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Next Congress in Wanganui

NZCF has confirmed that the 1994-95 Congress will be held in Wanganui, with the NZ Rapid to follow.

Otago CC Officers

Tony Love advises that he has been elected secretary of Otago CC, and Paul Vecovsky has been elected president.

Would other clubs holding annual meetings at this time please notify NZCF of any changes in officers urgently.

Youngest grandmaster

Peter Leko (Hungary) finished third in the Wijk aan Zee GM tournament in Holland and this gave him the last norm required to qualify as a GM. He is reported to be 14 (must have had his birthday recently), and so is the youngest player ever to become a GM. Bobby Fischer and Judith Polgar both became GMs at 15.

FIDE knockout

In the first knockout round in the FIDE World Championship series Kamsky beat van Sterren, Anand beat Yusupov, Timman beat Lautier, Salov beat Yudasin, Kramnik beat Khalifman, Gelfand beat Adams. In the next round Anand plays Kamsky, Kramnik plays Gelfand and Timman plays Salov, with the winners joining Karpov in the semi-finals.

Congress Ratings

Rumour has it that 6 players will see their ratings change by more than 100 points as a result of their play at Congress, one of them by 175 points. Unfortunately for two of them it is a change for the worse...

Junior Player of the Year

It was announced at Congress that Edward Swayne and David Guthrie would share the title.

COVER: Newest NZ Master Bob Smith and his wife Vivian, the current NZ Women's Champion.

New Zealand Chess

This issue unashamedly concentrates on the 101st New Zealand Chess Congress...but not to the exclusion of plenty of news from around New Zealand and the World!

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The official "Best Games of Congress"...a report on the Junior Player of the Year that just couldn't squeeze into this issue...Tournament reports will include the various Easter tournaments (one issue earlier this year) plus the NZ Women's, Junior and Under-16 Championships...

Sir Robert Jones 101st N.Z. Chess Congress

By Robert Mackway-Jones

The Invercargill Chess Club hosted the 1993-94 Sir Robert Jones NZ Chess Congress for the first time. The venue, the Ascot Park Hotel complex on the outskirts of Invercargill, provided excellent playing conditions with many competitors staying at the venue and putting the facilities to full use.

The weather caused great concern - it was too hot! However, later in the tournament some thunderstorms and rain seemed to balance it out. The playing area was in one of the many conference rooms at the hotel and a nearby bar acted as the analysis room and lounge. Another bar was also put to good use by the players and a pleasing feature of the tournament was that after each round players could meet for a drink and socialise rather than everyone going their separate ways.

Overall the tournament was enjoyed by the players but was not without controversy with the usual discussion of the prize fund distribution and the novelty of the DOP abruptly withdrawing during the competition which has not endeared him to the organisers.

The venue received high praise from most players and the other social aspects of Invercargill and Southland were investigated by some players. Winning at the races is a good substitute if you are not going to get a share of the prize fund!

Player numbers were down on recent years. The Championship and Reserve fields were not complete by the closing day or the alternative closing date. This and some late withdrawals meant that three places in the Championship had to be taken from the Reserve players and likewise from the Major Open to fill the vacant Reserve spots.

Invercargill is at the bottom of the country, but we had the best venue and at the time both airlines were offering a 65% discount. All this and the incentive of an Olympiad selection year helped the entry, but even so the field strengths were down slightly on previous years.

In the Major Open this led to an extremely even competition with the rating spread of the first 10 players less than 150 points.

Organisers' Note

The congress on a whole was successful and enjoyable to play in and organise. One incident, however, deserves some comment from the organisers. After round 8 the draw for the Major Open round 9 was completed. Before the start of play, however, a player withdrew for health reasons.

This was conveyed to the DOP - IM Ortvin Sarapu - the previous night verbally and in written form one and a quarter hours before the start of play. In our view a new draw should have been completed at this stage. It wasn't and resulted in a player protesting about the draw.

The disputes committee met and decided that the draw should be redone. The DOP then decided that he couldn't accept this decision and withdrew as DOP.

Senior players redrew round 9, which only took 20 minutes and we had to appoint a new DOP. Luckily Tony Dowden (Otago) had arrived to play in the rapid championship and stepped in to the breach.

Many thanks Tony. As an organiser I cannot believe that our DOP would suddenly withdraw when he couldn't accept the decision of the disputes committee, without thought to the club that paid his way down in the first place.

Disputes committees are there for a reason and people should abide by their decisions. I hope such an incident will never occur again in NZ Chess.

[This matter has been dealt with by the NZCF Council. Its findings are given in the NZCF Council Report]

Blackburn Cup

Wanganui CC advise that they have reached agreement with Papatoetoe on the Blackburn Cup final. The match is being played on Saturday, February 26, starting at 1.30pm.

The clubs have agreed to play in board order as on the national rating list, and to adjourn at 10.30pm.

NZCF has been asked to arrange for scrutineers to be present at both venues.

New Zealand Championship

By Robert Mackway-Jones

The championship field was headed by current NZ Champion Anthony Ker and Joint North Island Champion Robert Smith. Following closely behind were 1992 NZ Champion Martin Dreyer and SI Champion Stephen Lukey. Tony Love, Bruce Anderson, Kendall Boyd, Philip Abrahamson and Peter McKenzie were the other entrants with Arthur Pomeroy, Graham Haase and John Sutherland being promoted from the Reserve.

Round 1: The top seeds stuck trouble, with Robert Smith losing to Kendall Boyd in the biggest upset of the round. Ker was held to a draw with Dreyer, while Lukey drew from a pawn down and inferior position against Sutherland. The only other win was Haase beating Abrahamson. Love/McKenzie and Anderson/Pomeroy were drawn.

Sutherland, J - Lukey, S

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Nf3 e5 7.d5 h6 8.0-0 Nh5 9.g3 Bh3 10.Re1 f5 11.Nh4 Qf6 12.Nxg6 Qxg6 13.Bxh5 Qf6 14.exf5 Qxf5 15.Ne4 Na6 1/2-1/2

Abrahamson, P - Haase, GG

1.e4 e5 2.f4 Bc5 3.Nf3 d5 4.exd5 e4 5.Ne5 Nf6 6.Nc3 c6 7.d4 Bb6 8.Be2 0-0 9.dxc6 Nxc6 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Be3 Qe7 12.0-0 Rd8 13.a4 Qb4 14.Na2 Qxb2 15.c3 Be6 16.Qd2 Qxd2 17.Bxd2 c5 18.f5 Bc8 19.Rab1 exd4 20.cxd4 Rxd4 21.Be3 Rxa4 22.Bxb6 Rxa2 23.Bc4 axb6 24.Rfd1 Bd7 25.Bxa2 Rxa2 26.Rxb6 Be8 0-1

Round 2: The upsets continued in round 2, with Sutherland beating Dreyer and Pomeroy beating

1	AF	KER	CI	2304		1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1	0	1	1	1	8	41.25	
2	PD	MCKENZIE	CA	2052	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	1	1/2	1	1	1	1/2	8	40.25
3	SG	LUKEY	CA	2182	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1	1	1	1/2	1	7 1/2		
4	RW	SMITH	WT	2226	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	1/2	1/2	0	1	1	1	1	6 1/2	
5	KM	BOYD	OT	2079	0	0	1/2	1	1/2	0	1/2	1	1/2	1	1	6	
6	AJ	LOVE	OT	2145	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	5 1/2	30.25	
7	MP	DREYER	AC	2209	1/2	0	0	1/2	1	1/2	1	1/2	1	0	5 1/2	28.50	
8	AJ	POMEROY	CI	1994	0	1/2	0	1	1/2	1/2	0	1/2	0	1	1	5	
9	BR	ANDERSON	CA	2113	1	0	0	0	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	0	4	21.50
10	GG	HAASE	OT	1971	0	0	0	0	1/2	1/2	0	1	0	1	1	4	16.75
11	JL	SUTHERLAND	OT	1946	0	0	1/2	0	0	1/2	1	0	1/2	0	1/2	3	15.50
12	P	ABRAHAMSON	CA	2066	0	1/2	0	0	0	1/2	1/2	0	1	0	1/2	3	15

Smith. In other games Lukey beat Haase with a swift attack, Ker beat Boyd and Love/Abrahamson drew.

Pomeroy, A - Smith, RW

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.f4 Nf6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be3 c6 7.Qd2 b5 8.e5 b4 9.Nd1 Nd5 10.Bf2 Bg4 11.Be2 Bh6 12.g3 Nbd7 13.Ne3 Nxe3 14.Bxe3 a5 15.h3 Be6 16.h4 c5 17.h5 exd4 18.Nxd4 Bd5 19.Nf3 Bxf3 20.Bxf3 Bg7 21.hxg6 hxg6 22.Qh2 Re8 23.Qh7+ Kf8 24.0-0 Rc8 25.Rd2 Qc7 26.f5 1-0

Round 3: Ker and Lukey went to the lead on 2 1/2 with wins over Pomeroy and Dreyer respectively. Anderson had a winning position against Abrahamson but went astray in time trouble and lost. McKenzie/Smith drew, Boyd beat Sutherland and Love/Haase drew.

Lukey, S - Dreyer, M

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Bxc4 c5 6.0-0 a6 7.dxc5 Qxd1 8.Rxd1 Bxc5 9.b3 b5 10.Be2 Bb7 11.Bb2 Nxb7 12.a4 bxa4 13.Rxa4 Ke7 14.Nbd2 Nb6 15.Ra5 Bb4 16.Ba3 Bxa3 17.Rxa3 Nfd5 18.Nc4 Nxc4 19.bxc4 Nb4 20.Ne5 Rhd8 21.Rxd8 Rxd8 22.Ra4 Nc2 23.c5 f6 24.Nc4 Bd5 25.Nb6 Bb7 1-0

Ker, A - Pomeroy, A

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 Ne4 3.Bh4 c5 4.f3 g5 5.fxe4 gxh4 6.e3 Bh6 7.Kf2 Qb6 8.Nc3 cxd4 9.exd4 Qxb2 10.Nd5 Kd8 11.Rb1 Qa3 12.Qh5 Qd6 13.Nf3 Qg6 14.Qe5 1-0

Love, AJ - Haase, GG

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 f5 4.Nc3 fxe4 5.Nxe4 Nf6 6.Nxf6+ Qxf6 7.Qe2 Be7 8.Bxc6 dxc6

40 g5 26... Qd7
 9.Nxe5 Bf5 10.d3 0-0 11.Bd2 Rae8 12.f4 Bd6
 13.Bc3 Qe6 14.0-0 Bxe5 15.fxe5 c5 16.Rf2
 Bg6 17.Rxf8+ Rxf8 18.a3 Qd5 19.Rf1 Rxf1+
 20.Kxf1 Bf5 21.b3 Be6 22.Qf2 b6 23.h3 Qd7
 24.Kg1 c6 25.Kh2 Qd5 26.Qf4 d7 27.b4 cxb4
 28.axb4 Qf7 29.Qd4 Qd7 30.Qxd7 Bxd7
 31.Kg3 Kf7 32.Kf4 Ke6 33.Bb2 Be8 34.g4 h6
 35.h4 Bg6 36.Bc3 Bh7 37.h5 Bg8 38.Be1 Bh7
 39.Bf2 Kf7 40.g6 hxg5+ 41.Kxg5 Ke6 42.Bd4
 Bf5 43.Bc3 Bh7 44.h6 gxh6+ 45.Kxh6 Bf5
 46.Kg5 Bh7 47.Kf4 Bf5 48.Ke3 Bh3 49.Kd4
 Bg2 50.Be1 Bf1 51.Bd2 Be2 52.c4 Bf1 53.Be1
 Bg2 54.Bg3 Bf1 55.Bf4 Be2 56.Bg5 Bf1
 57.Bd8 Kd7 58.Bf6 Ke6 59.b5 c5+ 60.Kc3
 Bg2 61.d4 cxd4 62.Kxd4 Bf1 63.Bg5 Bg2
 64.Bd2 Bb7 65.Bb4 a6 66.Bxa6 Bxa6 67.Bd6
 Kd7 68.Bb8 Bc8 69.Ba7 Kc6 70.Bxb6 Kxb6
 71.Kd5 Kc7 1/2-1/2

Round 4: The lead remained unchanged as Lukey and Ker both drew their games and Robert Smith notched up his first win by checkmating Abrahamson. Points: Ker, Lukey 3; McKenzie, Boyd, Pomeroy 2½; Love 2; Abrahamson, Smith, Sutherland, Dreyer, Haase 1½; Anderson 1.

Abrahamson, P - Smith, RW

Notes by Bob Smith

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3!? e6 A solid line, which leaves White's f3 disrupting his development. 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Bg5 Be7 6.Qd2 b6 To swap off the light-squared bishops and thus lessen white's k-side attacking chances. 7.0-0-0 0-0 8.h4 Ba6 9.Nh3 Perhaps better is 9.Bxa6 Nxa6 10.Nge2 9...Bxf1 10.Rhxf1 Nbd7 11.e5 Ne8 12.Rde1 Ne7 13.Nf4!? c5 Not 13...Bxg5 14.hxg5 Qxg5 15.Rh1 with a strong attack for White. 14.Kb1 cxd4 15.Qxd4 f6 16.exf6 Bxf6 17.Qd2?! Better is 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.Qxf6 Rxf6 19.Nd3. 17...Bxg5 18.hxg5 Qxg5 19.g3 Rae8 20.Qh2 Nf6 21.Nh3 Qg6 22.g4 Qf7 23.g5 Nh5 24.Nf2 g6 25.Ng4 Qf4 26.Qh4 Qg3 27.Nh6+ Kg7 28.Kd4+?! More testing is 28.Qa4 Qxg5 29.Qxa7 Re7 30.Ng4 d4 31.Ne4 Qb5 32.Qa3 Rd7 with some compensation. 28...e5 29.Qd2 Qf4 30.Qg2 Ng3 With the idea of 31.Rg1 Qxg5. 31.Ne2 Nxe2 32.Rxe2 Ne6 33.Rg1 Qxg5 34.Qh2 If 34.Qxg5 Nxc5 35.Rxg5 Kxh6

36.R5xe5 Rxe5 37.Rxe5 Rxf3+. 34...Qf4 If 34...Qxh6 35.Qxe5+ Kg8 36.Qxd5 with unnecessary complications. 35.Rg3 Nd4 36.Reg2 Qxh6 37.Rh3 Rxf3! 38.Rxh6 Rf1#

McKenzie, P - Ker, A

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Be2 0-0 6.0-0 Bg4 7.Be3 Nc6 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 e5 10.Ne2 Re8 11.d5 Ne7 12.c4 Nd7 13.Re1 f5 14.Bg5 h6 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.b4 a5 17.a3 b6 18.Nc3 Nf6 19.Re1 Bf8 20.c5 dxc5 21.d6 cxd6 22.bxc5 dxc5 23.exf5 Rad8 24.Qb3+ c4 25.Qxc4+ Qf7 26.Qxf7+ Kxf7 27.fxg6+ Kxg6 28.Ne4 Rc8 29.a4 Bb4 1/2-1/2

Round 5: Again the leaders maintained their position with wins over Pomeroy and Abrahamson. McKenzie kept in touch with a win over Sutherland and Smith drew with Love who had now drawn five games. Dreyer beat Boyd.

Sutherland, J - McKenzie, P

Notes by Peter McKenzie

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 b6 5.Ne2 Ba6 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.Nxc3 d5 8.b3 0-0 9.Be2 Ne6 10.cxd5!? Its probably better for White to keep the tension with 10.0-0 or 10.a4 10...Bxe2 11.Qxe2 exd5 12.0-0 Re8 13.Qc2 Qd7 White is behind in development and his bishop is passively placed. However, Black must play actively before White gets good play on the queenside. 14.Bb2 Ne7 15.Rac1 Rac8 16.a4 Nf5 17.Ba3 17.Nb5 c6 18.Nxa7 Nxe3 favours Black. 17...c6 18.Ne2 Ne4 19.Ng3?! Better seems Nf4-d3. 19...Nfxg3 20.hxg3 Re6 Starting a direct attack on White's weakened kingside. White strives for counterplay on the queenside. 21.b4 Rh6 22.b5 c5 22...Qg4 23.Qd1! defends, or 22...Qf5 23.Qe2. Not 22...Qg4 23.f3? Qh5 24.fxe4 Qh1+ 25.Kf2 Rf6+ 26.Ke2 Qg2+ 27.Kd3 dxe4+ 28.Kc3 cxb5+ -/+ 23.dxc5 bxc5 24.Rfd1!? Qe6 Threatening 25...Nxc3! 25.f3!? Double-edged! 25.Qe2 is an alternative. 25...Nxc3 26.Bxc5 d4 27.e4 27.Qd3 is another defensive try. 27...f5 28.Rxd4 fxe4 29.fxe4? A tricky position. 29.Rd6? e3 illustrates the main threat. 29.Kf2 may be White's best, since 29...e3+? 30.Kxg3 seems okay for White. 29...Rh1+?! Both players are struggling in time

trouble. 29...Qf6 30.Qb3+ Kh8 31.Qf3 Rxc3 is stronger. 30.Kf2 Rxc1 31.Qxc1 Nxe4+ 32.Kg1 Nxc5 33.Rc4 Qd5 34.a5 Re8 35.Rxc5 Qd4+ 36.Kf1 Qd3+ 37.Kg1 Qd4+ 38.Kf1 If 38.Kh1 Qh4+ 39.Kg1 Re1+ Rf8+ 39.Ke2 Qf2+ 40.Kd3 Rd8+ 41.Ke4 If 41.Kc4 Qxc5+ etc. Rd4+ 42.Ke5 Qf6# 0-1

Round 6: After his poor start Dreyer had his third win in succession, beating Pomeroy. Ker drew with Love and Lukey drew with McKenzie.

Anderson, B - Smith, RW

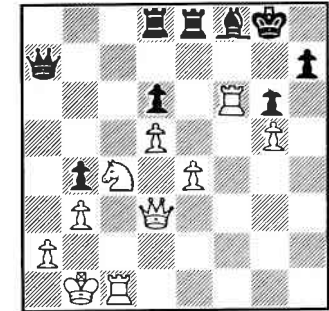
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d3 d5 4.Nbd2 Nc6 5.g3 Bd6 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nh4 Bc7 9.f4 f5 10.exf5 exf5 11.Re1 Qd6 12.Ndf3 Qf6 13.c3 Bd7 14.d4 cxd4 15.cxd4 Bb6 16.Be3 Rfd8 17.Kh1 Rac8 18.Rc1 Kh8 19.Ne5 Be8 20.Nhf3 Ng8 21.h3 Qf8 22.Ng5 Rd6 23.b4 a6 24.Qb3 Nf6 25.Kh2 R8d8 26.Red1 h6 27.Ngf3 g6 28.Nh4 Kg7 29.Qb1 Ne4 30.Bxe4 dxe4 31.Nc4 Bxd4 32.Nxd6 Rxd6 33.a3 Qf6 34.Re2 Bxe3 35.Rxe3 Nd4 36.Ng2 Ba4 37.Rf1 Nf3+ 38.Rexf3 exf3+ 39.Rxf3 Rd1 40.Qa2 Qa1 41.Qxa1 Rxa1 42.Re3 Bc6 43.Ne1 g5 44.Kg1 Kf6 45.Kf1 Be4 46.Kg1 Ke6 47.Kf1 Kd5 48.fxg5 hxg5 49.h4 Kd4 50.Kf2 gxh4 51.gxh4 Ra2+ 52.Re2 Rxa3 0-1

Round 7: The lead changed as Anthony Ker lost to Anderson. Anderson had sacrificed a pawn to open up a Queenside attack against the White king, but failed to push a decisive c-pawn and lost the initiative. However, with both players under time pressure Ker misjudged a combination allowing Anderson to win. Thus Lukey took the outright lead with a win over his clubmate Abrahamson. McKenzie moved into second place with a win over Dreyer. Love held a long draw against Sutherland. Points: Lukey 5½; McKenzie 5; Ker 4½; Smith 4; Love, Dreyer, Boyd 3½; Anderson, Pomeroy 3; Sutherland 2½; Abrahamson, Haase 2.

Ker, AF - Anderson, B

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e5 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 Be7 6.Bd3 0-0 7.h3 Ne8 8.Nf3 Nd7 9.Qe2 a6 10.Be3 g6 11.g4 Ng7 12.Bh6 Nf6 13.0-0-0 Bd7 14.Rdg1 b5 15.cxb5 axb5 16.Bxb5 Bxb5

17.Qxb5 Rb8 18.Qe2 Rb4 19.Kb1 Qa5 20.Rc1 Rfb8 21.Rc2 Nge8 22.Nd2 Nc7 23.Nb3 Qb6 24.f3 Nd7 25.Be3 Ra8 26.Nc1 Qa5 27.Bd2 Rb7 28.h4 Na6 29.g5 Nb4 30.Nd1 Qa4 31.Bxb4 cxb4 32.b3 Qa3 33.Ne3 Nc5 34.Nc4 Qa6 35.Qd2 Re8 36.Nd3 Qb5 37.Nxc5 Rxc5 38.f4 exf4 39.Qxf4 Bf8 40.h5 Qd7 41.hxg6 fxg6 42.Rf2 Rc8 43.Qg3 Re8 44.Re1 Rbb8 45.Rf6 Rbd8 46.Qf3 Qc7 47.Rc1 Qa7 48.Rd1 Qc7 49.Rc1 Qa7 50.Qd3



50...Bg7 51.Nxd6 Bxf6 52.Nb5 Qe7 53.gxf6 Qxe4 54.Qxe4 Rxe4 55.Rc4 Re5 56.d6 Rxb5 57.Rc7 Rd5 58.Rg7+ Kf8 59.Rxh7 R5xd6 60.Rh8+ Kf7 0-1

Round 8: McKenzie gained a share of the lead by beating Boyd while Lukey drew with Love. Ker was still a point off the pace after drawing with Smith.

McKenzie, P - Boyd, K

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Bxf6 gxf6 10.Nd5 f5 11.Bd3 Be6 12.Qh5 Bg7 13.0-0 f4 14.c4 bxc4 15.Bxc4 0-0 16.Rac1 Rb8 17.b3 Qa5 18.Nb1 Bxd5 19.Bxd5 Nb4 20.Nc3 Nd3 21.Bc4 Nxc1 22.Rxc1 Rbc8 23.Nd5 Qxa2 24.Ne7+ Kh8 25.Nxc8 Rxc8 26.h3 f5 27.Qxf5 Rf8 28.Qh5 f3 29.gxf3 Qd2 30.Rf1 a5 31.Kh1 Qc3 32.Be6 Qxf3+ 33.Qxf3 Rxf3 34.Kg2 Rc3 35.Ra1 Rc6 36.Rxa5 Bf8 37.Ra7 Rb6 38.Rf7 Rb8 39.Kf3 h6 40.Kg4 Bg7 41.Kh5 1-0

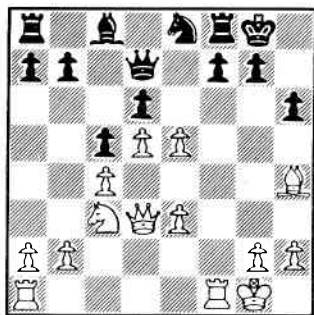
Round 9: Lukey took the outright lead after beating Anderson in a game that Anderson should have won. McKenzie dropped back half a point by drawing with Pomeroy. Ker held his third position with a solid win over Haase and

Smith continued his good run by beating Sutherland.

Ker, A - Haase, GG

Notes by Anthony Ker

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bg5 h6 5.Bh4 0-0 6.e3 c5 7.d5 d6 8.Bd3 White offers a pawn, but it is poisoned; after 8...g5 9.Bg3 exd5 10.cxd5 Nxd5 11.Nge2 Black's kingside is weakened and his d6 pawn is vulnerable. 8.Nbd7? Black should exchange on c3, while White must recapture with a pawn. 9.Nge2 Ne5 10.0-0 Bxc3 Otherwise the knight moves away, stranding the bishop. 11.Nxc3 Nxd3 11...Ng6!?? 12.Bg3 followed by 13.Qc2. 12.Qxd3 e5 13.f4! Aiming to open up the f-file. If 13...e4!? 14.Bxf6 exd3 15.Bxd8 Rxd8 16.Rad1 and White rounds up the pawn. Best here is 13...exf4 14.exf4 when both sides will contest the e-file, although Black must still worry about the pin on his knight. 13...Qd7?? This loses at least a pawn by force. 14.fxe5 Best. 14.Bxf6 is tempting, but 14...gxf6 15.Ne4 Qe7 16.fxe5 f5! creates unnecessary complications. 15.fxe5 fxe5 16.Rf6 is also good. 14...Ne8 14...dxe5? 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Ne4, followed by Nxf6+ and Qh7#.



15.e6 White could simply capture on d6 and be a clear pawn up. This was more spectacular, however. 15...fxe6 Forced. If the queen moves, 16.e7! 16.Rxf8+ Kxf8 17.Qh7 The idea behind 15.e6!! Black's king is cut off from g8 and dangerously exposed. The threat is 18.Rf1+ Nf6 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Rxf6+ Ke8 21.Qg8+ Ke7 22.Qf8#. 17...Nf6 17...Qf7 is met by 18.Rf1 Nf6 19.Qh8+ Qg8 20.Qxg8+ Kxg8 21.Bxf6 gxf6 22.Rxf6 Kg7. White is a pawn up in a good ending. However, this is better for Black

than what happens. 18.Qh8+ Kf7 Forced. 19.Rf1 Qe8 Again, forced. 20.Rxf6+! Swapping queens is good, but this is crushing. 20...gxf6 21.Qh7+ Kf8 22.Qxh6+ Ke7? 22...Kf7 offers more tenacious resistance. White continues with 23.Ne4 [threat 24.Nf6+] 23...Qf8 [Best] 24.Qxf6+ Ke8 [24...Kg8 25.Qg6+ Qg7 26.Nf6+ wins] 25.Qg6+ Kd7 26.Qh7+ Ke8 27.Nf6+ Kd8 28.dxe6! [idea, 28...Bxe6 29.Nd5+ Ke8 30.Nc7# or 29...Kc8 30.Qc7#] wins. 23.Bxf6+ 1-0 23...Kf7 24.Qg7# or 23...Kd7 24.Qg7+ and mate follows.

Round 10: In a six-hour game Smith drew with Lukey while McKenzie beat Haase to take back a share of the lead. Ker beat Sutherland to stay third while Tony Love notched up that elusive 10th draw in a Championship. Points going into the final round: Lukey, McKenzie 7½; Ker 7; Smith 6; Love, Dreyer, Boyd 5; Pomeroy 4½; Anderson 4; Sutherland, Haase 3; Abrahamson 2½.

Smith, RW - Lukey, S

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3 6.bxc3 Ne7 7.Nf3 Bd7 8.Be2 Ba4 9.0-0 c4 10.Rb1 Qd7 11.Nh4 Ng6 12.Bg5 h6 13.Nxg6 fxe6 14.Bh4 Nc6 15.Bg4 g5 16.Bg3 0-0-0 17.f4 gxf4 18.Bxf4 Rdf8 19.Qe2 Nd8 20.Rbel g5 21.Bg3 Rxf1 22.Rxf1 Qh7 23.Rf6 Qe7 24.Qf3 Bd7 25.a4 Qa3 26.h4 Qc1 27.Kh2 Qxc2 28.Rf8 Rxf8 29.Qxf8 Qg6 30.h5 Qh7 31.a5 a6 32.Kh3 Kc7 33.Qd6 Kc8 34.Qf8 Kc7 35.Kh2 Kc8 36.Bf3 Bc6 37.Bg4 Bd7 38.Qf6 Kc7 39.Bf3 Bc6 40.Qg6 Qh8 41.Bg4 Be8 42.Qb1 Kc8 43.Qb6 Bd7 44.Qd6 Qg7 45.Bf3 Qf7 46.Bg4 Nc6 47.Qc5 Qe7 48.Qxe7 Nxe7 49.Be1 Nf5 50.Bd2 Be8 51.Bd1 Ne7 52.g4 Kd8 53.Bc1 Bf7 54.Ba3 Ke8 55.Ba4 Kd8 56.Kg3 Be8 57.Bc2 Bd7 58.Bg6 Ba4 59.Bc5 Kd7 60.Bd6 Bd1 61.Bc5 Be2 62.Bc2 Ke8 63.Ba4 Nc6 ½-½

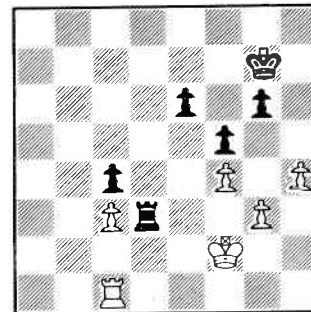
Round 11: The crucial round. McKenzie assured himself of a share of the title with a quick draw against Abrahamson. The key game was Lukey-Ker, with Ker having to win if he wanted a share of the title. In a 7½-hour marathon Lukey blundered in a drawn position, allowing Ker to win and share the title with first-time

Championship player Peter McKenzie. Lukey finished third and Robert Smith drew with Dreyer to finish fourth.

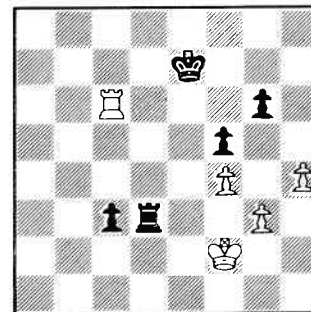
And, yes, Love managed to draw the last round for a picket fence of halves. However, it must be said that his average moves per games were up with the rest. Love and McKenzie were the two unbeaten players.

Lukey, S - Ker, AF

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Be2 0-0 6.0-0 c6 7.h3 b5 8.a3 Nbd7 9.Re1 Qc7 10.Bg5 a6 11.Bf1 h6 12.Be3 c5 13.e5 dxe5 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Qxe5 16.Bxh6 Qc7 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.Qxd5 Be6 20.Qe5+ Qxe5 21.Rxe5 Rfc8 22.b4 Kf6 23.Rxc5 Rxc5 24.bxc5 Rc8 25.a4 Bc4 26.axb5 axb5 27.Bxc4 bxc4 28.Kf1 Ke5 29.Rd1 Rxc5 30.Ke2 f5 31.h4 e6 32.g3 Rd5 33.f3 Ra5 34.c3 Ra3 35.f4+ Kf6 36.Re1 Ra2+ 37.Kf3 Rd2 38.Ke3 Rd3+ 39.Kf2 Ke7 40.Rc2 Kd6 41.Rc1 Kc5 42.Rc2 Kb5 43.Rb2+ Kc6 44.Rc2 Kd7 45.Rc1+ Ke7 46.Rc2 Kf7 47.Rc1 Kg7



48.Re1 Rxc3 49.Rxe6 Rd3 50.Rc6 c3 51.Kg2 Kf7 52.Kf2 Kg7 53.Kg2 Kf7 54.Kf2 Ke7



55.Rxg6 Kd7 56.Rg7+ Kc8 57.Ke2 c2 58.Rg8+ Kd7 59.Rg7+ Kd6 60.Kxd3 c1/Q 61.Rg6+ Kd5 62.Rg8 Qb1+ 63.Ke3 Qb6+ 64.Kd3 Qa6+ 65.Kd2 Qe6 66.Ra8 Ke4 67.Ra4+ Kf3 68.Ra3+ Kf2 69.Rd3 Qa2+ 70.Kc3 Ke2 71.Rd4 Qa3+ 72.Kc4 Qxg3 73.Kd5 Qg8+ 74.Kd6 Ke3 75.Ra4 Qd8+ 76.Kc5 Qxh4 0-1

McKenzie, P - Abrahamson, P

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bf4 e5 8.Bg5 a6 9.Na3 b5 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Nd5 f5 12.Bd3 Be6 13.0-0 Bg7 14.Qh5 f4 15.c4 bxc4 16.Bxc4 0-0 17.Rac1 Ne7 18.Nxe7+ ½-½

Olympiad selection

At the conclusion of Congress, the convenor of the selection panel, Arthur Pomeroy, announced that FM Ben Martin (studying in England), FM Anthony Ker, new joint national champion Peter McKenzie and Stephen Lukey had been selected for this year's Olympiad team.

Mr Pomeroy announced that further selections would be announced later, but pointed out that lack of sufficient information on performances was creating difficulties for the selectors and final selections could not be expected until after the North Island Championship.

NZCF Council had decided that at least the top two place-getters in the NZ Championship would be automatic selections, and a similar procedure is being applied to the NZ Women's Championship at Easter.

However, the question of financial support for the Olympiad team is still unresolved. The Sports Foundation has reaffirmed that its constitution covers only physical sports, so chess is not eligible for support from that quarter. Negotiations continue with the Hillary Commission.

New Zealand Reserve Championship

By Robert Mackway-Jones

The Reserve Championship was somewhat depleted with three players being promoted to the Championship. This, along with the initial problems in selecting entries saw a rating spread from 1917 down to 1673. Top seed Matthew Vincent (Otago) and second seed Hilton Bennett (Hamilton) were expected to do well. However, it was Mark Sinclair (Wellington) who went through unbeaten to finish on 9 points and take first prize by a full point from bottom seed David Guthrie, who finished on 8. Hilton Bennett finished third on 7½ with Mike Schwass (Civic, Wellington) fourth on 6½. Schwass originally was entered for the Major Open so he can feel especially pleased with his effort.

Another to perform well above his rating was Alistair Compton (Canterbury) and only a last-round loss to Guthrie kept him out of the prize money. Matthew Vincent would be disappointed with his five points.

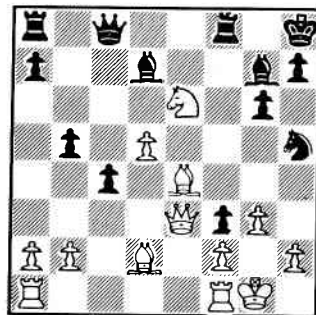
Sinclair took the lead from the outset and was a point clear after five rounds, whereas Guthrie had 2½/5 and stormed home with 5½ in the last 6 rounds.

There were some surprisingly short draws in the earlier rounds, but overall there were a lot of hard-fought games between even competitors.

Sinclair, M - Swayne, E
Reserve Ch. 1994, R10
Notes by Jonathan Sarfati

1.d4 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.Bf4 Bg7 8.Qa4+ Bd7 9.Qb3 The point of this apparent tempo loss is to draw the

B to d7 where it clogs Black's game somewhat. 9...Qc7 10.Nf3 0-0 11.Be2 Nh5 12.Be3 f5? Unwise, with Black's Q-side at home and his K in the same diagonal as the WQ. 13.e5! f4 14.Bd2 e4 14...dxe5 15.d6+ 15.Bxc4 Bxe5 16.0-0 16.Nxc5! [The Black-squared B is a very important piece] Re8 17.0-0 Rxe5 18.Rae1 Rxe1 19.Rxe1 f3?! [19...Na6 20.Nb5 Bxb5 21.Qxb5 (The Bs tower over the Ns, and White threatens Re8+)] 20.Nb5 Bxb5 21.Bxb5 [Threatening Re8+ and Qxf3]. 16...Bg7 17.Ng5 Still, White has a decisive lead in development and an outpost at e6. Therefore Black's attempt to attack is futile. 17...f3 18.Ne6 Qc8 19.g3 Na6 20.Ne4 b5 21.Bd3 21.Bxb5! Rb8 22.Bxd7! Qxd7 23.Qc4 wins a P, weakens Black's dark squares and retains White's advantages as well. 21...Nc5 22.N4xc5 dxc5 23.Be4 c4 24.Qe3 Kh8? Pointless: Black should have grabbed a P and retained his B, although he would still be lost.



25.Nxg7! The B was more important than the

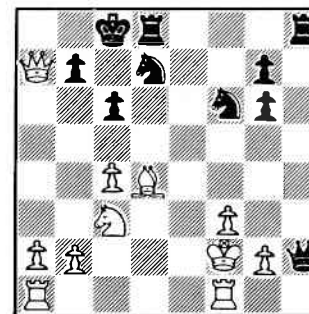
1	M	SINCLAIR	WE	1827	1	1	1	½	½	1	½	½	1	1	1	9
2	DW	GUTHRIE	OT	1673	0	0	½	1	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	8
3	HP	BENNETT	HA	1861	0	1	½	½	1	1	0	½	1	1	½	7½
4	MP	SCHWASS	CI	1750	0	½	½	0	½	1	½	1	1	1	½	6½
5	AA	COMPTON	CA	1729	½	0	0	1	½	0	1	½	1	1	½	6
6	CJ	BURNS	WA	1897	½	0	0	½	½	½	1	½	1	1	½	6
7	ED	SWAYNE	AC	1788	0	½	1	0	1	½	0	½	1	0	1	5½
8	MB	VINCENT	OT	1917	½	0	½	½	0	0	1	½	0	1	1	5
9	S	GRAINGER	WE	1761	½	0	0	0	½	½	½	½	1	1	½	5
10	MJ	POST	WA	1719	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	3
11	DJ	BOYD	AC	1686	0	0	½	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2½
12	AL	ALDRIDGE	CI	1816	0	0	0	½	½	½	0	0	½	0	0	2

R, and White also wins the Pf3, which nips any Black attack in the bud. 25...Nxg7 26.Bxf3 Qe8 27.Bc3 Kg8 The endgame after Qxe3 was also hopeless - a P down and facing White's powerful B-pair. 28.Qd4 Qf7 29.d6 Rae8 30.Rfe1 Be6 31.Bc6 b4 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qxg7+ 1-0

Sinclair, M - Bennett, H
Reserve Ch. 1994, R3

Notes by Jonathan Sarfati

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Bg4 4.f3 Bf5 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.c4 e6 7.dxe6 fxe6 7...Bxc6 [a more natural recapture] 8.d5 Bf5 9.Be3 Bb4+ 10.Bd2 10.Nc3 Qe7 11.Qe2 0-0-0 [with a great lead in development and threats of Rhe8 or Ne5-d3+] Bc5 11.Qe2+ Be7 12.Bb4 a6 13.Bxc7?! = [an obscure game from my database] 13.Ba4! ? = and White has a slight advantage. 8.Ne2 c6 9.Ba4 e5 10.Be3 Bb4+ 11.Nbc3 Qe7 12.0-0 0-0-0 13.Bc2 Bg6 14.Bxg6 hxg6 15.Qa4? White is overlooking his unprotected pieces on the e-file. 15.d5! was much better, because it keeps Black's attacking lines closed, threatens to open lines in front of Black's K, and leaves the Pe5 isolated. 15...Bxc3! 16.Nxc3 exd4 17.Bxd4 Qd6 18.Qxa7 Qxh2+ 19.Kf2 Qh4+ 20.Kg1 Qh2+ 21.Kf2



21...Qh4+ 21...Qf4 [centralising the Q and threatening Ng4+ as well as Rh2 and Qg4, placing the Q behind the R] 22.Rh1 Qd2+ 23.Ne2 Rde8 24.Rae1 Ng4+! 25.fxg4 Rhf8+ 26.Kg3 Rxe2 27.Rxe2 Qf4+ is one possibility. 22.Kg1 Rde8 Black wants more than a draw, so he brings his R to reinforce the attack. But his own K is not much safer. 23.Qa8+ Nb8 24.Bxf6 gxf6 25.Ne4! This centralised N defends his own K and threatens the enemy K.

25...Qh2+ 26.Kf2 Qe5 27.Rfd1 Kc7 28.Qa3 Re6 29.c5 Gaining the outpost for his N on g6. Black can no longer force a draw. 29...Na6 30.Qa5+ Kc8 31.Qb6 Rhe8 32.Nd6+ Rxd6 33.cxd6 Qe2+ 34.Kg1 Rd8 35.d7+ Rxd7 36.Rxd7 Kxd7 37.Qxb7+ Kd6 38.Qb3 Ne5 39.Qd1+ 1-0

Post, Martin - Boyd, David

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 e6 3.Nge2 d5 4.exd5 exd5 5.d4 c4 6.g3 b6 7.Bg2 Bb7 8.0-0 h6 9.Nf4 (f6) 10.Qf3 Na6 11.Re1+ Be7 12.Nxd5 Nxd5 13.Nxd5 Bxd5 14.Qxd5 Rc8 15.Qe5 Nb4 16.Qxg7 Rf8 17.Bxh6 Kd7 18.Qg4+ f5 19.Qe2 1-0

Guthrie, D - Grainger, S

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 a6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bf4 Ne6 7.e3 e6 8.Rc1 Bd6 9.Bg3 0-0 10.Bd3 Qe7 11.0-0 Bd7 12.Ne5 Rac8 13.f4 b5 14.Bh4 Be8 15.Ng4 Nxd4 16.exd4 Qa7 17.Nxf6+ Kh8 18.Nxe8 Qxd4+ 19.Bf2 Qxf4 20.Nxd6 1-0

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New Zealand Major Open

By Robert Mackway-Jones

The field for the Major Open was probably the smallest and lowest-rated since ratings were introduced into New Zealand chess. However, there was some even and tough competition amongst the players.

The rating spread for the top 10 players was only 150 and with such a small entry all the top players had to play each other. Therefore no one could be accused of having an easier draw and a deserving winner was bound to be found.

The Open wasn't helped by two players not showing up and the subsequent withdrawal due to ill-health of George Trundle and Shane Hudson. Hudson, in particular, was unlucky because at the time he withdrew he was in third place only half a point behind the leaders. His withdrawal led to the dispute over the pairings which I have commented on as a footnote to these reports.

The Open was only decided in the last round, and by the last game of the Open to finish. In the end Matthew Edmonds (Canterbury) won with 9 points, with a tie for second on 8 points by Kent Wong and Ross Jackson (both Wellington). Ted Frost finished fourth a further point behind.

Edmonds started the tournament well with 4/4 before suffering his first loss, to Kent Wong. He was perhaps fortunate to have had two wins

by default, but did play aggressive chess and didn't concede any draws.

Kent Wong had an early set-back, losing to Gold in round 3, and he was unlucky to be held to a draw by Mackway-Jones in round 10. Jackson played solid chess, beating Edmonds and Frost, and drawing with Wong and Mackway-Jones, but unfortunately he suffered a last-round loss to Moss Wylie (Invercargill). Southern hospitality for you!

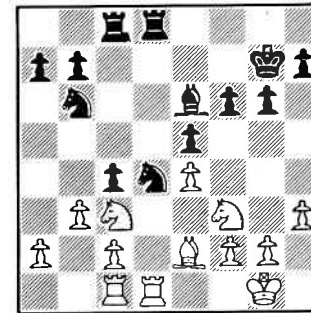
Gold won the B grade from Hermann Goeckel and the C grade was won by local player Andrew McGurk, who finished on 5½ in a performance far exceeding his rating. Four players tied for second in the C grade. McGurk also won the upset prize.

Mackway-Jones, R - Edmonds, M

Notes by Matthew Edmonds

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Be3 Nbd7 5.Qd2 e5 6.Nf3 Ne7 7.dxe5 dxe5 8.Bh6 0-0 9.Bxg7?! This move seems premature. Perhaps 0-0-0 is better. 9...Kxg7 10.Bc4? This has to be a mistake as it frees up Black's pieces and allows him to take the d-file, which would have been White's after 0-0-0. 10...Nb6 11.Qxd8 Rxd8 12.Bd3? Another inaccuracy. This bishop might as well be a pawn; b3 is a much better square for it, especially as it stops Black's bishop from

developing easily to e6. 12...f6! This allows the bishop to move to e6 without the worry of Ng5, and also allows c5, which would be prevented by Nc6. 13.h3? A wasted move. White apparently expected Bg4, which was pointless as the bishop is much better at e6. 13...Be6 14.h3? A weakening move, as is soon shown. 14...c5 15.Rb1? Rac8 16.Rc1 Again a move is wasted. 16...c4 17.Be2 Nc6 18.0-0 Nd4 all of Black's pieces are now active, excellently placed and well coordinated. 19.Rfd1?? This allows a nice combination. Better was Rfe1.



19...cxb3 20.Nxd4 This move, which still loses, was White's best chance. After 21.cxb3 Rxc3!! If 22.Rxc3 Nxe2+ winning a whole rook and knight. Or if 22.Nxd4 exd4 23.Rxc3 dxc3 24.Rxe8 c2, and White must give up his rook for the pawn with Rd1, leaving Black a piece up. 20...exd4 21.Nb5 Rxc2 22.axb3 Bxb3 23.Bd3 Rb2 24.Rc7+ Kh6 25.Rdc1 Rd2 26.Rxb7?! If White's bishop moves, Black's d-pawn will be a great threat. 27...Rxd3 27.Rcc7 Bg8 28.Nxa7 Rc3! 29.Ne6 If 29.Rxc3 dxc3 30.Rxb6 c2 31.Rc7 Rd1+ 32.Kh2 c1/Q. 29...Na8 30.Nxd8 Nxc7 31.Rb4 Be4 32.Rb1 d3 1-0

Wong, Kent - Edmonds, Matthew

Notes by Matthew Edmonds

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 Ne4 4.Nf3 b6 5.Bf4 Bb7 6.Nbd2 Bc5 7.e3 Nxd2 8.Nxd2 g5?! A weakening move. 9.Bg3 Nc6 10.a3 a5 11.Ne4 Be7 12.Qd5? Rb8? Black should play Nb4! at this stage, because of the threat ...Nc2+. The White queen must go back to d1 and after 13...Bxe4 14.axb4 Bxb4+ 15.Ke2 Black stands better. 13.Qd3 0-0 14.Rd1 f5 Black is trying to prepare for an attack and trying to keep the king

in the centre. 15.Nf6+? Why not win Black's f-pawn with exf3e.p. first? 15...Bxf6 16.exf6 Qxf6 17.Bxc7 Rbe8 At this stage it appears that Black should have sufficient compensation for the pawn, as White's king is still stuck in the middle of the board and Black is bearing down on the e and f files with three major pieces, g and f pawns are ready to roll, and a dormant but potentially menacing bishop on b7 waiting to strike. 18.Be2 Ne5 19.Bxe5 Qxe5 20.Qd4! A very good move which is incredibly annoying for Black. The queen swap will favour White, as the threat to his king will be less and he will be heading towards a favourable endgame. But what is Black to play? Qb8!? is perhaps the best plan, as 21.Qxd7? cannot be played and ...f4 is still a threat. 20...f4? 21.Qxe5 Rxe5 22.Rxd7 Bxg2 23.Rg1 At this stage 23...f3 looks very promising, preparing for the combination 24...Rxe3! 25.fxe3 f2+ and fxe3/Q+. However, this plan fails to the saving move 24.Rd5!! 23...Ba8?! Where else can the bishop go and still guard d5? 24.h4 f3 25.Bd3 Rxe3+ 26.Kd2! Now Black has a lost game. 26...Re5 27.Rxg5+ Rxg5 28.hxg5 Bc6 29.Bxh7+ Kh8 30.Rd6 Be8 31.Bd3 Bf7 32.g6 Bg8 33.Rd7 1-0

Lightning tourney

Robert Smith won the traditional lightning tournament run at Congress, by the narrowest of margins.

Instead of a massive single round-robin, the 30 players competed in four sections, with the top two from each section qualifying for the final. The sections were keenly fought, although by chance there were no ties requiring play-offs. The finals provided plenty of spectator interest for the non-qualifiers.

In the final, Lukey started with three wins, lost to Abrahamson in round 4, but still led on 4 after 5 rounds, a point ahead of Smith and Love. But Lukey lost to Love in round 6, while Smith beat Sinclair, so there was a triple tie going into the last round. Smith beat Ker, while Lukey lost to Sinclair and Love to Abrahamson.

With a number of upsets, final scores were: Smith 5/7; Lukey, Love 4; McKenzie, Boyd 3½; Abrahamson, Sinclair 3; Ker 2.

1	M	EDMONDS	1615	bye	W21	W11	W7	L2	W4	L3	W5	W6	W9	W8	*	9
2	K	WONG	1656	W18	L7	W13	W12	W1	D3	W4	L10	W5	D6	W9		8
3	LR	JACKSON	1588	W12	L11	W14	W21	W8	D2	W1	D6	W7	W4	L5		8
4	E	FROST	1613	W8	L15	W16	W11	W5	L1	L2	W12	W18	L3	W7		7
5	MW	WYLIE	1559	D19	W10	D6	W13	L4	W7	D12	L1	L2	W18	W3		6½
6	RA	MACKWAY-JONES	1593	W14	D13	D5	W15	D7	L10	W9	D3	L1	D2	W11		6½
7	HR	GOLD	1532	W20	W2	W15	L1	D6	L5	D10	W11	L3	W12	L4		6
8	H	GOECKEL	1368	L4	W20	D18	W14	L3	L13	W19	L16	W22	W17	L1	*	5½
9	A	MCGURK	1218	L21	L14	W22	W16	W15	D12	L6	W13	W11	L1	L2		5½
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19	A	KOIA	1304	D5	L18	L21	W17	L13	W20	L8	W22	W16	L15	L14		4½
20	G	PUTT		unr	L7	L8	L17	W22	L16	L19	bye	W14	D15	L11	W18*	4½
21	GE	TRUNDLE	1507	L1	L3	L12	W19	W9								2
22	CH	WEBBER	1185	L15	L12	L9	L20	L17	bye	L14	L19	L8	L13	L16		1

Second N.Z. Rapid Championship

Tony Dowden (Otago) won the second New Zealand Rapid Championship and took the Sir Robert Jones Trophy in the event held after completion of the NZ Championship. The field of 40 players included several who travelled to Invercargill for the event from Dunedin and Ashburton, and among them was the new champion.

In a tight finish in the 9-round event, Tony added national honours to the South Island title he won at Labour Weekend. Dowden scored 7½/9, with three draws, and finished half a point ahead of Anthony Ker (Civic) and Robert Smith (Waitemata). Ker was unbeaten, but early draws with Hilton Bennett and Kent Wong kept him out of the lead.

Smith lost to Ker and had two draws. He shared the lead with Dowden after 5 rounds and was sole leader after 6 rounds, when he won against Kendall Boyd while Dowden drew. However, Smith dropped back with his loss to Ker in round 7.

The new champion described this next game as his most interesting of the Championship.

Dowden, T - Tuffery, P

Notes by Tony Love

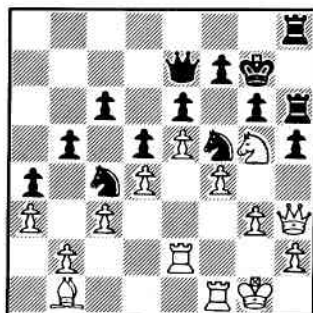
1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6 6.Be3 Nf6 7.f4 More usual is 7.h3. 7...Ng4 8.Bd2 Bd4 9.Nh3 Ne3 More sensible is 9...0-0 or 9...Rb8. 10.Bxe3 Bxe3 11.Nd5 Bd4 12.c3 Bg7 13.0-0 e6 14.Ne3 Bd7 Black may also have considered 14...f5. 15.Nc4 Qc7 16.f5 b5 White obtains compensation after 16...exf5 17.exf5 Bxf5 18.Re1+ Be6 19.Nf4. 17.f6 There is nothing wrong with 17.Ne3. 17...Bh6 18.Nd2 e5 19.Nf3 Qc8 20.Nf2 0-0 21.Qe2 b4 22.h3 Qd8 23.Nh2 Qxf6 24.Nfg4 Bxg4 25.Nxg4 Qg5 26.h4 Qd2 27.Nxh6+ Black escapes after 27.Qxd2 Bxd2 28.Rad1 bxc3. 27...Qxh6 28.Rf6 White has adequate compensation for the pawn. 28...Rad8 29.Raf1 Qg7 30.Bh3 Ne7 31.g4 g5 If 31...Nf5, then 32.g5 Nh4 33.Qf2 wins for White. 32.h5 h6 33.cxb4 cxb4 34.d4 Nc6 35.d5 Nd4 36.Qa6 Rd7 37.Rf2 37.Rxd6 is playable. 37...Rfd8 38.Bf1 Qf8 39.Bb5 Nxb5 40.Qxb5 Kg7 41.Qxb4 Rb8 42.Qd2 Qd8 43.R6f3 Qb6 44.Kg2 Qb4 45.Qe2 R7b7

46.Rb3 Qa5 47.Qf3 Qd8 Not 47...Rxb3 48.Qxf7+. 48.Rxb7 Rxb7 49.b3 ½-½

McKenzie, P - Dowden, RA

Notes by Tony Dowden

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 Qd7 5.Bd2 b6 6.Bb5 c6 7.Ba4 a5 8.a3 Bf8 9.Nf3 Ba6 10.Ne2 Bxe2 Black swaps off his light-squared Bishop, which often proves troublesome in the French Defence. 11.Qxe2 b5 12.Bb3 a4 13.Ba2 h5 14.0-0 Be7 15.Rae1 Nh6 16.Ng5 g6 Black has established a white-square blockade reminiscent of the Gurdenidze variation of the Modern Defence. His position is comfortable. 17.Qd3 Nf5 18.Rb1 More sensible is 18.Bb1 followed by 19.c3. 18...Qd8 19.f4 Nd7 Threatening 20...Nxd4 followed by 19.c3. 20.Nf3 Kf8 21.Bb4 Kg7 22.Bxe7 Qxe7 23.c3 Nb6 24.Ng5 Rh6 25.Rbe1 Rah8 26.Bb1 Nc4 27.Re2 h4 28.Qh3



A critical position. Black now has a combination which leads to a winning advantage on the queenside, but allows White counter-chances on the kingside. 28...Ng3! 29.hxg3 hxg3 30.Qxg3 Rh1+ 31.Kf2 Rxf1+ 32.Kxf1 Rh1+ 33.Kf2 Rxb1 Black attacks the White pawn chain at its base, but meanwhile White gains counterplay by utilising the h-file. 34.Qh4 Qe8! The only move. 35.Qh7+ Kf8 36.Kf3 Ke7 Not the best. 37.g3 Rxb2 Both players are now very short of time. 38.Re1 Rc2 39.Rh1 Rxc3+ 40.Kf2 Qf8! Black eyes the distant pawn on a3 as well as preventing 41.Qg7 and 42.Rh8. 41.Rh6 Ke8 42.Nxe6 White's best chance. 42...Re2+ 43.Kf3 Not 43.Ke1 when Black can play 43...Qxa3 with the idea of Qa1#. 43...Qxa3+

44.Kg4 Ne3+ 45.Kg5?? White also loses after 45.Kh4 Nf5+ 46.Kg5 Qe7+ 47.Kg4 Nxh6+ 48.Qxh6 Qxe6+. However, 45.Kh3! is more stubborn and in the game may have proved sufficient to avoid defeat. Black cannot win after 45...Qa1, e.g., 46.Qg8+ Ke7 47.Qd8+ Kxe6 48.Qf6+ Kd7 49.Qxf7+ mating. Another try which does not work is 45...Rh2+? 46.Qb2+ 47.Kh3 Qg2+ 48.Kh4 Qh2+ 49.Kg5 and the king escapes. But 45...Ke7!! appears to win because it prevents the queen from checking on the back rank and cuts off the White king's escape route, e.g. 46.Qg7 Rxh2+! etc. Of course, 45...Ke7 is hardly the sort of move it is easy to see with only two minutes on the clock. 45...Qe7# 0-1

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32	A	KOIA		1516	L19	L22	W38	L8	L25	W36*	L27	W28	D30	3½
33	RL	KEELING	AS	1433*	L6	L31	W39	W25	L7	W27*	L19	L17	L21	3
34	R	BERKELEY	OT	1329	L23	L24	L21	W37	W36	L25	L20	W38	L27	3
35	M	SINCLAIR	WE	1920	W38	W8	L11	L16	W18	L15*	L14*	-	-	3
36	A	MCGURK	IN	unr	L16	L20	L14	W38	L34	L32*	W40	L31	W37	3
37	MK	MORRISON	AC	1399	L7	D30	L27	L34	L21	D40	L38	W39	L36	2
38	T	PYNE	IN	unr	L35	L28	L32	L36	W40	L20	W37	L34	L29	2
39	G	MCLEAN	IN	unr	L15	L25	L33	W40	L26	L28	L21	L37	bye	2
40	JN	PRESTON	IN	unr	L10	L26	L29	L39	L38	D37	L36	bye	L28	1½

New Zealand's New National Master

With a generous burst of applause, the recent annual general meeting of the NZ Chess Federation confirmed Waitemata CC's Robert W Smith as a National Master. To achieve this Bob had to build up 100 master points from major NZCF tournaments, an exhaustive task which he completed last year.

Bob has been competing for more than 20 years, and has been in the top bracket of NZ players since winning the Premier Reserve at Congress in 1975-76. While he has won the NZ Correspondence Chess Championship, and has won the North Island title once outright and jointly three times, as well as many other events, the New Zealand title has eluded Bob - so far.

He has represented New Zealand at five Olympiads, with a best result of 8½/12, or better than 70 percent, in 1982, when he was not originally chosen for the team but was called in as a substitute.

Bob is self-taught, and has never been coached - although he has done a lot of coaching himself. When he was in standard one he saw some people playing chess, borrowed a book about the game from the library, and from that taught himself the moves. At first he didn't get the knight's move right, but once he had sorted that out he was on the right path.

Club president and champion

In addition to his playing successes, Bob Smith is a busy administrator. He is very active as Waitemata CC president (as well as being club champion for the last 16 years). Waitemata is one of the country's most progressive clubs, particularly in encouraging young players. It is the country's leading club for women players, and is hosting the forthcoming NZ Women's Championship.

Bob, a freelance journalist who has worked mostly in television, is married to Vivian, the current NZ Women's Chess Champion. Although chess has a high profile in their household, they have three children which means that home management is carefully planned to meet all their commitments. Vivian and Bob look at each other's games, but otherwise do not study chess intensively

together.

Bob gives a lot of attention to the openings. While he used to improvise extensively in earlier years, he finds that knowledge of the latest developments is necessary these days. Apart from that he plays over a lot of grandmaster games, with Kasparov his favourite because his style holds most appeal.

Hates short draws

Bob Smith's pet hate in chess is short draws - he calls them "the death of chess." He believes in playing games out and says "you don't learn anything from a short draw, but you learn from games played to the end, even if you lose." In line with that thinking, Bob holds a strong belief that selectors of international representatives should choose active players who seek wins in preference to those who accept a lot of short draws.

Bob is noted for the number of times he has had to cope with rapid play to complete a number of moves to the time control, and enjoys considerable success in rapid tourneys, but he still regards full-length games as the cream of chess.

His worst moment ever was when he held the lead in the NZ Championship with one round to play, but lost to Roger Nokes in the final rounds and dropped back to third. But there have been many good moments, some of which are recorded in the following selection of games, which are given with Bob's comments.

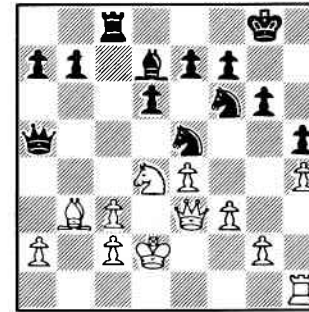
First comes a crucial victory in the 1975-76 Premier Reserve at Congress, which features such names as A Carpinter, C Laird, R Nokes, P Clemance, N Metge, B Carpinter, K Jensen, T Dowden, A Love, G Haase, to name a few. At the time P Green was leading with 5½/6 and I was half a point behind.

After this win I took the lead and won the tournament with 9/11. The next year I was selected for my first Olympiad, in Israel.

Green, P - Smith, RW Sicilian, Dragon

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0-0 9.Bc4 Bd7 10.h4 Rc8 11.Bb3 h5 12.0-0-0 Ne5 13.Bh6

Bxh6 14.Qxh6 Rxc3 15.bxc3 Qa5 16.Qe3 Rc8 17.Kd2?!

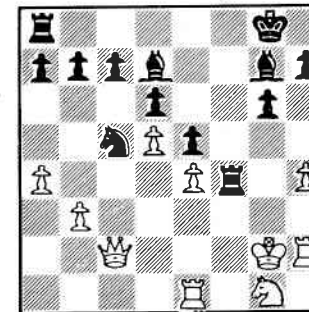


17...Neg4! 18.fxg4 Rxc3 19.Qe1 Rxb3+ 20.Ke2 Qa6+ 21.Kd2 Rb4 22.Ke3 Qb6 23.c3 Rb2 24.Kd3 e5 25.Ne2 Nxd4 0-1

A few years later my win over Ewen Green in the 1979-80 NZ Championship was publicised as the brilliancy of the tournament.

Green, E - Smith, RW King's Indian Defence

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 e5 7.d5 Nh5 8.Qd2 Qh4+ 9.Bf2 Qf4 10.Be3 Qh4+ 11.g3 Nxd3 12.Qf2 Nxf1 13.Qxh4 Nxe3 14.Kf2 Nxc4 15.b3 Na3 16.Kg2 Na6 17.Qg5 Bd7 18.Qc1 Nb5 19.Nxb5 Bxb5 20.a4 Bd7 21.h4 f5 22.Qc2 fxe4 23.fxe4 Rf4 24.Rh2 Nc5 25.Re1



25...Rxe4! 26.Rxe4 Bf5 27.Qc4 Bxe4+ 28.Kg3 Bd3 29.Qc1 Rf8 30.Nh3 Rf1 31.Qe3 Rb1 32.Rf2 Rxb3 33.Kh2 Bf5 34.Qg5 Rxb3+ 35.Kg2 Ne4 36.Qd8+ Bf8 37.Rxf5 Rg3+ 38.Kh2 gxf5 39.Qxc7 f4 40.Qd7 Nc5 41.Qf5 Rg7 42.h5 h6 43.a5 Rg5 44.Qf6 Rxb5+ 45.Kg2 Rg5+ 46.Kh2 Rg7 47.Kh3 b6 48.axb6 49.Kh4 b5 50.Kh5 Be7 0-1

In the 1984 North Island Championship my round 4 win over Philip Clemance helped me win the tournament outright.

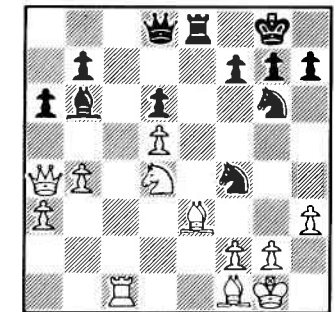
Clemance, P - Smith, RW Sicilian

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.g3 b5 7.a3 Bb7 8.Bg2 Nf6 9.0-0 d6 10.f4 Nbd7 11.f5?! e5 12.Nde2 Be7 13.h3 h5 14.Nd5 Bxd5 15.exd5 Rc8 16.Nc3 Qc4 17.Rf2 Bd8 18.Be3 Bb6 19.Qf3 Bxe3 20.Qxe3 Qc5 21.Qg5 Kf8 22.Qd2 Nb6 23.Ne4 Nxe4 24.Bxe4 Nc4 25.Qc3 Ke7 26.b3 Nb6 27.Qd2 f6 28.h4 Qc3 29.Qxc3 Rxc3 30.Rf3 Rc5 31.Rd1 Rbc8 32.Rd2 a5 33.Kf2 a4 34.Ke2 Rc3 35.Re3 Rxe3+ 36.Kxe3 Rc3+ 37.Rd3 Rxc2 38.Bf3 Ra2 39.bxa4 bxa4 40.Rc3 Kd7 41.Ke4 Rd2 42.Rd3 Nc4 43.Bxh5 Ra2 44.Bd1 Nb2! 45.Rd2 Nxd1 46.Rxd1 Rxa3 47.Rg1 0-1

In the 1989-90 NZ Championship, my win over Michael Hampl was judged the best game of the Congress.

Smith, RW - Hampl, M Nimzo-Indian

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 c5 5.Nge2 cxd4 6.exd4 0-0 7.a3 Be7 8.d5 exd5 9.cxd5 Bc5 10.Nd4 Re8+ 11.Be3 d6 12.Be2 a6 13.0-0 Nbd7 14.b4 Bb6 15.Rc1 Ne5 16.h3 Bd7 17.Qb3 Ng6 18.Rfd1 Rac8 19.Bf1 Nh5 20.Na4 Rxc1 21.Rxc1 Bxa4 22.Qxa4 Nhf4

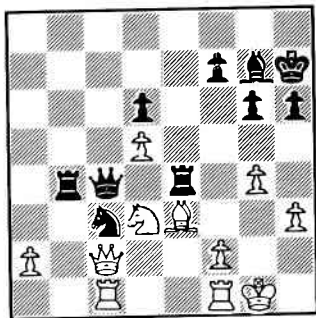


23.Ne6! fxe6 24.Bxb6 Qe7 25.Rc7 Qf8 26.dxe6 Nge5 27.Rxb7 Rxe6 28.Qb3 Kh8 29.Ba7 Re8 30.Qc3 h6 31.Bxa6 Qf6 32.Rb8 Rxb8 33.Bxb8 Kh7 34.Qc2+ Neg6 35.Bd3 Qa1+ 36.Kh2 Qe5 37.g3 Nxd3 38.Qxd3 Qb2 39.Kg2 d5 40.h4 h5 41.Qxd5 1-0

The following year my win over Ben Martin at the North Island Championships was crucial in my bid to make the Olympiad team.

Martin, B - Smith, RW
King's Indian Defence

1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.e4 Nf6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Be3 c5 8.d5 e6 9.h3 exd5 10.exd5 Na6 11.Nf3 Nc7 12.Qd2 Kh7 13.g4 b5 14.exb5 a6 15.bxa6 Bxa6 16.Bxa6 Rxa6 17.0-0 Qd7 18.Nh4 Rb6 19.Rab1 Re8 20.Ng2 Rb4 21.b3 Nb5 22.Nxb5 Qxb5 23.Rbd1 Ne4 24.Qc2 c4 25.bxc4 Qxc4 26.Re1 Nc3 27.Nf4 Ree4 28.Nd3



28...Rxc4+ 29.Kh2 Rh4 30.f4 Ra4 31.Nb2 Qe4 32.Qf2 Rxa2 33.Qxh4 Qxe3 34.Rc2 Na4 35.Qf2 Qxf2 36.Rxf2 Rxb2 37.Rxb2 Nxb2 38.Re2 Bf6 39.Rc2 Nd3 40.Re6 Nxf4 41.Rxd6 Be5 42.Rd7 Kg7 43.d6 Ne6+ 44.Kg2 Nc5 45.Rd8 Nb7 46.Re8 Bxd6 47.Kf3 Nc5 48.Kg4 Ne6 49.Kh4 Bc7 50.Kg4 Bd8+ 51.Kg3 h5 52.Kg2 Kf6 53.Rh8 Ke7 54.Rg8 Nf8 55.Kg3 Bb6 56.Kh4 Be3 57.Rh8 Kf6 0-1

In 1992 I finally got revenge in style over Roger Nokes, who six years earlier beat me in the last round of the NZ Championship when I was leading, to deprive me of the title by half a point.

Smith, R - Nokes, R
1992 North Shore Open

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.g3 e6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 Bd7 10.h3 Nxd4 11.Qxd4 Bc6 12.a4 b6 13.Rfd1 Qc8 14.a5 b5 15.a6 Qc7 16.b4 Rfd8 17.Ra5 d5 18.e5 Ne4 19.Nxb5 Bxb5 20.Rxb5 Nc3 21.Rb7 Qc6 22.Re1 Bf8 23.Bf1 Ne4 24.Bd3 Rab8 25.b5 Qc8 26.Rxb8 Qxb8 27.Qxa7 Qxe5 28.Qd4 Qh5 29.Bxe4 Rc8 30.Bg2 Bd6 31.a7

f6 32.b6 Qf7 33.Qa4 Qb7 34.c4 h5 35.cxd5 1-0

Of course, my list of favourite games would not be complete without my win over Russell Dive from last year's North Island Championship, but this has only recently been published [NZ Chess, August 1993].

Kasparov "check-mated"

Ortvin Sarapu has received a newspaper clipping from Germany which says that PCA World Champion Garry Kasparov has been "check-mated" by his wife Mascha. They have a baby daughter, Polina, born on April 20, 1993, but she has moved to Helsinki, back to her parents who live there.

The report says she has applied for divorce, and has put in a claim for Kasparov's two flats - one in Moscow and one in Paris, plus \$US1-million. Kasparov is reported to have offered a "draw" - to divide his fortune 50-50.

However, his mother Klara is reported to be organising "the giant duel" between Kasparov and Karpov for 5-million francs to cover Garry's expenses.

FIDE action on ratings

The 1993 FIDE congress discussed the removal of Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short from the FIDE rating list, but as expected voted by 56 to 19 to ratify the Executive Council decision to withdraw services, including ratings, from the two players.

BCF, supported by NZCF, opposed this action, and FIDE has asked the British and Russian Chess Federations to report on whether Kasparov and Short are interested in a dialogue with FIDE.

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New Zealand News

Top Wellington players **Russell Dive** and **Mark Noble** give lawn bowls a high priority in the summer, and their names crop up every now and again in open tournament results. Congratulation to Russell, who has caught the selectors' eye and is a Wellington junior rep.

Kapiti's **Jim McIntosh** has launched a unique activity which has attracted widespread attention through New Zealand and overseas. Jim runs a shoemaking factory, but in conjunction with this business he has established a footwear museum which now contains items which have been worn by hundreds of well-known and famous people.

North Shore Open Rapid

Paul Garbett conceded just one draw, to Martin Dreyer, in winning the North Shore Open Rapid tournament held early in December. Paul scored 6½/7, a full point ahead of Bruce Wheeler, with Russell Metge third on 5 and Martin Dreyer and James Turnbull fourth on 4½. There was a field of 22.

Waitemata

Prizewinners in Waitemata CC competitions for the past year were: Club champion **Bob Smith**, runner-up John Van Pelt; Reserve champion **John O'Connor**, runner-up Brian Palmer; most improved player **Bassam Giacaman**, highly commended Jacob Sykes; Junior Cup, **Verner Williams**; Summer Cup **Bob Smith**, runners-up John Robinson and John Van Pelt; Under 400 tournament Verner Williams, runners-up Dipan Patel and Steve Lawson; Winter Cup **Bob Smith**, runner-up John Robinson; Championship preliminaries, Bruce Tidey, John Van Pelt and Otmar Storchnegger; 90/90 tournament **Bob Smith**, runners-up John Van Pelt, Vivian Smith, John Robinson; half-hour tournament **Bob Smith**, runner-up John Van Pelt; five-minute champion **Bob Smith**, runner-up John Robinson; weighted half-hour winner, Edith Otene.

Upper Hutt CC

Chris Bell has scored an upset win in the Upper Hutt CC championship, with a two-point margin over Gerald Carter, who was rated more

than 250 above the winner. In the double-round tournament Chris lost one game to Gerald and drew with Don Stracy to score 8½/10. Anthony Price also scored an upset, beating Gerald in the first round. Price, Carter and Stracy shared second on 6½.

Matthew Reweti comfortably won the B grade with 8½/10, ahead of Patrick Cunningham 6½, Frank Cook 4½ and John Frederikson 3½. **Bernard Newman** and **Wilson Sue** shared first in the C grade, with 8½/11, just ahead of William Winter 8.

Wanganui CC

The B grade championship of Wanganui CC has been won by **John Wilson**, with a score of 12/15. Runner-up was Alan Wilson 9½, followed by Bernard Nicholson 9. The unrated C grade championship was won by Kevin Yorston 5½/8, ahead of Gareth Lisle 5 and Pascal Harris 4.

The club championship result reported in last issue was for the first round only. Final results will be reported when the second round is completed.

Kapiti

Kapiti CC's year ended with **Andrew Stanton** winning the club championship and the Tom Powell Trophy. **Zoe Kingston** continued her rise through the ranks by winning the B grade title and the Borren Trophy, following her success in the 1992 C grade, which has gone to John Holland.

Changes for 1994 will have the club championship run over seven weeks as a swiss tournament, instead of the 14-week round robin, and a new 60/60 tournament will be held in the second half of the year.

Kapiti CC has completed its arrangements for its Open 30/30 on Saturday, April 23, at Kapiti College.

Wellington

Wellington CC closed the 1993 season with a lightning tournament and trophy presentation. It was no surprise that **Jonathan Sarfati** won the lightning event with a picket fence, and a welcome feature of the event was participation

of club patron **John Eriksen**.

Prizewinners for the year were: Club champion, **Mark Sinclair**; reserve, **Kent Wong**; C grade, **Robert Henry**; secondary, **Ian Grubb**; primary, **Raymond Chew**; Petherick, **Shamnika Rupasinghe**.

The senior B championship was completed early in the new year, and was won by **Roiberto Paino** with 4/5, half a point ahead of **Michael Nyberg** after they drew their final game.

All-Canterbury

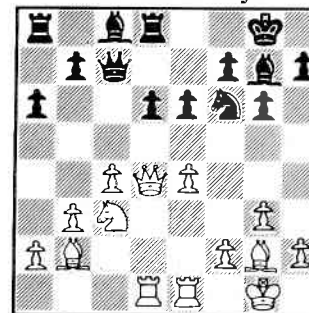
The 1993 All-Canterbury championship was played as a one-day event because of a small entry. **Nick Cummings** won with 5½/6, conceding only half a point in a draw with **Peter McKenzie**. Cummings was 1½ points clear of **McKenzie** and **Scott Wastney**.

Interlub fireworks

By Peter Weir

The following position arose in the North Shore-University encounter in the Auckland inter-club competition.

Black: **David Boyd**



White: **Ben Giles**

David tried to inject some life into his rather passive position by playing 15...Ne8 16.e5 Rd7 but ran into the unexpected sequence 17.exd6 Nxd6 18.Qxg7+! A real shocker! After the forced 18...Kxg7 David tried 19.Nd5+ Kf8 20.Nxc7 Ra7 to trap the knight, but Ben had seen further: 21.Nxe6 fxe6 22.Rxe6 Nf7 23.Rxd7 Bxd7 24.Ba3+! Kg7 25.Re7 when Black had to resign as he cannot prevent 26.Bd5 [26...Bc6 27.Bxc6]. A fine combination from Ben, a sixth former at Orewa College, against an experienced fighter.

Chess

Auckland simuls

By Edward Swayne

Last year members of the Auckland Chess Club ran a simul at the Downtown Mall in the city. The mall spent \$1000 on radio advertising and there was substantial publicity in the New Zealand Herald. Several new members joined the club as a result.

Recently simuls have been held at the viaduct in Auckland, where the Whitbread yachts arrived. There was excellent interest. **Mark Sinclair**, **Kent Wong**, **Martin Dreyer**, **Barry Williams** and **Brian Whittaker** assisted, while **Aidan Howard** designed and printed some excellent pamphlets.

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FIDE'S Top 20

The top 20 male players on the FIDE rating list issued last month are:

1 Karpov, A RUS	2740	11 Yusupov, A GER	2665
2 Anand, V IND	2715	12 Khalifman, A RUS	2660
3 Kramnik, V RUS	2710	13 Adams, M ENG	2660
4 Ivanchuk, V UKR	2710	14 Sokolov, I BIH	2650
5 Shirov, A LAT	2705	15 Beliavsky, A UKR	2650
6 Karnsky, G USA	2695	16 Kaidanov, GS USA	2645
7 Salov, V RUS	2685	17 Dreev, A RUS	2645
8 Gelfand, B BLA	2685	18 Topalov, V BUL	2640
9 Bareev, E RUS	2685	19 Tiviakov, S RUS	2630
10 Epishin, V RUS	2675	20 Chernin, A HUN	2630

Alexey Dreev lifted his rating by 75 points, from 2570, in the six months since the last list was published, and improved his position on the list from 95th to 17th.

The top 10 female players are:

1 Polgar, J HUN	2630
2 Polgar, Zsuzsa HUN	2550
3 Chiburdanidze, M GEO	2520
4 Cramling, P SWE	2515
5 Xie, J CHN	2515
6 Arakhamia, K GEO	2485
7 Galliamova-Ivanchuk UKR	2450
8 Polgar, Zsofia HUN	2450
9 Ioseliani, N GEO	2435
10 Levitina, I USA	2425

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Coming events

- March 24 **Howick-Pakuranga's Latvian Gambit tournament**, 6r 30/30, Pakuranga Community Centre.
- April 1-6 (Easter) **NZ Women's Championship** Kelston Girls' High School, Waitakere City, Auckland, 12-player rr with subsidiary tournaments. Conducted by Waitemata CC.
- NZ Junior and Under-16, Dunedin Otago CC Easter**, 6r, Dunedin Civic Easter, Wellington.
- April 23 **Kapiti Rapid**, 5r 30/30, Kapiti College, Raumati Beach.
- May 9-11 **Regional Schoolpupil Championships**.
- May 15-22 **North Island Championship and NI Rapid Civic** (Wellington).
- July 2,3 **Waitakere Trust Open**, organised by Waitemata CC.
- June 4-6 **Wellington CC Queen's Birthday Open**.
- July 16 **New Plymouth CC Open 40/40**.
- August 29 **South Island Championship**, - Sept 2 Christchurch.
- Sept 5-9 **NZ Schoolpupils' final**, Dunedin.
- Oct 23-25 **Petone Labour Weekend Open** (Labour Week) **SI Rapid**, Dunedin.
- Nov-Dec **Olympiad**, Greece.
- Dec 28 **NZ Championship Congress and Rapid Championship**, Wanagnui.

Chess composition

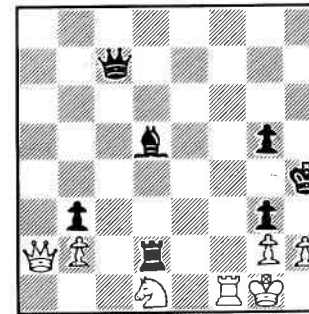
FIDE's Permanent Commission for chess compositions has sent out an invitation for participation in the fifth world tournament for composing problems.

While registration of interest was sought by January 31, the invitation came to NZ by surface mail and has just arrived. Entries must be submitted by March 1, 1995, so if anyone in New Zealand is interested, please notify NZCF urgently.

Tightrope or Tango

By Emil Melnichenko

For both the connoisseur who has seen it all or the jaded player lacking inspiration, here is an unforgettable finale from the Muscovite, Oleg Pervakov.



Black's artillery rakes the board, menacing mate after 1...Rxxg2+ or 1...gxxh2+. With White's queen en prise the first move is obvious.

1.Qa4+ g4 1...Kh5? 2.Qe8+ Qf7 [2...Bf7 3.Qh8+ mates] 3.RxQ gxxh2+ [3...Rxd1+ 4.Rf1+] 4.Kh1 Bxxg2+ 5.Kxxh2 Bc6+ 6.Rf2+ and 1...Bc4? 2.hxxg3+ Kxxg3 3.Rf3+ Kg4 [3...Kh4 4.Rh3+] 4.Ne3+ Kh5 5.Qe8# winning, reveal just how precarious Black's advantage is, while 1...Qc4? 2.QxQ+ BxQ 3.hxxg3 Kh5 4.Re1 Be2 5.Nc3 Ba6 6.Rd6 Bb7 7.Re2 only draws.

2.Ne3 2.hxxg3+? Qxxg3 leaves g2 helplessly vulnerable. Now White threatens 3.Qxxg4# but there are many surprises to come.

2... gxxh2+ After 2...Be6? 3.Qe8 gxxh2+ 4.Kh1 Qc8 5.Qg6 the black king will succumb to exposure.

3.Kh1 Rxxg2 A shock sacrifice which breaches the ramparts for 4...Rg1#! Note that other Black tries fail. For instance, 3...Qg3? 4.Nf5+ Kg5 5.NxxQ Bxxg2+ 6.Kxxh2 Bc6+ 7.Kg1 BxQ [7...Rg2+ 8.Kh1 Rc2+ 9.Qxc6] 8.Ne4+ runs awry.

4.Nxxg2+ If 4.Nxd5? Rg1+ 5.RxxR hxxg1/Q+ 6.KxxQ Qc1+ 7.Kf2 Qxb2+ 8.Ke3 [8.Kf1 Qb1+ 9.Ke2 Qa2+] Qe5+ 9.Qe4 Qxe4+ and the pawns triumph.

4... Kh3 4...Kg3? is refuted by 5.Rf3+ Kxxf3 [5...Bxxf3 6.Qf4+= or 5...gxxf3 6.Qh4#] 6.Qxxg4+ Kxxg4 stalemate! Despite

material superiority, White now faces 5...Bxxg2#.

5.Rf3+ Repaying the rook to stay alive! 15.Qxxg4+? KxxQ 6.Rf4+ Kg3 7.Rg4+ Kf2 8.Rf4+ Bf3 is inadequate.

5... Bxxf3 Moving g4 allows 6.Qh4# but after the text both 6...Qc1# and 6...Bxxg2# loom large.

6.Qc6 Splendidly defiant to the end and taboo because of stalemate, the queen neutralises both threats and even eyes 7.Qh6+ with 8.Qh4# mate!

6... Qd6 An eye for an eye! Black simultaneously targets the back rank while denying White access to the h-file. 6...Qh7? is met by 7.Qh6+ Qxxh6 and 6...Bxxg2+? by 7.Qxxg2+ Kh4 8.Qg3+ Kg3, both stalemate.

7.Qd5 Qe5
8.Qe4 Qf5 The locus of the mutual shut-offs shifts from the h1-a8 to the b1-h7 diagonal.

9.Qd3 This careful step miraculously prevents both 9...Qb1# and 9...Bxxg2# while also contemplating 10.Qh7+.

9... Qg6 9...Qc4? 10.Qxe4 Bxe4= and 9...Kg3 10.Qd6+ Kf2 11.Qg3+ Kxxg3= [11...Ke2? 12.Qe1+ Kd3 13.Qb1+] are both futile.

10.Qe4 Qf5
11.Qd3 Qg6
12.Qe4 Qh6 Making no progress, Black varies the choreography with 13...Qc1# and 13...Bxxg2# in mind.

13.Qe3 Echoing move 9 but on the parallel c1-h6 diagonal, the queen again blocks off the back rank while pinning the bishop.

13... Qg5 Unsuccessful is 13...Qf4 14.Qxf3+ gxxf3 15.Nxxf4+ Kg4 [15...Kg3 16.Nh5+=] 16.Nd3 Kg3 17.Nc5 f2 18.Ne4+ Kf3 19.Ng3 Kxxg3 stalemate.

14.Qd2 Qf4 14...Kg3? 15.Qf4+ QxxQ= is no improvement and decidedly worse is 14...Bxxg2+? 15.Qxxg2+ Kh4 16.Qxxh2#.

15.Qe3 Qg5
16.Qd2=
The peerlessly performed perpetual pas-de-deux is a positional draw.

1993 World Junior Championship

By Edward Swayne

Last year's World Junior was held in Calicut, India, from 17 November to 2 December. Unfortunately, the participants' enjoyment of the tournament was marred by the inexperience of the Indian organisers. In addition, the accommodation was so poor that I was forced to move to another hotel at my own expense.

In comparison to the previous year, a stronger field assembled for the boys' tournament. Top seed was English GM Matthew Sadler (Elo 2530). Another 13 players were rated over 2400.

Sadler had a slow start, drawing his first game, then losing one or two to be well off the pace at the half-way stage. Subsequently he caught up with a fine series of wins, to be half a point off the pace going into the final round. Vlastimil Babula, from the Czech Republic (CSR), was leading. However, Babula lost to Igor Miladinovic (YUG), to let the latter become World Junior Champion. In a new policy move by FIDE, Miladinovic was automatically awarded the GM title.

In the girls' tournament Nino Khurtzidze (GEO) won with 10½/13. She gained the WGM title.

My tournament was quite disappointing. I had both the Croatian and Indian representatives on the ropes, but lost both; I also lost a couple of drawn positions. My final score was 3½/13 to finish 48th out of 49. Nevertheless, I enjoyed the tournament and learned a lot as well.

I would like to thank NZCF, ASA and the Auckland University Students' Association for their generous cash contributions.

Here are some games from the tournament:

Markovic, Miroslav YUG - Gove, Yogesh IND

Notes by Edward Swayne

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.d4 0-0 5.0-0 d6 6.c4 Nc6 7.Nc3 Bg4 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 Nfd7 10.Be3 e5 11.Nb5? 11.d5 Ne7 12.Ne4 Nf5 13.Bg5 f6 14.Bd2 Nh6 15.Qc1 Nf3 ECO. The move played wastes time. 11...a6 12.d5 Ne7 13.Nc3 f5 14.Bg5?! Qc1 is better, delaying the kingside roller. 14...e4 15.Bg2 h6 16.Be3 g5

17.g4 f4! 18.Bd2 f3! An enterprising pawn sac, giving Black the initiative. 19.exf3 exf3 20.Bxf3 Ne5 21.Be4 N7g6 22.Qe2 Nf4 23.Bxf4 gxf4 24.f3 Qh4 25.Rf2 Nf7 26.Rh2 Ng5 27.Kh1 Rae8 28.Qd3 Bxc3! Eliminating the last defenders of the black squares. 29.bxc7 Re5 30.Rf1 Rfe8 31.Rhf2 b6 32.Qd2 Qh3+ 33.Kg1 Qg3+ 34.Rg2 Nxe4 35.Qc1 Qh4 36.Rh2 Ng3! 37.Rh4 Ne2+ 38.Kf2 Nc1 39.Rc1 Re2 40.Kf1 Kg7 41.Rh5 Ra2 42.Rf2 Rh2 43.Kg1 Ree2 44.Rf4 a5 45.Re4 Rxe4 46.Kh2 Rc4 47.Kg3 Rc5 0-1

Tkachev, Vladimir KAZ - Akhundov, Ronslan TKM

Notes by Edward Swayne

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 e5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3 a6 8.Qd2 Qc7?! This move intends ...f6, with pressure on the centre. However, in many cases ...f6 can be met with f5 [Lazarus up the middle], so the move is mistaken. Better is 8...b5, a possible continuation being 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.Bxc5 Nxc5 11.Qb2 Qb6 with equal play. 9.Bd3 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Na5?! Better is 10...Be7, with 0-0, Nb6, Bd7 and then perhaps Na5 11.0-0 Nc4 12.Bxc4 Qxc4 13.f5! Opening up the centre with the Black king in the centre and bad development. 13...Nxe5 14.Rae1 Bb4 15.fxe6 f6 15...f6 is met by 16.Bf4. 16.Nf5 0-0 17.Rf4 Bxc3 18.Bxc3 Qxa2 There are no better moves. 18...Qc6 19.Ne7+, 18...Qb5, 19.e7 and Ne6, 18...Qc7, 19.e7. 19.Be5 Bxe6 The only move to fight on. 19...Re8 loses to 20.Rxe5 and 21.Rg4. 20.Bxf8 Kxf8 20...Rxf8 21.Rxe5 21.Nxg7! Kxg7 22.Rxf6!! Kxf6 23.Qxf4+ Ke7 23...Kg6 24.Qxe5 and now a) 24...a4 25.Rf1; b) 24...Bf5 25.Rf1 Qxc7 26.g4 Rf8 27.Qd5 and Black's exposed king will not last long. 24.Qxe5 d4 25.Qc7+ Ke8! 25...Kf6 26.Rf1+; 25.Kf8 26.Qxh7 Re8 [26...Bf7 transposes to the text] 27.h4 Qd5 [27...Bf7 28.Qh8+ Bg8 29.Qh6+ Kf7 30.Qf4+ winning a rook] 28.h5 Qd7 [28...Be7 see previous note] 29.Rf1+ Bf7 30.hj6 with decisive threats. 26.c4! Qxc2 27.Rxe6+ Kf8 28.Qd6+ Kg8 29.Qd5! Kh8 30.Qxd4+ Kg8 31.h3 Rf8 1-0

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International News

By Peter Stuart

Tilburg

This November event in the Netherlands retained the knock-out format first adopted in 1992 after 15 years of round robins. Each match comprised two games played using the standard time control with any tie resolved by a second pair of games, this time at 20 minutes per player but using the "Fischer clock" which credited players with 10 seconds for each move played. If necessary a third pair of games was played at 10 minutes per player, and after that it was sudden death.

The tournament started with 96 players, the 48 first-round winners then being joined by 16 seeded players headed by Karpov and Ivanchuk. Last year Karpov made an undignified exit as early as round 2; this year Boris Gelfand was the only major victim of an early upset, at the hands of Alexei Dreev. The longest match came in round 3 when Ulf Anderson bowed out to Rosentalis after eight games - but not seven draws and one loss as one might easily suppose; instead the unlucky Andersson's record read: win, loss, win, loss, win, loss, draw, loss! The round also saw Timman lose to Belyavsky.

The quarter-finals saw Karpov, Ivanchuk, Shirov and Belyavsky beating Yusupov, Kiril Georgiev, Bareev and Vaganian respectively. In his semi-final against the FIDE World Champion Belyavsky succeeded in drawing the first game with the black pieces, but then became the latest victim of Karpov's wonderful ability to wrestle an extra half-point from a seemingly innocuous ending. Vassily Ivanchuk, as in most of his earlier matches, needed a pair of tei-break games before vanquishing Alexei Shirov.

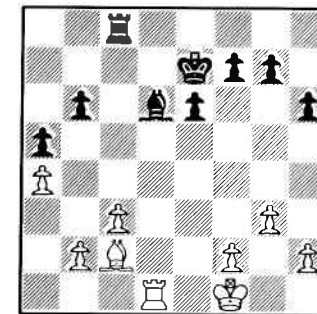
After three hard-fought draws in the final, Karpov clinched his seventh Tilburg victory by squeezing Ivanchuk in the ending to take the match 2½-1½.

Belyavsky-Karpov

Caro-Kann

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7 5.Bc4 Ngf6 6.Ng5 e6 7.Qe2 Nb6 8.Bb3 h6 9.Nf3 a5 10.a4 c5 11.dxc5 Nbd7 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.Qxe5 Nd7 14.Qe2 Bxc5 15.Nf3 b6 16.0-0 0-0 17.c3

Qc7 18.Be3 Ba6 19.Bc4 Bxe3 20.Bxa6 Bc5 21.Bd3 Rad8 22.Rad1 Nf6 23.Nd2 Qf4 24.Bc2 Rd5 25.g3 Qe5 26.Qxe5 Rxe5 27.Rfe1 Rxe1+ 28.Rxel Rc8 29.Ne4 Nxe4 30.Rxe4 Kf8 31.Kf1 Ke7 32.Re1 Bd6 33.Rd1



About here one would normally expect to see ½-½, yet within a dozen more moves Belyavsky is on a very slippery slope indeed. 33...Rc5 34.Bd3 34.h4 looks better 34...g5 35.Bb5 h5 36.Kg2 Rf5 37.Bd3 Re5 38.Kf1 g4 39.Re1 Rd5 40.Bc4 Rg5 41.Kg2 h4 42.gxh4 The prospect of a Black pawn on h3 with the consequent danger of an eventual bishop sacrifice on g3 was probably not attractive, but after the text the h-pawn comes under heavy fire. The choice of such evils is never an easy one, but here Belyavsky probably overlooked Black's 44th move. 42...Rh5 43.Re4 Rxb4 44.Kf1 e5! Winning the h-pawn by force. 45.Bd5 f5 46.Rc4 Rxb2 47.b4 e4 48.Rc6 g3 49.fxg3 e3 50.Bc4 Rf2+ 51.Ke1 axb4 52.cxb4 Bxb4+ 53.Kd1 Rd2+ 54.Kc1 Kd7 55.Rxb6 No better is 55.Re6 Ba3+ 56.Kb1 Rb2+ 57.Ka1 Rc2 58.Bb3 e2! 59.Re3 Rc1+ winning. 55...Ba3+ 56.Kb1 e2 57.Bxe2 Rxe2 58.a5 Bd6 59.a6 Re5 60.Kc2 Ra5 61.Rb7+ Ke6 0-1

Ivanchuk - Karpov

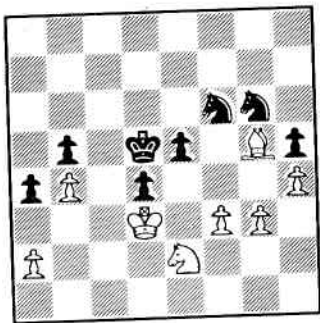
Caro-Kann

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.c4 e6 6.Nc3 Nd7 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 Ne7 10.Bg5 f6 11.exf6 gxf6 12.Bd2 Kf7 13.Nge2 Ng6 14.g3 Bd6 15.Nb5 Bb8 16.Bb4 a6 17.Nd6+ Bxd6 18.Bxd6 Qb6 19.Ba3 Qz5+ 20.Qd2 Qxd2+ 21.Kxd2 Rac8 22.Rhc1 e5 23.b3 Ke6 24.dxe5 fxe5 25.Rxc8 Rxc8 26.Rc1

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Rxc1 27.Bxc1 d4 28.f3 Kd5 29.Ba3 a5!
Despite its solid appearance White's position is not easy to play; the kingside pawn majority is immobilised and the Ne2 has little scope. Black's 29th aims for a queenside space grab. 30.Kd3 b5 31.b4 this ugly move is virtually forced; White cannot stand a black knight on c5. 31...a4 32.Bc1 Nf6 33.Bg5



33...e4+! Just when it looks as if White can mobilise his kingside, Black strikes in the centre with a temporary pawn sacrifice and the space advantage he enjoys soon becomes decisive. 34.fxe4+ Nxe4 35.Nxd4 Ne5+ 36.Ke3 Ng4+ 37.Kd3 Nf2+ 38.Ke3 Nd1+ 39.Ke2 39.Kd3? loses a piece to 39...Nef2+ 39...Kxd4 40.Kxd1 Nc3+ 41.Kc2 Nxa2 Very well calculated! The knight's road back to the kingside is a long and perilous one. 42.Bd2 Kc 43.g4 hxg 44.Kb2!?

A nice sacrifice of a tempo as compared to 44.Kb1. Also insufficient was 44.h5 g3 45.h6 g2 46.h7 [46.Be3 Nxb4+ 47.Kb1 Nd5] 46...g1/Q 47.h8/Q Nxb4+ 48.Bxb4 [else mate in 4] and now not 48...Kxb4?? 49.Qc3# but 48...Qg6+! 49.Kb2 Qg2+ 50.Ka3 Qf3+ 51.Kb2 Qe2+ 52.Ka3 Qe3+! and with the queen on the right square Black can take the bishop with no fear of perpetual check. 44...Nxb4 45.h5 Nd3+ Simpler is 45...Nd5, eschewing the tempo gain, e.g. 46.Bg5 g3 or 46.h6 Nf6 47.Bg5 Nh7 48.Bf4 Kd3 supporting the g-pawn. 46.Ka2 g3 And here 46...Ne5 is simpler, with the same idea as in the last note. 47.h6 Ne5! Best; Black still has work to do after 47...g2 48.h7 g1/Q 49.h8/Q 48.Bf4! Presumably the idea behind the tempo sacrifice; White wins the knight and then cannot be prevented from also gaining a new queen. A pity that Black has a mate! 48...g2 49.Bxe5

g1/Q 50.h7 b4 51.h8/Q b3+ 52.Ka3 Qc5+ 0-1

Belgrade

A category 16 tournament in December capped a fine last quarter of 1993 for Alexander Belyavsky, who scored an impressive 7½/9 to take first place. Following the Ukrainian GM at a respectful distance was the young Russian GM Vladimir Kramnik on 6. Then came 3 GM Khalifman (RUS) 5½; 4 GM Bareev (RUS) 5; 5-6 GM Romanishin (UKR) and GM Tiviakov (RUS) 4½; 7 GM Kotronias (GRE) 4; 8 GM Hodgson (ENG) 3; 9 GM Damljanovic (YUG) 2½; 10 IM Mozetic (YUG) 2.

PCA Interzonal

At Groningen in late December there were a few surprises in the seven qualifiers to join Nigel Short in the PCA Candidates. Michael Adams (ENG) took first place on tie-break from Viswanathan Anand (IND), both players scoring 7½ in the 11-round Swiss.

Quite conveniently just five players scored 7, so no tie-break procedures were required. In tie-break order they were Gata Kamsky (USA), Vladimir Kramnik (RUS), Sergei Tiviakov (RUS), Boris Gulko (USA) and Oleg Romanishin (UKR).

Thus Adams, Anand, Kamsky and Kramnik have all qualified for both the PCA and FIDE Candidates series. Only Anand has reached this level before. The group on 6½ included former candidates Ehlvest, Hubner, Nikolic and Vaganian, as well as Alexei Shirov, who was one of the favourites to qualify, and Judit Polgar.

FIDE candidates Yudasin (5) and Halifman (4½) were well off the pace, as were the 4th-6th seeds Topalov (6), Bareev (5½) and Kiril Georgiev (4½). The field of 54 had an average FIDE rating of 2618!

Kamsky - Ehlvest

King's Indian

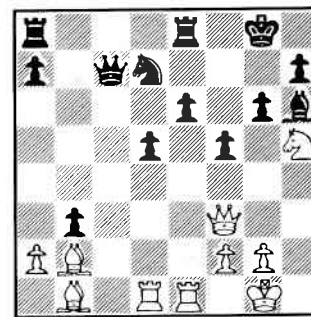
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d6 3.c4 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.Bg5 0-0 6.e3 c5 7.Be2 h6 8.Bh4 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Nc6 10.0-0 a6 11.Rc1 Bd7 12.a3 Rb8 13.b4 Nxd4 14.exd4 Bf5 15.Re1 Re8 16.Bf3 Qd7 17.Bxf6 exf6 18.Rxe8+ Qxe8 19.c5 h5 20.Nd5 dxc5 21.bxc5 Rd8 22.Nb6 Bh6 23.Rc4 Bg4 24.d5

Bxf3 25.gxf3 Qe5 26.d6 Bf4 27.Nd5 Qg5+ 28.Kh1 Be5 29.h4 1-0

Shirov - Chernin

French

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bd7 5.Nf3 Bc6 6.Bd3 Nd7 7.0-0 Ngf6 8.Ng3 Be7 9.b3 0-0 10.Bb2 Bxf3 11.Qxf3 c6 12.c4 Re8 13.Rfe1 Bf8 14.Rad1 Qa5 15.Bb1 g6 16.h4 Bg7 17.Bc3 Qc7 18.h5 b5 19.h6 Bxh6 20.d5 cxd5 21.Bxf6 bxc4 22.Bb2 cxb3 23.Nh5 f5



24.Rxd5 gxh5 25.Rxf5 Nf8 26.Rxh5 bxa2 27.Bxa2 Bg7 28.Qg4 Kh8 29.Bxg7+ Qxg7 30.Rg5 Ng6 31.Bb1 Qc3 32.Rd1 Qf6 33.Rd7 Re7 34.Rxe7 Qxe7 35.Bxg6 Rg8 36.Qd4+ Rg7 37.Rh5 e5 1-0

Georgiev - Adams

Caro-Kann

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7 5.Bc4 Ngf6 6.Ng5 e6 7.Qe2 Nb6 8.Bd3 h6 9.N5f3 c5 10.dc5 Bxc5 11.Bd2 0-0 12.0-0-0 Na4 13.Bb5 Bd7 14.Bxd7 Qxd7 15.Nh3 Rac8 16.Kb1 Qc6 17.Bc1 Nd5 18.Qc4 Rfd8 19.Ka1 b5 20.Qe4 Be7 21.c3 Qa6 22.Ne5 Bf6 23.Ng4 Naxc3 24.bxc3 Bxc3+ 25.Bb2 Rc4 26.Qf3 Bxb2+ 27.Kxb2 Rc2+ 28.Kxc2 Qxa2+ 29.Kd3 Qc4+ 0-1

Vaganian - Serper

Caro-Kann

1.c4 c6 2.e4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.cxd5 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nxd5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Bb5 e6 8.0-0 Be7 9.d4 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Bd3 Rc8 12.Nxd5 exd5 13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.Rxe5 Be6 15.Qh5 g6 16.Qh6 Bg4 17.h3 f6 18.Bxg6 hxg6 19.Qxg6+ Kh8 21.Re3 1-0

1...Nf6

Gulko - Hjartarson
Nimzo-Indian

1.d4 (f6) 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 d5 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 dxc4 8.Bxc4 c5 9.Nf3 b6 10.0-0 Bb7 11.Bd3 Nbd7 12.Re1 e5 13.e4 Qc7 14.Bg5 exd4 15.cxd4 cxd4 16.e5 Nd5 17.Rc1 Nc5 18.Nxd4 g6 19.Bc4 Rfe8 20.Nb5 Qc6 21.Nd6 Ne3 22.Bxf7+ Kg7 23.Qf3 Qxf3 25.gxf3 1-0

Hastings

A scaled-down Hastings New Year tournament was won by GM John Nunn with 7/9, followed by the former Soviet, now Polish, GM Michael Krasenkov on 6½. Nobody else managed to exceed 50%: 3-5 WGM Arakhamia (GEO), IM Henningan (ENG) and IM Sadler (ENG) 4½; 6-8 IM I Gurevich (USA), GM Hebden (ENG) and GM Rogers (AUS) 4; 9-10 GM Barua (IND) and GM Sherbakhov (RUS) 3.

Reggio Emilia

This is another tournament run on a more modest footing than a few years ago. Veteran Hungarian Lajos Portisch, a regular at this Italian New Year event, took first place with 8½/11. Second was Croatian GM Cvitan on 7½, and he was closely followed by compatriot GM Cebalo and Bosnia's GM Kozul on 7. The eight Italian IMs politely filled the remaining places.

1994 Asian events

The FIDE Deputy President for Asia, Khalifa Mohammed Al-Hitmi, has advised that the following Asian region events have been arranged so far for 1994:

May 31-June 7	Asian Cities Teams Championship, Malaysia
June 7-11	Asian Rapid Championship, Malaysia
June 11-27	Asian Junior Boys' and Girls' Championships, Malaysia
August 15-29	Asian Under 16 Championship, Qatar
September 2-13	Asian Under-16 Girls' Championship, India

Book Reviews

Accelerated Dragons

by IMs John Donaldson & Jeremy Silman
Softback. 226 pages. Cadogan Chess.
The line 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 is exhaustively yet economically analysed in this well researched book that is a must for all seriously competitive players. This line has the reputation of being full of traps yet positionally well-founded and not yet refuted. Opens with Typical Plans for the less serious player and finishes in the shadowy regions of the Hyper-Accelerated Dragons where even experts fear to tread. A definitive work.

Chess Endings: Essential Knowledge

by GM Yuri Averbakh
Softback 108 pages. Cadogan Chess.
A new edition of an old classic reset in algebraic. Explains all the basic endgame rules in simple workbook style that cannot help but improve anyone's knowledge and technique. The subjects covered include the elementary mates, piece play and pawn promotions, while the last third of the book is devoted to real practical endings - no 3-Bishop mates here.

Nigen Short: Quest for the Crown

by Cathy Forbes
Softback 121 pages. Cadogan Chess.
Part biography, part resumé, part attempted exposé of the action behind the scenes the book is an entertaining bedside read if you like your chess liberally laced with politics and personalities. The British *Sun* put it this way: "he is doing for the board game what Nigel Kennedy has done for the fiddle". It remains to be seen what effect he will have on FIDE...

Test your Chess IQ: Grandmaster Challenge

by A. Livshitz
Softback 133 pages. Cadogan Chess.
The final and most difficult book in a 3-volume series offers budding Master players the opportunity to match wits with Grandmasters. There are 378 problems organised around different themes, such as "overloading", "X-Ray attack", and 26 others. Points are awarded for how much of the solution you manage to find and in what time you find it. Even Anthony Ker should find them challenging!

The New St. George

by IM Michael Basman
Softback 169 pages. Cadogan Chess.
If there is one player known for his penchant for unusual openings Basman must surely be it. He has been playing the line since the late 70s but it was not seriously

laughed at until Tony Miles beat Anatoly Karpov with it in the 1980 European Team Championship. They don't laugh any more. A worthy successor to his 1983 *Play the St. George* this volume should appeal to the same reckless spirits. The most useful chapter is the one entitled "The St. George for the Club Player" which introduces the basics in a simple no nonsense manner.

The Nimzo Indian Defense

by GM Svetozar Gligoric
Softback 337 pages. Cadogan Chess.
One of the great strategic openings, a classical defense to 1.d4, is given a deep analysis through the examination of more than 130 games. Ample evidence is presented for the claim that the Nimzo-Indian deserves its place as the most popular defense among the world's leading players.

NZCF Council and Annual Meeting Report

by Ted Frost, NZCF Secretary

March 28, for inclusion in the agenda for the special meeting.

NZCF Officers

Sir Robert Jones was re-elected patron of NZCF, with acclamation, at the annual meeting in Invercargill. Other officers were re-elected as follows: Vice-patrons, GG Haase, RS Kent, AL Fletcher; president, WA Poole; vice-president, JR Simmons; council, A Pomeroy, TE Frost, PW Stuart (Auckland), RW Smith (Auckland); secretary, EGA Frost; treasurer, no nomination; auditors, Messrs Cooper and Lybrand.

The annual report was adopted, but the annual accounts were not presented because of difficulties encountered getting them completed and audited. The accounts are to be circulated as soon as possible, and tabled at the special general meeting to be held at the time of the North Island Championship.

Future of Swiss system

Among several remits submitted to the annual meeting was one from Council to adopt direct pairing for NZCF Swiss tournaments, applying the FIDE rules as far as practicable, with variations determined by Council in consultation with controlling authorities.

North Shore CC presented a detailed paper on the proposal, and proposing an amendment that colour equalisation and alternation should be given higher priority. The amendment asked Council to set up a subcommittee to produce a set of rules for adoption and reaffirming the validity of the current NZCF Swiss regulations.

After discussion, it was agreed that consideration of this matter be deferred until a special general meeting to be held at the time of the next North Island Championship to consider the Swiss system and other matters.

Council has decided that the special meeting will be held on Saturday, May 14, and the business will be limited to three subjects: the Swiss system (to be discussed in principle only, with detailed amendments to be considered at the following AGM); procedure for entries and closing dates for Congress; and the programme for publishing national rating lists.

Council decided that affiliates be asked to submit any remits or notices of motion on these matters to reach Council before it meets on

Congress qualification

The annual meeting adopted a remit which will limit overlaps in rating between the Championship, Reserve and Major Open fields at Congress. The effect of the package of rule changes is that while automatic qualifications are retained, Council will set a minimum rating for Reserve entrants.

There will be a provision that after allowing for automatic qualification, no player will be eligible for the Reserve whose rating is 50 points or more higher than the lowest player accepted in the Championship on rating, and no player will be eligible for the Major Open whose rating is 50 points or more higher than the lowest player accepted in the Reserve on rating.

Other remits

Several other remits were dealt with by the annual meeting.

Provision is made for the NZ Women's Championship to be held at a time other than Congress, and for flexibility in the timing and playing conditions for the women's championship and NZ Junior Championship. There is also provision for other events such as the under-16 championship or girls' championships to be incorporated in the junior event.

The right of the NZ Junior Champion to be nominated for the World Junior Championship has been retained, but allocation of financial support for international representation is in the hands of council.

Tournament levies for rapid-rated tournaments are to be the same percentages as for standard-rated tournaments, with a \$1.00 minimum.

Competitors in NZCF events who pay eligibility fees can receive prize money but are not eligible to hold federation titles or claim automatic qualifying rights or selection for international teams. Provision is made for the eligibility fee for junior players to be half that for full members.



The affiliation fee for 1994 is increased by \$2.00 to \$10.00 for full members and by \$1.00 to \$5.00 for juniors, with the increase to be applied to junior chess development.

The annual meeting did not accept a Waitemata remit that in Olympiad selection years the North Island Championship be split into two separate Swiss events, one for the 16 highest-rated entrants and the other for the remainder.

Olympiad selection

At the annual meeting IM Ortvin Sarapu raised the question of continuous play which has been adopted by FIDE, and was applied at the last World Seniors Championship. He said New Zealand should adopt continuous play, to give experience and stamina training for players who would represent New Zealand in the Olympiad and other international events. NZCF President Bill Poole had already raised the issue with Council and the annual meeting agreed that it should be pursued by Council.

Ortvin Sarapu advocated the selection of six players plus a manager in Olympiad teams. Opinion voiced at the meeting supported this view.

Edward Swayne urged that district should transfer financial support from the NZ schoolpupils' tournament to the NZ Junior, because this was the most important event leading to international play.

Congress rulings and DOP withdrawal

Council has considered Congress reports and a request from Invercargill CC for action following the withdrawal of DOP IM Ortvin Sarapu from the Invercargill Congress. Early in Congress there was a difference of opinion over colour allocations in a pairing in the Major Open, consequential on one player receiving a win by default in round 1. Council decided that the treatment of defaults in the Swiss system be referred to the Tournament Committee for consideration in conjunction with the general review of the Swiss system.

Before round 9 there was a withdrawal from the Major Open, leading to another difference of opinion and a decision by the disputes committee which over-ruled a decision by the

Tournament Director, which was followed by his withdrawal from Congress. Council noted that the rules are silent on several of the issues involved, and also that in respect of this matter rules 86, 87 and 88 (in particular, rule 88) were not complied with, as there had been no opportunity for the Tournament Director to give his views to the disputes committee.

Council passed four resolutions arising from this matter:

1. That as a general rule Tournament Directors should be expected to complete their duties in a tournament, but there may be extreme circumstances in which withdrawal is their only course;
2. That in this case, irrespective of the issues involved, Council cannot certify to FIDE that the Tournament Director fulfilled his obligations as he did not complete the tournament;
3. That Rules 86 to 88 were not complied with, and accordingly Council does not consider it appropriate to take further action at this stage;
4. That the Tournament Committee be asked to report on the various matters raised concerning the rules, particularly those on which the rules are silent.

Women's Championship

Council has granted \$200 to Waitemata CC towards the 1994 NZ Women's Championship.

Junior chess development

An informal meeting to discuss junior chess development was held in Invercargill during Congress, and it produced a range of progressive but viable ideas which NZCF Council has asked the Tournament Committee to study.

One or two are already under action. One is that regional development squads should be named, and that clinics be held to assist them. One is proposed before the start of the North Island championship in Wellington, and this is under action.

Another proposal favourably received is that New Zealand should aim to work as closely as possible with Australia in joint action to help our young players develop.

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)435-077

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, Block E Kapiti College, Margaret's Road, Paraparaumu. 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, David Reid, 12 Marquis St, Dunedin (03)471-0152.

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.

Rotorua Meets Thursdays 7 pm, Wohlmann House, 3 Hinemoa St. Sec, Lorraine Willoughby (07)332-5683.

Upper Hutt Meets Mondays 7.30pm, Fraser Cres. School Hall, Redwood St. Sec, Chris Bell, 120 Nicholson Rd, Khandallah, Wellington (04)479-3308.

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 Chess and Camera Club, Cooks Gardens. Pres, Charles Ward, 53 Patapu St (06)343-2215. Sec, Chris Burns, 43 Quick Ave, Wanganui (06)345-5149.

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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