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Asian Junior

David Guthrie scored 5/11 in the Asian Junior Championship, which appears to be in line with David's FIDE rating in what was, as expected, a strong event.

Fencible Masters

Howick-Pakuranga CC and Spiller Enterprises Ltd have announced details of the Fencible Masters tournament to be held on March 24-29 next year in Howick, Auckland. It will be an international tournament with a minimum of 4 overseas players, with IM norms available.

Correspondence champion

Michael Hampl has won the 1995-96 NZ Correspondence Chess Association Championship. Report and games in the next issue of *NZ Chess*.

Sheehans hold celebrity cocktail party

A cocktail party was held recently in Hastings to fundraise for Rosaleen, Teresa and their father, John Sheehan, to travel to the Olympiad in September. Organised by the Sheehan family, the speakers included Alan Duff, Sir Robert Jones and Winston Peters. A charity auction capped off a highly successful evening.

STOP STOP PRESS

Illness has struck Vivian Smith and caused the withdrawal of Vivian and Bob from the NZ Olympiad team. The whole chess community extends its good wishes to Vivian.

COVER: Games in the 11th Aegon tournament in The Hague, Netherlands, were played on boards linked directly to the World Wide Web. See story on page 30.

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Coming in October: Reports on the 1996 Olympiad, North Island and South Island Championships, and the Asian Junior, plus the rest of the Karpov-Kamsky games and other regular features.

23rd North Shore Open, 28-29 September 1996

(note the dates)

A 6-round swiss with two rapid rounds (30/30) followed by 4 rounds of 40 in 90min plus 20min to complete.

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First Sheffield International

By FM Ben Martin

The northern city of Sheffield held its first international tournament from June 17th-21st. It was a ten-player round robin with nine rounds in four and a half days, an exhausting schedule. There were three IMs; the rest of us were aiming for the IM norm of 6/9. I was ranked third behind IMs Crouch and Buckley, but with only 35 ELO points separating the first six seeds the tournament promised to be hard fought. Organiser Brian Stephenson and arbiter John Robinson put in a lot of hard work to make sure that the event ran smoothly.

Some of the players, including myself, were accommodated by local families. I was fortunate to be staying within easy walking distance of the venue at the University of Sheffield. Sheffield has the reputation of being a rather grim industrial city, but I found it very pleasant. Possibly the lively atmosphere was due in part to the presence of thousands of fans attending matches in the Euro '96 soccer competition. After the chess had finished my hosts took me on a trip around the scenic Peak District, the edge of which lies just a few miles from the city.

My policy of playing for short draws with Black worked well in the first half of the tournament. Usually I fight hard in every game but in an event like this it is important to conserve energy. After five rounds I had four points, including a lucky win over Colin Crouch, and I needed only 2/4 to reach the norm.

Then disaster struck - I lost my next pair of games, meaning that I had to win in the final two rounds. In round 8 I was Black against the top seed Graeme Buckley. He sportingly played for a win in a drawish position, overpressed and lost. This was a bad day for Graeme: as well as losing both of his games he had a win from an earlier round reduced to a draw on appeal, so he scored -1/2/2!

Going into the final round FM Andrew Kinsman and I both needed to win to reach six points. Kinsman lost a wild game against the bottom seed Strange, who finished well after a poor start to the tournament. My opponent FM Richard Britton resigned on move 14 after blundering a rook.

Final scores: FM B. Martin NZL 6/9; IM C. Crouch, IM A. Whiteley 5½/9; ...

This was my third IM norm. Unfortunately FIDE regulations only allow one norm to be counted from tournaments with a time control of six hours or less for each game. I have two such norms, so strictly speaking this norm is not valid. Russell Dive had the same problem last year. Bob Wade told me that he himself first put forward this rule; the irony is that Bob of course is from New Zealand! However the IM title application has been sent to FIDE and we should find out whether or not it has been accepted at the Olympiad.

Martin, B - Shaw, J
Sheffield, R4 [A09]

1. d1f3 d5 2. c4 dxc4 3. e2a3 c5 4. e2xc4 e2c6
5. g3 f6 6. e2g2 e5 7. d3 e2g7 8. 0-0 e1f5

A thematic square for the e2 in this opening, eyeing d4.

9. e2d2 e2e7 10. a3 e2e6 11. b4!?

Energetic but dubious.

11... cxb4 12. axb4 a6

Black misses his chance. 12... e2xb4? 13. e2xb4 e2xb4 14. e2a4+ e2c6 15. e2fb1 is good for White, but after 12... e4+ 13. dxe4 e2xg3 14. hxg3 e2xc4 e2lack is better, due to White's weak pawns.

13. e2a5 e2b6?

13... e2xa5 14. bxa5 0-0 is more sensible. Black can then protect his b2 with ... e2d6 if necessary.

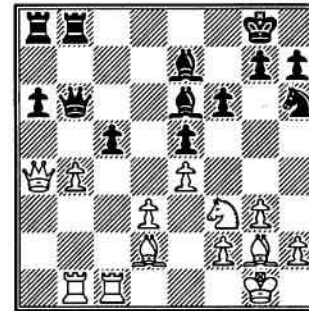
14. e2xc6 bxc6 15. e2a4 0-0 16. e2fc1 c5

16... e2fc8 is safer.

17. e4! e2h6

If 17... e2d4 then 18. e2xd4 when 18... cxd4? loses to 19. e2c6 and 18... exd4 is met by 19. bxc5 e2xc5 20. e2ab1 e2d6 21. e2b7 with strong pressure.

18. e2ab1 e2fb8



19. d4! exd4 20. e2xd4 cxd4

White threatened e2c6-xe7+ winning the c2.

21. e2c6 e2b5 22. e2xb5 e2xb5

22... axb5 with the idea of ... e2a2 offers more counterplay.

23. e2xe6 e2f7 24. e2c6 e2ab8?

Now Black loses material, but White is much better in any case: Black's e2 is a miserable piece.

25. e2xa6 e2xb4 26. e2f1 e2b7 27. e2c4+ e2g6
28. e2d5 e2b5 29. e2c6 e2xd2

29... e2b6 30. e2xb6 e2xb6 31. e2e8 wins a piece.

30. e2xb5 e2xb5 31. e2xb5 e2g4 32. h3 e2e5 33. f4 e2f3+ 34. e2f2 e2e1 35. e2a2 e2c3 36. e2e2 1-0

Strange, M - Martin, B
Sheffield, R5 [C18]

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e2c3 e2b4 4. e5 c5 5. a3 e2xc3+ 6. bxc3 e2e7 7. e2g4 e2c7 8. e2d3 c4

A quieter alternative to the wild 8... cxd4.
9. e2f1!?

White wants to play e2e2. Instead, 9. e2e2 is usual.

9... 0-0 10. e2e2 e2bc6 11. e2f4?

This "overprotection" of e5 only leaves the e2 as a target. 12. f4 or 12. e2f4 is better.

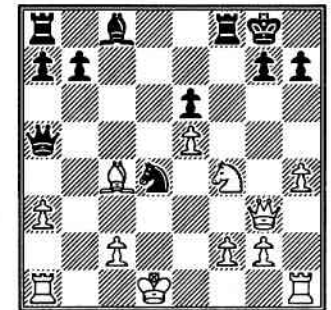
11... e2a5 12. e2d1?

White should admit his mistake and play 12. e2d2.

12... f6 13. h4

13. e2xf6 e2xf6 planning ... e5 is also unpleasant.

13... fxe5 14. dxe5 e2g6 15. e2g3 d4 16. cxd4 e2xf4 17. e2xf4 e2xd4 18. e2xc4



18... e2f5

18... e2xf4 19. e2xf4 e2xc3 20. e2d3+ e2xa1 21. e2d2 e2b2 (or 21... e2xb1 22. e2xd4 threatening e2d8) 22. e2e4 g6 (or 22... e2f5 23. g4) gives White counterplay.

19. e2g5 e2c3 20. e2xe6 e2xe6 21. e2xe6+ e2h8
22. e2a2 e2ad8+ 23. e2c1 e2d4 24. e2g4 e2xc2
25. e2b1 e2xa3+ 26. e2xa3 e2xa3 27. e2e3 e2b4+
28. e2c2 e2xg4 0-1

Buckley, G - Martin, B
Sheffield R8 [E41]

1. d4 e2f6 2. c4 e6 3. e2c3 e2b4 4. e3 c5 5. e2d3 e2c6 6. e2ge2 cxd4 7. exd4 d5 8. cxd5 e2xd5 9. 0-0 0-0 10. a3 e2e7 11. e2e4 e2f6 12. e2d3 g6 13. e2d1 e2ce7 14. e2h6 e2e8 15. e2g3 e2d7 16. e2f4 e2c6 17. e2cxd5 e2xd5 18. e2xd5 e2xd5 19. e2ac1 e2c8 20. e2xc8 e2xc8 21. e2f3 e2d8 22. g3 e2d6 23. e2b3 e2c6 24. e2c1 e2d7 25. e2xd5 exd5 26. e2e3 h5 27. e2c5 e2d8 28. a4 h4 29. e2c2 e2g4 30. e2c7 h3 31. e2c1 e2xd4 32. e2xd4 e2xd4 33. e2e1 e2xb2 34. e2e3 e2a1+ 35. e2c1 e2xa4 36. e2g5 e2d7 37. f4 d4 38. f5 e2d5 39. e2c2 d3 0-1

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First Imperial College International

By FM Ben Martin

Imperial College London was the venue for this Category 3 10-player round robin. Play was at the leisurely rate of one game per day, with two rest days. However strikes on the London Underground made getting to and from the venue very difficult, particularly for players from out of London.

Fifth seed John Richardson ENG scored a convincing victory. His score of 7/9 (5 wins and 4 draws) gave him an IM norm with half a point to spare. IM Grooten NED was 2nd= with 6/9, but the other two IMs found the going difficult.

Four consecutive wins in the middle of the tournament left me needing only 1 out of 2 for another norm, but I lost in round 8. In the final round the bottom seed Bakre IND played solidly with the Black pieces against me and I could only draw, finishing half a point short of the target of 6½.

Sowray, P - Martin, B
London, R5 [C06]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♗d2 ♗f6 4.e5 ♗fd7 5.c3 c5 6.♗d3 ♗c6 7.♗e2 cxd4 8.cxd4 ♖b6 9.♗f3 f6 10.exf6 ♗xf6 11.0-0 ♗d6 12.♗c3 0-0 13.♗e3 ♗d7 14.a3 ♗e8 15.♗g5 ♗e7 16.♗a4 ♗xa4 17.♖xa4 h6 18.♗xc6

18.♗f3 ♗g4, threatening ...♗xf3, also gives Black attacking chances.

18...♗xh2+ 19.♗xh2 ♖xe6 20.♗ae1?

A mistake which allows Black to generate a powerful attack. Correct is 20.♗g1 with the idea 20...♗g4 21.♖d1! ♗xc3 22.♖e2.

20...♗g4+ 21.♗g1 ♖d6 22.g3

22.f4 ♗f5 is also good for Black.

22...♗f3 23.♗g2 ♗af8 24.♖b4 ♖f6 25.♗e2 ♗xg3+ 26.♗xg3?

26.fxg3 is necessary, although Black is winning after 26...♗xe3 and ...♗xf1.

26...♗f5+ 27.♗g2

27.♗xg4 ♖h4+ 28.♗f3 ♖e4#.

27...♖g6 28.♗f3

There is no defence, e.g., 28.Rg1 ♗fxe3+! 29.fxex3 ♖e4+ mates quickly.

28...♗h4+ 29.♗g3 ♗xf3+ 30.♗xh4 ♖f6+ 0-1

The games Ben has annotated and those which follow (also Buckley-Martin, Sheffield) do NOT reflect Ben's "policy of playing for short draws with Black" (early in a tough tournament), but they do illustrate his ability with the black pieces and playing hard to win [Ed.].

Welling, G - Martin, B
London, R7 [E20]

1.d4 e6 2.c4 ♗f6 3.♗c3 ♗b4 4.♗d2 0-0 5.e3 c5 6.♗f3 ♗c6 7.d5 ♗e7 8.a3 ♗xc3 9.♗xc3 ♗e4 10.♗c1 exd5 11.cxd5 d6 12.♗d3 ♗f5 13.♖c2 ♗xc3 14.♗xf5 ♗cxd5 15.♗xh7+ ♗h8 16.♗d3 ♗f6 17.0-0 ♗c8 18.♖c4 ♖d7 19.♖h4+ ♗g8 20.♗c4 d5 21.♗f4 ♗g6 22.♗xg6 fxg6 23.♗d1 ♗cd8 24.♗g5 ♖e7 25.g4 ♗fe8 26.♗h1 ♖d7 27.♗g1 d4 28.e4 ♗e5 29.♗f3 d3 30.♗h3 ♗xg5 31.♖xg5 d2 32.♗d1 ♖a4 0-1

Grooten, H - Martin, B
London R1 [E11]

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗f3 ♗b4+ 4.♗bd2 b6 5.a3 ♗xd2+ 6.♗xd2 ♗b7 7.g3 0-0 8.♗g2 ♗e4 9.b4 d6 10.0-0 ♗bd7 11.♖h3 c5 12.dxc5 bxc5 13.♗f1 ♖b6 14.♗f4 d5 15.♗ac1 ♗ac8 16.cxd5 ♗xd5 17.♖b1 cxb4 18.axb4 h6 19.♗e3 ♖b7 20.♖b2 a5 21.b5 ♗b8 22.♗b1 ♗e4 23.♗f4 ♗xb1 24.♗xb8 ♗e4 25.♗d6 ♗c8 26.♗e1 ♗xg2 27.♗xg2 ♗e4 28.♗f4 ♗c5 29.b6 ♖xb6 30.♖a3 ♗c3 31.♖e7 ♖xf2+ 32.♗h1 ♖xe2 33.♗e1 ♗f2+ 34.♗g1 ♗h3+ 35.♗h1 ♗f3 36.♖e8+ ♗h7 37.♗e3 ♗f1+ 38.♗g1 ♗f2# 0-1

Sarfati moves to Brisbane

FM Jonathan Sarfati, who completed a science doctorate last year, has accepted a position with a research organisation in Brisbane and moved to Australia in August.

Jonathan, long-time member of Wellington CC and particularly active in coaching, was thanked by the club and received a small presentation before his departure.

Russell Metge takes 1996 N.Z. Junior title

The 1996 national championships attracted 28 entries from throughout the country, from Whangarei to Dunedin. Winners of all groups in 1995 competed and as their ratings had improved during the year, an improved standard of play was expected. This proved to be the case.

The crucial game in the contest for the junior title, in round 5, saw last year's Under-16 winner and NZ schoolpupils titleholder, Russell Metge, win from the joint junior titleholder, David Guthrie, of Dunedin. Guthrie is New Zealand entrant in the Asian Junior Championship to be played in Macao in the second half of August, but he relinquished his junior title to Metge, who won with 6½/7. Metge also retained his under-16 and NZ schoolpupil titles.

The under-16 girls title was keenly contested by the Sheehan sisters, Rosaleen and Teresa, from Hastings. Rosaleen, who has just turned 16, relinquished her title to her 15-year-old sister Teresa, who scored 4½/7 and finished third equal in the overall event. Teresa drew with Russell Metge, to gain the only half-point conceded by the overall winner.

The under-12 section also saw a close contest between two of the players who shared this title last year - Colm Hartigan, of Auckland, and Patrick Savage, of Wellington. Savage, who has won both the 1996 Wellington under-16 title and under-12 championships, took the title with 3½/7, just half a point ahead of Hartigan.

The tournament was the first national event to be conducted under new swiss pairing rules adopted by the New Zealand Chess Federation, taking colour allocation as well as progress scores into account in making the draw.

Results: N.Z. Junior Championship: Russell Metge (Auckland) 6½, 1; D Guthrie (Dunedin) 6, 2; J Phillips (Wellington), M Nyberg (Wellington), A Dunn (Auckland), S

Holdaway (Pahiatua), Teresa Sheehan (Hastings) 4½, 3=.

N.Z. Under-16 Championship: Russell Metge 6½, 1; A Dunn (Auckland) and Teresa Sheehan (Hastings) 4½, 2=.

N.Z. Under-12 Championship: Patrick Savage (Wellington) 3½, 1; Colm Hartigan (Auckland) 3, 2; S Sheehan (Hastings) and N Landrigan (New Plymouth) 2, 3=.

N.Z. Girls' Under-16 Championship: Teresa Sheehan (Hastings) 4½, 1; Rosaleen Sheehan (Hastings) 3½, 2.

N.Z. schoolpupil champion, Russell Metge; N.Z. schoolpupil girls' champion, Teresa Sheehan.

Metge, Russell - Hartigan, Colm NZ Junior, R1

1.d4 d5 2.c4  f6 3. c3 e6 4. g5  e7 5.e3 h6 6. f4  b4 7. c2 dxc4 8. xc4 0-0 9. ge2 b6 10.0-0  b7 11. ac1  c6 12. fd1  e7 13.a3  d6 14.e4  xf4 15. xf4  g4 16.h3  g5 17.g3 e5 18.h4  f6 19. fd5  g6 20. b5  ae8 21. e2  e6 22.f4  h7 23.f5  d6 24. xc6  xc6 25.dxe5  xe5 26. e7+  h8 27. xd6 cxd6 28. xc6  c8 29. ed4 h5 30. d2 g6 31. g5 a6 32.f6  g4 33. c3  h6 34. xh6+  xh6 35. e7  xc3 36.bxc3  g4 37. d5  g8 38. c6  f8 39. b8 a5 40. d7+  e8 41. 7xb6  d8 42. c4 1-0

Savage, Patrick - Landrigan, Nicholas NZ Junior, R1

Notes by IM Ortvin Sarapu

1.e4 e5 2. f3  c6 3. b5 a6 4. a4 b5

A bit premature. Morphy's move,  f6, or Steinitz's d6 should be a bit better.

5. b3  f6 6.0-0  c

Black is avoiding main lines.

7.c3

An interesting line is 6. xe5!? and after 6... xe5 7.d4 etc, with a complicated game.

7...b4?! 7...d6 should be preferred.

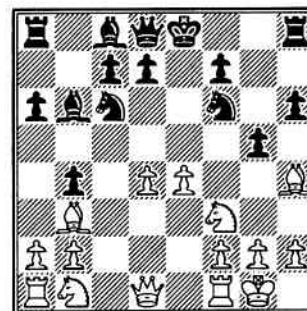
8.d4 exd4 9.cxd4  b6 10. g5

White has already won the battle for the centre.

10...h6 11. h4 g5?!

1996 New Zealand Junior Championship

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| 13 P HARRIS | OT 1019 | L4 | W12 | W11 | L8 | W21 | D15 | L7 | 3½ | 27.50 |
| 14 M CHILVERS | HP 1126* | W11 | W17 | L4 | L6 | L9 | W21 | D16 | 3½ | 27 |
| 15 C WRIGHT | SP unr | L3 | W26 | W22 | D19 | D16 | D13 | L12 | 3½ | 23 |
| 16 P SAVAGE | WE 1151 | W26 | L4 | L21 | W25 | D15 | D10 | D14 | 3½ | 22.50 |
| 17 R SHEEHAN | HH 1369 | W28 | L14 | D19 | L10 | W24 | L11 | W22 | 3½ | 19.50 |
| 18 C CHILVERS | HP 1209* | D24 | W9 | L1 | L5 | D22 | W20 | L10 | 3 | 27 |
| 19 M GIBSON | AC 1149 | W27 | D3 | D17 | D15 | D5 | L9 | L8 | 3 | 26 |
| 20 C HARTIGAN | WT 1088 | L1 | D10 | W24 | D22 | L11 | L18 | W23 | 3 | 25 |
| 21 R PFISTER | SP 1113* | L8 | W23 | W16 | L7 | L13 | L14 | W26 | 3 | 23.50 |
| 22 BK CLARK | PE 1188 | W12 | L6 | L15 | D20 | D18 | D23 | L17 | 2½ | 24 |
| 23 C JACK | UH unr | L2 | L21 | W26 | L11 | W27 | D22 | L20 | 2½ | 22.50 |
| 24 H MCLISKEY | SP unr | D18 | L7 | L20 | W28 | L17 | L12 | W27 | 2½ | 20 |
| 25 S SHEEHAN | HH 715 | L6 | W27 | L7 | L16 | L12 | L26 | W28 | 2 | 20.50 |
| 26 N LANDRIGAN | SP unr | L16 | L15 | L23 | L12 | W28 | W25 | L21 | 2 | 18.50 |
| 27 H JOHNSON-RONGO | SP unr | L19 | L25 | W12 | L9 | L23 | W28 | L24 | 2 | 18 |
| 28 J QUINLAN | SP unr | L17 | L11 | L10 | L24 | L26 | L27 | L25 | 0 | |



12.d5!

A very good move. It refutes 11...g5.

12... a5 13. xg5! hxg5 14. xg5 c6

Even 14...d6 would not help as 15.e5! dxe5 16.Qf3 wins.

15.e5  xb3 16. xf6  c7 17. xh8  xa1 18.e6

Stronger seems 18.d6!  a7 (18... d8? 19. f6) 19.Qg4 and mate follows.

18...fxe6?

This loses quickly. 18...dxe6!? gives more resistance.

19.d6  d8 20. h5+  f8 21. h6+  g8 22. g7# 1-0

Sheehan, Teresa - Metge, Russell NZ Junior, R2

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4. d3  c6 5.c3  f6 6. f4 g6 7. f3  g7 8. bd2  h5 9. e3  d6 10.h3 f6 11. c2  d7 12. b3 0-0 13. d2 f5 14. h6  xh6 15. xh6 e5 16. g5  e7 17.0-0 e4 18. ae1  g7 19. xg7+  xg7 20. c5  c8 21. ce6+  g8 22. xf8  xf8 23. c2 h6 24.g4  f6 25.gxf5 gxf5 26. xe4

fxe4 27.f3 Qxh3 28.f2 f7 29.fxe4 E8g8
30.exd5 dxd5 31.Qb3 dce7 32.Exe7+ dxe7
33.Qxg8 dxg8 34.d5 d1f6 35.c4 d4 36.f3
Qd7 37.b4 d1f6 38.a3 b5 39.cxb5 Qxb5 40.d6
d4 41.Ed3 d1f6 42.Ee3 d1d7 43.fh2 f6
44.fg3 d5 45.f4 d1g6+ 46.fg4 d5e5+
47.f4 d1g6+ 1/2-1/2

Chilvers, Mark – Phillips, Justin
NZ Junior, R3

1.e4 e5 2.d1f3 d1f6 3.d2c3 d2c6 4.Qc4 d1xe4
5.d1xe4 d5 6.Qxd5 Qxd5 7.d1c3 Qa5 8.d3 Qg4
9.Qd2 d1d4 10.h3 d1xf3+ 11.gxf3 Qh5 12.a3
0-0-0 13.Qe2 f6 14.0-0-0 Qxa3 15.bxa3
Qxa3+ 16.fh1 Qf7 17.Qe4 Ed4 18.Qf5+ Qb8
0-1

Nyberg, Michael – Guthrie, David
NZ Junior, R3

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Qf5 4.f4 e6 5.d1f3 d1e7
6.Qe3 Qb6 7.Qc1 d1d7 8.d1bd2 Qc7 9.d1b3 Qg4
10.c3 d1f5 11.Qf2 Qxf3 12.gxf3 c5 13.Qh3 c4
14.d2 Qe7 15.d1f1 g6 16.Eg1 b5 17.Qxf5
gxf5 18.d1g3 h5 19.d1e2 d1f8 20.Eg3 d1g6
21.d1g1 b4 22.d1h3 Eb8 23.d1g5 Eg8 24.Eg1
Qa5 25.h4 bxc3 26.bxc3 Qa3 27.Eb1 Qe7
28.Qc2 d1xf4 29.fh2 d1d3 30.Qe1 Eb2
31.Exb2 Qxb2 32.a4 Eb8 33.Qg3 Qxc3+
34.fh1 Eb2 35.Eg2 Exc2 36.Exc2 and White
resigned after the time control was reached.
0-1

Sheehan, Teresa – Dunn, Alan
NZ Junior, R3

Notes by IM Ortvin Sarapu

1.e4 c5 2.d1f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.d1xd4 d1f6
5.d2c3 a6

So it is the Najdorf variation.

6.Qc4 g6!?

Now it is the Dragon variation, but ...a6 is usually absent.

7.0-0

Perhaps better was f3 followed by Qe3, Qd2 and 0-0-0 to take advantage of the slow a6.

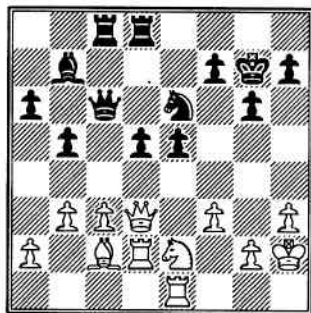
7...Qg7 8.Qe3 d1bd7 9.Ee1 0-0 10.h3 Qc7

Black has a solid position. There is no Q attack on his Q-side.

11.Qb3 d2c5 12.d1d5?! d1xd5 13.Qxd5 e6

Now Black wins the Q on e4.

14.Qb3 d1xe4 15.c3 d2c5 16.Qc2 b5 17.Qd2
Qb7 18.Qh6 e5 19.d1e2 Qc6 20.f3 Efe8
21.Qxg7 Qxg7 22.b3 d2c6 23.Ed1 Ed8
24.fh2 Eac8 25.Qd3 d5 26.Ed2



26...e4 27.fxe4 dxe4 28.Qe3 Exd2 29.Qxd2
e3! 30.Qe4 Qxe4 31.d1g3 exd2 32.Exe4 Qxe4
33.d1xe4 d1f1

Apart from 12.d5 both players played a sound positional game. No wonder both scored 4½ and shared 3= with 3 others.

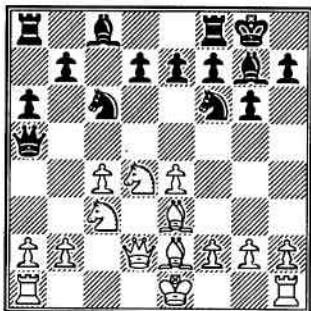
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Sheehan, Shanta – Savage, Patrick
Junior, R4

1.e4 e5 2.d1f3 d2c6 3.d2c3 d1f6 4.Qc4 d1xe4
5.d1xe4 d5 6.Qxd5 Qxd5 7.d3 Qg4 8.Qe2 d1d4
9.Qd1 Qxf3 10.gxf3 f5 11.d2c3 Qb4 12.Qd2
d1xf3+ 13.fh2 d1d4+ 14.fh1 Qxh1# 0-1

Sheehan, Rosaleen – McLiskey, Haig
NZ Junior, R5

1.e4 c5 2.d1f3 d2c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.d1xd4 g6 5.c4
Qg7 6.Qe3 d1f6 7.d2c3 0-0 8.Qe2 Qb6 9.d1db5
Qa5 10.Qd2 a6 11.d1d4



11...d1xe4 12.d1xc6 d1xd2 13.d1xa5 Qxc3
14.bxc3 d1e4 15.Ec1 Ed8 16.0-0 d5 17.cxd5
Ed5 18.d1b3 a5 19.Qf3 Ee5 20.Qd4 Ee6
21.Efe1 d1g5 22.Qd5 Exe1+ 23.Exe1 e6
24.Qc4 Qd7 25.f4 e5 26.fxg5 exd4 27.cxd4
b5 28.Qd5 Ea6 29.Ef1 Qe6 30.Qxc6 fxe6
31.Ee1 Qf7 32.Ee5 a4 33.d1d2 b4 34.Eb5 b3
35.d1xb3 axb3 36.axb3 Ea7 37.fh2 Qe7
38.h4 Qd6 39.Qe3 Qc6 40.Ec5+ Qd6 41.Qe4
Ee7 42.b4 Eb7 43.b5 Ea7 44.Ec6+ Qd7
45.Qe5 Ea5 46.Ed6+ Qc7 47.Qxe6 Exb5
48.Ed7+ Qb6 49.d5 Qc5 50.d6 Qd4 51.Exh7
Ee5+ 52.fh6 Qd5 53.Ee7 Ee5+ 54.fhxg6 1-0

Russell Metge – David Guthrie
NZ Junior, R5

Notes by IM Ortvin Sarapu

1.d4 d1f6 2.c4 g6 3.d2c3 Qg7 4.e4 d6 5.Qe2

More usual is the transposition, 5.d1f3 and 6.Qe2. The text move is played with the idea of preventing ...Qg4 and ...Qxf3 to weaken White's control of d4 and e5. I used it against GM E Torre in the Wellington GM tournament.

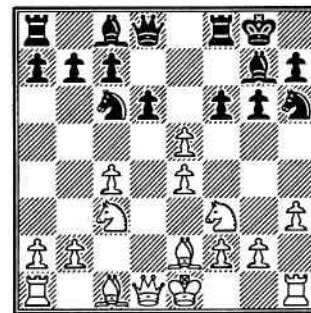
5...0-0 6.d1f3 e5

On 6...Qg4 I played d1d2, exchanging my bad Q on e2. The game ended in a draw.

7.Qe3 d1g4 8.Qg5 f6 9.Qc1 d2c6?!

The first inaccuracy. It gives White control of d5 and the importance of this will be seen later. Safer was 9...c6.

10.h3!? d1h6 11.dxe5!?



The critical moment of the game and the championship.

11...dxe5?

David probably regrets this move. Perhaps either d1xe5 or fxe5?! was better, but 11...fxe5 is followed by the unpleasant 12.Qg5 and if 12...Qe8 13.d1d5 Ee7? 14.Qd2 traps the d1 on h6! [11...fxe5 12.Qg5 Qe8 13.d1d5 Ee7? 14.Qd2; 11...fxe5 12.Qg5 Qd7 13.d1d5]

12.Qxd8 Exd8?!

12...d1xd8 is better, as on 13.d1d5 Ee7!?

holds. Now White wins material and the game.

13.d1d5 Ed7?

This loses a Q and the exchange. Even 13...Qf7 is better.

14.Qxh6 Qxh6 15.d1xf6+ Qf7 16.d1xd7 Qxd7 17.0-0

Now White's task is to convert material advantage to a win. Russell has no problems in doing that and the rest needs no comment.

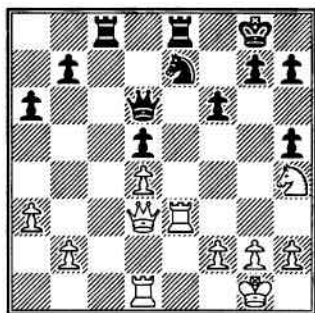
17...g5 18.Efd1 Qe6 19.a3 Eg8 20.c5 g4 21.hxg4 Eeg4 22.d1xe5+! d1xe5 23.Qxg4 dxg4 24.g3 d1e5 25.f4 d2c6 26.b4 Qf8 27.Qg2 a5 28.b5 d1a7 29.b6! cxb6 30.cxb6 d2c6 31.Eac1 Qc8 32.a4 Qe8 33.Ed5 Qd7 34.e5 h6 35.fh3 d1d8 36.Exa5 Qc6+ 37.Qe3 Qb4 38.Ea8 Qe7 39.a5 Qb5 40.Ec7+ Qe8 41.Ecc8 Qe7 42.a6! Qxa6 43.Exa6 bxa6 44.b7 Qc5+ 45.fh4 Qa7 46.fh5 a5 1-0

Guthrie, David – Holdaway, Stewart
NZ Junior, R6

1.d4 d5 2.c4 d2c6 3.cxd5 Qxd5 4.e3 e5 5.d2c3
Qb4 6.Qd2 Qxc3 7.bxc3 exd4 8.cxd4 d1f6
9.f3 0-0 10.Qd3 Ee8 11.d1e2 Qg5 12.0-0 d7
13.e4 Qf6 14.Qc3 Qd8 15.f4 d1b6 16.d5 d1e7
17.Ef3 d1exd5? 18.exd5 d1xd5 19.Qb2 d1f6
20.Eg3 Qf8 21.Qc2 h6 22.Ed1 Qe6 23.Qa3+
Qg8 24.Qh7+ 1-0

Donaldson, Alexander – Sheehan, Rosaleen
NZ Junior, R6

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e3 d1f6 4.Qxc4 c5
5.Qb5+ Qd7 6.Qxd7+ Qxd7 7.Qc2 cxd4
8.exd4 e6 9.d1f3 Qb4+ 10.d2c3 d2c6 11.0-0 0-0
12.Qe3 Eac8 13.a3 Qe7 14.Ed1 d1d5
15.d1xd5 exd5 16.Qd3 Qg4 17.Qb5 Qd7
18.Efe1 a6 19.Qd3 Efe8 20.Qg5 f6 21.Qf4
Qd6 22.Qxd6 Qxd6 23.d1h4 d1e7 24.Ee3



24...♟f4 25.g3 ♟g4 26.♞de1 ♟d7 27.♞e2 ♟f8
28.♟h5 h6 29.♞xe7! ♞xe7 30.♟g6+ ♟g8
31.♞xe7+ ♟h7 32.♟g6+ ♟h8 33.♞xc8 1-0

Jack, Cameron - Hartigan, Colm
NZ Junior, R7

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A comedy of errors. Perhaps both players will learn from my notes.

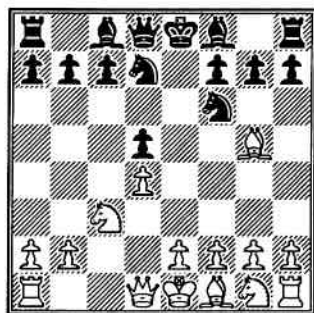
1.d4 d5 2.c4 ♟f6?!

A theoretical inaccuracy. White can now gain the upper hand in the centre. Better is either e6 or c6 to hold a ♖ on d5.

3.♟g5?!

White should play 3.cxd5! and on 3...♞xd5, 4.♟f3 followed by e4. But not 4.e4 as after 4...♟f6 5.♟c3 e5! destroys White's centre.

3...♞bd7 4.♟c3 e6 5.cxd5 exd5



6.♞xd5??

An old book trap. Black now wins a piece!

6...h6??

After 6...♞xd5! 7.♞xd8 ♞b4+ 8.♟d2 ♞xd2+ 9.♟xd2 ♟xd8 and White is a piece (♞) down.

7.♞xf6+ ♞xf6 8.♞h4??

White should defend against the threat of ♞b4+ by ♟d2, or ♟f4 or ♟e3.

8...♞b4+! 9.♟d2 ♞xd2+ 10.♟xd2 ♟xd4+ 11.♟e1 ♟xh4 12.g3 ♟b4+ 0-1

Rating of top New Zealand juniors

The rating lists which follow are unofficial. They are drawn from the July 1996 ratings in the NZCF database. Players who have played in rated tournaments in the past two years are included.

* provisional rating.

STANDARD RATING

Top 30 Juniors

1. David Guthrie OT 2031
2. Daniel Lam AC 2022
3. Russell Metge PT 1904
4. Thor Russell CA 1672
5. Benjamin J Giles NS 1652
6. Justin Phillips WE 1624
7. Winnie Ong HP 1566
8. Michael Nyberg WE 1555
9. Matthew McNabb CA 1538
10. Aaron Batchelor OT 1529
11. Alan Dunn PT 1505
12. Joyce Ong HP 1435
13. Daniel Goudie WT 1409
14. Rosaleen Sheehan HH 1369
15. Mark Le Brocq NS 1345
16. Alan Macfarlane WT 1311
17. Teresa Sheehan HH 1266
18. Will French SP 1237
19. David R Munroe NS 1230
20. Matthew Carter GA 1223
21. Craig Chilvers HP 1209
22. Bryan K Clark SP 1188
23. Martin Soh GA 1157
24. Richard Pocock GA 1152
25. Patrick Savage WE 1151
26. Michael Gibson SP 1149
27. Mark Chilvers HP 1126
28. Richard Pfister SP 1113
29. Shanta Sheehan HH 1105
30. Raymond Chew WE 1098

Top 20 under 16

1. Russell Metge PT 1904
2. Rosaleen Sheehan HH 1369
3. Mark Le Brocq NS 1345
4. Alan Macfarlane WT 1311
5. Teresa Sheehan HH 1266
6. Ismail Jadallah OT 1260
7. Will French SP 1237
8. David R Munroe NS 1230
9. Craig Chilvers HP 1209

10. Martin Soh GA 1157
11. Patrick Savage WE 1151
12. Mark Chilvers HP 1126
13. Richard Pfister SS 1113
14. Raymond Chew WE 1098
15. Igor Bjelobrk SP 1090
16. Colm Hartigan WT 1088
17. Paul Sweetsur GA 1078
18. Julian Wai HP 1043
19. Michael Munns WT 1024
20. Pascal Harris OT 1019

Top 8 Under 12

1. Patrick Savage WE 1151
2. Colm Hartigan WT 1088
3. Tamehana Rennie SP 938
4. Murphy L Ah-chee SP 822
5. Sean O'Connor WT 787
6. Samuel Sheehan HH 715
7. Elizabeth Morris NS 698
8. Chris Morris NS 669

Top 6 girls

1. Winnie Ong HP 1566
2. Joyce Ong HP 1435
3. Rosaleen Sheehan HH 1369
4. Teresa Sheehan HH 1266
5. Shanta Sheehan HH 1105
6. Stormie Neilson HA 1013

RAPID RATING

Top 30 Juniors

1. David Guthrie OT 1996
2. Russell Metge PT 1825
3. Daniel Lam AC 1797
4. Aaron Batchelor OT 1719
5. Thor Russell CA 1711*
6. Justin Phillips WE 1703
7. Benjamin J Giles NS 1677
8. Michael Nyberg WE 1663
9. Matthew McNabb CA 1558
10. Alan Dunn PT 1556
11. Matthew Carter GA 1481
12. Stewart Holdaway GA 1422
13. Joyce Ong HP 1379
14. David R Munroe NS 1378
15. Ismail Jadallah OT 1362
16. Maxwell Duncan AS 1343
17. Bryan K Clark SP 1338
18. Teresa Sheehan HH 1333
19. Raymond Chew WE 1329
20. Rosaleen Sheehan HH 1311
21. Andrea Richardson AS 1307*

Top 20 Under 16

1. Russell Metge PT 1825
2. David R Munroe NS 1378
3. Ismail Jadallah OT 1362
4. Maxwell Duncan AS 1343
5. Teresa Sheehan HH 1333
6. Raymond Chew WE 1329
7. Rosaleen Sheehan HH 1311
8. Andrea Richardson AS 1307*
9. Joseph Wong SS 1304
10. David Galletly OT 1242
11. Mark Le Brocq NS 1242
12. Patrick Savage WE 1212
13. Paul Hurring KP 1166
14. Pascal Harris OT 1162
15. Tamehana Rennie HA 1156
16. David JW Simpson NS 1153
17. Keith Bauer WE 1136
18. Samuel Sheehan HH 1131
19. Craig Chilvers HP 1127
20. Mark Chilvers HP 1120

Top 8 Under 12

1. Andrea Richardson AS 1307*
2. Patrick Savage WE 1212
3. Tamehana Rennie HA 1156
4. Samuel Sheehan HH 1131
5. Brian Kwang WE 1079
6. Elizabeth Morris NS 1078
7. Colin Chow WE 1003
8. Chris Morris NS 751

Top 10 girls

1. Joyce Ong HP 1379
2. Teresa Sheehan HH 1333
3. Rosaleen Sheehan HH 1311
4. Andrea Richardson AS 1307*
5. Amy Cater WT 1268
6. Winnie Ong HP 1262
7. Shanta Sheehan HH 1213
8. Elizabeth Morris NS 1078
9. Tracy Collen WE 645*
10. Frances Sinclair WE 627

24...♟f4 25.g3 ♟g4 26.♞de1 ♟d7 27.♞e2 ♟f8
28.♟h5 h6 29.♞xe7! ♞xe7 30.♟g6+ ♟g8
31.♞xe7+ ♟h7 32.♟g6+ ♟h8 33.♞xc8 1-0

Macfarlane, Alan - Sheehan, Teresa
NZ Junior, R6

1.e4 e5 2.♟f3 ♟f6 3.♞xe5 d6 4.♟c4 ♞xe4
5.d4 d5 6.♟e3 g6 7.♟d2 ♟g7 8.♞xe4 dxe4
9.c3 0-0 10.♟c4 ♞d7 11.0-0 ♟f6 12.f3 c6
13.fxe4 ♞xe4 14.♟f3 ♞d6 15.♞b3 ♟e7
16.♟d2 ♟e6 17.♞xe6 ♟xe6 18.♟g4 ♟c4
19.♟f4 f5 20.♟e3 ♞d2 21.♟h3 ♞xf1 22.♞xf1
♟e2 23.♞d2 ♟g4 24.♟e3 ♞ae8 25.♟f3 ♟xf3
26.♞xf3 ♞e2 27.♞b1 ♞fe8 28.♟f1 ♞e4
29.♟d2 h6 30.♟f2 g5 31.h3 g4 32.hxg4 fxg4
33.♟g1 ♞f8+ 34.♟g3 h5 35.♞e1 ♞xe1
36.♞xe1 ♞h6 37.♟e2 ♞e8 38.♟f2 h4 0-1

Sheehan, Rosaleen - Clark, Bryan
NZ Junior, R7

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.♟d3 ♞c6 5.c3
♟d6 6.♟e2 ♟f6 7.♟c2 ♟e6 8.h3 ♟d7 9.♟e3 h6
10.♟d2 ♟e7 11.0-0-0 ♟f5 12.♟xf5 ♟xf5
13.♟xf5 ♞xf5 14.♟f4 ♟xf4 15.♞xf4 0-0
16.g4 ♞h4 17.♞hg1 c6 18.g5 hxg5 19.♞xg5
g6 20.♞dg1 ♟h7 21.♟g2 ♞xg2 22.♞1xg2
♞ae8 23.♞e5 ♞xe5 24.dxe5 ♞d7 25.f4 ♞e8
26.♟ ♞e6? 27.♟g5+ ♟g7 28.♞xe6+ fxe6
29.h4 ♞c5 30.♟c2 ♟h6 31.b4 ♞e4 32.♟d3
♟h5 33.a4 a6 34.a5 ♟h6 35.♟d4 ♟h5 36.c4
♟h6 37.cxd5 cxd5 38.♞e2 1-0

Dunn, Alan - Guthrie, David
NZ Junior, R7

1.e4 c6 2.d3 d5 3.♟d2 e5 4.♞gf3 ♟d6 5.g3
♟f6 6.♟g2 0-0 7.0-0-0 ♞e8 8.♞e1 ♟g4 9.h3
♞h5 10.♞f1 ♞bd7 11.g4 ♟g6 12.♟g3 ♟f8
13.♞h2 h6 14.g5 hxg5 15.♟xg5 ♞e6 16.♞h4

1996 Invercargill QB tournament

by Robert Mackway-Jones

22 entrants lined up for the 7th Invercargill Queens Birthday Tournament. Strong support was received from Dunedin and there were two from Canterbury.

Top seed was Mark Sinclair who is temporarily living in Dunedin. The strength of the tournament was reflected by 5 players being rated 2000 and above. The B and C grades also had evenly matched fields. In the end the overall title was won easily enough by Mark Sinclair.

Tony Love (second seed by one rating point) lost to John Sutherland in round 3, but Sutherland lost to Sinclair in round 4. This meant Sinclair led by a full point going into the last round. He had to play Tony Love but a draw secured the title. Tony Dowden after two upset early round draws finished with three wins to gain a share of second with John Sutherland who had a long last-round win against David Guthrie.

The B Grade was won by Hamish Gold, who had some good results against higher rated opposition, and Invercargill player Peter Van Rossum also played well against higher rated opposition to win the C grade in only his second tournament.

Results: 1 Mark Sinclair PE 4½/5; 2= Tony Dowden GA and John Sutherland OT 4/5. B Grade: 1 Hamish Gold OT 3½/5; 2= M Schwass, A Nijman and T Duffield. C Grade: 1 Pete Van Rossum IN 2½/5; 2= D Wardell IN and A McGurk IN Upset prize Pete Van Rossum.

Junior chess reports

Howick-Pakuranga

The Howick-Pakuranga CC recently ran a one-day 5-round 30/30 swiss event for schoolpupils, sponsored by Spillers Hammer Hardware.. One of the club's junior members, Mark Chilvers, organised the event and Tony Booth was tournament director.

North Island Championships

Mark Sinclair and Ferenc Fabri shared top honours at the North Island Championship in Hamilton, and Sinclair won the North Island rapid. Brief results:

North Island Championship, 1= Mark Sinclair, Ferenc Fabri 6½; 3 Graeme Spain 6; 4= Matthew Barlow, Peter Hawkes 5½; Grade 1, 1= Dan Dolejs, Julius Bojtor, Brian Reeder, Don Stracy, 5; grade 2, 1 Helen Courtney 4½, 2 Peter Voss 4. Upset prize; Dan Dolejs, win v Peter Hawkes.

North Island Rapid, 1 Mark Sinclair 5½; 2= Ferenc Fabri, Paul Garbett, Leonard McLaren 4½. Grade 1, 1 Martin Post 4; Grade 2, 1= Helen Courtney, Rodger Neal, Adam Tumai, 3.

- Details of the two events had not reached NZCF as this issue of *NZ Chess* went to press, so the full report on the tournaments is held over.

Although the tournament attracted only 13 entries, it showed initiative by one of the club's younger members and the club is confident it will be more popular next year. Prizes totalled \$150, with a \$5 entry fee.

Results: 1 Neil van der Walt 4/5; 2= Paul Godfrey, Terius van der Walt, Mark Chilvers 3½; primary/intermediate section, 1= Colm Hartigan and Lamar Ah-chess; 3= J Young, B Mallison, J Lin.

Taranaki

New Plymouth CC ran the annual Taranaki junior and age group championships at Devon Intermediate School. There were 27 players, compared with 23 last year.

Results (all from New Plymouth unless otherwise stated): Taranaki Junior Championship, 1 Sandy Donaldson (Hawera) 5/5; 2 Jamie Sanson 3. Under 16, 1 Richard Pfister 4/5; 2= Martin Soh, Keung Young, Ian Lewis, Kimmy Liu, Roger Joe 3. Under 12: 1 Nicholas Landrigan 6/6, 2 Jeff Quinlan 5, 3 Phillip Quinlan 3½.

New Zealand news

Waitemata

Results of recent Waitemata CC tourneys: Half-hour tournament, 1 R Smith 6/6, 2= V Smith, R Bennett, B Tidey 4½; 90/90 tournament, 1 R Smith 5/5, 2 A Macfarlane 4; 5-minutes championship, 1 R Smith 10/10; 2 J Kerry 6; Round robin A, 1 R Smith 5/5. 2= L Kerrigan, B Tidey 3; Round robin B, 1= R Calder, M Gilmour 3½/5; Swiss C, 1 A Macfarlane 5/5, 2 P Godfrey 4.

Civic

29 players took part in Civic CC's annual round robin series. A Ker edged out R Dive by half a point to win group 1 with 4½/5. A Winfield and A Aldridge shared 1= in a close group 2, with 2½/4. T Frost took group 3 with a round to spare, with 4½/5. In group 4 E Sarfas continued his winning form with 4/5 to pip B Southgate 3½. New member Simon Hall was undefeated to win group 5 with 4½/5 from J Gilmartin 4.

The club's blitz championship was played over 13 rounds, with A Ker, S Lukey and P Dunn neck and neck throughout. The final round saw Stephen Lukey playing Bill Ramsay and Anthony Ker playing Paul Dunn!! Not intimidated, Paul seized his moment of fame, beat Anthony and took a share of the title with Stephen, on 12/13.

Wellington's Claptrap Cup

Wellington 16 fielded a team of 16 to defend the Claptrap Cup they won earlier from Civic. Wellington visited Civic for the match, and the home team was selected to

balance the visitors in rating. Wellington retained the trophy with a 9½-6½ win, with A Ker CI and J D Sarfati WE drawing on board 1, and Shannika Rupasinghe WE winning from Paul Dunn on board 2.

Otago

Matthew Vincent and Terry Duffield shared top honours in Otago's Westpace Winter rapid tournament, drawing their own game in the final round to finish 1= on 4½/6. Jacob Feenstra scored 4/4 in the opening rounds, but lost to Vincent in round 5 and to Hamish Gold in the last round. This allowed Gold to join Feenstra on 4 points and share 3= with Julian Thimm, who won his first two games and then his last two. There was a field of 14 players.

Round 1 of Otago CC's 60/60 "minis" attracted 29 entries, but a number of games were not played, particularly in the C grade. However, clear winners were found in all grades. In the A grade Tony Love scored 6½/8 (three draws) to finish well clear of 2 David Guthrie 5; 3= Graham Haase and Mike Schwass 4½; 5= Dallin Heperi and Jacob Feenstra 4. In the B grade Trevor Rowell completed all his games to score 6½/10 and finish a point clear of the field. Other scores: 2= Ismail Jadallah and Terry Duffield 5½; 4 David Reid 4½; 5 John Zoomeran 4; 6 Chris Bannister 3½. Anthony Ritchie scored 3/5 to lead the C grade, ahead of Nick Glunn and Tudor Griffiths, each 2.

Mid-year rating, top women and girls

Standard, top 14

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| 1. Vivian Smith | WT 1707 | 10. Gwen M Jones | NS 1159 | 4. Teresa Sheehan | HH 1333 |
| 2. Winnie Ong | HP 1566 | 11. Glenys Mills | KP 1157 | 5. Edith Otene | AC 1331 |
| 3. Joyce Ong | HP 1435 | 12. Jenny Blacklock | NS 1118 | 6. Gwen M Jones | NS 1312 |
| 4. Rosaleen Sheehan | HH 1369 | 13. Shanta Sheehan | HH 1105 | 7. Rosaleen Sheehan | HH 1311 |
| 5. Lynn Parlane | GA 1315 | 14. Stormie Neilson | HA 1013 | 8. Andrea Richardson | AS 1307* |
| 6. Zoe Kingston | KP 1289 | | | 9. Glenys Mills | KP 1276 |
| 7. Edith Otene | AC 1281 | | | 10. Amy Cater | WT 1268 |
| 8. Teresa Sheehan | HH 1266 | | | 11. Winnie Ong | HP 1262 |
| 9. Helen Courtney | GA 1249 | | | 12. Zoe Kingston | KP 1251 |
| | | | | 13. Shanta Sheehan | HH 1213* |

Rapid, top 13

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| 1. Vivian Smith | WT 1691 |
| 2. Helen Courtney | GA 1415 |
| 3. Joyce Ong | HP 1379 |



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1996 Australian Masters

By Bob Smith

A phone call from Australia out of the blue a few weeks before this event gave me the rare opportunity to compete in an international tournament. I jumped at the chance, as a useful warm-up for the Olympiad. Fellow kiwi Michael Freeman also made the trip to Melbourne after a late call-up.

Until almost the last minute the field continued to change, but in the end the top seeds were GM Darryl Johansen AUS (2510) and Ims Nguyen Anh Dung VIE (2480) and Steven Solomon AUS (2395). The rest of the 12-player field was made up of a few FIDE Masters, us two kiwis, and several promising Australian juniors.

I was billeted with chief arbiter and Australian junior champion David Cordover, while Michael stayed with his assistant Gary Bekker. We were made very welcome, and a I can't really fault Victorian hospitality.

However, one aspect of the organisation that I definitely could fault was the venue. We played an international tournament in the lobby of a bank! This meant, from my point of view, an unacceptable amount of noise during play.

Disturbances included:

- workers and customers coming in and out all the time, talking loudly, with their feet clattering loudly on the floor;
- security guards talking to staff, couriers and on mobile phones;
- lifts going up and down constantly, with loud "binging" noises;
- pedestrians tapping on the windows of the playing area as they went past;
- talking, laughing and loud blitz from the "analysis room", which was a few sets behind a screen near the playing area.

I can confidently say these were the worst playing conditions I have experienced and if I had known about them I would have stayed at home. But as I was already there I steeled

myself to play as best I could, without complaining.

Round by round

Round 1 proved to be a portent of what the tournament would be like for me: a series of missed opportunities. I played IM Dung with black and reached a winning position. He was forced to give up the exchange, but I chose not to take the material, deciding instead to win a clear pawn. Unfortunately, I missed a trick and was eventually ground down. Michael had white against GM Johansen and lost quickly.

In round 2 I bounced back with a not-too-convincing win over FM Eddie Levi, while Michael got into time trouble against the tricky Mark Chapman (2360) and went down in the complications.

Round 3 was another missed opportunity; I won a pawn against Ry Curtis but pushed it too soon, allowing counterplay. I accepted the third draw offer before my position deteriorated much further. Michael got off the mark with a draw against England's Ian Snape, despite having 5 minutes for his last 20 moves.

In round 4 I faced one of Australia's most promising juniors, Simon Rutherford (2300). He got the better opening and missed a win, after which I doggedly held the Q and P ending. Michael lost to another junior, Edward Khoze.

At this stage things weren't going too badly, although I could have had another point and a half from the positions achieved. But there was much worse to come. Round 5 saw me paired with IM Solomon. He gained the advantage, but the game was adjourned after 40 moves in a drawn position. However, there were still some tricks and normally I would have spent several hours that night checking them out. But the Australian players had invited us out to dinner, followed by a visit to a local

snooker/chess haunt. It was supposed to be an early night but, relying on other people for transport, I got in around 2am, with the game resuming at 10am. To top it off my host, who was the chief arbiter, overslept and got me to the venue 10 minutes late. Solomon started my clock in the absence of any officials. Unsettled and not properly prepared, I soon went wrong and threw away a valuable half-point. Moral: don't break your normal rules during an important tournament. Michael was winning against Rutherford, but got mated in time trouble.

Round 6 was played on the same day as my unfortunate adjournment, and featured one of my worst games. Demoralised and lacking sleep, I played without energy against GM Johansen, going down quickly without a fight. The plane home was starting to look attractive at this point! Michael was winning against top junior Max Leskiewicz, but let him escape with a draw in his usual time trouble.

Round 7, and another missed chance. After a bad opening I rallied against Chapman, but missed a winning move in time trouble and got mated. Michael was gradually outplayed by IM Dung, who was leading after his round 1 escape against me.

Round 8 and another terrible game by me. By this time I was trying earplugs to combat the noise, but they made me feel like I was under water! I used a lot of time to reach a lost position against Snape and was unable to escape. Michael's loss to Levi was almost as horrible.

When you are in a trough, for whatever reason, you have two choices - give up, or fight your way out of it. At this point I decided it was time to play some chess and, throwing away the earplugs, steeled myself to face another dangerous junior, Russian emigre Edward Khoze. My "anti-theory" opening led to an inferior position, but I calmly sacrificed the exchange for a pawn, pushed my passed pawn, and improved my pieces. He resigned on move 64. Michael

had a quick draw with Curtis, both players being dispirited.

Round 10 featured the great kiwi clash, with Michael having white. A benko gambit led to a very complex position. Helped by Michael's time trouble, I managed to get a advantage and follow through for a win in probably my best game of the tournament.

Time trouble

So with one round to go, I was hoping for a hat trick and some respectability. The likely winner of the tournament was Dung, who had 8½/10, with Johansen half a point behind. My last game was against Leskiewicz, who had a respectable 6/10.

Unlike the other rounds, the final round was scheduled for 1pm, instead of 3pm. This had been announced at least four times during the tournament, including the previous round. I duly arrived at 1pm, but my opponent did not. The arbiters eventually contacted him, but he arrived over an hour late, and the game was awarded to me. Another player, Chapman, also forgot the different round time and lost by default to Snape. However, my opponent appealed against the loss and the all-Australian disputes committee (incredibly!) ruled that the game should be played.

I was most unhappy, having keyed myself up to play at the correct time and having had the game awarded to me. But the disputes committee pointed out a clause in the Laws of Chess which suggested that all players had to be personally advised of a change in round times. What they didn't point out (I later found out some - if not all - of them were not aware of it) was that this rule applied only to higher category tournaments, not the Australian Masters! Faced with this rule and the prospect of a default, I agreed to play the game 2½ hours after the scheduled round, without waiving my rights of appeal. Needless to say, I played poorly, making a mistake on move 87, and eventually lost. This episode left a very sour taste in my mouth and capped off a tournament I would

rather forget. I am appealing the disputes committee decision [NZCF has taken up the matter - Editor].

Michael's tournament also finished sadly with a loss to IM Solomon.

As anticipated the event was won by IM Dung on 9½/11, followed by GM Johansen on 9, with IM Solomon on 7½. Provisional fourth place-getter was Leskiewicz with 7, although my appeal may change that. Then came Rutherford 6½, Snape 5½, Levi 5, Chapman and Smith 4, Khoze 3½, Curtis 3 and Freeman 1½.

Learning experience

For me the tournament was clearly a learning experience (you're never too old!). One key lesson was to find out the tournament conditions before accepting an invitation.

Another was not to vary my normal tournament routine regardless of appearing a "party-poopier."

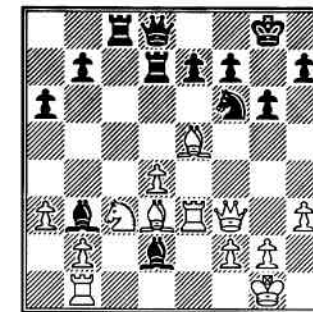
And a third was: when you get the chance to beat an IM take it! They don't come along that often.

Despite my disappointing result the tournament proved to me that IM norms are attainable for our leading players. All that is needed are enough opportunities. In Melbourne I could have scored many more points from the positions reached, and could have had a norm in my sights. Why I didn't I'm not sure; I can only hope that the poor playing conditions were the cause. I hope to do better at the Armenia Olympiad.

Dung,Nguyen - Smith,R
R2

Notes by Bob Smith

1.e4 c6 2.c4 d5 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.exd5 dxf6 5.♘b5+ ♖bd7 6.♗c3 g6 7.♗ge2 ♗g7 8.0-0 0-0 9.d4 ♖b6 10.♗f4 a6 11.♗d3 ♖bxd5 12.♗e5 ♗e6 13.♗e1 ♗c8 14.♗d2 ♗xc3 15.♗xc3 ♗a5 16.a3 ♗b3 17.♗e2 ♗fd8 18.h3 ♗d7 19.♗ac1 ♗d8 20.♗f3 ♗h6 21.♗b1 ♗d2 22.♗e3



22...♗xc3??

22...♗xc3+-

23.bxc3 ♗d5 24.♗f4 ♗xc3 25.♗xa6 ♗xe3 26.♗xe3 ♗c6 27.♗b5 ♗xb5 28.♗xb5 ♗d5 29.♗b3 b6 30.a4 e6 31.a5 ♗b7 32.♗c4 ♗d7 33.a6 ♗a7 34.♗b1 ♗e8 35.♗c1 f6 36.♗d6 ♗f7 37.♗a1 ♗g8 38.h4 ♗f7 39.h5 gxf5?!

Time trouble

40.♗e1 ♗a8 41.♗e2 ♗c8 42.♗xh5+ ♗g8 43.♗g4+ ♗f7 44.♗h3 ♗g6 45.♗g4+ ♗f7 46.♗h3 ♗g6 47.♗h2 h5 48.♗xe6 ♗xa6 49.♗e8 ♗g7 50.g4 ♗h7 51.gxf5+ ♗xh5 52.♗g8+ ♗h7 53.♗xh5+ ♗xg8 54.♗xd5+ 1-0

Smith,R - Levi,E
R2

Notes by Bob Smith

1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.♗b5 f5 4.♗c3 fxe4 5.♗xe4 d5 6.♗xe5 dxe4 7.♗xc6 ♗g5 8.♗e2 ♗f6 9.f4 ♗xf4 10.♗e5+ c6 11.d4 ♗h4+ 12.g3 ♗h3 13.♗c4 ♗e6 14.♗g5 ♗d6 15.0-0 0-0 16.♗f1 ♗hf8 17.♗xh3 ♗xh3 18.♗f7 ♗d7 19.♗xd6+ ♗xd6 20.♗he1 b5 21.♗b3 ♗g4 22.♗d2 ♗d5 23.♗xd5 ♗xd5 24.♗f4 g5 25.♗e5 ♗d7

25...e3!? 26.♗d3 e2 27.h3!? ♗f1 28.♗d2= 26.b3 ♗f3 27.c4 ♗e8 28.cxb5 cxb5 29.♗c2+ ♗b7 30.♗c5 ♗c8 31.♗xc8 ♗xc8 32.♗d2 ♗b7 33.♗c1 ♗h5 34.♗e3 ♗g6

Most onlookers had given it up as a draw at this point. But play continued.

35.♗f1 ♗d8 36.♗f6 ♗c8 37.d5 ♗c5 38.♗d6 ♗c8 39.g4 b4 40.♗c6+ ♗xc6 41.dxc6 a5 42.♗g3! h5?! 43.gxf5 ♗xh5 44.♗d4!

The black ♗d4 helps to obstruct his own ♗. 44.♗xe4? ♗g6+ draws.

44...♙f3 45.♙c5 e3 46.♙b5± e2 47.♙xa5
 ♙xc6 48.♙xb4 ♙b7 49.a4 ♙a6 50.♙a3 ♙d5
 51.b4 ♙e6 52.b5+ ♙b7 53.♙b4 ♙f5 54.a5
 ♙d3 55.a6+ ♙a8 56.♙a5 g4 57.b6 e1♙+
 58.♙xc1 g3 59.b7+1-0

Freeman, M – Rutherford, S
 R5

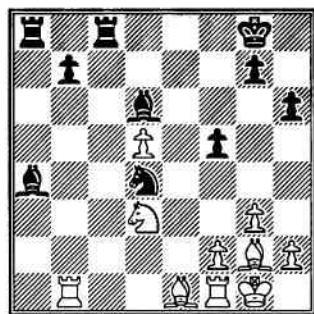
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 6.♙e3 ♗c6 7.♗ge2 a6 8.♙d2 ♖b8 9.h4 h5
 10.♗c1 e5 11.d5 ♗d4 12.♗b3 c5 13.dxc6
 bxc6 14.♗xd4 exd4 15.♙xd4 ♙e8 16.♙e2 d5
 17.cxd5 exd5 18.e5 ♗d7 19.f4 ♙h6 20.♙e3
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 24.♙f3 ♖b4 25.♗xd5 ♖xd4 26.♖xd4 ♙c5
 27.♖fd1 ♗g7 28.♙h1 ♖d8 29.♙xg4 ♙xg4
 30.♖d2 ♙c1+ 31.♙h2 ♖b8 32.♗c3 ♖c8
 33.♗e4 ♙f1 34.♖f2 ♙a1 35.♙e3 ♖c1 36.e6
 ♖h1+ 37.♗g3 ♙g1 38.♖f3 ♖h3# 0-1

Freeman, M – Leskiewicz, M
 R6

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4 ♗f6
 5.♗c3 a6 6.♙e2 e5 7.♗f3 ♙e7 8.♙g5 ♗bd7
 9.a4 0-0 10.0-0 ♗c5 11.♗d2 ♙e6 12.♙xf6
 ♙xf6 13.♗c4 ♙e7 14.a5 ♖c8 15.♗b6 ♖c6
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 ♙c8 20.♖e2 ♖c4 21.♗e3 ♖d4 22.♙e1 g6
 23.♗cd5 f5 24.c3 fxe4 25.cxd4 exf3 26.♖c2
 ♙d8 27.♗c7 exd4 28.♗xe8 dxe3 29.♗xd6 ♗e5
 30.♗xb7 fxg2 31.♗xd8 ♗f3+ 32.♙xg2 ♗xe1+
 33.♙f1 ♗xc2 34.♗xe6 ♗xa3 35.♗xg5 ♗c4
 36.fxe3 ♗xb2 37.♗e6 ♗c4 38.♙e2 ♗xa5
 39.♗c5 ♙f7 40.♗xa6 ♙f6 41.♙f3 ♗c6 42.♗c5
 ♗e5+ 43.♙g3 ½-½

Smith, R – Khoze, E
 R9

1.♗f3 d5 2.g3 ♗f6 3.♙g2 c5 4.0-0 ♗c6 5.c4
 d4 6.d3 e5 7.♗a3 h6 8.♗c2 ♙d6 9.a3 a5
 10.b3 0-0 11.♖b1 ♗d7 12.♙d2 f5 13.♗fe1
 ♙e7 14.b4 axb4 15.axb4 cxb4 16.e3 dxe3
 17.♗xe3 ♗f6 18.♗c2 ♖d8 19.♗d5 ♗xd5
 20.cxd5 ♗d4 21.♗xb4 ♙d7 22.♙c3 ♙a4
 23.♙d2 ♗b3 24.♙e1 ♖dc8 25.♗a2 ♗c5
 26.♙d2 e4 27.♗c1 exd3 28.♗xd3 ♗b3 29.♙e1
 ♙xe1 30.♙xe1 ♗d4



31.♖xb7 ♙b5 32.♖xb5 ♗xb5 33.♙b4 ♖a4
 34.♙xd6 ♗xd6 35.h4 ♖d4 36.♗f4 ♗e4 37.h5
 ♙f7 38.♖a1 ♖d2 39.♖a7+ ♙f6 40.♖a6+ ♙e5
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 61.♗xg8 ♙f5 62.♗e7+ ♙f6 63.h6 ♙f7 64.♙g5
 1-0

Freeman, M – Smith, R
 R10

1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.f3
 axb5 6.e4 ♙a5+ 7.♙d2 b4 8.♗a3 d6 9.♗c4
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 13.♙xa1 d5 14.exd5 ♗xd5 15.♙a5 cxb4
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 ♗d7 30.♖e1 ♗c5 31.♙c2 ♖xe1 32.♙xe1 ♙xc2
 33.♗xc2 ♗d3+ 34.♙d2 ♗xf4 35.g3 ♗xh3
 36.♗xb4 ♗g5 37.♙e3 ♗e6 38.♗d3 f5 39.b4 g5
 40.♙f3 ♙d5 41.♙e3 ♗d4 42.♙f2 ♗c6 43.b5
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 60.♗d7 ♗e8 61.♙f5 ♙g7 62.♗c5 ♙f7 63.♗d7
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 67.♙h5 ♙g7 68.♗d6 ♗f4+ 69.♙g4 ♙g6 70.♙f3
 ♗d5 71.♙e4 ♗f6+ 72.♙f3 h5 73.♗c4 h4
 74.♗e3 ♙h5 75.♗f5 g4+ 76.♙f4 ♗d5+ 77.♙e4
 ♙g5 78.♗d4 ♗f4 79.♙e3 h3 0-1

Karpov retains FIDE world title

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| Karpov, Anatoly | 2792 | 1 | 0 | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | 1 | ½ | 1 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | 10½ |
| Kamsky, Gata | 2713 | 0 | 1 | ½ | 0 | ½ | 0 | 0 | ½ | 0 | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | 7½ |

Anatoly Karpov retained his FIDE world title with apparent ease in the match with Gata Kamsky in Elista, in the Malmykia Republic. The match, with the winner to first to reach 10½ or 11 points, was virtually decided when Kamsky lost games 4 and 6 with White, and made what commentators describe as a dreadful choice of opening in game 7, when Karpov took a 3-point lead.

Karpov said all games were hard-fought, running to 6 to 8 hours or more, and when the situation became hopeless for Kamsky Karpov says he started to play not very well.

The match did not produce much in the way of opening innovations. *NZ Chess* presents all the games (the later games in the series in the next issue), with notes by FM Jonathan Sarfati.

Karpov, A – Kamsky, G
 Game 1

Notes by FM J D Sarfati

1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 g6 3.♗c3 d5 4.♗f3 ♙g7 5.♙b3
 dxc4

Black exchanges his centre pawns to attack the enemy ♖ centre with pieces later.

6.♙xc4 0-0 7.e4 ♗c6

A rare line, which aims for e5 rather than c5.

8.♙e2 ♙g4 9.♙e3 ♙xf3 10.♙xf3 e5 11.d5 ♗d4
 12.♙d1 b5

Deflects the guard of the ♖e4, but isolates the ♙-side ♖s.

13.♗xb5 ♗xe4 14.0-0 a6 15.♗c3 ♗d6 16.♙d3
 ♙h4 17.g3 ♙h3 18.♙xd4 exd4 19.♗e2 ♙f5
 20.♗f4 ♖fb8 21.♙xf5 ♗xf5

White's sounder ♖ structure gives him the edge in the endgame. White's ♗ will occupy a good defensive square on d3.

22.♗d3 ♙h6 23.♖e1 a5 24.♙g4 ♗d6 25.♖e2
 a4 26.a3 ♖a5 27.♖c2 ♖xd5 28.♖xc7 ♖a5
 29.♙f3 ♙g5 30.♖d1 ♖c8 31.♖xc8+ ♗xc8
 32.h4 ♙f6 33.♖c1 ♗d6 34.♙f1 ♙e7 35.♙e2♙f8
 36.♖c7 ♙f6 37.♙d2 h5 38.♙e2 ♗f5? 39.♖c4

Now the ♖a4 is doomed.

39...♗d6 40.♖b4 ♖a6

Else ♙c6.

41.♗c5 ♖a7 42.♙d3

A good Karpovian safety move before taking the ♖.

42...♖c7 43.♗xa4 ♖c1 44.♗b6 ♙g7 45.a4 ♖a1
 46.♗d7+ ♙e8 47.♗c5 ♙e7 48.♙c2 ♖f1 49.♗d3
 ♖a1 50.♙b3 f5 51.♖b6 ♙h6 52.♙d5 g5
 53.♖a6 gxf4 54.gxf4 ♖d1 55.♙c4 ♖h1 56.a5
 ♖xh4

Adjourned but Kamsky resigned without resuming. 57.♙d5 will escort the a-♖ to the queening square. 1-0

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 Game 2

Notes by FM J D Sarfati

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 ♗f6 5.♗c3
 e6 6.♗f3 ♙b4

The ♙ is better placed on e7, but White's ♙ also becomes misplaced on d2.

7.cxd5 ♗xd5 8.♙d2 ♗c6 9.♙d3 ♙e7 10.0-0
 0-0 11.♙e2 ♗f6 12.♗e4 ♙d7 13.♖ad1 ♖c8
 14.♖fe1 ♗d5

14...♙b6 followed by ♖fd8 and ♙e8 as Steinitz, the first official World Champion, used to play.

15.♗c3 ♗f6 16.a3 ♙c7 17.♙g5 ♙a5?

Too much planless play with the ♙, which neglects the isolated queen's pawn.

18.d5! exd5 19.♙xf6 ♙xf6 20.♙xh7+! ♙xh7
 21.♖xd5 ♙xc3

21...♙c7 22.♙d3+ ♙g8 23.♖xd7+.

22.♖xa5 ♙xa5 23.b4 ♙g8

23...♙b6 24.♙d3+.

24.bxa5 ♙g4 25.a6! bxa6 26.♙e4 ♙xf3
 27.♙xf3 ♖fe8 28.♖a1 ♖e6 29.h3 ♖d8 30.♙c3
 ♖dd6 31.♖b1 ♖d7 32.♙c4 a5 33.♖b5 ♖d1+
 34.♙h2 ♖d2 35.♖f5 ♖d4 36.♙c3 ♖dd6
 37.♖c5 ♖f6 38.♖c4 ♖fe6 39.♖c5 ♖f6 40.♙e3

♠f6 41.♠g3 ♠g6 42.♠b3 ♠gf6 43.♠b7 ♠fe6
44.♠c7 ♠f6 45.f4 g6

White's mobile ♠ was too strong for Black's ♠+♠, and Black is also handicapped by his weak ♠-side.

46.f5! gxf5 47.♠xf5 ♠de6 48.♠h5 ♠h6
49.♠g3+ ♠f8 50.♠d5 ♠hg6 51.♠f2 ♠gf6
52.♠b2 ♠e7 53.♠h5 ♠h6 54.♠b5 ♠hf6
55.♠c3 ♠f8 56.♠h5 ♠h6 57.♠f5 ♠hg6 58.♠f3
♠g7 59.♠f4 ♠g8 60.♠c7 ♠f8 61.♠c8+ ♠e7
62.♠d5 ♠f6 63.♠h8 ♠e4 64.♠h5 ♠e7 65.♠h7
1-0

Karpov, A - Kamsky, G
Game 3

Notes by FM J D Sarfati

1.d4 ♠f6 2.c4 e6

A change from the Gruenfeld, which Karpov has a good score against (e.g. game 1).

3.♠f3 b6 4.g3 ♠a6 5.b3 ♠b4+ 6.♠d2 ♠e7
7.♠g2 c6 8.♠c3 d5 9.♠e5 ♠fd7 10.♠xd7
♠xd7 11.♠d2 0-0 12.0-0 ♠b8 13.♠e1 b5
14.c5-e5! 15.dxe5 ♠xc5 16.a3 ♠e6 17.b4 d4
18.♠b2 c5 19.bxc5 ♠xc5 20.♠e4 ♠e7 21.e3
dxe3 22.♠xe3 ♠xd1+ 23.♠xd1 ♠b7 24.♠d7
♠xe4 25.♠xe7 ♠xg2 26.♠xg2 a5 27.♠a7 ♠a8
28.♠xa8 ♠xa8 29.♠b3 ♠b8 30.♠c3 a4
31.♠b1 ♠c8 32.♠a5 ♠c5 33.f4 f6 34.exf6
gxf6 35.♠d1 ♠f7 36.♠d7+ ♠g6 37.♠f3 ♠c4
38.♠e3 ♠c5 39.♠d5 ♠f7 40.♠b6 ♠c3+ 41.♠d4
♠c4+ 42.♠e3 ♠c3+ 43.♠e2 ♠e4 44.♠xb5
♠xa3 45.♠a5 ♠g6 46.♠d4 h5 47.♠e3 f5
48.♠a6+ ♠f7 49.♠a5 ♠g6 ½-½

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Game 4

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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 ♠f6 5.♠c3
e6 6.♠f3 ♠b4 7.cxd5 ♠xd5 8.♠d2 ♠c6 9.♠d3
0-0 10.0-0 ♠e7 11.♠e2 ♠f6 12.♠e4 ♠b6

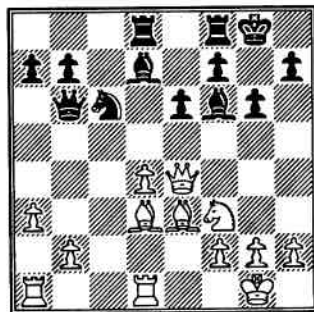
Black improves on his play in the 2nd game.

13.a3 ♠d7

13...♠xb2?? 14.♠fb1+-

14.♠fd1 ♠ad8 15.♠xf6+ ♠xf6 16.♠e4 g6
17.♠e3

The second section of the report on the Karpov-Kamsky match will appear in the next issue.



17...♠e7!

This prepares to blockade the isolated pawn, something he failed to do in Game 2.

8.♠e5 ♠f5 19.♠c4 ♠a6 20.a4 ♠c6 21.♠f4
♠d5+

Black blockades the IQP this time, and stands a bit better.

22.♠e5 ♠b6 23.♠xf5

Doubles Black's ♠s and makes his IQP a passed ♠, but it severely weakens his light squares.

23...exf5 24.♠d2 ♠g7 25.h4 ♠fe8 26.♠g3 ♠c8
27.♠d7 ♠c6 28.♠c5 b6 29.♠d3 ♠d7 30.a5
♠e4 31.♠f4 b5 32.♠dd1 ♠c4

Black makes good use of the weakened White squares.

33.♠ac1 h6 34.♠c3 b4 35.♠c2 ♠c6 36.♠dc1
♠b5 37.♠h2 ♠h7 38.♠xc6 ♠xc6 39.♠c4 ♠f8
40.♠d3 ♠e6 41.d5? ♠xd5 42.♠xe4 ♠xe4
43.♠xa7 ♠d6 44.♠f4

44.f4 ♠xd3 45.♠xd3 ♠xf4+ 46.♠g1 (46.♠h3
♠e1) 46...♠e1+ 47.♠f1 ♠h2+.

44...♠e5 45.♠h3

45.♠e3 g5 46.♠h5 f4+.

45...♠e7 0-1

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Game 5

Notes by FM J D Sarfati

1.d4 ♠f6 2.c4 g6 3.♠c3 d5 4.♠f3 ♠g7 5.♠b3
dxc4 6.♠xc4 0-0 7.e4 a6

Probably a more promising line than ♠c6 of Game 1. It prepares ♠-side counterplay.

8.e5 b5 9.♠b3 ♠fd7 10.e6 fxe6 11.♠xe6+
♠h8 12.♠e4 ♠b6 13.♠h4

With so few pieces developed, this attack has little chance of succeeding.

13...♠c6 14.♠d3 ♠xf3!

The correct response to a wing attack is a central counterattack.

15.gxf3 ♠xd4 16.♠e4 ♠f5! 17.♠e3

17.♠xa8 ♠xa8 with numerous threats including ♠c2+, ♠xf3+ and ♠xf3.

17...c5 18. ♠xd4 cxd4 19.♠d1 ♠c8 20.♠g1

The position has some dangers for both sides, so the players elect to repeat the position.

20...♠f6 21.♠h6 ♠g7 22.♠h4 ♠f6 23.♠h6 ♠g7
½-½

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Game 6

Notes by FM J D Sarfati

1.e4 e5 2.♠f3 ♠f6 3.d4 ♠xe4 4.♠d3 d5
5.♠xe5 ♠d7 6.♠xd7

6.♠xf7 ♠xf7 7.♠h5+ ♠e7 8.♠e2 ♠f7 is a well-known drawing line. But this is unacceptable for White at this level.

6...♠xd7 7.0-0 ♠d6 8.♠c3

White wants to exchange Black's centrally posted ♠, but this doubles White's c-♠s. It has the advantage of preventing Black from castling.

8...♠h4 9.g3 ♠xc3 10.bxc3 ♠g4 11.♠e1+ ♠d8

Now Black will have problems getting his ♠ into play.

12.♠e2 ♠f5 13.♠b1 b6 14.c4

14.♠f3 to control the weak White squares on the ♠-side.

14...dxc4 15.♠xc4 ♠e8 16.♠e3 ♠c6 17.d5
♠d7 18.♠f1 h6 19.c4 ♠e7 20.♠d3

20.♠g2±.

20...♠f6 21.♠g2 ♠e8

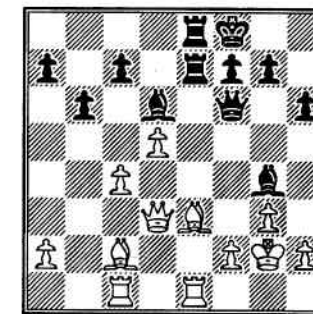
22.♠c2

White probably wants to exchange his bad ♠, but Black prevents this by attacking White's weak ♠-side ♠s.

22...♠c3 23.♠b3 ♠f8

Black's ♠ manoeuvres are most instructive. But they were permitted by White's time-wasting with the ♠.

24.♠c1 ♠f6 25.♠c2 ♠ae8 26.♠d3 ♠g4



Now White misses his light-squared ♠ around the ♠-side.

27.♠d2? ♠e2!-+ 28.♠xe2 ♠xe2 29.♠f1 ♠xd2!

29...♠xd2 30.♠xd2 ♠f3+ 31.♠g1 ♠h3
32.♠e4 ♠xe4 33.f3 ♠xc4+.

0-1

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Game 7

Notes by FM J D Sarfati

1.d4 ♠f6 2.c4 g6 3.♠c3 ♠g7 4.e4 d6 5.♠f3
0-0 6.♠e2 e5 7.0-0 ♠c6 8.d5 ♠e7 9.b4 ♠h5
10.♠e1

10.g3 f5 11.♠g5 ♠f6 12.f3 h6 13.♠e6.

10...h6 11.♠d2 ♠f4 12.♠f1 a5?!

Opens lines on the side his opponent is attacking, so looks wrong on principle.

13.bxa5 ♠xa5 14.♠b3 ♠a8 15.c5 f5 16.cxd6
cxd6 17.♠d2 g5 18.♠b1 g4 19.♠b3 fxe4
20.♠dxe4

This is a strong square for the ♠. It cannot be driven away by a ♠, and from its centralised location it both defends the ♠-side and attacks the ♠d6.

20...♠h8 21.♠e3 ♠f5 22.♠b6 ♠e7 23.♠b4 ♠f7
24.a4 ♠f8 25.♠e3 ♠h5 26.♠bc1 ♠f6 27.♠b6
h5 28.♠xf6 ♠xf6 29.♠e4 ♠g6 30.a5 ♠g7
31.♠b5 ♠f5 32.♠g3 ♠c8 33.♠c3 h4 34.♠d3
♠f5? 35.♠xf5?

35.♠xc8 ♠xc8 (35...hxg3 36.♠xa8 gxf2+
37.♠xf2+-) 36.♠xf5 ♠xf5? 37.♠e4+-.

35...♠xf5 36.♠xf5 ♠xf5

White welcomes these exchanges because they reduce the danger of Black's ♠-side

attack and leave Black with a bad ♖ and weak light squares.

37.♖c4 ♖g7 38.♖b1 ♖h5 39.♖d1 h3 40.♖e4 hxc2 41.♖xg4 ♖h7 42.h4 ♖e7 43.f3 ♖g8 44.♖f2 ♖hg7 45.♖e2 ♖d8 46.♖e1 ♖f7 47.♖d3 ♖h5 48.♖e4 ♖h6 49.♖f5

49.♖xc2? ♖xb4; 49.♖a4.

49...♖xa5! 50.♖xg7

50.♖xa5?! ♖e3+ 51.♖xg2 ♖e2+ 52.♖g1 (52.♖h3 ♖f1+ 53.♖h2 ♖f2+=) 52...♖xc4 53.♖h5+ ♖h7 54.♖xg8+ ♖xg8 55.♖c8+ ♖g7 56.♖e7+=.

50...♖b6+ 51.♖xg2 ♖xg7+ 52.♖g4 ♖e7 53.♖h5+ ♖h7 54.♖xg8+ ♖xg8

55.♖e8+

White makes good use of the weak light squares in Black's position, and now exploits them to win some enemy ♖s on dark squares.

55...♖g7 56.♖e7+ ♖h8 57.♖xd6 ♖g7+ 58.♖g3 ♖c7 59.♖e6 ♖h7 60.d6 ♖d8 61.♖f5+ ♖h6 62.♖h3 ♖f6 63.♖xf6+ ♖xf6 64.♖g4 b5 65.♖f5 ♖d8 66.♖xe5 ♖g6 67.♖d5 b4 68.♖c4 ♖a5 69.♖b3 ♖f5 70.♖a4 ♖e6 71.h5

71.h5 ♖f5 72.d7 ♖e6 73.♖xa5 ♖xd7 74.♖xb4. 1-0

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Game 8

Notes by FM J D Sarfati

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.♖d2 dxe4 4.♖xe4 ♖d7 5.♖g5 ♖gf6 6.♖d3 e6 7.♖f3 ♖d6 8.♖e2 h6 9.♖e4 ♖xe4 10.♖xe4 ♖f6 11.♖e2 ♖c7 12.♖d2 b6 13.0-0-0 ♖b7 14.♖e5 c5 15.♖b5+ ♖e7

Karpov has studied this line deeply, and it has been a reliable equalising method in his hands.

16.dxc5 ♖xc5 17.a3 ♖c7 18.♖f4 ♖d5 19.♖g3 ♖hd8 20.♖d4 ♖f8 21.♖b1 a6 22.♖c4 ♖e7 23.♖c6 ♖xc6 24.♖xc6 ♖a7 25.♖xd5 exd5 26.♖xd6 ♖xd6 27.♖d4 b5 28.♖d3 ♖g8 29.g3 ♖e6 30.♖d1 ♖ad7 31.h4 ♖d6 32.♖d2 ♖e1+ 33.♖a2 ♖e7 34.♖f3 ♖e6 35.♖e2 ♖c8 36.♖d3 ♖c6 37.♖b1 ♖e6 38.♖e3 ♖c6 39.♖d2 ♖xe3 40.♖xe3 ♖e6 41.♖d2 ♖d6 42.g4 ♖f6 43.g5 ♖f3 44.♖a2 ♖f5 45.c3 ♖f3 46.♖f4 ♖h3 47.gxh6 ♖e6 48.♖d4 ♖xh6 49.♖f5 ♖e6 50.♖e5 ♖d7 51.♖a1 f6 52.♖e3 ♖c6 53.h5 ♖c4 54.♖b6 d4 55.♖d3 ♖f5 56.♖xd4 ♖xd4

57.cxd4 ♖xf2 58.♖e6+ ♖f8 59.♖d6+ ♖f7 60.♖d7+ ♖f8 61.♖d6+ ½-½

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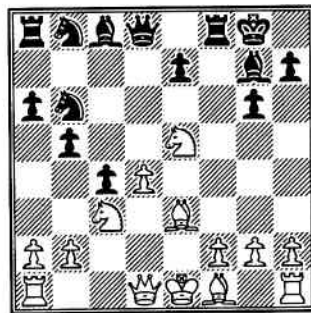
Game 9

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1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 g6 3.♖c3 d5 4.♖f3 ♖g7 5.♖b3 dxc4 6.♖xc4 0-0 7.e4 a6 8.e5 b5 9.♖b3 ♖fd7 10.♖e3

Varying from Game 5 where e6 was played. This move seems more sensible, developing a piece.

10...c5 11.e6 c4 12.exf7+ ♖xf7 13.♖d1 ♖b6 14.♖e5 ♖f8



15.a4! b4 16.a5!

Looks like excellent home preparation. Black's ♖ chain collapses while White takes ♖s with check.

16...bxc3 17.axb6 cxb2 18.♖xc4+ ♖h8 19.♖b1 ♖xb6 20.♖d2 ♖d7 21.♖xb2 ♖xe5

Black does not get enough for the ♖. 21...♖c7 22.♖f7+ ♖g8 23.♖c2 ♖b7 24.♖g5+ ♖h8 25.0-0±.

22.♖xb6 ♖xc4 23.♖b4 ♖xb6 24.♖xb6 a5 25.0-0 a4 26.♖a1 ♖f5 27.h4 e6 28.♖f4 ♖e4 29.♖d6 ♖fc8 30.♖b5 ♖c6 31.♖b4 ♖g8 32.♖a3 ♖a6? 33.♖c4 ♖ca8 34.♖xe6+ ♖h8 35.♖e5

Now that the passed a-♖ is safely blockaded, White can use his ♖ to exchange off Black's important dark squared ♖.

35...♖xe5 36.♖xe5+ ♖g8 37.h5 ♖e8 38.h6 ♖6a7 39.d5 ♖b7 40.d6 ♖d8 41.♖f3

White threatens ♖f6; as well as ♖f8+ ♖xf8, ♖h8+, ♖xh7+ and ♖xb7; and deadliest of all, ♖h8+ ♖xb8, ♖f8#. 1-0

International news

By NM Peter Stuart

Madrid

Spain's foremost player, Miguel Illescas, gained his greatest success yet in tying for first place in this category 17 tournament in May with Bulgaria's Veselin Topalov. It is not too many years since an event with a 2650+ average rating was unheard of yet, here, we have such a tournament lacking not only Karpov and Karpov but also Kramnik, Ivanchuk, Anand and Kamsky!

Leaving aside bottom ranked local San Segundo, the rating spread was only 75 points so one could not really talk about favourites. As it turned out such luminaries as Michael Adams and Viktor Korchnoi languished among the also-rans. Also, it became clear before the end that most of the games between the main prize winners had been played in the early rounds, the notable exception being the last round clash between Valery Salov and Alexei Shirov. Going into the final round Salov shared the lead with Illescas on 6 points with Topalov a half-point in arrears. Salov, as white, played a simplifying line but much too passive play soon led to positional weaknesses which Shirov exploited instructively.

Illescas led from start to finish, Topalov only catching up at the bitter end with his win over Korchnoi. Shirov started slowly but won his last three games to tie with Salov for third place.

The nationality musical chairs continues with Salov having reverted to playing under the Russian flag some while ago, while Azmaiparashvili has returned to the flag of his birth country after a spell under that of Bosnia and Hercegovina. Shirov has, of course, been representing Spain for some time instead of Latvia.

Illescas – Korchnoi

Sicilian [B66]

1.e4 c5 2.♖f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♖xd4 ♖f6 5.♖c3 ♖c6 6.♖g5 e6 7.♖d2 a6 8.0-0-0 h6

9.♖e3 ♖e7 10.f4 ♖d7 11.♖b1 b5 12.♖d3 ♖c7 13.3 ♖xd4 14.♖xd4 b4 15.♖e2 ♖c6 16.♖g3 a5 17.♖hfl 0-0 18.e5 dxe5 19.fxe5 ♖d7 20.♖e3 ♖g5 21.♖e2 ♖ae8?

Better was 21...♖d5 22.♖h5 ♖ac8 intending 23...♖c4, according to Korchnoi.

22.♖h5 g6 23.g3! f5

23...gxh5 24.h4 regains the piece with line opening as 24...♖e7 25.♖xh5 ♖c5 (26...f5 26.♖g6+ ♖h8 27.♖xb6+ ♖g8 28.♖xe6+ ♖g7 29.♖xf5 +) 26.♖xc5 ♖xc5 27.♖f6! ♖e3 28.♖e1 ♖d2 29.♖e2 leads to the demise of the black king.

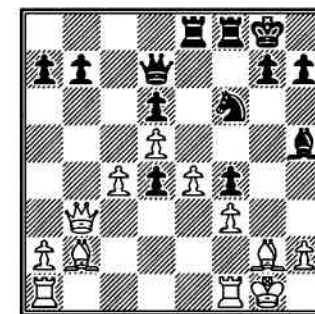
24.h4 ♖d8 25.♖f4 ♖h7 26.g4 ♖xh4 27.♖xg6!

After 27...♖xg6 28.gxf5+ ♖g7 (28...exf5 29.♖g4+ or 28...♖xf5 29.♖g4+) 29.♖g1+ ♖g5 30.f6+ ♖xf6 31.exf6+ ♖xf6 32.♖xg5+ hxc5 33.♖h5 White has threats too numerous to mention. 1-0.

Korchnoi – Shirov

English [A21]

1.c4 e5 2.g3 f5 3.♖g2 ♖f6 4.d3 ♖b4+ 5.♖c3 ♖xc3+ 6.bxc3 d6 7.♖f3 c5 8.0-0 ♖c6 9.♖e1 0-0 10.♖c2 ♖e6 11.♖e3 ♖d7 12.♖d5 ♖e7 13.♖b3 ♖exd5 14.cxd5 ♖f7 15.c4 ♖h5 16.f3 ♖ae8 17.e4 f4 18.gxf4 exf4 19.d4 cxd4 20.♖b2



20...♖xe4! 21.fxe4 ♖g4 22.h3?

22.♖h3! f3 23.♖xg4 ♖xg4 24.♖h1 ♖xe4 25.♖f2 ♖f6 26.♖d2 gives White better chances to hold.

22...♖g5 23.♖h1 ♖h4 24.♖g1 ♖f6 25.♖xd4

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | | |
|----|-------------------|-----|---|------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|---|----|
| 1 | Topalov V. | BUL | g | 2700 | x | 1 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6½ |
| 2 | Illescas M. | ESP | g | 2635 | 0 | x | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6½ |
| 3 | Shirov A. | ESP | g | 2690 | ½ | ½ | x | 1 | 0 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| 4 | Salov V. | RUS | g | 2670 | 1 | ½ | 0 | x | 0 | ½ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| 5 | Gelfand B. | BLA | g | 2700 | ½ | 0 | 1 | 1 | x | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | 5 |
| 6 | Azmaiparashvili Z | GEO | g | 2660 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | x | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ |
| 7 | Adams M. | ENG | g | 2660 | 0 | 0 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | x | ½ | ½ | 3½ |
| 8 | Morosevich A. | RUS | g | 2625 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | ½ | ½ | x | 1 | 0 |
| 9 | Korchnoi V. | SWI | g | 2645 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | 0 | ½ | 0 | x | 1 |
| 10 | San Segundo P. | ESP | g | 2535 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | 0 | 1 | 0 | x |

g6 26 ♖h1 ♠xg2! 27 ♜xg2 ♠xe4 28 ♙g1 ♠e2+ 29 ♖h1 ♙g6 30 ♙f2 ♙e4+ 0-1.

Gelfand - Illescas Bogoinian [E11]

1.d4 ♖f6 2.♖f3 e6 3.c4 ♙b4+ 4.♖bd2 b6 5.a3 ♙xd2+ 6.♙xd2 ♙b7 7.e3 0-0 8.♙e2 d6 9.0-0 ♖bd7 10.b4 ♖e4 11.♙d3 f5 12.♙b2 ♠f6 13.d5 ♠g6 14.dxe6 ♖f8 15.c5 ♖xe6 16.cxd6 cxd6 17.♠ad1 ♖h8 18.♖e1?? ♖g6! 19.♖h1 ♖h3! 0-1.

Salov - Shirov Sicilian [B52]

1.e4 c5 2.♖f3 d6 3.♙b5+ ♙d7 4.♙xd7+ ♙xd7 5.0-0 ♖c6 6.c4 ♖f6 7.♖c3 g6 8.♠b1 ♙g7 9.a3 0-0 10.b4 ♖g4 11.♖d5 e6 12.♖e3 ♖ge5 13.♖xe5 dxe5 14.b5 ♖d4 15.♖c2 ♠ad8 16.♖xd4 ♙xd4 17.♙c2 ♙d3 18.♠b2 ♙e2 19.d3 ♙xc2 20.♠xc2 ♠xd3 21.♠e1 ♠fd8 22.♖f1 f5 23.♙b2 f4 24.♙c3 g5 25.f3 ♖f7 26.♠e2 ♙f6 27.h5 28.h3 g4 29.hxg4 hxg4 30.fxg4 ♙h4 31.g3 ♙xg3 32.♙xe5 f3 0-1.

Cienfuegos

The Capablanca Memorial tournament was won impressively by Tony Miles. Although he finished only a half-point ahead of second-placed Cuban GM Walter Arencibia the English GM's result was distinguished by wins over the next five finishers, including that in the last round against Arencibia which allowed him to overtake his rival.

Scores: 1 GM Miles 9½; 2 GM Arencibia 9; 3 GM Morovic CHI 8; 4 GM Conquest ENG 7½; 5-7 GM Garcia Ilundain ESP, GM

Vera CUB & GM Wahls GER 7; 8 GM Zapata COL 6½; 9-11 IM Becerra CUB, GM Nogueiras CUB & A.Rodriguez CUB 5½; 12-13 GM Gi.Garcia COL & GM G.Hernandez MEX 5; 14 Gonzalez CUB 3.

Miles - Arencibia English [A36]

1.c4 c5 2.g3 g6 3.♙g2 ♙g7 4.♖c3 ♖c6 5.a3 ♖h6 6.♠b1 a5 7.e3 ♖f5 8.♖ge2 d6 9.b3 0-0 10.♙b2 ♙d7 11.0-0 ♠b8 12.♖b5 ♙xb2 13.♠xb2 ♖e5 14.♖ec3 ♙xb5 15.♖xb5 a4 16.d4 ♖c6 17.b4 cxd4 18.exd4 ♙b6 19.♠d2 ♠fd8 20.♠e1 d5 21.c5! ♙a6

21...♙xb5 22.♙f1 wins the queen.

22.♙f1 ♙a8 23.♖c7 ♙a7 24.♖b5 ♙a8 25.g4 ♖g7 26.♖c7 ♙a7 27.♖b5 ♙a8 28.♠d3 ♖e6 29.♠xe6!

Removing the black king's last bodyguard.

29...fxe6 30.♖c7 ♙a7 31.♖xe6 ♠e8 32.♠h3 ♖d8 33.♙e1 b5 34.♙e5 ♖xe6 35.♙xe6+ ♖g7 36.♙d3

There is no defence to the threatened 37. ♠xh7+ and 38.♙xg6+] 1-0.

Pula

Croatian GM Zdenko Kozul won this open tournament with 7/9. There was a seven-way tie for second place on 6½ points (all GMs): Cebalo CRO, Cvitan CRO, Dizdar CRO, Hulak CRO, Lalic CRO, Malaniuk (UKR) and Sermek SLO.

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Modern Defence [B06]

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31...♙xd5 32.♠h2 ♙f7 33.♠hg2 ♠g8 34.♙d8 ♠h5 35.♙xf6! wins.

32. ♠g6 ♠h5 33.♙e6 ♠g5 34. ♠xg5 hxg5 35. ♠d1!

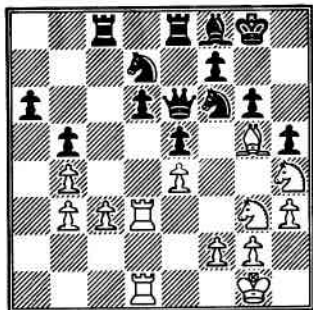
Guaranteeing White a winning ending.

35...♙d7 36.♙xd7 ♖xd7 37.♙c7 ♠f6 38.♙d3 ♖c5 39.♙xb5 e4 40.♙b6 ♙f8 41.♙xc5 dxc5 42.♠e1 e3 43.fxe3 f3 44.♙xa4 c4 45.♙b5 ♠h6 46.♙d7 f2 47.♠f1 ♙c5 48.e4 ♠f6 49.♙b5 ♠f4 50.♙xc4 ♠xe4 51.♙b5 ♠e3 52.d6 ♙xd6 53.♠xf2 ♠xh3 54.♙d7 ♠g3 55.♖c2 g4 56.♠d2 ♙c7 57.a4 ♠g1 58.♙c6 1-0.

| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | |
|----|-------------|-----|--------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|
| 1 | Kramnik V. | RUS | g 2775 | x | ½ | 1 | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | 6 |
| 2 | Topalov V. | BUL | g 2700 | ½ | x | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 6 |
| 3 | Anand V. | IND | g 2725 | 0 | ½ | x | ½ | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | ½ | 5½ |
| 4 | Kasparov G. | RUS | g 2775 | 0 | ½ | ½ | x | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | 1 | 5½ |
| 5 | Illescas M. | ESP | g 2635 | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | x | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 4½ |
| 6 | Kamsky G. | USA | g 2735 | ½ | 0 | 1 | ½ | ½ | x | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 4 |
| 7 | Gelfand B. | BLA | g 2700 | ½ | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | 1 | x | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| 8 | Ivanchuk V. | UKR | g 2735 | 0 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | x | 1 | ½ | 3½ |
| 9 | Shirov A. | ESP | g 2690 | ½ | ½ | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | 1 | 0 | x | ½ | 3 |
| 10 | Polgar J | HUN | g 2675 | ½ | 0 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | x | 3 |

Anand - Ivanchuk Ruy Lopez [C92]

1.e4 e5 2.♁f3 ♁c6 3.♁b5 a6 4.♁a4 ♁f6 5.0-0
 ♁e7 6.♞e1 b5 7.♁b3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 ♁b7
 10.d4 ♞e8 11.♁bd2 ♁f8 12.d5 ♁b8 13.♁f1
 ♁bd7 14.♁g3 g6 15.♁h2 h5 16.♁f3 ♁c5
 17.♁c2 c6 18.b4 ♁cd7 19.dxc6 ♁xc6 20.♁b3
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 24.♞ad1 ♞c8 25.♞d3 ♁xb3 26.axb3 ♁e7
 27.♞ed1 ♁e6



28.♁hf5!? ♁xb3

Black eschews the piece but accepting the sacrifice was not so clear.

29.♁xd6 ♁xd6 30.c4! ♁xc4 31.♞xd6 ♁h7
 32.♁h6 ♁df8 33.♞xa6 ♞e6 34.♞xe6 ♁xe6
 35.♁f5! ♁xb4

35...gxf5 36.exf5 ♁eg5 37.♁xh5 ♁e4
 38.♁h4! (38.♁g4+ ♁eg5) 38...f6 39.♁h5 ♁f7
 40.♁g4+ ♁hg5 41.♁xg5 ♁xg5 42.h4 ♞c4
 43.♞d8+ ♁h7 44.♁d1! is also winning.

36.♞d7 ♁hg5 37.♁xg5 ♁e1+ 38.♁h2 ♁xg5
 39.♁g3 ♁xe4 40.♁h6+ ♁h7 41.♞xf7+! ♁xh6
 42.♁xe5 ♁d2?

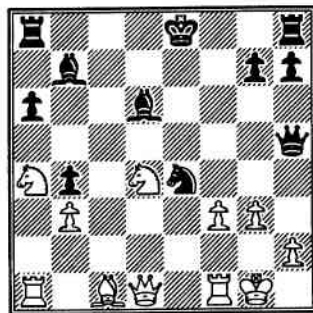
42...♞g8 prolongs the game though the ultimate result is not in doubt.

43.♁g7+ ♁g5 44.h4+ ♁xh4 45.♁xg6

45.♁e5 and mate in 3 was even better.
 45...♞c3 46.♁xe4+ 1-0.

Kasparov - Kramnik Slav [D48]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♁c3 ♁f6 4.♁f3 e6 5.e3
 ♁bd7 6.♁d3 dxc4 7.♁xc4 b5 8.♁d3 ♁b7 9.0-0
 a6 10.e4 c5 11.d5 c4 12.♁c2 ♁c7 13.♁d4
 ♁c5 14.b4 cxb3 15.axb3 b4 16.♁a4 ♁xc4
 17.♁xe4 ♁xe4 18.dxe6 ♁d6 19.exf7+ ♁xf7
 20.f3 ♁h5 21.g3



21...0-0 22.fxe4 ♁h3 23.♁f3 ♁xg3 24.♁c5

24.♁e2 may have been better.

24...♞xf3! 25.♞xf3 ♁xh2+ 26.♁f1 ♁c6!

A quiet move like this, coming on the 6th move of a combination when a rook in arrears, is hugely impressive. White is now quite lost.

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NZCF Council report

By NZCF President Ted Frost

New format for NZ Championship

The special meeting of NZCF held in conjunction with the North Island Championship in Hamilton adopted the remits providing for change in the format of the New Zealand Championship and the adoption of new swiss tournament rules.

The NZ Championship and Reserve Championship will be replaced by a swiss tournament with a minimum of 18 players. Players with a NZ rating of 2000-plus, or a FIDE rating of 2100-plus, will be eligible for the championship. There will be places for up to three overseas players, to enhance the status of the tournament and improve international title norm possibilities. There will also be scope for accepting players not qualified on rating, under exceptional circumstances, but automatic qualifications previously operative no longer apply.

If there are not sufficient entries for a swiss tournament under the new rules, the championship can revert to a round robin.

The new swiss rules provide greater emphasis on balancing the allocation of colours in pairing.

Direct link from chess board to Internet

Early this year the 11th Aegon chess tournament in the Netherlands made chess history by being the first tournament to have a live move-by-move telecast directly from the chess board to the World Wide Web. Viewers around the world watched the games live.

FIDE Forum reports that this live Internet broadcast was a technological novelty, as it was the first time ever moves from players and computers were shown on the Internet from the board entirely computerised without human interference.

The chess boards, developed by TASC, recognised the moves through built-in electronics. The moves were sent to the

Membership changes

The Huntly and Napier Chess Clubs have been accepted by Council as associate members, and Papatoetoe CC has notified a change in status from affiliated club to associate member. Membership of NZCF now consists of 17 affiliated clubs and seven associate members.

Up to mid-August, 466 players were registered for the year, including 40 female players and 128 juniors (49 under 12, 45 12-to-16, and 34 17-to-20).

Rating officer

Jim Simmons has resigned as rating officer and also from his position with TAB headquarters and has left for an extended trip to South America. Rating reports are being processed by other federation officers.

Flu strikes

NZCF president Ted Frost has been suffering from flu through much of August, which has caused delay in some NZCF activity, including publication of this issue of *NZ Chess*.

computer network, specially designed for chess matches, which in turn transformed the moves to Internet language (HTML) and sent to an Internet server.

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FIDE World Champion Anatoly Karpov played exhibition matches in the tournament, and GM Yasser Seirawan won the Aegon Mankind - Machines tournament without losing a game and beating all his computer opponents.

Affiliated Clubs

Ashburton PO Box 204, Ashburton. Meets Mondays 7.30pm (Feb-Oct), Room 1 (upstairs), Public Library, cnr Havelock and West Streets. Contact, Roy Keeling (03)308-6936.

Auckland Chess Centre Meets Mondays & Thursdays 7.15pm, junior coaching Wednesdays, 17 Cromwell St, Mt Eden, Auckland 1003. Tel (09)630-2042 clubroom; contact Mark Henderson (09)815-6230.

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

Civic Tuesdays 7.30pm, Museum Room, Turnbull House, Bowen Street, Wellington 1. Pres, Alan Aldridge (04)477-4784; Sec, Bill Ramsay (04)384-8882.

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

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

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

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

Kapiti Wednesdays, 7.30pm, Salvation Army Hall, Bluegum Rd. Paraparaumu Beach. Pres, Guy Burns, 226 Main Road Sth, Paraparaumu (04)297-0462. Sec, Bill Cox, 25 Jeep Rd, Raumati Sth (04)298-8589.

New Plymouth 11 Gilbert St, New Plymouth. Tuesdays, 7.30pm. Pres, R P Bowler, 17a Hori St (06)753-6282. Contact, Bob Bowler.

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. Wednesdays and Saturdays, 7.30pm. Tel (03)477-6919 clubroom. Sec, Dennis McCaughan (03)478-0160.

Upper Hutt Mondays 7.30pm, Hapai Club, 879 Fergusson Drive. Sec, Glen Sullivan, 14a Crystal Grove, Birchville, U Hutt (04)526-5085.

Waitemata 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 Bruce Pollard (09)834-8151.

Wanganui 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 Saturdays 7.30pm, Blind Social Club, Westbrook House, 181 Willis Street.; 6pm, juniors. Pres, Tim Frost (04)476-3541. Sec, Ted Frost (04)476-4098.

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NZ Correspondence Chess Assn, P.O. Box 3278, Wellington. Sec, J W (Sandy) Maxwell, (04)237-4753.

Palmerston North Tuesdays, 7.30pm, Palm Nth Intermediate School, Ferguson St. Club capt, Ian Barker, 72 Argyle Street (06)353-0193.

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

Whangarei Gambit Thursdays 7pm, Whangarei YWCA. Sec, Paul Bell (09)438-8053.

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