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STOP PRESS**New NZ Champion**

Australian GM Ian Rogers 9½/11 won the 22-player New Zealand Championship tournament conducted by North Shore CC, with Alexei Kulashko runner-up on 8½. Alexei, now a New Zealand resident, took the NZ Championship title. IM Russell Dive and FM Paul Garbett were 3= on 8.

Tim Hare GA won the Major Open with 9½, ahead of M Arandjelovic AC, HP Bennett and DJ Cooper on 8.

Ian Rogers won the NZ Rapid Championship tournament with 8½/9, ahead of Russell Dive (who took the NZ title) 7, and AJ Love, AF Ker and R Hart 6½.

Two IM norms

Among several notable features of the Congress were success by Alexei Kulashko and Paul Garbett in achieving IM norms in the championship.

New life member

Congress tournament director Peter Stuart received a surprise at the start of Congress with a presentation and the announcement that affiliates strongly supported the award to him of life membership of NZCF for a more than a quarter of a century of unstinted service.

COVER: Barney Sullivan, of Snells Beach and formerly of Tauranga (at left) was honoured at a 90th birthday party before Christmas. He also attended the opening of the new Orewa library, where chess can be played. He is seen enjoying a game on that occasion - and receiving some advice from local MP and Minister Lockwood Smith.

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1997 Latvian Gambit Open, Sunday 23rd March

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32nd Olympiad in Erevan

By ICM Michael Freeman

"Unbelievable!", "You dirty filthy animal", "Scotty..Scotty..", "I'm going to deck you..", and "Si!" - phrases that amply sum up the New Zealand experience at the 32nd Olympiad held in Yerevan, Armenia.

The Olympiad and associated 67th F.I.D.E. Congress was held from the 15th September to 2nd October 1996. The Olympiad was contested by 114 teams in the Open Section, and 74 teams in the Women's Section. New Zealand was represented in both events. The teams were -

Open	Women
Ben Martin	Rosaleen Sheehan
Martin Dreyer	Edith Otene
Mark Noble	Lyn Parlane
Scott Wastney	Teresa Sheehan

Michael Freeman acted as Captain for both teams, and played as part of the Open Team when required. John Sheehan assisted as Women's Captain during the playing rounds.

Open Section

The New Zealand team was seeded 68th out of the 114 teams, representing 111 nations. The host nation, Armenia, fielded three teams, while the International Blind Chess Association fielded a composite team.

Overall, the result of the Open team in scoring 25½ points for a share of 82nd to 87th equal (82nd on tiebreaks) can be considered disappointing. On paper, this result does not compare well with the 30 points of 1986 and 1988, the 27½ of 1994, and is ½ point less than the low of 26 in 1980. However, compared with the 1994 team, against the three countries played in both events (Bermuda, Morocco, and Tajikistan) the 1996 team scored significantly better results. After 10 rounds the team had 20 points and 50% (1994 had 17½), but struck a significantly tougher draw to the finish with Italy, Austria and Syria in rounds 11 to 13.

The team's opposition averaged 27 points (1994 26½) each, with ten finishing above New Zealand, and four below.

Individually, Ben Martin can be pleased with his score on board 1 of 8/14. His gritty determination served him well in several endings. Martin Dreyer scored well with the black pieces for 4½/7, but 0/7 with white was disappointing. Mark Noble played solidly throughout for 5/12 while Scott Wastney had a successful debut with 7½/14. Michael Freeman was required to play two games for ½/2 in his usual time trouble.

All of the team must be commended for having to play a larger than usual number of games each, and perhaps this might have contributed somewhat to the sluggish finish.

Women's Section

The New Zealand team was seeded 69th out of 74 teams, representing 72 nations. The host nation fielded two teams, and the Blind one team. Seeds 62 to 74 were all unrated.

The team scored 18 points for a share of 63rd to 66th (66th on tiebreaks). This equals the 18 points scored in 1994, and is a commendable performance from a very inexperienced team. They played four teams that finished above, two that were equal, and all eight that finished below. Scoring 7/9 in the last three rounds greatly boosted the final score and placing.

Rosaleen Sheehan struggled early on, but finished well as her confidence grew. Her 4½/11 was a good effort on board 1. Edith Otene also struggled early, but improved. Lyn Parlane had an unhappy event, both at and away from the board. Teresa Sheehan had an excellent result on debut. Her 7/11 earned her a guaranteed 2050 rating, and was the 10th best performance on Board 4 in the Women's Section.

The time controls for both events was 40 moves in 2 hours each, 20 moves in one

hour, and a 30 minute each sudden death. Rounds commenced at 3pm each day, with two rest days, after round six and round ten.

The individual and team results for each round for both teams are presented later in this report.

Olympiad in General

Armenia is located in the ancient lands, bordering Turkey, Georgia, and Iran. The capital, Yerevan, is located in a fertile river valley, overlooked by Mt. Ararat, the biblical site of Noah's Ark. They claim to be the first country in the world to adopt Christianity as the official religion, back in 301 AD. A large world celebration is planned for the year 2001 to commemorate the 1700th anniversary of this event.

It is a nation that has re-emerged from the break-up of the Soviet Union in 1991. It has been troubled by the effects of a disastrous earthquake in 1988 and by regional conflicts with neighbouring states. Only recently has electricity been restored, and many buildings are still in the process of being repaired. Over 1.5 million people live in the capital out of a population of 3.5 million.

The city was not particularly clean, with the air quite polluted from ill-running Lada cars. Shops were not obvious, with large outdoor markets the common method of shopping. The small food outlets near the hotel were well stocked with bread, meats, and imported foodstuffs at very reasonable prices for visitors. With the locals only earning US\$15 per month, they were out of the reach of all but those with relatives overseas sending money home. Casinos, bars and restaurants were plentiful.

The Olympiad was very much an attempt to show that Armenia was re-building after its past difficulties. The Olympiad has been said by many to be one of the better organized in recent memory. Certainly the nightmare conditions of Moscow two years ago were not repeated in Yerevan. Inlaid chess tables, distinguishable pieces, digital clocks, a well

lit venue with plenty of space, and high quality printed bulletins were some of the luxuries available in Yerevan but not in Moscow. The full weight of the Government was behind the event to make it a success.

The Armenian people were among the most friendly I have come upon, and were always very polite and helpful. The 600 student volunteer helpers greatly assisted to make the event run smoothly for all teams.

Travel and accommodation

The majority of the New Zealand team departed on Friday 13th September from Auckland to Athens via Singapore. There we met up with Ben Martin and Martin Dreyer, and spent 18 hours in Athens airport, before joining an Armenian Airways charter flight to Yerevan. Having to load our own bags into the aircraft's luggage containers nearly lost us one member's bags when we boarded and left the luggage on the tarmac. The charter aircraft, an ex-Aeroflot Tupolov TU-154, certainly set a new standard for maintenance and comfort. We were met upon arrival, passports collected for visa processing, and transported to the ANI Hotel, our home for the next two weeks.

Upon arrival, the allocation of rooms only took just over an hour this time, mostly trying to prove to the organisers that we had paid for the charter flight and had no intention of paying again. In fact, we had overpaid, with two tickets from Amsterdam being purchased but only one used due to the late withdrawal of Bob and Vivian Smith.

Before the Olympiad much had been made of the poor conditions in Armenia. Certainly in Yerevan reports of extreme food, hot water and power shortages were exaggerated. However this did not mean that there weren't problems. A large number of players went down with various stomach complaints and hot water in some of the hotels was in short supply. At the end of the Olympiad it is understood that the hot water was ended as soon as the players left, and

electricity supply cut back. However, we had no complaints with our hotel, apart from a certain blandness with the food, and a propensity for wash basins to become detached from the walls. With the water undrinkable, most of us do not wish to see another fizzy drink can for a few months.

The first day in Yerevan saw the team transported to the playing complex for accreditation, and the first and last major organisational disaster of the event. Two multimedia computers complete with video cameras and photo-id printing lasers were busy trying to process over 1000 chessplayers all at once. Naturally, the usual pushing, shoving and queue-jumping common from some of the East European nations resulted in the usual raised tempers. The average waiting time seemed to be about six hours for most teams, New Zealand managed only five, by skipping the opening ceremony and jumping in during this quiet time.

Enormous sports complex

The 32nd Chess Olympiad was officially opened in Yerevan on Sunday 15th September. The opening ceremony took place in the Tsitsernakaberd (Yerevan's sports and concert complex) and was attended by the leading political figures in Armenia, President Levon Ter-Petrosian and Prime-Minister Hrant Bagratian. The building is an enormous sports complex with over 600 rooms and halls, located 20 minutes' travel by bus from the hotel. The site had a great view overlooking Yerevan, and was surrounded by one million trees planted to remember Armenians killed in 1917 during conflicts with the Turks.

At the time of the opening ceremony Lynn Parlane and I had already been processed for badges under emergency rules, and transported to the Yerevan hospital, as Lynn's foot had blown up to the size of a football. She had to spend this one night in hospital, was unavailable for the first round,

and had to play the next few rounds with a second chair beside her board on which to keep the foot elevated.

The chess began with the Open team located upon the stage, where the top twelve matches were played. Unfortunately, this was the only occasion they managed these giddy heights.

Armenian elections...

We soon learned that the Olympiad coincided with elections for the Armenian Government. This was not a coincidence. The dates were planned to coincide with the elections so that the ruling team could make maximum political capital out of the event. The local people did comment that President Levon Ter-Petrosian was wasting IMF loans on an Olympiad when he could not provide basics such as electricity. The election battle was between Petrosian and former Prime Minister Vazgem Manukyan. Petrosian had been in power for the five years since independence, a particularly difficult time for the population.

When the results were reported they returned Petrosian for another term. However there was evidence of widespread electoral fraud, and monitors of the polling stations expected Mr. Manukyan to win with 55% to Petrosian's 37%. One report even had the President winning by 57% to 55%!

The declaration of the result brought crowds of up to 100,000 on to the streets and we observed and heard shooting at the Parliament Buildings, some 200 metres from our hotel. These events coincided with round 9. The next morning we found the streets occupied with tanks and troops, but it soon became obvious that while restrictions were in place for the local population, we were free to move around as we wished. I have read various reports on the Internet from other Olympiad attendees, and believe most have over-sensationalised the incidents. After a few days the troops and tanks started to vanish and things returned to normal.

FIDE elections

Of course the "real" elections in Yerevan were those for the Governing body of chess, FIDE.

The incumbent president was Kirsan Iljumzhinov, President of the Russian Republic of Kalmykia and a skilled self-publicist. He made a point of meeting every team at the Olympiad, and presenting each member with several gifts - Kirsan Vodka, Kirsan caviar, Kirsun sunglasses, his comic book autobiography, a Kirsan book on the Karpov-Kamsky match, and a Kirsan watch.

As reported last issue, Iljumzhinov was re-elected after three days of political maneuvers that made playing chess seem simplistic.

On the penultimate day of the General Assembly the Russian delegate announced he had a letter (which somehow didn't see the light of day until after Karpov left Yerevan) signed by Kasparov and Karpov agreeing to a World Championship match.

The main points in the letter were:

- "1. The match to be for the title of World Champion;
2. The match to be played outside of FIDE and PCA;
3. A special Organizing Committee to be set up to oversee the match;
4. The contestants: the "World Champion" and the "FIDE World Champion";
5. Not fewer than 16 games, not more than 20.
6. Procedure for tie-break games.
7. Other technical details.
8. Agreement to be signed by 15 November 1996."

There has been various reports published overseas containing allegations of bribes, corruption, vote-buying etc. during the elections. I certainly saw none of these, and missed out on any allocations of Mercedes or Ladas, though I did receive a second bottle of Kirsan vodka!

The next Olympiad was confirmed for Elista, and Istanbul in Turkey awarded the 2000 event.

And back to the chess ...

On the two rest days the organisers provided various tours around Armenia and Yerevan, which some of the New Zealanders took advantage of. The traditional Bermuda Party was held the night before the second rest day and was a great success.

The final results saw Russia run away with the Open event with 38½ points, ahead of the Ukraine 35, USA and England 34. The Americans took the bronze on tie-break by ½ a Bucholz point. Any suggestions from the English team that the NZ'ers practising the haka in the adjacent room was the cause of this are strongly denied.

The Women's event was won by Georgia with 30 points, ahead of China and Russia 28½. China took the silver comfortably on tie-break.

The closing ceremony was held the day after the last round, and was followed by immediate departure on the same charter flights as before. I managed to miss the closing ceremony as well, this time because Edith Otene had fallen and broken her ankle and I and John Sheehan were kept busy trying to arrange transport, crutches, and pack her bags.

The return charter flight to Athens was considerably overloaded with all the extra Kirsan gift luggage, and upon landing in Athens, we witnessed the interesting sight of the cabin crew clapping the pilot, usually a custom observed on internal American flights by the passengers. The sight of the crew sitting on top of Coca-Cola crates without seatbelts, or even seats, was new to me.

The team spent two enjoyable days in Athens, apart from Edith, who was immobile and saw only the inside of her hotel room. We then flew overnight to Singapore, spent 12 hours during the day wandering around,

and flew back to Auckland via Christchurch. Unfortunately, approaching Christchurch, the aircraft hit an air pocket, dropped 1000 feet very suddenly, injured a few crew who were tossed around the cabin, and lost a flap from one wing. This flight therefore terminated in Christchurch, leaving the team to travel on different routes to their homes.

Some thanks

The team would like to take the opportunity to publicly thank all those individuals and clubs who contributed to the Olympiad Appeal Fund, your donations are greatly appreciated. We would also like to thank all our individual sponsors for their assistance. Others due thanks are the Venezuelan and Irish teams for their contributions to our morale, Computerland Taranaki for the loan of a computer laptop, and Geraldine from Auckland travel agents Travel By Design. I would also thank Ted Frost, Arthur Pomeroy and John Sheehan for their assistance.

And lastly, I would thank all of the team for the level of team spirit displayed that made this a most enjoyable trip.

Finally...

The next Olympiad is to be held in Elista, Kalmykia, in late 1998. It is highly desirable that New Zealand is represented by the strongest possible team. To achieve this, appropriate fund raising and sponsorship is required, but the top players must also accept some responsibility to assist this. Too often, it appears that some just sit back and accept the money with little personal effort, and are unwilling to be available unless this funding is available.

Hamdouchi, H (2495) – Martin, Ben (2375)
32nd Olympiad, Yerevan., 1996
Round 8 [C00]

Notes by Ben Martin

1.e4 e6 2.♟e2

An unusual variation. The immediate point is to discourage 2...d5 by pinning Black's e♙. 2...d5 3.exd5 ♟xd5 4.♠c3 favours White.

2...c5 3.g3 ♠c6 4.♠f3 ♠ge7

Maybe 4...g6 is more accurate.

5.b3

Very original. White tries to hinder Black's ♠-side fianchetto.

5...d6 6.♠g2 g6 7.♠b2 e5 8.c3 ♠g7 9.♠a3 0-0 10.h3

White's plan is to play 0-0, ♠ad1 and d4. This will be followed by either d5, gaining space, or dxc5, ♠c2-e3 aiming at the weak square on d5. Black prevents this by expanding in the centre.

10...d5 11.d3 d4 12.cxd4 cxd4

12...exd4 is more dynamic. After 13.0-0 f5 14.e5 ♠e6 there are chances for both sides.

13.0-0 a6 14.♠h4

Threatening 15.f4, undermining the defence of the d♙.

14...♠f6 15.f4 exf4 16.♠xf4

White can't recapture with the ♠ because of the loose ♠ on h4, so Black retains control of e5.

16...♠e5 17.♠f3!?

A thematic sacrifice to gain control of the dark squares. Soon the d♙ will fall, after which White's two ♠s and central ♠ mass will give him good compensation.

17...♠xf4 18.gxf4 ♠e6 19.♠c2 ♟d7 20.f5

Another ♠ sacrifice to expose Black's ♠. If White plays 20.♠h2 to defend the h♙, then 20...f5! (threatening 21...fxe4 to attack the ♠f4) is awkward. After 21.e5 ♠d5 22.♠cxd4 ♠xd4 23.♠xd4 ♠xg2 24.♟xg2 the a1-h8 diagonal is blocked and the central ♠s are blockaded; however, White still has compensation. A sharper (but riskier) plan is 20.♠cxd4 ♠xh3 21.f5 with attacking chances.

20...gxf5 21.♠cxd4 f6

Black can take the second ♠, though he must be careful; 21...fxe4 22.♟xe4 ♠xd4 23.♠xd4 ♠ad8? 24.♟e5 ♠g6? 25.♟g7+! ♠xg7 26.♠f5+ ♠g8 27.♠h6# is a pretty way to lose. Better here is 22...♠f5, planning ...♠g6 and ...f6. 22.♠xe6 ♟xe6 23.♠g5 ♟g6 24.h4 f5 looks fine for Black, so best is probably 22.dxe4 with ideas of ♟e3-g5 and ♟e3-c3.

22.e5! ♠g6!

Not 22...fxe5? 23.♠xc6 ♠xc6 24.♠xe5 and now 24...♠xe5 ♟xe5 and 24...♟d6 25.♠xc6 and 26.♟g+ leave Black defenceless on the dark squares.

23.♠xc6 bxc6 24.exf6 ♠d5 25.♟f2 ♟d6 26.♠c1 ♠ae8 27.♠h4 ♠xf6

Returning the exchange to blunt the attack.

28.♠xd5+

Not 28.♠xf6 ♟xf6 29.♠xf5? ♟g5 30.♠f1 ♠f8 threatening 31...♟xg2+ ♟xg2 ♠xg2 33.♠xg2 ♠xf5!, or simply 31...♠xf5

28...cxd5 29.♠xf6

29.♠xf5 ♠xf5 30.♟xf5 ♟g3+ 31.♠f1 (not 31.♠h1? ♠e1+ 32.♠e1 ♟xe1+ 33.♠h2 ♟e2+ winning the ♠) 31...♠f4 32.♟g4+ ♟xg4 33.hxg4 ♠xd3 regains the ♠.

29...♟xf6 30.♠f3 ♠e5 31.♟g3+ ♠h8 32.♠xe5 ♠g8

Black must still be careful: the ♠ ending after 32...♟xe5 33.♟xe5+ ♠xe5 34.♠f2 is better for White in view of his more active ♠ and Black's weak ♠s. After 32...♠g8 White can still keep the game going with 33.♠g4 fxg4 34.h4 (34.hxg4 ♟e6+ 35.g5 h6 regains the ♠ with a strong attack), though it is hard to make progress with the White ♠ exposed. Instead he forces an immediate draw.

33.♟xg8+ ♠xg8 34.♠c8+ ♠g7 35.♠c7+ ♠g8

Black can't escape the checks: ...♠h6 and ...♠f8 lose to ♠c6 and ♠d7+ respectively. A complicated, exciting game! ½-½

Barrlos, R NCA (2160) – Dreyer, M (2310)
R 7 [B01]

1.e4 d5 2.e5 ♠f5 3.d4 e6 4.h4 h5 5.♠d3 ♠xd3 6.♟xd3 c5 7.c3 ♠c6 8.♠f3 ♟b6 9.dxc5 ♠xc5 10.0-0 a5 11.♠a3 ♠h6 12.♠xh6 ♠xh6 13.♠h5 ♠g6 14.a4 ♠f8 15.♠ae1 ♠g8 16.♠g5 ♠e7 17.♠xf7 ♠xf7 18.♟f3+ ♠g8 19.♟xh5 ♠h6 20.♟g4 ♠f8 21.h5 ♠f5 22.♠d6 ♠fxh5 23.g3 ♠xe5 0-1

Noble, M (2260) – Vella, D MLT
R 9 [E80]

1.d4 ♠f6 2.c4 g6 3.♠c3 ♠g7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 ♠c6 6.♠ge2 a6 7.♠e3 ♠b8 8.♟d2 b5 9.g4 bxc4 10.h4 ♠b4 11.♠f4 e5 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.♟xd8+ ♠xd8 14.0-0-0 ♠e8 15.♠fd5 ♠fxd5 16.♠xd5 ♠xd5 17.♠xd5 ♠e6 18.♠c5

♠b7 19.♠h2 ♠f8 20.♠a5 ♠d6 21.♠c2 c3 22.bxc3 ♠e7 23.♠xa6 ♠bb8 24.c4 c6 25.♠a7 ♠b4 26.♠b2 ♠xb2 27.♠xb2 ♠a8 28.♠b7 ♠d8 29.♠c3 ♠d7 30.c5 ♠c7 31.♠a6 ♠c8 32.♠xc8 ♠xc8 33.♠b6 ♠b8 34.♠a8 ♠d7 35.a4 ♠c7 36.♠a7 ♠d8 37.a5 f6 38.a6 h6 39.♠xc7 ♠xc7 40.a7 1-0

Wastney, S (2100) – Schlosser, M (2380)
Round 12 [E68]

Notes by Scott Wastney

My opponent is Michael Schlosser, an IM from Austria. The game was played on board 4 in the 12th round.

1.d4 ♠f6 2.♠f3 g6 3.c4 ♠g7 4.♠c3 0-0 5.g3 d6 6.♠g2 ♠bd7 7.0-0 e5 8.h3 ♠e8 9.e4 exd4 10.♠xd4 ♠c5 11.♠e1 ♠d7

Luis Alvarez from Ecuador played 11...a5 against me in the 6th round. The game continued 12.b3 c6 13.♠b2 h6 14.♠b1 ♠h7 15.♠e2 ♠g5 16.f4 ♠h3 17.♠h2 ♠xf4 18.gf ♠h4+ 19.♠g1 ♟f4 and game was soon agreed a draw.

12.♠b1 h6 13.♠h2 ♠e5 14.b4

Aseev–Yurtaev (1988) continued 14.f3 ♠h5 15.♠de2 g5 16.b4 ♠e6 17.♠d5 and white eventually won.

14...♠e6 15.♠e3 ♠h5 16.f3 ♠xd4 17.♠xd4 ♟c8?

Black is preparing to exchange a minor piece for White's kingside pawns. At the time I thought that the preliminary 17...c5!?

was better.

18.g4 ♠xf4 19.fxg4 ♠xg4 20.♟d3 ♠xd4 21.♟xd4 ♠xh3 22.♠e3

I took 25 minutes to make this move, but the time spent was rather unproductive. I was now already in some time pressure.

22...♠xg2+ 23.♠xg2 a5 24.b5 ♟g4+ 25.♠g3 ♟h4 26.♠d5 ♟h2+ 27.♠f3 ♠h3 28.♠f6+ ♠f8 29.♠b1 ♠d8 30.♠d5 ♠g8 31.♟f2?

I played this move quickly. The move is, I think, a characteristic mistake for me. In time pressure I try to simplify the position with exchanges. I made a similar move in my game against Anthony Ker in the 95/96 NZ Championship. After 31.♠xc7 Black's

position is difficult. For example, 31... $\text{E}xg3$ 32. $\text{E}xg3$ $\text{W}xa2$ loses to 33. $\text{E}e6$!

31... $\text{E}xg3$ + 32. $\text{E}xg3$ $\text{W}h1$ + 33. $\text{W}g2$ $\text{W}d1$ + 34. $\text{W}e2$ $\text{W}h1$ + 35. $\text{E}f2$ $\text{W}h2$ + 36. $\text{E}g2$ $\text{W}e5$ 37. $\text{W}e3$ c6 38. $\text{E}c3$ h5 39. $\text{E}e2$ $\text{E}e8$ 40. $\text{E}d3$ $\text{W}e6$ 41. $\text{W}f3$ $\text{E}h7$ 42. $\text{B}xc6$ $\text{B}xc6$ 43. $\text{E}g5$ $\text{E}b8$ 44. $\text{E}xa5$ $\text{E}b4$ 45. $\text{E}a7$ $\text{W}xc4$ + 46. $\text{E}c2$ $\text{E}g7$ 47. $\text{W}g3$ $\text{W}c5$

After the game Michael thought 47... $\text{W}e6$ would have given him some winning chances.

48. $\text{E}d7$ $\text{E}a4$ 49. $\text{W}f3$ $\text{W}c4$ 50. $\text{E}d2$

The endgame after 50. $\text{W}xf7$ $\text{W}xf7$ 51. $\text{E}xf7$ $\text{E}xf7$ 52. $\text{E}xa4$ was difficult to evaluate in the limited time available (we both had about 7 minutes to reach move 60). With my move I offered a draw. After a short think my opponent accepted my offer. $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

1996 World Junior Championship

David Guthrie scored 6/13 in the 1996 World Junior Championship played in Medellin, Colombia. He was placed 36th in a field of 58, which included 3 GMs and about 20 IMs.

The title was won by GM Emil Sutovskij, of Israel, with 10 points, a clear point ahead of Zhong Zhang, of China, and Zoltan Gyimesi, of Hungary.

David's result is expected to further lift his FIDE rating, although he says he should have finished higher but lost his last two games. In round 11 he beat an Argentinian IM with a 2420 rating.

The girls' title was won by Chen Zsu from China with 12/13! There were 6 WGMs in the field of 36.

David reports that overall the tournament was excellently organised, but the playing hall was quite noisy.

A selection of games will appear in the next issue of *NZ Chess*.

Here is one of the games which helped Teresa Sheehan gain a FIDE rating.

Raphaela AHO – Sheehan, T
R 7

1.e4 e5 2. $\text{E}f3$ $\text{E}f6$ 3. $\text{E}c3$ d6 4.h3 $\text{E}e7$ 5. $\text{E}c4$ h6 6.d3 $\text{E}bd7$ 7. $\text{E}d2$ c6 8. $\text{E}b3$ $\text{W}c7$ 9. $\text{E}h2$ $\text{E}f8$ 10.f4 $\text{E}xf4$ 11. $\text{E}xf4$ $\text{E}e6$ 12. $\text{E}c3$ $\text{E}d7$ 13. $\text{E}f3$ c5 14. $\text{E}d5$ $\text{E}xd5$ 15. $\text{E}xd5$ $\text{E}c6$ 16. $\text{E}b3$ $\text{E}f6$ 17.c3 0-0 18.0-0 b6 19. $\text{W}e1$ $\text{E}ae8$ 20. $\text{W}f2$ $\text{E}e7$ 21. $\text{E}d5$ $\text{E}xd5$ 22. $\text{E}xd5$ $\text{E}d8$ 23. $\text{E}f4$ $\text{E}e5$ 24. $\text{E}xe5$ $\text{d}xe5$ 25. $\text{W}g3$ $\text{E}fe8$ 26. $\text{E}ae1$ $\text{W}d6$ 27.c4 $\text{E}h7$ 28. $\text{E}h4$ g6 29. $\text{E}e3$ f5 30. $\text{E}ef3$ f4 31. $\text{W}g4$ h5 32. $\text{E}f5$

32. $\text{W}g5$ $\text{E}f7$

32... $\text{h}xg4$ 33. $\text{E}xd6$ $\text{g}xf3$ 34. $\text{g}xf3$ $\text{E}h8$ 35. $\text{E}e4$ $\text{E}g7$ 36. $\text{E}g2$ $\text{E}f7$ 37.b3 $\text{E}d7$

and Black's extra E eventually prevailed (69 moves). 0-1

Obituary

Roger Gonin

Otago Chess Club has lost one of its most valued members with the death of Roger Gonin, who joined the club in 1977 and served it unstintingly until his death.

Roger was born in England but lived in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) for a number of years before coming to New Zealand. He was assistant bursar at the University of Otago and used these skills to help the club during 12 years as its treasurer. He was also instrumental in making excellent arrangements for Congress to be held at the university.

Roger won the Junior Cup in 1982 and enjoyed considerable success in the "Chess for Fun" competition. He was a member of the Woodpushers team, which won the A grade once and the B grade three times.

Roger's service to the club is to be marked with the presentation of the Roger Gonin Memorial Trophy for the winner of the intermediate rapid tournament.

23rd North Shore open

By NM Peter Stuart

The 23rd edition of the North Shore Open was held on the weekend of 28/29 September with a new format which received favourable comment from a number of players and, perhaps more important, no condemnation from anyone! With a single grade five rounds are often not sufficient to find a winner and the difficulty of fitting six rounds into two days was overcome by starting with two rapid chess rounds (30 minutes per player) followed by four rounds with the usual time control incorporating a guillotine finish. This format has been used overseas but this was the first time in New Zealand we think. Another feature, growing in popularity here, was the option of a half-point bye; there were only two takers. Lastly the tournament had a "houseman" in the person of Graham Mears who played when needed to avoid any full-point byes.

I know that many weaker players believe that the faster time controls are to the advantage of the higher rated players. I also don't believe this myself; strong players are just as likely to panic in severe time pressure as weaker players. Be that as it may the only upsets in round one occurred on the top and bottom boards. Despite the white piece advantage Paul Garbett could make no headway against Brenton Emett; indeed the latter possibly missed a win in the king & pawn ending. Peter Green, third seed, had a lucky escape against Philip Hair in round two and at the end of the rapid phase six players remained unscathed: Bob Smith, Alexei Kulashko, Leonard McLaren, Nigel Hopewell, Ralph Hart and Geoffrey Gill who accounted for 7th seed Wolf Leonhardt.

McLaren took the sole lead in round 3 with a clear-cut win over Gill while the other leaders drew. The game Hopewell-Smith was particularly interesting for its middle-game tactics. Garbett's tactical ingenuity enabled him to hold the balance against

McLaren in round 4 allowing Green, who beat Smith with a nice exchange sacrifice in the endgame, and Kulashko, whose win over Hopewell was the game of the tournament, to share the lead with him on 3½. Hart took the half-point bye in the Saturday evening round and then withdrew because of illness.

And then there were two. Green, already a pawn down, blundered a piece to McLaren while Kulashko beat Leonhardt. Garbett moved into third place on 4 points, a situation he was unable to exploit as in the final round Smith won three pawns for a piece and the foot soldiers, backed by a brace of bishops, proved too strong. The result of the game between the leaders was predictable – and very soon known! Fair enough, too, as only Garbett could possibly have caught them while a loss could have left the loser in a multiple tie for third. As it happened Green and Hopewell agreed to a draw surprisingly quickly while Paul Beach, who also had 3½ going into the last round, went down to Leonhardt after his sacrificial attack failed.

McLaren, LJ – Gill, G
French [C10]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3. $\text{E}c3$ $\text{d}xe4$ 4. $\text{E}xe4$ $\text{E}f6$ 5. $\text{E}xf6$ + $\text{W}xf6$ 6. $\text{E}f3$ $\text{E}d6$ 7. $\text{E}g5$ $\text{W}f5$ 8. $\text{E}d3$ $\text{W}a5$ + 9. $\text{E}d2$ $\text{W}b6$ 10. $\text{W}e2$ $\text{E}c6$ 11.c3 $\text{E}e7$ 12.0-0 $\text{E}g6$ 13.g3 c6 14. $\text{E}g5$ $\text{W}c7$ 15.f4 $\text{E}f8$ 16. $\text{E}d1$ $\text{E}e7$ 17.h4 $\text{E}xg5$ 18.fxg5 $\text{E}d7$ 19.h5 $\text{E}e7$ 20.g6 f5 21. $\text{E}c4$ $\text{E}d5$ 22.h6 $\text{h}xg6$ 23. $\text{E}xd5$ $\text{E}xd5$ 24. $\text{E}f4$ $\text{E}e8$ 25. $\text{W}xe8$ + $\text{E}xe8$ 26. $\text{E}xc7$ 1-0.

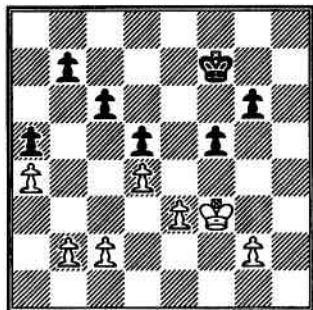
McLaren, LJ – Garbett, PA
Sicilian [B85]

1.e4 c5 2. $\text{E}f3$ $\text{E}c6$ 3.d4 $\text{c}xd4$ 4. $\text{E}xd4$ e6 5. $\text{E}c3$ $\text{W}c7$ 6. $\text{E}e2$ a6 7.0-0 $\text{E}f6$ 8.a4 $\text{E}e7$ 9. $\text{E}c3$ d6 10.f4 0-0 11. $\text{E}f3$ $\text{E}b8$ 12. $\text{E}b3$ b6 13.g4 $\text{E}a5$ 14.g5 $\text{E}d7$ 15. $\text{E}d2$ $\text{E}b7$ 16. $\text{E}g2$ $\text{E}fc8$ 17. $\text{W}h5$ g6 18. $\text{W}h3$ $\text{W}d8$ 19. $\text{E}ad1$ b5 20. $\text{a}xb5$ $\text{a}xb5$ 21. $\text{E}xb5$ $\text{E}a6$ 22.c4 $\text{E}xb5$ 23. $\text{c}xb5$ $\text{E}xb5$ 24. $\text{E}d4$ e5 25.fxe5 $\text{d}xe5$

37.b5 ♖b7 38.♠d5 ♖a5 39.♙e2 ♖f7 40.♠d2 ♖e4 41.♠c2 ♙e5 42.♙a3 ♠c7 43.♙b4 ♖b7 44.c6 ♖e8 45.♙d3 ♖bd6 46.a4 ♖c8 47.♙xe4 ♙xe4 48.♠c4 ♖d6 49.♙xd6 ♙xd6 50.♠xe4+ ♠e7 51.♠xe7+ ♖xe7 52.♖f3 ♙c7 53.♖e4 ♖d6 54.f4 ♙b6 55.g4 ♖e6 56.h3 h5 57.f5+ ♙xf5+ 58.♙xf5+ 1-0.

Finally, a couple of interesting positions where opportunities were missed.

This is the position after Black's 32nd move in the game Garbett–Emett from round 1. With equal material and no real prospect of a passed pawn one would expect a draw and this is, indeed, what should happen and what did happen. But such simple endings can be very difficult and the result might well have been otherwise.



33.g4?

White plans to leave Black with an isolated f-pawn but perhaps forgets that it can just as easily be a passed g-pawn.

33...♖f6 34.♖f4 b5?

This gives White a chance to retrieve the situation. Instead 34...g5+! 35.♖f3 b5 36.b3 b4 37.♖g3 ♙xg4 38.♖xg4 ♖g6 39.♖g3 ♖f5 40.♖f3 g4+ 41.♖g3 ♖e4 42.♖f2 g3+ 43.♖e2 g2 44.♖f2 g1♙+ 45.♖xg1 ♖xe3 is winning.

35.gxf5?

But White does not appreciate the danger he is in; 35.g5+ ♖e6 36.b3 =.

35...♙xf5?

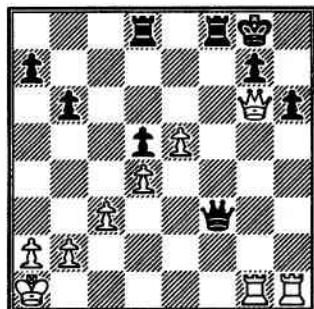
A natural reply of course, but 35...g5+! still wins: 36.♖g4 ♙xa4 37.c3 (37.c4 ♙xc4 38.e4 c3 39.e5+ ♖f7 40.♙xc3 a3 →) 37...a3 38.♙xa3 a4 39.e4 (39.♖g3 ♖xf5 40.♖f3 g4+

41.♖f2 ♖e4 42.♖e2 g3) 39...♙xe4 40.c4 e3 41.♖f3 ♖xf5 42.♖xe3 g4! 43.d5 ♙xd5 44.♙xd5 ♖e5 45.d6 ♖xd6 46.♖f4 ♖c5 47.♖xg4 ♖c4 48.♖f4 ♖b3 49.♖e3 ♖xa3 50.♖d2 ♖b2 →. 36.♖f3 ♖g5

Now the winning chances are all gone.

37.♖g3 ♖g6 38.♖f4 ♖f6 39.c3 ♙xa4 40.♖f3 ♖e6 41.♖g3 ♖f7 42.♖f3 ♖e6 43.♖g2 ♖f6 44.♖h3 ♖g5 45.♖g3 ♖g6 46.♖f4 ♖f6 47.♖f3 ½-½.

The game Hair–Green from round 2 reached the following position after White's 33rd move. This could be a very interesting rook or double rook ending with the black connected passed pawns against the white e-pawn. Indeed Black had offered numerous queen swaps over the previous moves as the presence of the ladies is much in White's (middle-game) favour.



33...♠d7?

After the better 33...♙f7 34.♙xh6 ♙f1+ 35.♠xf1 ♠xf1+ 36.♠xf1 ♙xh6 37.♖b1 White is well on top.

34.a3?!

This may not throw away the win but it is quite unnecessary. 34 ♙xh6 may well also be winning but 34.♙e6+! is devastating e.g. 34...♠d7 35.♠xg7+! and mate in 2, or 34...♙f7 35.♠xg7+! or 34...♠f7 35.♙e8+ ♖h7 36.♠xh6+! and mate next move.

34...♙f7

Better 34...♖h8.

35.♙xh6 ♙f1+ 36.♠xf1 ♠xf1+ 37.♠xf1 ♙xh6 38.♠f6 ♠h7 39.e6

39.♠d6 looks risky but White has time to snaffle the d-pawn if he wants: 39... 39...h5 40.♠xd5 (40.e6 ♠e7 41.♠xd5 ♠xe6 42.♠xh5 and the queenside majority is decisive) 40...h4 41.e6 h3 42.♠d8+ ♖g7 43.♠d7+ ♖g6 44.e7 again winning.

39...h5 40.♠f3?

The winning 40.♠f5! h4 41.♠xd5 transposes to the previous note. The text hands the advantage to Black.

40...h4 41.♠h3

The ultimate agony for a rook, blockading an enemy passed pawn.

North Shore CC Championship

Leonard McLaren went one better than last year when he scored a convincing victory in this year A-grade Championship. His undefeated 8½/10 gave him a two-point margin in the double-round event and apart from a moment of madness when he unsoundly sacrificed a piece against an out-of-form Wolf Leonhardt in the latter's time trouble, he was never in danger of losing. Sharing second were Matthew Barlow, who had been sitting on a hat-trick, and Peter Stuart on 6½. They were followed by Leonhardt 4, Naveed Aslam 2½ and Ben Giles 2.

Prashant Mistry successfully defended his B-grade title in a close race with 8/11. Going into the last round he was level with Brenton Emmett and Michael Howard but this duo lost their games and shared second place with Daniel Johns and Jim Mathieson on 7.

Two schoolboys, David Munroe and Mark Le Brocq, dominated the C-grade with the former edging ahead on the final night to win with 6½/10 to Le Brocq's 6. Next were Leo Grevers and Graham Wagstaff on 5½.

Leonhardt, W – McLaren, LJ

King's Indian [E82]

1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 g6 3.♖c3 ♖g7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.♙e3 b6 7.♙d2 c5 8.d5 e6 9.0-0-0 ♙xd5 10.♙xd5 a6 11.g4 b5 12.h4 h5 13.gxh5 ♖xh5 14.♖e4 ♖f5 15.♖g5 ♙b6 16.♖e2 ♙xe4 17.♙xe4

41...♖f8 42.c4 ♙xc4 43.d5 ♖e7 44.♖b1 ♖d6 45.♖c2 ♖xd5 46.♖c3 b5 47.♠e3?

47.e7 ♠xe7 48.♠xh4 ♠e3+ 49.♖c2 should be drawn.

47...♖d6

The score-sheets reveal no more moves yet Black is probably winning, e.g., 47...♖d6 48.a4 (48.♖d4 ♖e7 and the e♙ falls when the ♠ is forced to the h-file) 48...a6 (48...h3? 49.e7 ♠xe7 50.♠xh3 draws) 49.axb5 axb5 50.♖b4 ♖e7 51.♖xb5 h3 52.♠e1 h2 53.♠h1 ♠h4 and the black ♖ will own the board. ½-½.

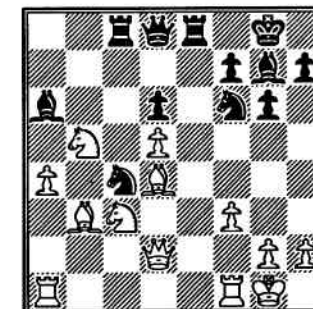
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Barlow, MJ – McLaren, LJ

King's Indian [E82]

1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 g6 3.♖c3 ♖g7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.♙e3 b6 7.♙d3 a6 8.♖ge2 c5 9.d5 e6 10.0-0 ♠e8 11.♙d2 ♙xd5 12.♙xd5 ♖bd7 13.b3 ♖e5 14.♖c2 b5

14...♠b8 15.a4 ♠e7! Δ ♙f8; Δ ♠eb7. 15.♙xb5 axb5 16.♖xb5 ♙a6 17.♖ec3 c4 18.a4 ♠c8 19.♙d4 ♙xb3 20.♙xb3 ♖c4



21.♙xc4

21.♙f2 ♖e5 (21...♙a5 22.♙xc4 ♠xc4 23.♙b6 ♙b4 24.♠fb1+, 21...♙b7 22.♖a7!+ Δ ♖cb5) 22.♠fd1±.

unr	507 WALLS C	?. 1701	1155*	1201*
13 1256	508 POCOCK R	GA 1606	1152* 6	1272
1343	509 COOZE B	HH 2063	1151 13	1124*
*11 1389	510 SHERLOCK J	AS 2094	unr 22	1150
22 1311	511 CHAN W	?. 1902	1149*	unr
unr	512 MCCARTHY PD	PT 621	1149	1322
5 1227	513 RICHARDSON A	AS 1920	unr 26	1149
1381*	514 JONES GM	NS 312	4 1147 12	1377
17 1365	515 CRAWFORD R	NP 1558	unr	1146*
5 1505*	516 FRASER K	OT 1791	1146*	1306*
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1589*	539 CHOW C	WE 1801	unr 10	1089
unr	540 PFISTER R	?. 1881	7 1088*	unr
unr	541 ARANUI G	CA 1640	10 1087 6	1281*
1258*	542 COOK E	CA 1782	12 1085 6	1170*
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unr	549 STAPLES B	HP 1563	7 1073*	1048
6 1204	550 HARRIS P	OT 1493	7 1068 12	1379
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unr	553 SIMS L	?. 1553	unr	1064
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unr	555 NEWMAN DA	ZZ 496	5 1059	unr
6 1489*	556 WEBBER CH	UH 267	1056 5	1189
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unr	566 LISLE G	WA 2090	5 1037*	unr
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5 1337	570 ALLAN J	GA 1915	unr	4 1027
unr	571 MUNNS M	WT 1731	11 1026	unr

572 HOMBOY L	?. 1441	1022*	unr
573 MITCHELL T	WA 1946	12 1022	unr
574 DONALDSON B	ZZ 2082	7 1019* 5	1259*
575 JACK C	UH 1814	12 1017*15	1188
576 LALOLI S	AC 2103	8 1014*	unr
577 NELLSON S	HA 1247	1013	unr
578 ALLPRESS K	WT 1519	1010	unr
579 JOHNSON J	GA 1835	5 1003*11	1107
580 SIMPSON DJW	NS 1844	1003*12	1333
581 CACCIAMANI AT	NS 2028	unr 10	1002*
582 COLLINGWOOD G	WT 1827	17 1002	unr
583 COSTA J	CA 1948	999*	unr
584 GUTHREY C	AC 1954	4 999*	unr
585 ROSNER A	WT 1832	995*	unr
586 ANDERSON W	AC 2078	19 993	unr
587 BRITTEN R	WT 1726	5 993*	unr
588 RAMACHANDRAN M	1884	993*	unr
589 CHUNG J	AS 1940	unr	991*
590 COLEMAN G	PT 1274	990	1163*
591 VINJIMOORE A	WE 1800	unr 13	986
592 LEWIS I	SP 2049	7 984*	unr
593 HURRING C	KP 1909	unr	981*
594 THOMPSON J	IN 2044	4 978*	unr
595 YEATTS T	AC 1956	976*	unr
596 ANTONCHICH M	WE 1834	unr	973*
597 STEPHENS RC	UH 1264	973 4	1060*
598 AHRENS W	NS 1843	unr	972*
599 GALES AE	NS 693	970	1154
600 CHOU P	NS 1845	unr	969*
601 KIMPTON S	?. 1883	968*	unr
602 STEVENSON M	CA 1776	12 966 10	1105
603 JURY A	NP 1551	964*	917*
604 GRACE B	PE 1891	962*	1037*
605 HERRING M	?. 1873	962*	unr
606 PHILLIPS D	GA 1620	962	1219
607 BROWNE E	CA 1783	12 961	unr
608 WILSON M	HA 1836	8 961*	unr
609 ARNOLD R	WT 1727	15 960	unr
610 YORSTON K	WA 1598	17 960	unr
611 FROST P	OT 1184	958*	1417*
612 JOBSZ C	NS 2077	unr 5	956*
613 DEN HEIJER N	HP 1979	unr	946*
614 DALMAN M	?. 1983	unr	943*
615 MCPHERSON A	WE 1746	unr	942*
616 RENNIE T	WE 1502	938	1128
617 MCLISKEY H	SP 2050	7 937*	unr
618 DAVIS B	CA 2092	6 934*	unr
619 COX WR	KP 1456	932*	1063
620 JARDINE C	AC 1680	14 932	unr
621 BECKMANN P	AC 1588	926	1259*
622 LYFORD J	AS 2081	unr 5	924*
623 BOYD S	AS 2098	unr 22	920
624 O'MALLEY S	WE 1501	915	788
625 OSBORNE K	?. 1555	unr	911*
626 SANSOM I	WE 1802	unr 9	907
627 SIMPSON P	WT 2029	11 907*	unr
628 HUMPHREY J	GA 1812	unr	906*
629 GALLETTY D	OT 1918	899*	unr
630 PITT S	CA 2009	12 899 6	782*
631 HAXTON D	WA 2085	5 892*	unr
632 TOYNE C	WA 2087	5 892*	unr
633 KRAULIZ P	WA 1790	17 889	unr
634 LAIDLAW J	WE 1847	unr 10	888
635 SWEETSUR M	GA 1904	885*	unr

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636	RAMACHANDRAN S	1867	880*	unr
637	KARNN R	?. 1965	877*	unr
638	MCLEAN D	WE 1744	876*	931
639	WEERASURIYA D			
		WE 1999	unr 14	876
640	LAW P	?. 1880	875*	unr
641	WILLSON W	?. 1868	874*	unr
642	VAN STRATEN D			
		NS 1607	871	1072
643	TU J	?. 1228	867*	4 1074*
644	BISHOP A	SP 2038	unr 5	866*
645	WRATT A	?. 1927	unr	863*
646	DALMAN P	?. 1930	unr	862*
647	MILICICH G	CI 2042	861*	4 846*
648	TUATINI M	GA 1934	unr	861*
649	WOOD A	AS 2099	unr 22	844
650	MCCARTHY O	PT 1793	841*	1013*
651	WEERASURIYA S			
		WE 2001	unr 19	824
652	AH-CHEE ML	AC 1865	822*	unr
653	WILKINS JC	NS 1755	803	1046
654	CROOKSTON J	CI 1974	799	unr
655	YANG J	AC 1879	799*	unr
656	ROGERS J	WE 2054	unr 6	798*
657	ROUNTHWAITE T			
		WT 1896	14	798
658	O'CALLAGHAN J			
		?. 1857	unr	794*
659	HERATH S	WE 2002	unr 14	790
660	JOHNSON-RONGO H			
		SP 2048	7	789*
661	KLARWILL N	CA 1864	788*	unr
662	LANDRIGAN N	SP 2052	7	782*
663	HURLEY LD	WA 2089	5	778*
664	OLIN M	AS 2100	unr 22	777
665	RICHARDSON N	AS 2101	unr 22	777
666	STALLINGER R	CI 1972	766*	unr
667	CROAWELL J	OT 1998	764*14	1025
668	BALE H	KP 1910	unr	757*
669	COWDEN M	NS 1917	unr	751*
670	BAUER K	WE 1799	5	749*10
671	TRETHOWEN P	WT 2036	5	743*
672	SHEEHAN S	HH 1655	15	742
673	STRID B	?. 1882	733*	unr
674	CHEESEMAN A	WE 1842	unr	720*
675	COX C	OT 1921	715*	1033*
676	O'CONNOR S	WT 1828	10	712
677	WIJESINGHE S	WE 2004	unr 4	707*
678	HOWELL R	HH 1849	701*	unr
679	IANOVSKI I	?. 1874	701*	unr
680	RAI N	?. 1875	700*	unr
681	AUTHIER A	WT 1728	15	699
682	MORRIS E	NS 1853	698*	5 930*
683	COLLEN T	WE 2014	unr 12	690
684	MORRIS C	NS 1850	669*	6 974*
685	HERATH C	WE 2005	unr 13	667
686	BALL D	WE 1838	unr	656*
687	BAUER I	WE 1841	unr 12	652
688	MCHUGH D	WE 2000	unr 6	634*
689	BATINICA N	WT 2066	11	630*
690	SINCLAIR F	WE 1757	unr	627
691	TROTMAN D	?. 1981	unr	618*
692	CLEARWATER S	?. 1878	611*	unr
693	SIMPSON J	?. 1928	unr	605*
694	RANATUNGA C	WE 2003	unr 2	588*
695	ROBINSON M	WA 2091	5	587*
696	HIRANO S	?. 1888	566*	unr

697	BRODIE C	WA 2088	5	559*	unr
698	CROOK D	WE 1840	unr 12	545	
699	FOOKSTOV D	WE 1906	unr	543*	
700	GALEA D	UH 1499	532*5	1134	
701	PALMER R	WT 1985	532*	unr	
702	LUKETINA IP	SP 2039	unr 4	529*	
703	QUINLAN J	SP 2053	7	523*	unr
704	MCHARDY G	?. 1876	489*	unr	
705	SUDA U	WE 2007	unr 2	481*	
706	GILLIES A	?. 1877	456*	unr	
707	RUPASINGHE L	WE 2013	unr 5	400*	
708	GILLOOLY N	?. 1887	300*	unr	
709	HETTIGE D	WE 2006	unr 3	300*	
710	LUKETINA G	SP 2045	unr 4	300*	
711	NAIK A	WE 2015	unr 3	300*	

Celebrities party in Hastings

By Kent Wong

Sir Robert Jones added to his generosity towards NZ chess at a function in Hastings, when he announced that he would make up any shortfall in the Sheehans' travelling expenses to the Armenia Olympiad. His offer came after seeing the efforts of the Sheehan family in organising a celebrity cocktail party in Hastings as a fundraising event. The guest speakers included *Once Were Warriors* author, Alan Duff, NZ First leader Winston Peters and Sir Robert.

The cocktail evening attracted a sizable crowd, who were entertained by Rosaleen and Teresa playing a game of blitz (which was drawn), and local chessplayer Dave Smith playing an electric keyboard.

A charity auction of memorabilia capped off the highly successful evening. First on offer was Winston Peters' tie. Bids were slow in coming to begin with (no fault of the tie - it was silk), but eventually the offers flowed as the evening progressed. Sporting items such as a soccer ball signed by the Napier City Rovers, a rugby ball signed by the Hawkes Bay Magpies and a cricket top signed by the NZ team were quickly snapped up. Two *Shortland Street* teeshirts each went for a higher price than the cricket top.

In all, the evening was very enjoyable, with great food and beverages prepared by the Sheehan family and the local ambience complemented by the presence of the celebrities

New Zealand news

South Island champion **Tony Dowden** has joined the northward migration, moving from Invercargill to Palmerston North to take up a teaching appointment.

Auckland

Robert Goris won the Auckland CC Winter Cup A grade, with 3½/5 (3 draws), just heading off Alexei Kulashko and Michael Steadman 3 and Ortvín Sarapu 2½. **Boris Zarkovic** won the B grade with 3½/5, after drawing in the first round and losing to Keith Chandler in the second. Zarkovic beat Keith Ward in the last round, to head off Ward by half a point, with Roger Perry and Mark Henderson on 2½. **John Tseung** and **Neville Easterlow** shared the C grade on 3½, half a point ahead of Ziggy Merward and Patrick Young. **Terry Tangi** on 4/4 was a clear winner of the D grade, a point ahead of Aidan. The E grade, a 10-player swiss, was won by **Jack Frost** 4½/5, half a point ahead of Jonathan Huggins.

Waitemata

Waitemata CC's club championship preliminary tournament was a 7-round swiss with 22 players, and the field was headed by Daniel Goudie (loss to John O'Connor in the last round) and Alan Macfarlane (loss to Goudie), both on 6/7. O'Connor was third on 5½, followed by Colm Hartigan 5, Tony Kesseler 4½, and Mana Garland, Lindsay Kerrigan, Neville Easterlow and Brian Palmer 4.

Canterbury

The Canterbury CC's championship A grade championship was won narrowly by **Stephen Coates** 5/7, followed by Matthew McNabb and Dmitri Serebriany 4½. Coates raced to 5/5, then lost horribly in the last 2 rounds. Three players had the chance of catching him and forcing a play-off or winning outright, but they all faltered as well. The real surprise was the performance

of McNabb, who is still a junior and whose rating was well below all the other players.

The B grade was an even closer struggle. Derek Partidge and Mark Sadler were neck-and-neck throughout, but **Gavin Dawes** beat Sadler in the final game to sneak past them both and finish on 5½/7. This is the second year in a row Sadler has seen the B grade title slip away from him in the last round.

There was a tie for first in the C grade between junior **Craig Hall** and veteran **Geoff Patston**, both on 6/7. Hall won their individual game, but then lost in an embarrassing 15 moves to George Aranui, thus losing the chance of a picket fence.

Otago

Matthew Vincent and **Terry Duffield** shared honours in the Otago CC Westpac winter rapid, with 4/6, heading off Hamish Gold and Jacob Feenstra on 4. Feenstra, the top seed, lost to Vincent and Gold in the last two rounds.

Mid-Canterbury Rapid Champ

There was a very tight contest in the 1996 Mid-Canterbury Championship, a 5-round swiss held in Ashburton. Four players tied for first on 4/5. They were Stephen Coates CA and Dmitri Serebriany CA, (who drew their game in the last round), Alistair Cummings CA (who drew with Nick Cummings in the last round) and Rex Scarf AS (who beat John MacDonald in the last round to catch the other winners).

Nick Cummings CA was also in the hunt, but his loss to Compton in the last round kept him half a point back, ahead of John MacDonald AS, Nigel Richardson AS, Arie Nijman CA, Ken Pow AS, Gavin Dawes and Bruce Gloisten CA on 3.

Roy Keeling maintained his reputation for upsetting high-rated players, talomg the upset prize for his win against Ken Pow.

Otago-Invercargill match

The Otago and Invercargill CCs held their annual match in October, with Otago winning a 10-minutes each play-off 6:2 after the main games resulted in a 4:4 draw.

It was also arranged for Ben Martin and Tony Dowden to play some "exhibition" blitz and maybe some rapid games. Martin played spectacular, intuitive blitz to beat Dowden about 12:2. Their games included such openings as the Falkbeer Gambit, Froms Gambit, Polish Defence, Centre Counter and several obligatory French Defences, as well as 1.b3 Nf6 2.Bb2 g5! and 1.g4 h5!

They spent so much time talking they only had time for one "very rapid" game of 15 minutes each. Martin was evidently still in swashbuckling mood and handed Dowden a rare IM scalp.

Martin, Ben IM – Dowden, Tony
Otago-Invercargill match, 1997
Notes by Tony Dowden

1.e4 e6 2.♁f3 d5 3.e5 c5 4.b4

The French version of the "Wing Gambit." After the game Ben said this had once been played against him in an Olympiad.

4...cxb4 5.a3 ♁c6 6.axb4 ♁xb4 7.c3 ♁e7

The French "guru" John Watson suggests 7...Ba5!?

8.d4 f5!?

Aiming to blunt White's ♁side initiative straight away.

9.♁d3 ♁d7 10.♁g5! g6

Or 10...♁xg5 11.♣h5+ g6 12.♣xg5 ♣xg5 13.♁xg5 h6 14.♁c1 when White has compensation for the ♁.

11.f4 ♁h6 12.0-0 ♁a5!?

An aggressive attempt to gain control of c4 and so obtain a strategically won position.

13.♁a3!?

This turns out to be too slow. Better is 13.Ba3! (suggested by Martin) which simultaneously gets rid of the bad and fights for control of the ♣side. We both

missed that 13...Bxg5 14.fxg5 Qxg5 loses a piece to 15.Bc1! (Ben noticed this move too late, while I missed it altogether). Play could continue 13.♁a3 ♁f7 14.♁xf7 ♁xf7 15.♁xe7 ♁xe7 16.♣c1! threatening Qa3+ and securing ♣side pressure for the ♁.

13...♁f7 14.♁xf7 ♁xf7 15.g4!?

Too ambitious, as Black is now safe on the ♁side.

15...♁c8 16.gxf5 exf5 17.c4?

Gives material, but Black planned to occupy c4 and take the initiative. By now both sides had only a minute or two left.

17...dxc4 18.d5 ♣b6+ 19.♁h1 cxd3 20.♣xd3 ♣hd8 21.♁b1 ♣a6 22.♣xa6 bxa6 23.e6+ ♁xe6 24.dxe6+ ♁xe6

and White resigned in a few more moves.
0-1

Jenkins Trophy match

Auckland Chess Centre scored a convincing win in a Jenkins Trophy match against Waitemata CC played in November. Waitemata were outrated on 19 of the 20 boards, by up to 700 points, so Waitemata considered their team made a brave effort to hold the score to 13-7 in favour of Auckland.

Results (Auckland CC names first): Alexei Kulashko 0 Bob Smith 1, Martin Dreyer 0 Antonio Krstev 1, Nigel Hopewell 1 Viv Smith 0, Miomir Arandjelovic 1 Neville Easterlow 0, Michael Steadman 1 Lindsay Kerrigan 0, Bruce Wheeler 0 John O'Connor 1, John Robinson 1 Alan Macfarlane 0, Robert Goris 1 Brian Palmer 0, Roger Perry 1 Rob Calder 0, Bryan Latimer 0 John Kerry 1, Arthur Casilang 1 Mark Gilmour 0, Paul McDonald ½ Bruce Pollard ½, Noel Nuval ½ Tony Kessler ½, Richard Beesley 1 Mana Garland 0, Keith Ward 1 Colin Walker 0, Mark Henderson 0 Colm Hartigan 1, Keith Chandler 0 Paul Godfrey 1, Don Eade 1 Lamar Ah-Chee 0, Pat Young 1 Michael Munns 0, John Tseung 1 Gary Collingwood 0.

International News

By NM Peter Stuart

out a King's Indian which Piket, the lowest rated player, won to complete a 3/4 finish and gain a share of first prize. Leko ran into Karpov's best game of the event to slip back to a share of fourth place.

Almasi – J.Polgar
Sicilian [B90]

1.e4 c5 2.♁f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♁xd4 ♁f6 5.♁c3 a6 6.♁e3 e6 7.g4 h5 8.g5 ♁g4 9.♁c1 ♣b6 10.h3 ♁e5 11.♁e2 ♁bc6 12.♁b3 g6 13.♁e3 ♣c7 14.f4 ♁d7 15.♣d2 b5 16.0-0-0 ♁b7 17.♣hf1 ♣c8 18.♁d3 ♁e7 19.♁b1 0-0 20.♁e2 ♁b6 21.f5 ♁e5 22.♁xb6 ♣xb6 23.♁bd4 ♁xd3 24.cxd3 e5 25.♁f3 b4 26.♣c1 a5 27.♁h4 d5 28.♣xc8 ♣xc8 29.♁g3 ♁a6 30.fxg6 fxg6 31.♁f3 ♣e6 32.♣g1 d4 33.♁h4 b3 34.♣xa5

34.a3 ♣c2 35.♣xa5 ♁xd3 36.♁a1 ♣c6 37.♁b1 (37.♣e1 ♁xa3 38.bxa3 ♣a2++) 37...♣xb2! →].

34...♁xd3+ 35.♁a1 ♣c6

36.♣d5+ ♣xd5 37.exd5 ♣a8 38.a3 ♁b4 with the idea 39...♣xa3+! 0-1.

Sutovsky – Van Wely
Sicilian [B84]

1.e4 c5 2.♁f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♁xd4 ♁f6 5.♁c3 a6 6.♁e2 e6 7.f4 ♁e7 8.♁e3 0-0 9.0-0 ♣c7 10.g4 b5 11.g5 ♁fd7 12.♁d3 ♣e8 13.♣h5 6 14.♣h4 b4 15.♁ce2 ♁b7 16.♣f3 h5?

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
1	Gelfand B.	BLA	g 2665	x	½	1	½	½	½	1	½	½	½	½	7
2	Piket J.	NED	g 2580	½	x	1	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	7
3	Shirov A.	ESP	g 2685	0	0	x	0	1	½	1	½	1	½	1	6½
4	van Wely L.	NED	g 2605	½	0	1	x	½	1	½	0	1	½	½	6
5	Leko P.	HUN	g 2630	½	½	0	½	x	0	½	½	½	1	1	6
6	Karpov A.	RUS	g 2775	½	½	½	0	1	x	½	½	0	½	½	5½
7	Adams M.	ENG	g 2685	0	½	0	½	½	½	x	1	½	½	½	5½
8	Sutovskij E.	ISR	g 2665	0	½	½	1	½	½	0	x	½	½	0	5
9	Almasi Z.	HUN	g 2655	½	½	0	0	½	1	½	½	x	½	½	4½
10	Svidler P.	RUS	g 2650	½	½	0	½	0	½	½	½	½	x	½	4½
11	Lautler J.	FRA	g 2620	½	0	½	½	0	0	½	1	½	½	x	4½
12	Polgar J.	HUN	g 2665	½	½	0	½	0	½	0	0	1	½	½	4

Black should defend with ...xf8.

17.ϕg3 ϕf8 18.ϕxh5! gxf5 19.ϕxh5 ϕg7
20.f5 exf5 21.ϕxf5 ϕf8 22.ϕxg7 ϕxg7
23.ϕd4+ ♠e5 24.♠af1

24.♠af1 ϕg6 25.♠xf7+ ϕxf7 26.♠xf7+ ϕxf7
27.ϕxe5 dxe5 28.ϕh7+ wins everything.
1-0.

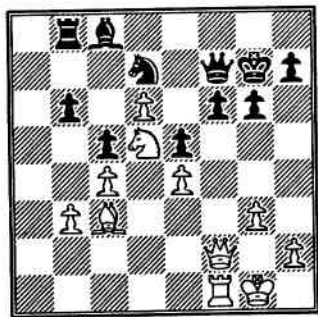
Van Wely - Karpov
Queen's Indian [E15]

1.d4 ϕf6 2.c4 e6 3.ϕf3 b6 4.g3 ϕa6 5.b3
ϕb7 6.ϕg2 ϕb4+ 7.ϕd2 a5 8.0-0 0-0 9.ϕc3
d6 10.ϕc2 ϕbd7 11.♠fe1 ϕxc3 12.ϕxc3 ϕe4
13.ϕb2 ϕb8 14.ϕf1 c5 15.♠ad1 ♠d8 16.ϕh3
a4 17.ϕd2 axb3 18.axb3 ϕb7 19.d5 e5 20.e4
ϕf8 21.f4 ϕd7 22.ϕf3 ♠e8 23.♠f1 f6 24.ϕc2
ϕc7 25.♠a1 ♠xa1 26.♠xa1 ϕf7 27.ϕh4 ♠a8
28.♠f1 ϕc8 29.ϕe2 g6 30.ϕf2 ϕd8 31.ϕf3
ϕe7? 32.ϕg5+ ϕg7

32...fxg5 33.fxe5+ ϕg8 34.exd6 ♕e8 35.e5
and White has a rather nice pawn centre.
33.ϕe6+ ϕg8 34.ϕc7 ♠a7 35.ϕb5 ♠a8
36.fxe5 dxe5

36...fxe5? 37.ϕe6+ ϕh8 38.ϕf7 and Black's
position falls apart.

37.d6 ϕf7 38.ϕc7 ♠b8 39.ϕd5 ϕg7 40.ϕxd7
ϕxd7



41.ϕxf6! ϕxf6 42.ϕxf6+ ϕxf6 43.ϕxe5 ϕh3
44.ϕxf6+ ϕf7 45.♠f4 ϕe6 46.ϕe7 ♠a8
47.♠h4 ♠a1+ 48.ϕf2 ♠a2+ 49.ϕe3 ϕf1
50.♠xh7 ♠b2 51.d7 ♠e2+ 52.ϕf4 ϕxd7
53.ϕxc5+ ϕc6 54.ϕe3 g5+ 55.ϕf3 ♠b2
56.♠h6+ ϕd7 57.ϕg4 ♠xb3 58.ϕxb6 ϕxc4
59.ϕxg5 ♠b5+ 60.ϕf4 ϕd3 61.e5 ϕc4

62.♠d6+ ϕe7 63.h4 ϕe6 64.h5 ♠b2 65.ϕe3
♠b4+ 66.♠d4

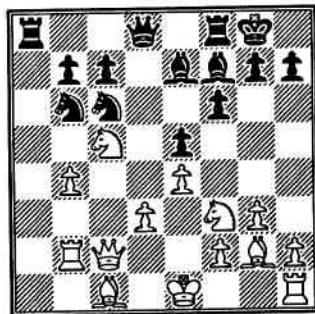
Karpov's sense of danger seemed to desert
him in this game. 1-0.

Shirov - Van Wely
Sicilian [B81]

1.e4 c5 2.ϕf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.ϕxd4 ϕf6
5.ϕc3 a6 6.ϕe3 e6 7.g4 h6 8.f4 b5 9.ϕg2
ϕb7 10.a3 ϕbd7 11.g5 hxg5 12.fxg5 ϕh5
13.g6 ϕe5 14.gxf7+ ϕxf7 15.0-0+ ϕf6
16.ϕf3 ϕxf3+ 17.ϕxf3 ϕc7 18.e5 dxe5
19.ϕxb7 ϕxb7 20.ϕg4 ♠c8 21.ϕe4 ♠c4
22.ϕg5+ ϕg6 23.ϕg3 ϕh5 24.ϕf3 ϕxf3
25.ϕxf3 ϕd6 26.♠ad1 ϕb8 27.♠d2 ♠g4+
28.♠g2 ♠xg2+ 29.ϕxg2 ϕf4+ 30.ϕh1 ϕe2
31.ϕf2 e4 32.ϕh4+ ϕg5 33.♠e1 ϕf4 34.♠xe4
♠xh4 35.ϕxh4+ ϕxh4 36.a4 e5 37.axb5
axb5 38.c4 ϕg4 39.cxb5 ϕf3 40.♠c4 e4
41.♠c8 ϕd6 0-1.

Lautier - Piket
English [A29]

1.c4 e5 2.ϕc3 ϕc6 3.ϕf3 ϕf6 4.g3 d5 5.cxd5
ϕxd5 6.ϕg2 ϕb6 7.a3 ϕe7 8.b4 ϕe6 9.ϕb1 f6
10.d3 0-0 11.ϕe4 ϕa2 12.♠b2 ϕd5 13.ϕc5
a5 14.e4 ϕf7 15.ϕc2 axb4 16.axb4



16...ϕxb4 17.♠xb4 ϕd7 18.d4 exd4 19.♠xd4
ϕxc5 20.♠xd7 ϕxf2+ 21.ϕxf2 ϕxd7 22.0-0
♠a2 23.ϕc5 ♠e8 24.ϕh4 ϕd3 25.ϕxc7 ϕc4
26.♠e1 ♠e2 27.ϕa5 b6 28.ϕb4 ♠xe4 29.ϕf3
ϕd5 0-1.

Gelfand - Shirov
English [A20]

1.c4 e5 2.g3 f5 3.ϕg2 ϕf6 4.d4 exd4 5.ϕxd4
ϕc6 6.ϕe3+ ϕe7 7.ϕc3 0-0 8.ϕh3 b6 9.0-0

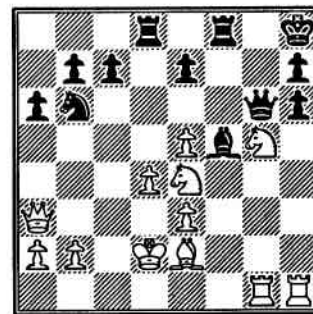
ϕb7 10.b3 ϕc5 11.ϕd2 ϕe7 12.ϕd5 ϕxd5
13.cxd5 ϕd8 14.ϕb2 ♠e8 15.ϕf4 ϕd6
16.♠ac1 ϕf7 17.♠fe1 ♠ac8 18.e4 fxe4
19.♠xe4 ϕg5 20.h4 ϕh6 21.♠ce1 ♠f8 22.ϕd1
g6 23.ϕg4 ♠cd8 24.ϕf6 ♠b8 25.ϕb2 ♠fd8
26.♠a4c3 ϕxf4 27.gxf4 ϕd6 28.ϕf6 ♠f8
29.ϕg5 ϕg7 30.♠e7 ϕf7 31.h5 gxf5 32.ϕxh5
ϕg6 33.ϕxg6+ hxg6 34.ϕf6 ♠fd8 35.ϕe4 ϕf8
36.ϕxg6 ϕxd5 37.f5 b5 38.♠d1 ♠b6
39.♠xf7+ ϕxf7 40.ϕxd8 ϕxg6 41.fxg6
♠xg6+ 42.ϕf1 1-0.

Shirov - J.Polgar
Sicilian [B84]

1.e4 c5 2.ϕf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.ϕxd4 ϕf6
5.ϕc3 a6 6.ϕe2 e6 7.0-0 ϕe7 8.f4 0-0 9.ϕe3
ϕc7 10.g4 ♠e8 11.f5 ϕf8 12.g5 ϕf7 13.ϕxe6
fxe6 14.ϕh5 g6 15.fxg6 ♠e7 16.ϕd5 exd5
17.ϕxd5+ ϕh8 18.gxf7 ♠xh7 19.ϕg6 ϕg7
20.ϕxh7 ϕd8 21.ϕf5 ϕe5 22.ϕd1 ϕxf5
23.exf5 ♠e8 24.g6 ϕg4 25.ϕd4 ♠e4 26.f6
ϕc6 27.fxg7+ ϕg8 28.♠f8+ ♠xf8 29.gxf8ϕ+
ϕxf8 30.ϕf1+ 1-0.

Karpov - Leko
Grünfeld [D97]

1.d4 ϕf6 2.c4 g6 3.ϕc3 d5 4.ϕf3 ϕg7 5.ϕb3
dxc4 6.ϕxc4 0-0 7.e4 a6 8.e5 ϕfd7 9.ϕe3
ϕb6 10.ϕc5 ϕe6 11.ϕg5 ϕf5 12.ϕe2 ϕh8
13.g4 ϕc8 14.0-0-0 f6 15.ϕge4 f5 16.gxf5
ϕxf5 17.h4 ϕd7 18.ϕa3 ϕd5 19.ϕg5 ϕh7b6
20.h5 ϕxe3 21.fxe3 ϕh6 22.ϕce4 ϕd7
23.hxg6 ϕc6+ 24.ϕd2 ϕxg6 25.♠dg1 ♠ad8



26.e6 ♠xd4+

26...ϕxe6 27.ϕxe7 ϕxa2 (27...ϕd5
28.ϕxh7! →) 28.ϕxh7! ϕxh7 29.ϕe5+ leads

to mate. 27.exd4 ϕxe4 28.♠xh6 ϕxh6 29.ϕe3
1-0.

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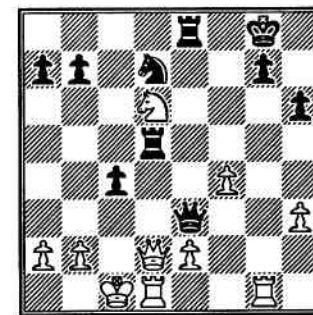
A very strong Russian Championship in
October was sponsored to the tune of
US\$85,000 by FIDE President Kirsan
Ilyumshinov (perhaps he might be persuaded
to extend this largesse to other national
championships!). While the field lacked the
big three K's (Kasparov, Karpov and
Kramnik) it was nevertheless one of the
strongest events of the year with 34 GMs in
a field of 52.

Alexander Khalifman, back under the
Russian flag after a stint under that of
Germany, took an undivided first prize with
8 points in the 11-round Swiss. Alexei
Dreev and Semen Dvoirys shared second
place on 7½ while the fourth place tie
involved 5 players on 7: Evgeny Bareev,
Alexander Fominyh, A.Lastin, Maxim
Sorokin and Vadim Zvjaginsev.

As could be expected there were many
interesting games; a small sample follows.

Sorokin - Yemelin
Queen's Pawn [E00]

1.d4 ϕf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 ϕb4+ 4.ϕd2 c5 5.ϕg2
ϕb6 6.d5 ϕxd2+ 7.ϕxd2 exd5 8.cxd5 0-0
9.ϕc3 d6 10.ϕf3 ϕg4 11.ϕg5 h6 12.ϕge4
ϕxe4 13.ϕxe4 ϕd7 14.h3 ϕh5 15.f4 f5
16.ϕc2 ♠ae8 17.0-0-0 c4 18.♠hg1 ϕe3
19.g4 ϕg6 20.ϕb5 ♠f6 21.gxf5 ϕxf5 22.ϕxf5
♠xf5 23.ϕxd6 ♠xd5



24.♠xg7+!

24...fxg725.2xc8+ ♖xc8 26.♗xd5 or 24...♗f8 25.♗xe3 ♖xd1+ 26.♗xd1 ♖xe3 27.♖xd7 are both conclusive. 1-0.

Dreev - Solozhenkin
Benko Gambit [A57]

1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.b6 e6 6.2c3 2xd5 7.2xd5 exd5 8.♗xd5 2c6 9.2f3 ♖b8 10.2d2 ♗e7 11.2c3 0-0 12.e4 2d4 13.2xd4 ♗b7 14.♗b3 cxd4 15.2xd4 2xe4 16.2xa6 2f6 17.2e3 2xg2 18.2g1 ♗e4 19.a4 d5 20.a5 ♗d6 21.2d3 d4 22.2xe4 dxe3 23.♗xe3 ♖fe8 24.♗f1 ♗b4 25.2g4 ♗xb2 26.2b1 ♗a2 27.2b5 g6 28.2f3 2g7 29.2g2 ♗h8 30.2d5 ♗a1 31.2e4 ♖ec8 32.2f4 g5 33.2d6 ♖d8 34.2c7 ♖bc8 35.2c4! ♖xc7 36.bxc7 1-0.

Zvjaginsev - Ulibin
English [A34]

1.2f3 2f6 2.c4 c5 3.2c3 e6 4.e4 2c6 5.2e2 d5 6.cxd5 exd5 7.e5 2g4 8.2b5 d4 9.2xc6+ bxc6 10.2a4 2a6 11.d3 ♗a5+ 12.2d2 ♗b5 13.0-0 ♗xd3 14.2e1 0-0-0 15.h3 2h6 16.e6 fxe6 17.2e5 ♗b5 18.2xh6 gxh6 19.2f7 ♖g8 20.2xd8 2xd8 21.2f3 ♗e7 22.2xe6 2c8 23.2xe7 2xe7 24.2e1+ 2e6 25.2f5 ♖g6 26.2xc5 ♗c4 27.b3

27...2d5 28.2xd5 cxd5 29.2xc6 ♖xc6 30.2xc6+ 2xc6 31.2f1 +- 1-0.

Ulibin - Bareev
Caro-Kann [B19]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.2d2 dxe4 4.2xe4 2f5 5.2g3 2g6 6.h4 h6 7.2f3 2d7 8.h5 2h7 9.2d3 2xd3 10.2xd3 2g6 11.2d2 e6 12.2c2 ♗e7 13.0-0-0 0-0 14.2b1 c5 15.c4 cxd4 16.2xd4 ♗b6 17.2f4 2c5 18.2b3 ♖fc8 19.2xc5 ♗xc5 20.2c1 ♖c6 21.2e3 ♗a5 22.2d2 ♗c7 23.2e4 a6 24.2xf6+ 2xf6 25.g4 b5 26.g5 hxg5 27.h6 ♖xc4 28.hxg7 ♖xc1+ 29.2xc1 ♗b7 30.f3 ♗d5 31.2g1 2h7 32.2c3 2d8 33.2a1 ♗d3 34.2e1 ♗xf3 35.a3 2d3 36.2f1 ♗e3 37.2b1 ♖xc3 38.bxc3 ♗xc3+ 39.2a2 2xg7 40.2xf7+ 2xf7 41.2xh7+ ♗g7 42.2e4 ♗g6 0-1.

Khalifman - Sveshnikov
Catalan [E04]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.2f3 c6 4.g3 2f6 5.2g2 dxc4 6.0-0 b5 7.a4 2b7 8.2e5 ♗b6 9.b3

9.b3 cxb3 10.2xb3 2bd7 11.2e3 c5 12.2xd7 2xd7 13.d5 bxa4 14.2xa4 exd5 15.2c3 d4 16.2d5 2xd5 17.2xd5 2d8 18.2f4 ♗f6 19.2b5 2d6 20.2a6 ♖b8 21.2b7 2xf4 22.2xf6 gxf6 23.gxf4 f5 24.2c6 2d8 25.2d5 2c7 26.2c6 1-0.

Rashkovsky - Dvoiris
Grünfeld [D82]

1.d4 2f6 2.c4 g6 3.2c3 d5 4.2f4 2g7 5.2c1 0-0 6.e3 dxc4 7.2xc4 c5 8.dxc5 ♗a5 9.2a4 ♗xa4 10.2xa4 2d7 11.2c3 ♖c8 12.b4 a5 13.b5 a4 14.2d5 2xd5 15.2xd5 2xb5 16.2xb7 2a6 17.2xa8 ♖xa8 18.2e2 2b2 19.2c2 a3 20.2d4 2b4 21.2xb5 2xc2+ 22.2e2 2b4 23.2d1 2xa2 24.c6 2c1+ 25.2f3 a2 26.2xc1 2xc1 27.2e5 2d2 28.2a1 2a5 29.2e4 ♖b8 30.c7 ♖c8 31.2d5 2xc7 0-1.

Dvoiris - Korneev
Sicilian [B76]

1.e4 c5 2.2f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.2xd4 2f6 5.2c3 g6 6.2e3 2g7 7.f3 0-0 8.2d2 2c6 9.0-0 d5 10.2e1 e6 11.h4 ♗c7 12.exd5 2xd5 13.2xd5 exd5 14.2d2 ♖e8 15.h5 ♖xe3 16.2xe3 2xd4 17.2e8+!

An improvement on Shirov-Topalov, Dos Hermanas 1996, which continued 17.2xd4 2f5 18.2d3 ♗b6 19.2hh4 ♗e4 20.2dxe4 ♗xb2+ 21.2d1 dxe4 22.2xe4 ♗xa2 23.hxg6 hxg6 and a draw was agreed in a few more moves.

17...2f8 18.2xd4 2f5 19.2a4

19.2e2 ♖e8 and both 20.2d1 and 20.2d2 allow 20...2e1! so White must acquiesce in 20.2f2 2c5 which is clearly better for Black. 19...2e5 20.2d1 2g7 21.2b3 a5 22.hxg6 hxg6 23.a4 ♖c8 24.2d3 2d7 25.2he1 ♗f4+ 26.2b1 2xa4 27.2xd5 ♗c7 28.2e2 2d8 29.2a2 2c6 30.2ee1 2d5 31.2xg6 ♖b5 32.2d8+ 2f8 33.2c4 ♖b4 34.2xf8+ 2xf8 35.2c3 ♖h4 36.2c5+ 2g7 37.2xf7 ♗f4 38.2b3 1-0.

Khalifman - Namgilov
Queen's Indian [E15]

1.d4 2f6 2.c4 e6 3.2f3 b6 4.g3 2a6 5.b3 2b4+ 6.2d2 ♗e7 7.2g2 c6 8.2c3 d5 9.2e5 2fd7 10.2xd7 2xd7 11.2d2 0-0 12.0-0 2b8 13.2b2 b5 14.c5 e5 15.dxe5 2xc5 16.2c1

2d7 17.f4 ♗g4 18.2d4 2e6 19.2xa7 ♖a8 20.2f2 2b7 21.e4 ♗xd1 22.2fxd1 ♖xa2 23.exd5 cxd5 24.f5 2d8 25.2f1 2g5 26.2c7 g6 27.h4 2h6 28.2c5 ♖e8 29.2xd5 2xd5 30.2xd5 ♖a8 31.g4 2f4 32.2d6 h5 33.2xb5 hxg4 34.2c4 2h6 35.2xg4 2h7 36.fxg6+ fxg6 37.2g3 2g7 38.h5 g5 39.2e4 1-0.

Jakarta

The "Gundarma '96" tournament of category 13 was won by 59-year old Hungarian GM Lajos Portisch with an undefeated 6½/9. Indonesia's top player, GM Utut Adianto, shared second with Eugenio Torre PHI and Mikhail Krasenkov POL on 5½. Then followed: 5-7 GM Ftacnik SVK, GM M.Gurevich BEL & GM I.Sokolov BIH 4½; 8 IM Liu INA 3½; 9 Gunawan INA 3; 10 GM Hickl GER 2.

Portisch - Hickl
Queen's Pawn [A41]

1.d4 d6 2.2f3 2g4 3.e3 e6 4.c4 2d7 5.2c3 2e7 6.h3 2h5 7.g4 2g6 8.h4 h6 9.h5 2h7 10.2d3 2g6 11.2g1 c6 12.b3 a6 13.2b2 2xd3 14.2xd3 b5 15.2f1 bxc4 16.bxc4 ♖b8 17.2b1 ♗a5 18.2a1 ♖xb1+ 19.2xb1 0-0 20.g5 ♖b8 21.2d3 2e8 22.c5 dxc5 23.gxh6 c4 24.2xc4 ♗xh5 25.2xc6 2f8 26.2e5 ♗xh6 27.2h1 ♗g5 28.2h8+ 1-0.

Cap d'Agde

The European Rapid Championship, held for the first time in this southern French town, saw 20 players split into four preliminary groups of five with the top two from each group qualifying for the quarter-finals. The time control was 30 minutes per player plus 20 seconds per move. The lightning tie-breakers were of 3 minutes per player plus two seconds per move played.

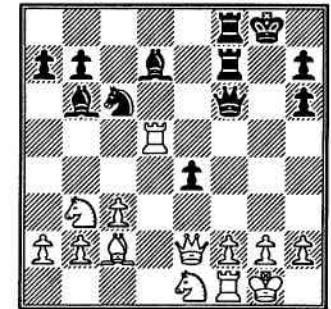
Anatoly Karpov RUS won group 1 though not without a fright as he lost first up to Zbynek Hracek CZE who also qualified. All but two games in group 2 were drawn with Boris Gelfand BLA and Loek van Wely NED taking the play-off spots ahead of Jaan Ehrlvest EST and Peter Leko HUN. Vladimir Akopian ARM won group 3 from Curt Hansen DEN with Nigel Short ENG missing out while Joel Lautier FRA led group 4 with

Ilya Smirin ISR also qualifying ahead of Michael Adams ENG).

The only real upset in the quarters (two-game matches with two-game blitz tie-breakers) was Akopian's defeat of Gelfand 2½-1½ but the Armenian was eliminated in the semi-finals by van Wely 2-0. In the other semi-final Karpov won both lightning games after drawing both rapid games against Hracek, his fellow group one qualifier. The final followed a similar course with Karpov and van Wely drawing twice and the FIDE Champion winning both lightning games to take the title.

Short - Glek
French [C02]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 2c6 5.2f3 2h6 6.dxc5 2xc5 7.2xh6 gxh6 8.2d3 f6 9.exf6 ♗xf6 10.0-0 0-0 11.2c2 ♖f7 12.2bd2 2d7 13.2b3 2b6 14.2e2 e5 15.2ad1 e4 16.2e1 ♖af8 17.2xd5



17...2xf2+ 18.2xf2 ♖xf2 19.2xf2 2xf2+ 20.2f1 2b6+ 21.2e2 2g4+ 22.2d2 ♖f2+ 23.2c1 2e3+ 24.2d2 ♖e2 25.2b3 ♖xe1+ 26.2c2 2d1+ 27.2b1 2xb3 mate, 0-1.

Smirin - Bauer
Pirc [B07]

1.e4 d6 2.d4 2f6 3.2c3 2bd7 4.f4 e5 5.2f3 exd4 6.2xd4 c6 7.f5 ♗b6 8.2e2 2g4 9.2g5 h6 10.2h4 2e3 11.2xb6 axb6 12.2d2 2g4 13.2d4 2ge5 14.2db5! cxb5 15.2d5 2e7

The only move. 16.2xe7 2c5 17.2e3 2d7 18.2xb5+ 2c6 19.f6 gxf6 20.2xf6 ♖e8 21.2xb6+ 1-0.

NZCF Council report

By Ted Frost

Federation officers

Sir Robert Jones has been re-elected patron of the NZ Chess Federation and other officers elected for 1997 are:

Vice-patrons, Alan Fletcher, Roy Kent, Graham Haase, Bill Poole; President, Ted Frost; vice-president IM Russell Dive; secretary, Alan Aldridge; treasurer, Glen Sullivan; councillors, Arthur Pomeroy, Michael Freeman and Tim Frost (Wellington), Peter Stuart and Bob Smith (Auckland), Graham Haase (Otago); auditors, Messrs Cooper and Lybrand.

FM for Bob Smith

NZCF has not received confirmation of the award of the FIDE Master title to Bob Smith, whose FIDE rating reached 2300 last July, but his name appears in the January 1997 rating list with the "f" tag signifying that he has the title.

Two new NZ Masters

The names of two players who completed qualification for the New Zealand Master title were presented to the federation's annual meeting for confirmation. They were FM Martin Dreyer, who completed qualification at the 1996-97 Congress, and Stephen Lukey, whose win in the 1996 South Island Championship did not gain him the title as he had moved to the North Island, but it did take his total of Master points over the 100 milestone.

1997 events

The venues for several federation events in 1997 have not been resolved. Venues agreed are:

1997 North Island Championship, Hastings.
1997-98 Congress, Hamilton.

The South Island Championship is due to be held in Invercargill, but this is not confirmed.

Howick-Pakuranga CC is considering holding the 1997 NZ women's

championship, probably later in the year because of the workload on officers preparing for the Latvian Gambit and Fencible Masters tournaments.

No offer has been received by federation to hold the 1997 NZ Junior Championships.

Further ahead, Dunedin is confirmed as the venue for the 1998-99 Congress.

FIDE and zonal uncertainties

NZCF is disappointed that uncertainty continues about the World Championship and qualification tournaments. The president of FIDE is persisting with his efforts to gain promote a mass entry knock-out tournament for the title, with continued resistance from many federations and top masters.

As a result, no action appears to be taken about the interzonal which is due, nor is there any word about the next round of zonal qualifiers which are due this year.

This is particularly annoying to New Zealand, as FM Anthony Ker's result at the last zonal gave us two places in the next zonal, and if the schedule was in place the 1996-97 Congress would have been the qualifying tournament. That might still work out, but if the zonal takes place it will probably be at short notice.

Fencible Masters

Paul Spiller advises that he is still negotiating with New Zealand and overseas players to take places in the Fencible Masters tournament being run by Howick-Pakuranga CC from march 24 -29, immediately after the Latvian Gambit tourney.

Players confirmed are IM Stephen Solomon, FM Eddi Levi and Tim Reilly (Australia), FM Bob Smith, FM Ewen Green and Alexei Kulashko (NZ).

Negotiations are continuing with other GMs and IMs in Europe and Australia.

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