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INSIDE STORY

It is with some regret that we announce that this is probably the last Inside Story. The editor was not nominated on to council at the 1992-93 annual general meeting and is no longer privy to the doings on council. New secretary. Ted Frost, has sent in a report which appears on pages 23 and 24.

What to do with this space, now, is the problem. We would appreciate suggestions from readers. One thing that has occurred to us is a tournament calendar.

Something we do know is that this issue is going to be later than we like. You may see it about mid-February.

Jottings and fillers

Did you know there are less than 700 registered chessplayers in New Zealand while some metropolitan bridge clubs have more members?

"Chess is a thinking game: People don't like to think" -Charles Wilson, on chess numbers.

Thanks to a discovery by **Brian Foster of NZCS**, all the minute books of Wellington Chess League are now with the Turnbull Library.

McNair Surveys Ltd are continually updating their research into players and supporters of sports and leisure activities. This is for the benefit of news media but chess is not even on their list.

Last we heard of **Anthony Ker** came from **Greg Aldridge** who visited Jakarta recently. Anthony, seeded 16/19, lost the first two games, drew the third, then won and drew to reach 2/5.

Bill Ramsay

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EDITORIAL

Readers who have spoken with the editor may be aware of his belief that a one-man-band does not make good music. It may then come as a surprise to read that the editor is a little apprehensive about the recent appointment of an editorial board.

It was established by council at the first meeting of 1993 and four appointees, including the editor, were selected. It has been given the grand title of "board" but it sounds like a committee.

We mention this as it is the first time that an editor of New Zealand Chess has had the support, assistance or guidance of a group of councillors specified in this way.

The first meeting of the board is scheduled after production of this issue so readers will not know the aims and intentions of the board till the April issue reaches them. However, if those aims etc are the same as the objects of the federation, the readers should have little to worry about.

Recent research in the business field has suggested that the "brainstorming sessions" in vogue during the 1970s and 1980s may not have been as productive as was then thought. It has been alleged by the people running these studies that individuals appear to produce more viable ideas while groups, boards or committees tend to get bogged down in a sea of proposals.

Of course, there are committees and committees. They can range from the pandemonium of the round table sort to the symphony of an orchestra with a conductor. Most organisations, even government, are run on a committee basis so it is difficult to downplay the committee approach. In fact, without groupings, our lives, our standards, our achievements would be non-existent.

Nevertheless, it pays to keep in mind that many of the best ideas and the greatest advances in our history have been promoted by individuals, working alone and sometimes, in the face of adversity.

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RJIRJI**RJI**RJI** 100TH NEW ZEALAND CHESS CONGRESS J. D. Sarfati (FM)

New Zealand became the first country in the world to hold its 100th national chess congress. It was organised by the Wellington Chess Club Inc. (est. 1876), in particular the President, Tim Frost, and his father Ted, the Secretary/Treasurer, who both worked very hard to make the congress successful.

Another big incentive for the players was the usual generous sponsorship of \$6000 from RJI. Sir Robert Jones is patron of the NZ Chess Federation. The assembly hall of Queen Margaret's College, a private girls' school in Thorndon made a good venue. Bob Gibbons (IA) and Tim Frost were the efficient arbiter and deputy arbiter respectively.

Another innovation was the first NZ Rapid (30/30) Championship held as an 11-round Swiss held in the two days after the main tournaments finished. This arrangement was popular with most players. RJI donated a handsome trophy for the tournament.

The number of players in the Championship, Reserve, Major Open and Women's Championship totalled 98, a pleasing turnout. The Rapid Championship attracted 68, some of whom did not play in the main events.

100th NZ Chess Championship

The Championship lacked last year's winner and runner up, but it was still fairly strong, with two IMs and four FMs, including five former champions and a correspondence IM. NB: in the following commentary, the first named player in a game has White unless otherwise stated.

Round 1: A big upset occurred when top seed Vernon Small (IM) lost in 21 moves to Peter Stuart (NM) because of weak central squares and back rank. This was Stuart's only win of the tourney, as he seemed unusually blunder prone. (This is a good moment to bring up the controversial subject of luck in

chess. A player who blunders in a good position is not really the victim of bad luck, rather, he made a bad move. However, his opponent is truly the beneficiary of good luck. And when an otherwise good player is in blundering form, there is a lottery element in who are the beneficiaries.)

Ortvin Sarapu (IM) and Anthony Ker (FM) exchanged pieces quickly and drew. Steven Lukey repulsed CM Robert Smith's unsound piece sac to win. Tony Love allowed Russell Dive (FM) to exchange his way out of a cramped position and draw. Jonathan Sarfati (FM) had pressure against Graeme Spain but did not exploit it, so a draw resulted. Nigel Metge also let Mark Noble (FM, ICCM) off the hook, and finally conceded a draw after fruitless attempts to win with B+N νs N.

Round 2: Dive beat Sarapu when the latter castled into the Q-side attack. Noble did not calculate far enough against Small and lost. Sarfati ground down Love in a queenless middlegame followed by a Rook endgame. Stuart outplayed Lukey completely then fell for a mating attack in mutual time pressure, giving Lukey the sole lead with 2/2. Ker and Metge had a fascinating draw, and Spain's attack won a pawn and the game from Smith.

Round 3: Sarapu and Sarfati had a short draw. Metge miscalculated against Dive, and Small and Ker agreed a draw in a position with mutual chances. Love had the Bishop pair and a space advantage against Spain but Spain held on. Lukey beat Noble brilliantly in a queenless middlegame, and Smith outplayed Stuart in the middlegame, but slipped up in the endgame to allow a draw.

Round 4: Small, playing Black, sacrificed a pawn to stop Dive developing his K-side, and Dive's propitiatory Queen sac was inadequate. Ker and Lukey had a hard-fought

draw, as did Love and Sarapu. Sarfati exposed the weaknesses of Metge's gxf6 Caro-Kann, Noble's K-side attack overcame Smith's King's Indian, and Spain cleverly made his enterprising piece sac work against Stuart's unusual handling of the Morra gambit.

Leaders: Lukey 4; Sarfati, Spain 3

Round 5: Small and Sarfati had a quick draw, as both players thought their own positions were worse. Smith - Ker and Spain - Sarapu were fighting draws. Metge tried too hard to win on the Q-side after Love had gained adequate play from his Benko, so Love's King cleaned up the K-side pawns and pushed his own through for victory. Lukey gained a winning Q-side advantage against Dive, but allowed Dive to erect a fortress strong enough to draw. However, Lukey made a suicidal winning attempt, giving Dive a lucky full point.

Round 6 Spain - Noble and Sarfati - Lukey were short draws. Sarapu won material and the game from Metge, Ker received Stuart's piece donation gratefully, to score his first win. Love also gratefully took Small's Rook when it was left hanging. Dive had a big plus against Smith, but rushed things in time pressure, and lost on time in a badly compromised position.

Round 7: Smith, not liking his position after Sarfati equalised against his Scotch, agreed a quick draw. Metge did not manage to refute Spain's outlandish opening (1 d4 e6 2 e4 d6 3 Nf3 h6), and the game ended in repitition. Noble misplayed a winning attack against Ker, who turned the tables. Small could not penetrate Sarapu's blockade, so drew in 36. Lukey's e-pawn sac against Love's Benko proved unsound, as did Stuart's pawn blunder against Dive. The tourney was rather bunched up now, as Lukey had lost some of his momentum.

Round 8: Dive overwhelmed Noble on the K-side after Noble fell into a well known bad variation of the Nimzo. Metge allowed a sudden K-side attack by Small which won material, while Sarapu exploited Lukey's pawn weaknesses. Spain attacked Ker's K-side, but

his Q-side was left weak and this cost him pawns and the game. Sarfati played the same opening against Stuart as against Love, but Stuart managed to equalise. Love blundered a pawn in the opening against Smith but managed to draw after 110 moves.

Round 9: Stuart and Love exchanged pieces and drew quickly, while Ker and Dive had a strange and difficult draw. Smith's Bishop pair and superior pawn structure overcame Sarapu, while Lukey repelled Metge's exchange sacrifice. Small allowed Spain to get a winning K-side attack, which was grossly misplayed in time pressure giving Small a win.

Noble played a vicious prepared line against Sarfati, who was foolish enough to repeat the Marshall Attack variation which had brought him victory in the Netway tournament last year. But Noble mistakenly swapped into a Rook endgame where Sarfati's active Rook compensated for the three pawn deficit, and game reached the theoretically drawn R+RP+BP vs R endgame which was drawn in 112 moves - the longest game of the tourney. (NB: The RP and BP have to be on the same side for the draw. I know one player who headed for R vs R + c-pawn + h-pawn and was puzzled when he lost)

Round 10: Sarapu - Stuart and Love - Noble were drawn in 15-20 moves, while Metge and Smith lasted 60. Small gained a big advantage against Lukey, but allowed a well played counterattack which gained the point when Small sacrificed a Rook unsoundly. Spain played the drawish Morphy line of the Petrov, but Dive found a way to apply pressure, and Spain finally cracked and blundered after resumption. Sarfati gained a big plus against Ker, refused two draw offers, failed to find the decisive blow, drifted into equality, then slight inferiority, and finally blew it in time pressure.

Leaders before the last round: Dive and Ker 7, Love and Lukey 6, Sarfati and Small 5.5.

<u>Round 11:</u> Dive and Ker, playing White against Sarfati and Love respectively, were each keenly observing their rival's game. Dive wasted several tempi with his KN in his

favourite anti-King's Indian system, then opened the h-file for his opponent. Ker, correctly judging that Dive was not better, agreed a quick draw with Love, whereupon Dive also offered a draw. But Sarfati declined, opened a second front, and Dive shed a pawn under severe time and positional pressure, and with it a share of the Championship. This win gave Sarfati a share of 4th and 5th prizes with Love.

Lukey caught Dive for 2nd place with a quick win over Spain, who mishandled his favourite Chigorin Queen's Gambit. Smith's Closed Sicilian ceded a small advantage to Small, but not enough to win, so Small finished 6th. Stuart tried to grind out an optically better Rook endgame against Metge, but conceded a draw some time after Prizegiving. Noble had chances with his B-pair against Sarapu's Nimzo, but the game was drawn.

Anthony Ker, who won his third NZ Championship, was the only undefeated player in the Championship. Lukey showed that his South Island successes were not flukes, and former Olympian Love showed that last year's last place was an aberration. The two IMs Sarapu and Small were well below their best form. Spain collapsed in the last few rounds after a fine start.

NZ 5 Minute Chess Championship

The annual Blitz championship was held on New Year's Eve. The field was divided into three preliminary fourteen player Round Robins, and the top two from each were to proceed to a Round Robin final, with preliminary scores discounted.

However, after the preliminaries were finished the arbiters decided to let three players in from two of the groups (on principle, it is highly improper to change conditions part-way through a tournament, unless *all* players agree).

Sarfati won the final and a copy of Ortvin Sarapu's autobiography (when published).

Group A: RJ Dive 12, PW Stuart 11, [S Lukey 8.5, P Dunn 7.5, A Compton etc.]

Group B: AF Ker 12.5, H. Uber (GER) 12, RW Smith 11, [P Abrahamson 9.5, etc.]

Group C: JD Sarfati 12.5, O Sarapu 11.5, P M^cKenzie 11, [M Vincent 9.5, etc.]

Final: JD Sarfati 6; H Uber, AF Ker, RW Smith 4, R Dive 3.5, O Sarapu 3, P McKenzie 2.5, P Stuart 1

The tourney was run well by Rowan Wood, assisted by Brent Southgate.

1st NZ Rapid Chess Championship

This tournament was the first to seed players according to the new Rapid rating list.

Russell Dive profited from generous opponents (Lukey gave him 15 minutes, Sarapu the exchange, Sarfati a Knight, and Garbett a Queen), to gain a big lead. Even a loss to Stuart did not close the gap enough, so Dive won the first NZ Rapid Championsip with 9/11 and \$400 after holding off Mark Noble in the last round. Sarfati could only get within half a point, to gain the second prize of \$250.

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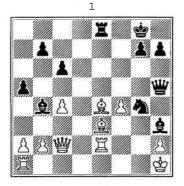
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Overall, the 100th Congress was a brilliant success - a credit to the organisers. The only minor flaw didn't affect me personally, so I can comment objectively: the Reserve's first prize and total prize fund was only as much as the Major Open's, despite the higher entry fee for the former. The reason was that the M.O. had many more players, and it was thought to be unfair that they were supposedly subsidising the Reserve's prizemoney. The reasoning is fallacious: it amounts to penalising the Reserve players for their strength (since they might be refused entry to the M.O.) and for the NZCF Rule which restricts their number to 12. The number of players does not correlate with the strength of the tourney. Reserve winners have 11 hard games, while M.O. winners have several relatively easy games at the start of a Swiss, so the former need a greater incentive to compete.

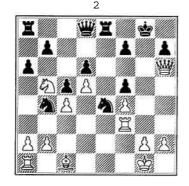
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Round 1: 1.d4 &f6 2.c4 g6 3. &c3 d5 4.cxd5 &xd5 5.e4 &xc3 6.bxc3 &g7 7.&c4 0-0 8.&e2 c5 9.0-0 &c6 10.&e3 &g4 11.f3 &s 12.&xf7+ &xf7 13.fxg4 &xf1+ 14.&xf1 &d6 15.e5 &d5 16.&f2 &=f8 17.&g1 &c4 18.g5 &f7 19.&g3? &e3 20.&b3? [20.&xg2! &21.&xg2 &&f3+-+] &20...c4 &21.e6 &[21.&b1 &d5-+] &ff1+0-1

Ker, A - Metge, N [A81] Round 2: 1.d4 f5 2.q3 af6 3. Ag2 e6 4.2h3 Ae7 5.0-0 0-0 6. c4 d6 7.0c3 ₩e8 8.0f4 c6 9.e4 fxe4 10.0xe4 0xe4 11.0xe4 e5 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.0d3 Ah3 14. 且e1 2d7 15. ₩c2 ₩h5 16. ⊈e3 a5 17.f4 [Looks very strong, but Black has counterplay] 17... Hae8 18.fxe5 0xe5 19.0f4 [19. 9xe5 \text{\text{\text{\$\exiting{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\}}\$}\text{\$\}\$}}}\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\exititit{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\}}}}\$}}}}\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\}}}}}\$}}\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\te has the dangerous threat of Qc5] 19... \(\mathbb{Z}\)xf4! 20.gxf4 [20. 22.Axf3 Axe3!-+) 2q4 22.Ae2 ರಿf2+ 23.\\\xxf2 \\\xxf2 \\xxf2 \\\xxf2 \\xxf2 \ #xh7 25. #xf2 #e4+ 26. #g1 ₩xc4] 20... 2g4 21. \$\text{\$\text{\$h}\$1 \$\text{\$\text{\$b}\$4 22.} ¤e2



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Metge,N - Dive,R [E77]
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0-0 7.0f3 e6 8.de2 exd5 9.
exd5 [9.cxd5] 9... He8 10.0-0
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[The doubled fs are hard to attack, and they control e4 and restrict the &c1] 13.0h4
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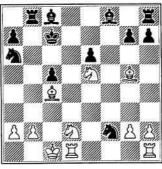
21.0xd6 [White didn't calculate the combination far enough] 21...\daggreyxd6 22.\daggregg3+\daggreyxd6 \daggregete=24.\daggreyf2 \daggreye4+0-1

Lukey,S - Noble,M [E10]
Round 3: 1.d4 \(\) 16 2.c4 e6 3.
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Dive, R - Small, V [E32] Round 4: 1.d4 2f6 2.c4 e6 3. െc3 ഇb4 4. dc2 0-0 5. ac5 h6 6. Ah4 d5 7.cxd5 exd5 8.a3 Axc3+ 9.\psixc3 q5 10.\pmag3 c5!? 11.\pmixc5 ១៤6 12.f3 [Looks horrible] 12... Äe8 13. Äd1 åd7 14.h4 b6! 15. #c1 ah5 16. #f2 #c8 17. #d2 a5 18.hxg5 ac4 19.\c1 ae3 20. Axh5 Exc1 21. Exc1 hxq5 22. q4 f6 23.@xe3 Exe3 24.\f2 Eb3 25.Ac2 de8 26.Ah1 dq6 27.e4 dxe4! 28.2c4+ 2f7 29.2xb3 ₩xd4+ 30.₩g2 @xb3 31.\c8+ \@g7 32.\(\mathbb{Z}\)c7+\(\mathbb{L}\)f7 33.\(\mathbb{Z}\)xa7 \(\mathbb{D}\)g6 34. 月h2 exf3+ 35.0xf3 [At last White completes his development] 35... #xg4+ 36. \$f2 Qd5 0-1

Spain,G - Stuart,P [B21]
Round 4: 1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.
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6.\(\text{0c4}\) e6 7.0-0 \(\text{0e7}\) e7 8.\(\text{we2}\) a6
9.\(\text{Ed1}\) b5 10.\(\text{0b3}\) \(\text{Ea7}\)?! 11.\(\text{Qe3}\)
\(\text{Ed7}\) 12.\(\text{0xb5}\)!? axb5 13.\(\text{wxb5}\)
\(\text{0b7}\) 14.\(\text{Qa4}\) e5?! 15.\(\text{Eac1}\) \(\text{0f6}\)

16. ₩c4 ᡚb8 17. ₩b3! 0-0 [17... Aa8 18.Ab6+-} 18.Axd7 ₩xd7 19.5xe5 #e6 20. #xb7 dxe5 21. a4 [The two connected passed fis are too strong] 21...294 22. a7 ag5 23. ac3 ta6 24. txa6 27.b4 2f6 28.b5 2b8 29.b6 Afd7 30.b7 He8 31.Hc8 \$f8 32. 用d3 Ae7 33.用dc3 Aa6 34.用xe8+ \$\psi xe8 35.\mathbb{ 37.1xb8 1xb8 38.1xb8 \$d7 39. Äb5 åc7 40.♥f1 ♥c6 41.♥e2 f6 42. \dd \db 6 43.f3 \dd 44.h3 Ab6 45.\$c4 Af2 46.\$b8 Ae3 47. 用**h8** 1-0

Sarfati, J D - Metge, N [B16] Round 4: 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3. 9c3 dxe4 4.9xe4 9f6 5.9xf6+ gxf6 6.5f3 4g4 7.4e2 ₩c7 8. Ae3 e6 9.\d2 \d7 10.\df4 \d6 11.4xd6 \psixd6 12.c4 0-0-0 13. 0-0-0 [Less risky than 0-0. Now Black has little to show for his ft weaknesses 13... Ehg8 14.h3 Af5 15.ah4 Ae4 16. Ehg1 \$b8 17. \$e3 Ag6 18.f4! f5 19.q4 [Exploiting Black's badly placed Al 19...fxg4 20. hxq4 \(\text{16}? \) [20...f6±] 21.\(\text{#e5} \) 23.Axd1 De4 24.f5 exf5 25. gxf5 ᡚg3 26.fxg6 ᡚxe2+ 27.ਊd2 9f4 28.qxf7 \Bf8 29.\Bf1 \Bxf7 30.e6 \(\text{\textsuperscript{30.e6}}\) \(\text{21.0xg6}\) 1 ~ 0

Stuart,P - Noble,M F [E15] Round 5: 1.d4 &f6 2.&f3 e6 3. c4 b6 4.g3 &a6 5.b3 d5 6.&g2 dxc4 7.&e5 &b4+ 8.&d2?

(diagram 4)

[8.\$f1] 8...cxb3! 9.axb3 [9. Axb4 b2 10.\$\d2 bxa1\$\tilde{\

33.h4 h5 34.\dagger e3 \dd 35.\dagger e4 耳d1 36.♥f4 耳d5 37.♥e4 耳d2 38. \$e3 \(\bar{2}\)d1 39.\$e4 b5 40.f3 b4 41.\(\mathbb{Z}\)c8 \(\mathbb{Z}\)b1 42.\(\mathbb{Z}\)a8 \(\mathbb{Z}\)xb3 43. ≅xa5 ≅a3 44.≅b5 b3 45.\$d4 b2 46. \Bb6+ \end{ab}6+ \end{ab}67 47. \end{ab}e4 \Ba2 48. \sign4 51.h5 Ha3+ 52. ff2 g5 53.h6 Ea8 54. \$xf3 \$f6 55. Eb6+ \$f5 56.h7 f6 57.\(\mathbb{\pi}\)b7 \(\partial\)g6 58.\(\partial\)g4 国h8 59. 国b6 国xh7 60. 国a6 国h4+ 61. ₽g3 [Resigning was a stronger move than adjourning] 61... \are f4 62.\are a8 且e4 63.曾f3 曾f5 64.且a5+ 且e5 65. \(\mathbb{A}\)a8 \(\mathbb{A}\)b5 66. \(\mathbb{A}\)a3 \(\mathbb{A}\)4+ 67. \(\mathbb{A}\)\(\mathbb{A}\)3 \$\psi 68.\maxbb a8 \maxbb b3+ 69.\maxbb f2 f5 70. 且a4 □b2+ 71. □f1 f4 72. □a8 □h4 73.\(\mathbb{A}\)a3 f3 74.\(\mathbb{A}\)a8 \(\mathbb{A}\)g3 75.\(\mathbb{A}\)a1 耳h2 0-1

Lukey, S - Love, T [A57] Round 7: 1.d4 2f6 2.c4 c5 3. d5 b5 4.2f3 d6 5.cxb5 a6 6. e4? axe4 7. #a4 af6 8. ac3 q6 9.bxa6+ Ad7 10. th4 h6 11. Ad3 Ag7 12.0-0 0xa6 13.He1 9b4 14. 2e4 2xd3 15. 2xf6+ \$f8 16. 12xd7+ \dagger xd7 17.\alpha e2 \dagger xc1 18. Exc1 Exa2 19. #c4 Ea4 20. #c2 Ab4 21.b3 Af6 22.h4 \$q7 23.h5 [Desperation] 23...\forall f5 24.\forall d1 [Exchanging was also hopeless] 24... #xh5 25. 2h2 ∄d4 26. ₩f1 ₩xd5 27.f4 ∄d2 28. f3 Exe2 29. exe2 Ea8 30. Ed1 ₩xb3 31.f5 \(\mathbb{A}\)a2 32.\(\alpha\)d2 \(\mathbb{A}\)g3 33. fxg6 fxg6 34.0f1 Exe2 35.0xg3 用a2 36. \$\pmu\$h2 \$\text{de5} 37. \$\pmu\$h3 \$\pmu\$a3 38. \$h4 \(\Delta xg3 + 39.\) \$g4 \(h5 + 40.\) \$g5 ⊈e5 0-1

Dive,R - Noble,M [E25] Round 8: 1.d4 of6 2.c4 e6 3. 2c3 4b4 4.a3 4xc3+ 5.bxc3 c5 6.f3 d5 7.cxd5 exd5? [Even Capablanca and Fischer couldn't hold such positions. Black's A structure is too rigid, while White can break in the centre with e4, and expand on the \$\pside \ 8.e3 ⊈f5 9.2e2 2c6 10.2f4 0-0 11. q4 Ae6 12.h4 用e8 13.常f2 增d6 14. 4d3 De7 15. ₩g1 Dd7 16. 4d2 Hac8 17. #b1 g6 18.h5 Hc6? 19. hxg6 fxg6 20. Exh7! \$\prec{1}{21}\$. Axg6+ \$\psig8 22.Axe8 \beta 6 23.\psic2 ᡚ£6 24.⊈g6 c4 25.g5 ᡚd7 26. Exe6 29.£f5 0xf5 30. ₩xf5+ ₩e7 31.\(\mathbb{H}\)h7+\(\psi\)d6 32.\(\psi\)f7 \(\psi\)a4 33.e4 #c6 34.4f4+ 1-0

Sarapu, O - Lukey, S [C15] Round 8: 1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3. ac3 Ab4 4.Ad2 [Typical of Sarapu to choose a line of Keres, his fellow Estonian] 4...dxe4 5. ₩q4 ᡚf6? [5...₩xd4 6.0-0-0 h5! 7.\dg3!=\ 6.\dg7 Ξg8 7.\\h6 \Oc6 8.0-0-0 \\epsicolumber 9. f3 0xd4 10.0xe4 0xd2+ 11.0xd2 14.ଥf3 f6 [To stop ଥe5, but it weakens fe6] 15.g3 Ac6 16. Ag2 b6 17. ₩c3 Ab7 18. Ahe1 0-0-0 19. 🕆 b3 Age8 20. Ah3 กe4 21.\Bxd8+ \Bxd8 22.\Bxe6+ \Bxe6 23.\(\text{xe6+} \text{\$\text{b8}} 24.\(\text{0h4} \) \(\text{0d6} \) 25. ②f5 ②e4 26. ac4 a5 27. ac7 h6 28.4d3 Oc5 29.4f5 Ad5 30.h4 a4 31.a3 b5 32.h5 \$a7 33.4q6 Ac8 34.0e8 Ad4 35.0xf6 Ac4 36.2d5 2b3+ 37.\$b1 2d2+ 38. ♥a1 c5 39.Ad3 Ad4 40.ac3 Ab3+ 41.\$\psi_a2 \psi_b6 42.\text{\text{\$\exitit{\$\xrighta}\$}}}} \exitting \ext{\$\text{\$\exitit{\$\ext{\$\text{\$\text{\$\x\circ{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\exitit{\$\text{\$\}\$}}\$}}}}}}} \exitting_{\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\}\$}}}}} 1xa4 1q4 44.1e8 1f3 45.1e7 Af5 46.0a4+ 1-0

Spain,G - Ker,A [B07]
Round 8: 1.e4 d6 2.d4 0f6 3.
0c3 g6 4.0g5 0bd7 5.\d2 c6 6.
f4 \d7 7.0f3 0g7 8.0e2 b5 9.
a3 a6 10.e5 0d5 11.0xd5 [11.
0e4] 11...cxd5 12.0-0 0b6 13.
b3 [Weakening] 13...0f5 14.c3

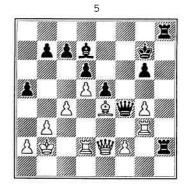
17.f5 Hac8 18.4g4 Hc6 19.Hf2 Ee2? #xa3 23. #a2? £xd4+! 24. \$\h1 \psi xa2 25.\pri xa2 \textit{2xc3 26.fxg6} **f5?!** [26...hxq6-+] **27.qxh7**+ 30.4e2 Da7 31.Ad1 Axf3 32. gxf3 e6 33.Ae3 Af7 34.f4? Ed7? 35.4xa7! Exa7 36.4xb5 [Now Black is only one ft up, and has to work for the point. With the As White's weak pawns cost him, despite the opposite 4s] 36...\Bb6 37.\Qa4 \Bb4 38.\Bf2 且q7 39.且d3 且e4 40.且h3+ 曾q8 41. \(\bar{B}\)hf3 \(\bar{B}\)e1+ 42. \(\bar{B}\)f1 \(\bar{B}\)xf1+ 43. 46. \$g2 \$f7 47. \Bf3 \Qe3 48. \$f1 d4 49. e1 ef6 50. ed1 e7 51. h4? \(\mathbb{G}\)c1+ 52.\(\mathbb{G}\)e2 \(\mathbb{H}\)h1 53.\(\mathbb{D}\)b5 ∃xh4 54.2c4 ∃xf4-+ 55.∃h3 ¤f2+ 56. \$d1 e5 57. ¤h7+ \$d6 58.Aa7 e4 59.Aa6+ \$e7 60.Aa7+ \$£6 0-1

Smith, R W - Sarapu, O [C45] Round 9: 1.e4 e5 2.0f3 0c6 3. d4 exd4 4.2xd4 2f6 5.2xc6 bxc6 6.e5 #e7 7.#e2 2d5 8.c4 \$b4+?! 9.2d2 2f4 10.\$e4 2e6 **4e7 14.∆e4 0-0 [14...∆**d4**] 15.** Ad2 \$b6 16.4c3 \$d4 17.4d3 f5 18.exf6 4xf6 19. ₩h3 h6 20. Axq2 22. \$xq2 \$f3+] 21... \$q5 22. #g3 #xg3 23.hxg3 \(\mathbb{A}\)ae8 24. b4!± 0e6 25.4g6 Ad8 26.bxc5 Aa6 27. Ee4 ag5? 28. Ee7+- Ef6 29.4xf6 gxf6 30.\dd1 4xc4 31. Exc7 a5 34.f4 De6 35.Af7+ \$f8 36.4xe6 4xe6 37.\(\mathbb{A}\)a7 \(\mathbb{A}\)e8 38. Ēxa5 ♥d7 39.Ēa7+ ♥c6 40.Ēa6+ 1-0

Lukey, S - Spain, G [D07]
Round 11: 1.d4 d5 2.c4 \(\) c6 3.
\(\) c3 dxc4 4.\(\) f3 \(\) f6 5.\(\) g5 a6
6.d5 \(\) a5? 7.\(\) a4+ c6 8.\(\) b4! b5
9.\(\) xa5+-\(\) xa5 10.\(\) bxa5 \(\) xd5
11.\(\) d2 \(\) f5 12.\(\) d4 \(\) d4 7 13.\(\) c2
e5 14.\(\) a3 \(\) e6 16.\(\) g2
e5 14.\(\) a5 \(\) e6 16.\(\) g2
17.\(\) 0-0 \(\) fd8 18.\(\) fd1 \(\) ab8
19.e4 \(\) f6 20.\(\) b4 \(\) fde8 21.\(\) e3

©d7 22.f4 f6? 23.f5 <u>Ф</u>f7 24. Джd7 1-0

Dive, R - Sarfati, J D [E70] Round 11: 1.c4 2f6 2.2c3 q6 3.e4 d6 4.d4 Aq7 5.Qqe2 Dbd7 6.293 [Dive's favourite line. However, the 1/s scope is restricted by the Black As] 6...e5 7.d5 h5 8.4q5? [8.h4] 8...h4 9.2ge2 a5 10.2g1 [Wow] 10...公c5 11.世c2 Eh5 12.全d2 Ah6 [To exchange this bad A for the enemy good 4] 13.4xh6 Exh6 14.0f3 2d7 15.2e2 \$f8 16.0-0-0 \$g7 17.g3? [allows Black to seize the h-file with his next move] 17...2q4! 18. \(\text{H}\) ff1 [Forced] 18...hxg3 Oxh2 Axh2 22.4d1 Ah3 Ito stop f4] 23.\(\mathbb{Z}\)e1 \(\mathbb{Z}\)ah8 24.b3 \(\mathbb{Z}\)g5 25. Af3 Ah2 26. b2 A8h3 27. Ag1 f5 [Opening a second front] 28. #d1 #f6 29.#e2 \ \ h8 30.exf5 Axf5 31.g4? [Weakening the ft and the square f4] 31...2d7 32.2e4 2xe4 33.2xe4 ₩f4 34. Ξσ3?



1993 NZ WOMEN'S CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

By Bob Smith

Traditionally it has been difficult to attract players to a women's chess championship held at Christmas and this year was no exception but it went ahead, albeit with just seven contestants.

Clear favourites were the reigning champion, Fenella Foster, and runner-up Vivian Smith, both of Auckland. With a rating advantage of more than 500 points over the others, their individual game was expected to decide this year's champion.

Unfortunately for Fenella, fate pitted her against Vivian in the first round. Fenella had not played much chess recently and really needed a chance to warm up before the crucial clash. She played much below her best against Vivian, who played steadily to clinch victory.

The win virtually assured Vivian of the title providing she kept her nerve against much weaker opposition in the ensuing five rounds.

Many games were marred by errors or outright blunders but here are some of the better efforts, plus the decisive game of the tournament.

V Smith v C Tan

1 e4 Nf6 2 e5 Nd5 3 d4 d6 4 Nf3 g6 5 Bc4 dxe5 6 Nxe5 Bg7?
7 Qf3 (Nxf7) Bxe5?! (Be6) 8 Bxd5 Bf6 9 Bxb7 Bxb7 10 Qxb7 Nd7
11 c3 c5 12 dxc5 0-0 13 0-0 Nxc5 14 Qf3 Qc7 15 Bf4 e5 16
Be3 Bg7 17 Bxc5 Qxc5 18 Nd2 f5 19 Nb3 Qb6 20 Rad1 Rad8 21
Qe2 a5 22 Qc4+ Kh8 23 Qc5 Qe6 24 Qc7 Rc8 25 Qd7 Qf6 26
Nxa5 Rfd8 27 Qb5 h5 28 Nb3 Qg5 29 Qb7 Rb8 30 Qc7 Rbc8 31
Qb7 e4 32 Nd4 Qf6 33 Nc6 Rxc6 34 Rxd8+ Kh7 35 Rfd1 Rb6 36
Qd5 Rxb2 37 c4 Rxa2 38 c5 Qb2 39 Qd2 Qa3 40 Qc1 Bb2 41
R1d7+ Bg7 42 Qxa3 Rxa3 43 c6 Ra1+ 44 Rd1 Rxd1+ 45 Rxd1
Be5 46 Rd7+ Kh6 47 c7 Bxc7 48 Rxc7 and later 1-0.

F Foster v A Cater

1 e4 e5 2 Bc4 Bc5 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 d3 0-0 5 f4 d6 6 Nf3 Nc6 7 f5 Na5 8 Qe2 Nxc4 9 dxc4 Bb4 10 Bd2 b6 11 a3 Bxc3 12 Bxc3 Bb7 13 Nd2 Qd7 14 0-0-0 Qc6 15 Rde1 Nd7 16 g4 Nc5 17 f6 g6 18 Qe3 Ne6 19 Qh6 Rfd8 20 Re3 1-0.

Z Kingston v A Cater

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Nf6 4 Nc3 Bb4 5 0-0 0-0 6 Nd5 Nxd5 7 Bxd5 d6 8 d3 Bg4 9 h3 Bh5 10 g4 Bg6 11 Bg5 Qd7 12 Nh4 Kh8 13 Be3 Qe7 14 Ng2 f6 15 Qe2 Bf7 16 Bxf7 Qxf7 17 c3 Ba5 18 f4 Bb6 19 fxe5 dxe5 20 Rf3 Qe6 21 Raf1 Qxa2 22 g5 Qe6

23 Kh2 Rf7 24 gxf6 gxf6 25 Nh4 Ne7 26 Rg3 Rg8 27 Rxg8+ Kxg8 28 Bh6 f5 29 Qg2+ Kh8 30 Qg5 fxe4 31 dxe4 Ng8 (...Be3!) 32 Rxf7 Qxf7 33 Nf5 Nxh6 34 Qxh6 Qg8?? 35 Qf6+ 1-0.

V Smith v F Foster

1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 g6 3 Bf4 Bg7 4 e3 c5 5 c3 cxd4?! 6 exd4 d5 7 Bd3 Nc6 8 0-0 Bg4?! 9 h3 Bd7 10 Re1 0-0 11 Nbd2 a6 12 Ne5 Nh5 13 Nxc6 Bxc6 14 Be3 Qc7 15 Nf3 f6? 16 g4 e5?! (...Nf4) 17 gxh5 e4 18 hxg6 exd3 19 gxh7+ Kxh7 20 Qxd3+ f5 21 Ng5+ Kh8 22 Ne6 Qf7 23 Nxf8 Rxf8 24 Bf4 Qh5 25 Kh2 Bf6 26 Qe2 Qh4 27 Qf3 Be8 28 Re6 Qh7 29 Rg1 Bh5 30 Qe3 Bg4 31 Rg3 Bd1 32 Re8 (Rxf6!) Qf7 33 Rxf8+ Qxf8 34 Qe6 Kh7 35 Qxf5+ 1-0.

Vivian is now likely to retain the women's title for 16 months instead of 12. The next one is tentatively scheduled for Easter 1994, in Auckland.

Separation of the tournament from Congress is to enable women to play in their championship and open events at Congress.

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2	SMALL VA MARTIN BMS	CA 16 OT 552	(12)	2363 2311	68 69	CATER JE SIDNAM GSCK	NS	671	(7)	1830 1827*
3	KER AF NOKES RI	CI 383 NS 178	(66) (14)	2305	70 71 72	SINTON PJ RUPASINGHE SD	OT	554 1027	(13)	1824
5	GARBETT PA	NS 2	(28) (99)	2284	72	GLOVER R	PE	1200	(44) (59)	1819 1806
234567	SARFATI JD SARAPU O	WE 251 AC 1	(8)	2274 2270	73 74	HEREMAIA D EAST S	UH	1352 1103	(9)	1801* 1797
8	WATSON BR	NS 206	(8) (21) (26)	2260	75	FRANKEL Z	WE	194	(20)	1785
10	SMITH RW DIVE RJ	WT 88 CI 459	(82)	2246	76	GRAINGER S SIMS MT	WE	411	(26)	1784 1784
11	GREEN PR GREEN EM	AC 199 NS 7	(14)	2216 2213	78 79	BRIMBLE MT	WA	218 1331 309 700	(5)	1772
12	DREYER MP	AC 460	(7)	2200		KUMAR S METGE KM	WE PT	309	(17)	1769 1769
14 15	NOBLE MF SPAIN GA	PE 255 GA 482	(95) (8)	2168 2165	81	BOYD DJ DAVIS JM	NS	700	(12) (27) (11)	1766 1759*
15 16 17	WANSINK R	OT 9	(5)	2163	82 83 84	RAWNSLEY LD	AC	1302 232 1479	\ \\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	1756
18	LOVE AJ ALDRIDGE GJ	OT 176 CI 405	(14)	2159 2154	84 85	WINTON M TAYLOR R	AC HP	1479 339	(7)	1747* 1740
19	COOPER PR STUART PW	AC 573	(6) (7) (20)	2143	86	WASTNEY S	CA	830	(5)	1734
21	LE Y	WA 956	(5)	2130*	87 88	STANTON RA ABURN S	KP WE	449 644	(23)	1725 1718
22	LEONHARDT W BARLOW MJ	NS 11 NS 291	(13)	2111 2101	89	CRUDEN N GILES ML	NP HA	1239 1584	(18)	1711 1711*
24	HOPEWELL NH	AC 379	(14) (7) (7)	2091	91 92	HULL K	NP	485 1231	(11)	1706*
20 21 22 23 24 25 27 28 29 30	FREEMAN MR BOYD KM	OT 395	(18)	2085 2058	92	FUATAI F LARK D	PT HP	2114	(7)	1704* 1704
27	METGE JN WEIR PB	AC 41 NS 52 OT 148	(14)	2054	94	STRACY DM	ÜH	1285 727 1121	(15)	1695
29	DOWDEN RA	OT 148	(6)	2042 2038	95 96	STOREY DJH LEZARD G	PT WE	727	(19)	1690 1676
31	ROBINSON JP KER CM	WT 526 PE 503	(46)	2036	97 98	CHOO TN POWELL RA	AC WE	1121 873	(36)	1675 1674
32 33	POMEROY AJ	CI 13	(46) (34) (16)	2032	99	GILL G	AC	913	(14) (14)	1673
34	ALEXANDER BJ PITTS GL	CA 512 NS 1073	(14)	2024 1968*	100	BELL CM POST MJ	UH WA	242 393	(55) (55)	1672 1672
35 36	ELLIOT DB SPILLER PS	NS 977 HP 162	(14)	1967 1965	102 103	VECOVSKY MP BOOTH AJ	OT HP	1092 259	(5) (14)	1666
37	JORDAN AW	CI 511	(6)	1958	104	EMETT BG	NS	855	(21) (31)	1660 1659
38 39	EVANS DJ FENERIDIS A	NS 1309 WE 6	(8) (15)	1952* 1946	105 106	BARROW G GUTHRIE DW	WE OT	595 1190	(31)	1657 1656
40 41	GOODHUE N	WE 6 PE 665 NS 301	(6) (27)	1941 1938	108	MAZUR JJ	CÏ	103	(41)	1656
	VAN DIJK P	CI 391	(46)	1938	109	JACKSON LR COOK F	WE	1333 355	(66) (10)	1651 1647
43 44	SUTHERLAND JL COOPER DJ	OT 454 WA 350	(13) (12)	1936 1935	110	HAIR PI LANGLEY DB	NS NS	993 692	(32)	1644
44 45 46	MARNER G	PE 253	1671	1933	111 112 113	WEBBER H	ΗP	1310	(14)	1643 1642*
47	HAASE GG DUNN P	OT 28 WE 558	(5) (15)	1931 1928		BORREN AM MCCAUGHAN DJ	KP OT	30 1216	(10)	1635 1635
48 49	MONRAD PG MOOI KO	PE 600 WE 1162	(34) (67)	1921 1913	115 116	WOOD RJ ALDRIDGE AL	CI	463	(8) (32)	1634
50	CONNOR BP	PE 498	(5)	1909	117	LAMBOURNE GJ	C I OT	903	(75) (5)	1632 1623
51 52	VENKATRAMAN B STEVENSON T	CI 1306 WE 728	(28) (8)	1908 1907	119	SHEAD DB FROST EGA	HA WE	120 180	(7) (47)	1623 1617
53 54	WALDEN GJ HART R	HP 96 NS 507	(7)	1904	120 121 122 123 124	BOJTOR J	HP	302 979	(26) (14)	1605
55	CRAIG R	HH 1507	(21)	1897 1896*	122	STOTT CJ OKEY KM	HP NP	48	(14)	1599 1598
56 57	COLLINS PW MCDONALD JA	PE 263 PE 648	(29) (30)	1892 1883	123	BEESLEY R JACKSON RK	HA	633 733	(14)	1596
58	POHL I	AC 1471	(7)	1880*		KING PC	AC CI	268	(55)	1593 1593
59 60	TUFFERY PB SINCLAIR M	NP 961 RO 1364	(42)	1877 1875*	126 127 128	MORSE D CATER A	HA WT	1515 1314	(7) (7)	1589* 1576*
61 62	BENNETT HP NOTLEY DG	HA 89 HP 377	(20)	1867	128	ROBERTS EN WINFIELD A	KP	955 845	(16)	1574
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64 65	THOMSON R SCHWASS MP	AC 1513 CI 414	(7) (46)	1848* 1846	131	CUNNINGHAM PD CAPPER DS	ÜH	323	(63)	1562 1561
66	VINCENT MB	OT 986	(8)	1837	132 133	DAGNINO F	ΗP	1346	(84) (7)	1559*
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LOCAL SEWS

AUCKLAND By E Swayne

in the Auckland Secondary Schools Tournament there were four preliminary groups in the A grade, from which six teams qualified.

Final placings were: **King's College** (D Lam, E Swayne, E Pindur, A Day), Auckland Grammar School, Kelston Boys High School.

Grateful thanks to the organisers, Graham Banks and Aidan Howard

AUCKLAND By C Blaxall

A new unrated seven round swiss 60/60 was held on 12 and 13 December at the Auckland Chess Centre.

Leonard McLaren (2186) was clearly better than second seed Nathan Blaxall (1795) and the rest of the field, hence his picket fence.

L McLaren 7/7; D Boyd 5; T Choo, R Beesley, J Turnbull, C Blaxall 4.5; K Yew, T Tangi, D Crompton 4; M Garland 3.5; N Blaxall, M Morrison, R Phillips, D Taylor, J Ong, K Ong 3; M Carter 2.5; M Ashe 2; P Beckmann 1; W Ong 0.

T Choo v L McLaren

Notes by L McLaren

Nf3 Nf6 2 g3 b6 3 Bg2 Bb7 4 c4 g6 5 b3 Bg7 6 Bb2 0-0 7 0-0 e6 8 d4 d6 9 Nc3 Nbd7 10 Qc2 a6 11 Rfd1 Qe7 12 a4 Rab8 13 e4 c5 14 d5 e5 15 Rf1 Black's flexible Hippopotamus

setup has solidified into a sort of Czech Benoni, Black aims, during the next few moves, to play ... f5 a la King's Indian. White regroups on the kingside to meet this. An alternative plan for White was queenside play with 15 a5. 15...Nh5. 16 Nh4 Rbe8 I considered 16...Nf4 here when one possibility is 17 gxf4 Qxh4 18 f5 gxf5 19 exf5 unclear. 17 Rae1 Bc8 18 Bh3 More control of the f5 square. If now 18...Ndf6 19 Bxc8 Rxc8 20 Ng2 and White gets in f4 first. 18...Nf4 19 Bg4 Qg5 20 Bd1 f5 At last this has been achieved, albeit at the cost of putting Black's queen and knights in a temporary tangle, 21 Bc1 Threatening 22 Nf3 winning. 21...Qf6 22 exf5 gxf5 23 Bxf4 exf4 24 Rxe8 Rxe8 25 Ne2 Threatening both f-pawns. 25...Re4 The only move but adequate, 25...fxq3 would be a positional mistake as after 26 fxg3 Black has a wretched f-pawn. 26 **f3 fxq3 27 fxe4** Better is 27 hxq3 when after 27... Rxh4 28 gxh4 Ne5 Black has compensation for the exchange. 27...qxh2+ 28 Kxh2 Safer is 28 Kh1 28...Qxh4+ 29 Kg1 29 Kg2 is a stronger defence as it leaves options of Ng3 and Rh1. 29...fxe4 30 Rf4 White's pieces are poorly placed for defence, eq. a knight move allows ... Bd4+. 30... Qq5+ 31 Kh1 Nf6 32 Qc1 Qh5+ Not 32...Nq4 33 Rxf8+, 33 Kq1 Nq4 0-1 (time).

LOCAL NEWS continued

OTAGO By Tony Love

The region's Westpac 30/30 tournament took eight months to complete. The first three places went to: **T Love 7/8**; M Vincent 6; K Boyd, J Sutherland 5.5.

WELLINGTON By K Wong

Results of the Wellington Secondary Schools Championships held 29 July 1992.

Scots College A (S Rupasinghe, K Wong M Jones, A Sew-Hoy) 19.5/20; Palmerston North Boys High 14; Scots College B 13.

WANGANUI By Gordon Hoskyn

Twenty players participated in three grades of the Wanganui Club Championships last year.

Results. - G F Francis Trophy: **Yung Le 13.5**; Dave Cooper 10; Martin Post 9; Wayne Boswell 8; Prince Vetheranium 7.5; Viacheslav Vologzhanin 7; Gordon Hoskyn 6.5; Chris Burns 5.5; David Bell 5.

Alf Ratliff Memorial Trophy: James Stewart, Alan Wilson 9.5; Shaun Street 8.5; Chas Ward, John Wilson 8; Kelly Forrest 6; Greg Smith 3.5; George Watson 3.

Frank Jacobs Memorial Shield: **Michael Thompson 1st;** Kevin Yorston 2; David Lawton 3.

WELLINGTON From Ted Frost

NZCF council announced the award of the **Bruce Marsick Memorial Trophy** (Junior Chess

Player of the Year) to **Darryn Elliott** from the North Shore club. It is the first award of the trophy which was presented to the federation by the Marsick family.

Bruce Marsick was an enthusiastic player who participated in several championships, many congresses and encouraged and assisted many young players.

National champion **Anthony Ker** has been nominated as New Zealand's representative at the Zonal tournament in Jakarta. He hopes to play a little in Australia before and after the event.

The "Zonal" is the first step toward the world championship. If one can win the Zonal, the next step is an Interzonal, then the Candidates and finally, the Championship itself.

WELLINGTON By the editor

Dunedin will not be so pleased but Wellington are delighted to hear that Richard Sutton, New Zealand champion in 1971 and 1972, will be staying in the capital for a year or two.

Since World War II, only three players have scored 10/11 in the championship; IM Bob Wade, IM Ortvin Sarapu and Sutton. Sarapu, of course, has scored 10.5 several times.

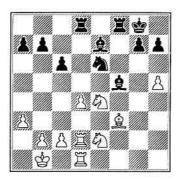
The April issue of the magazine should be out by early April, but if you want to play at Easter, remember, Good Friday is 9th April. Your club may be able to help.

GAMES FROM THE

WORLD JUNIOR 1992

Nakamura, R (JAP) - Grainger, S (NZD)

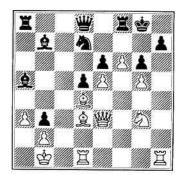
Round 7: 1.d4 f5 2.e4 fxe4 3. ac3 af6 4.f3 d5 5.Ag5 Af5 6. **g4?!** [Weakening] 6... **∆g6** 7. **Axf6** exf6 [7...qxf6 8.fxe4 dxe4 9.4q2] 8. e2 [Regains the ft, but Black is comfortable] 8...c6 9.0-0-0 Ae7 10.fxe4 dxe4 11.0xe4 0-0 12.4g2 0a6 13.h4 ₩a5 14.a3 \(\mathbb{A}\)ad8 15.h5 \(\mathbb{Q}\)f7 **16. ₩d2** [16.h6 g6!; 16.**\D**f3 completes development. White should aim for 2h4-f5 and q5; Black should play b5-b4. Axa3 does not work yet.] 16... #xd2+ [The endgame is good for Black, because of his 4-pair] 17.\(\mathbb{Z}\)xd2 \(\text{Qe6}\) 18.\(\text{Qf3}\) f5! [Opens the game for the A-pair] 19. gxf5 Axf5 20.8b1 ac7 21.ae2 ව්e6 22.\alphahd1?



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Ciemniak,R (POL) (2450) -Allen,A (AUS)

Round 2: 1.e4 c5 2.2f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.2xd4 2f6 5.2c3 d6 6.2e3 a6 7.g4 de7 8.g5 ofd7 9.h4 oc6 0-0-0 b5 13.e5 g6? [Weakening] 14. #e2 d5 [Black is worried about the long diagonal, but now he has no counterplay] 15. ₩e3 Ab7 16.Ad3 b4 17.De2 a5 18.h5 \$g7 19.f4 \$h8 20.ۇg3 22.\\dot\h3+\\dot\g8 23.\dot\xg6 \dot\dot\dot\frac{1}{2}f7 24. ∄h1+- is much quicker than the flashy way chosen by White, who can almost win as he pleases] 20...a4 21.hxq6 fxq6 22.\$b1 [22.\pixq6!] 22...b3 23. f5 \$\psigma g8 24.f6 \text{Qb4 25.a3 }\text{Qa5 26.} cxb3 axb3



27.ሷxg6! hxg6 28.∃h8+ \$xh8 29. ♠f5! exf5 [29...gxf5 30.g6+-] 30.e6 \$g8 31.∃h1 \$c7 32.∃h8+ \$xh8 33.f7+ [Notes by JD Sarfati] 1-0 Zarnicki, P (2450) -Spangenberg, H (2440)

from the A game winner, against his fellow Argentinian. They did not like each other much. Round 12: 1. e4 c5 2.0f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4. 1xd4 1f6 5.1c3 a6 6.f4 e6 7. ₩f3 ₩c7 8.q4 h6 9.Aq2 Abd7 10. ab3 Ae7 11.Ae3 q5 12.e5 dxe5 13.fxq5 hxq5 14.0-0-0 \(\mathre{A}\)g8 15. Ähf1 Äg7 16.h4 e4 17.∆xe4 ∆xe4 18. \psi xe4 gxh4 19.g5 \psig3 20.\psib1 Axg5 21.Axg5 \(\psi\)xq5 22.Ah3 \(\psi\)e7 26. #d6 #e7 27. #d2 2f6 28. 2c4 එe4 29. \h6 \Bh7 30. \he3 \De6? 31. \hf4!+-] 18. \Dxf7! 1-0

Axf5 Axf5 32. Axf5 [Winning #c1 1-0

Dabrowska, K (POL) (2250) -Hernandez, P

A game from the winner of the World Girls' Junior: 1.e4 c6 2.c4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.cxd5 0f6 5.2c3 g6 6.2f3 2bd7 7.2c4 Ag7 8.0-0 0-0 9.d4 ab6 10.4b3 %bxd5 11.%e5 e6?! 12.4g5 ₩a5 13. #f3 \Bb8 14. \Bfe1 \0xc3? 15. 23. Da5 f5 24. #f4 e5 25. #h6 #g5 1xf6 16. #xf6 Od5 17. 1xd5 exd5 [17... \delta xd5 18.2\q4 \delta h5 19.

GAMES FROM THE

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Notes by O. Sarapu. Geller, E - Suetin, A 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 Nxd4 e6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Be2 Qc7 7 0-0 Nf6 8 Be3 d6 9 f4 Be7 10 Oel 0-0 11 Rd1 Bd7 12 Qg3 b5? [A mistake by the Moscow GM, allowing the following combination by Geller. By the way, Geller is the only player who has a plus score against Bobby Fischer. He has won five times against Bobby!] 13 e5! dxe5 14 fxe5 Nxe5 [Unfortunately for Suetin, after 14...Qxe5 15 Nxc6 wins.] 15 Bf4 Bd6 16 Nb3! [The threat Rxd6 cannot be defended with normal moves. Suetin is doing his best to complicate.] 16... b4 17 Rxd6 Ng6!? 18 Rd3 [Also, Rxd7 will win.] 18... Nxf4 19 Rxf4 bxc3 20 Rxf6 Qa7+ 21 Khl cxb2 22 Rf1 a5 23 a4! [The best way to stop Black's counter play.] 23... Bxa4 24 Qe5 Qb8 25 Qxb2 Bb5 [Black is making it as difficult possible.] 26 Rg3 e5 27 c4 Bc6 28 Qa3 a4 29 Nd2 Qc7 30 Bf3 Rad8 31 Qc5! Rxd2 32 Qxc6 Qxc6 33 Bxc6 f5 34 Ra3 g6 35 Rxa4 e4 36 Ra7 Rb8 [Still looking for counter play on the second rank.] 37 Bd5+ Kh8 h4 h5 39 Rfal Rbb2 40 Re7 Ra2 41 Rxa2 Rxa2 42 c5 1-0

Sarapu's short win in Round 3.

Sarapu, O - Wenzel, A (Germany) 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 0-0 b5 6 Bb3 Be7 7 d4 exd4 8 e5 Ne4 9 Bd5! Nc5 10 Nxd4 Bb7 11 Nf5! 0-0 12 Og4 g5? [The only move here was g6.] 13 Nxe7+ 0xe7 14 Bxg5 Nxe5 15 Og3! Od6 16 Bxb7 Nxb7 17 Bf4+ Qg6 18 Bxe5 [Black has lost a piece.] 18... f6 19 Bxc7 1-0

Mery Morrison's best game.

Morrison, M - Link, H (Germany) 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 e6 3 Bf4 Bd6 4 e3!? Bxf4 5 exf4 Ne7 6 Nbd2 Nbc6 7 c3 Ng6 8 g3 b6 9 Qe2!? Nce7 10 Bh3 0-0 11 0-0 c5 12 Rfel Re8 13 Radl c4? 14 Ne5 Qd6 15 Ndf3 Nf8 [White has a clear opening advantage. 16 Oc2 f6 17 Ng4 Neg6 18 f5! Nh8 19 Ne3 Bd7 20 Re2 Re7 21 fxe6 Bxe6 22 Bg2! [Black has a weak d5 pawn.] 22... Qd7 23 Rde1 Rae8 24 Nh4 g6 25 Nxd5! [The winning move. Black's position has collapsed and Merv does the "washing-up" well.] 25... Rf7 26 Ne3 Kg7 27 Nf3 Bf5?! 28 Nxf5+ Qxf5 29 Qxf5 Rxe2 30 Qbl Ree7 31 Nd2 b5 32 Bd5 Rxe1+ 33 Qxe1 Rd7 34 Bc6 Rd6 35 Qe7+ Nf7 36 Be8 1-0

OVERSEAS NEWS

3v Peter Stuart NM

WOMEN'S CANDIDATES

In a major change of playing policy Zsuzsa Polgar, eldest of the talented Hungarian trio, took part in the Women's World Championship cycle - and won the Candidates Tournament in Shanghai by a big margin.

The Chinese representatives had little success as Nana Ioseliani and former champion Maya Chiburdanidze (both Georgia) tied for second place, the former making the final against Polgar by virtue of a better tie-break score.

Scores: 1 Z.Polgar $12\frac{1}{2}$; 2-3 Ioseliani & Chiburdanidze 9⅓: 4-5 Maric (YUG) & Qin Kanving (PRC) 8; 6-7 Levitina (USA) & Wang Pin (PRC) $6\frac{1}{2}$; 8 Peng Zhaogin (PRC) 6; 9 Gaprindashvili (GEO) 5½.

WORLD SENIORS CHIP

This year's championship at Bad Wörishofen lacked defending champion Vassily Smyslov but there were 121 players including nine grandmasters. The title went to 67-year old Effim Geller (RUS) who only lost out on tiebreak points last year.

A group of 5 GMs were a half point back on 8: Benko (USA). Lein (USA), Nikolac (CRO), Suetin (RUS) & Taimanov (RUS).

Former New Zealand IM Bob Wade finished in 14th place on $7\frac{1}{2}$ and IM Ortvin Sarapu ended up 18th on 7 points.

PARIS

More than one million francs were up for grabs in the knockout Trophy Immopar tournament in November. The matches were of two games with each player having 25 minutes. In a tie-breaking light-

ning game White had 6 minutes and Black 5 minutes plus draw odds. The first round saw Karpov lose 1:2 to Bareev and Adams to Anand by the same score. Kamsky, Kasparov, Polugaevsky and Yusupov won by 1½:½ against Lautier, Kramnik, Short and Salov respectively. In the remaining two matches Shirov saw off Gelfand 2:0 while the big upset was the 2:0 loss of Candidates finalist Timman to Judit Polgar, also by 2:0.

In the quarter-finals Bareev, Kamsky and Kasparov each won both games against Yusupov, Polgar and Polugaevsky respectively while Anand beat Shirov 11:1.

Anand, who has surprised by not going further in previous rapid events, made the final this time by scoring $1\frac{1}{2}:\frac{1}{2}$ over Bareev while Kasparov beat the American 2:0.

In the final both games were won by White but Kasparov made no mistake in the two-game lightning play-off, winning both games to collect the first prize of about \$140,000 and make up for the disappointment of losing last year's final to Timman.

MOSCOW

At the end of 1992 there were two tournaments in the Russian capital to commemorate the birth of Alekhine. The Alekhine Open, in November, boasted 47 GMs and a prize fund which included 43,000 US dollars.

Sergei Tiviakov beat Jaan Ehlvest in the final round to take a clear first place with $6\frac{1}{2}/8$.

The second event was a category 18 tournament of eight players with an average rating of 2677, despite the absence of Kasparov.

Boris Gelfand started with two whites - and pocketed two points, against Karpov and Anand; a marvellous start when +2 was always likely to be enough to win. Anand clawed his way back by winning three of his remaining games but Karpov was unable to emulate him.

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GELFAND - ANAND, Catalan:

1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 c6 3 c4 e6 4 Nc3 dxc4 5 a4 Bb4 6 g3 Nf6 7 Bg2 0-0 8 0-0 Nbd7 9 Qc2 Qe7 10 Bf4 Nd5 11 Bd2 a5 12 e4 N5b6 13 Be3 h6 14 Rad1 e5 15 dxe5 Bc5 16 Bf4 Re8 17 Kh1 Nf8 18 Nd4 Ng6 19 Nf5 Bxf5 20 exf5 Nxe5 21 Bxe5 Qxe5 22 f4 Qe7 23 Ne4 f6 24 b3 Rad8 25 bxc4 Kh8 26 g4 Bb4 27 g5 Rxd1 28 Rxd1 Rd8 29 Rg1 Bc5 30 Rb1 Rd4? [The decisive error; 30...Bb4 was better] 31 gxf6 gxf6 32 Nxc5 Qxc5 33 Qe2! Qxc4 34 Qh5 Nd7 35 Qxh6+ Kg8 36 Bf3 Qf7 37 Rg1+, 1 - 0.

ANAND - KAMSKY, Ruy Lopez:

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 0-0 Be7 6 Qe2 b5 7 Bb3 0-0 8 c3 d6 9 d4 Bg4 10 Rd1 exd4 11 cxd4 d5 12 e5 Ne4 13 a4 Rb8 14 axb5 axb5 15 h3 Bh5 16 Be3 Qd7 17 Rc1 Rb6 18 Nc3 Nb4 19 Ra7 Ng5 20 Bxg5 Bxg5 21 Rca1 Bf4 22 Nxd5 Nxd5 23 Qe4 Bxf3 24 Qxf3 Bxe5 25 dxe5 Nb4 26 Qe3 Qc8 27 Qe4 Na6 28 Bd5 c6 29 Qe3 Rb7 30 Bxf7+ Rbxf7 31 R7xa6 Rxf2 32 e6 Rxb2 33 e7 Re8 34 Ra8 Rb1+ 35 Kh2 Qc7+ 36 g3 Rb2+ 37 Kg1 Qd7 38 Rxe8+, 1 - 0.

SHIROV - KAMSKY, Grünfeld: 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 q6 3 Nc3 d5 4 cxd5 Nxd5 5 e4 Nxc3 6 bxc3 Bg7 7 Bc4 c5 8 Ne2 Nc6 9 Be3 0-0 10 Rc1 cxd4 11 cxd4 Qa5+ 12 Kf1 Bd7 13 h4 Rfc8 14 h5 Nd8 15 f3 Ba4 16 Qd3 b5 17 Bd5 Rxc1+ 18 Bxc1 Rc8 19 hxg6 hxg6 20 Bh6 Bxh6 21 Rxh6 e6 22 f4 Rc2 23 Qh3 Kf8 24 e5 Ke7 25 Rxg6 Qd2 26 Kg1 fxg6 27 Qh7+ Ke8 28 f5 exd5 29 f6 Qb4 30 Qxg6+ Kd7 31 e6+ Nxe6 32 Qf7+ Kd8 33 Qxe6 Qe1+ 34 Kh2 Qxe2 35 Qxd5+ Kc7 36 f7 Qe7, 0 - 1.

EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Russia repeated its convincing Olympiad result with a $2\frac{1}{2}$ point margin over Ukraine at Debrecen. Again Vladimir Kramnik was a dominant force for the Russians with his 6/7 on board 3.

This event clashed with the Alekhine Memorial at Moscow where Karpov, Salov, Yusupov (Russia), Timman (Netherlands), Gelfand (Belorussia) and Shirov (Latvia) were all playing. This obviously had little effect on Russia but the other three countries missed their top players in finishing 19th, 25th and 28th respectively.

The Russian team comprised Kasparov (6/8), Bareev (5/8), Kramnik, Dreev and Vyzmanavin while the silver-medallists were led by Ivanchuk $(5\frac{1}{2}/8)$ and Romanishin $(5\frac{1}{2}/7)$. Top scorer for bronze medallists England was Michael Adams with $6\frac{1}{2}/8$ on board 3.

Leading scores: 1 Russia 25, 2 Ukraine $22\frac{1}{2}$, 3 England $21\frac{1}{2}$, 4 Israel 21, 5 Sweden $20\frac{1}{2}$, 6 Lithuania $20\frac{1}{2}$, 7 Croatia $20\frac{1}{2}$, 8 Germany $20\frac{1}{2}$, 9 Georgia 20.

In the Women's Championship the favurites would normally have been Georgia but the Shanghai Candidates tournament left them without Chiburdanidze and Ioseliani. The Ukraine won with $13\frac{1}{2}$ from Georgia 13 and Azerbaijan $12\frac{1}{2}$. Russia languished in 17th

place on $9\frac{1}{2}$!

Both events were nine round Swisses, the Men's matches being played on 4 boards, the Women's on 2 boards.

BAREEV - I.SOKOLOV, Grünfeld:
1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 d5 4 cxd5
Nxd5 5 e4 Nxc3 6 bxc3 Bg7 7 Bb5+
c6 8 Ba4 0-0 9 Ne2 b6 10 0-0 Bb7
11 Bg5 c5 12 d5 Qd6 13 Qd2 e6 14
Rad1 c4 15 Bh6 Na6 16 Bxg7 Kxg7
17 Ng3 Nc7 18 Qg5 h6 19 Nh5+ Kh7



20 Qf6 gxh5 21 e5 Qc5 22 Bc2+ Kg8 23 Qxh6 f5 24 Qg6+ Kh8 25 Qxh5+ Kg7 26 Qg5+ Kf7 27 dxe6+ Kxe6 28 Rd6+ Kxe5 29 Qe7+ Kf4 30 g3+, 1 - 0.

GEORGADZE - ADORIAN, Grünfeld:
1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 d5 4 cxd5
Nxd5 5 e4 Nxc3 6 bxc3 Bg7 7 Bb5+
c6 8 Ba4 b5 9 Bb3 b4 10 Be3 bxc3
11 Rc1 Nd7 12 Ne2 Ba6 13 e5 Qa5
14 Qc2 c5 15 Qe4 0-0 16 Bxf7+ Kh8
17 Nf4



17...Rxf7 18 Qxa8+ Rf8 19 Qd5 Qb5 20 Qb3 cxd4 21 Qxb5 Bxb5 22 Ne6 dxe3 23 Nxf8 Nxe5!, 0 - 1.

PIKET - STURUA, Queen's Gambit: 1 d4 d5 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Be7 4 Nf3 Nf6 5 Bg5 h6 6 Bxf6 Bxf6 7 e3 0-0 8 Qc2 Na6 9 Rd1 e5 10 dxe5 Qa5 11 exd5 Nxe5 12 Nd4 exd5 13 a3 Ne6 14 Ndb5 a6 15 b4 Qd8 16 Rxd5 Bd7 17 Qd2 axb5 18 Rxd7 Qxd7 19 Qxd7 Bxc3+ 20 Ke2 Rfd8 21 Qxb7 Ng5 22 e4 Rxa3 23 Qxb5 Ra2+ 24 Ke3 Bd2+, 0 - 1.

KRAMNIK-LPUTYAN, Queen's Gambit:
1 d4 e6 2 c4 Nf6 3 Nf3 d5 4 Nc3
Be7 5 Bf4 0-0 6 e3 c6 7 Qc2 Nbd7
8 h3 a6 9 Rd1 h6 10 a3 dxc4 11
Bxc4 Nd5 12 0-0 Nxf4 13 exf4 Qc7
14 Ne5 Nf6 15 Ba2 Bd7 16 Bb1 Be8
17 d5 Rd8 18 Rfe1 Kh8 19 dxe6
Rxd1 20 Rxd1 fxe6 21 Ne4 g6 22
Nc5 Bxc5 23 Qxc5 Rg8 24 Ba2 Kg7
25 Bxe6 Rf8 26 Nd7, 1 - 0.

HAUSNER - KOSIC, Sicilian:
1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 e6 3 Nge2 d6 4 d4
cxd4 5 Nxd4 Nf6 6 Be3 Be7 7 f3
0-0 8 Qd2 Nc6 9 0-0-0 a6 10 g4
Nxd4 11 Bxd4 Nd7 12 h4 b5 13 g5
Bb7 14 Kb1 b4 15 Ne2 a5 16 Ng3 d5
17 Bd3 a4 18 g6 fxg6 19 h5 Rxf3
20 hxg6 Rxg3 21 Rxh7 Rxg6 22 Rdh1
dxe4 23 Rh8+ Kf7 24 Rxd8 Rxd8 25
Be2 Nf6 26 Qe3 Kg8 27 Qh3 Kf7 28
Bxf6 Rxf6 29 Qh5+, 1 - 0.

IRAKLION

Russian IM Igor Henkin won a strong open here in November with $7\frac{1}{2}/9$. Equal second were GM Wojtkiewicz (POL) and GM Kr.Georgiev (BUL) on 7.

BADEN-BADEN

The Crédit-Suisse Tournament in December was convincingly won by Anatoly Karpov who conceded just three draws on his way to $9\frac{1}{2}/11$.

The all-GM event was of category 14. Other scores: 2 Lutz (GER) $7\frac{1}{2}$; 3 Yusupov (RUS) 7; 4-5 Bönsch (GER) & Psakhis (ISR) 6; 6 Hübner (GER) $5\frac{1}{2}$; 7-8 Lautier (FRA) & Lobron (GER) 5; 9-10 Kindermann (GER) & Knaak (GER)

4; 11 Wahls (GER) $3\frac{1}{2}$; 12 Hertneck (GER) 3.

KARPOV - LOBRON, Queen's Indian:

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 b6 4 g3
Ba6 5 b3 Bb7 6 Bg2 Bb4+ 7 Bd2 a5
8 0-0 0-0 9 Qc2 h6 10 a3 Be7 11
Nc3 d5 12 Rfd1 Qc8 13 cxd5 exd5
14 Bf4 Rd8 15 Nh4 Bf8 16 Nf5 Rd7
17 Ne3 Qd8 18 Be5 c6 19 Bh3 Re7
20 Bxf6 gxf6 21 Nf5 Re8 22 Qd2
Kh7 23 Qd3 Ba6 24 Qf3 Bc8 25 Qh5
Be6 26 Rd3 Bg7 27 e4 dxe4 28 Nxe4
Rg8 29 Rf3 Nd7 30 Rc1 Bf8 31 Rxc6
Rg6 32 Nh4 Ne5 33 Bxe6, 1 - 0.

GRONINGEN

A category 14 tournament in December was won by Jeroen Piket.

Scores: 1 GM Piket (NLD) $6\frac{1}{2}$; 2 GM Belyavsky (UKR) 6; 3 IM Nijboer (NLD) $5\frac{1}{2}$; 4-6 GM Hansen (DEN), GM Miles (ENG) & GM Yusupov (RUS) 5; 7 GM Rozentalis (LTU) $4\frac{1}{2}$; 8 GM M.Gurevich (BEL) 4; 9 GM Christiansen (USA) $2\frac{1}{2}$; 10 IM Klovans (LAT) 1.

FIDE RATINGS, 1 January

Gary Kasparov set a new high and Anatoly Karpov reclaimed second place. The big movers near the top were Kramnik (+60), Kiril Georgiev (+50), Azmaiparashvili (+35), Lautier (+65) and Topalov (+115). The top 50:

(+1)	115). The top 50:		
1	Kasparov, Gary	RUS	2805
2	Karpov, Anatoly	RUS	2725
3	Ivanchuk, Vassily	UKR	2710
4	Anand, Viswanathan	IND	2710
5	Gelfand, Boris	BLA	2690
6	Kramnik, Vladimir	RUS	2685
7	Shirov, Alexey	LAT	2670
8	Bareev, Evgeny	RUS	2670
9	Georgiev, Kiril	BUL	2660
10	Salov, Valery	RUS	2660
11	Azmaiparashvili, Z.	GE0	2655
12	Kamsky, Gata	USA	2655
13	Short, Nigel	ENG	2655
14	Lautier, Joel	FRA	2645
15	Yusupov, Artur	RUS	2645

16 Sokolov, Ivan

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17	Topalov, Veselin	BUL	2635
18	Timman, Jan	NED	2635
19	Polugaevsky, Lev	RUS	2635
20	Adams, Michael	ENG	2630
21	Nikolic, Predrag	BIH	2630
22	Halifman, Alexander	RUS	2630
23	Agdestein, Simen	NOR	2630
24	Ehlvest, Jaan	EST	2625
25	Andersson, Ulf	SWE	2625
26	Hjartarson, Johann	ISD	2625
27	Gulko, Boris	USA	2625
28	Dautov, Rustem	RUS	2625
29	Vyzmanavin, Alexey	RUS	2620
30	Kaidanov, Grigory	RUS	2620
31	Lobron, Eric	GER	2620
32	Ribli, Zoltan	HUN	2620
33	Hübner, Robert	GER	2620
34	Epishin, Vladimir	RUS	2620
35	Christiansen, Larry	USA	2620
36	Akopian, Vladimir	ARM	2615
37	Vaganian, Rafael	ARM	2615
38	Dolmatov, Sergey	RUS	2615
39	Yermolinsky, Alexey	USA	2615
40	Illescas, Miguel	ESP	2615
41	Lputyan, Smbat	ARM	2610
42	Belyavsky, Alexander	UKR	2610
43	Gurevich, Mikhail	BEL	2610
44	Hansen, Curt	DEN	2610
45	Yudasin, Leonid	RUS	2610
46	Korchnoi, Viktor	SUI	2605
47	Tukmakov, Vladimir	UKR	2605
48	Ljubojevic, Ljubomir	YUG	2605
49	Mecking, Henrique	BRA	2605
50	Malaniuk, Vladimir	UKR	2600
51	Alterman, Boris	ISR	2600
52	Chernin, Alexander	HUN	2600
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On the Women's list Prudnikova (+85, the only Russian in the top 25) and Kachiani (+60) made big gains to reach the top 10: 1 Polgar, Judit HUN 2595 2 Polgar, Zsuzsa HUN 2560 3 Cramling, Pia SWE 2525 4 Chiburdanidze, Maya GEO 2510 5 Xie, Jun CHN 2470 6 Ioseliani, Nana GEO 2460 7 Galliamova, Alisa UKR 2445 8 Arakhamia, Ketevan GEO 2440 9 Prudnikova, Svetlana RUS 2420 10 Kakhiani, Ketevan GEO 2420

NZCE COUNCIL REPORT

By Ted Frost

A feature of the annual meeting of NZCF was the increased interest shown by affiliates in staging major championships over the next two or three years. Invercargill lodged the only application for the 1993-94 Congress. Although doubt was expressed from the floor about the wisdom of holding a Congress in Invercargill, this was countered by the point that every club should hold Congress at some time.

Other venues endorsed by the meeting were:

1993 North Island Championship, Wanganui; 1993 South Island Championship, Ashburton; 1993 N.Z. Junior and Under-16, Wellington, in conjunction with Civic Easter; 1993 N.Z. Schoolpupils' final, in Wellington region, Council to finalise.

Canterbury CC expressed interest in holding the 1994 South Island Championship and the 1994-95 NZ Congress. Civic CC expressed interest in running the 1994 North Island Championship, and the 1995-96 Congress, which would mark the club's 50th anniversary. But North Shore also indicated interest in the 1995-96 Congress, which would mark the club's 40th anniversary.

Federation officers

Patron. Sir Robert Jones; vicepatrons, G G Haase, R S Kent, A L Fletcher; president, W A Poole; vice-president, J Simmons: treasurer, R Wood; councillors, D Capper. A Pomerov, T E Frost; regional councillors, PW Stuart and R W Smith (Auckland), M Guy (Canterbury), Otago vacant; auditors. Messrs Coopers and Lybrand.

Council has appointed the champions of the following committees for 1993: that gal Tournament, Arthur Pomeroy per play (convenor), Dave Capper, Tim Frost and Ted Frost; selection panel, minutes.

Arthur Pomeroy (convenor), Bob Gibbons and Tony Love; rating, Jim Simmons and Rowan Wood; New Zealand Chess editorial board, Jim Simmons (convenor), Bill Poole, Ted Frost and Bill Ramsay (editor).

Affiliation and remits

The annual meeting accepted the application for affiliation from the Gambit Chess Club. whose members are mostly players in groups not big enough to incorporate and affiliate direct. The application was brought to the annual meeting because Civic CC objected to the club's affiliation. After full discussion the objection was withdrawn.

An Auckland CC remit providing for both players to have rights of appeal was adopted. Another Auckland remit, that there be three Auckland representatives in the NZ Schoolpupils' final, and only one from Dunedin, was debated at length and was rejected.

Also defeated was an Upper Hutt remit proposing that selection of players for the NZ Reserve Championship be changed to provide that after accepting automatic qualifiers, the field be filled out to 12 with the highest-rated players entering for either the Championship or the Major Open.

The meeting accepted an Upper Hutt resolution that federation circulate to affiliates copies of letters from clubs, submitting remits to the annual meeting, with the clubs to supply copies for circulation.

The first national rapid rating list has been completed and was applied in the inaugural NZ rapid championship. Council has decided that games from 25 to 60 minutes per player should be eligible, reducing the minimum time from 30 minutes.

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Council has decided to republish the federation's handbook, but review of the contents is expected to take more than a year, so sections will be circulated as they are drafted. Council has also decided that the directory and calendar of events be published at the end of February or early March, and that in listing clubs and circulating information, affiliated clubs should be given preferential treatment.

Clubs have shown continuing interest in the Blackburn Cup and the Tournament Committee has been asked to try to make progress with organisation of this tournament as a matter of urgency.

A suggestion from Jim Cater, of Auckland and Manukau Polytechnic, that holding a coaching course at the polytechnic be explored, has been warmly welcomed by council and the idea will be pursued.

Council has agreed that university and school players should be encouraged to affiliate with NZCF through their students' associations or other school bodies.

Wellington CC has reported that an informal poll of players in the NZ rapid championship gave overwhelming support to holding the event immediately after Congress, and keeping it as an open Swiss. The club has also reported that Congress games have been recorded on Chessbase and the offer to make available disks carrying the games has been well received.

SARAPU HONOURED

Life membership of the New Zealand Chess Federation was conferred on I.M. Ortvin Sarapu as a highlight of the dinner held during the Congress in Wellington, to mark New Zealand's achievement in being the first country in the world to hold 100 national championships.

Simon Grainger, of Wellington, represented New Zealand in the 1992 world junior championship, which was held in Buenos Afres. He scored 4/13 and was placed 50th in a strong field of 54 which included six IMs and seven FMs. IM Pablo Zarnicki, of Argentina, on 9 points, took the title on countback from Vadim Milov, of Israel.

CLUB DIRECTORY continued

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

BLENHEIM CC meets informally Mondays at 7.30pm in Gino's Italian Cafe, 1 Main Street, Blenheim. Contact: Gino Rocco, Telephone 578–4755 (bus), 578–2235 (home).

CANTERBURY CC meets Wednesdays 7.30pm, 227 Bealey Avenue, Christchurch. Phone 3663-936 (clubrooms). Contact, Pat Jordan, 39 McBeath Avenue, phone 3384-274.

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

OTAGO CC meets Wednesdays and Saturdays 7.30pm at 7 Maitland Street, Dunedin. Phone 477-6919 (clubrooms). Pres, David Reid, 12 Marquis Street, Dunedin, phone 473-7652. INVERCARGILL CC meets Wednesdays 8pm at Staff Room, South School, Ness Street. Contact, Robert Mackway-Jones, 5 Pine Cres, phone 217-1164 or Allan McCall, 218-2204.

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

CLUB DIRECTORY

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

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

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

HOWICK-PAKURANGA CC meets Tuesdays 7.30pm, St John Ambulance Hall (opposite Highland Park), Howick. Contact: Paul Spiller, 1/6 Kookaburra Place, Howick Phone 5354-962.

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

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

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

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

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

ROTORUA CC meets Mondays 7,30pm, Wolmann House, 3 Hinemoa Street, Rotorua. Contacts: Secretary, Mark Kimberley 345-6804 or Richard Boyden 348-6871.

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

BAY OF PLENTY CC meets Hillier Centre, Gloucester Rd, Mt Maunganui, Thursdays 7pm and Mt Maunganui Public Library, 10am on Saturdays. Contact, Colin Bell phone 573-8855.

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

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

PALMERSTON NORTH CC meets Tuesdays 7.30pm, Intermediate School, Ferguson Street. Contacts, John Chapman, ph 358–0337; Richard Rayner, sec, ph 358–3320, PO Box 479, PN.

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

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

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

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

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

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.