qxc3 Ba4 37.e6? Which pawn to push? It's difficult at the best of times, and even worse when you're in severe time trouble. Here f6 followed by opening up the Black king wins just in time. 37...Rb8! When both sides are in time trouble, it is almost always correct to play actively. 38.f6 Rb1 39.fxg7 Kh7! The best practical chance. 39...Kg8 loses to 40.Qc8+ Kxg7

41.Nf5+ Kf6 [41...Kg6 loses to 42.Nxh4+ followed by the queen reaching f5 with check and then White plays Rxb1, also 41...Kh7 loses to 42.Qc7+ Kg6 43.Qg7+ Kh5 44.Qh7+ Kg4 45.Ne3+++] 42.Qd8+ [Qf8+] Ke5 [If 43...Ke4 44.Qd4+++] 44.e7+ Kf7 45.e8=Q+!! Bxe8 46.Qe7+ Kg6 47.Qg7 followed by mate on e3 again! 40.Qf3?? White, with only one more move required to reach the time control, makes a terrible blunder. 40g8=Q+ followed by perpetual check with the queen draws. However, 40.Qd3+ Kg8 41.Rxb1 cxb1=Q+ 42.Qxb1 wins for White. 40...Kxf1+ 41.Qxf1 Qf4! 0-1 The threat of c1=Q is unstoppable.

Sinclair, M - Wong K

Notes by Mike Schwass

Caro-Kann

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 White, needing only a draw to win the tournament, might well have considered the Exchange Variation 3.exd5. 3...dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 Black, half a point behind, signals aggressive intentions with this dynamic line where, in return for a shattered pawn structure, he gets a mobile central majority and an open file on the kingside. 5.Nxf6+ gxf6 6.Be4 Bf5 So far Johnner-Kotisch, Carlsbad 1911. 7.Ne2 Probably a stronger alternative is 7.Bf4 Qb6 8.Bb3 a5 9.a4 Nd7 10.Nf3 as in Tal-Larsen, Las Palmas 1977. 7...h5 Staking out space on the kingside. 8.Bf4 Nd7 9.Qd2 Qb6 10.0-0-0 White commits himself, maybe hastily? Preferred is Bb3. 10...e6 11.Rhe1 0-0-0 Introducing the possibility of Ne5. 12.Ng3 Bg6 13.Qe2 White sidesteps whilst keeping an eye on central pawn breaks. 13...Bb4 Black is developing nicely but did he see the consequences of this move? 14.c3?? Clearly Bd2 is the move now that the result is known 14...Bxd2+ [14...Bd6 h4] 15.Rxd2 e5!! However, this move gives Black the chance for a marvellous finish. 14...Bxc3! 15.bxc3 Show me what you've got! 15...Qb1+ 16.Kd2 Qc2+ 17.Ke3 Qxc3 18.Bd3 Forced. 18...e5! A nice intermezzo that gains a tempo and opens more lines against White's hapless king. 19.dxe5 fxe5 20.Bg5 f6 21.Bh4 Nb6 Nasty threats such as Nc4+. 22.Ne4 Bxe4 0-1 Threats too numerous to mention. Mark Sinclair has my sympathy as I suffered the same fate in last year's tourney.

Invercargill Queen's Birthday Tourney

By Robert Mackway-Jones

There were 24 entrants in this year's Invercargill Queen's Birthday tournament, but missing from the line-up were last year's winners Stephen Lukey and Tony Love, who were engaged elsewhere.

This opened the way for Kendall Boyd to record his first win at this tournament. His 4½/5 was half a point clear of Arie Nijman, with a multiple tie for third on 3½ between Graham Haase, John Sutherland, David Guthrie and Robert Mackway-Jones. Boyd and Mackway-Jones were the two unbeaten players of the tournament.

The B grade was won by Mackway-Jones, with Bruce Gloistein, Terry Duffield, Hamish Gold and Tom Pyne second equal on 3. The C grade was won by Mark Lang on 3, with a tie for runner-up between Allan McCall, Frank Fischer and Gary McLean.

Frank Fischer took the upset prize with his first-round win over Paul Vecovsky, and another notable result occurred in the second round, when Moss Wylie beat Arie Nijman.

The Invercargill Public Library again proved to be an excellent venue, with accommodation at the nearby Grand Hotel, whose recreation facilities were put to good use. Eric Forsyth, of Invercargill, was DoP.

Quickplay Takes Off

Inaugural North Island Rapid Championship, Wanganui, October 2-3.

Inquiries to Wanganui CC, c/- Chris Burns, 43 Quick Avenue, or Gordon Hoskyn, 7 Pehi Avenue (06)343-6101.

Inaugural South Island Rapid Championship, Dunedin, Labour Weekend.

Inquiries to Otago CC, 7 Maitland Street, Dunedin, or Paul Vecovsky (03)478-0345.

New Zealanders' FIDE ratings

FIDE's mid-year rating list excludes Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short, but at the lower levels extends the list downwards by including players who have played in qualifying tournaments in the latest period and are rated from 2100 upwards. This follows the decision to eventually bring the list down to 2000 rating. The NZ list includes the results of the last NZ Championship and Anthony Ker's play in the Jakarta zonal.

Significant adjustments include the appearance of Stephen Lukey at 2330 and the return of Anthony Love.

The NZ list, with the last 3 periods, is:

		1/92	2/92	1/93
1. Ben Martin	f	2320	2400	2410
2. Philip Clemance	f	-	2355	2355
3. Martin Dreyer	f	2235	2335	2345
4. Vernon Small	m	2390	2375	2330
5. Stephen Lukey	-	-	-	2330
6. Anthony Ker	f	2330	2320	2325
7. Jonathan Sarfati	f	2305	2325	2315
8. Russell Dive	f	2300	2295	2315
9. Anthony Love	-	2225	-	2315
10. Paul Garbett	f	2305	2325	2310
11. Ortvín Sarapu	m	2350	2320	2295
12. Mark Noble	f	2320	2310	2290
13. Leonard McLaren	-	2275	2275	2275
14. Richard Sutton	-	2315	2275	2275
15. Peter Green	-	2265	2265	2265
16. Robert Smith	-	2240	2255	2255
17. Graeme Spain	-	2255	2240	2235
18. Peter Stuart	-	2245	2210	2195
19. Nigel Metge	-	-	-	2100
20. Vivian Smith	w	2035	2035	2035
21. Fenella Foster	w	2020	2020	2020
22. Katrine Metge	w	2005	2005	2005

Key: m Internation Master
f FIDE Master
w Women's FIDE Master

Congress Stop Press

Invercargill CC advise that they have arranged a 35% airfare discount with Ansett Airlines.

Details later.

Auckland University Rapid Open

by David Boyd

The second Auckland University Rapid held on May 2nd attracted a strong field of 65 players, including ten rated over 2000. Bob Smith warmed up for his North Island success with 6/7, half a point ahead of a five way tie for second involving Paul Garbett, Martin Dreyer, Leonard McLaren, Robert Gibbons, and Tong Choo who had his best tournament ever. John Worn took out the under 1700 grade, Bruce Tidey won the under 1450 grade, while the unrated grade was won by Jiunn Howe-Lee. John Turnbull won the best junior prize.

The winner annotates his crucial last round game.

Green, P - Smith, R

Notes by Bob Smith

In common with many games played at a fast time control, the following game was not wonderfully accurate - but it was critical. Going into the last round Peter Green, Leonard McLaren, Martin Dreyer and I were all on 5 out of 6, so it had to be all guns blazing!

With this in mind I adopted a largely psychological approach against Peter, knowing he is most comfortable in simple positions where White can nurse a small advantage.

1.d4 c5 already trying to unbalance the fight.
2.d5 d6 3.e4 g6 4.Bb5+ This was a pleasant surprise; normally Peter likes his king's bishop on g2. 4...Bd7 5.Bxd7+ Nxd7 6.c4 Bg7 7.Nc3 Ngf6 8.Nf3 0-0 9.o-o a6 10.a4 Qc7 11.Bf4 Ne8 12.Re1 Qa5 13.Qd2 Qb4 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Nd6 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Rxe7 Qxc4 An unbalanced position has arisen, with White having a passed d-pawn and black the queenside majority. Around here I think White should have inserted a5. 19.Qe3 Qd4 Else 20.Qe5 +- 20.Rd1?! 20.Qxd4 cxd4 21.Ne2 Rfe8 22.Rxe8 Rxe8 23.Nxd4 Re5 =/+ + 20...Qxe3 21.fxe3 b5 22.axb5 axb5 23.Ne4 24.e4? b4 23...Nf5 24.Rb7 Nxe3 25.Rd3 Ng4 26.g3 c4 27.Ra3 Rxa3 28.bxa3 Nf6 29.Nxf6 Kxf6 With the better king 30.Rxb5 Rc8 31.Rb6+ Ke5 32.Rc6? But at least it is lost anyway 32...Rxc6 33.dxc6 Kd6 34.Kf2 Kxc6 35.Ke3 Kc5 36.g4 f5 37.gxf5 gxf5 38.h4 Kb5 39.Kd4 f4 40.a4+ Kb4!

40...Kxa4? 41.Kxc4 draws 41.a5 c3 42.a6 c2 43.a7 c1-Q 44.a8-Q Qe3+ 45.Kd5 Qf3+ 0-1

McLaren, L - Sarapu, O Morra Gambit

Notes by Leonard McLaren

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 d3 This and 3...Nf6 are the main ways of declining the Morra. A month earlier, Ortvín had successfully used the 3...d3 line against R Beesley in the Auckland Easter. 4.Bxd3 Nc6 5.Nf3 g6 5...d5!? 6.0-0 Bg7 7.c4 d6 So the game has transposed into a sort of Maroczy Bind versus Sicilian Dragon where White's king's knight is less exposed on f3 than it would be on d4. 8.h3 Nf6 9.Nc3 0-0 BCO gives 9...Nd7 10.Be3 Nc5!? 11.Rc1 Nxd3 12.Qxd3 0-0 13.Qd2 with a slight advantage to White in Chandler-Sunye, Wik ann Zee 1982. 10.Bg5 Bd7 11.Qd2 Rc8 12.Rad1 a6 13.Rfe1 I didn't have a particular plan yet, so I just developed. 13.Bh6 is also playable. 13...Re8 14.b3 Qa5 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.exd5 Bc3?! 16...Qxd2 17.Rxd2 Ne5 18.Nxc5 Bxe5 is about equal, with White's pressure on the e-file balancing Black's queenside play with ...b5. 17.dxc6! Bxc6? The critical position arises after 17...Bxd2 18.cxd7 Bxe1 19.Rxe1. White will emerge with three pieces versus queen. One possibility is 19...Qxa2 20.Rxe7 Red8 21.dxc8/Q Rxc8 22.Rxb7 with advantage to the first player. A safer course is 19...e6, when White is perhaps a little better owing to his greater activity. 18.Qe3 Bxf3 19.gxf3 Bxe1 20.Rxe1 Qxa2 Black has the material advantage of Rx2Pv2B, but is very passive. White's kingside weaknesses are irrelevant since they cannot be attacked so has a large advantage. 21.Qb6! I couldn't see a plan of direct kingside attack. The text defends the b-pawn, restricts Black's queen and eyes the weak squares on the queenside. 21...f6 22.Bh6 Qb2 22...Rb8 23.Qc7. 23.Qxb7 Rb8 24.Qd5+ e6 24...Kh8 25.Qf7 Rg8 26.Rxe7. 25.Rxe6 Rxe6 26.Qxe6+ Kh8 27.Qxd6 Also winning is 27.Qf7 Rg8 28.c5! e.g. 28...dxc5 29.Bc4 27...Qe5 28.Qxe5 fxe5 29.c5 Rxb3 30.Bxa6 Rc3 31.Be3 White won by Bb7, c6, Bb6, c7 etc. 1-0

New Zealand News

Ben Martin is modest about his achievements. Deep down in his report in this issue of NZ Chess he records that he has made a contribution to his club Wood Green winning the British interclub competition. And while he mentions participating in quickplay events, NZ Chess has had to note from elsewhere that in April Ben scored 5/6 to finish second equal to GM Michael Adams in the Golders Green Open, and in May he won the Golders Green Open with 5½/6 ahead of GM James Plaskett. Martin and Plaskett did not meet - Plaskett lost to the promising woman player Harriet Hunt.

New Zealand has nine active FIDE Masters, not eight at recently recorded. **Ewen Green** qualified when the FIDE title was introduced, but did not claim his title until he was overseas a year or two ago. As he had dropped off the FIDE rating list, the award was not noted by NZCF.

NZCCA records the sudden death in May of its vice-president and long-time stalwart **Cor Huygens** of Nelson, who was a correspondence player for at least 30 years. Cor was director of NZCCA's handicap tourney for a period, and was elected a life member of the association in 1980. He was also an advanced and certificated exponent of Esperanto.

Craig Blaxall reports that Aucklanders have noted **Ortvin Sarapu's** comment in "Mr Chess" that he was unable to beat Murray Chandler after their first encounter, with Chandler becoming his bogeyman. This year there may be a hint of history repeating itself, as NZ junior champion **Edward Swayne** has won his last two games against Ortvin, the latest in an open rapid event with a rating difference of 866 points.

David Boyd gives up his Friday evenings to run a junior chess club and coaching school on Auckland's North Shore. He takes more than 30 children in his group at a local school, and has been doing this for four and a-half years.

Wellingtonians will recognise the name **Kok Onn Mooi**, which has cropped up in Singapore publications. He has become a member of the council of the Singapore Chess Federation and a member of its junior training squad. He played a couple of games in the Asian teams tournament, and contributed one of New Zealand's points by losing to **Michael Freeman**. Osric, as he is known here, came to Wellington to advance his training for a teaching career, and returned to Singapore at the end of last year after winning the Wellington CC championship.

Auckland

Nigel Hopewell and **Nigel Metge** (6/7), have shared the honours in the Auckland CC Winter Cup. A feature of the event, which had 26 players, was that the unrated Noel Nuval lost to Nigel Metge in round 1, drew with Edith Otene in round 2, and won his next five games. His victims included Nigel Hopewell in the last round, depriving Nigel of a picket-fence victory and giving him third place on 5½. Fourth equal on 4½ were David Boyd, Alexis Shead, Edward Swayne and Chris Joel.

The Auckland CC A team beat all opponents to win a recent **team blitz tournament**, but there was an exciting finish with Auckland A and the other leading team, Waitemata A, meeting in the last round. Despite the Waitemata team being much higher-rated Auckland scored 10½ - 5½ to win the event. The winning team comprised Craig Blaxall, Peter Green, Richard Beesley and Prashant Mistry.

In his 36 games Robert Smith (Waitemata A) dropped only half a point (to Peter Green) and was the highest points scorer. It is regretted that the usual winners of the event, North Shore, did not field a team.

Team scores: Auckland Chess Centre A 11½, Auckland University 106½, Waitemata A 106, Howick-Pakuranga A 82½, Auckland CC B 81, Waitemata B 76, Papakura 51, Papatoetoe 47½, Howick-Pakuranga B 44½, Auckland CC C 10.

Hutt Valley

The Hutt Valley Chess Club, in Lower Hutt, has been rebuilding its strength and considering reaffiliation with NZCF next year. However, disaster struck in the fire which swept through much of Hutt Intermediate School in June. The club met at the school and most of its equipment and trophies were stored there. All its property was destroyed. However, the club held insurance and long-time stalwart **Roy Kent** reports that the club was back in action within a month.

Wellington District Chess Association

Delegates to the annual meeting of Wellington DCA showed that their clubs recognise that the days of home-and-away interclub matches have lost their interest, with great difficulty being experienced getting teams to play on other than their own club nights. The concentration of A grade players into one or two clubs also meant that there has been no A grade competition this year. As a result, the meeting decided that next year the interclub be held on Wednesday nights in June and July at a central venue, the Petone CC rooms.

Officers elected were: Patron Roy Kent; vice-patron Ab Borren; President Arthur Pomeroy; treasurer Philip Monrad; secretary Ted Frost; tournament director Mark Noble; management committee Rowan Wood, Dave Capper, Jonathan Sarfati, and nominess of Upper Hutt and Kapiti CCs; honorary auditor David Steele.

Wellington Inter-Schools

Wellington College hosted this year's inter-school teams tournament, with 26 teams taking part. **Scots College** retained the trophy by the barest of margins, with 15 points, just half a point ahead of Wellington College. At top board for Wellington College, Justin Phillips turned down the offer of a draw from Scots' number one, Ian Grubb, because the prospect at the other boards was not promising. Phillips ultimately lost, which swung the balance in favour of Scots and also cost Justin the prize for best score at board one.

For the first time a primary school team took part, from Brentwood in Upper Hutt, coached by teacher Valerie Margrain, daughter of Wanganui's Gordon Hoskyn. Brentwood were thrilled to gain 5½ points.

Results, team event: Scots A 15 1, Wellington College A 14½ 2, Newlands A 14 3, Sacred Heart/St Marys from Hawkes Bay 13 4. Individual scores: Board 1, Ian Grubb (Scots) 4½/5 after a play-off with Michael Nyberg (Rongotai); board 2, Teresa Sheehan (Sacred Heart/St Mary's) 5/5; board 3, Bryan Clark (Hutt Valley HS) 5/5; board 4, David Yang (Wellington College B) 4/5, after a playoff with Peter Shackleton (Scots) and Simon Schurr (Palmerston North).

Otago

Last year's runner-up, **Kendall Boyd**, has romped away with the second round of the Otago CC championship. Boyd notched up five wins from as many games. Winners: A grade K Boyd, B grade M Foord and P Vecovsky, C grade H Gold, D grade R Berkley.

Graham Haase has won the Otago CC winter rapid tournament. Graham recovered from a first-round defeat to score 5½ from seven games. The tournament attracted eight players - not a bad turnout, given that the third test between the All Blacks and the Lions was on at the same time.

Canterbury

Nick Cummings won Canterbury CC's July quickplay event, with a 5/5 picket fence which included a win from Stephen Lukey. There was a small field of nine, with Hrvoye Ivos, Scott Wastney and Simon Kelly sharing second on 3.

Papatoetoe

James Turnbull went through the Papatoetoe Winter Cup unbeaten, winning the competition with a score of 7/8. Other top scores in the field of 27 were C Wilson 6½; K Metge 6; G Banks, D Storey, R Metge, T Renouf, J Stimpson 5; M Buis, I Reid, R Phillips 4½.

Games

Starting the selection this month are two games from the last NZ Chess Championship.

The first, with notes by FM Anthony Ker, was one of the most important games of the tournament...

... it is the ninth round of the RJI 100th NZ Chess Championship. The two leaders, Anthony Ker and Russell Dive, are about to play each other. The outcome of this game will have a crucial effect on the final standings. A loss would be disastrous, while a draw would keep both players' chances alive but would also allow other players to get closer. A win would just about guarantee first place.

Ker has shown a penchant for the Trompovsky Opening (1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5) during this tournament. Dive therefore uses his rest day to prepare a suitable counter to it. Ker reverts to his more usual lines and a tense struggle develops.

Ker, A - Dive, R

Nimzo-indian

- 1.d4 Nf6
- 2.c4 e6
- 3.Nc3 Bb4
- 4.Bg5

The Leningrad variation, a "delayed Trompovsky"!

- 4... h6
- 5.Bh4 c5
- 6.d5 Bxc3+
- 7.bxc3 d6
- 8.e3 Qe7
- 9.Bd3 g5

This thrust is standard practice in the Leningrad. Dive breaks an annoying pin and gains space on the kingside. Naturally his king will seek shelter elsewhere.

- 10.Bg3 e5
- 11.f3

Ker avoids 11.e4?, having no desire to entomb both his bishops at once.

- 11... h5
- 12.h4 g4
- 13.Qc2 Rg8
- 14.Ne2 gxf3?

Thus far both sides have played expertly, but

this move is a serious strategic error. Black is underdeveloped and therefore has no business opening up files. Dive should have sorted out his queenside before making this capture.

- 15.gxf3 Kd8
- 16.Kd2

This is better than castling long. The king is in no danger here and provides useful support to the e-pawn.

- 16... Kc7
- 17.Rag1

Black is about to lose control of the g-file. White intends to proceed with Bf2, Rxc8 and Rg1. Dive can just connect his rooks in time, eg, 17...Bd7 18.Bf2 Na6 (horrible square) but then White plays 19.Rg5! Realising he is in trouble, Dive casts about in search of counterplay and comes up with

- 17... e4!?

An imaginative pawn sacrifice designed to gain control of g4, in order to block the g-file.

- 18. Bxe4

This is not the moment to hoard the bishop pair.

- 18... Re8
- 19.Bf4 Nxe4+
- 20.Qxe4 Qxe4
- 21.fxe4 Bg4!

There is no rush to get the pawn back. Its more important to stop Rg7.

- 22.Ng3

Heading for f5, and also covering the e-pawn.

- 22... Nd7
- 23.Nf5 Ne5
- 24.Bxe5

Naturally, such a well-placed knight cannot be allowed to live.

- 24... Rxe5
- 25.Ng3

25.Nh6? Rxe4 and the Black rook has a field day. White has a new plan - pressure down the f-file.

- 25... Bf3
- 26.Rh2 Rf8

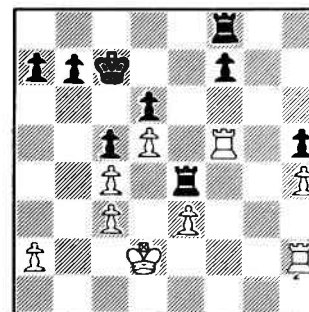
A very subtle move. Black hopes for 27.Kd3, when he will then play 27...Rg8! Why not play Rg8 immediately, you may ask. The point is that after Rf2, Bxe4 is check if the king is on

d3. White cannot capture because of the loose rook on g1, so loses time moving his king away. Without the check, White simply replies Rxf7+.

27.Rf1

That king move was awfully tempting.

- 27... Bxe4
- 28.Nxe4 Rxe4
- 29.Rf5!



Despite Black's ingenious play, both players agreed that White has the better position here. Although material is equal, Ker has succeeded in winning the h-pawn, giving him a valuable passed pawn. If Dive tries to save it by 29...Re5, then 30.Rhf2 renews the problem. Also hopeless is 29...Rh8, allowing Rxf7+, followed by Rg2 and Rgg7. Again Black must seek counterplay, and despite being behind on the clock, Dive comes up with a diabolical scheme.

- 29... Rxc4
- 30.Rxh5 Ra4
- 31.Kd3 f5!
- 32.Rh7+ Kb8
- 33.h5 Re8!!

A strange move at first sight, until you realise Black's intentions. He plans 34...c4+, when White has the unpleasant choice of 35.Kd4 Re4++ (where did that come from?) or 35.King back Rxa2+, picking up the rook on h2.

- 34.Rb2 b6
- 35.Rf7 Rh4!

A delightful echo motif! Now White is faced with 36...c4+ and perpetual check on the first two ranks. If 36.Rxf5 c4+ 37.Ke2 Rh2+ 38.Rf2 Rxb5 is probably drawn. In trying to avoid this White overpresses.

- 36.Rg2?! c4+
- 37.Kd2?

37.Kc2 is better. After 37...Rxb5 White can continue 38.Rgg7 Rh2+ 39.Kb1 Rh1+ 40.Kb2 Rh2+ 41.Ka3, escaping. Now Black can play Rh2+ and Rxa2, covering a7.

- 37... Rxb5
- 38.Rd7

White has lost his advantage. Now the question is whether he will lose the game as well.

- 38... Rh3
- 39.Rxd6 Rxe3
- 40.Rd7 Rd3+

Both players have reached the time control. Now Ker spends several minutes recovering his frayed nerves before settling down to defend.

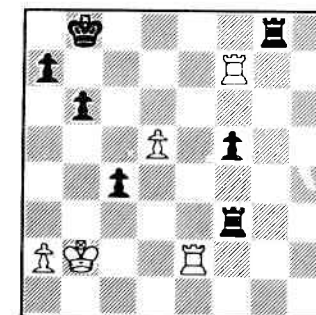
41.Kc2

Not an easy decision. Ker gives up another pawn to keep both rooks on.

- 41... Rxc3+
- 42.Kb2 Rcg3
- 43.Re2

It was in order to play this that White moved his king to the queenside.

- 43... Rg8
- 44.Rf7 Rf3



A fascinating position has arisen. Consider the position of the four rooks. White's rook on e2 must stay on the second rank to stop Rg2+ and Rf1++. Similarly, Black's rook on g8 must remain to cover the back rank. White's rook on f7 keeps Black's king at bay, while Black's rook on f3 does the same to White's king. Each rook has achieved its optimum placing, so there is nothing to do but move pawns and kings. Unfortunately for Ker, Dive has more pawns to move.

45.d6 a6
46.Kc1 Rh3
47.Kc2

If 47.Rxf5 Kb7 and Black's king enters the game.

47... b5
48.a4!? b4
49.a5 f4?

Black misses his chance! Correct was 49...Ra3! 50.Ree7 Rg2+ 51.Kb1 Rg1+ 52.Kb2 c3+ 53.Kc2 Rg2+ 54.Kd3 c2+ 55.Kd4 and now not 55...c1/Q?? which loses to 56.Rb7+ Kc8 57.d7+ Kxb7 58.d8/Q+. Instead, 55...Rd2+ and Black wins.

50.Rxf4 Rc3+
51.Kb2 Kb7
52.Rd4 Rd8
53.Re7+ Kb8

53...Kc6 54.Rc7+ Kb5 55.d7 would be awkward for Black. Dive settles for a draw.

54.Ree4 Rb3+
55.Kc2 Rc3+
56.Kb2 Rb3+
57.Kc2 Rc3+
½-½

An epic struggle. Ker went on to become national champion, while Dive won the first NZ Rapid Championship.

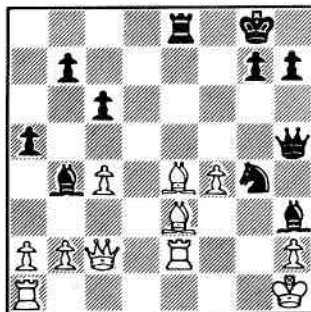
The next game is from Round 2 of the 100th NZ Championship, with Nigel Metge commenting that it was a good game which satisfied both players.

Ker, A - Metge, N

Notes by Nigel Metge

1.d4 f5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 e6 4.Nh3 Blackburne's variation, intending Nf4-d3 with pressure on e5. This is particularly effective against the Stonewall setup [...d5], so Black adopts the flexible ...d6. 4...Be7 5.0-0 0-0 6.c4 d6 7.Nc3 Qe8 8.f4 Slightly unusual. Interesting now is 8...g5 9.Nd3 Qg6. Black has traded increased control of e4 for reduced prospects of e5. 8...c6 9.e4 fxe4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.Bxe4 e5 12.dxe5 12.Ng2 Nd7 13.Ne3 exd4 14.Qxd4 Ne5 15.f4 Ng4 16.Nxg4 Bxg4 is Reshevsky-Botvinnik 1948, drawn. Most references give this position

as equal, e.g. Bellin in "Winning with the Dutch" (1990), but in the original tournament book Golombek favours White. 12...dxe5 13.Nd3 Bh3 14.Re1 Nd7 15.Qc2 Ker afterwards was dissatisfied with this move, which permits Black's next move. Instead, there is 15.b3 Rd8 16.Qe2 Nf6. 15...Qh5 16.Be3 a5 I wanted to sacrifice the a-pawn with 16...Rae8 17.Bxa7 but could not find sufficient compensation after 17...Nf6 18.Qe2. Nor is 17...c5 18.b4! satisfactory. 17.f4 A tactically unclear move in Ker's style. 17...Rae8 18.fxe5 Nxe5 19.Nf4 19.Nxe5 Qxe5 20.Bxh7+ Kh8 with the idea of ...Qxe3+ leads to sharp equality, e.g. 21.Bf2 Qh5 22.Bg6 Qf3 23.Be4 Qxf2+ 24.Qxf2 Rxf2 25.Kxf2 Bb4 26.Re2 Bg4 27.Bf3 Bc5+ 28.Ke1 Bb4+ with repetition. 19...Rxf4 Forced, but strong. 20.gxf4 20.Bxf4 Bc5+ 21.Kh1 [21.Be3 Nf3+ 22.Bxf3 Rxe3 23.Bxh5 Rxe1+] 21...Ng4 22.Bxh7+ Kf7! and the threat of ...Nf2+ etc draws. 20...Ng4 21.Kh1 21.Bd4 avoids the game continuation, but allows Black many tactical chances, e.g. 21...Rd8 22.Rad1 Rxd4 23.Rxd4 Bc5 24.Qd2 Qh4 25.Rd2 Nxh2 26.Qxh2 [26.Kxh2 Bg4+] 26...Bxd4+ 27.Kh1 Be3 28.Rf1 g5! 21...Bb4 22.Re2



22...Bg2+! 23.Rxg2 23.Kag2 Qxh2+ 24.Kf1 Nxe3+ 25.Rxe3 Qxc2 26.Bxc2 Rxa3. Or 23.Bxg2 Qxh2++ 23...Nxe3 24.Qd3 Nxg2 25.Bxg2 Qe2 26.Qd7 Re7 27.Qc8+ Kf7 28.Qf5+ Ker offered a draw here. 28...Kg8 29.Qc8+ Re8 30.Qxb7 Qxb2 31.Rg1 Qd4 Keeping control of g7; it was my turn to offer a draw now. 32.Bxc6 Rf8 33.Bd5+ Kh8 34.Rf1 Qd3 35.Rg1 Qd4 36.Rf1 Qd3 37.Rg1 ½-½

Mr Chess tells Ortvin Sarapu's unrivalled story

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By NM David Lynch

Mr Chess is not only a personalised history of Ortvin Sarapu's career, it is also a history of NZ chess since 1950. All of NZ's leading players find mention, with many illustrative games; and of course, Ortvin's overseas ventures (ten of them with NZ teams in Olympiads) are well covered. These latter games, together with games from international tournaments held in NZ, feature a surprising number against international grandmasters and even world champions.

Ortvin makes special mention of his games against C J S Purdy. Cecil Purdy was an Australian champion who had earlier won a New Zealand title, while Sarapu was a multiple NZ champion who was later to win the Australian title. Both were excellent blindfold players. Sarapu gave a simultaneous exhibition in Napier against 12 opponents, the same venue in which Purdy had given a similar exhibition against six opponents a score of years earlier.

The writer first met Ortvin when, newly arrived from Estonia, he was a spectator at the 1950 NZ Congress and I have valued his friendship ever since. Over the following decade he proved to be in a class of his own in NZ chess. Up-and-coming players were to challenge this supremacy, especially a talented few who studied the game intensively - most of them receiving help from Sarapu himself. Immigrants also included several strong players.

Chess theory was not as advanced in NZ prior to 1950 (partly because less literature was available), though we certainly had many more clubs and a higher national percentage of players. Nowadays there is so much more competition for one's leisure time, whereas then, especially in the period of the 1930s depression, chess offered unlimited recreation at almost no expense. Each world championship match gave the game a boost. Ortvin Sarapu, as his book illustrates, brought much of the knowledge of the outside world of chess to New Zealand.



The book contains 68 selected games. About one in four has a diagram, and perhaps a few more diagrams would not be amiss. The printing and set-up are first-rate, and the annotations are precise. Openings are many and varied, with French Defence, Ruy Lopez and Sicilian easily heading the list.

Mr Chess will give the reader an insight into the tension and excitement inherent in high level play and the trauma of time shortage, while hopefully the student will find in the games a revelation as to what a position can hold.

Interclub chess in Britain

By Ben Martin

Chess has a high profile in Britain, now more than ever with the controversy surrounding the world championship match between Short and Ksaparov. Several newspapers carry daily chess columns; pubs often supply chess sets for the use of their patrons. There must be literally dozens of chess clubs in London, where I am currently living.

Throughout the year, interclub team competitions are held at local, county and national levels. As a result there is less emphasis on internal club competitions - the strongest players in each club concentrate on playing interclub chess. Many teams have an IM, or even a GM, although they are often unavailable due to other commitments.

According to players I've spoken to, there are fewer tournaments than there used to be. Nevertheless, weekend events are held in London every two or three weeks on average. Most are "quickplays" (30/30 is a popular time control).

I have been playing for the Wood Green club in various interclub matches, as well as taking part in weekend tournaments. Quickplay finishes are common: for example, the time control in the Winter Cup competition is 30 moves in 75 minutes, with an extra 15 minutes added to each clock after move 30 to finish the game. This has the advantage of eliminating adjournments, but does little for the quality of play in the final stages!

After losing one game in a quickplay finish with a whole extra piece (and more time on the clock), I am looking forward to playing in the British Championship, which has a "real" time control.

Here are two games from this year's National Club Championships. The first was played in the quarter-final and the second is the decisive game from the final that gave Wood Green the Open championship.

FM Martin, B (Wood Green) -
IM Muir, A (Paisley)

Notes by Ben Martin

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 d6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 Be7 8.0-0-0 0-0

9.Nb3 Qb6 10.Be3 This allows a quick ...b5. 10.f3 is better. 10...Qc7 11.Be2 a6 12.g4 b5 13.g5 Nd7 Not 13...b4? 14.gxf6 bxc3 15.bxc3 Bxf6 16.Qxd6 winning a pawn [16...Qb7 17.Nc5 wins] 14.h4 Nce5? Black should play 14...b4 immediately. After 15.Nb1 a5 he has a strong attack, while 15.Na4 leaves the N poorly placed. 15.h5 b4 16.Nb1 Nc4 16...a5 is better, as in the previous note. 17.Bxc4 Qxc4 18.f3 a5 19.Nd4 Ne5 19...Qxa2 allows 20.Nc6, when White will exchange Black's KB then play g6. 20.b3 Qc7 21.Rdg1 Black's counterplay is nowhere in sight. White's N on d4 is well placed, guarding c2 and f3 and attacking b5 and e6. 21...Bd7 22.g6 fxe6 White threatened 23.f4 followed by h6, opening lines against the Black king. If 22...Bf6 then 23.f4 Nc6 25.Nb5 Qd8 25.Nxd6 and 26.e5 23.hxg6 hxg6 If 23...Nxc6 24.Qh2 Bh4 25.Rxg6 hxg6 26.Qxh4 threatening 27.Qh7+ and 28.Rg1 24.f4 Nc6 On 24...Nf7 25.Rxg6 wins; White threatens 26.Qh2, 26.Qg2 and 26.Nxe6. 25.Qh2 Bf6 26.Qh7+ Kf7 27.Qxg6+ Ke7 If 27...Kg8 28.Nb5! Qb8 29.Rh7 Rf7 30.Rh8+ wins 28.e5! Nxe5 If 28...dxe5 29.Nb5 Qb8 30.Bc5+ picks up the R on f8 29.fxe5 dxe5 30.Bg5 exd4 31.Qxg7+ Kd6 32.Bxf6 Kc6 33.Be5 Qd8 34.Bxd4 Rf5 35.Qg2+ Rd5 36.c4 1-0

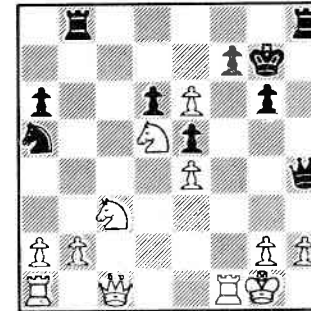
Collier, D (Bristol Clifton) -

Levitt, M (Wood Green)

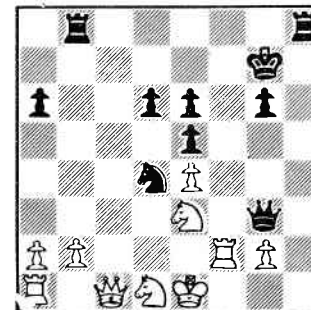
Notes by Ben Martin

1.d4 d6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e5 4.d5 g6 5.e4 Bg7
6.Bd3 c6 7.Nge2 a6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bd2
b5 11.dxc6 bxc4 12.Bxc4 Nxc6 13.Qc1!? An
interesting attempt to exploit the unguarded N
on c6 and the weak pawn on h6 13...Na5?
13...Kh7 is better 14.Bd5! Rb8 After
14...Nxd5 15.Nxd5 White threatens 16.Nc7 and
on 15...Rb8 he would play 16.Bxa5 Qxa5
17.Ne7+ and 18.Nc6, winning the exchange.
15.Bxh6 Nxd5 16.Nxd5 Be6 17.Nec3 Kh7
18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.f4 The simple f9.b3,
followed by Qe3, would squash Black's
counterplay 19...Rh8 20.f5?! 20.g3 is safer
20...Qh4! 21.fxe6? Better is 21.h3, when play
could continue 21...gxf5 22.exf5 Bxd5 23.f6+

Kh7 24.Qc2+ Kh6 [not 24...Kg8 25.Nxd5
Qd4+ 26.Qf2! Black cannot take the knight]
25.Qd2+ Qg5 26.Qxd5 Rxb2; Black has
regained the pawn, but his king is very exposed.



21...Qxh2+ 22.Kf2 fxe6 23.Ne3 Nc6 24.Ke1
Black has no direct mating threats, but it is hard
for White to unravel. 24.Ne2 allows ...Qh4+,
when Black can take a draw after 25.Kg1
Qh2+, or play for more with 25...Qxe4
24...Nd4 25.Ned1 25.Qd2 Rbf8! maintains the
pressure. After 26.Rc1 [to guard c2] Black
plays 26...Qg3 27.Rf2 Rh1+ 28.Nf1 Rfh8!
29.Ne2 Nf3+! 30.gxf3 Rxf1+ 31.Kxf1 Rh1+
32.Ng1 Qxg1+ and ...Qxc1. Best is 25.Kd2
with the idea of hiding the king on d3, though
Black still has good play for the piece.
25...Qg3+ 26.Rf2? The losing move. 26.Nf2
is forced, when Black can draw with 26...Rhc8
27.Qd2 Rxb2 28.Qxb2 Qxc3+ 29.Kd1 Rc2
30.Qb7+ with perpetual check. On 30.Qxc2
Nxc2 31.Kxc2 Qe2+ 32.Kc3 Qe3+ it is
Black's turn to give perpetual check. [33.Nd3?
Qxe4 is good for Black]. If Black wants more,
he can try 26...Rbc8 27.Qd2 Rh3! 28.gxh3
Nf3+ 29.Ke2 Nxd2 30.Kxd2 d5, with attacking
chances.



26...Rbc8! 27.Nc3 If 27.Qd2, Rc2! wins, as
does 27.Qb1 Rc2! 28.Nxc2 Qd3! 27...Rh1+
28.Nf1 Rch8! 29.Ne2 Rxf1+ 30.Kxf1 Rh1+
31.Ng1 Qd3+ 32.Re2 Qxe2++ 0-1. A fine
swindle.

Coming events

Open events scheduled for the next three to five months are listed below. Where a contact is not listed, refer to the contacts for the controlling authorities in the list of affiliated clubs on page 31.

Local

August
23-28 South Island Championship,
Ashburton
28-29 Papatoetoe Open, RR 5 r, 40 in 90,
plus 15 to finish

August 30 - September 3
NZ Schoolpupils Championship final
in Wellington (venue to be finalised)

September
4 Petone Gambit 30/30
18-19 North Shore Open 5r Swiss
25-26 Wellington CC 60/60

October
2-3 North Island Rapid Championship,
Wanganui (30/30)
23-25 Labour Weekenders: SI Rapid
Championship, Dunedin (replaces
Otago Ubix Open), Auckland CC
Open 5r Swiss, Petone Gambit
Open.

November
13,20,27 All-Canterbury Champs
15 Entries close for the NZ
Championship and Reserve

International

August
21-30 Commonwealth Championship,
London (part of Lloyd's Bank
Masters Tournament)

August 29 - September 12
Asian Junior, Doha, Qatar

September
13-17 Asian Rapid, Doha, Qatar

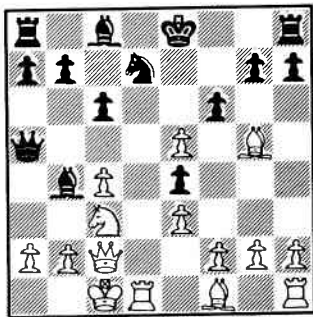
International News

The eighth round proved crucial to the final standings in the Munich-SKA tournament. Shirov was playing against a determined Gelfand and the position held danger for both players. With careful play Shirov managed to hold off Gelfand's challenge to maintain his lead. In the following rounds Shirov went on to beat Hubner, followed by a fiercely competitive Gurevich, and he finally finished with a quick last-round draw as victory was secure. Gelfand finished a well-deserved second. He was unbeaten in the tournament and played some exciting games.

As in Baden-Baden in December and Dortmund in April, bottom seed Christopher Lutz again showed himself to be a rapidly-rising player. His sixth place was the best of the German contingent and this result will continue to see his rating race upwards.

Lutz, C - Gurevich, M Queens Gambit

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4. Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 e5!? A relatively new move in the Cambridge Springs Defence, and worth investigation by tactical players. The usual move is 8...dxc4 9.dxe5 Ne4 10.Ndxe4 dxe4 11.0-0-0 f6

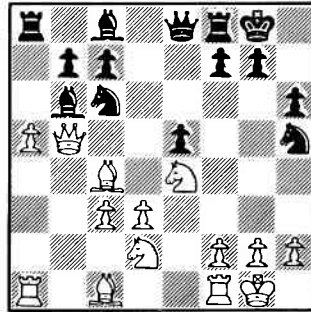


12.exf6! Qxg5 13.Nxe4 Qe5 14.f4 Qa5 15.a3! Bf8 16.fxg7 Bxg7 17.Nd6+ Kd8 18.Nf7+ Kc7 19.Nxh8 Nc5!? Trying to keep a lost game alive 20.Nf7 Bf5 21.Bd3 Nxd3+ 22.Rxd3 Rf8 23.Nd6 Bxd3 24.Qxd3 Qh5 25.Rd1 Bh8 25...Qxh2 26.Nb5+ Kb6 27.c5+ 26.Ne4 Qf5 27.Qd6+ Kc8 28.Qe7 1-0

by Ralph Hart

Gelfand, B - Shirov, A

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.c3 0-0 6.b4 Bb6 7.a4 a6 8.0-0 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Qb3 Nf6 11.Ng5 Qe8 12.Nd2 h6 13.Nge4 Nh5!? A typical Shirov move, aggressive and double-edged 14.a5 Ba7 15.b5 axb5 16.Qxb5 Bb6



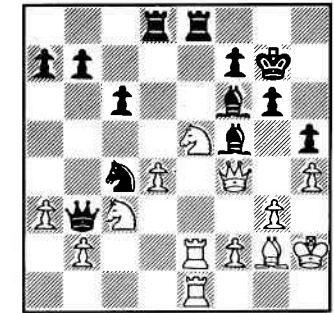
17.axb6! Rxa1 18.Nb3 Rxc1 19.Rxc1 Nf4 20.Rb1 Kh7 21.bxc7 f5 22.Ng3 h5 23.d4 exd4 24.Nxd4 h4 25.Nge2 Nxe2+ 26.Bxe2 Rf7 27.Bf3 Rxc7 28.Nxf5 Bxf5 29.Qxf5+ Qg6 30.Qe4 Qxe4 31.Bxe4+ g6 32.f3 Kh6 33.Kf2 Ne5 34.Rb5 Nc4 35.Rxb7 Rc5 36.Rb4?! h3 37.gxh3 Nd2 38.Bd3 Rxc3 39.Rd4 Rc6 40.Ke3 Nb3 41.Rd5 Nc5 42.Bb5 Re6+ 43.Kf2 Nb7 44.h4 Nd6 45.Bd7 Rf6 46.Bg4 Ne8 47.h5 g5 48.Rd8 Nd6 49.Ke3 Nf5+ 50.Ke4 Nh4 51.Ke5 Rf4 52.Rd3 Kg7 53.Ra3 Kh6 54.Ra6+ draw

Shirov, A - Hubner, R

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bd7 5.Nf3 Bc6 6.Bd3 Nc7 7.0-0 Ngf6 8.Ng3 Be7 9.b3 0-0 10.Bb2 Bxf3 11.Qxf3 c6 12.c4 Re8 13.Rfe1 Nf8 14.h4 Qc7 15.Rac1 Ng6 16.h5 Nh4! 17.Qe3 Bd6 18.Ne4! Bf4 19.Nxf6+ gxf6 20.Qe4 f5 21.Qe2 Bxc1 22.Rxc1 f6 23.g3 Kf7 24.gxh4 Qf4 25.Re1 Rg8+ 26.Kf1 Rae8 27.Qe3 Qxh4 28.Ke2 Qxh5+ 29.Kd2 Rg2 30.Re2 Qg5 31.f4 Rxe2+ 32.Bxe2 Qg2 33.Qf3 Qxf3 34.Bxf3 Kg6 35.Ke3 Rd8 36.Bc3 Kf7 37.a4 Ke7 38.a5 Kd7 39.d5 exd5 40.cxd5 cxd5 41.Bxf6 Rf8 42.Bh4 Kc6 43.Kd4 Kb5 44.Bxd5 Kxa5 45.Bxb7 Rb8 46.Bd5 h5 47.Be6 Ka6 48.Bc4+ Kb6 49.Ke5 a5 50.Kxf5 Kc5 51.Ke5 1-0

Hubner, R - Hjartarson, J English

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.g3 b6 4.Bg2 Bb7 5.0-0 c5 6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.c4 Be7 8.Nc3 d6 9.Bf4 0-0 10.Nb5 Ne8 11.Qc2 Nc6 12.Rfd1 a6 13.Nc3 Rc8 14.Qd2 Nb8 15.b3 Nd7 16.Rac1 h6 17.Ne1 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 Qc7 19.f3 Qb7 20.Ne4 Nc5 21.Nxc5 Rxc5 22.Nd3 Rc8 23.Nf2 Rd8 24.Ne4 f5 25.Nc3 Nf6 26.Qd3 Ng4 27.e4 fxe4 28.Nxe4 g5 29.h3 gxf4 30.hxg4 fxg3 31.Rh1 d5 32.Nxg3 Bf6 33.Rxh6 dxc4 34.Qg6+ Bg7 35.Ne4 Rf4 36.Rch1 1-0



New York

Following the New York Open, a category 13 round robin event was held at Pace University. Many stronger players present at the Open took the opportunity to compete here also. The event was sponsored by the US Chess Federation for the Hudson Chess Club.

Latvian-born Shirov, now resident in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, took top honours with 6½/9. Dan Edelman, with a score of 4/9, fulfilled the requirement for his third IM norm and title. Results: A Shabalov 6½/9; G Kaidanov 6; J Benjamin, A Wojtkiewicz, 5½; A Yermolenski 5; D Edelman, J Ehlvest 4; A Goldin, F Hellers 3; A Sherzer 2½.

Kaidanov, G - Sherzer, A Kings Indian

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Bg5 c5 7.d5 e6 8.Qd2 exd5 9.exd5 Qb6 10.Nf3 Bf5 11.Nh4 Bg4 12.f3 Bc8 13.0-0-0 Nbd7 14.Bh6 a6 15.g4 Ne8 16.Bxg7 Nxg7 17.Ng2 f5 18.h4 fxg4 19.fxg4 Ne5 20.h5 Rf2 21.hxg6+ Nxc4 22.gxh7+ Kh8 23.Nh4 Nh5 24.Ng6+ Kxh7 25.Rxh5+ Kg8 26.Na4 Nxd2 27.Nxb6 Rxe2 28.Nxa8 1-0

Shabalov, A - Hellers, F Grunfeld

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 d5 5.Bg5 Ne4 6.cxd5 Nxg5 7.Nxg5 e6 8.Qd2 exd5 9.Qe3+ Kf8 10.Nf3 c6 11.g3 Be6 12.Bg2 Nd7 13.0-0 Bf6 14.Qh6+ Bg7 15.Qd2 Bf6 16.Rfe1 Kg7 17.e4 dxe4 18.Rxe4 Qa5 19.Qf4 Rad8 20.h4 h6 21.Rae1 Nb6 22.Ne5 Bf5 23.R4e2 Qb4 24.Rd1 h5 25.a3 Qb3 26.Kh2 Rhe8 27.Rde1 Nc4?! 1-0

28.Ng4! hxg4 29.Rxe8 Rxe8 30.Rxe8 Qxb2 31.Ne2 Bd7 32.h5 gxh5 33.Rh8! Kxh8 34.Qxf6+ Kg8 35.Qg5+ Kh7 36.Qxh5+ Kg7 37.Qg5+ Kh7 38.Be4+ f5 39.Qe7+ Kh6 40.Qf8+ Kh7 41.Qf7+ Kh6 42.Nf4 Qxf2+ 43.Bg2 1-0

Korchnoi v Piket

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Korchnoi	½	½	1	1	½	1	1	½	6
Piket	½	½	0	0	½	0	0	½	2

Joeren Piket, the rising hope of the Dutch chess world, played in the first of ten training matches organised for him by Joop van Oosterom. These matches, which are to be played over the next few years, are designed to give him every opportunity to gain experience in match play and lead him to world championship contention level. On ratings, Korchnoi 2605 and Piket 2595 were quite evenly matched, with the ratings-predicted result 4½-3½ in a favour of Korchnoi.

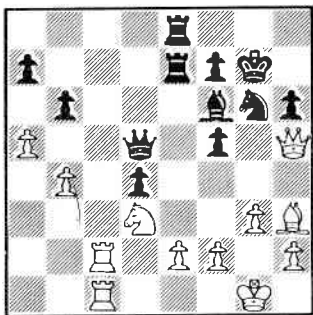
Unfortunately for Piket, 62-year-old Korchnoi, previously Piket's trainer for many years, demonstrated that ratings sometimes do not mean much in matches by overwhelming the young Dutchman 6-2.

After starting with two quiet draws, Korchnoi won games 3 and 4 and then games 6 and 7. Piket had no winning chances at all, and was lucky the final result wasn't worse. Korchnoi was an easy pawn up in game 5 as well, but in time trouble let the win slip.

Korchnoi, V - Piket, J

Game 3, Tarrasch

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.g3 Nc6 6.Bg2 Nf6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Nc3 0-0 9.Bg5 Be6 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Rc1 Bb6?! 12.b3! With the idea of 13.Bxf6 Qxf6 14.Nxd5, and b2 is not hanging. 12...d4 13.Ne4 Qe7 14.Nh4 Kh8 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Qd2 Ne5 17.Qh6 Ng6 18.Qh5 Rad8 19.Nf5 Bxf5 20.Qxf5 Kg7 21.a4 Qe5 22.Qf3 Rfe8 23.b4 f5?! 24.Ng5 Rd7 25.Qh5 h6 26.Nf3 Qe6 27.a5 Bd8 28.Rc2 Bf6 29.Ne1 Rde7 30.Nd3 b6 31.Bh3 Qb3 32.Rfe1 Qd5



33.Rc7 Bg5 If 33...Rxe2?? 34.Qxg6+! Kxg6 35.Nf4+ and wins. 34.f4 Rxc7 35.Rxc7 Bd8 36. Rxa7 bxa5 37.Bxf5 Ne7 38.Qg4+ Kh8 39.Bd7 Rg8 40.Qh3 Kh7 41.bxa5 Qe4 42.Qh5 Qe3+ Kh1 1-0

Piket, J - Korchnoi, V

Game 6, Nimzo-Indian

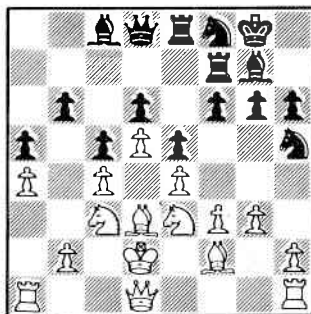
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.f3 d5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 c5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd3 b6 9.e4 Ba6 10.c4 Nc7 11.dxc5 bxc5 12.Qxd8+ Kxd8 13.Bb2 f6 14.f4 Ke7 15.0-0 Nc6 16.Nf3 Rhd8 17.Be2 Na5 18.Nd2 Rab8 19.Bc3 Nc6 20.e5 fxe5 21.fxe5 Nd4 22.Bxd4 Rxd4 23.Kc2 Bb7 24.Kc3 Bc6 25.Rhf1 Na8 26.Nb3 Re4 27.Nxc5 Rxe5 Not 27...Rxe2 28.Rd6! 28.Na6 Rc8 29.Bd3 Rh5 30.Rf4 Bb5 31.Nb4 Nb6 32.Re1 a5 33.g4 Rh3 34.Kd2 axb4 35.cxb5 Rd8 0-1

Piket, J - Korchnoi, V

Game 7, Kings Indian

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nge2 0-0 6.f3 Nbd7 7.Bg5 a6 8.Nc1 c6 9.a4 a5 10.Nb3 e5 11.d5 Qb6 12.Ra3 h6 13.Bh4 Re8

14.Bf2 c5 15.g3 Qd8 16.Bd3 b6 17.Nd2 Nf8 18.Nf1 Ra7 19.Ne3 Nh5 20.Kd2 f6 21.Ra1 Rf7



22.Nf5 Nh7 23.Nh4 f5 24.Kc2 Nf8 25.exf5 gxf5 26.f4 Nf6 27.Bxf5 exf4 28.g4 Bxf5+ 29.Nxf5 Ng6 30.Kb3 f3 31.Bg3 Nxe4 32.Nxd6 Re3 33.Nxf7 Qf6 34.Qd2 Kxf7 35.d6 Qg5 36.h4 Rxc3+ 37.Qxc3 Qf5 38.Qc2 Qe6 39.Rhf1 N6e5 40.Qe4 Bf6 41.Rad1 b5 42.Bxe5 bxa4+ 43.Ka2 Nxe5 44.d7 Nxd7 45.Qh7+ Ke8 46.Qxd7+ Qxd7 47.Rxd7 Kxd7 48.h5 Ke6 49.Rxf3 Ke5 50.Ka3 1-0

Dutch Championship

With Jan Timman unavailable for this tournament due to his re-inclusion in the world championship cycle, the field with 8 GMs and 4 IMs was open for a number of players to make their mark. Many previous champions turned out to compete in the AVRO Philips tournament held at the PSV stadium in Eindhoven.

37-year-old Paul Van der Sterren, a previous champion in 1984, convincingly won the tournament with 8½/11, two points clear of his nearest rival. He was already the winner after 9 of the 11 rounds thanks to an uninterrupted winning streak in rounds 5 to 8. Van der Sterren has been in fine form in recent months, also securing a place in the Biel Interzonal along with Ven Wely.

There was a great battle for second place, which ended in a three-way tie. Defending champion Piket could manage only fifth place. Results: P Van der Sterren 8½/11; R Cifuentes, J Van der Wiel, F Nijboer 6½; J Piket, L Riemersma 6; G Sosonko 5; J Van Mil, L Van Wely, H Hoeksema, H Ree 4½; M Martins 3.

Reimersma, L - Van Wely, L

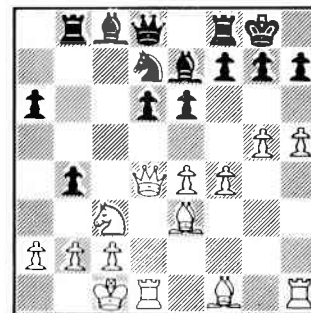
Sicilian

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e6 7.f3 b5 8.g4 h6 9.h4 Bb7 10.Bh3 b4 11.Nce2 e5 12.Nf5 g6 13.Nfg3 h5 14.gxh5 Nxh5 15.Qd2 Nc6 16.Nxh5 Rxh5 17.0-0-0 Be7 18.Bg4 Rxh4 19.Bf2 Rxh1 20.Rxh1 Bf6 21.Rh7 Qc7 22.Qh6 Qe7 23.Bh4 Kd8 24.Bxf6 Qxf6 25.Qf8+ 1-0

Riemersma, L - Martens, M

Sicilian

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.g4 Nc6 7.g5 Nd7 8.Be3 Be7 9.h4 a6 10.d2 0-0 11.0-0-0 Nxd4 12.Qxd4 Rb8 13.f4 b5 14.h5 b4



15.Nd5! exd5 16.h6 gxh6 17.Rxh6 f6 18.Qxd5+ Kg7 19.Bc4 Rb5 20.Rdh1 1-0

Van der Sterren, P - Van der Wiel, J

Queens Indian

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.b3 d5 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Bg2 Bb4+ 8.Bd2 Bxd2+ 9.Qxd2 0-0 10.Nc3 Re8 11.Ne5 Bb7 12.0-0 Na6 13.Rfd1 Qe7 14.Rac1 c5 15.e3 Nc7 16.Qb2 cxd4 17.exd4 Ne6 18.f4 Rac8 19.b4 h6 20.b5 Qd6 21.a4 Re7 22.Na2 Rec7 23.Rxc7 Rxc7 24.Nb4 Ne4 25.Nbc6 Bxc6 26.Nxc6 Nd8 27.Nxd8 Qxd8 28.Rc1 Qc8 29.Rxc7 Qxc7 30.Bf1 Qe7 31.Qb3 Nd2 32.Qxd5 Qe1 33.Qa8+ Kh7 34.Qg2 Qe3+ 35.Qf2 Nf3+ 36.Kg2 Ne1+ 37.Kg1 Nf3+ 38.Kg2 Ne1+ 39.Kg1 Nf3+ ½-½

Leko makes second GM norm

Peter Leko moved a step closer to being the youngest ever grandmaster after a great performance in the "Continente" tournament in

the northern Spain city of Leon. He showed that he is now capable of competing against top grandmaster players and has the potential to develop into a world class player. Leko finished fifth with 5½/9.

The other major surprise of the tournament was the disastrous result for Karpov. Though he did not lose any games, he looked tired and unprepared. This was his worst performance this year and may be a reflection of his preoccupation with his forthcoming match for the FIDE world championship.

Yudasin, who made the most of his luck in complicated positions, emerged the winner. His complicated style and great energy overwhelmed a number of his opponents as demonstrated by his score of 7½/9.

Results: L Yudasin (Rus) 7/9; A Vischmanavin (Rus) 6; A Karpov (Rus), V Topalov (Bul), P Leko (Hun) 5½; I Morovic (Chi) 5; M Illescas (Spn) 4½; D Garcia (Spn) 2½; A Romero (Spn) 2; M Sion (Spn) 1½.

Garcia, D - Leko, P

Benoni

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.d5 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.e4 0-0 6.Be2 b5 7.e5 Ng4 8.Bf4 b4 9.Ne4 Qb6 10.h3 Nh6 11.Qd2 Nf5 12.g4 Nd4 13.Nxd4 cxd4 14.0-0-0 a5 15.Bb6 Bxe5 16.Bxf8 Kxf8 17.f4 Bg7 18.f5 Bb7 19.Bc4 d6 20.h4 Nd7 21.fxg6 hxg6 22.h5 Ne5 23.Bd3 Bxd5 24.hxg6 Qc6 25.Ng3 Bxh1 26.Rxh1 fxe6 27.Ne4 Kg8 28.Kb1 Nxd3 29.cxd3 Qb5 30.Ka1 Rf8 31.Qg2 Qxd3 32.Ng5 Qc4 33.Qh3 Rf2 34.Rb1 d3 35.Qh7+ Kf8 36.Qh1 d5 37.Ne6+ Kf7 38.Qh7 Kxe6 39.Qxg7 d2 40.Qxg6+ Kd7 41.Qb6 Rf1 42.Qa7+ Ke8 0-1

GMs as executives

The American Banker reports that Bankers Trust is seeking to find new talent in offbeat areas. It has recently employed executives who include a former prosecuting attorney, a former art historian, and two chess grandmasters. The company is said to be in the vanguard in the human resources field and has an estimated management turnover rate of only 5 percent, substantially less than the average in the banking industry.

NZCF Council Report

by Ted Frost, NZCF Secretary

Rapid Championships

Following the introduction of the NZ Rapid Championship and Wanganui CC's request to conduct an inaugural North Island Rapid Championship, Otago CC has followed up by seeking permission to replace its Labour Weekend tournament, which had been attracting limited support, with an inaugural South Island Rapid Championship. Council has approved this proposal, but has pointed out to both Wanganui and Otago that the approval relates to this year only and that future policy for these two events, including the location, will be the subject of further consultation with affiliates.

Tournament levies

Treasurer Rowan Wood has submitted a paper to council outlining ways in which tournament levies might be reviewed. One of the factors considered is the level of tournament levies which should apply to rapid tournaments. Other financial matters have also been considered by council, including requests for assistance for school pupils taking part in the national schoolpupil finals.

Otago CC has also suggested that qualifying events for the national schoolpupils' final be considered from outside the four main centres, and following the award of schoolgirl titles in Auckland and Dunedin, the Tournament Committee has given preliminary consideration to establishment of a national schoolgirls' championship.

Council has decided that the substance of the treasurer's paper be incorporated in a paper and questionnaire on federation funding and tournament activity, including junior and team events, to be prepared and circulated to affiliates.

Australian Masters tournament

Council has welcomed an invitation from Australia for players seeking IM norms to compete in a Masters' Tournament in Melbourne, and it was agreed that players with active FIDE ratings of 2300 be asked to advise their availability, with nominations to be considered by the selectors.

Reserve Championship

Otago CC has proposed that to avoid entry hassles, the NZ Reserve Championship be abolished, and that once the NZ Championship field is established, all other players be eligible to play in the Major Open. This proposal has been referred to the Tournament Committee for consideration in the handbook review which is being undertaken.

Hillary Commission grant

NZCF has lodged its annual application for funds to the Hillary Commission, in addition to seeking a grant for the 1994 Olympiad, support for participation in the Asian teams tournament in the alternating years has also been requested. Further support for the chess-in-schools programme has also been requested, including assistance in conducting regional seminars for coaches.

FIDE rating

Council has expressed disquiet at the FIDE decision to remove the names of Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short from the FIDE rating list, because of the potential damage this could do to FIDE itself.

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Auckland Chess Centre Meets Mondays 7.15pm, 17 Cromwell St, Mt Eden, Auckland 1003. Tel (09)360-2042 club-room.

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