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South Island Championship

Stephen Coates, of Christchurch, was the surprise winner of the South Island Championship, ahead of Mark Sinclair, of Wellington.

NZ Junior

David Guthrie OT and Michael Nyberg WE shared top honours at the NZ Junior and Age Group Championships in Auckland, in which 52 played. Guthrie lost to Russell Metge in the last round, and Nyberg to Guthrie.

Australian Masters

Jonathan Sarfati scored 6/11 in the Australian Masters tournament in Melbourne.

World Championships

The PCA world championship final between Kasparov and Anand is being played in New York in the second half of September. FIDE has just advised that bids are now being examined for the Karpov-Kamsky FIDE final, after postponement of the deadline for bids.

The FIDE men's interzonal is scheduled for Armenia next April-May, and FIDE says that if a FIDE-PCA agreement is finalised, the PCA and FIDE interzonals could merge in this tournament.

A FIDE Congress is scheduled for Doha, Qatar, in November. Divisions within FIDE have been reopened with a bid for a special general assembly to be held in France, and the dispute continued as this issue of *NZ Chess* went to press.

COVER: Russell Dive has completed qualification for the IM title. See page 5.

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New Zealand Chess

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There is plenty of exciting news in N Z chess - at the top end in international achievements, and at the junior end. Some of these events are reported in this issue. Our only regret is that due to circumstances beyond our control, publication of this issue has been delayed.

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NZ Chess

South-east Asia Zonal, 1995

Genting Highlands is a mountain resort 1½ hours north of Kuala Lumpur. It is a major tourist attraction, with many hotels, an extensive amusement park and Malaysians-only casino. From June 12-27 it was also the host of the South-east Asia (Zone 3.2, to give the official name) Zone Championships.

The players were given spacious 2-bedroom apartments to share, instead of the traditional hotel room. My room-mate, Damian "gorillamaster" Norris (Fiji) proved a most agreeable companion and helpful second during the tournament, although I haven't forgiven him for calling me an orang-utan at the closing ceremony.

Meals were buffet-style and excellent, with a choice of western, Chinese, Indian or Indonesian cuisine.

The tournament got off to the best possible start when I defeated grandmaster Edhi Handoko IND in the first round. After I missed a chance for advantage Edhi was cruising towards a better endgame when he got careless (notes by Anthony Ker unless otherwise stated):

Ker, A - Handoko, E GM 2500 IND

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Bf4 Nc6 6.Nf3 Ne4 7.Qb3 Nxc3 8.bxc3 g6 9.e3 Bg7 10.Bd3 0-0 11.h4 h5 12.0-0 Na5 13.Qc2 Bd7 14.Ne5 Rc8 15.Rab1 b6 16.f3 Nc4 17.Bxc4 dxc4 18.Nxd7 Qxd7 19.e4 e5 20.Bxe5 Bxe5 21.dxe5 Qe7 22.Rfd1 Qxe5 23.Rd7 Rcd8 24.Rbd1

[JD Sarfati: 24.Rxa7 Rd3 25.Rc1 [25.Rxb6?? Qc5+ 26.Qf2 Rd1+] Rfd8 Rd2, Qg3 with dangerous threats.]

24...Qf6 25.e5? Qxh4 26.Qe2 Rxd7 27.Rxd7 Re8 28.Rd4 Qe7

[JDS: 28...Qg3.]

29.e6!?

Desperation.

Qxe6??

A most ungrandmasterly move.

30.Re4

By Anthony Ker

Thank you very much. This is the first time I have beaten a grandmaster; the lifetime score now stands at GMs 11½, Anthony 1½ (draw with Spassky).

30...b5 31.Rxe6 Rxe6 32.Qd2 a6 33.Kf2 Kf8 34.Qd8+ Kg7 35.Qd4+ Kf8 36.a4 Kg8 37.axb5 axb5 38.Qc5 1-0

In round 2 I faced Yang Xian of Hong Kong and held on for a draw despite his repeated pawn sacrifices to open me up.

Xian Yang FM 2425 HKG - Ker, A

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be2 Bg7 5.h4 c5 6.dxc5 Qa5 7.Kf1 Qxc5 8.Be3 Qa5 9.h5 gxh5 10.Nh3 Ng4 11.Bd2 Qc5 12.f3 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Ne3+ 14.Bxe3 Qxe3 15.Qd4 Qxd4 16.cxd4 Nc6 17.c3 e5 18.Rd1 f6 19.Nf2 Na5 20.Rxh5 Be6 21.d5 Bd7 22.f4 exf4 23.Rh4 Rc8 24.Rxf4 Rxc3 25.Rxf6 Ke7 26.e5 dxe5 27.Ne4 Rc2 28.d6+ Rd8 29.Rd5 Nc4 30.Bxc4 Rxc4 31.Nc5 Rf4+ 32.Rxf4 exf4 33.Nxb7+ Kc8 34.Nc5 Rg8 35.Rd4 Rg5 36.Nxd7 Kxd7 37.Rxf4 Kxd6 ½-½

The third round saw my best game of the tournament. Indonesia's No. 3, Nasib Ginting, transferred all his pieces to the queenside and left his king open to attack. I needed no second invitation.

Ker, A - Ginting, N IM 2390 INA

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3

This is the Samisch, a popular and extensively analysed variation of the King's Indian. It is one of my favourites.

5...0-0 6.Be3 Nbd7 7.Bd3 c5

Black must contest the centre, either by 7...e5 or this.

8.d5 Ne5 9.Nge2

9.f4 is possible, but I wanted to develop quickly before attacking.

9...e6 10.0-0 exd5 11.cxd5 a6 12.a4 Bd7

13.a5 Ne8 14.Ng3

Clamps down on f5 and threatens to withdraw the bishop to e2, followed by f4, when Black's knight is embarrassed for squares.

14...Nxd3 15.Qxd3 Nc7 16.Qd2 Nb5 17.Nge2

To stop the knight from reaching d4.

17...b6 18.axb6 Qxb6 19.Bh6 Nxc3?

Dissolving White's weak pawn on b2. 19...Nd4! was much better.

20.bxc3 Bxh6?

This is a really reckless move. Black overestimates his chances on the queenside.

21.Qxh6 Qb2 22.Rfe1 Rab8

Here 23.Rxa6? is met by 23...Bb5. What should White do next?

23.Qf4!

Heading for f6. From there the queen holds Black's kingside in a vice while protecting c3.

23...Rb6 24.Qf6 Rb3 25.Rac1

25.Qxd6, the greedy move, allows counterplay after 25...Bb5.

25...Bb5 26.Nf4 Re8 27.h4!

Black's position grows more critical with each step this pawn takes.

27...Ra3 28.h5 Ra2 29.h6 Qf2+ 30.Kh2 Kf8

Black hopes to escape with his king, but...

31.e5! g5

31...dxe5 32.d6! or 31...Qxf3 32.Nxg6+! So Black tries a distraction.

32.exd6

Now White threatens mate on g7 and h8. Note that White carefully put his king on h2 rather than h1. This means that 32...Rxe1 is not check and White can reply 33.Qh8#.

32...Qh4+ 33.Nh3 Rxc2+ | Kxc2 1-0

After 34...Bf1+ 35.Rxf1 Re2+ 36.Rf2 Black runs out of checks.

I now faced top seed and eventual winner of the tournament, Indonesian GM Utut Adianto. Utut beat me very easily two years ago in Jakart and I was determined to do better this time. In a Queen's Gambit accepted Utut kept the pawn, but I got good play with a powerful bishop outpost on d6.

IM for Russell Dive

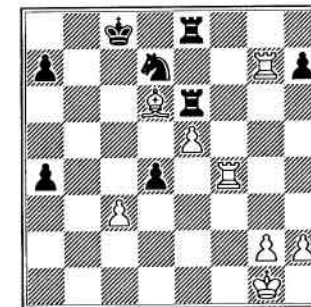
Russell Dive gained his third IM norm by winning the third Southern Counties Chess Union international tournament in England, but as his first norm obtained in Italy was a few months outside FIDE's six-year limit, the award of International Master was in doubt.

Russell has since settled the issue by obtaining a fourth norm in a later tournament, and lifting his FIDE rating to 2428, so application is now being made for recognition.

Ben Martin also gained an IM norm in this tournament - his second. Full report in next issue.

Ker, A - Adianto, U GM 2595 INA

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e4 e5 5.Nf3 exd4 6.Qxd4 Qxd4 7.Nxd4 Bc5 8.Ndb5 Na6 9.Bf4 c6 10.Nd6+ Bxd6 11.Bxd6 Be6 12.e5 Nd7 13.f4 0-0-0 14.Be2 f6 15.0-0 fxe5 16.fxe5 Rde8 17.Rf4 Nc7 18.Rae1 b5 19.Bf3 Nd5 20.Bxd5 Bxd5 21.Nxd5 cxd5 22.Rf7 Re6 23.Rxg7 d4 24.a4 Rhe8 25.Rf1 bxa4 26.Rf4 c3 27.bxc3 Rxd6?



With both players in time trouble, Black has made a dubious exchange sacrifice. 27...Nxe5 looks o.k. for Black.

28.exd6 a3 29.Rf1

Instead of this move, 29.Re7 is decisive.

29...d3 30.Rg4 d2 31.Rd4 Re2 32.Rc4+ Kd8 33.Rg4 Nf6 34.Rd4 a2 35.Ra4 Re1 0-1

It was very disappointing to miss such a golden opportunity to beat a top grandmaster, but also encouraging to at least get to a position where I could win.

I had now scored 2½/4. Back to earth. I had a quiet draw with Singapore IM Hsu in the fifth round.

Hsu, L-Y IM SIN 2445 - Ker A

1.c4 e5 2.g3 f5 3.Nc3 Be7 4.d4 d6 5.dxe5 dxe5 6.Qxd8+ Bxd8 7.Bg2 c6 8.e4 Nf6 9.Nf3 Nxe4 10.Nxe4 fxe4 11.Ng5 Bxg5 12.Bxg5 Bf5 13.0-0 Nd7 14.Rfe1 Nf6 15.f4 exf4 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.Bxe4 Bxe4 18.Rxe4+ Kf7 19.Rxf4 Rhe8 20.Raf1 Re6 21.R1f2 Rd8 22.Kg2 Rd1 23.Kh3 Rde1 24.Rh4 Kg6 25.Rg4+ Kf7 26.Rh4 Kg6 27.Rg4+ ½-½

In the sixth round I lost an endgame to talented young Vietnamese player Nguyen. Once again divided passed pawns proved my undoing!

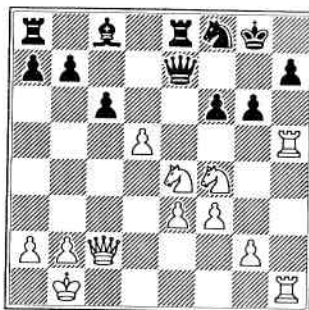
Nguyen, A D IM VIE 2480 - Ker, A

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be3 c6 5.Qd2 b5 6.Bd3 Qc7 7.Nf3 Nbd7 8.d5 b4 9.dxc6 bxc3 10.cxd7+ Bxd7 11.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 12.bxc3 Bg7 13.Nd4 Ng4 14.Bd2 0-0 15.Rb1 Rab8 16.Ke2 Rfc8 17.Ba6 Rd8 18.f3 Nf6 19.Bb7 Bc8 20.Bxc8 Rdx8 21.Rb3 Rb6 22.Rhb1 Nd7 23.Be3 Rxb3 24.Rxb3 Nc5 25.Ra3 a6 26.Nb3 Rc6 27.Nxc5 dxc5 28.c4 e6 29.Rb3 Be5 30.h3 Kg7 31.Rb7 Be7 32.Ra7 Bb8 33.Ra8 Be5 34.f4 Bf6 35.Bd2 h5 36.e5 Be7 37.Ba5 f6 38.a4 f5 39.Rb8 g5 40.Kf3 gxf4 41.Kxf4 Kg6 42.Kf3 Kf7 43.Bb6 Bf8 44.a5 Bg7 45.Rb7+ Kg6 46.Bc7 Bf8 47.Bb8 Rc8 48.Rb6 Kf7 49.Bd6 Bxd6 50.Rxd6 Rb8 51.Rb6 Rd8 52.Rxa6 Rd4 53.Ra7+ Kg6 54.Re7 Rxc4 55.Rxc6+ Kg5 56.h4+ Rxh4 57.Re8 Kg6 58.Rf8 Kg7 59.Rxf5 Ra4 60.e6 Rxa5 61.e7 Ra8 62.Rf8 Rxf8+ 63.exf8=Q+ Kxf8 64.Kf4 Kf7 65.Kg5 Ke6 66.Kxh5 Kd5 67.g4 Kd4 68.g5 Kc3 69.g6 Kxc2 70.g7 c4 71.g8=Q c3 72.Qc4 1-0

My seventh round opponent from Myanmar (formerly Burma) played 17 moves of book to reach a bad position. A few moves later I sacrificed a piece for two pawns and a dangerous attack.

Ker, A - Aung T Z 2215 MYA

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.Qc2 0-0 7.e3 c6 8.Bd3 Nbd7 9.Nge2 Re8 10.0-0 Ne4 11.Bxe4 dxe4 12.h4 Bxg5 13.hxg5 Qxg5 14.Nxe4 Qg6 15.f3 Nf8 16.Nf4 Qf5 17.Rh5 Qd7 18.Rdh1 Qe7 19.Kb1 f6 20.d5 g6



21.Qc3!? Kg7?

It was essential to accept the sacrifice by 21...gxh5, and try to hang on.

22.d6 Qd8 23.Nxf6! Qxf6 24.Rxh7+! Nxb7 25.Rxh7+ Kxh7 26.Qxf6 Bf5+ 27.e4 1-0

Mark van der Hoorn once played a similar sacrifice on me. Thanks for the tip, Mark. 4/7.

Next I took a draw by perpetual when it looked as though Latvian-born Australian Leonid Sandler was starting to outplay me. [Actually, the only true Australian in the tournament was representing Fiji!] 4½/8.

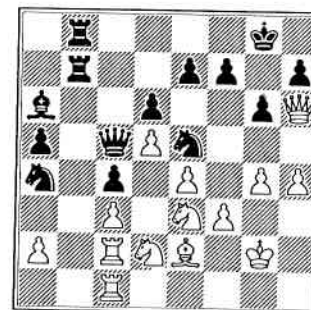
Sadler, L FM AUS 2375 - Ker, A

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.f4 Bg7 8.Bb5+ Nfd7 9.a4 0-0 10.Nf3 Nf6 11.0-0 Bg4 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 Na6 14.Be3 Nd7 15.Rae1 Nb4 16.Re2 a6 17.Bxd7 Qxd7 18.f5 Rfe8 19.f6 Bf8 20.Bf4 Qd8 21.Bg5 c4 22.Qe3 Re5 23.Bf4 Re8 24.Bh6 ½-½

I now faced the 15-year-old Malaysian champion, Mas Hafizulhelmi. I made a special effort this game, since I hate losing to players younger than me (though it's happening more and more frequently).

Mas Hafizulhelmi MAS 2205 - Ker, A

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f3 c6 5.Be3 Bg7 6.Qd2 Nbd7 7.Nh3 Qc7 8.Nf2 b5 9.Be2 Bb7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Rad1 Nb6 12.Qc1 a5 13.Bh6 b4 14.Nb1 c5 15.c3 Rfc8 16.d5 c4 17.Qg5 Na4 18.Rd2 Ba6 19.Re1 Qa7 20.g4 Rab8 21.Kg2 bxc3 22.bxc3 Rb7 23.Nd1 Bxh6 24.Qxh6 Qc5 25.Rdc2 Nd7 26.h4 Rcb8 27.Nd2 Ne5 28.Ne3



28...f6!

The key defensive move, threatening 29...Nf7 and 28...g5 to win the knight on e3. White must retreat.

29.Qf4 Nb2 30.Rh1 Nbd3 31.Bxd3 cxd3 32.Rcc1 Rb2 33.Nef1 Rc2 34.Rd1 Qxc3 35.Kg3 Rxa2 36.Rh2 Ra1 37.Ne3 Rxd1 38.Nxd1 Qc2 39.Ne3 Qc1 0-1

White lost on time.

After the game I asked arbiter-statistician Ignatius Leong how many more points I needed for an IM norm. He replied that I already had enough! Under the new FIDE rules, 9 games are sufficient for a norm, even if the tournament lasts longer. Furthermore, if I somehow managed to win my last two games I would automatically get the IM title!

That chance disappeared when I drew a blocked-up position with Terry Toh SIN.

Toh, T SIN 2315 - Ker, A

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 d6 3.Nf3 f5 4.d4 e4 5.Ng5 Be7 6.Nh3 Nf6 7.Nf4 c6 8.h4 Na6 9.e3 Nc7 10.d5 0-0 11.Be2 Nd7 12.g3 Ne5 13.b3 c5 14.Bd2 Bf6 15.Rb1 Bd7 16.a3 a5 17.Kf1 Qe7

18.Kg2 Rfb8 19.Nb5 Nxb5 20.cxb5 Rc8 21.Bc3 Nf7 22.Bd2 b6 23.Qc2 Qe8 24.a4 Qe7 ½-½

In the last round a win was worth \$1000. I tried hard, but Philippino Barlo Nadera was too good for me and I was well beaten.

Ker, A - Nadera, B PHI 2405

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 c6 6.e3 Be7 7.Qc2 Nbd7 8.Bd3 Nf8 9.Nge2 Ne6 10.Bh4 g6 11.Rb1 a5 12.a3 0-0 13.b4 axb4 14.axb4 b5 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.0-0 Bd7 17.Ra1 Qe7 18.Qb3 Rfb8 19.Ra3 Rxa3 20.Qxa3 Qf8 21.Qa7 Qc8 22.Ra1 Nc7 23.Qa3 Ra8 24.Qb2 Be7 25.Rxa8 Qxa8 26.e4 dxe4 27.Nxe4 Bf5 28.Nc5 Bxc5 29.Bxf5 Qa4 30.Bc2 Qxb4 31.Qxb4 Bxb4 32.Nc1 Bc3 33.Be4 Nd5 34.Nb3 Kf8 35.Kf1 Ke7 36.Ke2 Kd6 37.g3 f5 38.Bf3 Bb4 39.Kd3 Nf6 40.h3 c5 41.dxc5+ Bxc5 42.Nd4 Bxd4 43.Kxd4 Ne8 44.Bd5 Nc7 45.Bg8 h6 46.f4 Ne6+ 47.Kc3 g5 48.Bh7 gxf4 49.gxf4 Ng7 50.Kd4 Ke6 51.Kc5 Nh5 52.Kxb5 9Nxf4 53.Kc4 Ke5 54.h4 Ng2 55.Kd3 Kf4 56.h5 Kg4 57.Bg6 Nf4+ 58.Ke3 Nxb5 59.Kf2 Nf4 60.Be8 h5 61.Bd7 h4 62.Kg1 Ne2+ 63.Kf2 Ng3 64.Kg2 h3+ 65.Kh2 Nf1+ 66.Kg1 Nd2 67.Kh2 Nf3+ 68.Kh1 Ne5 69.Bc8 Kg3 70.Bxf5 h2 0-1

I finished in 11th place, with 6½/11 (half a point more than my pre-tournament target) and received a \$300 prize. Adianto won the tournament with grandmasterly ease, scoring 9/11. The only time he appeared to be in trouble was against me! GM Antonio PHI finished second, 1½ points behind.

New Zealand gets two places at the zonal.

On the rest day many of the players participated in the Malaysian Blitz Championships in Kuala Lumpur. I somehow qualified second in the 11-round Swiss, knocked out my room-mate Norris in the round-of-16 before losing a tiebreaker to Nguyen in the quarter-finals. Antonio won the tournament, beating another Philippino player, Chito Garma, in the final.

18th Waitakere Trust Open

A slightly disappointing field of 63 turned out for the 18th Waitakere Trust Chess Open at the Kelston Community Centre in West Auckland on July 1.

With the top prize fund for a New Zealand weekender of over \$2600, the organising club, Waitemata, had hoped for close to 80 entries. However, the tournament did attract some of the country's best players, with the A grade boasting eight players rated over 2000.

Top seed was Paul Garbett 2285, followed by Bob Smith 2237 and Ortvin Sarapu 2213. Other notables included last year's joint winner Martin Dreyer, Leonard McLaren, and from Wellington Mark Sinclair, third place-getter in last year's NZ Championship.

Round by round

Round 1: The tournament began with a string of upsets, perhaps the biggest being Nigel Hopewell's steady win over Smith, who was always on the back foot. In other games Garbett could only draw with Sinclair, Sarapu lost to Nigel Metge, and McLaren was beaten by the improving Robert Goris. Martin Dreyer was the only one of the top half to score the expected win - and even he looked in danger before recovering from a dubious position against Roger Perry.

Round 2: Dreyer continued on his winning way, exerting strong pressure on Nigel Metge, who eventually overlooked a mate in one. Hopewell kept pace by beating Goris. Garbett lurked half a point behind after an easy win over bottom-ranked Ben Giles. Smith had a lucky win over McLaren when Leonard correctly protested his opponent's draw claim by repetition, and then felt morally obliged to play another (losing) move.

Round 3: Dreyer racked up his third straight win by beating Hopewell. Garbett continued his dominance over Smith in a complex game. McLaren had the unusual experience (for him) of the bye! Sinclair came into contention with a win over Metge. Leaders - Dreyer 3, Garbett 2½, Sinclair & Hopewell 2.

By Bob Smith

Round 4: Dreyer made sure of the draw against his closest rival, Garbett. But Sinclair and Hopewell made no impression on the leaders after they also drew, against each other. Smith suffered his second upset loss after ruining a promising position against Perry with an unclear (unsound?) queen sacrifice. McLaren followed up the bye with a win by default when Giles failed to show up. Sarapu had his third straight draw, this time against Goris. Leaders - Dreyer 3½, Garbett 3, Sinclair, Hopewell & Perry 2½.

Round 5: Dreyer eased off with a draw against Sinclair to ensure himself of at least 1st=. Disaster for Garbett, who in his desire to catch up overpressed against Hopewell and lost. Sarapu scored his first win - over Perry - to sneak into 3rd=, as did McLaren against Metge. Smith salvaged some pride by beating Goris.

So Martin Dreyer retained the title he shared with Smith last year, while the surprise runner-up was Nigel Hopewell 2032. Third place was shared between Sarapu, McLaren and Sinclair. Of the 11 players in the A grade, eight won prizes, with Dreyer taking home \$500.

B and C grades

26 players contested the separate B grade, restricted to players under 1800. Heading the field was Craig Blaxall 1789, with other likely contenders being former winner Richard Beesley 1683, Russell Metge 1681 and Philip Hair 1660. In the event Beesley won the crucial game against Blaxall in round 4, conceded just one draw (to Hair) in the final round, and took out the honours - and \$250. He was closely followed by Hair and Metge on 4 points. Hair conceded 2 draws - to Blaxall and the winner, while Metge recovered from an upset 1st round loss to N Nuval 1532 with 4 straight wins.

The C grade, for players under 1400, was also contested by 26 players. It proved a success for Waitemata's Mana Garland 1314

and Alan Dunn, of Papatoetoe 1257. They drew their individual game in round 3 and won the rest to finish on 4½, taking home \$112.50 each. Not far behind was Roger Neal, from Huntly, who lost against top seed John Kerry in round 1 but won his other 4 games.

Effect of late entries

Overall, the tournament again proved successful. The number of on-the-day entries (about 15) caused problems for the organisers, and indirectly contributed to the unfortunate bye in the A grade. With such a small "A" field, this was not satisfactory, and I guarantee it will not happen again, even if players have to be moved from one grade to another against their wishes. To boost the A grade numbers next year, the organisers will look at lowering the rating limits. At present, many improving players do not want to voluntarily mix it with the top players.

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Sarapu, O - Metge, N

1.e4 c6 2.c4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 Be6 7.Nf3 Ne4 8.cxd5 Bxd5 9.Nxe4 Bxe4 10.Be3 e6 11.Be2 Bb4+ 12.Kf1 0-0 13.h4 Qd5 14.a3 Be7 15.Qa4 Rfd8 16.Rd1 a6 17.Rd2 b5 18.Qd1 Rac8 19.Kg1 Na5 20.Ng5 Bxg5 21.Bxg5 f6 22.f3 Bf5 23.Be3 Nb3 24.Rd3 Bxd3 25.Bxd3 Nxd4 26.Kf2 Nxf3 27.Bxh7+ Kxh7 28.Qxd5 Rxd5 29.Kxf3 Rc2 30.Rb1 Rf5+ 31.Kg3 Kg6 32.Bb6 Rd5 33.Ba5 Rd3+ 34.Kh2 Rb3 0-1

Metge, N - Dreyer, M

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 Ne4 4.Qc2 Bb4+ 5.Nd2 d5 6.exd6 Bf5 7.Qa4+ Nc6 8.Nf3 Qxd6 9.a3 Bxd2+ 10.Bxd2 0-0-0 11.Be3 Rhe8 12.Qb3 Bg4 13.g3 Nxb3 14.c5 Qd7 15.hxg3 Bxf3 16.Rxh7 f6 17.Bh3 Bg4 18.Bxg4 Qxg4 19.Rd1 Qe4 20.Rxg7?? Qh1#

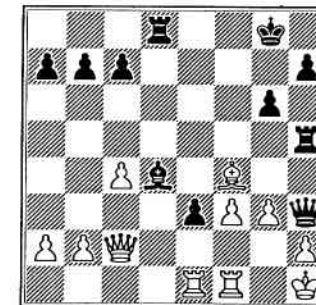
Hopewell, N - Garbett, P

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 e6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Qc7 6.g3 d6 7.Bg2 Bd7 8.0-0 Be7 9.Re1 Nf6 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Na4 Rb8 12.c4 c5 13.Nc3 0-0 14.Bf4 Rxb2 15.e5 Ne8 16.Qh5 Bc6 17.exd6 Bxd6 18.Bxd6 Qxd6 19.Rad1 Rd2 20.Bxc6 Rxd1 21.Rxd1 Qxc6 22.Qe5 Nf6 23.Qd6 Qf3 24.Rd3 Qf5 25.f3 h5 26.Nd1 Nd5 27.Nf2 Nb4 28.Re3 Nc2 29.Rc3 Nd4 30.Kg2 Qb1 31.Rd3 Rc8 32.Qd7 Qb8 33.Ne4 e5 34.Qd5 Qc7 35.Rd2 h4 36.Rb2 Rb8 37.Rxb8+ Qxb8 38.Qxc5 Qb2+ 39.Kh3 Qe2 40.Ng5 g6 41.Qd5 Ne6 42.Nxe6 fxe6 43.Qxe6+ Kg7 44.Qe7+ Kg8 45.Qe8+ Kg7 46.Qe7+ Kg8 47.Qe6+ Kg7 48.Kg4 Qe3 49.Qe7+ Kg8 50.c5 hxg3 51.hxg3 Qd4+ 52.Kg5 Qd3 53.Qe6+ Kg7 54.Qf6+ Kh7 55.Qf7+ Kh8 56.Kh6 Qd2+ 57.Kxg6 Qc2+ 58.Kf6 1-0

A game from the B grade

Gilmour, M - Taupaki, A

1.d4 f5 2.c4 Nf6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.Nc3 d6 6.Nf3 0-0 7.0-0 Qe8 8.Re1 e5 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.e4 fxe4 11.Ng5 Nc6 12.Ngxe4 Nxe4 13.Nxe4 Be6 14.Qc2 Nd4 15.Qc3 Qf7 16.Be3 Nf3+ 17.Bxf3 Qxf3 18.Ng5 Qc6 19.Nxe6 Qxe6 20.Bf4 Qf5 21.Be3 e4 22.Qc1 Rad8 23.Rf1 Qh3 24.Bf4 Rf5 25.Qc2 Rh5 26.f3 Bd4+ 27.Kh1 e3 28.Rae1



28...Bc3 29.Red1 Rd2 30.Rf2 exf2 0-1

North Island championship

Place	Player		Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score
1	KER	A	2302	W21	W4	W13	D2	D9	W5	D3	W12	6.5
2	SMITH	R	2237	W27	W15	W20	D1	W10	W9	D4	D6	6.5
3	WASTNEY	S	2041	W31	W22	D6	D11	D7	W8	D1	W4	6
4	HAIR	P	1660	W38	L1	W32	W13	W11	W7	D2	L3	5.5
5	LAM	D	2013	D26	W35	D11	W18	W12	L1	D10	W9	5.5
6	FABRI	F	2225	W16	W14	D3	L9	D25	W22	W20	D2	5.5
7	BENNETT	H	1825	L34	W41	W8	W24	D3	L4	W18	W14	5.5
8	BESLEY	R	1683	W33	D10	L7	W23	W14	L3	W16	W15	5.5
9	MASTILOVICH	R	1997	W36	D18	W19	W6	D1	L2	W11	L5	5
10	SPAIN	G	2092	D35	D8	W17	W27	L2	D16	D5	W20	5
11	BARLOW	M	2055	W29	W24	D5	D3	L4	W25	L9	W21	5
12	LYNN	W	1864	W40	D19	D18	W22	L5	D15	W24	L1	4.5
13	PLACKIC	T	1733	W41	W32	L1	L4	D17	L20	W36	W27	4.5
14	MACLEOD	S	1650	W30	L6	W34	D20	L8	W17	W25	L7	4.5
15	STRACY	D	1656	W37	L2	D23	W33	D20	D12	W26	L8	4.5
16	BROUGHTON	J	1386	L6	W30	D27	D39	W19	D10	L8	W24	4.5
17	SHEEHAN	T	1149	L24	W29	L10	W36	D13	L14	W31	W38	4.5
18	ROSSITER	P	1563	W39	D9	D12	L5	D21	W32	L7	W23	4.5
19	BOJTOR	J	1552	W42	D12	L9	D21	L16	W34	D23	W26	4.5
20	CRAIG	R	1806	W23	W34	L2	D14	D15	W13	L6	L10	4
21	REEDER	B	1532	L1	W38	D31	D19	D18	D23	W22	L11	4
22	DOLEJS	D	1570	W28	L3	W36	L12	W34	L6	L21	W32	4
23	DUNN	A	1257	L20	W26	D15	L8	W31	D21	D19	L18	3.5
24	GILES	B	1581	W17	L11	W40	L7	D32	W33	L12	L16	3.5
25	FORSTER	W	1608	L32	D33	W26	W31	D6	L11	L14	D28	3.5
26	WHITAKER	B	1321	D5	L23	L25	W35	W28	W27	L15	L19	3.5
27	MEARS	G	1415	L2	W37	D16	L10	W39	L26	W33	L13	3.5
28	SHEEHAN	S	974	L22	L31	W38	D29	L26	D35	W41	D25	3.5
29	MORRISON	M	1355	L11	L17	W42	D28	L33	W37	D32	D30	3.5
30	COURTNEY	H	1220	L14	L16	L37	W38	L35	W42	W34	D29	3.5

31	OTENE	E	1342	L3	W28	D21	L25	L23	W41	L17	W39	3.5
32	NEAL	R	1197	W25	L13	L4	W40	D24	L18	D29	L22	3
33	PILLSBURY	A	1247	L8	D25	W35	L15	W29	L24	L27	D36	3
34	CLARK	C	1302	W7	L20	L14	W37	L22	L19	L30	W41	3
35	VOSS	P	1378	D10	L5	L33	L26	W30	D28	L38	W40	3
36	SHEEHAN	R	1320	L9	W39	L22	L17	D37	W40	L13	D33	3
37	GORDON	R	1245	L15	L27	W30	L34	D36	L29	D40	W42	3
38	KEELING	R	1246	L4	L21	L28	L30	W42	W39	W35	L17	3
39	TE KANI	S	959	L18	L36	W41	D16	L27	L38	W42	L31	2.5
40	RAWNSLEY	D	1316	L12	W42	L24	L32	D41	L36	D37	L35	2
41	ANDERSON	W	1250	L13	L7	L39	W42	D40	L31	L28	L34	1.5
42	SHEEHAN	s	656	L19	L40	L29	L41	L38	L30	L39	L37	0

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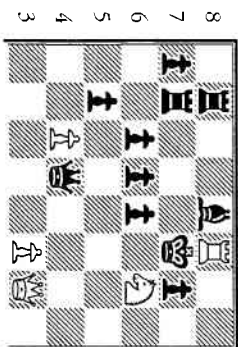
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Place	Player	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	
1	SMITH	R	2245	W34	W23	W7	D3	W27	D2	5
2	MCLAREN	L	2205	W42	W37	D8	W14	W10	D1	5
3	DREYER	M	2200	W43	W30	W17	D1	W9	D4	5
4	KER	A	2276	W18	W24	D15	W8	W5	D3	5
5	SINCLAIR	M	2061	W32	W35	W19	D9	L4	W14	4.5
6	HART	R	1966	W48	W22	L9	D23	W37	W19	4.5
7	MASTILOVICH	R	2000	W16	W27	L1	W18	W17	D10	4.5
8	BARLOW	M	2093	W39	W20	D2	L4	W30	W22	4.5
9	SARFATI	J	2269	W28	W12	W6	D5	L3	W15	4.5
10	GARBETT	P	2286	W31	W21	D14	W15	L2	D7	4
11	METGE	N	2016	W38	L14	D21	W26	W20	D17	4
12	DUNN	A	1534	W54	L9	L34	W41	W44	W27	4
13	HAIR	P	1639	W50	L19	W42	L27	W39	W28	4
14	MCNALLY	I	1802	W36	W11	D10	L2	W23	L5	3.5
15	WASTNEY	S	1941	W40	W25	D4	L10	W36	L9	3.5
16	MARTIN	O	1296	L7	W41	L35	W31	D18	W37	3.5
17	STUART	P	2189	W45	W26	L3	W28	L7	D11	3.5
18	BESSEY	R	1508	L4	W54	W31	L7	D16	W35	3.5
19	FABRI	F	2225	W29	W13	L5	D34	W35	L6	3.5
20	MACLEOD	S	1700	W51	L8	W38	D30	L11	W34	3.5
21	PAKENHAM	J	1200	W25	L10	D11	L22	W42	W45	3.5
22	BENNETT	H	1924	W41	L6	D36	W21	W34	L8	3.5
23	OKEY	K	1591	W49	L1	W29	D6	L14	W36	3.5
24	KOIA	A	1519	W46	L4	L28	W40	W38	D25	3.5
25	CATER	J	1715	L21	L15	W46	W44	W41	D24	3.5
26	DAVIS	J	1663	W52	L17	W39	L11	L28	W38	3
27	METGE	R	1876	W44	L7	W40	W13	L1	L12	3
28	REEDER	B	1500	L9	W49	W24	L17	W26	L13	3
29	RENNIE	H	1440	L19	W53	L23	L38	W52	W47	3
30	GILBS	B	1662	W33	L3	W45	D20	L8	D32	3
31	POCOCK	G	1509	L10	W46	L18	L16	W40	W39	3
32	BURN	M	1308	L5	L36	W54	D42	W47	D30	3
33	SHEEHAN	S	1000	L30	L42	L47	W54	W53	W43	3
34	BENNETT	R	1495	L1	W50	W12	D19	L22	L20	2.5
35	PLACKIC	T	1700	W47	L5	W16	D37	L19	L18	2.5
36	MACLEOD	C	1250	L14	W32	D22	W45	L15	L23	2.5
37	LIM	D	1643	W53	L2	W43	D35	L6	L16	2.5
38	OTENE	E	1306	L11	W44	L20	W29	L24	L26	2
39	COURTNEY	H	1369	L8	W47	L26	W43	L13	L31	2
40	SHEEHAN	T	1285	L15	W48	L27	L24	L31	W51	2
41	SHEEHAN	R	1271	L22	L16	W50	L12	L25	W52	2
42	GORDON	R	1419	L2	W33	L13	D32	L21	D48	2
43	BROUGHTON	J	1418	L3	W52	L37	L39	W51	L33	2
44	JUDKINS	G	1263	L27	L38	W53	L25	L12	W49	2
45	NEAL	R	1397	L17	W51	L30	L36	W49	L21	2
46	SHEEHAN	S	700	L24	L31	L25	L51	W54	W53	2
47	LUI	E	1200	L35	L39	W33	W48	L32	L29	2
48	CATER	A	1294	L6	L40	D49	L47	W50	D42	2
49	JOHNSON	J	900	L23	L28	D48	W52	L45	L44	1.5
50	GRACE	B	1000	L13	L34	L41	D53	L48	W54	1.5
51	RENNIE	T	1156	L20	L45	L52	W46	L43	L40	1
52	TE KANI	S	1135	L26	L43	W51	L49	L29	L41	1
53	TUATINI	M	1000	L37	L29	L44	D50	L33	L46	0.5
54	O'MALLEY	S	810	L12	L18	L32	L33	L46	L50	0

Queen's Birthday Tournaments

Invercargill

By Robert Mackway-Jones

The 1995 tournament was the sixth Invercargill Queens Birthday Tournament and again was staged in the Public Library, which provides an excellent venue. Entries were down on previous years, with 20 competitors taking part. Entries were received from Nelson, Christchurch and Dunedin, with the remaining half of the field being local players.

Top seed was Tony Love OT and his closest competition was expected to come from Tony Dowden IN and David Guthrie OT. John Sutherland, having won the recent Otago Easter tournament, also was looking for a good result. The B and C Grades had very evenly rated fields.

It proved to be a tournament for upsets, with no fewer than five games going to a player 400 or more rating points below his opponent. Round one saw the upsets start, with third seed David Guthrie losing to Dallin Heperi OT. The second bottom and bottom ranked players also scored wins, while Tony Dowden was fortunate not to lose his adjourned game against Terry Duffield OT.

Another of the major upsets occurred in round four, when in a clash of locals Moss Wylie beat Tony Dowden. The tournament, however, was effectively decided on the Sunday in rounds 3 and 4, when Tony Love beat John Sutherland and Brian Nijman.

Final results: 1 Tony Love OT 4½/5, 2= Brian Nijman NE and John Sutherland OT 4/5; B grade, 1= Paul Vecovsky OT, Robert Mackway-Jones IN, Moss Wylie IN and Hamish Gold OT, 3/5; C grade, 1 Dallin Heperi OT 3/5; upset prize, Dallin Heperi.

Wellington

The annual Queen's Birthday tournament run by Wellington CC attracted 28 players. There were several upsets in the A grade, and the outcome was a triple tie in which Mark Sinclair, Rajko Mastilovich and Jon Jackson all scored 3/5.

Sinclair lost to Richard Glover in round 2, which gave Glover a clear lead at that stage. In that round Mastilovich lost to Jackson, who was making his annual visit from Nelson, and Masashi Takono (a student at the South Pacific College in Palmerston North) won from Gavin Marner.

Jackson beat Glover in round 3, and Mastilovich joined the leaders by beating Takono, while Sinclair could do no better than draw with Marner. Marner beat Jackson in round 4, while Mastilovich and Glover drew and were joined in the lead on 2½ by Sinclair, who beat Takono.

Glover dropped off the pace by losing to the late-running Marner in round 5, while Sinclair and Mastilovich drew and Jackson came back into the picture with a win by default from Takono. Final scores: 1= Jackson GA, Mastilovich PE & Sinclair PE 3; 4= Marner PE & Glover PE 2½; Takono GA 1.

Kent Wong WE set up a 5/5 picket fence to take the B grade, winning against co-leader Michael Nyberg WE in the final round. Nyberg and Les Jones KP shared second on 4, half a point ahead of Alvaro Lacunza KP, Don Stracy UH & Ted Frost WE. Rosaleen Sheehan HH and Aaron Barlow WE shared 1= in the C grade, on 3, a point ahead of Roy Gordon HH, Joshua Moore WE, John Cook WE & Raymond Chew WE.

Best games from the N.Z. Congress

Notes by the adjudicator, Michael Freeman
Additional annotations by Jonathan Sarfati

Entries for the best game awards at the Wanganui Congress were adjudicated by Michael Freeman. The awards are:

Championship, Mark Sinclair for his game with Paul Garbett, round 1. This was the only entry (game published in NZ Chess, Feb, p4).

Reserve, John Sutherland, for his game with Hilton Bennett in round 2.

Major Open, Ben Giles, for his round 5 game with Merv Morrison.

Here are the Major Open and Reserve winners.

Bennett, H - Sutherland, J

The choice of this game as winner of the best game prize in the Reserve section was made somewhat difficult by its ending. Until that point it stood out over the other entries, which featured rather one-sided combinations. However, it still got the nod due to play up to that point.

1.e4 c5 2.f4 d5 3.Nf3

Already out of the books. 3.exd5 or Nc3 are usual. [Earl Roberts and Andrew Stanton have independently suggested this gambit, a sort of Fajarowicz reversed after 3...dxe4 4.Ne5. JDS] 3...e6

[Black should put the gambit to the test. JDS]

4.exd5

I don't like this exchange. 4.Nc3 or 4.Bb5+ look better.

4...exd5 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bb5+ Bd7

6...Nc6 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.0-0 Be7 9.d3 0-0 10.Na4 Ba6 11.Ne5 Bb5 12.Nc3 Qc7 13.Nxb5 cxb5 14.c4 bxc4 15.dxc4 Bd6 16.Ng4 led to an equal position in Messere-Borisenko, 5th World Corres Champ.

7.Qe2+

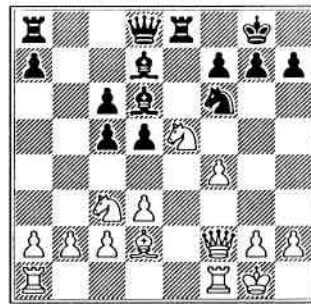
[This helps Black. JDS]

7... Be7 8.Ne5 0-0 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.d3 Bd6 12.Bd2?

12.Nxd7 avoids the pin on the e-file. [It wouldn't be necessary if White had refrained

from 7.Qe2+. JDS]

12...Re8 13.Qf2



13...Rxe5! 14.fxe5 Bxe5 15.h3

Black's pressure on h2 and b2 give him ample compensation for the exchange. [The threat was 15...Bxh2+ 16.Kxh2? Ng4+!, but now Black carries out his other threat - winning a piece. JDS]

15...Bd4 16.Be3 Bxe3 17.Qxe3 d4 18.Qe5 dxc3 19.Qxc3 Bc6

[It's a shame to give away a P. Why not 19...Qe7 20.Rae1 Qd6. JDS]

20.Qxc5 Qb6 21.Qxb6 axb6

The dust has settled, with Black emerging with better chances. The next phase sees Black slowly improve his position as White struggles to find the best defence.

22.a3 Kf8 23.Rae1 Re8 24.Rf4 Bd5

[Black should keep the rooks on. JDS]

25.Rxe8+ Kxe8 26.Rb4 Nd7 27.a4 c5

28.Rg4 g6 29.b3 Ne5 30.Rf4 Nc6 31.Rf2

Kd7 32.Kh2 Be6 33.Kg3 Kd6 34.Kf3 Kd5

35.Ke3 h5 36.c3 Kd6 37.Rb2 g5 38.b4 Kd7

39.hxg4 hxg4 40.bxc5+ bxc5 41.Rb6 c4

42.d4 Kc7 43.Rb5 Ne7 44.Ke4 Kd6

45.Rb6+ Nc6 46.Rb5 f5+ 47.Kf4 Ne7

48.Rb6+ Nc6 49.Rb5

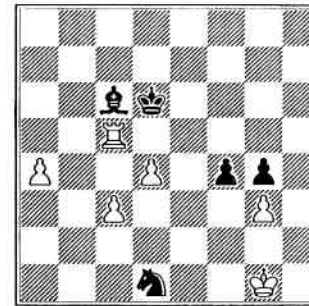
White should be trying to distract Black with 49.a5, with ideas like 49...Kc7? 50.d5!, and playing g3 to slow down that f pawn.

49.Bd7 50.Rc5 Ne7 51.Rxc4 Nd5+ 52.Kg3

f4+ 53.Kf2 Ne3 54.Rc5 Bc6 55.g3 Nd1+

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56.Kg1



56...fxg3??

A horrible move after playing well to gain this position. 56...f3 57.Re5 Bd5 with f2+ and Bc4+ to follow wins.

57.Rxc6+ Kxc6 58.c4??

Another horrible move in return. 58.Kg2 draws.

58...Ne3 59.c5??

59.a5 still seems to draw after 59...Nxc4 60.Kg2 or 59...Kc7 60.d5 or 59...Kb7 60.d5 Nxc4 61.Kg2 Ne5 62.Kxg3 Ka6 63.d6=. [If this is so, the previous move hardly deserves a double query. JDS]

[With a time control at 60 moves, the state of the players' clocks could have influenced the last move or two. - Ed.]

59...Kd5 60.a5 Kxd4

The difference now is that the black N can go Nd5-c7 to hold the pawns, while the king goes e4-f5 to keep that vital last pawn. 0-1

Giles, B - Morrison, M

This game from the Major Open deservedly won the best game prize. White controls the attack well throughout the game and still emerges with the won ending.

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.e4 c5 4.d4 Nbd7 5.Nf3 h6 6.b3 b6 7.Bb2 Bb7 8.d5

Correctly burying that white-squared bishop on b7. [I prefer 8.Bd3, because the Pe4 buries the Bb7 well enough, and fewer exchanges are possible, leaving Black cramped. JDS]

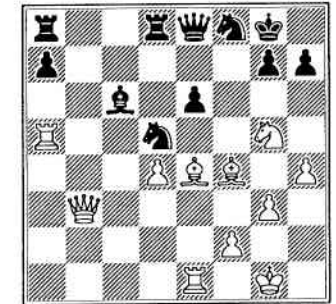
8...exd5 9.exd5

[9.cxd5. JDS]

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9...Be7 10.Bd3 0-0 11.0-0 Re8 12.Nd4 g6? [Weakening. JDS]

13.Qc2 Ne5 14.f4 Nxd3 15.Qxd3 Nd7



16.Ne6!

The extra space, the long b2-h8 diagonal, and Black's rather tied-up pieces all support this nice move.

16...Nc5 17.Qg3 Nxe6 18.dxe6 Bf6 19.f5 g5 20.Qh3 Bd4+ 21.Kh1 Qf6 22.Nd5 Bxd5 23.Bxd4 Bxg2+ 24.Qxg2 Qxd4 25.f6!

Stopping Black building a fortress by ...f6. The e-pawn is poisoned due to the Qg2 eyeing up that rook on a8.

25...Rab8 26.e7 Qd3 27.h4 Qg6 28.hxg5 hxg5 29.Qg4 Qh6+ 30.Kg2 Qh4 31.Qxh4 gxh4 32.Rf4 Qb7 33.Rxh4+ Kg6 34.Rf4

[34.Rf1 would mate quickly, e.g., 34...Rg8 35.Kg3! or 34...Kg5 35.Kg3! or Rh3! and R check on the g-file, mates on the h-file. JDS]

34...Rh8 35.Rg1 Rh5 36.Kf3+ Rg5 37.Rxg5+ Kxg5 38.Ke4 c6 39.Rf2 Re8 40.b4 Rh8 41.b5 Rh4+

Black is helpless and can't keep the White king out of the queenside.

42.Ke3 Rh8 43.bxc6 Re8 44.Kd4 1-0

Masters games

The New Zealand Masters Games will be held in Dunedin next February, with a chess tournament at Otago Chess Club on Saturday, February 10. These games, which alternate between Wanganui and Dunedin, are sponsored by National Mutual.

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New Zealand news

While NZ Chess Champion **Anthony Ker** was playing in tournaments in Indonesia after his successful zonal in Malaysia, brother **Charles Ker** (a winner of the NZ Reserve at chess) was also covering himself with glory in the same country. Charles played in the New Zealand team in the world junior bridge championships, and they beat Denmark to finish runners-up to England in the championship. Anthony is glowing in his praise of Charles' bridge achievement.

Later, both brothers enjoyed success in the N.Z. championships in Rotorua, Charles taking his first national title in the pairs and Anthony sharing top honours in the plate.

Waitemata

Results of Waitemata CC's 1995 tournaments played to date: Summer Cup, 1 **Bob Smith** 6/6; 2 Robert Bennett 4; Under 400 tournament, 1= **Tony Kessler & Murray Stewart** 4½/6; 90-90 tournament, 1 Bob Smith 5/5, 2= Brian Palmer and Bruce Tidey 4; half-hour tournament, 1 Bob Smith 6/6, 2 John Robinson 5; 5-minute championship, 1 Bob Smith 9/10, 2= John Robinson & Bruce Tidey 5½.

Brian Palmer and **Bob Smith** recently played a crocodile simul at Henderson Intermediate School. Bob has a regular 15 players in Monday after-school junior sessions, (two others have "graduated" to the senior club) and Brian holds regular lunch-time sessions at two schools.

West Auckland inter-school

Waitemata CC recently ran a West Auckland inter-school teams tournament, with 166 children competing. **Kelston Boys' High School** won the secondary section, **Henderson Intermediate** the intermediate title, and **Swanson Primary** the primary title.

Wellington inter-school

Palmerston North Boys' High School held the Wellington regional inter-school chess

title in the annual teams competition held at Tawa College. With 17 points out of a possible 20, Palmerston North finished 2 points clear of Scots A, with Tawa A third and two Hawkes Bay teams, Sacred Heart and Te Aute A, 4=. For the winning team, **David Alexander** won all 5 games, and took the trophy for the best score at board 1, after a play-off with Patrick Savage (Karori Normal Primary). Simon Schurr and Ben Love, also from Palmerston North, each scored 4½/5, with **Ben Love** winning the trophy for the best score at board 3. **L.S.Guan Teoh** (Scots) won all 5 games to score best at board 2, and **James Reid** (Tawa) took the prize for best score at board 4 after a play-off against Michael Jack (Karori Normal Primary) and Nicola Ryan (Sacred Heart, Napier).

Upper Hutt 40/40

Mark Sinclair PE scored 4½/5 to win the annual Upper Hutt 40/40 tournament. He conceded one draw, to runner-up Rajko Mastilovich PE, who also drew with Gavin Marner PE, who finished 3rd in the A grade on 3. **Ross Jackson** WE and **Andrew Reid** NA scored 4 to share 2nd overall and tie for 1st in the B grade ahead of Chris Burns WA and Peter King CI on 3½. **Marcus Gordon** also scored 4 points to win the C grade, ahead of Glenys Mills KP and Adam Jackson on 3½.

Petone

Ross Jackson set up a 9/9 picket fence to take out the Peteone CC B grade championship, ahead of Richard Glover 8, Ashley Koia 6, Frank Andriolic 5½ and Tony Quinn 4½.

Clap-trap Cup

Civic CC recently hosted a Wellington CC team in a match for the Clap-trap Cup. The Civic team was selected to balance the visitors on rating, so the result was a surprise to both teams. Civic won at the top two boards but Wellington made a clean sweep at the other

boards and ran out winners 7:2. Results (Civic names first): A Ker 1 J D Sarfati 0, A Aldridge 1 Z Frankel 0, T Stephens 0 D Capper 1, H Dixon 0 E Frost 1, B Kay 0 J Phillips 1, Z Shardy 0 L Farrington 1, A Jackson 0 M Nyberg 1, E Sarfas 0, A Smaill 0 J Moore 1.

A return match is scheduled for September.

Wellington CC

Jonathan Sarfati gave a lecture on winning strategy and followed this with a simultaneous display at Wellington CC before leaving for the Australian Masters tournament. In 27 simul games, Jonathan lost one (to Joshua Moore) and drew 4.

In the club's winter open tournament, **Justin Phillips** and **Ted Frost** shared first, with 4½/6, a point clear of Lawrence Farrington, David Capper, Ross Jackson and Aaron Barlow. **Michael Nyberg** and **Patrick Savage** shared honours in a junior gambit tourney, on 4½/6, a point ahead of Raymond Chew, Brian Kwang and Isaac Sanson on 3½, and Colin Chow and Arvind Vinjimoore on 3.

Wellington CC teams captained by Dave Capper (B grade) and Joshua Moore (C grade) have won the 1995 Wellington District Chess Association inter-club teams competitions.

Southern age group championships

Canterbury and Otago Chess Clubs have held junior and age group championships, with modest fields.

In Dunedin the Otago/Southland tournament attracted a field of 14, and as expected the national junior titleholder, **David Guthrie**, proved to be a class above the others. He took out the under-20 and overall title. **Ismail Jadallah**, who was second overall, won the under-16. and **Nicola Porteous** was the best player under 12. The highest-placed female was **Hwee Sin Chong**.

The Christchurch event was contested by a field of 11. **James McGowan** conceded just one draw (to runner-up Thor Russell) to score 5½/6 and take out the junior title by half a point from Russell, 5, who also drew with Matthew McNabb. **McNabb** and **Daniel Torrance** were third and share the under-16 title.

Otago

The Otago Chess Club has departed from tradition to hold its club championships on a new basis this year. For many years they have been conducted as a series of graded mini-tournaments through the year, but this year they are being held as double-round robin events, in three grades - senior, intermediate and junior - which are being played through the winter months.

The championships will be followed by a tournament to decide the Otago 30/30 championship.

In the same format the club has also held a 60/60 tournament, which was completed recently. Otago's Olympiad representative and new FIDE Master **Tony Love** was clear winner with 5½/6, finishing 1½ points ahead of John Sutherland, with David Guthrie and Aaron Batchelor sharing third place. **Paul Vecovsky** won the B grade and **Trevor Rowell** the C grade.

The club's second one-day rapid event of the year, the Westpac Winter Rapid, saw a tight finish, with three players tied for first on 4/5. They were the three top seeds, **Tony Love**, **John Sutherland** and **Aaron Batchelor**. Love was upset by Batchelor in round 3, but Batchelor lost to Sutherland in round 4 and Love set up the tie by beating Sutherland in the final round. **Terry Duffield** won the B grade and D Gellatly won the C grade. **Aaron Batchelor** won the upset prize.

Man against machine

The latest computer chess programmes continue to gain in strength, and current software has overtaken the chessboard computers. Genius 3, W-Chess, Hiarc, Hitech, M-Chess Pro, Socrates and Fritz 3 are all strong programmes.

In May there was a tournament in The Hague, in the Netherlands, between man and machine, and the machines won 156-132 against a team that included 8 GMs, 3 WGMs and 7 IMs. It was the first time *homo sapiens* has lost!

Top score of 5½/6 was gained by a human, GM John van der Wiel.

On 5, 7 computers - W-Chess, Chess Genius X, Hiarc, Hitech, M-Chess Pro, Mephisto, PC-Board A & Socrates; & 2 humans - GM Y Seirawan and GM Gert Ligterink.

On 4½, 2 GMs, R Cifuentes & Hands Ree.

On 4, 11 computers - Arthur, Chessica, Fritz 3, Junior, Kallisto, Nightmare N, Quest, Rebel, Virtua Chess, Zarkov & Zugzwang; and 3 humans - GMs John Nunn, Zofia Polgar and Nico Kuijff.

On 3½, 8 computers - Gandalf, Hector 2, The King 2.51, Mephisto Genius 68030, Mephisto Montreux, Schaakmeester 2.0, Schach 3.0, TascR.30; and 6 humans - GM L Christiansen, GM Zsuzsa Polgar, Heleen de Graaf, H Grotten, E Hoeksema & M Voorn.

Performance rating 2895

How strong really are the computers? W-Chess won a tournament in London with

Man v machine match

In Auckland Bruce Barnard has organised a four-board match between man and the machines, which was scheduled for September 2. Ortvin Sarapu's team consists of Bob Smith, Martin Drewyer, Ewen Green and himself, and the four computers they were due to meet were Genius 4, Rebel 6, M-chess pro, and probably Hiarc.

By Ortvin Sarapu

27½/30, and scored 10½/11 in Verlaubervillers. W-Chess was given an Elo rating of 2581, but it won the 5th Harvard Cup competition, winning against 4 GMs and drawing against 2 GMs without a loss, with a PCA performance rating of 2895!

Murray Chandler's BCM advertises W-Chess for only 69.99 pounds - about \$170.00!

Here is an example of a win by a computer, from The Hague:

Quest (computer) - Nunn, GM John

Notes by Ortvin Sarapu

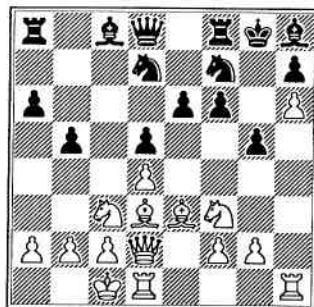
1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 c6 4.Nf3 d5 5.h3 Nh6 6.Bf4 f6 7.Qd2 Nf7 8.0-0 0-0

JDS: Very risky.

9.Be3 a6 10.Be2 b5 11.Bd3

JDS: 10.Be2 and 11.Bd3 are time-wasting.

[JD e6 12.h4 Nd7 13.h5 g5 14.h6 Bh8 15.exd5 cxd5



16.Nxd5! Bb7

If 16...exd5 17.Bxh7+! Kxh7 18.Qd3+ and wins.

17.Nc3 Nd6 18.Rh5 Rf7 19.Bxg5 Bxf3 20.gxf3 fxe4 21.Rxe4 Kf8 22.Rdgl Nf6 23.Ne4 Ndx4 24.fxe4 Qxd4 25.e5 Ke7 26.c3 Qb6 27.exf6+ Bxf6 28.Rg8 Rxe8 29.Rxe8 Bh4 30.f4 Bf2 31.Kc2 Qe3 32.Qd1 Qxf4 33.Bxb5 Bb6 34.Be8 1-0

Auckland match

Bruce Barnard's W-Chess played 5 games

against me. Surprisingly, I won the first in the endgame. I lost rather badly in the second game, then had two draws. I won the fifth game in 20 moves.

After this Bruce decided to sack W-Chess and replace it with Rebel 6. Rebel 6 also did not like to have a draw (with opposite-coloured bishops) and preferred to lose the endgame!

Here is the 5th game of the match with W-Chess, time control 30 moves in 60 minutes.

Sarapu, O - W-Chess (computer)

Notes by O Sarapu

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Ng8!?

In 1966 the then world champion, Tigran Petrosian played this against I Boleslavsky and later drew the game.

3.d4 d6 4.Nf3 g6 5.Bc4 Bh6?! 6.Nc3 Nc6

7.Bxh6 Nxb6 8.Qd2 Nf5 9.g4 Nfxd4!?

Here the computer did not like 9...Ng7 10.Qh6! 0-0 [or 10...Ne6 11.d5 followed by Ng5 and mates].

10.Nxd4 Nxe5 11.Be2 Bxg4 12.f4!

Black has 3 pawns for the N.

12...Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Nd7

Someone suggested 13...Nc6, but Qb5! wins material.

14.0-0-0 0-0 15.h4 Nf6

If 15...h5, f5! is strong.

16.h5 c5 17.Nb3 Nxb5 18.Rxb5! c4 19.Rdh1 Qb6 20.Rxb7 1-0

Threatening Rh8, R1h7, Nd5 etc. On 20...e6 21.Ne4! f5 22.Rh8+ Kf7 23.R1h7+ Ke8 24.Nf6+ Kd8 25. Rxf8#.

Kelling Memorial

By Ted Frost

Recently there came to light in Wellington an attractive shield, named the Fedor K Kelling Memorial Shield, carrying the date 1946 but with no indication that it has ever been played for. The Wellington District Chess Association has thoroughly discussed the basis of competition for the trophy between clubs, bearing in mind the disproportionate structure of club membership, with some clubs having few A

grade players and at least one with very few C grade players.

The district association wants all clubs to have a sporting chance in the competition, so it has agreed on a team basis that will ensure a place for players of all grades. Teams will consist of six players, with no more than two above 1950 rating, and with at least two members under 1450 rating.

The first competition will be held at the start of next season, in the second half of February. With five clubs expected to compete, each club is being asked to host a round on its club night, with the home club having the bye.

The winning club will be designated All-Wellington champion club for 1996 and competition, both for places in the teams and between clubs, will be keen.

Digital clock traps

By Anthony Ker

Time waits for no man and certainly not for the hapless chess player who leaves himself insufficient time to reach move 40.

The new digital chess clocks were used for the first time last year, at the Olympiad in Moscow. Knowing exactly how many seconds remained before forfeiting the game should have meant fewer losses on time. Instead, it produced the opposite effect as players went as close to the wire as possible - "I've still got 20 seconds left" - and in many cases, overstepping it.

Part of the problem was that it was no longer possible to move "instantly" [with the clock restarted after each move] and two or three seconds were used up no matter how fast one moved. With, say, six seconds for three moves a player is in dire straits.

The New Zealand team was not immune to the hypnotic charm of the new timekeepers. Bob Smith found to his cost that even a moment's hesitation was fatal, when six seconds was not enough for just one move.

We lost two games which normally would have been draws, because of the clock. The digital clocks seem to go much faster than the old analog ones!

1995 Redcliffe chess open

While in Brisbane recently, I competed in the 30th open chess tournament held at the Clontarf Beach State High School, about 30 minutes' drive from Brisbane.

The tournament was conducted as a 7-round swiss with 56 players, over three days at the end of April and beginning of May. The first three rounds were held on Saturday, as 60/60 rapid chess games, with the last 4 rounds (2 each day) with a time control of 40 moves in 90 minutes and 30 minutes to finish.

The tournament director used a USCF pairing system on a software programme, which meant pairings could be worked out very rapidly. The only drawback, as I found out in round 6, was that colour equalisation took preference over pairing the two highest-rated players (see later in his article).

The tournament itself attracted a field of 56 players, with most of Brisbane's top players competing, with the exception of former NZ Champion Craig Laird and newly-qualified IM Alex Wohl. Top seeds were IM Stephen Soloman and strong Queensland player Andrew Allen, with myself seeded third.

In the first two games I managed to checkmate my opponents in hectic time-scrambles, but by the evening round I was extremely tired and put a piece en prise in a clearly superior position against John Harris, former Queensland champion, of Bundaberg. John was rated at 1749, but later told me that he previously had a rating closer to 2000, but had lost rating points from losing a lot of rapid games.

One rating list

Unlike New Zealand, Australia has only one rating list with all games, rapid or otherwise, contributing to a player's rating. After the first 3 rounds six players had the maximum 3 points, including the top two seeds. On the second day, in round 4 I played a nice attacking game with Bird's opening, and in round 5 converted an extra double pawn into a

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By Paul Spiller

huge advantage in the ending. This left me 4/5 and a share of second place going into the final day's play. Top seed Stephen Soloman had despatched all his opponents with conummate ease and led with 5/5. About 6 players shared second place at this stage, including Andrew Allen, who was beaten well in this round by my round 3 opponent, John Harris.

I arrived on the following morning expecting to play one of the other players on 4 points, since I assumed that top seed Soloman would play second seed Allen. I was surprised, however, to find that I was paired against Soloman while Allen was to play Truscott. This is where the USCF system seems a bit strange, allowing colour equalisation to take preference. I certainly think that our current pairing system in New Zealand is a more logical method.

Anyway, back to the tournament. Playing yet another Bird's Opening (4 in this tournament), I could have secured an opening advantage by winning a pawn after 10 moves, but played far too slowly and suffered the consequences by losing on time after only 27 moves. The moral is to just play sensible chess without getting yourself way behind on the clock.

Going into the final round Soloman had a 1-point cushion over Allen (on 5) and 3 others. The crucial last round pairings saw Allen (White) against Soloman. Even though Soloman at 2398 was nearly 300 rating points ahead of Allen (2100), somebody told me that Allen had won their last 4 encounters. I was paired on board 3 against tournament organiser Mark Stokes, who had come through the field by winning his last 4 games.

True to form, Andrew Allen downed Soloman to draw level on 6, allowing Andrew Meldrum (Australia's representative at the last World Junior) to tie for first after a last-round win on board 2. I finished the tournament with another exciting win using the Bird's, finishing in a 6-way tie for fourth.

NZ Chess

After the tournament I had a few quick words with Craig Laird, who told me that Andrew Allen was the first Queensland player in the last 10 years to reach a 2100 rating. The other highly-rated players, Soloman, Wohl and Laird, had all come from outside Queensland. Craig is still active in playing and coaching chess, and is the current Queensland champion.

Final scores: 1= Soloman, Allen & Meldrum 6; 2= Spiller, J Myers, T Truscott, D McKinnon, M Cashman & N Stawski 5.

Don Hamilton - Spiller, P

Round 1

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 g6 4.d3 Bg7 5.0-0 6.Nbd2 c5 7.e4 Nc6 8.Re1 dxe4 9.dxe4 Bg4 10.c3 Ne5 11.Qe2 Nd3 12.Rd1 Nxc1 13.Raxc1 Qc7 14.h3 Bd7 15.e5 Nh5 16.Kh2 Bh6 17.Re1 Rae8 18.Rcd1 Be6 19.c4 Ng7 20.b3 f5 21.exf6 exf6 22.Qf1 Bf5 23.Nh4 Bd7 24.Ne4 Bc6 25.Nc3 Rxe1 26.Rxe1 Bd2 27.Ncd5 Bxd5 28.Bxd5+ Kh8 29.Rd1 Bf4 30.Qg2 Be5 31.Bxb7 g5 32.f4 gxh4 33.fxe5 Qxe5 34.Rd5 Qc7 35.Rd3 Re8 36.Bf3 Nf5 37.Bd5 Re1 38.Qd2 hxg3+ 39.Kg2 Nh4#

Spiller, P - Jempson, R

Notes by Paul Spiller

Round 4

1.f4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.e3 g6

Three of my opponents in this tournament played a fianchetto setup against me. It prevents White from playing an early b3 and Bb2.

4.Be2 Bg7 5.0-0 d6

Black is playing the opening like a Sicilian defence, but since White hasn't played e4, perhaps Black should play d5 here.

6.d3 Nf6 7.Nc3 Bd7 8.Bd2 a6 9.a4

White tries to slow down the queenside expansion before shifting his queen to the kingside.

9...0-0 10.Qe1

Now that Black has castled, White brings the queen over.

10...Nb4 11.Rc1 Bc6

Black should probably continue with 11...b5.

NZ Chess

12.e4 Nd7

This doesn't look right here.

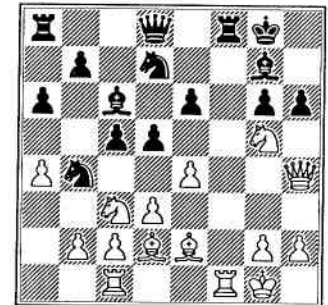
13.f5 d5 14.Qh4

White's pieces start creating some kingside threats.

14...e6 15.Ng5

Bg5 also looked good, but this line was more forcing.

15...h6 16.fxg6 fxg6



17.Bg4! Rxf1+

The only way Black can defend e6 is by Nf8.

18.Rxf1 Nf8 19.Rxf8+ Bxf8 20.Bxe6+ Kg7

21.21.Nxd5 Nxd5

If hxg5 22.Bc3+ mates.

22.exd5

Black is helpless against Bc3+.

22..Be7 3.Bc3+ Bf6 24.Nf7! Bd4+ 25.Bxd4+

cxd4 26.Nxd8 1-0

World seniors

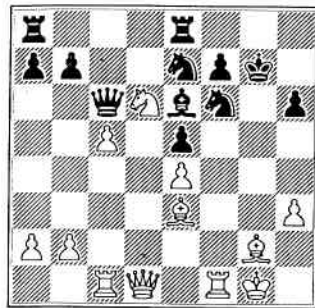
IM Ortvin Sarapu leaves on October 15 to play in the 1995 World Seniors Championship in Bad Worishofen, Germany, and will return on November 29. Ortvin has been confirmed as the representative of zone 3.2 in the championship, and in preparation will play two short matches in his homeland, Estonia, and seven tournament games in Germany.

Ortvin will be accompanied again by Merv Morrison, who was the top 80-plus player when last they played in the World Seniors. Merv has been working on introduction of his game, Big Battle, but has that under control and is able to take time out to play in the World Seniors.

Botvinnik games

Selected and annotated by Jonathan Sarfati

Botvinnik, M - Tartakower, S
Nottingham, 1936 [A55]
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 d6 3.d4
Nbd7 4.g3 e5 5.Bg2 Be7
6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3 c6 8.e4 Qc7
9.h3 Re8 10.Be3 Nf8 11.Rc1
h6 12.d5 Bd7 13.Nd2 g5?
14.f4! gxf4 15.gxf4 Kg7
16.fxe5 dxe5 17.c5 cxd5
18.Nxd5 Qc6 19.Nc4 Ng6
20.Nd6! Be6 21.Nxe7! Nxe7

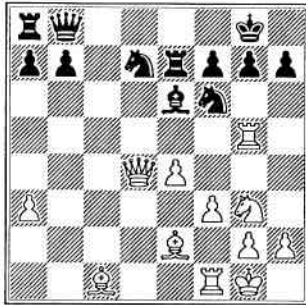


22.Rxf6!
Winning the exchange would win the game, but sacrificing the exchange is even better.
22...Kxf8 23.Qh5 Ng6
24.Nf5 Rg8 25.Qxh6 Bxa2
26.Rd1 Rad8 27.Qg5+ Ke6
28.Rxd8 f6 29.Rxg8! Nf4
29...fxg5 30.Rxg6+ Kd7
31.Rxc6+-.
30.Qg7 1-0

Botvinnik, M - Keres, P
The Hague/Moscow World
Champ, 1948, R 10 [E28]
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4
4.e3 0-0 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3
Re8 7.Ne2 e5 8.Ng3 d6
9.Be2 Nbd7 10.0-0 c5 11.f3
cxd4?

A serious mistake, opening

lines for the enemy B pair.
12.cxd4 Nb6 13.Bb2 exd4
14.e4! Be6 15.Rc1 Re7
16.Qxd4 Qc7 17.c5! dxc5
18.Rxc5 Qf4 19.Bc1 Qb8
20.Rg5 Nbd7

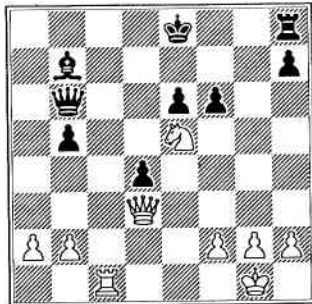


21.Rxg7+!! Kxg7 22.Nh5+ Kg6
22...Kf8 23.Nxf6 Nxf6
24.Qxf6 Ke8 25.Bb5+ Kd8
26.Bg5+-.
23.Qe3 1-0

Keres, P - Botvinnik, M
USSR Champ, 1941 [E35]
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4
4.Qc2 d5 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5
h6 7.Bh4 c5 8.0-0-0 Bxc3
9.Qxc3 g5 10.Bg3 cxd4
11.Qxd4 Nc6 12.Qa4 Bf5
13.e3 Rc8 14.Bd3 Qd7
15.Kb1 Bxd3+ 16.Rxd3 Qf5
17.e4 Nxe4 18.Ka1 0-0
19.Rd1 b5 20.Qxb5 Nd4
21.Qd3 Nc2+ 22.Kb1 Nb4
0-1

Botvinnik, M - Euwe, M
The Hague/Moscow World
Champ, 1948, R 12 [D49]
1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6
4.Nc3 c6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Bd3
dxc4 7.Bxc4 b5 8.Bd3 a6

9.e4 c5 10.e5 cxd4 11.Nxb5!
axb5 12.exf6 Qb6 13.fgx7
Bxg7 14.0-0 Nc5 15.Bf4
Bb7 16.Re1 Rd8 17.Rc1
Rd5 18.Be5! Bxe5 19.Rxe5
Rxe5 20.Nxe5 Nxd3
21.Qxd3 f6



22.Qg3! fxe5 23.Qg7 Rf8
24.Rc7 Qxc7 25.Qxc7 Bd5
26.Qxe5 d3 27.Qe3 Bc4
28.b3 Rf7 29.f3 Rd7 30.Qd2
e5 31.bxc4 bxc4 32.Kf2 Kf7
33.Ke3 Ke6 34.Qb4 Rc7
35.Kd2 Rc6 36.a4 1-0

Tartakower, S - Botvinnik, M
Groningen, 1946 [C01]
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5
4.Nf3 Bd6 5.c4 Nf6 6.c5
Be7 7.Nc3 b6 8.cxb6 axb6
9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 Bg4 11.h3
Bh5 12.g4 Bg6 13.Ne5 Bxd3
14.Qxd3 c6 15.Bg5 Nxc4
16.Nxc6 Nxc6 17.Bxe7 Nxe7
18.hxg4 f5 19.Rae1 fxg4
20.Re5 Rf3 21.Qb5 Ng6
22.Rxd5 Qf6 23.Rg5 Rf8
24.Ne4 Qf4 25.Qd5+ Kh8
26.Rh3 Rh3 27.Rxh3 gxh3
28.Ng3 Nh4 29.Qe4 Nf3+
30.Kh1 Qxe4 31.Nxe4 Rf4
32.Rc1 h6 33.Rc3 g5 34.Re3
g4 35.d5 Kg7 36.Nc3 Rf6

NZ Chess

37.Re6 Kf7 38.Rxf6+ Kxf6
39.d6 Ke6 40.Nd5 Kxd6
41.Nxb6 h5 42.Nc4+ Kd5
43.Ne3+ Ke4 44.a4 Kd3
45.Nd5 Ke2 46.Nf4+ Kxf2
47.Nxh3+ Kf1 48.Nf4 g3
49.Ng2 Kf2 50.a5 h4 51.Nf4
Kf1 52.Ng2 h3 53.Ne3+ Kf2
54.Ng4+ Ke2 0-1

Rausser, V - Botvinnik, M
Leningrad, 1933 [B74]
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4
4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Be2
g6 7.Be3 Bg7 8.Nb3 Be6
9.f4 0-0 10.0-0 Na5 11.Nxa5
Qxa5 12.Bf3 Bc4 13.Re1
Rfd8 14.Qd2 Qc7 15.Rac1
e5 16.b3 d5 17.exd5 e4

18.bxc4 exf3 19.c5 Qa5
20.Red1 Ng4 21.Bd4 f2+
22.Kf1 Qa6+ 23.Qe2 Bxd4
24.Rxd4 Qf6 25.Rcd1 Qh4
26.Qd3 Re8 27.Re4 f5
28.Re6 Nxh2+ 29.Ke2 Qxf4
0-1

Mid-year FIDE ratings

There have been significant changes for New Zealand players in the mid-year rating list issued by FIDE. There are now 29 New Zealand men and 3 women players on the active list, a net increase of three on the January list. The additions include Mark Sinclair 2270, Michael Freeman 2205, Matthew Barlow and Mark van der Hoorn 2175, junior David Guthrie 2110, and Scott Wastney 2040.

We now have 22 players with FIDE ratings above 2200, compared with 17 three years ago. However, only 8 have ratings of 2300 or higher, two fewer than three years ago.

In addition to the newcomers, Ben Martin, Anthony Ker, Paul Garbett, Russell Dive (42 games recorded), Bob Smith and Peter Stuart all improved their ratings, with Bob Smith edging up to within 25 points of the FIDE Master level.

Philip Clemanace and Peter Green have been moved to the inactive list.

Our three women players have also moved off the list - Fenella Foster and Katrine Metge have not played recently in FIDE-rated tournaments, and although Vivian Smith scored well at the 1994 Olympiad, she dropped enough rating points to fall below the 2000 threshold.

The rating officers have not yet noted that the two Bruce Andersons are one person.

Although Vivian Smith scored well in the Olympiad, her results against rated players did not allow her to hold a place on the FIDE rating list, and Fenella Foster and Katrine

Metge also dropped off, so no woman player from New Zealand is on the current list.

Name	Jan94	Jan95	Ju195
Martin, Benjamin FM	2410	2355	2360
Ker, Anthony F FM	2320	2335	2340
Small, Vernon A IM	2345	2330	2330
Garbett, Paul FM	2310	2300	2315
Dive, Russell J FM	2295	2295	2315
Sarfati, Jonathan FM	2310	2315	2310
Dreyer, Martin FM	2345	2320	2300
Sarapu, Ortvin IM	2350	2300	2300
Love, Anthony J FM	2330	2305	2275
McLaren, Leonard M	2275	2275	2275
Smith, Robert W	2255	2270	2275
Sutton, Richard J	2315	2275	2275
Sinclair, Mark	-	-	2270
McKenzie, Peter	-	2310	2265
Noble, Mark F FM	2310	2260	2260
Boyd, Kendall	-	2260	2250
Lukey, Stephen G	2285	2265	2230
Stuart, Peter W	2210	2195	2220
Anderson, Bruce R	-	2235	2235
Anderson, Bruce	-	2155	2155
Pomeroy, Arthur	-	2215	2215
Spain, Graeme	2240	2235	2215
Freeman Michael	-	-	2205
Barlow, Matthew	-	-	2175
van der Hoorn, Mark	-	-	2175
Haase, Graham	-	2155	2155
Guthrie, David	-	-	2110
Metge, J Nigel	-	2100	2100
Abrahamson, Philip	-	2085	2085
Sutherland, John	-	2085	2085
Wastney, Scott	-	-	2040

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By Peter Stuart

Madrid

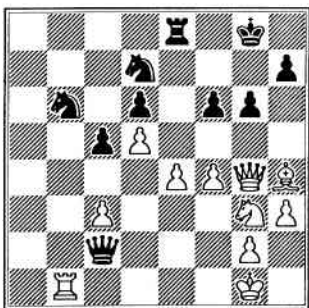
Ageless Victor Korchnoi won this category 16 (2629) tournament in May, despite a last-round loss to Judit Polgar which might have allowed Valery Salov to catch up if he could have beaten Vladimir Epishin. Nevertheless, the event marked a return to good form for Salov, who has had a few indifferent results of late. Korchnoi's play showed all the vim and vigour of a much younger player.

Korchnoi, V - Short, N Nimzoindian (E45)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 b6

A move which Korchnoi is also rather partial to.

5.Nge2 Ba6 6.Ng3 c5 7.d5 0-0 8.e4 Re8 9.f3 d6 10.Be2 exd5 11.cxd5 Bxe2 12.Ngxe2 b5 13.0-0 a6 14.a4 Nbd7 15.axb5 Qb6 16.bxa6 Rxa6 17.Rxa6 Qxa6 18.Ng3 Ne5 19.Bg5 Nfd7 20.f4 Nc4 21.Qe2 f6 22.Bh4 Bxc3 23.bxc3 Qa4 24.Rb1 Ncb6 25.h3 g6 26.Qg4 Qc2



27.Rxb6 Nxb6 28.Bxf6 Kf7 29.Qh4 h6 30.f5 Rg8 31.Bd8 Qd1+ 32.Kh2 g5 33.Qxb6 Rxd8 34.f6 Rg8 35.Qh7+ Kxf6 36.Qxg8 1-0

Korchnoi, V - Belyavsky, A Slav (D17)

1.c4 c6 2.Nf3 d5 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
1	Korchnoi V	SWI	g	2635	x	½	½	0	1	1	1	1	½	6½	
2	Salov V	RUS	g	2715	½	x	½	1	½	½	1	½	1	6	
3	Yusupov A	GER	g	2660	½	½	x	½	½	½	½	1	½	5	
4	Polgar J	HUN	g	2630	1	0	½	x	0	½	0	½	1	4½	
5	San Segundo	ESP	m	2480	0	½	½	1	x	½	½	½	½	4½	
6	Epishin V	RUS	g	2635	0	½	½	½	½	x	½	½	1	4½	
7	Illescas M	ESP	g	2595	0	0	½	1	½	½	x	1	0	4	
8	Belyavsky A	UKR	g	2650	0	½	0	½	½	½	0	x	½	3½	
9	Short N	ENG	g	2655	0	0	½	0	½	½	1	½	x	3½	
10	Timman J	NED	g	2635	½	½	½	0	½	0	½	0	½	x	3

Bf5 6.Ne5 e6 7.f3 Bb4 8.e4 Bxe4 9.fxe4 Nxe4 10.Bd2 Qxd4 11.Nxe4 Qxe4+ 12.Qe2 Bxd2+ 13.Kxd2 Qd5+ 14.Kc3 0-0 15.Qe3 f6 16.Nxc4 b5 17.Nd2 Nd7 18.Be2 Ne5 19.Nf3 Nc4 20.Qd4 e5 21.Qxc4 bxc4 22.Bxc4 Rf7 23.Bxd5 cxd5 24.b4 Rc7+ 25.Kb3 Rac8 26.b5 d4 27.Nd2 Rc2 28.Ne4 f5 29.Nd6 R8c3+ 30.Ka4 d3 31.Rhd1 d2 32.Ra3 Rxa3+ 33.Kxa3 e4 34.Kb3 1-0

Epishin, V - Timman, J Queen's Indian (D17)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Bb7 5.Bg2 Be7 6.Nc3 Ne4 7.Bd2 0-0 8.d5 Nxc3 9.Bxc3 Bf6 10.Rc1 c6 11.0-0 cxd5 12.Ne1 Bxc3 13.Rxc3 b5 14.cxd5 Qb6 15.Nd3 Na6 16.Ne5 b4 17.Nxd7 Qb5 18.Rd3 Rfe8 19.dxe6 Rxe6 20.a4 1-0

Yusupov, A - Belyavsky, A Slav (D10)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.b3 c5 6.Bb2 cxd4 7.exd4 Bb4 8.a3 Bxc3+ 9.Bxc3 dxc4 10.bxc4 Ne4 11.Rc1 Nxc3 12.Rxc3 Qa5 13.Qd2 0-0 14.Nf3 Rd8 15.Bd3 Nd7 16.0-0 b6 17.Re1 Bb7 18.Ne5 h6 19.Qc2 Rac8 20.Bh7+ Kf8 21.Nxf7 Nf6 22.Nxd8 Rxd8 23.Re5 Qa6 24.d5 exd5 25.h3 dxc4 26.Rg3 b5 27.Bf5 Bd5 28.Qc3 Qd6 29.Bg6 a6 30.Rge3 Bf7 31.Bxf7 Kxf7 32.Re1 Rd7 33.a4 Qc6 34.axb5 axb5 35.Qb4 Nd5 36.Rf5+ Kg8 37.Rf8+ Kh7 38.Qb1+ g6 39.Ree8 Nf6 40.Rc8 Qa6 41.Qe1 Qd6 42.Qc3 Qf4 43.Qa1 1-0

Short N - Salov, V Sicilian (B66)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 a6 8.0-0 h6 9.Be3 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 b5 11.f4 Be7 12.Bd3 b4 13.Ne2 Qa5 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Bc4 0-0!

For the pawn Black obtains a long-lasting initiative.

16.Qxd6 Bb7 17.Qd3 Rfd8 18.Qe3 Rdc8 19.Bb3 Qc5 20.Qxc5 Rxc5 21.Ng3 a5 22.Ba4 Bh4 23.Rhe1 g5 24.fxg5 Bxg5+ 25.Kb1 Rd8 26.Rd3 Ba6 27.Rxd8+ Bxd8 28.Re3 h5 29.a3 h4 30.axb4 Rg5! 31.b5 Bb7 32.Rd3 Bb6 33.Rd6 hxg3 34.h4 Rg4 35.Rxb6 Bxe4 36.Rc6 Bxg2 37.b6 Rxa4 38.b7 Rb4 39.Rc8+ Kg7 40.b8=Q Rxb8 41.Rxb8 Bd5 0-1

Matanzas

The 30th Capablanca Memorial in May was won by English GM Tony Miles with an undefeated 10½/13. A point back was GM Loek van Wely NED and then GM Cifuentes NED on 7½. Cuba, one of the last bastions of large round-robin internationals, made this event a more modest 14 players, which is still a deal better than the wimpish 10-player events so prevalent nowadays in Europe.

New York

Gary Kasparov won the PCA-Intel Grand Prix knock-out in June, beating Vassily Ivanchuk 2:0 in the final, after accounting for Michael Adams 2:0, Nick de Firmian 1½:½ and Vladimir Kramnik only after drawing the tie-breaker game with black and draw odds.

Alexander Morosevich defeated Vysmanavin 2:1 and Christiansen 2:1 before bowing out against Ivanchuk in the semi-final 2:0.

Amsterdam

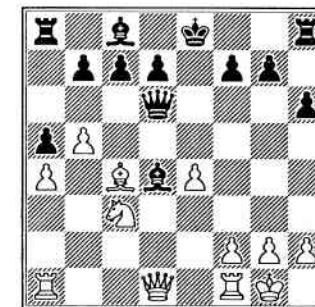
The strongest tournament of the year only had four players (making it easy to achieve a high category) so, even in a double-rounder, a single bad game can make the difference between winner and also-ran. So it proved as Gary Kasparov blew a winning position against Joel Lautier in round 4 and ended up

losing. Nevertheless, the PCA world champion could still have tied for first place had he merely drawn against Jeroen Piket in the final round - instead he lost his second game in three days!

The final scores in this category 18 event were: 1 GM Lautier FRA 4, 2 GM Kasparov RUS 3½, 3 GM Topalov BUL 2½, 4 GM Piket NED 2.

Kasparov, G - Piket, JA Evans Gambit (C51)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bb6 5.a4 a5 6.b5 Nd4 7.Nxd4 Bxd4 8.c3 Bb6 9.d4 exd4 10.0-0 Ne7 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.cxd4 Qd6 14.Nc3 Bxd4



15.Nd5 Bxa1 16.Qxa1 0-0 17.e5 Qc5 18.Rc1 c6 19.Ba2 Qa3 20.Nb6 d5 21.Nxa8 Kh8 22.Nb6 Be6 23.h3 Rd8 24.bxc6 bxc6 25.Rc3 Qb4 26.Rxc6 Rb8 27.Nxd5 Qxa4 28.Rc1 Qa3 29.Bc4 1-0

Kasparov, G - Lautier, J Sicilian (B48)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be3 a6 7.Bd3 Nf6 8.0-0 Ne5 9.h3 Bc5 10.Kh1 d6 11.f4 Ned7 12.a3 b5 13.Bxb5! axb5 14.Ndx5 Qb6 15.Bxc5 dxc5 16.Nd6+?

As Kasparov pointed out later, 16.e5! Ba6 17.a4 is winning for White.

16...Ke7 17.Nxc8+ Rhxc8 18.e5 Ne8 9.Qh5 h6 20.Rae1 f5 21.Rf3 c4 22.g4 fxg4 23.Qxg 24.Ra5 24.Ne4 Qc6 25.Nd6 Nxd6 6.exd6+ Kf8 27.Rg1 g5 28.Rgg3 Rf5 29.Qh5 Nf6 30.Qxb6+ Kf7 31.Kg1 Rg8 0-1

Piket, J - Kasparov, G

Grünfeld (D97)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Qb3 dxc4 6.Qxc4 0-0 7.e4 Na6 8.Be2 c5 9.d5 e6 10.0-0 exd5 11.exd5 Re8 12.Rd1 Bf5 13.d6 h6 14.Bf4 Nd7 15.Rd2 Nb4 16.Qb3 Be6 17.Bc4 Nb6 18.Bxe6 Rxe6 19.Na4 Re4 20.Bg3 Nc4 21.Nxc5 Nxd2 22.Nxd2 Re2 23.Qxb4 a5 24.Qxb7 Rxd2 25.d7 Rxb2 26.Qd5 Rb5 27.Rd1 Bf8 28.Bd6 Bxd6 29.Qxd6 Rab8 30.h3 Rb1 31.Rxb1 Rxb1+ 32.Kh2 Rb6 33.Qe5 Kf8 34.Qh8+ Ke7 35.Qe5+ Kf8 36.f4 h5 37.Qd5 h4 38.Qe5 g5 39.Qh8+ Ke7 40.Qe5+ Kf8 41.fgx5 1-0

Leon

The fourth major tournament in Spain this year was only a category 14 (2577), though this belies the top strength as the four lower-rated Spanish players reduced the average rate quite considerably. The top four finishers had a close race, the eighth round clash between Alexei Shirov and Michael Adams, won by the former, proving decisive.

Shirov drew with Ivan Sokolov in the final round, while his three closest pursuers all won to give the following scores: 1-2 GM Bareev RUS & GM Shirov LAT 6½; 3-4 GM Adams ENG & GM Akopian ARM 6; 5 GM Morovic CHI 5½; 6 IM de la Villa ESP 4½; 7 GM Sokolov BIH 4; 8-9 GM Rivas ESP & IM Romero ESP 2½; 10 IM Sion ESP 1.

Sion, M - Shirov, A

Sicilian (B89)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.Be3 Be7 8.Qe2 a6 9.Bb3 Qc7 10.0-0-0 0-0 11.Rhg1 Nd7 12.g4 Nc5 13.Nf5 b5 14.Bd5 Bb7 15.g5 Rfc8 16.Rg3 Ne5 17.Bxb7 Nxb7 18.Nxe7+ Qxe7 19.Bd4 b4 20.Na4 Nc4 21.b3 Na3 22.c4 bxc3 23.Nb6 Nb5 24.Bf6 Qc7 25.Nxc8 Rxc8 26.a4 e5 27.Qa2 c2 28.Rdd3 Qa5 29.Rge3 Nc5 30.Rd5 Nc3 31.Qxc2 Nxd5 32.exd5 Nxb3+ 33.Rxb3 Qe1+ 0-1

Malmö

A category 12 tournament in May-June was won by Ivan Sokolov with 6½/9, a half-point ahead of GMs Ulf Andersson SWE, Krasenkov RUS and Sadler ENG. There followed: 5 GM Hjartarson ISL 5; 6 Hellsten SWE 4½; 7 GM Hector SWE 3½; 8 IM Djuurhus NOR 3; 9 IM Brynell SWE 2½; 10 IM Vescovi BRA 2.

Ischia

An open tournament on this Italian island in June was chiefly notable for the splendid performance by Michael Adams, who scored 8½/9 to finish a full 2 points clear of GMs Palac CRO and Smirin ISR. Russia's GM Tiviakov shared fourth place on 6.

Tiviakov, S - Adams, M

Caro-kann (B17)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7 5.Nf3 Ngf6 6.Ng3 c5 7.dxc5 e6 8.b4 b6 9.Be2 bxc5 10.b5 Bb7 11.c4 Qc7 12.Bb2 Bd6 13.a4 a5 14.Qc2 h5 15.Nf1 0-0-0 16.N1d2 Bf4 17.Nb3 Be4 18.Qc3 g5 19.Qxa5 Qxa5+ 20.Nxa5

White has a huge endgame advantage...but the middle game is not over yet.

20...g4 21.Nd2 Bxg2 22.Rg1 Ba8 23.Nf1 Ne5 24.Nb3 Ne4 25.Ng3 Ng5 26.Bxe5 Bxe5 27.Rc1 Nh3 28.Rf1 Nf4 29.Rg1 h4 30.Nf1 32.Ke1 BNe2 31.Kxe2 Bf3+c3+ 33.Nfd2 Bb4 34.Rc2 Rd3 35.Kf1 Rhd8 36.Nxf3 gxf3 0-1

Adams, M - Smirin, I

Sicilian (B30)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 e5 4.Bc4 d6 5.d3 Be7 6.Nd2 Bg5 7.h4 Bh6 8.Qh5 g6 9.Qd1 Nf6 10.Nf1 Bxc1 11.Qxc1 Be6 12.Ne3 Nd4 13.Ncd5 h5 14.c3 Nc6 15.Qd1 Kf8 16.g3 Kg7 17.Qe2 Rb8 18.a4 Ng4 19.f3 Nxe3 20.Nxe3 Ne7 21.0-0 Re8 22.Bxe6 fxe6 23.f4 exf4 24.Rxf4 Nc6 25.Raf1 Qe7 26.g4 Qxh4 27.gxh5 Qg3+ 28.Ng2 Ne5 29.d4 cxd4 30.cxd4 Qd3 31.Qf2 Nc6 32.Rf7+ Kg8 33.h6 1-0.

Novgorod

The "PCA Super Classic" in May-June was the second of three tournament series; the first was in Riga and the third will be in Horgen in October. Gary Kasparov led all the way and was content to draw his last four games. This might have allowed Vassily Ivanchuk to catch up, but he lost to Veselin Topalov in the final round, a result which allowed not only the Bulgarian but also Jaan Ehlovest and Nigel Short to tie with him for second place. The tournament was category 17 (2665).

Kramnik, V - Timman, J

Grünfeld (D85)

1.Nf3 g6 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.e4 Nxc3 7.bxc3 c5 8.Rb1 0-0 9.Be2 cxd4 10.cxd4 Qa5+ 11.Bd2 Qxa2 12.0-0 Bg4 13.Bg5 h6 14.Be3 Nc6 15.d5 Na5 16.Bc5 Bf6 17.e5 Bxe5 18.Rb4 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 Bf6 20.Ra4 Qb3 21.Rxa5 Qxd1 22.Rxd1 b6 23.d6 Rac8 24.d7 Rcd8 25.Bxe7 Bxe7 26.Rxa7 Rb8 27.Re1 Bd8 28.Re8 b5 29.Ra8 Rxa8 30.Bxa8 b4 31.Bd5 Kg7 32.Kf1 1-0

Yusupov A - Kasparov G

Queen's Pawn (A48)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4.c3 c5 5.e3 Qb6 6.Qb3 0-0 7.Nbd2 d6 8.Qxb6 axb6 9.Nc4 Nbd7 10.Be2 d5 11.Nce5 h6 12.Bf4 c4 13.h4 b5 14.g4 Nb6 15.g5 hxg5 16.hxg5 Ne4 17.Nd2 Bf5 18.Bg4 Na4 19.Nxe4 dxe4 20.Bxf5 gxf5 21.Rb1 b4 22.cxb4 Nb6 23.a3 Rfc8 24.g6 Bxe5 25.gxf7+ Kxf7 26.Bxe5 Nd5 27.Kd2 c3+ 28.Kc2 cxb2+ 29.Kxb2 Rc3 30.Ra1 b5 31.Rhc1 Rd3 32.Rc5 Nb6 33.Rxb5 Nc4+ 34.Kc1 Rg8 35.Bg3 f4 36.Rf5+ Kg6 37.Rxf4 Rc8 38.Rg4+ Kh5 39.Rh4+ Kg6 40.Rg4+ Kh5 41.Rh4+ Kg5 42.f4+ Kg6 43.f5+ Kg5 0-1

Kasparov, G - Vaganian R

Queen's Gambit (D37)

1.d4 e6 2.c4 d5 3.Nc3 Be7 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bf4 0-0 6.e3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.Qc2 Nc6 9.a3 Qa5 10.0-0-0 Be7 11.h4 dxc4 12.Bxc4 b6 13.Ng5

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

1 Kasparov G	RUS	g	2805	x	½	½	½	1	½	½	1	1	1	6½
2 Ehlovest J	EST	g	2615	½	x	½	½	½	1	½	½	½	1	5½
3 Short N	ENG	g	2655	½	½	x	0	½	1	½	1	½	½	5½
4 Ivanchuk V	UKR	g	2700	½	½	1	x	0	½	½	½	1	1	5½
5 Topalov V	BUL	g	2630	0	½	½	1	x	½	½	½	1	1	5½
6 Kramnik V	RUS	g	2715	½	0	½	½	x	1	1	½	1	5	
7 Timman J	NED	g	2630	½	½	½	½	0	x	½	½	½	4	
8 Gulko B	USA	g	2595	0	½	0	½	½	0	x	½	½	3	
9 Yusupov A	GER	g	2655	0	½	0	0	0	½	½	x	½	2½	
10 Vaganian R	ARM	g	2635	0	0	½	0	0	0	½	½	x	2	

Ba6 14.Nce4 g6 15.Nxf6+ Bxf6 16.Ne4 Be7 17.Bxa6 Qxa6 18.Kb1 Qb7 19.h5 Rac8 20.hxg6 Nb4 21.gxh7+ Kh8 22.Be5+ f6 23.Nxf6 Bxf6 24.Bxf6+ 1-0 24...Rxf6 25.axb4!

Cologne

Gary Kasparov gained his revenge over the computgramme Genius 3 in a 2-game match in May. It wasn't very convincing, however, as the Pentium computer was winning at one stage in the first game before playing a series of weak moves which allowed Kasparov to get right back into it and eventually win. The second game was drawn.

Kasparov, G - Genius 3

Slav Defence (D15)

1.c4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 a6 5.c5 g6 6.Bf4 Bg7 7.h3 0-0 8.e3 Nbd7 9.Bd3 Ne8 10.Rc1 f6 11.e4?

Instead of this and his previous move, White should have played 0-0 and Bh2; White's 19th simply ignored Black's obvious intentions.

11...e5 12.dxe5 Nxc5 13.exd5 fxe5 14.Be3 Nxd3+ 15.Qxd3 e4! 16.Qxe4 Nf6 17.Qc4 Nxd5 18.Nxd5 Be6 19.0-0 Bxd5

The computer is well on top, but soon loses the thread.

20.Qg4 Bxf3 21.gxf3 Qd5 22.Rcd1 Qxa2

It was better to take the f-pawn, aiming to swap queens.

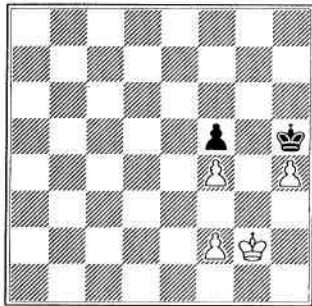
23.Rd7 Rf7 24.Rfd1 Qb3?

Best was 24...Re8, intending Qe6. Genius was now in time trouble as well as being on a very slippery slope.

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King and pawn endgames - Triangulation

Jackson, L R - Barrow, G
Wellington CC
Championship, 1993



To win, White must penetrate to the Pf5's critical zone, i.e., to the nearest three squares on the rank of the P [e5, d5, c5; and g5, h5 on the other side]. But instructive triangulation is required to achieve this.

1. Kf3?!

The first mistake.

1. Kg3!

Gains a net tempo, as the Black K must spend three moves capturing the Pf4 rather than one, while the White K spends two moves going to f3 instead of one.

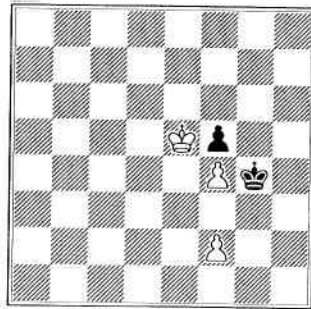
1...Kg6 2.Kf3 Kh5 3.Ke3

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25.R1d3 Qxb2 26.Qc4 Rxf8
27.Rxf7 Rxf7 28.Rd8+ Bf8
29.Bh6 Qa3 30.Qe6 Qc5
31.h4 Qb4 32.f4 Qb1+
33.Kh2 Qb4 34.Kg2 Qa3
35.h5 gxh5 36.f5 Qb4
37.Rxf8+ Qxf8 38.Bxf8
Kxf8 39.f6 Rxf6 1-0.

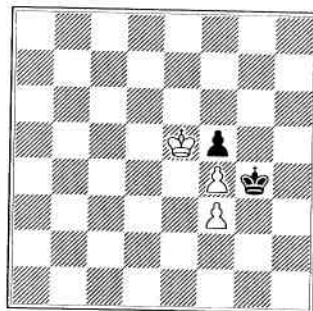
Kxh4 3...Kg4 4.h5 Kxh5
5.Kd4 transposes.
4.Kd4 Kh5
4...Kg4 5.Ke5



[The "trebuchet" or knight's move zugzwang. Black to move loses the front pawn, and his K is cut off the queening square. Without the Pf2, the player to move loses.]

5... Kg6

White has reached the critical zone of the P, so it must fall. Without the extra doubled P, Black would be able to draw, but the extra P can be used as a tempo move, winning the opposition. [5...Kg4 6.f3+



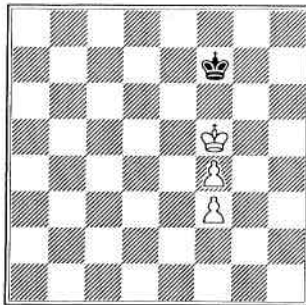
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The extra P comes in handy. This reserve tempo move ensures that White can never be on the receiving end of the trebuchet. This is the main reason White wins this endgame.]

6. Ke6 Kg7 7.Kxf5 Kf7

A) 8.f3

With a basic win (without the rear f-pawn, this position is won only with Black to move).



This move can be kept in reserve as well, as follows: B) 8. Ke5 Ke7 9.f5 Kf7 10.f6 Kf8 11.Ke6 Ke8 12.f7+

12.f4 Kf8 13.f5? The only way White can throw away the win. He has forgotten that the extra doubled P is a tempo move and nothing more. 13...Ke8 14.f7+ Kf8=.

12...Kf8 13.f4

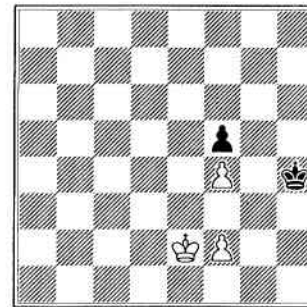
13.f3.

13...Kg7 14.Ke7+.

Returning to the actual game:

1...Kxh4 2.Ke3?

Throws away the win. 2.Ke2!



The point is to ensure that Kg4 can be answered by Ke3, putting Black in zugzwang. The rear doubled P controls g3 [analogous to e6

Coming events

Events listed in bold type have been notified to NZCF. Clubs are asked to confirm and advise other dates, for publication in *NZ Chess* and circulation to clubs for general information. All events are nationally-rated unless otherwise stated.

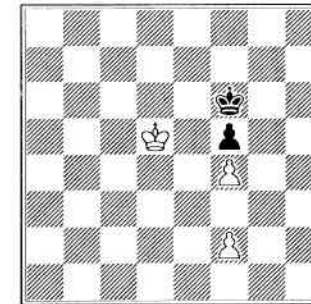
October 21-23 (Labour Weekend), **Petone CC Open** and **All-Wellington B and C grades**.

December 28, 1995-January 11, 1996, **NZ Championship Congress** and NZ Rapid Championship, Civic, Wellington.

Congress, 1996-97, North Shore, Auckland.

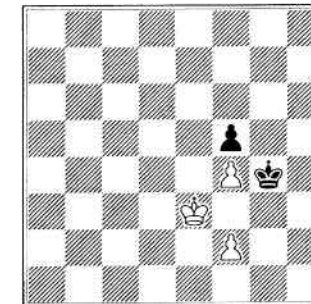
Congress, 1997-98, Hamilton (tentative application for centennial year).

in a line above], so Black profits nothing from his occupation of the Pf4's critical zone.] 2...Kh5 [2...Kg4 3.Ke3 Kh3 4.Kd4 Kg4 5.Ke5] 3.Kd3 Kg6 4.Kd4 Kf6 5.Kd5 [Reaches the critical zone, so wins as above].



2...Kg4=

Now White is in zugzwang.



3.f3+

This changes nothing.

3...Kg3 4.Ke2 Kxf4 5.Kf2 ½-½

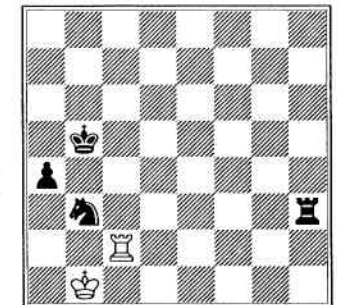
What is a swindle?

When a game is dead lost, there is an appropriate time to resign - but not if there is a realistic chance of holding a half point. Such an

opportunity occurred when the following position was reached after 76 moves. White is lost, but Black gives him a chance to rescue a draw - when the player who should win helps, is it really a swindle?

The absence of white pawns should be a warning signal to Black.

Jones, Gawain - Evans, A



1.Rg2 a3 2.Rg5+ Nc5 3.Rg2 Rb3+ 4.Ka1 Nd3 5.Rg5+ Ka4 6.Rg4+ Nb4 7.Rh4 a2 8. Rh1 Ka3 9.Rc1

Now Black makes his fatal blunder. He should play 9...Rb1+ 10.Rxb1 Nc2#, or even 9...Nc2+ to take advantage of the boxed-in king. Instead -

9...Rd3??

And quick as a flash -

10.Rc3+!! Rxc3 ½-½

Or 10...Ka4 11.Rxd3 Nxd3 12.Kxa2 also draws, of course.

This game was played in the 15th Redcar Congress in England a few months ago. Gawain Jones had his seventh birthday a month before the game.

NZCF Council report

Asian teams tournament

Council has endorsed entry into this year's Asian teams tournament, but rescheduling the event to just before Christmas has caused one top player, Paul Garbett, to drop out. Team members endorsed are Anthony Ker, Bob Smith and Jonathan Sarfati, with Michael Freeman as captain and emergency.

FIDE rating for NZ Reserve

At the request of NZCF, FIDE has added the New Zealand Reserve Championship to the list of FIDE-rated events. This has become possible with the lowering of the base for FIDE rating to 2000 and the increase in the number of FIDE-rated NZ players.

Olympiad selection

The coming Congress will be an Olympiad selection event, and Council has yet to decide final details. Players who have expressed interest in playing so far are Anthony Ker, Bob Smith, Jonathan Sarfati, Russell Dive (who will be back in NZ in October) and Paul Garbett (subject to business commitments), and Michael Freeman as team captain/coach.

Vivian Smith and Rosaleen and Teresa Sheehan have expressed interest in the women's team, and Bob Smith is interested in going as women's team captain/coach if not selected for the open team.

Junior rating list

NZCF has prepared an interim rating list of junior players, containing just over 40 names. When clubs have notified omissions, the list will be published.

Swiss rules

The technical committee continues its work on revising the Swiss rules to take colour allocation into account, but in the meantime has suggested amendments to the existing rules on byes, colour allocation and unfinished

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games. These amendments, which are additions to the existing rules, have been approved by Council and circulated to clubs. They will apply at Congress.

1996 programme

With a four-term school year universal from 1996, the chess tournament programme must be revised, and the following arrangements have been suggested:

NZ Junior and Age Groups, regionals in first week or April vacation, or at a weekend; finals in second week of July vacation.

NZ Women's, at Easter or second week of April vacation.

North Island, first week of July vacation.

South Island, either first or second week of September vacation.

A New Zealand Open tournament could be held in either the April or September vacations. Clubs are considering these proposals which will be discussed at the coming annual meeting of NZCF. Remits and nomination of officers for NZCF are due by October 31.

Congress at Airport Hotel

Civic Chess Club have arranged for the NZ Congress to celebrate its 50th anniversary to be held at the Airport Hotel in Wellington. The club has negotiated favourable terms for accommodation at the hotel, and details will be circulated to clubs shortly.

Under the arrangement, the Airport Hotel will share in sponsorship of the Congress, which will feature the Sir Robert Jones NZ Championship (the 103rd) and Reserve, the Airport Hotel Major Open, and the Sir Robert Jones NZ Rapid Championship.

Affiliated clubs

Ashburton PO Box 204, Ashburton. Meets Mondays 7.30pm (Feb-Oct), Room 1 (upstairs), Public Library, cnr 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, Wellington Girls' College, Pipitea Street, Thorndon. John Gillespie, 1 Wavell Street, Karori (04)476-3729. [Returning soon to Turnbull House.]

Gambit Sec, Ted Frost, 17 Croydon St, Karori, Wellington 5 (04)476-4098.

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.

New Plymouth 11 Gilbert St, New Plymouth. Meets Tuesdays, 7.30pm. Pres, R P Bowler, 251 Coronation Ave (06)758-0797. Sec, Keith Okey, 253d Coronation Ave (06)758-8811.

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)478-0063.

Papatoetoe Meets Wednesdays 7.30pm, St George's Anglican Church Hall, Landscape Rd, Papatoetoe. Contacts, John McRae (09)278-4520 or Katrine Metge (sec) 278-7173.

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, Hapai Club, 879 Fergusson Drive. Sec, Glen Sullivan, 6a Totara Street, Upper Hutt (04)528-6783.

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

Wanganui Meets Mondays, 1st floor, Commercial Club, St Hill St. Pres, Gordon Hoskyn, 7 Pehi St (06)343-6101; sec, K Yorston, 5 Mitchell St (06)343-7166.

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 (04)476-4098.

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