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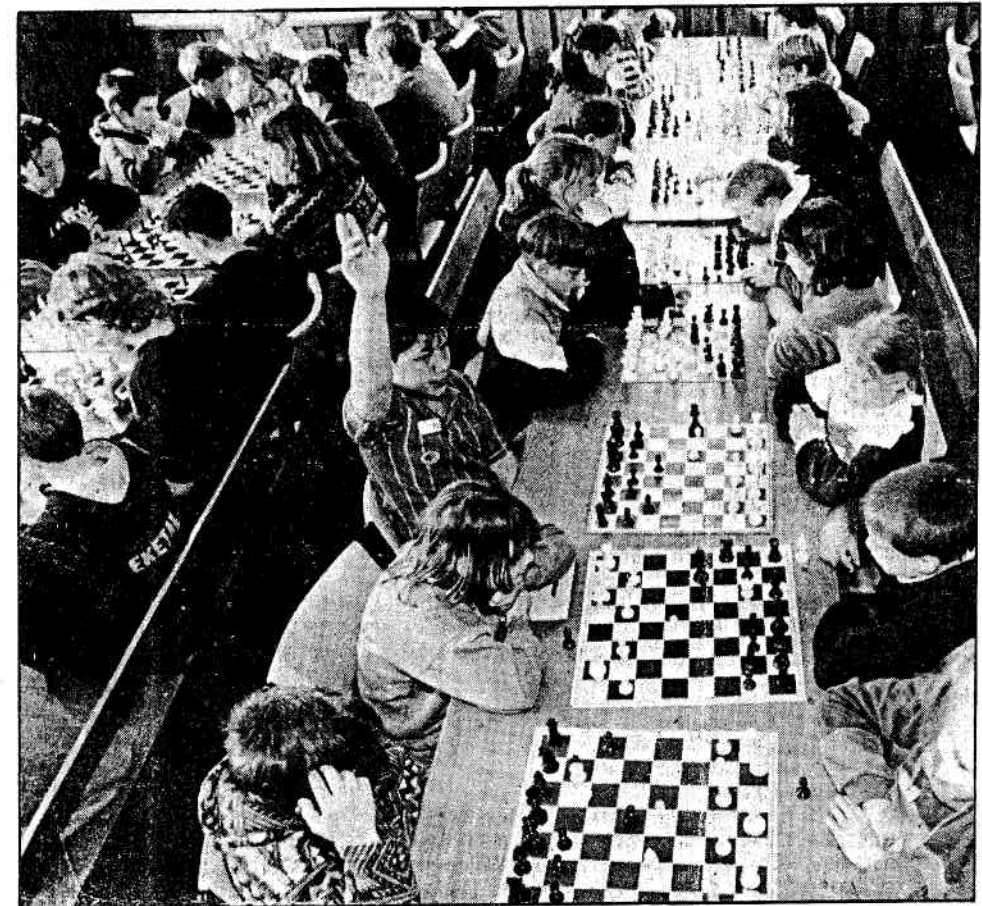
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1995 North Island venue

Hamilton CC has applied to NZCF to host the 1995 North Island Championship. Hastings and Havelock North CC has applied to hold the NZ Women's Championship at Easter. These applications will be considered by the NZCF annual meeting.

Dive gains second IM norm

Michael Freeman reports that with a score of 6½ in his first nine games at the Olympiad, Russell Dive gained his second IM norm. At that stage Russell's performance rating at the Olympiad was said to be above 2500.

Campomanes re-elected

Early reports state that there were acrimonious scenes at the FIDE Congress in Moscow. While an early procedural vote went against President Florenco Campomanes by a single vote, when the election of officers took place he was re-elected.

It was decided that the next Olympiad, in two years, will be held in Armenia.

Russia 1 wins

The Olympiad ended in a rush, with teams being bundled out of the Kosmos Hotel and a limited number of guests attending a closing ceremony at the Kremlin. Detailed final results were not collated and published as this issue of *NZ Chess* went to press. Results of the last two rounds were not available - although there is a report that New Zealand met one of the Russian teams in Round 13 and scored half a point (draw for Bob Smith). Rosalene Sheehan has reported that she scored 1½-½ in the last 2 rounds and scored 5/10.

Russia 1 won the open tournament with 37½/56, ahead of Bosnia 35, Russia 2 34½ (bronze medal) and England 34½.

With one round to go, Georgia 30½/39 led the women's tournament, followed by Hungary 28 and China 26.

COVER: Some 75 children aged from six upwards gathered in Eketahuna, North Wairarapa, recently, for the first Wairarapa-Bush school chess competition. NZCF supplied sets and boards. See report on page 11.

New Zealand Chess

This issue contains too much - the Rating Lists, early reports on the Olympiad, and a huge mix of local and overseas tournament results - there is only barely room for the highly abbreviated Contents!

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... And coming up in the February Issue

The Congress results will vie with games from the Olympiad for pride of place.

Congress entries

The fields selected for the NZ Championship and Reserve at the Wanganui Congress are (with club affiliation and November rating):

CHAMPIONSHIP

Paul Garbett NS 2294, Anthony Ker CI 2293, Jonathan Sarfati WE 2262, Martin Dreyer AC 2193, Graeme Spain GA 2133, Peter Stuart NS 2109, Kendall Boyd 2068, Scott Wastney GA 2048, Mark Sinclair PE 2011, Matthew Barlow NS 1979, Mark van der Horn PE 1975, David Guthrie OT 1972.

RESERVE

Paul Tuffery CA 1967, Matthew Vincent OT 1939, Dave Cooper WA 1892, John Sutherland OT 1885, Hilton Bennett HA 1878, Prince Vetharianam WA 1832, Martin Post WA 1814, Tony Boswell WA 1808, David Boyd NS 1787.

Peter Hawkes GA entered and was second seed for the Reserve, but has withdrawn for personal reasons. His entry fee is a donation to Congress funds.

14 entries for the Major Open were received by December 1, and they are headed by Ross Jackson WE 1692 and Kent Wong PE 1649. Many other players have indicated their intention of playing, but are happy to pay the late entry fee.

Late entries have been called for the Reserve Championship and the Major Open. No entrant will be accepted for the Reserve with a rating of 2032 or higher, or for the Major Open with a rating of 1837 or higher. If the Reserve field is not filled with late entries, places will be offered to the highest-rated entrants for the Major Open.

Olympiad appeal

Additional donations to the NZCF's Olympiad appeal, since the last issue of NZ Chess, have been received as follows:

Previously acknowledged	\$700.00
Anon	50.00
D McGaughan	100.00
Wanganui CC	84.00
Anon	200.00

Total	\$1134.00

Wanganui CC held a time handicap evening, with a \$4.00 entry fee, which raised \$84.00 in addition to the club's earlier donation.

A further contribution will come from the initial sale of digital chess timers, which are expected to arrive in New Zealand any day.

Australian junior championship

NZCF has invited David Guthrie OT, Russell Metge PT, Aaron Batchelor OT and Rosaleen Sheehan HH to play in the Australian Junior Championships in Canberra in the second half of January, and has offered a grant of \$400.00 to each player from the Junior Development Fund.

The four players have all accepted the invitation, although Rosaleen Sheehan's acceptance is subject to confirmation after her return from the Olympiad.

It was hoped that Nigel Metge would travel with the team as manager-coach, but he is not available. However, John Sheehan will accompany Rosaleen.

Other junior players (under 18) can join the group if they wish, at their own expense (write to NZCF for an invitation and entry form).

Sending a group to Australia reflects a change in NZCF policy. This representation replaces automatic support for junior tournament winners in events such as the World Junior Championship, and the Asian Junior and Under-16 Tournaments. Entry in these events will be considered in the light of individual performance, and the winner of the New Zealand Junior Championship retains the right to enter the World Junior, with or without NZCF financial support.

1994 Olympiad in Moscow

The team captain/manager of the New Zealand team at the Moscow Olympiad, Michael Freeman, has been sending back regular team progress reports. Individual results are given in the tables.

Men's opponents: Round 1 Armenia, 2 Qatar, 3 Lebanon, 4 Bermuda, 5 South Africa, 6 Cyprus, 7 Iraq, 8 Luxemburg, 9 El Salvador, 10 Morocco, 11 Jordan, 12 Ireland, 13?, 14?.

Women's opponents: Round 1 Russia 2, 2 Nigeria, 3 Zimbabwe, 4 Turkmenistan, 5 Malta, 6 Brazil, 7 Albania, 8 bye, 9 Iran, 10 Botswana, 11 Puerto Rico, 12 Virgin Islands, 13?, 14?.

As expected, both New Zealand teams were seeded below half-way. There were 126 men's teams, and it appears that New Zealand were seeded 70th. There were 81 women's teams.

Michael Freeman reports that the men were not playing well in the opening rounds, except for Dive beating GM Anastasian 2540 in Round 1, and McKenzie with 3½/4.

He reports that the organisation is poor. Two bags arrived five days late, and while it is snowing and very cold outside, in the Kosmos Hotel - where the Olympiad is being played and the players are staying - it is very hot.

Purchases are very expensive. No drinks are provided for players and even coffee costs \$US 3.00. It costs \$US15.00 to send a fax.

Eva Tweddell had a tragic start to the

tournament, losing all her money - twice!

The Hotel Kosmos has been nicknamed the "Pleasure Dome", many competitors having not left there for the entire Olympiad due to fears of muggings.

Rosaleen Sheehan has sent a message back to her family saying the hotel is comfortable, and she has enjoyed having meals in restaurants in the hotel. However in the hotel it is very, very warm - too warm.

Sponsorship gifts

Eva Tweddell, Edith Otene's sister, joined the women's team only three weeks before the team left for Moscow, but she quickly moved into action to obtain outfitting sponsorship for the team.

Among the gifts arranged were all-wool black jerseys for all members of the team, obtained at about one-third of retail price, and Edith arranged for these to be embroidered. For the women's team three-piece outfits were donated by Thornton Hall, and Eva also obtained a gift of two pairs of shoes each for the women players (one pair of lace-up boots for outdoor wear, and one pair of soft shoes for indoor wear).

Track suits were donated for all players, and woollen underwear offered at wholesale prices was purchased by several members.

OPEN	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
A Ker	0	0	-	½	½	1	-	0	1	-	1	-			4 / 8
R Dive	1	-	½	-	0	1	1	-	1	½	1	½			6½/9
S Lukey	0	-	0	0	-	½	0	-	1	0	-	0			1½/8
R Smith	0	0	-	1	1	-	½	0	½	0	1	-			4 / 8
T Love	-	½	½	-	0	-	½	0	-	-	-	1			2½/7
P McKenzie	-	1	½	1	-	1	-	0	-	0	1	0			4½/8
Total For	1	1½	1½	2½	1½	3½	2	0	3½	½	4	1½			23/48
Against	3	2½	2	1½	2½	½	2	4	½	3½	0	2½			
WOMEN	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
V Smith	0	1	½	0	-	½	½	-	1	-	1	½			5 / 9
E Otene	0	1	0	-	1	0	0	-	-	½	0	1			3½/8
R Sheehan	0	-	½	0	1	-	0	-	0	1	-	1			3½/8
E Tweddell	-	0	-	0	1	0	-	-	0	1	0	-			2 / 7
Total For	0	2	1	0	3	½	½	b	1	2½	1	2½			14/33
Against	3	1	2	3	0	2½	2½	-	3	1½	3	1½			

Auckland CA Invitational 1994

Paul Garbett and Ortvin Sarapu both went through the Auckland Chess Association's 1994 Invitational tournament unbeaten, but Garbett conceded only three draws to Sarapu's five, and thus won by a clear point.

Green, EM - Dreyer, M

Notes by Ewen Green

If one stretches a point slightly, I sacrificed one of each type of piece in this game - queen (move 35), rook (37), bishop (32), knight (14), and Pawn (18). All to reach a winning ending? No, all because the first sacrifice was unsound! 1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.g3 b6 5.Bg2 Bb7 6.0-0 d6 7.Re1 Be7 8.e4 Nbd7 9.d4 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Qc7 Martin plays the hedgehog!? Well, he had tried it out a week before, and won. 11.b3 More usual is 11. Be3. 11...a6 12.Bb2 0-0 13.Rc1 Rad8 14.Nd5? Only two minutes on this! Black wins a pawn for very little. 14...exd5 15.cxd5 Qb8 16.Nc6 Bxc6 17.dxc6 Nc5 18.c7! The intended 18.b4 fails miserably to 18... Ne6. 18...Qxc7 19.b4 b5?! Black starts to drift a little. 20.Qc2 Nfd7 21.e5!? This should not really work, but 21.bxc5 dxc5 22.e5 c4! leaves White struggling, since 23. Be4 g6 24.e6 Nf6 goes nowhere, while otherwise Black carries out his plan of Nc5-d3. 21...dxe5 22.bxc5 f6?? This is where Black goes wrong - capturing with either minor piece on c5 leads to trouble, but the simple ... Qxc5! leaves Black well on top. White now has at least a draw, possibly more. The c5 pawn is no longer weak and the Black K-side pawns are pulled out of shape. 23.Be4 h6 24.Bd5+ Kh8 25.Qg6 Rfe8 Forced. Now White repositions the light-squared bishop on f5 rather than e4. 26.Bf7 Rf8 26...Nf8? 27.Qh5 costs the exchange or several pawns. The cramped and attacked Re8 is a major source of problems for

Black. 27.Be6 Rfe8 Drawn by repetition? 28.Bf5 No thanks! Hereabouts, I saw and evaluated a certain Bishop ending, while doubting that it would really constitute best play. The rest of my time I spent miscalculating various other much shorter lines. 28...Nf8 29.Qh5 Qa5!? I had hoped for 29...Bxc5 here, when I intended 30.Bd4! Yet my only reason for finding Bd4 was that I had miscalculated 30.Ba3, thinking that 30...b4 31.Bxb4 Bxf2ch 32.Kxf2 Qb6ch won for Black - but then 33.Bc5 should not have been hard to find...A pity to waste a shot like Bd4, I thought, but with 10 minutes for 11 moves I could not linger. 30.c6 Bc5!? Very cunning - yet it gives White an opportunity to transpose into his hoped-for line! The main alternative is 30...Bd6, when 31.Rfd1 seems extremely promising. 31.c7!? Qxc7 Which is the same position as if Black had played 29...Bxc5. 32.Bd4!! A real shock for Black. The rest of the tactical sequence to time control was more or less forced. 32...Rxd4 33.Qxe8 Rd8 34.Rxc5 Qa5!? 35.Qxd8!? Played because I knew it worked, but there was a much quicker win in the "normal" 35.Qe7 Qxe1ch 36.Kg2 Qd2 37.Rc7. 35...Qxd8 36.Rc8 Qd6 36...Qe7? leaves time for 37. Rfd1, eventually leaving White a Rook up. 37.Rxf8+! Qxf8 38.Rc1! The quiet move at the tail. Black should now try 38... a5, but the pawns still do not get through in time. I had spent time making sure they didn't when deciding on 28. Bf5! 38...g6?! 39.Rc8 Qxc8 40.Bxc8 a5 41.Bd7 b4 42.Kf1 Kg7 43.Ke2 Kf7 44.Kd3 Ke7 45.Ba4 Kd6 46.Kc4 f5 47.Be8 g5 48.Bg6 f4 49.g4 Kc6 50.Be4+ Kb6 51.h3 Ka6 52.Kc5 White ensures that both Black's q-side pawns fall without allowing a King entry. Black resigns. 1-0

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2	O	SARAPU	AC	2225	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	4½
3	EM	GREEN	NS	2219	½	½	1	½	0	½	1	4
4	MP	DREYER	AC	2184	0	½	0	1	½	1	1	4
5	PW	STUART	NS	2123	½	½	½	0	½	1	½	3½
6	I	MCNALLY	AC	1973	0	½	1	½	½	0	1	3½
7	DKW	LAM	AC	2006	0	0	½	0	0	1	1	2½
8	B	WHEELER	AC	1959	0	0	0	0	½	0	0	½

North Shore CC Championship

By Peter Stuart

The North Shore CC's 1994 championship was a not-very-strong double round robin which soon divided into two halves, with Peter Stuart, Peter Weir and Matthew Barlow (in rating order) fighting for the title, and Gavin Ion, Arnold van den Heuvel and Graham Pitts acting as spoilers.

Weir played the most interesting chess, Barlow the most boring, and the latter prevailed when Weir lost to both rivals in the last two rounds. The "spoilers" too two half-points off Stuart and Weir, but left Barlow unscathed.

Scores: 1 MJ Barlow 8/10; 2 PW Stuart 7½; 3 PB Weir 6½; 4 GJ Ion 3½; 5 A van den Heuvel 3; 6 GL Pitts 1½.

The B grade championship was won by Brenton Emmett, while Daniel Johns took the C grade. The following were the two most interesting games. Black's attack crashes through in the first, but doesn't quite make it in the second.

Barlow, MJ - Weir, PB

Grünfeld Defence (D91)

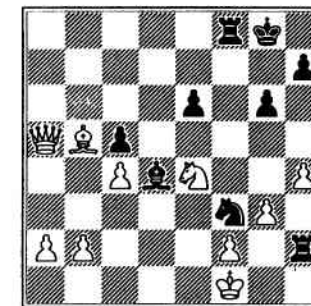
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bg5 Ne4 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.Nxd5 c6 8.Nf3 0-0 9.e3 cxd5 10.Be2 Nc6 11.0-0 Kh8 12.Qb3 e6 13.a3 Bd7 14.Rac1 f5 15.Rfd1 g5 16.Na4 Black's kingside attack now rolls on; 16.Qxb7!? muddies the waters, e.g. 16...Rb8 17.Qa6 Rxb2 18.Na4 intending Nc5. 16...g4 17.Ne1 f4 18.Bxg4 Qh4 19.Bf3 Na5! 20.Qc2 Bxa4 21.Qxa4 fxe3 22.fxe3 Nc4 23.Qb3 e5! 24.g3 Qh6 25.Rc3 exd4 26.exd4 Nd2 27.Qxd5 Rad8 28.Qxb7 Bxd4+ 29.Kg2 Bxc3 30.bxc3 Qe3 30...Nxf3! 31.Rxd2 Rxd2+ 32.Kh3 Qe6+ 33.Bg4 Qh6+ 34.Bh5 0-1

Ion, G - Weir, PB

King's Indian (E65)

1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 d6 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.Bxc6 Rb8 11.Qa4?! 11.Bg2 is more likely to test Black's idea. 11...a5 12.Rb1 Bf5 13.e4 Bh3 14.Rd1 Ng4 15.Nd5 Ne5 16.Bb5 Bg4 17.Be3 White cannot avoid the loss of the exchange, but will have some compensation. 17...e6 18.Nc3 f5 19.Bc5 19.c5!? 19...Bxd1

20.Rxd1 dxc5! Almost forced, but Black will have R + B for the queen and the Bb5 is merely a spectator. 21.Rxd8 Rbx8 22.Qxa5 22.Bc6!? 22...Nf3+ 23.Kg2 fxe4 24.Nxe4 Rd1 25.h4 Rg1+ 26.Kh3 Rh1+ 27.Kg2 Rg1+ 28.Kh3 Rh1+ 29.Kg2 Rh2+ 30.Kf1 Bd4



31.Qb6 31.Bd7!? 31...Nd2+ During the post mortem 21...Bxf2 (Ewen Green) was thought to win in view of 32.Qxe6+ Kh8 33.Nxf2 Rxf2+ 34.Kxf2 Nd4+ or 33.Ke2 Bd4+ 34.Kd3 Ne5+! or 33.Nf6 Bd4. White has better, however, in 33.Qe7! when 33...Rf5? loses to 34.Bd7! and 33...Nd2+? 34.Nxd2 is no better. So Black must play 33...Kg8, when 34.Qe6+ repeats. Instead of 32...Kh8 Black can try 32...Kg7!? 33.Qe7+ Rf7 when White's only, but good, continuation is 34.Qxf7+!! Kxf7 35.Nxf2 and Black has to take the draw by 35...Nd2+ 36.Kg1 Nf3+ etc as the attempt to break out the rook by 35...g5? is better for White after 36.Bc6 gxh4! 37.Bxf3 hxg3 38.Nd3 Rd2 39.Bd5+ Ke7 40.Nxc5, though the paucity of pawns may allow Black drawing chances. 32.Kg1 Not, of course, 32.Nxd2?? Rxf2 winning. 32...Nf3+ 33.Kf1 Nd2+ 34.Kg1 Rhxf2 35.Nxf2 Rxf2 36.Kh1 Nf1 37.Qxe6+ Kg7 38.Qe7+ Kg8 39.Qe6+ Kg7 40.Qe7+ Kg8 41.Qe6+ ½-½

All-Canterbury championships

By Nick Cummings

This year the all-Canterbury tournament was held as a weekend Swiss, played over 5 rounds. The time limit was 40 moves in 2 hours, and after Black's 40 moves the clocks were put back 15 minutes and the games played to a finish. This worked well and is a good alternative to adjournments.

The number of entries was disappointing - only 9, 8 from Canterbury CC and Rex Scarf from Ashburton.

However, despite the lack of entries it was a very competitive tournament. After 3 rounds, 5 players share the lead on 2/3, and after 4 rounds A Compton, N Cummings and T Russell were on 3/4. In the last round Cummings was paired with Compton and Russell with G Guerin. Russell won his game, guaranteeing at least a share of first prize. Cummings eventually beat Compton in a long bishop ending.

Scores: 1-2 N Cummings and T Russell 4; 3-5 A Compton, R Scarf and G Aranui 3; 6 A Nijman 2½; 7-8 G Guerin and J Mac 2; 9 M Stevenson 1½.

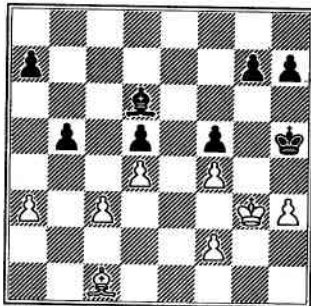
Here is the final, deciding game.

Compton, A - Cummings, N

Notes by Nick Cummings

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.c4 Nb6 4.c5 Nd5 5.Bc4 c6 6.Nc3 d6 7.Qf3 The main alternative here is 7.Qb3. 7...Nd7 8.exd6?! Better is 8.Bxd5 Ne5 9.Bxf7+ Nxf7 10.d4. 8...Ne5 9.Qe2 Nxc4 10.Qxc4 exd5 11.Nxd5 Be6! All this is given in G Burgess's book *The Complete Alekhine*, and the position is assessed as better for Black. 12.Qe2 cxd5 13.exd6 Bxd6 14.Nf3 0-0 15.0-0 Qf6 16.d4 Bg4 17.Be3 Bxf3 18.Qxf3 Qxf3 19.gxf3 White could do little to avoid this weakening. Black now wants to put White pawns on black squares and swap off rooks. 20.Rac1 f5 21.Kg2 Kf7 22.Rc3? Rxc3 23.bxc3 Rc8 24.Rb1 b6 25.Rb3 Rc4 To stop White swapping bishops with Bc1-a3. [J D Sarfati: Black correctly notes the bad White bishop, but Black could avoid the bishop swap by simply moving his Bishop off the diagonal. Also, the rook endgame is hopeless for White with his weak pawns.] 26.Bc1 Ra4 27.a3 Ke6 28.f4 [JDS: Needless putting his pawn on the same colour as his bishop. This enables Black's bishop to attack two pawns simultaneously with his bishop - a recipe for zugzwang.] 28...Kd7 Black has achieved his first

aim, now to swap rooks. 29.Kf3 Kc6 30.Ke2 Ra5 31.Kd3 Rb5 32.Kc2 Rxb3 33.Kxb3 b5 34.h3? This makes Black's task easier. 34...Kd7 35.Kc2 Ke6 36.Kd3 Kf7 37.Ke2 Kg6 38.Kf3 Kh5 39.Kg3



39...g5! White could not have avoided this by playing 39.Kg2 because after 39.Kh4 White is in zugzwang and will be forced to play Kh2, when Black can still play ...g5. If White's pawn was still on h2 it would be more difficult, although Black could still win, i.e., 39.Kg2 Kh4 40.f3 g6 41.Kg1 Kh3 42.Kh1 Be7! 43.Kg1 Bh4 44.Bd2 a6 45.Kh1 Bf2 wins. 40.Kf3 gxf4 41.Bxf4 Bxa3 and Black went on to win.

South Island Rapid

Robert Wansink was top seed in the second South Island Rapid Championship held in Dunedin at Labour Weekend, and although he has not had much recent match practice, Wansink lived up to his rating. He scored 7/8 to take the title, and in the last three rounds beat Tony Love, Ralph Tbailla and Peter Sinton.

Kendall Boyd was runner-up on 6½, followed by David Guthrie 6, Love 5½ and Tbailla 5.

There was a field of 20 including visitors from Invercargill, Christchurch and Queenstown. Bruce Gloisten took the B grade on 4½, and Terry Duffield and Ray Stone won the C grade on 4. Stone also took the upset prize.

The South Island lightning championship was played in conjunction with the rapid event, and was won by Tony Love.

Jenkins Trophy

By Peter Stuart

The final Jenkins Trophy match for 1994 saw the holders, North Shore, defeat the Auckland Chess Centre 12:8. The recent arrival of two strong players from the former Yugoslavia bolstered Auckland's line-up. On board 2 Miomir Arandjevic held Paul Garbett to a draw, while Boris Zarkovic proved too strong for a russy Tony Carpenter on fourth board.

Judging by Zarkovic's 6-0 sweep of a moderate rapid event on Labour Day, the two newcomers will prove a handful for the local players in future tournaments.

As often happens, the bottom boards effectively decided the match, while the top 10 saw North Shore score plus one. The lower boards looked to be going heavily Auckland's way at one stage, but it was neck and neck midway through the guillotine finished and North Shore snuck ahead from there.

Results (North Shore names first): R i Nokes ½ O Sarapu ½, P A Garbett ½ M Arandjelovic ½, P W Stuart 0 M P Dreyer 1, A L Carpenter 0 B Zarkovic 1, P B Weir 1 N H Hopewell 0, M J Barlow 1 L H Cornford 0, R Hart ½ B Wheeler ½, W Leonhardt 1 C S Blaxall 0, P I Hair ½ B Latimer ½, G L Pitts ½ R A Beesley ½, A van den Heuvel 1 K Ward 0, B G Emett ½ P Macdonald ½, P Mistry 1 P Frost 0, P R Snelson 0 D Lim 1, B J Giles 1 P Young 0, G W Mears 1 M Ashe 0, D J O Milne 0 D A Vincent 1, T Evans 0 M K Morrison 1, G E Sullivan 1 B Whitaker 0, B M Winsor 1 E A Otene 0.

Life-size chess in Auckland

Level 5 of the Finance Plaza in Auckland is the site for Auckland's only life-size chess set. The board was recently refurbished by the Auckland University Chess Club, and is made available for play by the managers of the Finance Centre.

Petone Labour Weekend tournament

The Petone Labour Weekend tournament also doubled as the All-Wellington Championships for this year, with the top two grades as 6-player round robins and the C grade as a Swiss.

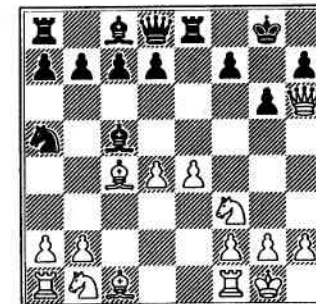
Mark Noble and Jonathan Sarfati were both unbeaten in the A grade, scoring 4/5, so they share the All-Wellington title. Gavin Marner and Mark van der Hoorn were third, on 2½, ahead of Alan Winfield and Mark Sinclair on 1 each. After drawing with Marner in round 1 and Sarfati in round 2, the last NZ Reserve winner Sinclair suffered three losses in what turned out to be a disastrous run-up to the NZ Championship.

Ross Jackson and Ted Frost shared the B grade, on 4/5, with Jackson winning four in a row after losing to Frost in round 1. Frost drew with Richard Glover and Zyg Frankel. Glover was third on 2½, ahead of Stephen Aburn and Zyg Frankel 2.

Lawrence Farrington won the C grade with 4½/5, conceding one draw to Peter Voss. Second were Voss and Michael Nyberg each 3½, ahead of Rosaleen and Teresa Sheehan 3 and John Cook 2½.

Six-year-old's win

The following is the finish of a game played in the South Australia Junior Chess League's 1994 championship. White is Jade Lauer-Smith, age 6!!



Position after 9...Na5

10. Bg5 Be7
11. Ne5! Bxg5
12. Bxf7+Kh8
13. Ng6#

New Zealand News

Ken Austin and Russell Dive have both responded to our request for an address for **Philip Clemance**, whose FIDE rating card was sent to NZCF. Philip married an American (a good chess player, Ken reports) and they have settled in Los Angeles, where Philip is carrying out statistical computer work for a mail order company. However, Philip does not get much chess these days. Thanks to our correspondents.

Expatriate **Frank Hutchings**, who made his home in Australia after marrying Diana Purdy, daughter of CJS, has just completed his play in the latest Australian correspondence chess championship with a score of 10:2, which he says will be enough to win. Frank joins CJSP and Lloyd Fell as the only players to have won the Australian correspondence title twice.

Merv Morrison and **Ortvin Sarapu** missed the 1994 world senior championship in Switzerland, but the travel bug is biting again and they are considering another trip to play in the 1995 event and some other events in Europe.

Barney Sullivan, former Tauranga chess stalwart, is still active in chess organisation now he is living north of Auckland. Ortvin Sarapu reports that Barney has an active club in Wellsford, and Ortvin visited them recently and played a simul, with a score of Sarapu 13, the rest 0.

Petone

Mark Noble has won the Petone CC Championship, conceding three draws in an eight-player round robin. Scoring 5½/7, he was just half a point ahead of Gavin Marner, who was followed by Mark Sinclair and Mark van der Hoorn 4½, Paul Connor 4, Philip Monrad 3½, Ross Jackson 1 (winning B grade) and Geoff Walker 0. **Eddie Beharic** won the C grade, with 6 wins after losing in the first round to Tony Quinn. Beharic 6/7 was followed by Frank Andriolic 5, Steven Ivancic and Tony Quinn 4, Michael Walker and Clive Greenwood 3, Aaron Howard 2 and Ben Jury 1.

Canterbury

Paul Tuffery and **Alistair Compton** tied for top honours in the Canterbury CC

Championship, with 5/7. Both drew four games and won the other three. They were followed by Colin Fraser 4, Dean Edwards and Arie Nijman each 3½, Nick Cummings 3, David Weegenaar 2½, Matthew Edmonds 1½. In the tightly-contested B grade **Chris Benson** and **Thor Russell** tied on 5/7, followed by Mark Guy and Jonathan Adams each 4½, Peter Boag 4, Geoff Patston 2½.

Reflecting Canterbury's renewed activity and membership growth, half the field of 16 in the C grade were unrated players. **Matthew McNabb** won with 5½/6. He conceded just one draw to Tony Norris, who was second equal with Anthony Lake and Andrew Dimock on 5, followed by James McGowan 4½, Jimmy Mac and Hans van der Horst 4, David Hollander and John Atkinson 3½, and George Aranui, Graeme Guerin, Michael Stevenson and Eddie Cook each 3.

Otago

The fourth mini in Otago CC's championship series was disappointing, with many unplayed games. Only 3 games were played in the A grade, with David Guthrie and Peter Sinton each scoring a win and Paul Vecovsky and Fennis McGaughan ½ each. Other scores: B, Malcolm Foord 3½/5, Aaron Batchelor 3, Geoff Lambourne 2; C, Hamish Gold 4, Terry Duffield 2, David Reid and Roger Gonin 1½; D, Michael Bevin 3½, Raymond Stone 2½, Anthony Ritchie 2.

Shamnika Rupasinghe won the Otago University Chess Club's second blitz tournament of the year. He won the Mid Games-sponsored event from Matthew Vincent, with Richard Berkeley third.

Invercargill

Tony Dowden has won this year's Invercargill CC championship. He proved to be a class above the rest and really wasn't extended in any of his games. He won with 9/9, easily clear of second placed Robert Mackway-Jones, with Moss Wylie in third. The B grade winner was Andrew McGurk who in fact was playing in the A grade for the last round. The club has based

its championship format on that of Otago, with promotion and relegation after each round. Unfortunately, when it became clear that Andrew had won the B grade the rest of the games in the B section did not get completed and the C grade was a shambles with most of the games in rounds one and two unfinished.

A 30/30 competition has commenced, now that the championships are finished.

Sets for junior use

NZCF holds a number of sets and roll-up boards which are available for junior and particularly school tournament use. They were supplied by the FIDE education body, CACDEC, and they came into use recently when a call was received from teacher Terry Powell, of Eketahuna, in the Northern Wairarapa.

Tom organised a primary school chess day in Eketahuna, and received 75 entries, including 20 from girls, from around North Wairarapa. This led to his urgent call to NZCF for assistance with playing materials, and the boards and sets, plus an extra set for presentation to one of the schools and a book for presentation to an individual, were sent off by courier.

The day was highly successful, and Terry Powell was assisted in the organisation by Gambit CC members Tom van Bodegraven and Chris Gerven, of Masterton.

Sets and boards are available on loan from NZCF for events such as this.

Wellington interclub

The Wellington district interclub competition was held this year at Petone on Wednesday nights, instead of one a home-and-away basis. However, the number of teams did not increase and it was still not possible for clubs to field A grade teams.

In the B grade, Wellington CC lost their way in the final two rounds to allow Civic to take over the lead and win with 20 points. Wellington were second on 18½, followed by Upper Hutt 16, Petone 14 and Kapiti 10½.

Wellington won the C grade with 18½ points, ahead of Kapiti Red 16½, Petone 12½ and Kapiti Blue 7.

Coming events

Below is a list of expected open rated events for 1995. Those in bold type have been notified to NZCF, and clubs have been requested to confirm and advise dates as soon as possible.

- December 28- **NZ Championship Congress**
January 11 and **NZ Rapid Championship**, Wanganui.
- March Howick-Pakuranga's Latvian Gambit tournament, 6r 30/30, Pakuranga Community Centre.
- April 14-17 **NZ Women's Championship**
(Easter) (*Note 1*), NZ Junior and Under-16 (*Note 2*), Civic Easter, Wellington, Auckland CC Easter
- April 22 **Kapiti Rapid**, 5r 30/30.
May 9-11 Regional Schoolpupil Championships. (*Note 2*)
- May 14-19 North Island Championship (no application yet).
- May 20-21 North Island Rapid (no application yet).
- June 3-5 **Wellington CC Queen's Birthday Open**, Invercargill QB Waitakere Trust Open, organised by Waitemata CC.
- July New Plymouth CC Open 40/40.
- July August Papatoetoe Open, 40 in 90, 15 to finish.
- August 21-26 **South Island Championship**, application made by Otago.
- Aug 28-Sep 1 NZ Schoolpupils' final (*Note 2*)
- October 21-23 Petone CC Open and (Labour w/e) All-Wellington. South Island Rapid, Dunedin.

December 28, 1995-January 11, 1996, NZ Championship Congress and **NZ Rapid Championship**, Civic, Wellington. **1995 zonal championship**, in January-March, dates and venue not yet advised.

Congress, 1996-97, North Shore, Auckland. **Congress, 1997-98**, Hamilton (tentative application for centennial year).

Note 1: Application by Hasting and Havelock N CC, to be considered by NZCF annual meeting.

Note 2: Subject of remit to NZCF annual meeting.

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Letters to the Editor

North Shore Open

I would like to comment on Peter Stuart's report on the 1994 North Shore Open (NZ Chess, October).

Firstly, I would like to state publicly that I prefer to be called Bob rather than Robert. I thought that everyone had been aware of this for many years, but it seems I still surface in some reports as "Robert."

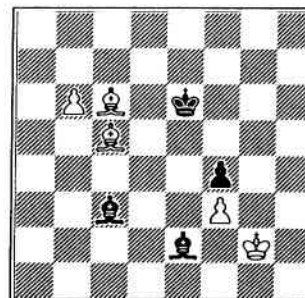
Secondly, Peter mentions complaints by me about the reverse pairings used in the tournament. I categorically deny that I made any official complaints about using reverse pairings. However, as Peter chose to raise this subject I would like to comment further.

Looking at round 2, Garbett met a 2030 player while Nokes played a 2034 player. I played a 2123 player - nearly 100 points higher. In a 5-round tournament where three rounds are squeezed in on one day, this obviously gives the top seeds an advantage. They have a considerably easier task in the second round and therefore must be more rested in the third round.

My round 2 games against Stuart went the distance (he lost on time, but I conceded a draw as I was a meaningless pawn up in a rook and pawn ending), while Nokes and Garbett finished their games more quickly.

I believe this contributed to my losing a very tight struggle in round 3 against Nokes, which I would like to continue a little further than Peter Stuart took the game in his report.

After 60.b6 the following position was reached:



Both sides were in time trouble, with me having a little less. The game continued 60...Be5 61.Kh3 Bc4 62.Kg4 Bd5 63.Bxd5 Chess

Kxd5 64.Bg1 Kc6 65.Kf5 and now, with less than a minute left in the 20-minute play-off, I instantly played 65...Bb8?? This lost after 66.Bh2 as after 66...Kxb6 67.Bxf4 my bishop cannot escape.

The game actually continued 66.Bh2 Bd6 67.Bxf4 Bc5 68.Bc7 and White won, although I later missed another chance to draw by sacrificing my bishop for the two pawns.

However, after 65...Bd6 I don't see how White wins, e.g., 66.Bh2 Kxb6 67.Bxf4 Bb4 and White cannot advance his pawn without Black sacrificing his bishop for it. I think this was more than just a "fleeting drawing chance."

Regards, Bob Smith.

[J D Sarfati comments: Smith correctly claims the position after 65...Bd6 66.Bh2 Kxb6 67.Bxf4 Bb4 is drawn. A typical drawing manoeuvre follows, which is important to know. Janowski once resigned a game against Capablanca (New York 1916) because he overlooked this idea. 68.Be3+ Kb5 69.Ke6 Kc4+ 70.f4 Kd3 71.Bc1 Ke4 72.f5 Bc3=. See Y Averbakh's *Bishop Endings*.]

Listener attitude to chess

The article in the *Listener* magazine issue of October 29 (about the Auckland Chess Centre) is not the first time the *Listener* has shown it is anti-chess.

Some years ago they dropped GM Murray Chandler's excellent chess articles. Many readers wrote to the editor, but he ignored them.

The second time was last year, when I was asked by Brian Foster to give a copy of my book "Mr Chess" to the *Listener* for review. Other magazines and papers reviewed the book, but for three months the *Listener* was silent. After I personally visited their office and asked them to return my book, they finally got IM Vernon Small to write a review.

The stupid and twisted article about Auckland CC is the third time they have shown their anti-chess attitude.

I am etc, Ortvin Sarapu.

[Abridged. The writer also draws attention to sloppy journalism in the October 29 article, including misspelling of names and other factual errors. Editors]

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561	STOREY J	PT	1407	4 985*	unr
562	WHATARAU M	WT	1725	984*	unr
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577	HILL D	KP	1635	unr	938*
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580	BRITTEN R	WT	1726	927*	unr
581	EDWARDS C	PT	1774	5 927*	unr
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584	WILHELM P	IN	1795	4 917*	unr
585	WILKINS JC	NS	1755	unr	917*
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587	BROWNE E	CA	1783	11 914*	unr
588	TE KANI S	HA	1768	4 912*	unr
589	SHEEHAN SB	HH	1736	12 906	unr
590	WAI J	HP	1770	9 906*	unr
591	BURTON T	OT	1533	5 905*	unr
592	DAVIES A	KP	1628	unr	894*
593	STEVENSON M	CA	1776	22 881	17 1061
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595	KINGSTON R	KP	1630	unr	875*
596	GIANOTTI P	UH	1583	874	unr
597	ARNOLD R	WT	1727	870*	unr
598	TIBBLE A	WT	1679	865*	unr
599	SUTTON R	HH	1552	864*	1129
600	GLAMUZINA JV	HA	1681	860*	unr
601	HARROD D	HP	1622	unr	858*
602	TAYLOR S	UH	1760	857*	unr
603	FRASER P	AC	1641	854*	unr
604	LUJAO T	WT	1734	848*	unr
605	RUDLAND M	PT	1355	840	unr
606	MASON K	KP	1544	833*	1241*
607	FARGHER J	UH	1761	821*	unr
608	KRAULIZ P	WA	1790	810	unr
609	VAN STRATEN D	NS	1607	4 804*	1133*
610	KUCERA A	WT	1729	801*	unr
611	HARTIGAN C	WT	1798	4 798*	unr
612	PENTNEY CR	NS	1673	unr	792*
613	MUNNS M	WT	1731	4 776*	unr
614	FITZGERALD A	PT	1427	760*	unr
615	KELLY A	AC	1696	750*	unr
616	COUTTS S	NS	1642	unr	741*
617	PETERS P	KP	1634	1 740*	967*
618	BENNETT M	HA	1741	729*	unr
619	MACKINTOSH WE	OT	1225	3 703	unr
620	AUTHIER A	WT	1728	685*	unr

620	KUCERA A	WT	1703	660*	unr
621	REID H	CA	1784	15 657	unr
622	SHEEHAN S	HH	1655	5 656*	unr
623	HART M	PT	1475	655*	unr
624	HUGHES S	OT	1534	5 613*	unr
625	SINCLAIR F	WE	1757	unr	3 582*
626	DETTE J	UH	1762	567*	unr
627	JONES A	WT	1775	4 541*	unr
628	HARDER Q	WT	1733	535*	unr
629	GALEA D	UH	1499	532*	5 1105*

Club codes

AS	Ashburton
AC	Auckland Chess Centre
CA	Canterbury
CI	Civic
GA	Gambit
HA	Hamilton
HP	Howick-Pakuranga
HH	Hastings and Havelock North
IN	Invercargill
KP	Kapiti
NE	Nelson (Gambit)
NP	New Plymouth
NS	North Shore
OT	Otago
PT	Papatoetoe
PE	Petone (Gambit)
UH	Upper Hutt
WT	Waitemata
WA	Wanganui
WE	Wellington

Abbreviations

Abbreviations used in game scores in NZ Chess:

0-0	castling Kingside
0-0-0	castling Queenside
x	capture
+	check
#	checkmate
ep	captures "en passant"
!	good move
!!	very good move
□	the only move
!?	Speculative, with good prospects
?!	Speculative, doubtful prospects
=	Position is equal
∞	Position is unclear
+-	White is winning
-+	Black is winning
±	White has a clear advantage
⊖	Black has a clear advantage
±	White has slight advantage
⊖	Black has slight advantage
⊞	with compensation for material
=Q	Promotion to Queen

Sarapu vs Genius III

By Ortvin Sarapu

Genius III is the computer that beat Garry Kasparov recently, and Bruce Barnard has just received his Genius III from Germany. This cassette won the microcomputers world championship for 1993. It was the Genius II then! It has 10 million opening moves!

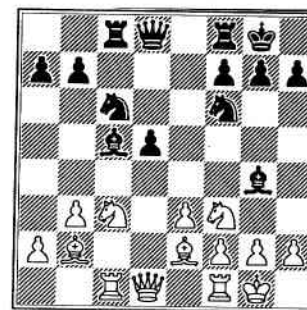
In the London tournament in which it beat Kasparov, Genius III won 1½:½, and it beat GM Predrag Nikolic 2-0, but lost to Viswanathan Anand in the semi-final. The Swedish SSSF world rating list gave Genius III's London effort a performance rating of Elo 2790 - and if you don't believe it, ask Garry Kasparov!

I have been playing computers for at least 10 years with Bruce Barnard and here are two games I have played against Genius III. The time control was 30 moves in 60 minutes each, compared with 25 minutes each for the games in London. In the first game I used 49 minutes and Genius III 41 minutes.

Genius III - Sarapu, O

Auckland, 2 November, 1994

1.c4 Nf6 2.b3 This was a big surprise to me. There is no name to this opening. I decided to play the Tarrasch Defence, as b3 does not fit into that opening. 2...e6 3.Nf3 e5 4.Bb2 Nc6 5.e3 Be7 6.Be2 0-0 7.0-0 d5 b6 is also good. 8.cxd5 exd5 Perhaps Nxd5 is better here, with b6 and Bb7 to follow later. 9.d4 Bg4 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Nc3 Rc8 12.Rc1



Here Black is sacrificing a pawn for the initiative. I was surprised that White accepted it?! Only later I saw the point! 12...Qe7!? 13.Nxd5!? Nxd5 14.Qxd5 Nb4 15.Qc4 Be6

16.Qc3 f6 17.Qd2 Nxa2 18.Bxf6!? This was the point, which I did not calculate when I played 12...Qe7. 18...gxf6 Either Qxf6 or Rxf6 would give White a passed e-pawn. Now it is hard to make 4 pawns v 2 pawns work against Black. 19.Qxa2 Kh8 20.Bc4 Ba3! My best move in the game! Black gets a passed pawn! 21.Ra1 Bxc4 22.bxc4 Bc5 23.Qd2 Rcd8 24.Qc2 Rg8 25.Qf5 b6 26.g3 a5! White is a pawn up, but is unable to make it work. The only thing that saves White is that Black's King is unsafe. 27.Rfd1 Rxd1+ 28.Rxd1 Rd8 29.Rxd8+ Qxd8 30.Nd4 a4 Here Black could play Bxd4 and after 31.Qd3 a4 would also draw. I would not like to give White a passed pawn after Qa8, as we analysed with Ewen Green later. 31.Ne6 Qe7 32.Qe4 Qa7 To stop Qa8+! etc. 33.Qd5 h6 34.Qd8+ Kh7 35.Qxf6 a3 36.Qf5+ Kh8 37.Qg6 a2! Now White has to save himself as Q + N cannot organise mate threats. 38.Qxh6+ Kg8 39.Qg6+ Kh8 40.Qf6+ Kg8 41.Qg5+ Kh7 42.Qh5+ Kg8 43.Qg4+ Kh8 44.Qxh5+ Kg8 45.Qe8+ Kh7 46.Qh5+ Kg8 ½-½ The same position is reached three times with the same player to move.

Sarapu, O - Genius III

Auckland, 11 November, 1994

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f4 Bg7 5.Be2 0-0 6.Nf3 Na6 7.0-0 e5 8.d5 Nc7 9.a4 a6 10.h3 Nh5?! 11.Kh2 Bxc3!? 12.bxc3 Nf6 13.Nd2 e6 14.c4 Qe7 15.Bf3 e5 16.g3 exf4 17.gxf4 Nfe8 18.Bb2 Qh4 19.Bg2 Bd7 20.Qe1 Qxe1 21.Rfxe1 b6 22.e5 Bf5 23.Be4 Bc8 24.Bd3 Bd7 25.Ne4 dxe5 26.fxe5 a5 27.Rf1 Rb8 28.Bc1 Bf5 29.Bg5 Bxe4 30.Bxe4 f5 Desperado! 31.exf6.e.p. Nd6 32.Bd3 Rf7 33.Kg2 Na6 34.c3 Nc7 35.Ra1 Nce8 36.h4! Rbe1?! would lead to a draw. 36...Rbb7 37.Rf3 Nc7 38.Rh1 Rb8 39.h5 gxh5 40.Rxh5 Nce8 41.Bh4 Rbb7 42.Rh6 Rb7 43.Bg3 Ra7 44.Be5 Kf8 45.Rfh3 Kg8 46.R6h4 Rfd7 47.Rg4+ Kf8 48.Rhg3 Nxf6!? 49.Bxf6 Ne8 50.Be5 Re7 51.Re4 Rf7 52.Be2 Rae7 53.Bf3 Rf5 54.d6 Rxe5 55.Rxe5 Rxe5 56.d7 Ke7 57.dxe8=Q+ Kxe8 58.Rg8+ Ke7

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Games

An evergreen reborn

Recently Anthony Ker published one of Alekhine's famous sacrificial positions in his column in Wellington's Evening Post. This position, one of the evergreens, is worth publishing periodically because of its instructive, incisive beauty, so we repeat it:



White, playing blindfold, to play.

1.Nf7! Kxf7 If 1...Kc7 2.Qxe6.2. Qe6+!! Kxe6 If 2.Kf8 3.Ng5 and mate follows. 3.Ng5#

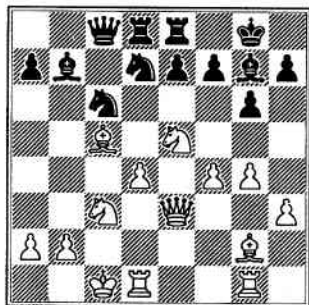
A special reason for publishing this position, acknowledged by Anthony in his column, is that it quickly came back to haunt him in this game from the Civic Chess Club's 1994 Championship, in which Mark Noble has been playing by invitation.

Noble, M - Ker, A

Notes by Anthony Ker

1.e4 d6 2.d3 g6 3.Nd2 Bg7 4.h3 c5 5.Ne2 Nc6 6.c3 b5 7.g4 I venture to say that White's opening moves will not be found in any chessbook! His strategy seems to be to give Black enough rope and he'll hang himself - which is precisely what happens. 7...b4?! This pawn should remain where it is to prevent White's next move. Indicated was 7...e6, followed by Nge7 and 0-0. 8.Nc4 d5? Black embarks on a faulty strategy, opening up the position before he has completed his development and weakening his pawns as well. Future woes may be traced to this move. 9.exd5 Qxd5 10.Rg1 Bb7 11.Bg2 Qd7 12.Be3 The fly in the ointment. The pawn on c5 will be an early casualty of Black's faulty opening play. 12...Rd8 13.Bxc5 bxc3 14.Nxc3 Nf6 Why not

regain the pawn by 14...Qxd3? After 15.Qxd3 Rxd3 16.Ke2 Rd7 17.Rgd1 Nf6 18.Rxd7 Nxd7 19.Bxa7! White's endgame advantage is too great. 15.Qe2 0-0 15...Qxd3? 16.Bxc6+ Bxc6 17.Qc7#. 16.0-0-0 Rfe8 17.d4 Ba6 18.Ne5!? Qc8 18...Bxe2 19.Nxd7 Bxd1 20.Nxf6+ exf6 21.Bxc6 Re6 22.d5 is fine for White. Black could have ried 18...Bh6+ here, stopping a later Qe3. 19.Qe3 Bb7 20.f4 Nd7 White has a wonderful position here. Still, I was not expecting to resign two moves later. Can you guess what is about to happen?



21.Nxf7+ Kxf7? Who said "history never repeats itself"? Boy, was he wrong! The only chance was 21...Nxc5. 22.Qe6+ 1-0 Because of 22...Kxe6 23.Bd5+ Kf6 24.Ne4# or 22...Kf8 23.Bd5 and Black is helpless to prevent mate on f7 or g8.

Olympiad game

Games from the current Olympiad have not been available for this issue of NZ Chess, but will be a major feature in the February issue. Ben Martin is not playing in this year's event, but at Manila in 1992 one of his wins was featured in the tournament book. Here it is, with notes from the tournament book.

Aturupane, M SRI - Martin, B

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bb5+?! c6 6.Bd3 Ne7 7.Qf3 Nd7 8.Bg5 Nf8 9.Nge2 Ne6 10.Bd2 0-0 11.a3 Bd6 12.Nd1 Bd7 13.c3 Qc7 14.h4 White makes all the running in this game, but he should have played Ne3 first to keep Black guessing for one more move. 14...Rae8 15.Ne3 c5 16.Qh5 f5 17.Kf1 b6 Now White's position is falling apart, so he must go "all in." 18.g4 cxd4 18...g6?! 19.Qh6

cxd4 20.h5 dxe3 [20...gxh5 21.gxf5 dxe3 22.Be3+] 21.gxf5 exd2 22.hxg6+. Now 19.gxf5 would have led to crazy complications. The players were already consuming a lot of time. 19.Nxf5 19.gxf5 dxe3 20.fxex6 Rxf2+ [20...g6 21.exd7 gxh5 22.dxe8=Q Re8 23.Be3 Be5 24.Rg1 Kh8+] 21.Kg1 g6 22.exd7 Ref8!+ [Why not 22.Bh2+ 23.Rxh2 Qxh2#? - Ed.]. 19...g6 20.Nxe7+ 20.Nh6 Kg7+. Or 20.Qh6 gxf5! [20...Nxf5 21.gxf5 Bb5 22.fxg6] 21.gxf5 Nf5+. 20...Rxe7 21.Qh6 dxe3 Now Black wins but the players were down to their last couple of minutes. 22.Be3 d4 23.Bg5 Ref7 24.h5 Rxf2+ 25.Ke1 cxb2? 25...Rxe2+! 26.Bxe2 Bg3+ 27.Kd1 Ba4+ 28.Kc1 Qb2. 26.Rb1 Nng5 27.Qxg5 Qc5 With flags hanging, Black plays safe. 28.Qh6 Bg3 29.hxg6 Rxe2+ 30.Kxe2 Rf2+ 31.Ke1 Qa5+ 32.Kd1 Ba4+ 0-1

Juniors at SI Championship

Two of the South Island's most promising juniors met in Round 2 at the 1994 South Island Championship. Canterbury's Thor Russell unwound a combination which won a piece and eventually the game from national schoolpupil champion David Guthrie.

Guthrie, D - Russell, T

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 c5 8.Rb1 0-0 9.Be2 Qc7 10.0-0 Rd8 11.Be3 e6 12.Qc1 Nc6 13.Rd1 cxd4 14.cxd4 Qe7 15.Rb3 Na5 16.Rc3 Bd7 17.Ne5 Nc6 18.Bg5 f6 19.Bh4 g5 20.Nxd7 Rxd7 21.d5 exd5 22.exd5 Qxe2 23.Re1 Nd4 24.Bg3 Qxa2 25.Qd1 Qxd5 26.Re3 Qf7 27.h4 Nf5 28.Rd3 Rxd3 29.Qxd3 Nxg3 30.Qxg3 gxh4 31.Qxh4 Re8 32.Rd1 a5 33.Qa4 b6 34.Qb5 Qe6 35.Rf1 Qe5 36.Qc4+ Kh8 37.Rd1 b5 38.Qf7 Qe7 39.Qh5 Qe2 40.Qxe2 Rxe2 41.Rd8+ Bf8 42.Rxf8+ Kg7 43.Ra8 Re1+ 44.Kh2 a4 45.Kg3 Ra1 46.Ra7+ Kg6 47.Rb7 Rb1 48.Ra7 Rb6+ 49.Kg4 a3 50.f4 f5+ 51.Kh4 b4 52.Ra6+ Kf7 53.Kg5 Rb2 54.Kxf5 a2 55.Ra7+ Ke8 56.Ke6 Re2+ 57.Kd5 b3 58.Kc4 b2 59.Rxa2 Re4+ 0-1

Wade at World Seniors

Here is a game won by New Zealand expatriate IM, Bob Wade, at the 1994 World Seniors Championships in Biel, Switzerland.

Chess

Wade, RG - Lein, A

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.d5 e5 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 Be7 6.Be2 0-0 7.Be3 Nbd7 8.h4 b5 9.cxb5 a6 10.Nf3 axb5 11.Bxb5 Ng4 12.Bg5 Ndf6 13.Nd2 h6 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Be2 h5 16.g3 Be7 17.Nc4 g6 18.Bxg4 Bxg4 19.f3 Bc8 20.Qd2 Kg7 21.0-0-0 Ba6 22.Ne3 Rb8 23.g4 Rh8 24.g5 Rb4 25.Qf2 Rd4 26.f4 exf4 27.Qxf4 Rf8 28.Rhg1 Kh7 29.Nf5 gxf 30.Qf3 Rh8 31.exf5 Rxb4 32.f6 Bf8 33.Rh1 Rxb1 34.Rxb1 Kg8 35.Rh4 Bc8 36.Rxb5 Rxb5 37.Qxh5 Bf5 38.Qf3 Qc8 39.a4 Bg4 40.Qe4 Qf5 41.Qxf5 Bxf5 42.Kd2 Kh7 43.Ke3 Kg6 44.Kf4 Be2 45.a5 Bd3 46.Na4 Ba6 47.Nb6 Bb7 48.Nd7 Bg7 49.fxg7 Kxg7 50.Nf6 Kf8 51.Kg4 Ke7 52.Kh5 Ba6 53.Kh6 Bb5 54.Kg7 Bd3 55.Ng8+ Ke8 56.Kf6 Bc4 57.Ne7 1-0

Roger Chapman's start

(To the editor)

On reading your article about Roger Chapman, I felt great regret that you did not point out that he started over-the-board play as a member of the New Plymouth Chess Club.

So I looked out old score books and found I had played him four times in club championship games and once in the North Island Championship, with a score of 4-1 in my favour. Of course, in those days he was a young improver.

Here is one of the games:

Chapman, R - Austin, KR

New Plymouth CC Champ, 9.5.59

1.d4 c5 2.d5 d6 3.e4 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Bg5 Be7 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.Qd2 exd5 8.exd5 Nb6 9.a4 h6 10.Bf4 a6 11.a5 Nbd7 12.Bc4 Nh5 13.Be3 b5 14.axb6ep Nxb6 15.Be2 Bg4 16.h3 Bxf3 17.Bxf3 Nf6 18.b3 0-0 19.Be2 a5 20.Bb5 Nfd7 21.Bc6 Rb8 22.Nb5 Ne5 23.0-0 Nxc6 24.dxc6 Qe8 25.Nxd6 Qxc6 26.Nf5 Bf6 27.Rxa5 Nd7 28.c3 Rxb3 29.Qc2 Qe6 30.Bd2 c4 31.Rfa1 Rfb8 32.Ra6 Qe2 33.Re1Rb1 34.Rx1 Rxb1+ 35.Qxb1 Qxd2 36.Ra8+ Nf8 37.Qb8 Qe1+ 38.Kh2 Be5+ 0-1

Yours, etc.,

Ken Austin

The winner makes the last mistake but one!

In support of my argument that at my lowly level blunders and tactics decide most games, I present two games. They are far from flawless and were both played in a short space of time against the same opponent. I am rated in the low 1700s, my opponent slightly lower.

The score was 1-1, but in both games the winner was objectively losing until the opponent made a crucial mistake and the tables were turned.

Sadler, M - Adams, J

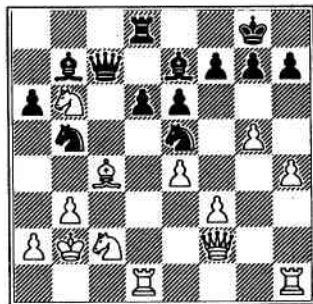
Sicilian, Maroczy Bind, Fantasy Var.

Notes by J Adams, with additional notes

by J D Sarfati

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.f3 Though I have met other versions of the Maroczy Bind, I had never faced this move order but recalled seeing it years ago in MCO 11. 5...a6 I see that 5...e5 is recommended. I did not want to play ...g6 because in the past I have played games where I ended up passively placed when playing a Dragon against a Maroczy formation - and lost. 6.c4 e6 7.Nc3 Be7 8.Be3 My problem now was to formulate a good plan to counter White's coming K-side attack. Q-side play seemed indicated. White's next surprised me, but is of course quite common in such positions [e.g., in the English Opening]. It certainly stopped ...d5 for a long time. It is interesting that when much later Black played ...d5, it won the game. 8...0-0 9.Nc2 Nc6 10.Qd2 Qc7 11.0-0-0 [JDS: White should normally castle short in the Maroczy Bind, because the Q-side is more exposed after c4.] Rd8? This got me into strife through White's obvious designs on b6. 12.Qf2 g4 also looks good. 12...Nd7 To prepare Black's next move. 13.g4 Bf6 14.Na4 Qa5 15.b3 b5!? I did not think this was going to work, but what else was there? Black clearly needs some play or he will get flattened on the K-side. [JDS: Adams is pessimistic about this move, but it highlights the weakness of the exposed c-pawn.] 16.Bd2 16.g5 is possibly even better. [JDS: 16.g5 (drives the bishop off the long diagonal) Be7 17.Bd2 Qc7 18.cxb5 axb5 19.Bxb5 is better for White than the game, but Black still has good compensation. Pawns don't matter here - White should be alarmed at the open files near his king.] 16...Qc7 7.cxb5 Again, I am not sure if this is best, as Black will quickly get the pawn back. 17...Nd4 [JDS: 17...axb5! 18.Bxb5 Nd4 19.Bd3 Nc5! 20.Nxc5 Rxa2!+ 21.Kb1 Nxc2 Kxa2 (22.Na4 Nb4) 22...Qa7+ 23.Na4 (23.Kb1 Qa1+ 24.Kxc2 Qb2#)

23...Qxf2 24.Bxc2 Qxf3.] 18.Be3 Nxb5 [JDS: 18...axb5!? 19.Bxd4 bxa4.] 19.g5 White is clearly on top. [JDS: Au contraire, Black is well ahead in the race to open lines against the enemy.] 19...Be7 20.Bc4 Rb8 21.h4 Ne5? Forgetting about b6, which on the previous moves I realised I needed to keep defended. [JDS: 21...d5! 22.exd5 exd5 23.Rxd5 Na3 24.Nxa3 Bxa3+ 25.Nb2 Bb7 26.Rd4 Ne5 27.Rxd8+ Rxd8 28.Bb6 Nd3+ 29.Kb1 Nxf2 30.Bxc7 Rd2+ is one line.] 22.Bb6 Rxb6 23.Nxb6 23.Qxb6 looks better, as the knight does not have a lot of scope. 23...Bb7



24.Kb2?? He misses the obvious threat. Phew! Just about anything else still wins for White, but this blunder loses. 24...d5! 25.exd5 Bc5 26.Qh2? Compounding his problems by putting his Queen on a dangerous diagonal. It is amazing how often one blunder is followed quickly by another inaccuracy. 26...Bxb6 27.dxe6 Bad, but sensible alternatives are hard to find. 27...Rxd1 28.exf7+ The same comment applies. If 28.e7, 28...Nd3+ 29.Bxd3 Qc3#! 28...Kf8 Now White must lose material 29.Rxd1 Nxc4+ 0-1

Yes, I was very lucky. But it was Mark who had the luck in the next game, which features knight forks all over the place. He analysed better than I did and won a critical pawn through simple tactics that I overlooked.

Adams, J - Sadler, M

Pirc-Austrian

Notes by J Adams, with additional notes

by J D Sarfati

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f4 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.e5 I often like to play direct moves. 6...dxe5 7.fxex5?! Same comment applies, but this is probably weak. 7.dxe5 is, of course, the normal move. 7...Nd5 8.Bc4

[JDS: 8.Ne4] Nxc3?! This surprised me. It gave me a nice central blockade against the fianchettoed bishop - until such time as he plays ...f6. 9.bxc3 c6 [JDS: 9...c5] 10.0-0 b5 11.Bb3 Bf5 12.a4 I felt very happy with my position at this point. 12...Nd7 13.axb5 cxb5 14.Qe2 Qb6 15.Be3 Qb7 16.c4 bxc4 17.Bxc4 White has a definite edge. 17...Nb6 18.Ba6?! Looks tempting for its blockading value, but may be putting the bishop offside. 18...Qc7 19.c4 Bc8 20.Rfc1 Bxa6 21.Rxa6 Rfc8 22.Bf4 I thought I was still better. [JDS: Adams correctly thinks he has the advantage. 22.d5!? Bxe5? 23.Bxb6+] 22...Qb7 23.Qa2 e6 24.Nd2?! This got me into unnecessary trouble, and a position replete with tactics involving knights. 24...Nd5!? 25.Rb1 Nb4 26.Ra4 Qb6 26...Qd7, breaking the pin while maintaining the threat of ...Qxd4+, might have been stronger. [JDS: Adams rightly suggests this is stronger, although White still has the advantage after 27.Nf3 Nd3 (27...Nc6 28.d5) 28.Bg3.] 27.Qa1 a5?? [JDS: Given two queries, but what can Black do? 27...Nc2 28.Rxb6 Nxa1 29.Rb2+; 27...Bf8 28.c5+.] 28.c5?? A double blunder, because I played too quickly and missed the simple 28.Rxb4 which would have won some heavy material, and as long as I kept a wary eye on the Black b pawn, should have decided the game. 28...Qd8 29.Nc4 At this stage I felt happy. I definitely need to get the little grey cells working better! 29...Nc2! Only now did it dawn on me that Black has seen one move further ahead than I have and that I am going to lose an important pawn. 30.Qb2 Qxd4+ 31.Qxd4 Nxd4 32.Nb6 Ne2+ 33.Kf2 Nc3 With an easy win. Oh dear! [JDS: See note to move 36.] 34.Rba1 Nxa4 35.Rxa4 Bf8 36.Nxa8? Capturing the wrong rook. Look at the pawn after the capture on c8 instead. [JDS: 36.Nxc8 Bxc5+ 37.Kf3 Rxc8 38.Rxa5 with a hard game for Black to win, because the pawns are on one side.] 36...Rxa8? Black should have taken time for 36...Bxc5+ before capturing the knight on a8. 37.Be3 Be7 38.Bd4 Kf8 39.Ke3 The White cause is hopeless. Little further comment is necessary. 39...Ke8 40.c6? But what else? 40...Ra6 41.Rc4 Kd8 42.Bc3 a4 43.Rd4+ Kc8 44.Rd7 A vain attempt for some activity. 44...Rxc6 The pawn had to fall, of course. 45.Rxe7 Rxc3+ 46.Kd4 Rc7 Splat! 47.Rxc7+ [JDS: 47.Re8+ had to be tried, although Black should win without too much effort.] Kxc7 48.Kc4 Kc6 49.g3 a3 50.Kb3 Kd5 51.Kxa3 Kxe5 52.Kb4 Kd4 53.Kb5 e5 0-1

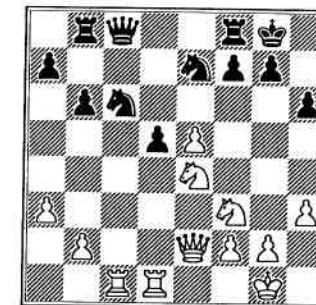
I am reminded of Tartakower's dictum that he who wins is often he who makes the last mistake but one! Both of us can think of the game we lost as "the one that got away."

Chess

Frank Marshall Gems

Selected by Jonathan Sarfati

Marshall, F - Schlechter, C
Ostende, 1907



23. Nf6! gxf6

24. exf6 Ng6

25. Qd2!

Even stronger than Qb5.

25. ... Qf5

25...Kh7 26.Nd4+-

26. Qxh6! Qxf6

27. Rxc6! Qxb2

27...Qxc6 28.Ng5 mates.

28.Rd4! Qb1+

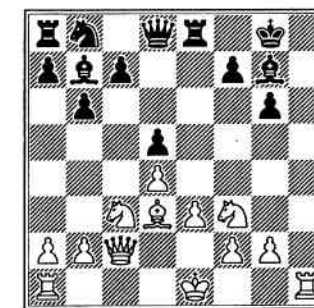
29.Kh2 Qf5

30.Rg4

Threatening Rxc6 or Ng5. 1-0

Marshall, F - Burn, A

Paris, 1900



14.Bxg6! fxc6 15.Qxg6 Nd7 16.Ng5 Qf6

17.Rh8+ 1-0

British National Chess League

A team entered by Murray Chandler's British Chess Magazine has quickly taken the lead and established itself as the favourite to win the British National Chess League's current teams tournament. The league has expanded from six to twelve teams, and three New Zealanders are taking part.

The BCM squad includes four GMs - John Nunn, Chandler, Jonathan Mestel and David Norwood - and four IMs - Robert Bellin, Ali Mortazavi, Byron Jacobs and Kiwi expatriate Bob Wade. After the first two rounds they had two wins and a game score of 11½:4½ which put them at the top of the table.

Another of the favoured teams, Wood Green, includes New Zealand's FM Ben Martin. Play is taking place over six weekends, with two rounds each weekend. Here are some of the early games.

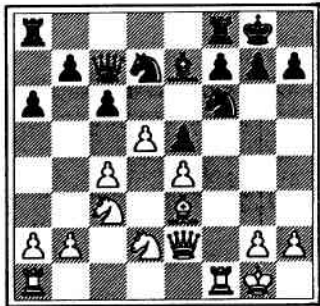
Helbig, P - Wade, R G

(2210, Bristol - IM 2290, BCM)

Notes by Ortvin Sarapu

Bob Wade, OBE, has twice been champion of Britain and New Zealand.

1.e4 c6 2.c4 e5!? An interesting sidestep from the usual d5. I have had it played against me only once, by an Irish player at the Olympiad. The game was drawn. 3.Nf3 d6 4.d4 Qc7 5.Nc3 Bg4 6.Be2 Nf6 7.Be3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nd2 Bxe2 10.Qxe2 Nbd7 11.f4



11...a6 White has the space advantage in the centre, but now he goes wrong. He should play his Ra1 to d1 or e1. 12.fxe5?! dxe5 13.d5 b5! The centre demolishing action! 14.dxc6 Qxc6 15.cxb5 axb5 16.Qxb5 Qxb5 17.Nxb5 Ng4!

18.Ba7?! Better is 18.Bf2 Nxf2 19.Kxf2 etc. 18...Rxa7! Naturally. 19.Nxa7 Bc5+ 20.Kh1 Bxa7 21.g3 Bd4 22.Rab1 Ra8 23.a3 Ndf6 24.Rfe1 Nf2+ 25.Kg2 Nd3 26.Re2 Nxb2 27.Nf3 Nc4 28.Nxd4 exd4 29.Rb4 d3 30.Re1 d2 31.Reb1 d1=Q! 0-1

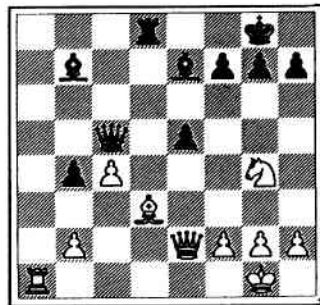
McDonald, N - Chandler, M

(IM 2420, Invicta Knights - GM 2545, BCM)

Notes by Ortvin Sarapu

This tournament is being run by the 4 Nations Chess League, which started in Germany some years ago and has clubs in France, Holland, Belgium and now for the second year in Britain. Murray Chandler also plays in the German League. Clubs found it not too difficult to get sponsors for local teams.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bf4 e5 8.Bg5 a6 9.Na3 b5 10.Nd5 Be7 Sveshnikov's variation, an old favourite which Chandler played when he was 18. For a while he dropped it, but now it seems he has returned to it. 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.c3 Ne7!? Could this be an improvement on theory?! 13.Nxe7 Bxe7 14.Nc2 Bb7 15.Bd3 0-0 16.0-0 d5! There is an old saying, "when you play d5 safely in the Sicilian, Black equalises." 17.exd5 Qxd5 18.Ne3 Qc6 19.a4 Rfd8 Black's position is clearly preferable. 20.axb5 axb5 21.Qe2 Rxa1 22.Rxa1 b4 23.c4 Qc5 24.Ng4



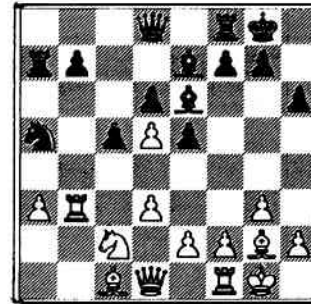
24...g6!? A surprising pawn sacrifice. I would never think of it. 25.Nxe5 Bf8 26.Nf3 Bg7 27.Rb1 b3 What did Black get for the pawn? Two Bishops on long diagonals, pressure on b2 and the bishop of d3, and a strong initiative. 28.Rd1 Bc6 29.Nd2 Re8 30.Qf1 Qb4 31.c5

Bh6! 32.Nc4 Qxc5 Black has got his sacrificed pawn back without losing his positional advantage. This is the real Chandler style of play - for the initiative! 33.h3 Bf4 34.Ra1 Be7 35.Re1 Rd8 36.Rd1 Qg5 37.Be2 Re8 38.Bg4 Re7 39.Qd3 h5 40.Bf3 Qf4 41.Kf1 Bb5 42.Bd5 Rd7! 43.Qxg6+ Kf8 44.Qxh5 Bxc4+ 45.Bxc4 Qxc4+ 46.Kg1 Rxd1+ 47.Qxd1 Qc2 48.Qe1 Bd6 0-1 A nice manoeuvring game by Black.

Beaumont, C - Chandler, M

(2370, Bristol - GM 2545, BCM)

1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.g3 e5 5.Bg2 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.d3 d6 8.a3 h6 9.Rb1 a5 10.Ne1 Be6 11.Nd5 Ra7 12.Nc2 a4 13.b4 axb3 14.Rxb3 Nxd5 15.cxd5 Na5



16.dxe6 Nxb3 17.exf7+ Kh8 18.Bd5 Nxc1 19.Qxc1 Bf6 20.Ne3 Qd7 21.f4 exf4 22.Rxf4 Bg5 23.Rf3 Qa4 24.h4 Qxa3 25.Qxa3 Bxe3+ 26.Rxe3 Rxa3 27.Bxb7 g6 28.Bd5 Kg7 29.Re7 Kf6 30.Re6+ Kxf7 31.Rxd6+ Kg7 32.Rd7+ Kf6 33.Be4 c4 34.Rd6+ Ke5 35.Rd5+ Ke6 36.dxc4 Rxg3+ 37.Bg2 Rf4 38.Kh2 Re3 39.Bh3+ Ke7 40.Rd7+ Ke8 0-1

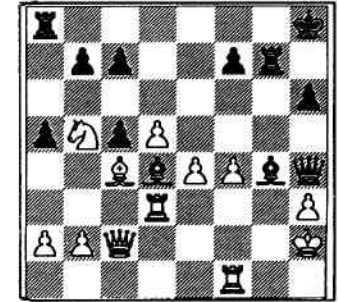
The best individual result of the first weekend was produced by a junior, Richard Bates, who quickly disposed of two IMs. This kind of result reflects the strength coming through from British promotion of junior chess.

Cooper, J - Bates, R

(IM 2380, S Wales Dragons - 2285, C Garden)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.d4 0-0 6.Be2 Na6 7.0-0 e5 8.d5 Nc5 9.Qc2 a5 10.Bg5 h6 11.Be3 Ng4 12.Bxc5 dxc5 13.h3 Nf6 14.Nxe5 Nxd5 15.cxd5 Bxe5 16.f4 Bd4+

17.Kh2 g5 18.g3 gxf4 19.gxf4 Kh8 20.Rf3 Rg8 21.Raf1 Qh4 22.Bc4 Bg4 23.Rd3 Rg7 24.Nb5

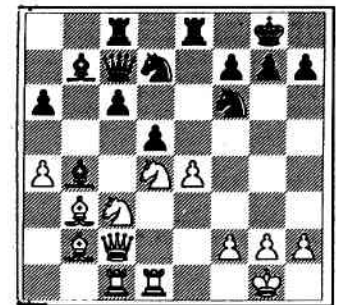


24...Bd1 25.Qxd1 Rag8 26.Nxd4 Rg3 27.Qh5 Rg2+ 28.Kh1 Qxh5 29.Nf5 Qe2 0-1

Bates, R - Webster, A

(2285, Covent Garden - IM 2405, Midland Monarchs)

1.d4 d6 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nd7 4.Nc3 Ngf6 5.Qc2 a6 6.e4 e5 7.Be2 b5 8.a3 Bb7 9.0-0 Be7 10.b4 0-0 11.Bb2 Re8 12.Rfd1 Qc7 13.Rac1 Rac8 14.a4 exd4 15.Nxd4 bxc4 16.Bxc4 d5 17.Bb3 Bxb4



18.Nxd5 Qa5 19.Nxb4 Qxb4 20.Nf5 c5 21.Nd6 Bxe4 22.Qc4 1-0

2nd Southern Counties Chess Union International

By Russell Dive

This 8-round, FIDE-rated Swiss tournament was sandwiched in between the British Championships and the Lloyds Bank Masters, with the aim of providing an opportunity for unrated players to gain a FIDE rating. The tournament had two rounds a day, used the experimental Crouch pairing system [devised by the English IM Colin Crouch], with the time control two hours to finish the game.

60 players entered [including 3 IMs, 1 WIM, 5 FMs and 1 WFM] and about half the field were unrated.

After a rather slow start [2/4], I won my next two games to reach the crucial 7th round with 4/6. The experimental Crouch pairing system then produced a rather startling result. IM Alexander Cherniaev RUS had racked up 5½/6, having played the other four seeds above me [with IM Summerscale gaining the draw].

There were three people on 4½, with only Summerscale having played Cherniaev. To my complete surprise, I found that I had been paired with Cherniaev!! The pairings of Dive-Cherniaev, the 2 on 4½ against each other, and Summerscale against somebody on 4, were checked and found to be correct.

Following a lot of encouragement from the other players, I managed to stop Cherniaev in his tracks, which set things up for an exciting last round.

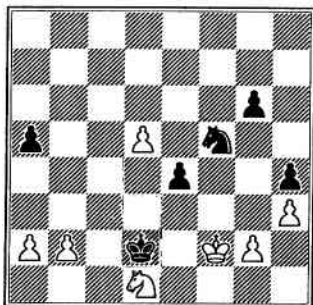
As it turned out, in the last round the top 3 boards were all hard-fought draws, which left these final placings: 1 IM Cherniaev [250 pounds] 6/8; 2= FM Dive, Lund, WIM Sakhatova, IM Summerscale, Wilson 5½ [50 pounds each]. My performance rating for the tournament was 2439, which earned me 12½ rating points.

Dive, R 2315 - Cherniaev, A IM 2415

2nd SCCU International, R7

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.e4 d6 6.Nge2 0-0 7.Ng3 e6 8.Be2 exd5 9.cxd5 Na6 10.0-0 Nc7 11.Rb1 Prepares b4 in answer to a6 and b5. 11...Nd7?! Following the original handling of the opening, Black starts to mix up his plans. 12.Bf4 Ne5 13.Qd2 h5 14.Bh6 h4 15.Nh1 A common theme in my games!! 15...f5

16.Bxg7 Not 16.f4?? Bxh6. 16...Kxg7 17.f4 Nf7 18.Nf2? Inaccurate, much better is 18.b4! 18...a5 19.Rbd1 Bd7? Black misses White's next. Better was 19...Ne8 20.e5! dxe5 21.fxe5 Nxe5 22.Qe3 Nf7 23.Qxc5 Na6 24.Qd4+ Qf6 25.Qxf6+ Kxf6 26.Nfe4+ Ke5! 27.Bxa6 fxe4 Not 27...Rxa6 28.Nc5 Rd6 29.Rde1+ Kd4 [29...Kf6 30.N3e4+ wins] 30.Nb3+ Kc4 31.Rf4+ Kd3 32.Rd4+ Ke2 33.Rd2#. If 27...bxa6 then 28.Nc5 is good for White. 28.Bxb7 Rab8 29.Bc6 Bg4 30.Rd2 Nd6 31.Re1 Rb4 32.h3 Bh5? Black has good compensation for his sacrificed pawn, but he now starts to go astray. Correct was 32...Bf5. 33.Ba4 Rd4 34.Rxd4 Kxd4 35.Bd1 Bxd1? Better is 35...Kd3. 36.Rxd1+ Ke3 37.Rf1! Rxf1+? 37...Rf5 makes things much tougher for White. 38.Kxf1 Kd2 39.Kf2



39...Kd3? In a very tricky knight endgame, Black misses my strong 41st move, otherwise he would surely have played 39...e3+. After the forced 40.Kf3 it is not clear to me who is better, if anybody! 40.Nd1! Nf5 41.Ne3!! An astonishing move, which came as a nasty surprise for Cherniaev, especially given that he only had a couple of minutes left [versus my 10 minutes] in the sudden-death time control. 41...Nd6 After about one minute's thought, Cherniaev correctly declines the poisoned knight. If 41...Nxe3 42.d6 Nc2 43.d7 e3+ 44.Kg1 [forced] e2 45.d8=Q+ Ke3 [45...Nd4 46.Kf2 wins] 46.Qg5+ Kd3 47.Qxg6+ Kd2 48.Qg5+ Kd1 49.Qh5! Kd2 [If 49...a4, 50.Kf2] 50.Qxa5+ Kd1 [If 50...Kc1, 51.Kf2]

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International News

By Peter Stuart

Tilburg

In the 18th, and probably last, Interpolis tournament, Valery Salov defeated Evgeny Bareev 1½-½ in the final. The event had 120 players, with 112 playing in the first round and eight seeds entering the second.

Anatoly Karpov had a bad scare in the second round when, after two draws, he lost the first tie-break game to Bojan Kurajica who unleashed a beautiful combination to win the exchange; Karpov, however, went on to win 3½-2½. Both Dutch super-GMs, Jan Timman and Jeroen Piket, exited in this round, while the latest Russian sensation Alexander Morosevich lost to Kiril Georgiev in the third round.

The seeded players otherwise generally made it to the quarter-finals where Karpov beat Kiril Georgiev 2-0, while Bareev and Salov won 1½-½ against Alexei Dreev and Vladimir Akopian respectively. Vassily Ivanchuk won 4-2 against Alexander Halifman, winning both 10-minute games after two draws at the standard time control and a win each in the 20-minute play-off games.

Karpov blew his chance of back-to-back Tilburg victories when an endgame mistake allowed Bareev to win with White and then hold the draw as Black. Salov beat Ivanchuk 1½-½ in the other semi-final.

Stangl - Azmaiparashvili

Pirc (B08)

1.d4 d6 2.Nf3 g6 3.e4 Bg7 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Bf4 c6 6.Qd2 Qa5 7.h3 Nbd7 8.0-0 b5 9.e5 b4 10.exf6 bxc3 11.Qxc3 Qf5 12.fxg7 Qxf4+ 13.Kb1 Rg8 14.Qxc6 Rb8 15.Bb5 Kd8 16.Rd3 Qf5 16.Rc3 Qxb5 17.Qc7 1-0

Kurajica - Karpov

Queen's Indian (E14)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3 b6 4.c4 Bb7 5.Bd3 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3 d5 8.cxd5 exd5 9.b3 Nbd7 10.Bb2 Ne4 11.Rc1 Ndf6 12.Ne2 Bd6 13.Ne5 c5 14.f3 Ng5 15.Ng3 cxd4 16.exd4 g6 17.Qd2 Ne6 18.Qh6 Re8 19.Rxc8 Qxc8 20.Nf5 Qd8



21.Qg7+ Nxc7 22.Nh6+ Kh8 23.Nexf7+ Rxf7 24.Nxf7+ Kg8 25.Nxd8 Bc8 26.Nc6 a5 27.Re1 Kf8 28.Bc1 Ne6 29.Be3 Bd7 30.Ne5 Be8 31.Bh6+ Ke7 32.Be3 Ba3 33.Re2 Nd7 34.Nxd7 Bxd7 35.h4 Bd6 36.a4 Kd8 37.h5 gxh5 38.Bxh7 Nf4 39.Rc2 b5 40.axb5 Bxb5 41.Bxf4 1-0

Linares

Both Intel-PCA semi-final matches were one-sided affairs which saw the end of English participation in the two current world championship cycles. Viswanathan Anand won the first three games against Michael Adams and went on to win 5½-1½. Nigel Short at least won one game, but it came in game 4 when Gata Kamsky led 3-0; the final score here too was 5½-1½.

Women's candidates

Zsuzsa Polgar and former World Champion Maya Chiburdanidze tied for first place in this double-round event held in Tilburg concurrently with the Interpolis tournament. Polgar led for much of the way but the Georgian caught up in the penultimate round. First place was somewhat academic as the top two players were, in any event, to play the Candidates Final match to determine the challenger for Xie Jun's title. Two features of the tournament were the eclipse of 1992 challenger Nana Ioseliani and the complete absence of Russians.

Scores: 1-2 Chiburdanidze and Z Polgar HUN 10½/16; 3 Cramling SWE 8½; 4-5 Galliamova UKR and Marie YUG 8; 6 Peng CHI 7½; 7-8 Foisor ROM and Ioseliani GEO 7; 9 Arakhamia GEO 5.

Brno

The category 13 Barbarela Cup tournament in September was jointly won by Vladimir Epishin and Alexei Dreev, who share a 2650 rating, more than 50 points ahead of the next player.

Scores: 1-2 GM Dreev RUS and GM Epishin RUS 6/9; 3 GM Hracek CZE 5½; 4-5 IM Babula CZE and GM Bischoff GER 5; 6 GM Blatny CZE 4½; 7 GM Stangl GER 4; 8-10 IM Haba CZE, GM Krasenkov RUS and GM Stohl SVK 3.

Isle of Man

Croatian GM Bogdan Lalic took unshared first place in this 56-player open in September with 7/9. Sharing second were IM B Kristensen DEN, GM Milov ISR, GM Nunn ENG, GM Sadler ENG and GM Stohl SVK 6½.

Burgas

A category 15 tournament in this Bulgarian town in September saw a 1½-point spread over the top nine finishers, yet 55% of the games ended decisively.

Scores: 1-4 GM Epishin RUS, GM Halifman RUS, GM Smirin ISR and GM Topalov BUL 5½; 5 GM Azmaiparashvili GEO 5; 6 GM Vyzmanavin RUS 4½; 7-9 GM Ki Georgiev BUL, GM Greenfeld USR and GM M Gurevich BEL 4; 10 GM Ermenkov BUL 1½.

Garmisch-Partenkirchen

This Bavarian alpine resort was the scene of a rapid (30-minute) tournament involving most of the German and Swiss Olympiad team members, plus four invitees. The foreigners took the top two places, with Michael Adams scoring 11½/15 followed by Ivan Sokolov BOS on 10½. Sharing third place were Nigel Short and German GM Stangl on 9. Viktor Korchnoi managed only 6½, while Artur Yusupov was a further point back.

Buenos Aires

Dutch entrepreneur J J van Oosterom, sponsor and organiser of a number of interesting and novel events over the last few years, was behind the idea of an open Sicilian theme tournament in the Argentine capital in October - at which seriously ill Russian GM Lev Polugaevsky, who almost based his entire career on the Sicilian,

was a special guest.

This category 18 event featured eight of the world's top players in a double round-robin. Anatoly Karpov was the favourite, but he lost in round 2 to Valery Salov, who led from round 3 to the end, at one stage by as much as 2 points. In round 9 he completed the double over Karpov and his only loss came in the penultimate round to back marker Ljubojevic, allowing Viswanathan Anand to close to within half a point.

Scores: 1 GM Salov RUS 2710, 9; 2 GM Anand IND 2720, 8½; 3-4 GM Ivanchuk UKR 2695 and GM J Polgar HUN 2630, 7; 5-6 GM Kamsky USA 2695 and GM Karpov RUS 2780, 6½; 7 GM Shirov LAT 2740, 6; 8 GM Ljubojevic YUG 2580, 5½.

Kamsky - Polgar

Sicilian (B33)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bf4 e5 8.Bg5 a6 9.Na3 Be6 10.Nc4 Rc8 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Nb6 Rb8 13.Ncd5 Qg6 14.Qd3 Be7 15.g3 0-0 16.Bg2 Bd8 17.0-0 Kh8 18.Nc4 Ne7 19.Qa3 Bxd5 20.exd5 Bc7 21.Rad1 Ng8 22.Na5 f5 23.c4 f4 24.c5 f3 25.Bh1 Bxa5 26.Qxa5 e4 27.Rfe1 Nf6 28.cxd6 Qg4 29.Rd4 Rbe8 30.Qb4 Qh3 31.Rdx4 Nxe4 32.Rxe4 Qf5 33.Rxe8 Rxe8 34.h4 Re2 35.d7 Qb1+ 36.Kh2 Rxf2+ 37.Kh3 h5! 38.Qf8+ Kh7 0-1

Shirov - Polgar

Sicilian (B54)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 d6 6.g4 a6 7.Be3 Nge7 8.Nb3 b5 9.f4 Bb7 10.Qf3 g5 11.fgx5 Ne5 12.Qg2 b4 13.Ne2 h5 14.gxh5 Nf5 15.Bf2 Qxg5 16.Na5 Ne3 17.Qg3 Qxg3 18.Bxg3 Nxc2+ 19.Kd1 Nxa1 20.Nxb7 b3 21.axb3 Nxb3 22.Kc2 Nc5 23.Nxc5 dxc5 24.Be1 Nf3 25.Bc3 Nd4+ 26.Kd3 Bd6 27.Bg2 Be5 28.Kc4 Ke7 29.Ra1 Nc6 0-1

Paris

The fourth (and final) PCA-Intel Grand Prix was played in early November. In a departure from the earlier legs a tied result after the first two 25-minute games was followed by a single lightning game where White had 6 minutes to Black's 5, the latter having the odds of a draw.

The first round saw the demise of first leg

winner Viswanathan Anand at the hands of Anatoly Vaisser (0:2) and third leg winner Vassily Ivanchuk to Ilya Sirin (1:2). In an unusual Sicilian Anand with White overlooked a winning combination which set up the French GM's win. In the quarter-finals Predrag Nikolic beat Smirin 2:1, Vladimir Kramnik beat Alexei Vyzmanavin 1½:½, Garry Kasparov beat Johann Hjartarson 2:0 and Vaisser beat Vadim Milov 2:1. Nikolic won his semi-final against Vaisser 1½:½, while Kasparov drew his first two games against Kramnik and had to win with White in the tie-breaker. This game really went to the wire with Kasparov, down to his last 20 seconds with K+Q, having to break down Kramnik's attempted fortress with K+N.

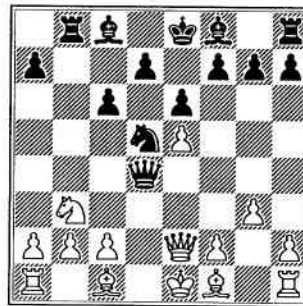
It is interesting to note that in the four matches requiring a tie-break, White was always triumphant although the general preference is to defend a draw with Black.

Kramnik's semi-final loss meant that a fourth winner was assured and the PCA World Champion made no mistake in defeating Nikolic 2:0. Kramnik, the second leg winner, shared first place in the Grand Prix with Kasparov, while Anand took third place.

Anand - Vaisser

Sicilian (B45)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.g3 Qb6 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.e5 Nd5 9.Ne4 Qb4+ 10.Nd2 Qd4 11.Qe2 Rb8 12.Nb3?



12...Rxb3! 13.axb3 Bb4+ 14.Bd2 Bxd2+ 15.Qxd2 Qe4+ 16.Qe2 Qxh1 17.h3 f5 18.Ra4 Nb6 19.Rxa7 0-0 20.c4 c5 21.Qe3 Bb7 22.Ke2 Qc6 23.Ra5 Rc8 24.Kd2 d6 25.exd6 Qxd6+ 26.Bd3 Be4 27.Kc3 Bxd3 28.Qxd3 Qe7 29.Ra6 Qb7 30.Ra5 Nd5+ 0-1

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59.Rg7+ Kd8 60.Rxh7 Re3 61.Rb7 Rxc3 62.Bd5 Rb3 63.Kf2 Rb4 64.Ke3 Kc8 65.Kd3 Rb2 66.Kc3 Rb1 67.Rf7 Kd8 68.Bc6 Rc1+ 69.Kb3 Rg1 70.Bb5 Rg3+ 71.Kc2 Rg6 72.Kd3 Re6 73.Rh7 Rd6+ 74.Ke4 Kc8 75.Ke5 Rg6 76.Re7 Rh6 77.Re6 Rh5+ 78.Kd6 Kb7 79.Re7+ Kb8 80.Bc6 Rh6+ 81.Re6 Rxe6+ 82.Kxe6 Kc7 83.Bb5 Kc8 84.Kd6 Kb8 85.Kc6 1-0 Black resigns - at last!

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51.Qh5 Kd2 52.Qxh4 e1=Q+ 53.Qxe1 Kxe1 or Nxe1 54...h4 and the pawns go marching on. Full points to those who saw this whole variation before White played 40.Nd1! 42.b3 Kd2 43.a3!

White must force Black's king to d3 before he plays Nc4. 43...g5 44.a4 Your move! 44...Kd3 45.Nc4 Nxc4 46.bxc4 Kd2 Not 46...e3+?? 47.Ke1 47.d6 e3+ 48.Kf3 e2 49.d7 e1=Q 50.d8=Q+ Kc2 51.Qxg5 Qf1+ 52.Kg4 Qxc4+ 53.Qf4 Qg8+ Note that 53...Qxf4 loses. 54.Kxh4 Qxg2 55.Qc4+ Kd1?? One of two fatal squares. Although after either 55...Kb1 or Kb2, the position is drawn, the digital clock would certainly have decided the game in my favour [Cherniaev had only 20 seconds left versus my 2 minutes]. 56.Qg4+ 1-0

NZCF Council report

Nomination of officers

NZCF officers nominated for 1995 are: Patron, Sir Robert Jones; vice-patrons, A L Fletcher, R S Kent and G G Haase; president, WA Poole; vice-president, J A Simmons; secretary, E G A Frost; treasurer, no nomination; council, T E Frost, A Pomeroy, A L Aldridge, P W Stuart (Auckland) and R W Smith (Auckland); auditors, Messrs Cooper and Lybrand.

Richard Sutton has advised that he is not available for nomination as Otago councillor for the coming year. Council has expressed its regret that Richard is not available, but has recorded its appreciation of his services, particularly in regard to legal and disciplinary matters which have arisen in the past two years.

Remits on Women's and Junior Champs

Wellington CC has presented remits on the NZ Women's, Junior and Schoolpupil Championships.

It is proposed that the women's championship be played at Easter, with a round robin of 6 or 8 players for the championship and a reserve Championship to be an Open Swiss.

It is proposed that NZ Junior and age group championships be held during the week in the May school holidays in which regional schoolpupil championships are now scheduled, as an open Swiss event in which a series of age group titles can be awarded. This event would supersede the schoolpupil series, which would be discontinued, and the NZ schoolpupil title would be awarded to the top schoolpupil player in the junior championship.

Constitutional remits

Wellington CC has submitted a series of remits on various constitutional matters. These remits were submitted late, and the first of the proposals is that the rule on submission of remits be set aside to enable these matters to be discussed. This will be a matter for decision by the annual meeting.

The other proposals cover the constitution and accompanying regulations, membership returns

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and lists of currently financial members, penalties for clubs failing to file returns, a commission for in-depth review of the constitution and rules, and revival of the position of honorary solicitor.

Remit on Gambit CC

Waitemata CC put forward a remit to provide that Gambit CC not accept members living within 15 kilometres of an existing affiliated club. This remit was not accepted by Council, but Waitemata CC has been advised that the position of Gambit CC can be discussed when the annual report is presented.

Suspension lifted

Following receipt of 1993-94 affiliation fees from Auckland Chess Centre, Council has confirmed the lifting of suspension of the club. However, Council noted that the tournament levy for the club's 1994 Easter open tournament had not been paid, and after councillors expressed the opinion that the situation was unsatisfactory, Council referred the club's position for consideration at the annual meeting.

Arbiters' report

The arbiters' committee which is considering review of the Swiss system has presented an interim report, dealing with some matters affecting Congress and also giving opinions on several matters raised by arbiters of NZCF tournaments held during the year.

Council decided that the matters affecting Congress required further consideration, so decision was deferred. However, a ruling was given on one particular matter - the relationship between the arbiter at an NZCF tournament and the players' appeal committee elected before the start of each tournament. Council has ruled that where a protest is lodged, it must be dealt with in accordance with the procedure laid down in the rules, and that the arbiter must accept a decision given by the appeal committee. The consequences of this decision are to be pointed out to the controlling authority and players at the Wanganui Congress.

Affiliated Clubs

Ashburton PO Box 204, Ashburton. Meets Mondays 7.30pm (Feb-Oct), Room 1 (upstairs), Public Library, corner Havelock and West Streets. Contacts, Roy Keeling (03)86-936, Stephen Taylor (03)85-761.

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

Canterbury 227 Bealey Avenue, Christchurch. Meets Wednesdays, 7.30pm. Tel (03)366-3935 club-room. Pres, Mark Guy, 9 Bennett St (03)352-6991. Sec, Pat Jordan (03)338-4274.

Civic Meets Tuesdays 7.30pm, Turnbull House, Lower Bowen St, Wellington. Sec, John Gillespie, 164 The Ridgeway, Mornington (04)389-2775.

Gambit Sec, Ted Frost, 17 Croydon St, Karori, Wellington 5 (04)764-098.

Hamilton Inquiries Pres, Hilton Bennett, 65 Te Aroha St (07)855-1037.

Howick-Pakuranga Meets Tuesdays 7.30pm, St John Ambulance Hall, Howick-Pakuranga Highway, Highland Park. Pres, Paul Spiller (09)535-4962.

Hastings-Havelock North P.O. Box 184, Hastings. Meets Wednesdays 7pm, Library, Havelock N High School, Te Mata Rd. Sec, Chris Smith (06)877-4583.

Invercargill Meets Wednesdays 8pm, staff room, South School, Ness St. Sec, Robert Mackway Jones, 5 Pine Cres, Invercargill (03)217-1154.

Kapiti Meets Thursdays 7.30pm, Salvation Army Hall, Bluegum Rd, Paraparaumu Beach. Pres, Ab Borren, P O Box 127, Paraparaumu (04)298-4167. Sec, Bill Cox, 25 Jeep Rd, Raumati Sth (04)298-8589

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North Shore P.O. Box 33-587, Takapuna, Auckland 9. Meets Wednesdays 7.30pm, Northcote Community Centre, cnr College Rd/Ernie Mays St, Northcote. Club capt, Peter Stuart, 24 Seacliffe Ave, Belmont (09)445-6377.

Otago 7 Maitland St, Dunedin. Meets Wednesdays and Saturdays, 7.30pm. Tel (03)477-6919 clubroom. Pres, Paul Vecovsky, (03)478-0345.

Papatoetoe Meets Wednesdays 7.30pm, St George's Anglican Church Hall, Landscape Rd, Papatoetoe. Club capt, Graham Banks, 49 Hutchinson's Rd, Howick (09)534-7951.

Petone Gambit Meets Thursdays 7.30pm Central Bowling Club, Roxburgh St, Petone. Pres, Mark Noble, 97 Seddon St, Naenae, Lower Hutt (04)567-0467.

Upper Hutt Meets Mondays 7.30pm, Fraser Cres. School Hall, Redwood St. Sec, Glen Sullivan, 6a Totara Street, Upper Hutt (04)528-6783.

Waitemata Meets Thursdays 7.30pm, Kelston Community Centre, cnr Great North Rd and Awaroa Rd, Kelston. Pres, Bob Smith, 2 Autumn Ave, Glen Eden, Auckland 8 (09)818-4113 or contact Steve Lawson (09)818-5137.

Wanganui Meets Mondays, Chess and Camera Club, Cooks Gardens. Pres, Gordon Hoskyn, 7 Pehi St (06)343-6101; sec, K Yorston, 5 Mitchell St (06)343-37166.

Wellington Meets Saturday nights in Blind Social Club, Westbrook House, 181 Willis Street. Ring bell at right of door. 6pm, juniors; 7.30pm club play. Pres, Tim Frost, 1/51 Cornford St, Karori (04)476-3541. Sec, Ted Frost, 17 Croydon St, Karori (04)476-4098.

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