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### Kasparov beats Deep Blue

The IBM computer Deep Blue beat Garry Kasparov in the first game of a widely-publicised match that attracted millions of inquiries through Internet. But Kasparov came back, winning the next game, drawing 2 and winning the final two games to take the match 4½:2½.

### Zsuzsa Polgar takes women's title

Zsuzsa Polgar has taken the world women's championship from Xie Jun, 8½:4½, in the match which has just been played in Spain.

Annotated games from these two matches will appear in the next issue of *NZ Chess*.

### NZ Women's Championship in Auckland

Auckland CC have confirmed to NZCF the intention of holding the 1996 NZ Women's Championship at Auckland CC at Easter, with similar conditions to the last two events.

### Champion Wellington Club

Petone have scored decisive wins over Wellington and Upper Hutt CCs to win the Kelling Memorial Shield and become Wellington's champion club for 1996.

*COVER: The father-and-son combination, Nigel and Russell Metge, took double honours at the 1995-96 NZ Congress, with Nigel winning the Reserve Championship and 15-year-old Russell the Major Open.*

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## 1995-96 New Zealand Championship Congress

By Ted Frost and others

Wellington's Civic Chess Club made a thorough job of preparations for the 1995-96 Congress, which celebrated the club's first 50 years, and the result was a highly successful event which produced a number of highlights.

The club made a mutually advantageous arrangement with the Airport Hotel, whose training centre provided very good playing conditions. Support from enough players who stayed in the hotel produced a discount which materially helped the Congress budget. The absence of complaints indicated satisfaction with the accommodation arrangements.

The standard of play was variable - the top group of players confirmed their dominance in the Championship, but the judges of the best games in the Reserve Championship were disappointed at the quality of most

### Best game awards

IM Russell Dive has been awarded the best game prize in the New Zealand Championship, for his win in round 6 over FM Paul Garbett. This game, with Russell's notes, will be featured in the April issue of *NZ Chess*.

The winner of the Reserve Championship, Nigel Metge, also won the best game award, for his win over Arthur Pomeroy. Michael Steadman was highly commended for his win over Mark van der Hoorn. The judges commented that in most other games the loser contributed too much through poor play for the games to be seriously considered for a best game prize.

In the Major Open, winner Russell Metge took the best game prize for his win against NM Graham Haase. Four entrants were also highly commended - Chris Burns for his win against Don Stracy, G Thorpe for his win over Tom Plackic, Edith Otene for her win over Kent Wong, and Hamish Gold for his win over R Dulovic.

entries. However, competition was keen in all events.

Highlights from the competition included:

- A triple tie for the NZ title, with new IM Russell Dive catching up in the latter rounds to join FM Martin Dreyer and Bob Smith for a share of top honours.
- With his share of the master points, Martin Dreyer qualified for the title National Master.
- Titleholder Anthony Ker failed by half a point to share in the top honours, after a surprise loss to Mark Sinclair.
- The father-and-son combination of Nigel and Russell Metge scored a family double with convincing wins in the Reserve Championship and Major Open, respectively.
- Bob Smith and his wife Vivian have achieved another unique family double - husband and wife sharing national chess titles in the same year.
- If there were any complaints about organisation or conditions, they were muted. It was a tribute to the host club, Tournament Director Chris Bell and his assistant, Tim Frost, that there were no incidents and no appeals.

Round-by-round reports follow, but they are incomplete and will be concluded in the next issue of *NZ Chess*.

### Triple tie in NZ Championship

The outcome of the NZ Championship hinged on the last round, but a quick draw between IM Russell Dive and FM Jonathan Sarfati was followed by a draw between Bob Smith and FM Martin Dreyer, to produce a triple tie which gave Bob Smith his first New Zealand Championship title and edged him closer to FM title. Dreyer was a leader

## New Zealand Championship, 1995-96

Name, Title	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Tot	Tiebrk
1 Dreyer, Martin FM	2195	♠ ½	♠ ½	♠ ½	♠ ½	♠ 1	♠ ½	♠ 1	♠ ½	♠ ½	♠ ½	♠ 1	♠ 1	7½	37.25
2 Dive, Russell J IM	2247	♠ ½	♠ ♠	♠ ½	♠ ½	♠ ½	♠ 1	♠ ½	♠ ½	♠ ½	♠ 1	♠ 1	♠ 1	7½	37
3 Smith, Robert W NM	2222	♠ ½	♠ ½	♠ ♠	♠ ½	♠ ½	♠ ½	♠ ½	♠ 1	♠ ½	♠ 1	♠ 1	♠ 1	7½	36.5
4 Ker, Anthony F FM	2308	♠ ½	♠ ½	♠ ½	♠ ♠	♠ 0	♠ 1	♠ ½	♠ ½	♠ 1	♠ 1	♠ 1	♠ ½	7	
5 Sinclair, Mark	2044	♠ 0	♠ ½	♠ ½	♠ 1	♠ ♠	♠ 0	♠ ½	♠ ½	♠ ½	♠ ½	♠ 1	♠ 1	6	29.25
6 Garbett, Paul A FM	2300	♠ ½	♠ 0	♠ ½	♠ 0	♠ 1	♠ ♠	♠ 0	♠ ½	♠ 1	♠ ½	♠ 1	♠ 1	6	28.25
7 Stuart, Peter W NM	2127	♠ 0	♠ ½	♠ ½	♠ ½	♠ ½	♠ 1	♠ ♠	♠ ½	♠ ½	♠ ½	♠ 0	♠ ½	5	28
8 Wastney, Scott	2110	♠ ½	♠ ½	♠ 0	♠ ½	♠ ½	♠ ½	♠ ½	♠ ♠	♠ 0	♠ ½	♠ ½	♠ 1	5	25
9 Sarfati, Jonathan L FM	2218	♠ ½	♠ ½	♠ ½	♠ 0	♠ ½	♠ 0	♠ ½	♠ 1	♠ ♠	♠ 0	♠ ½	♠ 1	5	25
10 Love, Anthony J FM	2139	♠ ½	♠ 0	♠ 0	♠ 0	♠ ½	♠ ½	♠ ½	♠ ½	♠ 1	♠ ♠	♠ ½	♠ ½	4½	
11 Tuffery, Paul B	1983	♠ 0	♠ 0	♠ 0	♠ 0	♠ 0	♠ 0	♠ 1	♠ ½	♠ ½	♠ ½	♠ ♠	♠ 1	3½	
12 Coates, Stephen	1762	♠ 0	♠ 0	♠ 0	♠ ½	♠ 0	♠ 0	♠ ½	♠ 0	♠ 0	♠ ½	♠ 0	♠ ♠	1½	

throughout the tournament, and after a quiet start Dive scored solidly in the second half of his first home tournament as an IM, to join Dreyer and Smith on 7½. The three who shared the title all went through the tournament unbeaten.

The titleholder, FM Anthony Ker, dropped out of the running for top honours with a loss to Mark Sinclair in round 5, and although he won his last game, against Paul Tuffery, a 69-move draw with Scott Wastney in round 10 stopped him from catching the leaders.

Sinclair and FM Paul Garbett both had four wins - as many as the placegetters - but each suffered two losses, which kept them just above midfield. NM Peter Stuart played solidly to to his seeding and rating for a share of seventh place with Scott Wastney (who lifted his rating) and Jonathan Sarfati (who had to recover after a disastrous start which yielded just half a point in the first four rounds).

Tony Love could not hold out three of the four top placegetters, so finished 10th. Last year's Reserve winner, Paul Tuffery, despite lack of match play in the past 12 months, scored a solid and consistent 3½, which will give him a useful FIDE rating. Surprise South Island Champion Stephen Coates, as expected, found the going tough and had to

be satisfied with three draws, one of which (with Anthony Ker) affected the final result at the top.

### Round 1

The tournament opened quietly, with a quick draw between Sarfati and Sinclair. Smith had a slight advantage over Dive, but didn't force the issue and they also drew. Stuart had a clear advantage against Ker in a N endgame, but Ker was just able to hand on. Wastney and Garbett also drew, shortly after reaching the first time control. Dreyer secured a central supported passed p and Coates felt forced to give up the exchange, giving Dreyer the only win (and sole lead) in the round.

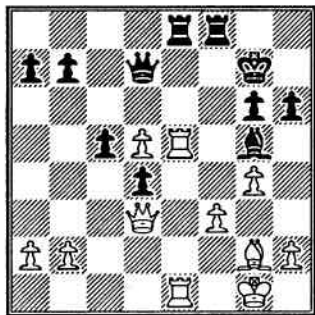
#### Smith, R W - Dive, R J

1.e4 ♠f6 2.e5 ♠d5 3.d4 d6 4.♠f3 dxe5 5.♠xe5 g6 6.♠c4 c6 7.0-0 ♠g7 8.♠d2 ♠d7 9.♠df3 ♠xe5 10.♠xe5 0-0 11.♠e1 ♠e6 12.♠b3 ♠c7 13.c4 ♠f6 14.♠d2 ♠ad8 15.♠c3 ♠f5 16.♠f3 ♠d7 17.♠xd7 ♠xd7 18.d5 ♠xc3 19.♠xc3 e6 20.dxe6 ♠xe6 21.♠ad1 ½-½

#### Coates, S - Dreyer, M

1.c4 c5 2.♠c3 g6 3.♠f3 ♠g7 4.g3 ♠c6 5.♠g2 e5 6.d3 ♠ge7 7.0-0 0-0 8.♠e1 d6 9.♠c2 ♠e6 10.♠e3 ♠d7 11.♠e1 ♠h3 12.♠h1 f5 13.♠ed5 f4 14.♠e4 h6 15.♠g2 ♠xd5 16.cxd5 ♠d4 17.f3

Qf5 18.g4 Qxe4 19.dxe4 Qf6 20.e3 fxe3  
21.Qxe3 Qg5 22.Qxd4 exd4 23.Ψd3 Qg7 24.e5  
dxe5 25.Hxe5 Hae8 26.Hae1



26...Qe3+ 27.H1xe3 dxe3 28.Ψxe3 Ψa4  
29.He7+ Hxe7 30.Ψxe7+ Hf7 31.Ψxc5 Ψxa2  
32.Ψd4+ Qh7 33.f4 Ψa6 34.Ψe5 Ψf6 35.Ψxf6  
Hxf6 36.f5 gxf5 37.gxf5 Hb6 38.Qf2 Qg7  
39.Qe3 Qf6 40.Qe4 Hxb2 41.d6 Hb6 0-1

**Stuart, P W - Ker, A F**

1.c4 e5 2.Qc3 d6 3.d4 exd4 4.Ψxd4 Qc6  
5.Ψd2 g6 6.b3 Qg7 7.Qb2 Qf6 8.g3 Qe6 9.Qg2  
Ψd7 10.Qd5 Qxd5 11.cxd5 Qe7 12.e4 0-0  
13.Qe2 c6 14.dxc6 bxc6 15.0-0 Hf8 16.Hfd1  
d5 17.Hac1 dxe4 18.Ψxd7 Hxd7 19.Hxd7  
Qxd7 20.Qxg7 Qxg7 21.Qxe4 Hc8 22.Qd4 Qf8  
23.f4 a6 24.Hc2 c5 25.Qf3 Qc6 26.Qxc6 Hxc6  
27.Qf2 Qe7 28.Hc2+ Qf8 29.Hd2 Qe7 30.Hc2+  
Qf8 31.Hc2 Qe7 32.Qd2 Qd8 33.Qc4 Hc6  
34.Hc2 Hxe2+ 35.Qxe2 Qc7 36.Qd3 Qc6 37.g4  
f6 38.Qe4 h6 39.h4 Qf8 40.h5 f5+ 41.gxf5  
gxh5 42.f6 h4 43.f5 h3 44.Qe5+ Qd6 45.Qf7+  
Qc6 46.Qf3 Qd5 47.Qg3 Qe4 48.Qd6+ Qe5  
49.Qb7 Qxf6 50.Qxc5 a5 51.Qb7 a4 52.bxa4  
Qd7 53.a5 Qb8 54.Qc5 Qxf5 55.a6 Qc6 56.a4  
Qe5 57.Qd3+ Qd6 58.a5 Qc7 59.Qc5 Qb8  
60.Qxh3 1/2-1/2

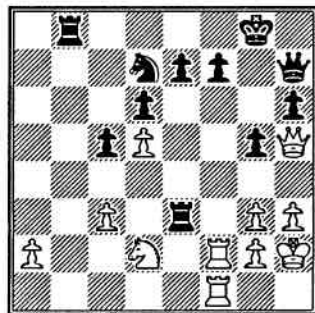
**Round 2**

Garbett beat Tuffery and Wastney beat Coates, to join Dreyer in the lead after the latter fought out a 62-move draw with Dive. Sinclair and Smith had a quick draw, while Love and Stuart repeated queen moves to draw by repetition.

Fortunes fluctuated in the game between Ker and Sarfati, with Jonathan have all the advantages of a Benko position when he regained his gambit pawn, but Ker seized the opportunity for counterplay through a dangerous exchange sacrifice. In the ensuing melee Sarfati managed to get the queens off but when move 40 was reached found himself in a lost endgame.

**Ker, A F - Sarfati, J D**

1.d4 Qf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6  
g6 6.Qc3 Qxa6 7.e4 Qxf1 8.Qxf1 d6 9.Qf3  
Qbd7 10.h3 Qg7 11.Qg1 0-0 12.Qh2 Ψb6  
13.Hc1 Hfb8 14.Hc2 Ψa6 15.Qg5 h6 16.Qh4  
g5 17.Qg3 Qh5 18.Hc1 Qxg3 19.fxg3 Hb4  
20.Hcc2 Hxb8 21.Hf2 Qxc3 22.bxc3 Hxe4  
23.Qd2 Ψd3 24.Hc1 Hc3 25.Ψh5 Ψh7 26.Hcf1



26...Qf6

Too optimistic [AFK].

27.Hxf6 exf6 28.Hxf6 Ψg7 29.Hxh6 Hc2  
30.Qc4 Hxa2 31.Qe3 Qe5 32.h4 Hb1 33.Ψg4  
Hb8 34.Hh5 f6 35.hxg5 f5 36.Ψxf5 Ψxf5  
37.Qxf5 Hbb2 38.g6 Hxg2+ 39.Qh3 Hh2+  
40.Qg4 Ha4+ 41.Qg5 Hxh5+ 42.Qxh5 Hc4  
43.Qg5 c4 44.Qf6 Qh8 45.g7+ Qh7 46.Qe7  
1-0

**Garbett, P A - Tuffery, P**

1.e4 c5 2.Qf3 Qc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4 Qf6  
5.Qc3 d6 6.Qg5 Ψa5 7.Qb5 Qd7 8.Qb3 Ψd8  
9.Ψd2 h6 10.Qe3 a6 11.Qe2 b5 12.f4 e6  
13.Qf3 Hc8 14.0-0-0 Qe7 15.Qb1 Qh7 16.h4  
Qa5 17.Qxa5 Ψxa5 18.g4 Qf8 19.Qd4 b4  
20.Qd5 exd5 21.exd5 f6 22.Hde1 Qf7 23.g5

Qf5 24.Qe4 Qxe4 25.Hxe4 Ψxd5 26.Hxe7+  
Qg8 27.Hxg7+ 1-0

**Coates, S - Wastney, S**

1.c4 f5 2.Qc3 Qf6 3.g3 g6 4.Qg2 Qg7 5.e4  
fxe4 6.Qxe4 Qxe4 7.Qxe4 Qc6 8.Qe2 e6 9.Qc3  
0-0 10.0-0 Qd4 11.d3 d6 12.Qe3 c6 13.Ψd2  
d5 14.Qxd4 Qxd4 15.Qg2 Ψf6 16.Hae1 Qd7  
17.Qh1 Hae8 18.f4 b5 19.cxd5 exd5 20.Hxe8  
Hxe8 21.Hc1 Hxe1+ 22.Ψxe1 Qf7 23.Ψd2 Qf5  
24.h3 h5 25.Qh2 Qe7 26.Qf3 b4 27.Qe2 Qe3  
28.Ψd1 Qb6 29.Qc1 Qe3 30.Ψf1 Ψd2+ 31.Qh1  
Qxh3 32.Ψd1 Ψf2 33.Qb3 Qe3 34.d4 Qf1 0-1

**Dreyer, M - Dive, R J**

1.e4 Qf6 2.e5 Qd5 3.d4 d6 4.Qc4 Qb6 5.Qb3  
dxe5 6.Ψh5 e6 7.dxe5 Qd7 8.Qf3 Qc6 9.0-0  
Qe4 10.Qc3 Qg6 11.Ψg4 Qe7 12.h4 h5 13.Ψg3  
Qc6 14.Qxe6 Qd4 15.Qxd4 Qxd4 16.Qg5 fxe6  
17.Qxe7 Ψg4 18.Ψxg4 hxg4 19.Qg5 a6  
20.Hac1 0-0 21.Qh2 Hf7 22.Qg3 Hf8 23.Qe2  
Qd4 24.b3 Qxe5 25.Qf4 Qf5 26.Hf1 Qc6  
27.Qxe6 Qxe6 28.Hxe6 Hxf2 29.Hc4 Hf5  
30.Hxg4 Hc5 31.Qf4 Hc2 32.h5 Qh7 33.Hd1  
Hf7 34.Hd2 Hc4 35.c3 Qe5 36.Qxe5 Hxe5  
37.Hf4 Hxf4 38.Qxf4 Qxh5 39.g4 Hc5 40.c4  
Qg6 41.Hd7 b6 42.Qe4 a5 43.Qd4 Qf6 44.a3  
g6 45.b4 axb4 46.axb4 Hg5 47.Hxc7 Hxg4+  
48.Qd5 b5 49.cxb5 Hxb4 50.Qc5 Hb1 51.b6  
g5 52.b7 Qf5 53.Qc6 g4 54.Hc8 g3 55.b8Ψ  
Hxb8 56.Hxb8 Qe4 57.Hb3 Qf4 58.Qd5 g2  
59.Hb1 Qf3 60.Qd4 Qf2 61.Hb2+ Qg3  
62.Hxg2+ 1/2-1/2

**Round 3**

Dreyer and Wastney quickly drew in round 3, and Smith and Ker followed shortly afterwards when neither was prepared to give way in a repetitive position. In what proved to be an unwise decision, Sarfati chose the Dragon, a Love specialty, and after Love won a pawn he held the advantage in a queen and rook endgame which ended quickly when Sarfati erred. Stuart played out a long bishop and pawn endgame to win from Garbett, while Tuffery improved his position with a quick win from Coates.

Dreyer, Ker, Stuart, Wastney, Love 2.

**Smith, R W - Ker, A F**

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Qf6 3.Qc3 g6 4.f4 Qg7 5.Qf3 c5  
6.dxc5 Ψa5 7.Qd3 Ψxc5 8.Ψe2 Qg4 9.Qe3 Ψa5  
10.0-0 Qc6 11.h3 Qxf3 12.Ψxf3 0-0 13.a3  
Qd7 14.Qd2 Ψd8 15.Qh1 Hc8 16.Hae1 Qb6  
17.Ψg3 Qd4 18.f5 Qd7 19.Qg5 Qe5 20.Ψh4 f6  
21.Qe3 g5 22.Ψf2 Qc6 23.Qc4+ Qg7 24.Qd1  
Qd4 25.Qd3 Qc6 26.Qc4 Qd4 27.Qd3 Qc6  
28.Qc4 1/2-1/2

**Sarfati, J D - Love, A J**

1.e4 c5 2.Qf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4 Qf6 5.Qc3  
g6 6.Qe3 Qg7 7.Qe2 Qc6 8.Ψd2 0-0 9.f4 Qxd4  
10.Qxd4 Qe6 11.0-0 Ψa5 12.Had1 Hf8  
13.Qh1 Qc4 14.a3 Qxe4! 15.Ψe3 Qxc3  
16.Qxc3 Qxc3 17.bxc3 Qxe2 18.Ψxe2 e6  
19.Hxd6 Ψxc3 20.Hfd1 Ψf6 21.Hd7 Hd8  
22.Hxb7 Hxd1+ 23.Ψxd1 Hd8 24.Ψb1 Ψxf4  
25.Hxa7? Ψg4 0-1

**Dive, R J - Sinclair, M**

1.d4 Qf6 2.Qf3 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Qg2 Qe7 5.0-0  
0-0 6.c4 c6 7.Ψc2 Qbd7 8.Qbd2 b5 9.b3 bxc4  
10.bxc4 Qa6 11.Qb2 Hb8 12.Hab1 Ψa5  
13.Qc3 Ψa3 14.Hb3 Ψa4 15.Hc1 Qb4 16.Qb2  
Ψa5 17.e3 Hf8 18.Qc3 c5 19.Qxb4 Hxb4  
20.Hxb4 Qxb4 21.Ψb3 dxc4 22.Qxc4 Ψxb3  
23.axb3 cxd4 24.Qxd4 Qe5 25.Ha1 Qxc4  
26.bxc4 Hxc4 27.Hxa7 Hc1+ 28.Qf1 g6  
29.Qg2 Qe4 30.Ha2 g5 31.h3 h5 32.Ha5 Hc5  
33.Hxc5 Qxc5 34.Qe2 g4 35.hxg4 hxg4  
36.Qb5 Qe4 37.Qd4 Qc3 38.Qf1 Qe4 39.Qb5  
Qg7 1/2-1/2

**Stuart, P W - Garbett, P A**

1.Qf3 f5 2.g3 Qf6 3.Qg2 g6 4.d4 Qg7 5.c4 0-0  
6.0-0 d6 7.Qc3 c6 8.d5 e5 9.dxe6 Qxe6  
10.Ψd3 Qa6 11.Qf4 Qe8 12.Qg5 Qc5 13.Qxe6  
Qxe6 14.Hfd1 Qxf4 15.gxf4 Qe7 16.e3 a5  
17.Hab1 Ψc7 18.b3 Hf7 19.Qe2 Hc7 20.a3  
Ψb6 21.b4 axb4 22.axb4 Ha4 23.c5 Ψa7  
24.cxd6 Hd7 25.Ψc4+ Qf8 26.Ψe6 Qf6 27.b5  
cxb5 28.Qc3 Ha6 29.Qxb5 Ψa8 30.Qc7 Hxc7  
31.dxc7 Hxe6 32.Hd8+ Hc8 33.Hxa8 Hxa8  
34.Qxb7 Hc8 35.c8Ψ Hxc8 36.Qxc8 Qe4  
37.Hb8 Qe7 38.Hb7+ Qf6 39.Ha7 Qd6 40.Qe6  
Qf8 41.Qb3 h6 42.h4 Qe7 43.Qf1 Qe4 44.Qd5  
Qd6 45.Qe2 Qb5 46.Ha6+ Qg7 47.Qc4 Qc3+  
48.Qd3 Qe4 49.Ha7 Qf8 50.f3 Qg3 51.Qd4  
Qxh4 52.Hf7+ Qe8 53.Hh7 Qf8 54.Hxh6 Qf6+

55.♔d5 ♖g7 56.♖h3 ♗h5 57.♕e6 ♘d8 58.♖xh5  
gxf5 59.♗xf5 ♘b6 60.e4 ♙e3 61.e5 h4 62.♙f1  
♗f7 63.♕e4 ♙f2 64.f5 ♙c5 65.♗h3 ♘b4 66.f4  
♘d2 67.♗f3 ♖g7 68.♗g4 ♗h6 69.♙g2 ♙c1  
70.f6 ♖g6 71.♙e4+ ♗f7 72.♗f5 h3 73.e6+ 1-0

## Round 4

Ker established a slightly better position against Dive, but got cold feet and offered a draw which was accepted. Stuart and Coates also drew quickly, and Wastney and Tuffery also shared the point in a repetitive position.

Sarfati walked into the straightforward loss of a piece to Garbett, while Smith came out of pin-and-fork complications involving Rs and Ns with a winning advantage. Dreyer broke through on the K-side to win from Sinclair.

Dreyer 3; Smith, Ker, Garbett, Stuart, Wastney 2½.

### Garbett, P A - Sarfati, J D

1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.♘b5 a6 4.♙a4 ♗f6 5.d4  
exd4 6.0-0 ♙e7 7.e5 ♗e4 8.♗xd4 ♗xd4  
9.♙xd4 ♗c5 10.♗c3 ♗xa4 11.♙xa4 0-0 12.♙f4  
d5 13.exd6 ♘xd6 14.♖ad1 ♘d7 15.♙d4 ♘xf4  
16.♙xf4 ♖e8 17.♖d3 ♖e6 18.h3 ♙e8 19.♗d5  
♙f8 20.♗xc7 ♖f6 21.♙e5 ♙f5 22.♖g3 1-0

### Ker, A F - Dive, R J

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.f3 d6  
6.e4 g6 7.♗c3 ♙g7 8.♘d3 0-0 9.♗ge2 ♗bd7  
10.0-0 ♗e5 11.♙e3 ♗fd7 12.a3 ♙a5 13.♖a2  
♗xd3 14.♙xd3 ♗e5 15.♙c2 ♘d7 16.♖fa1 h6  
17.♙f2 e6 18.bxa6 ♙xa6 19.♗f4 ♖fb8 20.♖d1  
½-½

### Dreyer, M - Sinclair, M

NZ Championship 1995/96 (C30)

Notes by Martin Dreyer

1.e4 e5 2.♙c4 ♗c6 3.♗c3 ♗f6 4.d3 ♙c5

At this stage Mark considered it appropriate to offer a draw.

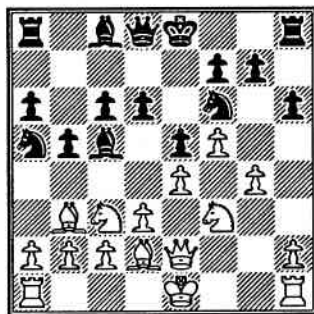
5.f4 d6 6.♗f3 a6

Not to be deterred, my opponent offered a second draw.

7.f5 h6 8.♙e2 ♗a5 9.♘d2 b5

Draw offer number 3.

10.♘b3 c6 11.g4!



11...♗xb3 12.axb3 ♗xg4 13.♙g2 ♗e3  
14.♙xg7! ♖f8

Draw offer number 4. 14...♗xc2+ 15.♗d1  
♗xa1 16.♙xh8 ♗d7 17.♙xd8 ♗xd8 18.♗xh6  
♙g7 h4-h8=♙

15.♕e2 ♙b6

15...Nxc2 16.Bxb6.

16.♖ac1 ♘d7 17.b4 ♘d4

And with this move my opponent made the last of his draw offers for this game. Ker, who was on the adjacent board during the game, played Sinclair the next day and after move 6 when offered a draw, had the answer ready: "I'll be the one offering the draws if there are any!" Surprisingly, Mark won the game.

18.♙xh6 ♗g2 19.♙g5 ♗f4+ 20.♙xf4 exf4

White of course is completely winning, and after simply capturing on f4 the game would soon be over. However, the double blunder that follows spoils the game but doesn't affect the result. 21.h4?? ♙c3?? Played after only a few seconds' thought. 21...♙xc3 22.bxc3 [22.♙xf4 ♗xb2 23.♖b1 ♗h8] 22...♙c3+.

22.♖cf1 f6 23.♙g6+ ♗d8 24.h5 ♗c7 25.h6  
♖g8 26.h7 ♖xg6 27.fxg6 ♙f5 28.h8♙

28.g7+-

28...♖xh8 29.♖xh8 ♙c1 30.♗d1 ♗xb2 31.g7  
♙e6 32.♖e8 1-0

If 32...♙a2 33.c4 [33.♗xb2 ♙c3+ 34.♗d1+-]  
33...bxc4 34.♖e7 ♗d8 35.g8♙+ ♗xe7 36.♙g7  
♗e6 [36...♗e8 37.♖h1+-] 37.♙g4 ♗e7  
38.♖h1+-; or if 32...♗d7 33.♖xe6 ♙b8 34.♖g1  
♙g8 35.♗xb2 ♗xe6 36.♗h4+-.

Love, A J - Smith, R W

Notes by Bob Smith

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4 ♗f6 5.♗c3  
♗c6 6.♙c4 e6 7.♙e3 ♙e7 8.♙d2 a6 9.♘b3 ♘d7

More usual is 9...♙c7, but I had ideas involving ♖c8.

10.0-0-0 ♙a5! 11.f4 ♖c8

Planning 12.f5 ♗xd4 13.♙xd4 e5 14.♙e3  
♖xc3 15.♘d2 ♙b4 16.♙xc3 ♙xe4 with  
compensation.

12.h3?!

This seems a little slow. Perhaps the ♗ sacrifice 12.g4! should be considered, e.g., 12...♗xd4 13.♖xd4 e5 14.♖d3 ♗xg4 15.♙g2 with attack.

12...b5 13.♗xc6 ♗xc6 14.♘d4 0-0

14...b4 15.♗d5! may be O.K. for Black, but I saw no reason to enter into such complications.

15.♙f2 ♙c7 16.e5 dxe5 17.♙xe5 ♙b7

Black is clearly better.

18.f5 b4 19.♗a4 ♗e4 20.♙b6

Other ♙ moves are no better.

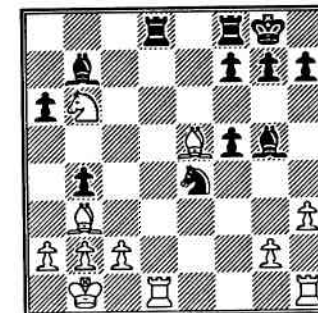
## Martin Dreyer qualifies as New Zealand Master

FM Martin Dreyer qualified as a New Zealand Master by sharing first place in the 1995-96 NZ Championship. He is the 18th player to gain the title.

Under the master points rules Dreyer was awarded 36 points for his championship placing, which took his total to 118. IM Russell Dive and Bob Smith are already National Masters. However, Bob Smith will have gained a few more FIDE rating points from the championship and has edged very close to becoming a FIDE Master.

The 18 National Masters and their master points are: IM O Sarapu 1203, P A Garbett  
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20...exf5 21.♙xb7 ♗xb7 22.♗b6 ♙g5+ 23.♗b1  
♖cd8



24.♗d7 ♗f2 25.♗xg8

25.♙c7 ♗xh1 26.♙xd8 ♖xd8 also wins for Black.

25...♗xd1 26.♗e6

The ♗ was trapped.

26...fxe6 27.♙xe6+ ♗h8 28.♙c7 ♖d2 29.♙xf5  
♗e3 30.♙d3 ♖xg2 31.♙b6 ♖d2 32.♖e1

32.♙xe3 ♙xe3 33.♖e1 ♖g2+ with the idea of ...♖g1.

32...♖d1+ 33.♖xd1 ♗xd1 34.♙a5 ♗f2 35.♙f5  
♙e7 36.♗c1 g6 37.♙d7 ♖g7 38.c3 bxc3  
39.bxc3 ♘d5 40.♙c8 ♖xa2 41.♙xa6 ♙e6  
42.♙b6 ♗e4 43.♗c2 ♗xh3 44.c4 0-1

562, R J Sutton 429, FM A F Ker 375, IM V A Small 328, FM J D Sarfati 290, D I Lynch 281, B R Anderson 256, A Feneridis 250, E J Dive 208, R W Smith 182, P W Stuart 174, B M S Martin 168, G G Haase 148, E M Green 145, FM M P Dreyer 118, A J Lloyd 108, R I Nokes 107.

Mark Sinclair won 15 master points for his fifth place in the championship and becomes a Candidate Master with 50 points. Active players within reach of the National Master title include Stephen Lukey, who has 98 points, and Tony Love, who has 77.

## Nigel Metge wins N.Z. Championship Reserve

Nigel Metge and Matthew Barlow were never more than half a point apart throughout the 11 rounds of the NZ Championship Reserve tournament, with Barlow in the lead after rounds 2 and 8. The decisive game came when they met in round 9, and Metge's win gave him a half-point lead which he maintained to the end of the tournament.

There was the prospect of a grandstand finish in the last round, with Metge and Peter Hawkes sharing the lead on 7½, and Barlow half a point behind, but Michael Steadman blundered and gave Metge a quick win and at least a certain share of first. Hawkes was always somewhat worse against Arthur Pomeroy and agreed a draw, and Barlow had to play out a rook and pawn endgame against Gavin Marner to gain a full point and share of second place.

Hawkes played solidly, losing only to Metge in the second round and trailing close behind the leaders throughout. The top three finished well clear of the field, with a 2-point gap back to Pomeroy.

Metge's win over Pomeroy was judged the best game of the tournament.

**Metge, J N – Pomeroy, A**

NZ Reserve 1995/96 Wellington, R 6

Notes by Anthony Ker

1.d4 ♠f6 2.c4 g6 3.♠c3 ♠g7 4.e4 d6

### Dive takes NZ rapid title

IM Russell Dive took the NZ rapid championship title in the 40-player swiss events which followed the NZ Championship. Mark Noble and Stephen Lukey were runners-up.

Chris Burns and Justin Phillips tied for the B grade prizes, and Michael Burn won the C grade prize, with Eddie Sarfas and C Clark as runners-up. Pascal Harris and Patrick Savage shared the Under-14 prizes.

Full details in the next issue of *NZ Chess*.

The King's Indian is a popular reply to 1.d4, particularly among Russian grandmasters. It is also a favourite of PCA World Champion Garry Kasparov. Black encourages White to occupy the centre and then undermines him from the sides.

5.♠e2 0-0 6.♠g3

The Averbakh variation, named after its inventor, Yuri Averbakh, a Russian grandmaster and teacher who has visited NZ..

6...♠a6

Not a felicitous choice. The ♠ is better placed on d7, supporting its counterpart.

7.h4

No marks for subtlety.

7...e5 8.h5! exd4 9.h6!

9.♠xd4 ♠xe4! is good for Black. Now 9...dxc3 10.hxg7 ♠xg7 11.♠d4± leaves Black wishing his ♠ was better defended.

9...♠h8 10.♠xd4 ♠b4?

Now 10...♠xe4 doesn't work: 11.♠xh8+! ♠xh8 12.♠xd8 ♠xc3 13.♠f6+ and White has won a piece. However, Black had a better move in 10...♠c5!, followed by 11...♠e6.

11.0-0-0 ♠c6 12.♠e3 ♠e8 13.♠h3 ♠g4 14.♠g3 ♠f6

Abject retreat, but if 14...♠ge5 15.f4 soon kicks it away. Black has lost far too much time with his ♠s.

15.♠h4 ♠e5 16.f4 ♠e6 17.f5!

Gaining even more time. Naturally Black cannot afford to take the ♠.

17...♠e5 18.♠hf1 ♠d4 19.♠d2 ♠xe2+ 20.♠xe2 b5

A desperate move. Black feels he must do something or quickly suffocate.

21.cxb5 ♠b7 22.♠f2 ♠h5 23.♠g4 ♠g3 24.f6

Entombing the ♠. Black's number one priority must be to lift the blockade.

24...♠fe8 25.♠f3 ♠xh4 26.♠xh4 d5!

## New Zealand Reserve Championship, 1995-96

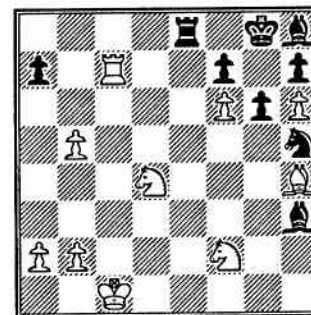
Name, title	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Tot	Tiebrk
1 Metge, J Nigel	2020	♠	1	1	1	0	1	½	½	1	½	1	1	8½	
2 Hawkes, Peter D	1958	0	♠	½	½	1	1	1	½	1	1	½	1	8	38.25
3 Barlow, Matthew	2030	0	½	♠	½	1	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	8	37.75
4 Pomeroy, Arthur	1936	0	½	½	0	1	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	6	
5 Guthrie, David	1979	1	0	0	0	♠	½	½	½	½	1	1	1	5½	26.75
6 Steadman, Michael	2033	0	0	0	½	½	♠	1	1	1	½	1	0	5½	26.5
7 Cooper, David	1952	½	0	½	½	½	0	♠	1	0	½	½	1	5	25.5
8 Mastilovich, Rajko	2029	½	½	0	½	½	0	0	♠	1	½	1	½	5	25.25
9 van der Hoorn, Mark	1997	0	0	½	½	½	0	1	0	♠	1	0	1	4½	
10 Marner, Gavin	1903	½	0	0	½	½	½	½	½	0	♠	0	½	3½	19.25
11 Turner, Michael	1930	0	½	0	½	0	0	½	0	1	1	♠	0	3½	17.5
12 Post, Martin	1874	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	½	0	½	1	♠	3	

A bid for counterplay. White should meet this with 27.e5, intensifying his grip. Then if 27...d4 28.♠e4 ♠c8 29.♠ef2 is fine for him. However, White is under serious time pressure...

27.exd5? ♠xe2 28.♠xe2 ♠xd5 29.♠c3 ♠xg2 30.♠d4

Not 30.♠xc7?? ♠f3. Easy to fall into when you've only got 10 seconds left!

30...♠e8 31.♠xc7 ♠h3 32.♠f2



32...♠g2?

It may seem like the obvious move, but consider the effect of 32...♠xf6! If 33.♠xf6 ♠xf6 counterattacks White's ♠, while if 33.♠xh3 ♠d5! 34.♠c4 ♠b6 35.♠b4 ♠d5 and White must return the piece or submit to a draw by repetition.

33.♠xa7 ♠xf6

The blockade is broken, but is it too late?

34.b6 ♠e4 35.♠xe4 ♠xd4 36.♠f6+ ♠xf6

Black hopes opposite-coloured ♠s will offer drawing chances. Not this time.

37.♠xf6 ♠b8 38.♠d4 ♠f8 39.a4 f5 40.a5 f4 41.♠xh7 1-0

White has managed to make 40 moves without losing on time and Black's position is clearly hopeless.

The next game is the only one among many entries which the judges highly commended.

**van der Hoorn, M – Steadman, M**  
Round 7

1.e4 c5 2.♠f3 ♠c6 3.♠b5 g6 4.0-0 ♠g7 5.c3 ♠f6 6.♠e1 0-0 7.d4 d5 8.e5 ♠e4 9.♠bd2 ♠xd2 10.♠xd2 ♠b6 11.a4 cxd4 12.cxd4 ♠xd4 13.♠c3 ♠xf3+ 14.♠xf3 d4 15.♠g5 f6 16.♠c4+ ♠h8 17.exf6 exf6 18.♠f4 ♠d7 19.♠e7 ♠c6 20.♠h3 ♠fe8 21.♠f7 ♠xb2 22.♠f1 ♠c3 23.♠h6 ♠xc4 24.♠xg7+ ♠g8 25.♠c7 ♠xg2 0-1

Here is the last-round game which assured Metge of first place.

**Metge, J N – Steadman, M**

1.d4 f5 2.♠c3 ♠f6 3.♠g5 b6 4.f3 ♠a6 5.e4 ♠xf1 6.♠xf1 h6 7.♠xf6 exf6 8.exf5 ♠e7 9.♠e2 0-0 10.♠e1 ♠b4?? 11.♠c4+ 1-0



## New Zealand news

Martin Dreyer has been talking to Ben Martin and reports that Ben might be returning to New Zealand earlier than expected, and that there is a chance that Ben will be available for New Zealand's Olympiad team.

Richard Berkeley, of Dunedin, has joined the exodus of talented young New Zealand chess players migrating to Australia to further their studies. Richard is taking up a scholarship in Canberra. In addition to being a member of Otago CC, Richard has been running the Otago University Chess Club - and, in common with the experience in other tertiary institutions, finding that gathering support is a frustrating experience.

### North Shore

Paul Garbett, with 5½/6 (draw with Peter Stuart) has won the first leg of North Shore CC's 1996 raid championship. In the 21-player swiss field he was half a point ahead of Leonard McLaren and David Boyd, with Peter Stuart, Ben Giles, Naveed Aslam and Brenton Emmett on 4.

### Waitemata

Bob Smith won the two main events in the second half of Waitemata CC's 1995 season the Winter Cup and the club championship, with picket fences in both. In the Winter Cup Bob scored 6/6, with John Kerry as runner-up on 5.

The club championship was played in two stages, with a 7-round swiss preliminary to find seven players to join Bob Smith in the club championship final. Vivian Smith headed the preliminary field, with 6/6, closely followed by John O'Connor on 5½. In the final Bob scored 7/7, with O'Connor runner-up on 4, followed by Vivian Smith and Bruce Tidey 3½.

Neville Easterlow won the Reserve Championship with 6½/7, followed by

### Inquiry about W A Fairhurst

Arthur Pomeroy has received an inquiry through Internet from Roberto Waldteufel about W A Fairhurst's chess activity in New Zealand in the 1970s, as he is researching with the intention of writing a book about Fairhurst.

Waldteufel writes that he was most interested to learn about the 1975 NZ Championship and was anxious to obtain a copy of the tournament book. He would also like information about any other chess events in which Fairhurst participated, and is trying to locate Fairhurst's son, who he believes lives in New Zealand. He has been told the son may have a collection of Fairhurst's original scoresheets.

Roberto Waldteufel's address is 229a Tottenham Road, Palmers Green, London N13 6 DJ England.

Brian Palmer 5½, Jon Shields 5 and Edith Otene 4½.

Bruce Pollard won the trophy for most improved player and Alan MacFarlane the Junior Cup.

### Waikato Open

The 1995 Waikato Open attracted a field of 26, and Graeme Spain emerged the winner with 4½, conceding just one draw to Ference Fabri. Leonard McLaren and Alan Dunn were also unbeaten, but drew twice to score 4, and they were followed on 3½ by Scott Wastney and William Lynn (who both lost to Fabri) and Fabri (who lost to McLaren).

### Ashburton

The administrative team for Ashburton CC has been re-elected, but there was a surprise for president Roy Keeling at the annual meeting. He was unanimously elected a life member of the club - more on this in the next issue of *NZ Chess*.

### Otago

Trevor Rowell has been elected president of Otago CC. While Trevor has been active in chess administration for a relatively short time he brings plenty of ideas and enthusiasm to the task. Trevor succeeds Paul Vecovsky, who is having a rest from chess. The

## Max Euwe Centrum inquires about Latvian Gambit

NZCF has received a request from the Max Euwe Centrum in Amsterdam for information about Howick-Pakuranga CC's Latvian Gambit tournament, which the federation has passed on to the club for reply.

The Max Euwe Centrum is a centre which includes an international chess academy, a big chess library, a chess museum, a study and meeting centre, and a research centre - in memory of Dr Max Euwe, World champion from 1935 to 1937 and a former President of FIDE.

Recently the library received from an unknown chessplayer two volumes of *New Zealand Chess*, for 1989 and 1992. The library includes more than 300 chess magazines, but until these volumes were received, New Zealand was not among them. However, visitors to the centre include Australians and New Zealanders.

A member of the centrum's board, L C M Diepstraten, writes that he was surprised to see in the magazine reference to the 4th Latvian Gambit tournament in 1992, with GMs Tony Miles and Lembit Oll as participants. He also noted reference to Mr Janis Borovskis ("a typical Latvian name").

Mr Diepstraten writes that he is the author of a 3-volume work about the Latvian Gambit. The first two volumes have been published, and the third - which will contain 4 chapters on the history of the gambit - will be published next year.

So Mr Diepstraten is anxious to obtain information about New Zealand's Latvian

administrative team includes Tony Love Senior vice-president), David Guthrie (junior vp), Dennis McCaughan (secretary), Terry Duffield (treasurer), Geoff Lambourne (director of junior play) and John Croawell, Fred Ryan and John Sutherland.

Gambit tournament and to make contact with Mr Borovskis.

- The 1996 Latvian Gambit tournament will be held on March 30.

### NZ Masters tourney

Chess was one of more than 40 different events at the NZ Masters Games held in Dunedin early this year, and Otago CC performed a minor miracle of promotion in getting 18 entrants, mostly from the southern part of the South Island. With the qualifying age 35, some of the older players were surprised to find Tony Love and Tony Dowden in the field for the 6-round 30/30 swiss. After some horrendous moments they drew their game and on 5½ shared the gold medals for the main event. Rex Scarf, of Ashburton, 4, took the bronze.

John McIntosh, 4, took the gold for the under-1500 section, and Ray Stone and Trevor Rowell, 3½, shared the silver. In the unrated section Noel Johnston and James Kalmakoff, 3, won gold, with John La Rooy and Hans Rosloot, 2, sharing the bronze.

The NZ Master Games are sponsored by National Mutual and are held alternately in Dunedin and Wanganui. Promotion and success of the event has varied from year to year, without involving NZCF. However, NZCF president Ted Frost competed in the 1996 event and is taking up various aspects of promotion and conduct of the event - including the qualifying age.



## 1995 Junior rating lists

The number of junior players in the NZCF records more than doubled in the second half of last year, to reach a total of 88 - although not all of them are yet rated. The increase flows in part from the NZ Junior and Age Group Championships held in Auckland and one or two other junior events, and in part from reporting of birth dates by clubs.

However, even the expanded list is unofficial and undoubtedly incomplete. It also contains the names of players who have provisional ratings, which are subject to substantial adjustment as the players qualify for full rating. Lists of junior and women players will not become official until next year, when positive lists of registered players are compiled, and will not include players with provisional ratings.

The lists include the names of people who qualified as juniors in 1995, and were born on or after January 1, 1975. The players born in 1975 ceased to be juniors on January 1 this year and will disappear from the 1996 junior lists. Players born in 1979

will no longer be in the Under 16 group, and players born in 1983 will no longer be in the Under 12 group.

Lists drawn up from available records are:

### TOP 20 JUNIORS

(In standard rating order)

	Standard	Rapid
1 Daniel Lam AC	2022	1797
2 David Guthrie OT	1979	1925
3 Shamnika Rupasinghe	1861	1851
4 Matthew Edmonds CA	1758	1524
5 Russell Metge PT	1716	1855
6 Kent Wong WE	1683	1704
7 Thor Russell CA	1673	1711
8 Alexis Shead NS	1647	1514
9 Benjamin Giles NS	1567	1688
10 Justin Phillips WE	1561	1588
11 Shaun Stephenson AS	1555	unr
12 Aaron Batchelor OT	1529	1719
13 Michael Nyberg WE	1493	1587
14 Lawrence Ng AS	1407	unr
15 Daniel Johns NS	1404	1516
16 James Stewart WA	1382	1313
17 Mark Le Brocq NS	1339	1242
18 Joyce Ong HP	1337	1379
19 Rosaleen Sheehan HH	1297	1311
20 Zoe Kingston KP	1289	1435

Rupasinghe, Edmonds, Wong, Ng, Johns, Stewart and Kingston ceased to be juniors on January 1.

### TOP 10 UNDER 16

(In rapid rating order)

	Rapid	Standard
1 Russell Metge PT	1855	1716
2 Maxwell Duncan AS	1343	unr
3 Teresa Sheehan HH	1333	1243
4 Rosaleen Sheehan HH	1311	1297
5 Raymond Chew WE	1310	1101
6 Andrea Richardson AS	1307	unr

7 Richard Pocock	1293	1152
8 Mark Le Brocq NS	1242	1339
9 Pascal Harris WA	1179	1005
10 Patrick Savage WE	1154	1209

(Andrea Richardson has a provisional rating).

### TOP 9 UNDER 12

(In rapid rating order, over 1000)

	Rapid	Standard
1 Andrea Richardson AS	1307	unr
2 Pascal Harris WA	1179	1005
3 Patrick Savage WE	1154	1209
4 Samuel Sheehan HH	1131	730
5 Tamehana Rennie HA	1128	938
6 Colin Chow WE	1128	unr
7 Brian Kwang WE	1079	unr
8 Arvind Vinjimoore WE	934	unr

### TOP 9 GIRLS

(In standard rating order, over 1000)

	Rapid	Standard
1 Joyce Ong HP	1337	1379
2 Rosaleen Sheehan HH	1297	1311
3 Zoe Kingston KP	1289	1435
4 Winnie Ong HP	1258	1262
5 Teresa Sheehan HH	1243	1333
6 Amy Cater WT	1178	1268
7 Shanta Sheehan HH	1069	1213
8 Katherine Ong HP	1014	1110
9 Stormie Neilson HA	1013	unr

A rating list of female players is being prepared from available records and will appear in the next issue of *NZ Chess*.

## Australian Junior Championships

Rosaleen Sheehan was one of five New Zealanders who competed in the latest Australian Junior Championships, and she achieved notable success in finishing runner-up in the under-18 girls' tournament. The event coincided with the Australian Championships (and New Zealand Congress), and was played in the same venue (juniors in the morning, seniors in the afternoon), and attracted a total of 166 entries.

The Australian junior tournaments are limited to players under 18, and the boys' tournament, with 78 players, was won by David Cordover, 17, of Victoria, with 9½/11. Alan Dunn, of Auckland, played in this event and scored 6. A 10-year-old, Kuan-Kuan Tian, of NSW, scored 9½ and won the under-12 event, which had 50 players. Among them was Samuel Sheehan, who scored 3½.

The field of 20 in the girls' under-18 championship included the three Sheehan sisters, and Rosaleen, who is 15, scored 8 to finish a point behind the winner, 12-year-old

Laura Moylan from ACT. Rosaleen headed other promising Australian girls, including Kylie Coventry and Jasmine Lauer-Smith. Rosaleen's winning chance was upset in round 9 by Kimberley Orth, who won what the report in the Australian Chess Magazine describes as "a very fine game."

Shanta Sheehan, 17, scored 6 and Teresa, who is 14, scored 5½.

The Sheehans made a family trip for the tournament, and father John Sheehan reports that one of the features which attracted attention was that two girls played in the open under-18 tournament. 16-year-old Victoria Klimenko, who has been awarded the title WFM (Woman Fide Master) scored 6½. John Sheehan reports that officials believed that although the two girls who played in the open event are strong, the quality of the girls' field was such that they would not have been assured of taking the top honours title if they had played in that event.

### 1995 Junior Player of the Year

David Guthrie, of Dunedin, was selected as New Zealand Junior Player of the Year for 1995, but this time he did not have to share the title. David tied for first at the first NZ Junior and Age Group Championships and was third in the South Island Championships, and as he was selected for the Championship Reserve at Congress his claim for the title was beyond challenge.

However, Russell Metge's clear-cut win in the Major Open indicated that David could face at least one strong challenge for the title this year.

## Open events scheduled for 1996

Details of open events scheduled for 1996, as notified to NZCF, are given below:

Canterbury weekend rapid, Canterbury CC, Sat, March 2, 30/30, 5r swiss, entry \$12.

1st Upper Hutt Junior and Age Group Champs, U Hutt CC, Sat, March 9.

Canterbury Age Group tournament, Canterbury CC, Sat-Sun, March 23 - 24, 60/60, 6-r swiss, entry \$10.

1996 Latvian Gambit Open, Howick-Pakuranga CC, Pakuranga Cultural Community Centre, Sun, March 31, 30/30 6r swiss, entry \$25 (jun \$20), Open 1st \$500, Under 1700, 1st \$250.; contact Paul Spil;ler 1/6 Kookaburra Pl, Howick, Auckland.

NZ Women's Championship, tentatively scheduled for Easter, Auckland Chess Centre.

Otago Easter, start Fri, April 7.

Civic Easter, Civic CC, Sat - Mon, April 7 - 9 (details to be confirmed)

Kapiti and Debo's Direct Liquor rapid-play, Kapiti CC, Coastlands Shopping Centre, Sat, April 20, 30/30 6r swiss, entry \$25, 3 grades, 1st prizes A \$500, B 250, C \$150; contact, Guy Burns (04)297-0462.

Otago Westpac Autumn Rapid, Otago CC, Sat, May 4, 25/25

19th Waitakere Trust Open, Sat & Sun, May 11-12, Lincoln Green Hotel, Henderson, 5r swiss in 3 divisions; 45 in 90 plus 15. Prize money, at least \$2600. Inquiries to Bob Smith, 2 Autumn Ave, Glen Eden, Auckland 7.

Canterbury weekend rapid, Canterbury CC, Saturday, May 19, 30/30, 5r swiss, entry \$12.

Ilington Queen's Birthday tournament, Wellington CC, Sat - Mon, June 1 - 3.

Wellington Junior and Age Group Champs, Sunday, June 16, Wellington CC.

24th Upper Hutt 40/40, U Hutt CC, Saturday, June 22.

North Island Championship, -----, Mon- Fri, July 1 - 5.

North Island Rapid Championship, -----, Sat, July 6.

Otago Westpac Winter Rapid, Otago CC, Sat, July 6, 25/25.

NZ Junior and Age Group Championships, Wellington, Tues-Fri, July 9 - 12.

Otago Westpac Spring Rapid, Otago CC, Sat, September 7, 25/25.

All-Wellington Rapid Championships, Sunday, September 8, Wellington CC. (tentative)

South Island Championship, Blenheim, Mon-Fri, September 16 - 20.

South Island Rapid Championship, Blenheim, Sat, September 21.

Canterbury weekend rapid, Canterbury CC, Saturday, November 2, 30/30, 5r swiss, entry \$12.

All-Canterbury Championships, Canterbury CC, Friday - Sunday, December 6 - 8, 66 in 90, 30 to finish, 5r swiss, entry \$20.

Otago Westpac Summer Rapid, Otago CC, Sat, December 7, 25/25.

NZ Championship Congress, North Shore CC, Sat, December 28, 1996 - January 11, 1997.

□ Under NZCF rules, clubs are required to notify the federation of open events scheduled for the calendar year, before the end of February. There is a late notification charge of \$10.00.

## Latest FIDE ratings

Anatoly Karpov was unable to hold his first place on the latest list of FIDE ratings. Indeed he has dropped to third place behind Gary Kasparov and Vladimir Kramnik, though only five points separate the top three.

There is a 35-point gap back to Vassily Ivanchuk and Gata Kamsky, who share fourth place. Kramnik surged 45 points since the July 1995 list.

Other big gainers were Veselin Topalov and Judit Polgar who also catapulted into the top ten. The top 65, rated 2600 up, are as follows (with change since 1st July):

1	Kramnik V.	RUS	+45	2775
2	Kasparov G.	RUS	-20	2775
3	Karpov A.	RUS	-5	2770
4	Ivanchuk V.	UKR	-5	2735
5	Kamsky G.	USA		2735
6	Anand V.	IND		2725
7	Topalov V.	BUL	+60	2700
8	Gelfand B.	BLR	+15	2700
9	Shirov A.	ESP	-5	2690
10	Polgar J.	HUN	+40	2675
11	Dreev A.	RUS		2670
12	Salov V.	RUS	-15	2670
13	Short N.	ENG	+20	2665
14	Sokolov I.	BIH	+35	2665
15	Ehlvest J.	EST	+30	2660
16	Adams M.	ENG		2660
17	Azmaiparashvili Z.	BIH	+40	2660
18	Yusupov A.	GER	-25	2655
19	Halifman A.	RUS	-5	2650
20	Hracek Z.	CZE	+15	2650
21	Almasi Z.	HUN	+20	2650
22	Korchnoi V.	SWI	+10	2645
23	Epishin V.	RUS	+5	2645
24	Bareev E.	RUS	-5	2645
25	Nikolic P.	BIH		2645
26	Oll L.	EST	+10	2640
27	Miles A.	ENG	+35	2635
28	Glek I.	RUS	+55	2635
29	Illescas M.	ESP	+15	2635
30	Hübner R.	GER	+5	2635
31	Yudasin L.	ISR	+5	2635
32	Lautier J.	FRA	-5	2630
33	Svidler P.	RUS	-5	2630
34	Andersson U.	SWE		2630
35	Seirawan Y.	USA	+5	2630
36	Tiviakov S.	RUS	-30	2625
37	Leko P.	HUN	+20	2625
38	Morosevich A.	RUS	-5	2625
39	Speelman J.	ENG	+5	2625
40	Timman J.	NED	+30	2620
41	Akopian V.	ARM	-5	2620
42	Hodgson J.	ENG	+25	2615
43	Belyavsky A.	UKR	-35	2615
44	Smirin I.	ISR	-15	2615
45	Georgiev Ki.	BUL	+10	2615
46	Gulko B.	USA	-5	2615
47	Vaganian R.	ARM	-30	2615
48	Dautov R.	GER	-5	2615
49	Hansen C.	DEN	-5	2615
50	Rublevsky S.	RUS	+15	2610
51	Psakhis L.	ISR		2610
52	Krasenkov M.	RUS	+20	2610
53	Kotronias V.	GRE	+20	2610
54	Adianto U.	INA	+20	2610
55	Vyzmanavin A.	RUS	+5	2610
56	Dolmatov S.	RUS	-5	2610
57	Gavrikov V.	SWI		2605
58	Nunn J.	ENG	-10	2605
59	Kaidanov G.	USA	+20	2605
60	Rosentalis E.	LTU	-5	2605
61	Goldin A.	RUS	+15	2600
62	Sadler M.	ENG	+35	2600
63	Granda J.	PER	-5	2605
64	Tkachiev V.	KAZ	-5	2600
65	Ljubojevic L.	YUG		2600

### South Island Championships

Arrangements have been made for the 1996 South Island Championships to be held in Blenheim in the break between the third and fourth school terms, September 16-20, with the SI Rapid on the Saturday, September 21.

The venue is the St John Ambulance Hall, close to State Highway 1 and the town centre, and next to the Grove Park Motor Lodge, where accommodation is available on favourable terms.

## NZ in Singapore 1995

by Michael Freeman

The 11th Asian teams' championship held in Singapore in late December was hailed at the start of the event as a success for FIDE following the problems with a number of its major chess events in the past year. And by the end it was obvious that the event had a dual purpose, a meeting of some very good chess players, and behind the scenes politics at the first FIDE presidential congress since the change in power.

The chess saw twenty men's and twelve women's teams (a first for the women's) settle down to nine hard fought rounds in the plush surroundings of the National University of Singapore's Graduates Club. Not so plush was the accommodation, not as bad as India in 1983, but tolerable rather than enjoyable.

New Zealand was represented by regulars Anthony Ker and Bob Smith, and ring-ins Michael Freeman and Tony Dowden, the latter two replacing original selections Paul Garbett and Jonathon Sarfati. This was Freeman's third consecutive Asian Team's event as a late replacement. A major cause of these changes - lack of funding - is highlighted when it is noted that New Zealand was the only country without

funding from its Government or national sporting bodies. New Zealand should be represented by its best players, not those with the ability to pay their own way, an issue facing most of the minority sports in this country.

The final result of 16½ points from 36 games for a share of 12th to 15th with Japan and Malaysia appears disappointing on the crosstable, but does not reflect the true performance of the team. A 3½-½ win over a composite ASEAN nation team in round eight saw New Zealand paired with top seeds Uzbekistan in the last round. However, a win by "only" 2½-1½ would have given us a pairing against bottom seeds Brunei in the last round, with a guaranteed higher placing and a bronze medal to Bob Smith. Such are the moral dilemma's faced in international team competition.

Lack of international competition is hurting New Zealand in events such as this and the Olympiad. We are still beating the lesser countries, but by only 2½-1½ or 3-1, while losing to the stronger nations by 4-0 or 3½-½, thereby struggling to maintain 50% scores.

Individually, the New Zealand results were -

	A. Ker	B. Smith	M. Freeman	T. Dowden	Score
Macau	1	1	1	1	4
Kazakhstan	0 2480	0 2395	0 2500	0 2460	0
United Arab E.	½ 2245	1 2225	½ 2230	1 2205	3
Vietnam	0 2545	½ 2485	0 2470	0 2420	½
Iran	0	1	1	0	2
Sri Lanka	1 2205	½	½	½	2½
Indonesia	0 2495	½ 2410	0 2385	0	½
ASEAN	1 2055	1	1	½	3½
Uzbekistan	½ 2585	0 2510	0 2520	0 2455	½
	4	5½	4	3	16½

Bob Smith played very well to dominate the team scoring. He had the better of his draws with Vietnam and Indonesia, and missed a draw against Kazakhstan in an educational king and pawn ending.

Anthony Ker struggled in the early rounds but fought well at the end, being unlucky against GM Handoko, and gaining a good draw with GM Nenashev in the last round, a game which actually decided the

championship!

Michael Freeman ruined his event by missing a win of a piece in time trouble against Vietnam, and blowing up after winning an exchange from GM Saltaev, but again collected points against the lesser countries.

Tony Dowden started very well, having a great struggle with Boris Katalymov in round two, a player who was second in the recent World Seniors. However, some inconsistent play crept in during the later rounds, probably due to lack of hard matchplay.

And the winner is ... the Philippines by ½ a Solkoff tiebreak point. Both the Philippines and China finished on 25 points, with the tiebreak scores favouring the winner by 189 to 188½. Uzbekistan finished third on 24½, that last round draw with Anthony Ker costing them the title. Kazakhstan were fourth with 23, then Mongolia 22, Vietnam 21, Indonesia 20, Iran 19½, UAE and Singapore 19.

As expected, the women's event was won by China, led by World Champion Xie Jun, with 23 points from 27 games. Vietnam finished second with 19 points. Kazakhstan finished third with 18½ from 24 games, having missed the first round, but beating China 2-1 in their individual match.

The closing ceremony was interesting for two points, firstly the presenting of medals for the individual board prizes and team placings, and then another complete set of board and team medals for only those countries in the ASEAN political system; and secondly the presenting of the medals by the FIDE hierarchy of new president Kirsan Iljumshinov, old president Florencio Campomanes, and vice-president Bachar Kouatly. During these ceremonies the new president took the opportunity to announce his new World Championship knock-out tournament format, and the appointment of Singapore's Ignatius Leong as FIDE's new Administration Manager.

Finally, I would thank the team members for their support before and during the event, and their perseverance through the moments of change of dates, team withdrawals, and Air Traffic strikes that all looked likely to stop New Zealand being represented at this event.

Ker, A - Nenashev, A

Asian teams tournament, 1995 (R 9)

Benoni

Notes by Anthony Ker

The leading scores before the last round were very close. Philippines, on 21½, led China and Uzbekistan by just half a point. In the final round they were to face the United Arab Emirates, while China had a strong opponent in Indonesia and Uzbekistan would play New Zealand.

The Philippines amassed 3½ points, sufficient to ensure at least a tie for first. They needed every point, too, because China put Indonesia away with an amazing 4-0 and missed gold only because their tie-break score was half a point less than their rivals.

Meanwhile, the Uzbeks were doing their best to level your favourite team and sneak in for first place. Despite staunch resistance from our players their second, third and fourth boards were all successful and it remained only for their star player, GM Nenashev (rated 2580) to beat me. Here is the game:

1.d4 ♠f6 2.c4 g6 3.♗c3 ♗g7

This was slightly surprising, but not too worrying since I like playing against the King's Indian. Michael's database revealed a Nenashev penchant for Tarraschs, Slavs and the occasional Grunfeld.

4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.♗g5

Normally White develops the ♗ to e3, but I wanted to try something different. Now ...e5 is less attractive to Black as it self-pins the ♗ and he cannot follow up with, for example, 6...e5 7.d5 ♠h5. After 6...h6 I intended to drop back to e3 and later gain a tempo with Qd2, although 7.♗h4 is also a possibility.

6...c5 7.d5 e6 8.♟d2 exd5 9.cxd5 ♖d7

The opening has transposed into a Benoni. Black's plan is to finish developing and play ...b5. White meanwhile should restrain this break and advance in the centre with f4 and e5, after appropriate preparation. In this battle of strategies GM Nenashev proves more successful.

10.♙c4

The problem with this square is that ...b5 is now a hit on the ♙. d3 is a better place to be.

10...♗a6

White will not capture this ♗. After 11.♙xa6 bxa6 the ♙ pair and especially the open b-file give Black excellent compensation for the damaged ♖ structure.

11.♗ge2 ♗c7 12.a4 b6

An important precaution. If 12...a6 immediately, 13.a5! cripples Black's ♗side expansion.

13.0-0 a6 14.♟d3

White is intent on preventing ...b5, but in the long run this cannot be stopped. This second move of the ♟ also reveals ♟d2 as a waste of time. 14.♙h6, to exchange off Black's dangerous dark-squared ♙, would be more consistent.

14...♟c8

Black plans 15...♟b7 and 16...b5.

15.f4

Realising the critical nature of his position, White attempts to distract Black with a central ♖ advance.

15...b5!

Exploiting the overworked position of White's pieces, which cover e4 and b5 simultaneously.

16.axb5 axb5 17.♙xa8 ♟xa8 18.♗xb5 ♙xb5 19.♙xb5 ♗xb5 20.♙xf6

Not 20.♟xb5 ♗xe4 and Black has a great game (safer ♟, better ♖s, control of the a-file). This move temporarily wins a ♖.

20...♙xf6 21.♟xb5 ♖b8 22.♟c6

22.♟d7 is an interesting alternative, with the idea of playing e5 and breaking through to f7, e.g., 22...♙xb2 23.e5. I chose the safe option here!

22...♟xc6 23.dxc6 ♖c8

Black cannot afford to grab the b-♖: 23...♙xb2 23.c7, or 23...♙xb2 24.c7 ♖c8 25.♖b1 and 25.♖b8. While Black is recovering his ♖ White has a chance to set up a defence.

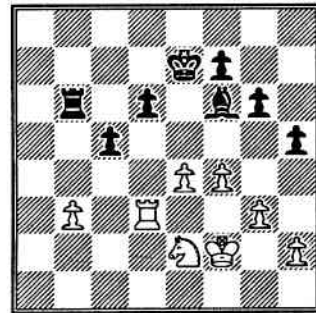
24.b3 ♙xc6 25.♗d1 ♖b6 26.♗d3 h5

Otherwise g4-g5 and ♖h3 might prove awkward.

27.♗f2 ♗f8 28.g3

Waiting.

28...♗e7



29.♗c3!

The triple fork on d5 forces Black to surrender his ♙ v ♗ advantage. Note that if the White ♟ were on e3 Black could play 29...♗d4+. I now felt more confident about not losing!

29...♙xc3 30.♙xc3 ♗e6 31.h3 f6

Russell Dive suggests 31...f5, with the idea of creating a passed d-♖. This is a better try than the game, but White still has enough resources to hold on.

32.g4 hxg4 33.hxg4

With every ♖ exchange I felt I was moving one step closer to a draw.

33...♖b4 34.♗e3 g5 35.fxg5 fxg5 36.♗d3

So as to meet Black's threat of 36...♗e5 with 37.♗d5+.

36...♖b8

Looking for another way in.

37.♗e2 ♖f8 38.♗d5 ♖f4 39.♙xg5 ♖xe4+ 40.♗d3 ♗d4+ 41.♗c3

This position is drawn, but given the nature of the occasion Nenashev wasn't ready to give in just yet.

41...♖f4 42.♗g6+ ♗d5 43.♗g5+ ♗c6 44.♗g8 ♖f3+ 45.♗b2 ♗d5 46.g5 ♗d4 47.g6 ♗g3 48.g7 d5 49.♗c2 ♗g2+ 50.♗b1

Avoiding possible mate threats from Black's ♗ and ♖. Black cannot make any further progress here, but plays a few cat and mouse moves before agreeing a draw.

50...♗g5 51.♗c2 ♗g1 52.♗b2 ♗g6 53.♗c2 ♗g2+ 54.♗b1 ♗c3 55.♗d8 ♖xg7 56.♙xd5 ♗xb3 57.♙xc5 ½-½

Dowden, Tony - Suad, Mohammed  
Asian teams tournament, 1995 (R 3)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♗f6 3.♗c3 g6 4.g3 ♗g7 5.♗g2 0-0 6.♗ge2 ♗c6 7.h3 e5 8.♗e3 exd4 9.♗xd4 ♖e8 10.♗xc6 bxc6 11.0-0 ♗d7 12.♖e1 a5 13.♗d4 ♖b8 14.♗b1 c5 15.♗c3 ♗c6 16.e5 ♗xg2 17.exf6 ♖xe1+ 18.♟xe1 ♗xh3 19.fxg7 ♟d7 20.♗d2 ♖e8 21.♗e4 ♟c6 22.♗f6+ ♗xg7 23.♗xe8+ ♗f8 24.♗g7+ ♗g8 25.♟e4 1-0

Barus, C IM - Smith, R W  
Asian teams tournament (R 7), 1995  
Bogo-Indian Defence  
Notes by Bob Smith

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗f3 ♗b4+ 4.♗bd2 b6 5.a3 ♗xd2+ 6.♗xd2 ♗b7 7.♗g5 h6 8.♗h4 d6 9.e3 g5 10.♗g3 ♗e4 11.♗d2 ♗xg3 12.hxg3 ♗d7 13.♖h2

Against Adams, Dos Hermans 1995, Karpov preferred 13.g4. The game was eventually drawn.

13...c5 14.dxc5?!

Karpov preferred the manoeuvre ♗b1-c3, retaining the central tension.

14...dxc5 15.♗e2 ♟f6 16.♟c2 0-0-0

Black has a good game.

17.♗d1 ♗e5 18.g4 ♗b8 19.f3 ♗g6

Clearing e5 for the ♟.

20.g3 ♟e5 21.♗f1 ♖xd1+ 22.♙xd1 f5!?

23.♗d2 ♟f6 24.♗d6

24.♗d7 would be met by 24...♗e5 and 25...fxg4.

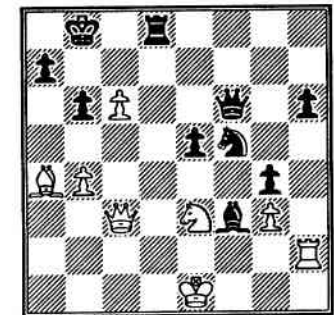
24...fxg4 25.f4 gxf4 26.exf4 ♟e7 27.♗d2 ♖g8 28.♖h2

If 28.♗xg4 ♗xf4.

28...♟g7 29.♟c3 e5 30.f5 ♗e7 31.♗e3 ♗f3 32.♗a4 ♗d8

Preventing 33.♗d7.

33.b4 cxb4 34.axb4 ♟f6 35.c5 ♗xf5 36.c6



36...♖c8?!

Perhaps 36...♟c7!? was better, as suggested by Anthony Ker. At this stage both players were in time trouble.

37.♗c4 ♗d4 38.♟e3 ♙xc6 39.♖xh6 ♙xa4 40.♙xf6 ♗c2+ 41.♗d2 ♗xe3 42.♗xe3 ♗d7

Black has emerged from the complications two ♖s up, but must lose one of them.

43.♖f7 ♗e6 44.♖e7 ♗d8+ 45.♗e1 ♗d6 46.♗d1 a5?!

46...a6, using a slower approach, would have been better.

47.bxa5 bxa5 48.♗c3 ♗d3 49.♗a4 ♗b3 50.♗c5 ♖xg3 51.♖xe5

Not 51.♖b7 ♗c8 52.♖xb3 ♖xb3 53.a4 with winning chances for Black.

51...a4 52.♠e4 a3 53.♠b4+ ♘c8 54.♠xb3 a2  
55.♠a4 ♠xb3 56.♠xa2 ♔d7 ½-½

The bulletin described this game as IM Barus "failing to convert" against Smith. I thought he was the one who got away.

**Smith, R W - Nor, Azhaari Mohd**  
Asian teams tournament, 1995 (R 8)  
Petroff's Defence  
Notes by Bob Smith

1.e4 e5 2.♠f3 ♠f6 3.d4 ♠xe4 4.♠d3 d5 5.♠xe5  
♠d6 6.0-0 0-0 7.c4 c6 8.cxd5

More accurate is 8.♠c3 immediately.

8...cxd5 9.♠c3 ♠xc3 10.bxc3 ♠c6

Black could have won a pawn here with 10...♠c7, but it would have cost time and the 2 ♘s, which I thought would give me compensation, e.g., 10...♠c7 11.♠f3 ♠xe5 12.dxe5 ♠xe5 13.♠a3 ♠e8 14.♠ae1 ♠xe1 15.♠xe1 ♠xe1+ 17.♠f1 ♠e6 17.c4!

11.♠xc6 bxc6

Symmetrical, but...

12.♠h5!

White gets there first.

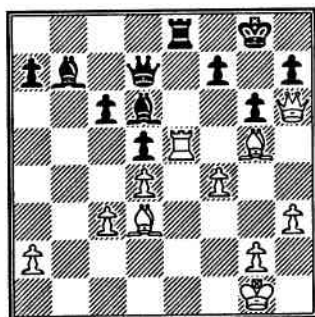
12...g6 13.♠h6 ♠e8 14.♠g5 ♠d7

14...♠e7 15.♠fe1 ♠xg5 16.♠xe8+ ♠xe8  
17.♠xg5±.

15.h3

Preventing the ♠ swap 15...♠f8 16.♠h4 ♠g4.

15...♠e6 16.♠ae1 ♠b7 17.f4 ♠xe1 18.♠xe1  
♠e8 19.♠e5!



19...♠e6

24

If 19...♠xe5 20.dxe5 f5 21.exf6 ♠f7 [♠xg6  
was threatened.] 22.f5 gxf5 23.♠xf5 ♠c8  
24.♠d3 with a strong attack.

20.f5 ♠xe5

Not 20...♠xe5 21.fxc6+. Or if 20...gxf5  
21.♠xf6 ♠xf6 22.♠xf6 ♠xe5 23.fxe5 ♠c8  
24.g4! fxg4 25.♠h6 f5 26.cxf6+.

21.dxe5 ♠f8

21...♠xe5 22.f6+.

22.♠h4 ♠g7 23.♠f6 ♠xf6 24.♠xf6 ♠c8 25.e6!  
fxe6 26.fxg6 hxg6 27.♠xg6+ ♠f8 28.♠f6+ ♠f7  
29.♠d8+ ♠e8 30.♠d6+ ♠f7 31.♠e5

Controlling the black squares and  
immobilising the enemy ♘s.

31...♠e7 32.g4 ♠f7 33.♠g2 ♠f6 34.♠xf6+  
♠xf6 35.h4 e5 36.g5+ ♠g7 37.♠g3 e4 38.♠e2  
♠e6 39.♠f4 c5 40.a3 ♠f7 41.h5 c4 42.♠e5

Preventing ...d4 tricks.

42...♠g8 43.♠d1 ♠h7 44.♠g4 ♠g7 45.♠f5 ♠h7

48...e3 49.♠g4 and ♠d4.

46.h6+ ♠h8 47.g6 e3 48.g7+ ♠g8 49.♠e6#

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**Thong, Tu Hoang - Freeman, Michael**  
Asian teams tournament, 1995 (R 4)

1.e4 c5 2.d3 ♠c6 3.g3 g6 4.♠g2 ♠g7 5.f4 d6  
6.♠f3 e5 7.0-0 ♠ge7 8.c3 0-0 9.♠a3 h6  
10.♠e3 exf4 11.gxf4 f5 12.♠e1 ♠e6 13.h4  
♠d7 14.♠h1 ♠ae8 15.h5 gxh5 16.♠h4 b6  
17.♠d2 ♠h8 18.♠c2 c4 19.♠e2 cxd3 20.♠xd3  
fxe4 21.♠xe4 d5 22.♠g6 ♠f7 23.♠xf7 ♠xf7  
24.♠g1 ♠f5 25.♠g6+ ♠g8 26.♠g2 h4 27.♠e1  
♠e6 28.♠xh4 ♠xh4 29.♠xh4 ♠xf4 30.♠g3 ♠f7  
31.♠e1 ♠d7 32.♠xe8+ ♠xe8 33.♠f6 ♠d7  
34.♠g6 ♠f8 35.♠xg7+ ♠xg7 36.♠xh6 ♠g8  
37.♠xg7+ ♠xg7 38.♠xc6 ♠h7+ 39.♠g1 ♠xc2  
40.♠xd5+ ♠h7 41.♠h1+ ♠g6 42.♠g2+ ♠xg2+  
43.♠xg2 ♠f5 44.♠f3 ♠e5 45.♠e3 ♠d5 46.♠d3  
b5 47.b3 ♠c5 48.♠e4 ♠c6 49.♠d4 ♠d6 50.♠e4  
♠c6 51.♠e5 ♠c5 52.♠e6 ♠c6 53.a3 ♠c7  
54.♠d5 ♠b7 55.♠d6 ♠b6 56.c4 bxc4 57.bxc4  
♠b7 1-0

**Sacrifices in time trouble**

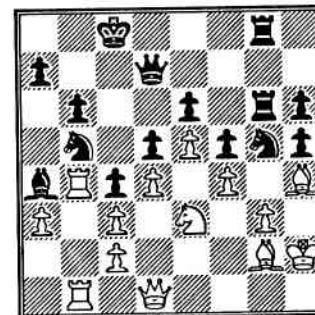
The following game attracted Anthony Ker's attention because of the manner in which Rogerlio - with both players in time trouble

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- sacrificed, looked to be in difficulties, but coolly established dominance with his ♠ and ♠.

**Rogerlio, Antonio - Shahravdorj**  
Asian teams tournament (R 5), 1995  
French Defence

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♠c3 ♠b4 4.e5 ♠e7 5.a3  
♠xc3+ 6.bxc3 c5 7.h4 ♠c7 8.♠f3 b6 9.h5 h6  
10.♠b5+ ♠d7 11.♠d3 ♠a4 12.0-0 c4 13.♠e2  
♠a6 14.♠f4 ♠d7 15.♠h2 ♠d8 16.♠g4 ♠g8  
17.♠e3 ♠h7 18.♠g4 ♠c7 19.♠h3 ♠c8 20.♠g3  
g6 21.♠b1 ♠c6 22.♠a2 gxh5 23.♠b2 ♠b7  
24.♠h4 ♠hg8 25.g3 ♠af8 26.♠g2 f5 27.f4 ♠c8  
28.♠f3 ♠d8 29.♠b4 ♠d7 30.♠a2 ♠f7 31.♠fb1  
♠g5 32.♠g2 ♠g6 33.♠b2 ♠fg8 34.♠h2 ♠d8  
35.♠c1 ♠c8 36.♠d1 ♠b5



37.♠xc4 ♠xc3 38.♠d3 ♠xb1 39.♠xb6 dxc4  
40.♠xc4+ ♠c7 41.♠a6+ ♠d8 42.♠b7 ♠c8  
43.♠a5+ ♠e8 1-0

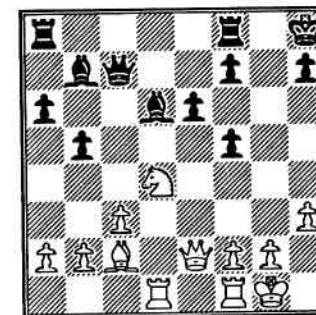
**Flaw in prepared line**

Singapore's Mark Chan played the French Defence in round 2 and gained a full point, so had no hesitation in playing the same line against Japan's Domingo Ramos four rounds later. The first 12 moves were identical, and while there was some variation, the essential elements were the same when Ramos sprang a surprise on move 19 to show that he had discovered a flaw in Chan's earlier win.

**Hafizulhimi, Mas - Chan, Mark**  
Asian teams tournament, 1995 (R 2)

French Defence  
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♠d2 c5 4.exd5 ♠xd5 5.♠gf3  
cxd4 6.♠c4 ♠d6 7.0-0 ♠f6 8.♠b3 ♠c6

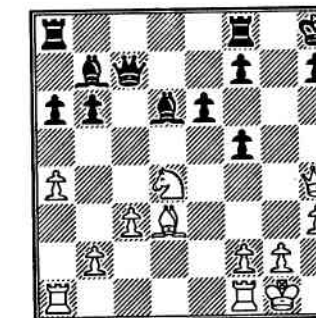
9.♠bxd4 ♠xd4 10.♠xd4 a6 11.c3 ♠c7 12.♠e2  
♠d6 13.h3 0-0 14.♠g5 b5 15.♠b3 ♠b7  
16.♠xf6 gxf6 17.♠ad1 ♠h8 18.♠c2 f5



19.f3 ♠ae8 20.♠h1 ♠g8 21.♠d3 ♠b6 22.♠e3  
♠c7 23.♠fd1 ♠c5 24.♠e1 ♠a7 25.♠e2 ♠b8  
26.g3 e5 27.♠h2 e4 28.♠e3 ♠b6 29.♠d4 exf3  
30.♠f4 ♠xe3 31.♠xe3 ♠c6 32.♠f2 ♠a7  
33.♠xf5 ♠e8 34.♠d7 ♠xd7 35.♠xd7 ♠xf2  
36.♠xb7 ♠e2 37.♠xf7 ♠c3+ 38.♠h1 ♠e1+  
39.♠h2 f2 0-1

**Ramos, Domingo - Chan, Mark**  
Asian teams tournament, 1995 (R 6)  
French Defence

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♠d2 c5 4.exd5 ♠xd5 5.♠gf3  
cxd4 6.♠c4 ♠d6 7.0-0 ♠f6 8.♠b3 ♠c6  
9.♠bxd4 ♠xd4 10.♠xd4 a6 11.c3 ♠c7 12.♠d3  
♠d6 13.h3 0-0 14.a4 b6 15.♠g5 ♠b7 16.♠xf6  
gxf6 17.♠g4+ ♠h8 18.♠h4 f5



19.♠xf5! f6 20.♠xe6 ♠f7 21.♠xf8 ♠xf8  
22.♠ad1 ♠g8 23.g3 1-0

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## International news

### Belgrade

The category 17 Investabanks '95 tournament in November was jointly won by Boris Gelfand and Vladimir Kramnik, though it was Alexei Shirov who made the pace over the first 8 rounds. Unfortunately for the Estonian GM, who now plays under the Spanish flag, he was only able to add another half-point in the final 3 rounds. The critical game came in round 9 when Gelfand's victory over Shirov left the top three all on 6.

Final scores: 1-2 B Gelfand 2685 BLA & V Kramnik RUS 2730 8; 3 A Shirov 2695 ESP 6½; 4 V Topalov 2670 BUL 6; 5-7 V Ivanchuk 2740 UKR, J Timman 2590 NED & M Adams 2660 ENG 5½; 8 P Leko 2605 HUN 5; 9 L Ljubojevic 2600 YUG 4½; 10-11 J Lautier 2645 FRA & A Belyavsky 2650 UKR 4; 12 I Miladinovic 2555 GRE 3½.

### Gelfand - Shirov

[A16]

1.c4 e1f6 2.e2c3 d5 3.cxd5 e1xd5 4.g3 g6 5.2g2 e1xc3 6.bxc3 2g7 7.f1b1 e1d7 8.e1f3 0-0 9.0-0 f1b8 10.d4 b6 11.d5 2b7 12.e1d4 e1c5 13.c4 e6 14.e4 c6 15.e1xc6 2xc6 16.dxc6 2c7 17.e5 f1bd8 18.2c2 2xe5 19.2g5 f6 20.2h6 f1fe8 21.f1bd1 2d4 22.2f4 e5 23.2d5+ 2g7 24.f1xd4 e1xf4 25.f1xf4 f1e5 26.f1d4 f1de8 27.2f3 f1f5 28.2c3 f1e7 29.f1fd1 h5 30.h4 2e5 31.2a3 2c6 32.f1d6 2xc4 33.f1d7 f1fe5 34.f1xa7 2h6 35.f1xe7 f1xe7 36.2b2 e1e4 37.2xe4 2xe4 38.2xf6 1-0

### Adams - Kramnik

[B56]

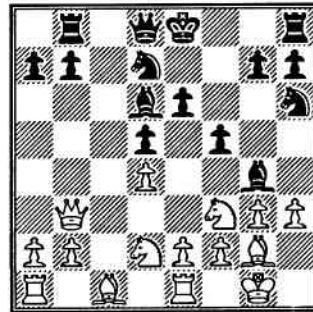
1.e4 c5 2.e2c3 e1c6 3.e1f3 d6 4.d4 cxd4 5.e1xd4 e1f6 6.2e3 e1g4 7.2g5 h6 8.2h4 g5 9.2g3 2g7 10.e1b3 2e6 11.2e2 h5 12.h4 g1h4 13.2xh4 f1c8 14.0-0 2f6 15.2g3 f1g8 16.e1d5 h4 17.e1xf6+ e1xf6 18.2xh4 e1xe4 19.2f3 e1g5 20.2xg5 f1xg5 21.2d2 f1g8 22.e1d4 e1e5 23.2e4 2b6 24.f1fe1 d5 25.2xd5 2xd5 26.f1xe5 f1xg2+ 27.2f1 2g6 28.2b4 2c4+ 29.2e1 2f6 0-1

By NM Peter Stuart

### Kramnik - Belyavsky

[A07]

1.e1f3 d5 2.g3 c6 3.2g2 2g4 4.0-0 e1d7 5.d4 e6 6.e1bd2 f5 7.c4 2d6 8.2b3 f1b8 9.f1e1 e1h6 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.h3 2h5



12.e4 f1xe4 13.e1g5 2f7 14.e1dxe4 dxe4 15.e1xe6 2xe6

Forced, as 15...2e7 16.f1xe4 e1f6 17.2b5 2d7 e1c5 wins.

16.2xe6+ 2e7

...2e7 leaves White with 2 Bs for the piece, plus a continuing attack on the uncastled 2, but it may have been a better chance.

17.f1xe4 f1d8 18.2d5 1-0

### Piket v Lautier

To mark the 200th anniversary of the death of André Danican Philidor, the "Philidor" Chess Club in Leiden organised a six-game match in December between two of the youngest of the top grandmasters, Holland's Jeroen Piket and Frenchman Joel Lautier. The first two games were played with a standard time control, the next two were rapid chess (30 minutes plus 10 seconds for each move played), and the final two were lightning (5 minutes plus 3 seconds per move). Piket wrapped up the match by winning the first four games, Lautier gaining some small consolation by winning both lightning games.

### Groningen

The Koop Tjuchem Tournament in the second half of December was the third strongest of 1995 - after Linares and Dos Hermanas - despite lacking Kasparov, Kramnik, Ivanchuk and Anand. It did, however, feature both FIDE World Championship contenders, Anatoly Karpov and Gata Kamsky, neither of whom has been much in the news in recent months. The average rating of 2653 made Groningen a category 17 event.

Loek van Wely made the early running, maintaining at least a share of first place until round 6 but a round 7 loss to Joel Lautier, the Frenchman's only win, started a

slide to the middle of the table. From round 7 on Karpov had sole possession of the lead.

This event followed the New Zealand Congress policy of an early start in the final round, in Groningen's case at 10:30am instead of the usual 1:30pm. Karpov, playing white against the young Hungarian Peter Leko, enjoyed a one-point lead going into this last round so registered his protest against the scheduling by accompanying his first move with a draw offer - which Leko accepted.

Kamsky won his last two games to catch Ivan Sokolov while Russian champion Peter Svidler settled for fourth place with a last-round 12-move draw as black against Zoltan Almasi.

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			
1	Karpov A.	RUS	g	2775	x	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	1	1	½	7½	
2	Sokolov I.	BIH	g	2630	½	x	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	½	½	7	
3	Kamsky G.	USA	g	2735	½	½	x	½	0	½	½	½	1	1	1	7	
4	Svidler P.	RUS	g	2635	½	½	½	x	1	½	0	½	½	½	1	6½	
5	Adams M.	ENG	g	2660	½	½	1	0	x	½	0	½	0	1	1	6	
6	Leko P.	HUN	g	2605	½	½	½	½	½	x	1	½	½	0	½	5½	
7	van Wely L.	NED	g	2585	0	½	½	1	1	0	x	0	1	½	1	0	5½
8	Tiviakov S.	RUS	g	2655	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	1	x	½	½	0	5
9	Almasi Z.	HUN	g	2645	0	0	0	½	1	½	0	½	x	1	½	½	4½
10	Piket J.	NED	g	2625	0	½	0	½	0	1	½	½	0	x	½	½	4
11	Hansen C.	DEN	g	2635	0	½	0	0	0	½	0	1	½	½	x	1	4
12	Lautier J.	FRA	g	2645	½	0	0	0	0	½	1	½	½	½	0	x	3½

### Karpov, A. - Piket, J.

Groningen, 1995 [D20]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e4 e1c6 4.2e3 e1f6 5.f3 e5 5 6.d5 e1d4 7.2xd4 e1xd4 8.2d4 c6 9.e1c3 2b4 10.2e5+ 2e7 11.2xe7+ 2xe7 12.dxc6 bxc6 13.2xc4 e1d7 14.0-0-0 e1e5 15.2e2 g5 16.h4 g1h4 17.f1xh4 2e6 18.f1h5 e1g6 19.g3 2xc3 20.bxc3 2xa2 21.f1d2 2e6 22.f4 2d7 23.e1f3 a5

The passed a-2 is Black's one trump, White's pawn structure otherwise being far preferable. The World Champion's technique is, as usual, instructive and impressive.

24.f5 e1f8 25.g4 a4 26.2b2 a3+ 27.2a2 2e8 28.f1h6 f6 29.e5 e1d7 30.g5 f1xe5 31.f1xc6

2f7+ 32.2c4 2xc4+ 33.f1xc4 f1ac8 34.f1a4 f1c7 35.f1a6 f1b8 36.f1h6 f1xc3 37.f1xh7+ 2e8 38.e1xe5 e1f8 39.f1h8 f1g3 40.e1d7 f1b2+ 41.f1xb2 axb2 42.e1xf8 1-0

### Adams, M. - Hansen, C.

Groningen, 1995 [B82]

1.e4 c5 2.e1f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.e1xd4 e1f6 5.e1c3 a6 6.f4 e6 7.2f3 2b6 8.e1b3 2c7 9.a4 b6 10.2c3 2b7 11.0-0 e1bd7 12.2g3 g6 13.2d2 2g7 14.f1ae1 0-0 15.2h4 e1c5 16.f5 e1xf5 17.e1xf5 2c6 18.f1e2 e1xd3 19.cxd3 f1ae8 20.f1e2 f1e5 21.e1d4 2c5 22.b4 2c7 23.e1ce2 e1d5 24.2h6 e1e3 25.2xe3 f1xe3 26.f6 2h8 27.e1f5 f1fe8 28.e1xe3 f1xe3 29.2h6 f1e5 30.2d2 2d8 31.e1d4 b5 32.axb5 axb5 33.2c3

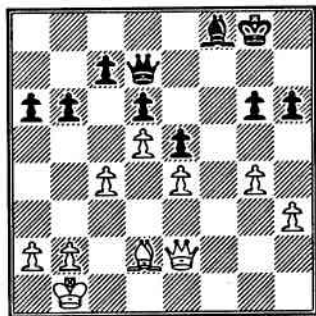
♟b6 34.♔h1 h5 35.h3 ♚e3 36.♔h2 ♟d8  
37.♜xb5 ♟d7 38.♟d4 ♚e5 39.♜c3 ♟e6 40.♟b6  
♟d7 41.♚a1 1-0

Kamsky, G. - Piket, J.  
Groningen, 1995 [C63]

1.e4 e5 2.♟f3 ♘c6 3.♟b5 f5 4.♜c3 ♚xe4  
5.♜xe4 d5 6.♜xe5 dxe4 7.♜xc6 ♟g5 8.♟e2  
♜f6 9.f4 ♟xf4 10.d4 ♟d6 11.♜e5+ c6 12.♜c4  
♟e6 13.c3 ♘xc4 14.♜xc4 ♟e6 15.0-0 ♟e7  
16.♟g5 0-0 17.♚a1 ♚a8 18.♜d2 ♟xa2  
19.♟xf6 ♟xf6 20.♜xe4 ♚e6 21.♟g4 h6  
22.♚xf6 ♚xf6 23.♜xf6+ ♚xf6 24.♟c8+ ♔h7  
25.♟xb7 a5 26.h3 ♟g6 27.♟b8 a4 28.♚e8 ♚e6  
29.♚h8+ ♔g6 30.♟g3+ ♔f7 31.♚b8 ♟b1+  
32.♔h2 ♚e1 33.♚b7+ ♔e6 34.d5+ ♔xd5  
35.♚d7+ ♔c4 36.♚d4+ ♔b3 37.c4+ 1-0

Karpov, A. - Hansen, C.  
Groningen, 1995 [E84]

1.d4 ♟f6 2.c4 g6 3.♜c3 ♟g7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0  
6.♟e3 ♘c6 7.♜ge2 a6 8.♟d2 ♚b8 9.♜c1 e5  
10.d5 ♘d4 11.♜1e2 ♘xe2 12.♟xe2 ♘h5  
13.0-0-0 f5 14.♔b1 ♟f4 15.♟f1 b6 16.g3 ♘h5  
17.♟e2 ♟f6 18.♟g5 ♟e8 19.♟d3 ♚xe4 20.♜xe4  
♜xe4 21.♟xe4 ♟f5 22.♟e2 ♟xe4+ 23.♚xe4 ♟f7  
24.♚h1 ♟d7 25.g4 ♚xf1 26.♚xf1 ♚f8 27.h3  
h6 28.♚xf8+ ♟xf8 29.♟d2



29...♔g7?

29...a5 was necessary. After this Karpov makes the win look quite straightforward.

30.c5! dxc5 31.♟xa6 h5 32.♟e2 hxg4  
33.♟xg4 ♟xg4 34.hxg4 ♔f7 35.a4 ♔e8 36.a5  
♔d7 37.axb6 cxb6 38.♟c3 ♟d6 39.b4 cxb4  
40.♟d2 ♔c7 41.♔c2 b5 42.♔b3 ♔d7 43.♟xb4

♟c7 44.♟c3 ♟d6 45.♟b2 b4 46.♟c1 ♟c5  
47.♟d2 ♟g1 48.♔xb4 ♟f2 49.♔c4 ♟g1 50.♔d3  
♟c5 51.♟c3 ♟e7 52.♔c4 ♟a3 53.♟d2 ♟e7  
54.♟c3 ♟d6 55.♟b4 ♟b8 56.♔b5 ♟a7 57.♟c5  
♟b8 58.d6!

58...♟xd6 59.♟xd6 ♔xd6 60.♔b6 g5 61.♔b5  
and the black ♚s soon fall.

1-0

Karpov, A. - Leko, P.  
Groningen, 1995 [D00]

1.d4 ♟-♟

### U.S. Championship

Held in Modesto, California, in November, this event saw a three-way tie for first place after a very close race. A play-off for the title was won by Patrick Wolff ahead of fellow GMs Nick de Firmian and Alexander Ivanov. All had scored 8½ points in the 14-player round-robin. Alexander Yermolinsky took fourth place with 8 points, followed by Boris Gulko on 7½ and Walter Browne on 6½. Next, on 6 points, were three more GMs in Joel Benjamin, Roman Dzindzihashvili and Dmitry Gurevich.

Yermolinsky, A. - Khmelnitsky, I.  
U.S. Champ, 1995 [A43]

1.d4 ♟f6 2.♟f3 c5 3.d5 g6 4.♜c3 ♟g7 5.e4 0-0  
6.e5 ♘e8 7.h4 d6 8.e6 ♚xe6 9.h5 exd5  
10.hxg6 hxg6 11.♟xd5+ e6 12.♟d3 ♚f5  
13.♘h4 ♘c6 14.♜xf5 gxf5 15.♟h6 ♘e5 16.♟d2  
♟f6 17.♟b5 ♟d7 18.♟xd7 ♘xd7 19.♟xg7 ♔xg7  
20.0-0-0 ♘e5 21.♚h3 ♟f7 22.♘e2 ♔f8 23.♜f4  
♚d8 24.♚e1 ♘g7 25.♚h7 ♘g5 26.♚xg7 ♟xg7  
27.♚xe6 ♟f7 28.♘g6+ ♔g8 29.♘e7+ ♔f8  
30.♘g6+ ♔g8 31.f4 ♟h7 32.b3 d5 33.♟c3 d4  
34.♟xc5 ♟h1+ 35.♔b2 d3 36.♘e7+ ♔g7  
37.♜xf5+ ♔h7 38.♟e7 ♟h5 39.♚h6+ ♟xh6  
40.♟xf7+ 1-0

### Karpov Topalov

The Black Sea city of Varna was the venue for this six-game rapid match (30 minutes per player). Topalov took the lead in game 2 but Karpov won the next two games. The

Bulgarian won the last game to tie the match and gain a half-share of the \$64,000 prize money. That works out at a little more than \$10,000 per hour each assuming, of course, that all games went the full distance!

### Zurich

The annual Christmas Open was won by GM Vladimir Tukmakov UKR with 6/7 in a field of 85. Among those sharing second place on 5½ were GMs Ognjen Cvitan CRO, Igor Glek RUS and Ian Rogers AUS.

### Hastings

This year's Hastings tournament celebrated 100 years since the first event in 1895 won by Pillsbury, although the event has not been staged annually over the century, the second and third events being held in 1919 and 1922.

The 1995/96 event, a modest category 13 (average rating 2571), saw a triple tie between top seed Alexander Halifman RUS, bottom seed Stuart Conquest ENG and Bogdan Lalic CRO with 5½/9. Conquest lost to both co-winners as well as to Jonathan Speelman, but made up for this with five wins and only one draw. Just half a point off the pace were Tony Miles ENG and Alexander Yermolinsky USA and the rest of the all-GM field finished as follows: 6-7 Sadler ENG & Speelman ENG 4½; 8 Atalik TUR 4; 9 Hodgson ENG 3; 10 Luther GER 2½.

The Challengers, with more GMs than the main event, was won by England's Mark Hebden, who earns the right to a place in next year's GM tournament.

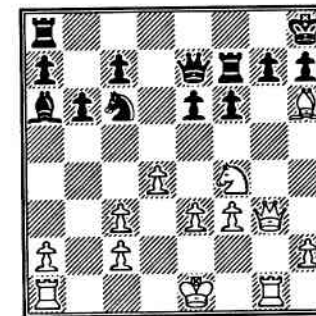
Conquest, S. - Luther, T.  
Hastings, 1996 [A01]

1.b3 d5 2.e3 ♟f6 3.♟b2 ♟f5 4.♜f3 ♘bd7 5.d3  
h6 6.♘bd2 e6 7.♟e2 ♟h7 8.♚g1 a5 9.a4 ♟b4  
10.g4 ♟e7 11.h4 0-0-0 12.♘d4 ♘e8 13.h5  
♘d6 14.♟g2 c6 15.c3 ♟c5 16.e4 dxe4 17.dxe4  
e5 18.♜f5 ♟xf5 19.gxf5 ♟h4 20.♟f3 ♟f6  
21.♚h1 ♟g5 22.♟c1 ♘d7 23.♘c4 ♟f6 24.♜xa5  
♜xf5 25.♜xc6 bxc6 26.exf5 e4 27.♟a6+ ♔b8

28.♟f4+ ♟d6 29.♟xd6+ ♟xd6 30.♟e2 ♘c5  
31.♟b6+ ♔c8 32.♚d1 ♘d3+ 33.♔f1 ♚d7  
34.♚h4 ♚e8 35.♟a6+ ♔b8 36.♟xd3 ♟f6  
37.♚f4 ♟g5 38.♟b6+ ♚b7 39.♟xc6 1-0

Hodgson, J. - Yermolinsky, A.  
Hastings, 1996 [A45]

1.d4 ♟f6 2.♟g5 ♘e4 3.♟f4 d5 4.e3 e6 5.♟d3  
b6 6.♟xe4 dxe4 7.♘c3 ♟b4 8.♟g4 0-0 9.♟g3  
♟xc3+ 10.bxc3 ♘c6 11.♘h3 ♟a6 12.f3 exf3  
13.gxf3 f6 14.♟h6 ♚f7 15.♚g1 ♟e7 16.♜f4  
♔h8



17.♟h4 gxf6 18.♟xh6 ♚g8 19.♘g6+ ♚xg6  
20.♚xg6 ♟a3 21.♔d2 ♘e5

21...♘e5 22.dxe5 ♚d7+ 23.♔e1 ♟xc3+  
24.♔f2 ♟xc2+ and 25...Qxg6.

0-1

Lalic, B. - Conquest, S.  
Hastings, 1996 [B39]

1.♜f3 g6 2.d4 ♟g7 3.c4 c5 4.e4 cxd4 5.♘xd4  
♘c6 6.♟e3 ♟f6 7.♘c3 ♟g4 8.♟xg4 ♘xd4 9.♟d1  
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## NZCF Council report

*By NZCF President Ted Frost*

### Championship arrangements

As this issue of *NZ Chess* went to press, the federation has been continuing discussion on arrangements for this year's major events with potential hosts.

Firm arrangements have been made for the South Island Championships to be held in Blenheim from September 16-20, with the South Island Rapid on Saturday, Sept. 21. Arrangements are in the hands of Gambit CC vice-president Peter Voss, and the tournament will be held in the St John Ambulance Hall. Accommodation will be available in the Grove Park Motor Lodge, next door to the tournament venue, on favourable terms. Chris Bell has agreed to be Tournament Director.

Auckland CC has offered to conduct the NZ Women's Championship, although it is short notice for an Easter event, for everyone concerned. Council will consider the arrangements at its meeting early in March.

In the absence of any other application, the offer made by Hilton Bennett on behalf of Hamilton CC to stage the North Island Championship for a second year in succession, is being actively pursued by Council, which hopes to reach finality at the March meeting.

### Olympiad team arrangements

An offer by Olympiad team manager Michael Freeman to handle the team's travel arrangements has been accepted with thanks by Council. Preliminary enquiries by Michael indicated a substantial increase in travel costs on previous Olympiads, but further inquiries by Air New Zealand and team members have brought potential costs down close to \$3000 per player.

No-one has yet come forward to act as manager of the women's team, and the selectors will report to Council early in

March on filling the vacant places in the teams.

### Hillary Commission

The NZ Bridge Association has advised NZCF that it has received similar treatment from the Hillary Commission to what has been meted out to chess - its support has been withdrawn. The bridge association is seeking further information, and the bridge and chess bodies will keep in communication and consult each other on further developments and representations.

### Directory and calendar of events

Following the decision of the annual meeting, Council aims to produce a directory and calendar of events during March. Clubs are due to notify open rated events for 1996 by the end of February, but as this issue of *NZ Chess* went to press several clubs have still to advise.

### Junior development and coaching

The president has reported to Council that there has been a favourable reaction from clubs which he has visited to the idea that junior coaching be concentrated on in the two middle terms of the school year, and that a programme including coaching notes would be welcomed. These ideas are being developed.

Dave Capper has resigned from Council, for personal reasons, and Council is seeking an addition, particularly from someone with an interest in junior chess.

### President has email address

The NZCF president now has an email address, [efrost@compkarori.co.nz](mailto:efrost@compkarori.co.nz), and can receive faxes through phone (04)476-4098. These facilities are for personal mail - official federation mail should be sent to the secretary at PO Box 3130, Wellington.

## Affiliated Clubs

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

**Auckland Chess Centre** Mondays 7.15pm, 17 Cromwell St, Mt Eden, Auckland 1003. Tel (09)630-2042 clubroom.

**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. John Gillespie, 1 Wavell Street, Karori (04)476-3729.

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

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

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

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

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

**Kapiti** Tuesdays, 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, Keith Okey, 253d Coronation Ave (06)758-8811.

**North Shore** P.O. Box 33-587, Takapuna, Auckland 9. 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. Pres, Paul Vecovsky, (03)478-0063.

**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.

**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 Steve Lawson (09)818-5137.

**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.

**Auckland Chess Assn**, Pres, Peter Stuart, 24 Seacliffe Ave, Belmont, Auckland 9. (09)445-6377.

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

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