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**STOP PRESS****North Shore Open**

Alexei Kulashko AC and Leonard McLaren NS shared top place in the 1996 North Shore open, with 5/6, drawing their game in the last round. Bob Smith WT was alone in 3rd place on 4½ (loss to Peter Green and one draw), ahead of 6 players on 4. There was a field of 36 players.

**NSW Open before Christmas**

The NSW Chess Association, which is running the Australian Open at New Year, is running an IM tournament from 9 - 20 December for players with 2300+ Elo ratings. An invitation has been extended for one or two NZ players to take part.

**Olympiad games on homepage**

The New Zealand players' games at the Erevan Olympiad can be accessed on the New Zealand homepage.

**STOP STOP PRESS****GM Ian Rogers for NZ Championship**

Australian GM Ian Rogers has confirmed that he will play in the coming New Zealand Championship. NZCF is exploring the possibilities of another Australian master and an Asian master also playing. Ian's wife Cathy will play in the Major Open.

*COVER: William Steinitz (1836-1900) was the first official world chess champion. He held the title from 1866 to 1894, and over a period of 31 years was unbeaten in 25 matches. The world chess championship is now in as uncertain a state as at any time since Steinitz's day. See page 24*

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**Coming in December:** The November rating list, annotated games from the Erevan Olympiad, report and games from the North Shore Open, and David Guthrie will report on the 1996 World Junior in Medellin.

**104th National Chess Congress, 28 December 1996 - 11 January 1997**

*Celebrating the 40th anniversary of North Shore Chess Club*

The Congress will be held in St Joseph's Church Hall in Takapuna, with rounds each day at 12.30pm.

The Championship is open to players with a New Zealand rating of 2000 or higher, or a FIDE rating of 2100 or higher. The Major Open is open to players with a rating below 2000. The NZ Rapid Championship, on January 10 & 11, is open to all players.

**Guaranteed minimum prize fund \$7400.**

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Entries to the Secretary, North Shore CC, P.O. Box 33-587, Takapuna, North Shore City

*Preliminary closing date for entries, November 30; 20% surcharge for late entries.*

## 32nd Olympiad in Erevan

The New Zealand open team at the 32nd chess Olympiad in Yerevan, Armenia, scored 25½ points to take 82= place out of 114 teams, and the women's team scored 18 points to finish 63= out of 74 teams.

At first these might seem disappointing results, but several factors have to be taken into account. In particular, both teams were weakened by withdrawals - initially Anthony Ker and Mark Sinclair from the open team, and just before the event Bob Smith from the open team and Vivian Smith from the women's because of Vivian's illness.

FM Mark Noble and Scott Wastney joined the open team, and Lyn Parlane joined the women's team, with manager Michael Freeman reserve for the open team.

The open team was seeded 68th, and in round 10 won 2½-1½ from Tajikstan, an excellent result which lifted the team's score to 50 per cent. However, that meant a tough draw which pulled the team back in the next three rounds.

The women's team was seeded 69th, so finished ahead of its seeding. Rosaleen Sheehan finished strongly at top board, and at board 4 Teresa Sheehan scored better than 50 percent and automatically qualified for a FIDE rating of 2050.

A full report from Michael Freeman and selection of games will appear in the next issue of *NZ Chess*. In the meantime here are the results (the team with White has White on odd boards):

**Open:** B Martin 8/14, M Dreyer 4½/14, M Noble 5/12, S Wastney 7½/14, M Freeman ½/2.

**Women:** T Sheehan 4½/11, E Otene 4/11, L Parlane 2½/9, T Sheehan 7/11.

### Open (men)

#### Round 1

<b>Georgia</b>	4-0	<b>New Zealand</b>
Z. Sturua	1-0	B. Martin
G. Zaichik	1-0	M. Dreyer
L. Janjgava	1-0	M. Noble
K. Supatashvili	1-0	S. Wastney

#### Round 2

<b>New Zealand</b>	4-0	<b>Bermuda</b>
B. Martin	1-0	N. Faulks
M. Dreyer	1-0	H. Kast
M. Noble	1-0	B. Miller
S. Wastney	1-0	L. Ebbin

#### Round 3

<b>Indonesia</b>	3½-½	<b>New Zealand</b>
S. Sitanggang	½-½	B. Martin
N. Situru	1-0	M. Dreyer
D. Juswanto	1-0	M. Noble
H. Ardiansyah	1-0	S. Wastney

#### Round 4

<b>New Zealand</b>	2-2	<b>Hong Kong B.</b>
Martin	½-½	J. Ady
M. Dreyer	½-½	D. Carless
M. Noble	½-½	P. Raynes
S. Wastney	½-½	L. Yung

#### Round 5

<b>Japan</b>	½-½	<b>New Zealand</b>
T. Matsuo	0-1	B. Martin
A. Watanabe	1-0	M. Dreyer
K. Sasaki	½-½	M. Noble
R. Nakamura	0-1	S. Wastney

#### Round 6

<b>New Zealand</b>	1-3	<b>Ecuador</b>
B. Martin	½-½	P. Pazos
M. Dreyer	0-1	A. Moran
S. Wastney	½-½	L. Alvarez
M. Freeman	0-1	J. Moreira

#### Round 7

<b>New Zealand</b>	2½-1½	<b>Nicaragua</b>
B. Martin	0-1	C. Davila
M. Dreyer	1-0	R. Barrios
M. Noble	1/2	R. Puttiera
S. Wastney	1-0	J. Belisle

#### Round 8

<b>Morocco</b>	2½-1½	<b>New Zealand</b>
H. Hamdouchi	½-½	B. Martin
M. Tissir	1-0	M. Dreyer
J. Elbilila	½-½	M. Noble
M. Arbouche	½-½	S. Wastney

#### Round 9

<b>New Zealand</b>	3½-½	<b>Malta</b>
B. Martin	1-0	T. Mifsud
M. Dreyer	½-½	H. Camilleri
M. Noble	1-0	D. Vella
S. Wastney	1-0	D. Vincenti

#### Round 10

<b>New Zealand</b>	2½-1½	<b>Tajikstan</b>
B. Martin	1-0	M. Magomedov
M. Dreyer	1-0	A. Nazarov
M. Noble	½-½	M. Mamahdshoev
S. Wastney	0-1	F. Amonatov

#### Round 11

<b>Italy</b>	3-1	<b>New Zealand</b>
	1-0	B. Martin
	1-0	M. Dreyer
	½-½	M. Noble
	0-1	S. Wastney

#### Round 12

<b>Austria</b>	3½-½	<b>New Zealand</b>
	1-0	B. Martin
	1-0	M. Dreyer
	1-0	M. Noble
	½-½	S. Wastney

#### Round 13

<b>Syria</b>	3-1	<b>New Zealand</b>
	0-1	B. Martin
	1-0	M. Dreyer
	1-0	M. Noble
	1-0	S. Wastney

#### Round 14

<b>New Zealand</b>	3-1	<b>San Marino</b>
B. Martin	1-0	
M. Dreyer	½-½	
M. Noble	½-½	
S. Wastney	0-1	

### Women

#### Round 1

<b>New Zealand</b>	0-3	<b>Indonesia</b>
R. Sheehan	0-1	M. Sulistya
E. Otene	0-1	U. Tamin
T. Sheehan	0-1	L. Lumongdong

#### Round 2

<b>New Zealand</b>	½-2½	<b>Iran</b>
R. Sheehan	½-½	S. Navabi
E. Otene	0-1	S. Mohammadi
L. Parlane	0-1	E. Alavi

#### Round 3

<b>Sri Lanka</b>	2-1	<b>New Zealand</b>
M. Fernando	1-0	R. Sheehan
V. Wijesuriya	½-½	L. Parlane
S. Wijesuriya	½-½	T. Sheehan

#### Round 4

<b>Lebanon</b>	1-2	<b>New Zealand</b>
D. Bedrossian	½-½	R. Sheehan
K. Mouradian	½-½	E. Otene
S. Mouradian	0-1	T. Sheehan

#### Round 5

<b>New Zealand</b>	0-3	<b>Venezuela</b>
R. Sheehan	0-1	A. Martinez
E. Otene	0-1	A. Hernandez
T. Sheehan	0-1	M. Munoz

#### Round 6

<b>New Zealand</b>	2-1	<b>Japan</b>
E. Otene	0-1	M. Watai
L. Parlane	1-0	S. Harada
T. Sheehan	1-0	Y. Yamamoto

#### Round 7

<b>Neth. Antilles</b>	1½-1½	<b>New Zealand</b>
A. Craane	½-½	R. Sheehan
M. Diaz	1-0	L. Parlane
R. Raphaela	0-1	T. Sheehan

#### Round 8

<b>Turkey</b>	3-0	<b>New Zealand</b>
E. Sanli	1-0	R. Sheehan
F. Onay	1-0	E. Otene
S. Dalak	1-0	L. Parlane

#### Round 9

<b>New Zealand</b>	3-0	<b>U.S. Virgin Islands</b>
R. Sheehan	1-0	C. Sojourner
E. Otene	1-0	D. Warlick
T. Sheehan	1-0	M. Murphy

#### Round 10

<b>Malaysia</b>	2½-½	<b>New Zealand</b>
W. Huda Nurul	1-0	E. Otene
W. Khairunnisa	1-0	L. Parlane
M. Roslina	½-½	T. Sheehan

#### Round 11

<b>UAE</b>	2-1	<b>New Zealand</b>
	1-0	R. Sheehan
	1-0	L. Parlane
	½-½	T. Sheehan

#### Round 12

<b>New Zealand</b>	2½-½	<b>Angola</b>
E. Otene	1-0	
L. Parlane	1-0	
T. Sheehan	½-½	

#### Round 13

<b>New Zealand</b>	1½-1½	<b>Zambia</b>
R. Sheehan	1-0	
E. Otene	½-½	
L. Parlane	0-1	

#### Round 14

<b>Seychelles</b>	0-3	<b>New Zealand</b>
	0-1	R. Sheehan
	0-1	E. Otene
	0-1	T. Sheehan

## Sinclair and Fabri share North Island honours

Ferenc Fabri wore down Dan Dolejs in a 79-move last-round marathon to share top honours in the 1996 North Island Championship with Mark Sinclair, who had assured himself of at least a share of first place with a 13-move last-round draw with Graeme Spain.

The tournament was held in excellent playing conditions in Hamilton, at the Hillcrest Lodge, which assists Hamilton CC with sponsorship and accommodation arrangements. Hillcrest is intended to be the venue of Hamilton's centenary Congress in 1997-98.

The event attracted 36 entries, and Martin Post of Wanganui gained fresh experience as Tournament Director. The swiss ran smoothly under the old rules, which were superseded by adoption of new rules giving greater weight to colour allocation, at a special meeting of NZCF held during the tournament.

There were no upsets in the first round. In round 2 Don Stracy held a slight advantage over Matthew Barlow when they agreed a draw, and Dan Dolejs won a wild game against Peter Hawkes.

In round 3 Hawkes bounced back with a discovered check which proved fatal for Barlow. Leaders: M Sinclair, G Spain, F Fabri 3; Stracy, D Guthrie, H Bennett 2½.

Sinclair drew with Fabri in round 4, while Spain drew with Guthrie and Bennett beat Stracy. Leaders: Sinclair, Spain, Fabri, Bennett 3½; Hawkes, Guthrie, W Lynn, Dolejs 3.

In round 5 Lynn won from Hawkes and Guthrie beat Dolejs, while Fabri drew with Spain and Sinclair gained half a point after beating off a strong Kingside attack from Bennett. This made it very tight at the top: Sinclair, Spain, Guthrie, Fabri, Lynn, Bennett, all 4.

Sinclair and Fabri took the lead with wins over Lynn and Guthrie in round 6, but Guthrie was in a commanding position until he went astray in time pressure and lost on time. Spain and Bennett drew and Barlow beat P Hair. Leaders: Sinclair, Fabri 5; Barlow, Spain, Bennett 4½.

Sinclair took the sole lead in round 7 with a win from Barlow, while Fabri drew with Bennett and Spain beat Lynn to join Fabri in second place. Leaders: Sinclair 6; Spain, Fabri 5½; Guthrie, Bennett, Dolejs 5.

Sinclair assured himself of top placing with a quick draw with Spain in round 8, while Fabri finally drew level by breaking through Dolejs' defence after a tiring marathon struggle. Spain's draw gave him clear third place, while Hawkes beat Bennett and Barlow beat Guthrie to share fourth equal.

Grade A was shared by Dan Dolejs, Julius Bojtor, Brian Reeder and Don Stracy, all on 5, and Grade B was won by Helen Courtney 4½, with Peter Voss second on 4. Dan Dolejs' win over Peter Hawkes in round 2 won the upset prize.

### Dolejs, D - Hawkes, P NI Champ, R2, 1996

1.b4 e5 2.♘b2 ♙xb4 3.f4 exf4 4.♙g7 ♖h4+  
5.g3 fxg3 6.♙g2 gxf2+ 7.♙f1 hxg1 ♖+  
8.♙xg1 ♖g5 9.♙xh8 h5 10.e3 h4 11.♙c3 ♙e7  
12.♙e4 ♖g6 13.♖f3 d5 14.♙f2 c6 15.♖f1 ♙h6  
16.♙e5 ♙e6 17.♙h3 ♙d7 18.♙c7 ♖xc2 19.e4  
♖xe4 20.♖b3 ♖d4+ 21.♖f2 ♙c5 22.♖xb7  
♙xh3 23.♖xa8+ ♙e7 24.♖d8+ ♙e6 25.♙xh3+  
♙g4 26.♖e8+ ♙e7 27.♖xf7# 1-0

### Barlow, M - Stracy, DM R2

1.d4 ♙f6 2.c4 e6 3.♙f3 b6 4.a3 ♙b7 5.♙c3 d5  
6.e3 g6 7.cxd5 ♙xd5 8.♙d3 ♙g7 9.♙xd5  
xd5 10.0-0 0-0 11.♖c2 ♙d7 12.b4 c5  
13.bxc5 ♙xc5 14.♙e2 ♖c8 15.♙b2 ♙e4  
16.♖b3 ♖d7 17.♖fc1 ♖xc1+ 18.♖xc1 ♖c8  
19.♙b5 ♖xc1+ 20.♙xc1 ♖c7 21.♙b2 ♙d6  
22.♙d3 ♙c4 23.♙c1 a6 24.a4 ♖c6 25.♙e1 b5  
26.axb5 axb5 27.♙c2 ♙f8 28.f3 ♖a6 29.e4

## North Island Championship 1996

Player	Cl	Rtg	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Tot	T'br
1 M SINCLAIR	PE	2113	W23	W17	W7	D2	D9	W6	W5	D3	6½	40.50
2 F FABRI	HA	1972*	W22	W21	W6	D1	D3	W8	D9	W7	6½	39.50
3 GA SPAIN	GA	2069	W24	W12	W13	D8	D2	D9	W6	D1	6	
4 PD HAWKES	GA	2059	W18	L7	W5	W28	L6	D10	W13	W9	5½	37
5 MJ BARLOW	NS	2151	W19	D10	L4	W27	W23	W13	L1	W8	5½	37
6 KW LYNN	HA	1846	W20	W16	L2	W18	W4	L1	L3	W14	5	41.50
7 D DOLEJS	NE	1522	W26	W4	L1	W21	L8	W11	W10	L2	5	40.50
8 DW GUTHRIE	OT	2031	W30	W11	D9	D3	W7	L2	W17	L5	5	40
9 HP BENNETT	HA	1798	W28	W34	D8	W10	D1	D3	D2	L4	5	39.50
10 DM STRACY	CI	1681	W29	D5	W17	L9	W14	D4	L7	W15	5	37
11 J BOJTOR	HP	1518	W25	L8	L28	W32	W20	L7	W18	W17	5	31
12 B REEDER	HH	1572	W35	L3	D15	W22	L17	D21	W24	W20	5	30
13 PI HAIR	NS	1788	W15	W14	L3	D23	W16	L5	L4	W26	4½	37.50
14 A DUNN	PT	1505	D27	L13	W29	W15	L10	W22	W16	L6	4½	33
15 H COURTNEY	GA	1249	L13	W27	D12	L14	W19	W23	W21	L10	4½	33
16 A KOJA	PE	1417	W36	L6	D22	W19	L13	W27	L14	W21	4½	29
17 E FROST	WE	1615	W32	L1	L10	W26	W12	W24	L8	L11	4	36
18 A TUMAI	HA	unr	L4	W26	W34	L6	L24	W25	L11	W27	4	31
19 R SHEEHAN	HH	1369	L5	D29	W25	L16	L15	W28	D27	W30+	4	30
20 PJ VOSS	GA	1299	L6	W36	L21	W34	L11	W30	W22	L12	4	28
21 GW MEARS	NS	1445	W31	L2	W20	L7	W28	D12	L15	L16	3½	35.50
22 C CLARK	HA	1308	L2	W31	D16	L12	W25	L14	L20	W32	3½	33.50
23 D KARA	HA	1346	L1	W32	W24	D13	L5	L15	L26	W33	3½	33
24 RM NEAL	HA	1345	L3	W35	L23	W30	W18	L17	L12	D25	3½	30
25 BC SULLIVAN	BP	1116	L11	W30	L19	W29	L22	L18	W28	D24	3½	29
26 M GIBSON	AC	1149	L7	L18	W35	L17	W34	D29	W23	L13	3½	27
27 SB SHEEHAN	HH	1105	D14	L15	W31	L5	W32	L16	D19	L18	3	32.50
28 KR AUSTIN	NP	1295	L9	W33	W11	L4	L21	L19	L25	W36	3	30
29 T SHEEHAN	HH	1226	L10	D19	L14	L25	W31	D26	L30	W34	3	28.50
30 LN PARLANE	GA	1315	L8	L25	W33	L24	W35	L20	W29	L19+	3	26.50
31 B COOZE	HH	unr	L21	L22	L27	W36	L29	W34	L33	W35	3	19.50
32 R GORDON	HH	1213	L17	L23	W36	L11	L27	D33	W35	L22	2½	23.50
33 M WILSON	HA	683*	L34	L28	L30	L35	W36	D32	W31	L23	2½	19
34 E GIDMAN	NS	1376*	W33	L9	L18	L20	L26	L31	W36	L29	2	
35 DC RAWNSLEY	HP	1198	L12	L24	L26	W33	L30	L36	L32	L31	1	24
36 S SHEEHAN	HH	715	L16	L20	L32	L31	L33	W35	L34	L28	1	22.50

\* provisional rating + default

♖a4 30.♖xa4 bxa4 31.exd5 ♙xd5 32.♙f2 ♙g7  
33.♙e1 ♙f8 34.♙b4 ♙e6 35.d5 ♙c3+ 36.♙d1  
♙d7 37.♙xc4 ♙xb4 38.♙c2 ♙e7 39.♙f4 ♙d6  
40.♙xd6+ ♙xd6 ½-½

### Sinclair, M - Dolejs, D R3

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♙f6 3.d4 ♙g4 4.f3 ♙f5  
5.♙b5+ ♙bd7 6.c4 e6 7.dxe6 fxe6 8.♙e2 c6  
9.♙a4 ♖e7 10.♙bc3 0-0-0 11.♙c2 ♙g6  
12.♙xg6 hxg6 13.♙e3 e5 14.d5 ♙b6 15.♖b3  
c5 16.♙g3 ♙fd7 17.0-0-0 ♙b8?  
17...Qf7

18.♙b5! a6 19.d6 ♖f7 20.♙a7+ ♙d7 21.♖xb6  
♖xc4+ 22.♙b1 ♙e8 23.♖xb7 ♖a4 24.d7+  
♙xd7 25.♙c6 ♖xh2 26.♙xd8 ♖xg2 27.♙c6  
♖c2+ 28.♙a1 ♙f7 29.♙d8+ ♙f6 30.♖c6+ 1-0

### Fabri, F - Lynn, W R3

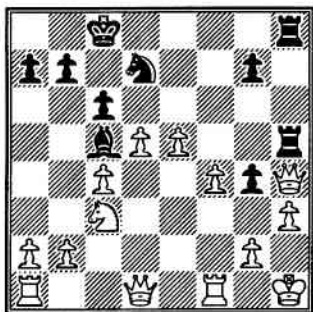
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6.♙b3 ♙g7 7.0-0 0-0 8.c4 ♙c7 9.♙c3 ♙g4  
10.exd6 exd6 11.♙e3 ♖e8 12.h3 ♙xf3  
13.♖xf3 ♖f6 14.♖g3 ♙ba6 15.♖ad1 h6  
16.♙f4 ♖ad8 17.e5 ♙f8 18.cxd6 ♙xd6 19.♙e5  
♙xe5 20.dxe5 ♖f5 21.♖d6 ♙g7 22.♖f6 ♖d3  
23.♖xf5 ♖xg3 24.♖xf7+ 1-0

Hawkes, P – Barlow, MJ  
R3

1.e4 c5 2.ϕf3 e6 3.c3 d5 4.e5 ϕc6 5.ϕa3  
ϕge7 6.d4 ϕf5 7.ϕc2 ρe7 8.dxc5 ρxc5 9.ϕd3  
ϕh4 10.ϕxh4 ρxh4 11.g3 ρe7 12.ρe2 0-0  
13.b4 ρb6 14.b5 ϕa5 15.0-0 ρc5 16.ϕd4 f5  
17.ϕb3 ρb6 18.ϕxa5 ρxa5 19.c4 dxc4  
20.ρxc4 ρb4 21.a3 ρc5 22.ϕd1 a6 23.a4  
axb5 24.ρxb5 b6 25.ρc3 ϕa7 26.ρxc5 bxc5  
27.ϕd6 ϕd7 28.ρc4 ϕxa4 29.ϕxa4 ρxa4  
30.ϕxe6 1-0

Sinclair, M – Bennett, H  
R5

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ϕf6 3.d4 ρg4 4.f3 ρf5  
5.ρb5+ ϕbd7 6.c4 e6 7.dxe6 fxe6 8.ϕe2 c6  
9.ρa4 e5 10.ϕbc3 ρe7 11.d5 ϕc5 12.ρc2 e4  
13.0-0 ρg6 14.ϕg3 0-0-0 15.fxe4 h5 16.e5  
ϕg4 17.ρxg6 ρh4 18.ρf5+ ϕd7 19.ρxg4  
ρc5+ 20.ϕh1 hxg4 21.ϕh5 ϕxh5 22.ρf4  
ϕdh8 23.h3



23...g5 24.dxc6 bxc6 25.ρh2 g3 26.ρf3 ϕxe5  
27.ρf5+ ϕd7 28.ϕad1 ϕsh7 29.ρf3 g4  
30.ρxc6+ ϕb8 31.ϕxd7 ϕxd7 32.ρxd7 gxh3  
33.ρxh3 ρxh3 34.gxh3 ϕxh3 35.ϕg2 ϕxh2+  
36.ϕxg3 ϕxb2 37.ϕb1 ϕb6 38.ϕf3 ϕc8  
39.ϕe4 ϕf6 40.ϕb5 ρg1 41.ϕd5 ϕh6 42.ϕe4  
ϕc7 43.c5 ϕh5+ 44.ϕc4 ϕh4 1/2-1/2

Guthrie, D – Fabri, F  
R6

Notes by IM Ortvin Sarapu

1.d4 ϕf6 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 ϕe4

White has better chances to keep the Δ. Alekhine–Tartakower 1932 went 4.ϕd2 ϕc5 5.ϕg3 ϕc6 6.g3 ρe7 7.ρg2 g6 8.ϕb1! ϕxe5

9.0-0 ϕxf3 10.exf3 ρg7 11.ϕe1 ϕe6 12.ϕc3 with advantage to White. Also, 4.a3 is mentioned to be good for White.

4.a3!? ϕc6 5.ϕf3 d6 6.e3 ρg4 7.exd6 ρxd6

For a Δ Black has considerable development.

8.ρe2 ρf6?! 9.ρc2 ρe7

Losing time. He should have played ρe7 one move earlier.

10.ϕbd2 ρf5 11.ρd3 ϕxd2 12.ρxd2 ρg6 13.ρc3

White has got all those tempi back and is a Δ up.

13...0-0-0 14.ρxg6 fxe6

Black did not like to go 2 Δs down after hxg6?

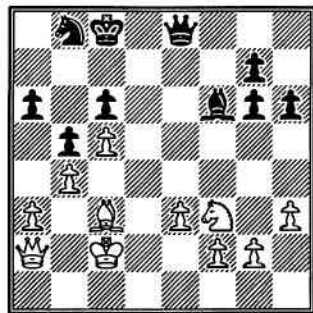
15.0-0-0 ϕhf8 16.ϕd5 ρf7 17.ϕhd1

White's extra Δ on e3 should win now.

17...h6 18.h3 a6 19.ρe1 b6 20.ϕb1 ϕfe8 21.b4?!

It is a bit risky to open his ϕ position. Perhaps safer was ϕd4.

21...ρe7 22.ϕxd8+ ϕxd8 23.ϕxd8+ ρxd8 24.ρe4 ϕb8 25.ρc3 ρf6 26.ϕc2 b5!? 27.ρd5 ρe8 28.c5 c6 29.ρa2



29...a5!?

Black makes the most of his chances. White would be very happy to exchange the ρs!

30.ρb2 ρe4+ 31.ϕd2 axb4!

There is now a target – the weak b4.

32.axb4 ϕa6 33.ρd4 ρd5 34.ρa3!?

Short of time, White plays inaccurately. Better is ϕe1 to play ϕd3 after f3.

34...ϕb7 35.ρb2 ρc4! 36.ρxf6 gxf6 37.ρxf6 ρa2+ 38.ϕe1 ϕxb4 39.ρxg6

Black has good chances now. 39...ρc4 looks strong as White's ϕ is exposed. Perhaps there are perpetual checks?! White's play was weak before the time control, and he lost on time. 1-0

Spain, G – Lynn, W  
R7

Notes by IM Ortvin Sarapu

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.ϕxc3 ϕc6

For a Δ White has an advantage in development. Spain is expert in this variation of the Morra Gambit.

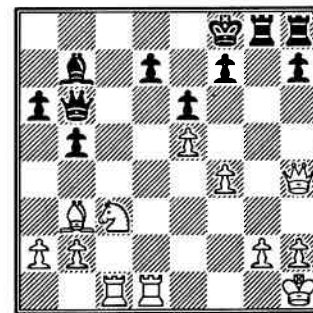
5.ϕf3 a6?! 6.ρc4 e6 7.0-0 ρc7 8.ρe2 ϕe5?! 9.ϕxe5 ρxe5 10.f4 ρc7 11.ρe3 b5 12.ρb3 ρc5 13.ϕac1 ρxe3+ 14.ρxe3 ρd8

Development is now 1:0 for White. Lynn loves to play the Blackmar–Diemer variation, and he is an attacking player. But here?

15.ρg3 ρb7 16.ρxg7 ρf6 17.ρg3 ρd4+ 18.ϕh1 ϕf6 19.ϕfd1 ρb6 20.ρg7 ϕe7 21.e5 ϕg4 22.ρxg4 ϕag8

Counter-attack at last!?

23.ρh4+ ϕf8



24.ϕd5! exd5 25.ρxd5 ϕg6 26.f5 ϕxg2 27.ϕxg2 ϕg8+ 28.ϕh1 1-0

Dolejs, D – Fabri, F  
R8

1.b4 a5 2.b5 d5 3.a4 c5 4.c4 ϕf6 5.ϕf3 ρg4 6.h3 ρxf3 7.exf3 d4 8.d3 e6 9.ρe2 ρd6 10.ϕd2 ρc7 11.ϕe4 ϕxe4 12.fxe4 ρf4 13.ρf3 ϕd7 14.ρxf4 ρxf4 15.g3 ρc7 16.ρg2 h5

17.ρd2 h4 18.g4 e5 19.ρg5 ϕf8 20.ϕd2 ϕg8 21.ϕc2 b6 22.ρd2 ϕf8 23.ϕaf1 ϕe6 24.f3 ρe7 25.ϕf2 ϕd8 26.ϕb3 ϕd6 27.ϕhf1 ϕf4 28.ϕc2 ϕhh6 29.ϕh1 ϕhg6 30.ρf1 ϕdf6 31.ρe2 ϕe6 32.ρf1 ϕf4 33.ρg2 ρg5 34.ϕhf1 ϕg6 35.ρd1 g6 36.ρe2 ϕg7 37.ρd2 ϕe6 38.ρe2 ϕe8 39.ϕb3 ϕd6 40.ρd2 ϕe8 41.ρe2 ϕg7 42.ϕc2 ϕd8 43.ϕb3 ϕh6 44.ρc2 ϕe8 45.ρe2 ϕc7 46.ρc2 ϕe6 47.ρc1 ϕf6 48.ρd1 ρf4 49.ρd2 ρxd2 50.ϕxd2 ϕg5 51.ϕc2 ϕf4 52.ϕff2 ϕg5 53.ϕd1 ϕg3 54.ϕe2 ϕf8 55.ϕd1 ϕf4 56.ϕg1 ϕe6 57.ϕh1 ϕg5 58.ρg2 ϕf4+ 59.ϕd2 ϕd6 60.ϕe1 ϕd7 61.ϕef1 ϕf6 62.ϕg1 ϕe6 63.ϕe1 f6 64.ρf1 ϕdf7 65.ρg2 ϕe7 66.ϕc2 f5 67.ϕd2 ϕff7 68.ρf1 fxe4 69.fxe4 ϕf6 70.ϕh2 ϕg5 71.ρe2 ϕf8 72.ρd1 ϕe6 73.ϕee2 ϕef7 74.ϕe1 ϕf2+ 75.ϕe2 ϕxh2 76.ϕxh2 ϕf1 77.ϕe2 ϕg1 78.ϕf2 ϕf4+ 79.ϕf3 ϕg3# 0-1

South Island Rapid Championship

Mark Sinclair PE scored an inter-island rapid double by winning the South Island rapid championship tournament with 6½/8, after conceding three draws and leading outright or sharing the lead throughout. There was a field of 16 in the tournament, held in Blenheim.

Tony Dowden GA lost to Sinclair and had two draws to take the South Island title with 6 points. Dowden shared second place in the tournament with Hilton Bennett HA, who was unbeaten and had 4 draws in one of his best rapid tournaments.

John van Ginkel NE, who lost only to Sinclair, scored 5 for 4th, and was followed by David Guthrie OT, Kent Wong WE, David Capper WE and Ted Frost WE on 4½.

Wong, Capper and Frost shared the A grade prize and Joshua Moore WE took the B grade prize on 4. Dan Dolejs, winner of the upset prize in both the North and South Island Championships, drew with Stewart Bennett AS in round 1 and found that with a rating difference of 613 points, this time it was his opponent who took the upset prize.

## Lukey wins South Island tournament

Stephen Lukey, winner of the South Island championship three times, scored a fourth win in this year's tournament, held in Blenheim for the first time. However, Stephen moved to Wellington in May, so did not fulfil the residential qualification, which is that to win the North or South Island titles a player must reside in that island for six months immediately before the tournament.

Stephen Lukey raised the question of his eligibility, and the matter was referred to NZCF Council, which considered that the rule is too restrictive, and amendments will be brought forward for consideration at the next annual meeting. Council did not consider there was a case for retrospective amendment, which would be difficult to apply to one player in one tournament.

### Dowden takes two titles

Consequently, Tony Dowden, as the sole South Island resident among four runners-up, became South Island champion for 1996-97 - and made it a title double in the South Island Rapid.

Blenheim's Gambit CC members Peter Voss and Herman Goeckel arranged the tournament, which was held in an excellent venue, the St John Ambulance rooms beside the Grove Park Motor Lodge and Bridge Holiday Park, also Rocco's restaurant (whose proprietor is a keen chess player and was a congenial host for after-play relaxation). Tasty lunches were provided by a Rocco brother (Gino) who played in the South Island Rapid.

### Round by round

In round 1 titleholder Stephen Coates was held to a draw by Roy Keeling, and Jon Jackson was held to a draw by fellow Nelsonian Dan Dolejs. Otherwise there were no surprises.

Round 2 had a decisive bearing on the ultimate results, especially for the minor placings. Anthony Ker beat Tony Dowden,

Lukey beat Peter van Dijk and Mark Sinclair beat Hilton Bennett.

In round 3 Stephen Lukey drew with David Guthrie and Coates beat Jackson, otherwise all the top contenders were playing down the field and won. Leaders: Ker, Sinclair 3; Lukey, Guthrie, Coates 2½.

Coates dropped back with a loss to Lukey in round 4, while the other leaders all drew and Bennett beat van Dijk. Leaders: Lukey, Ker, Sinclair 3½; Bennett, Guthrie 3.

Lukey took the outright lead in round 5 with a win over Ker, while Bennett scored his third win in a row, over Arie Nijman, and Sinclair drew with Guthrie to drop half a point off the lead. Dowden came back into contention with a win over Coates, which put the titleholder 2 points off the pace. Leaders: Lukey 4½; Bennett, Sinclair 4; Dowden, Ker, Guthrie 3½.

There was little change at the top in round 6, with draws among all the top contenders. Guthrie beat Jackson to keep in contention. Leaders: Lukey 5; Bennett, Sinclair, Guthrie 4½; Dowden, Ker 4.

In round 7 Lukey beat Bennett to increase his lead to a full point, while Dowden beat Sinclair in a spectacular, sacrificing King's Gambit. Guthrie drew with Ker to maintain a share of second. Leaders: Lukey 6; Dowden, Guthrie 5; Ker, van Dijk, Bennett, Sinclair, Coates, Jackson 4½.

In round 8 Lukey and Dowden drew, assuring Lukey of outright first place and Dowden of first among the South Islanders. Ker beat Jackson, van Dijk beat Guthrie and Bennett beat Frankel to share 2= with Dowden.

Alan Aldridge scored 4½ to take the A grade prize, and 3½ points gave Joshua Moore the B grade prize. First round draws contended for the upset prize, with Dan Dolejs completing a rare North-South double for his game against Jon Jackson.

## South Island Championship 1996

Player	Cl	Rtg	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Tot
1 SG LUKEY	CA	2202	W13	W4	D7	W8	W3	D6	W5	D2	6½
2 RA DOWDEN	IN	2027	W14	L3	W13	D7	W8	D4	W6	D1	5½ 40.50
3 AF KER	CI	2296	W10	W2	W11	D6	L1	D5	D7	W9	5½ 40.50
4 P VAN DIJK	WH	2000	W21	L1	W15	L5	W10	D2	W17	W7	5½ 36.50
5 HP BENNETT	HA	1798	W23	L6	W24	W4	W11	D3	L1	W12	5½ 34.50
6 M SINCLAIR	PE	2113	W15	W5	W17	D3	D7	D1	L2	D8	5 40
7 DW GUTHRIE	OT	2031	W20	W12	D1	D2	D6	W9	D3	L4	5 39
8 S COATES	CA	1761	D22	W16	W9	L1	L2	W17	W18	D6	5 33
9 JR JACKSON	GA	2084	D18	W19	L8	W14	W12	L7	W11	L3	4½ 33.50
10 AL ALDRIDGE	CI	1706	L3	L14	W23	W15	L4	W19	D13	W11	4½ 32
11 AJ NIJMAN	CA	1707	W16	W22	L3	W17	L5	W12	L9	L10	4 32.50
12 Z FRANKEL	WE	1761	W24	L7	W14	W18	L9	L11	W15	L5	4 32
13 DM STRACY	CI	1681	L1	W21	L2	W19	D17	D18	D10	D14	4 32
14 P BOAG	CA	1466	L2	W10	L12	L9	W24	W22	D16	D13	4 30
15 E FROST	WE	1615	L6	W23	L4	L10	W22	W20	L12	W18	4 28.50
16 J MOORE	WE	1081	L11	L8	L20	W24	L21	W23	D14	W19	3½
17 R TRAILA	AS	1828	W19	W18	L6	L11	D13	L8	L4	D20	3 32
18 D DOLEJS	NE	1522	D9	L17	W22	L12	W20	D13	L8	L15	3 29
19 PJ VOSS	GA	1299	L17	L9	W21	L13	W23	L10	W24	L16	3 26
20 B GLOISTEIN	CA	1488	L7	L24	W16	D22	L18	L15	D21	D17	2½ 25
21 H GOECKEL	GA	1338	L4	L13	L19	L23	W16	L24	D20	W22	2½ 24.50
22 RL KEELING	AS	1231	D8	L11	L18	D20	L15	L14	W23	L21	2 27
23 KR AUSTIN	NP	1295	L5	L15	L10	W21	L19	L16	L22	W24	2 27
24 B COOZE	HH	unr	L12	W20	L5	L16	L14	W21	L19	L23	2 27

### Lukey,S - Stracy,D

South Island Ch, R1, 1996

Notes by Stephen Lukey

1.d4 ♠f6 2.c4 e6 3.♠f3 b6 4.e3 ♠b7 5.♠d3  
 ♠e7 6.♠c3 d5 7.b3 0-0 8.0-0 c5 9.♠b2 ♠bd7  
 10.♠e2 ♠c8 11.♠ac1 ♠e8 12.♠e5 ♠e4  
 13.♠fd1 f5 14.cxd5 exd5 15.♠xe4 fxe4  
 16.♠xe4! cxd4

16...dxe4 allows 17.♠c4+ and mate follows.

17.♠xc8 ♠xc8 18.♠xh7+

First round frolics - 18.♠f5! has the obvious disadvantage of winning immediately!

18...♠xh7 19.♠h5+ ♠g8 20.♠f7+ ♠h7

20...♠h8 21.♠d7 ♠d7 22.♠d4 wins.

21.♠f5+?

21.♠d7 ♠d7 22.♠d4+ wins the ♠ or mates.

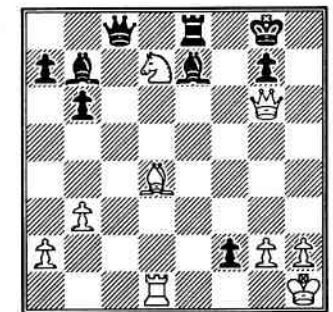
21...♠g8 22.♠xd7 dxe3?

22...♠c6 leads to a lost endgame after 23.♠e6 ♠h7 24.♠h3 ♠g8 25.♠e5.

23.♠g6!

Black can resign.

23...exf2+ 24.♠h1 d4 25.♠xd4



25...♠xg2+!

Don confessed after the game that this was to be his last move before resigning. But I thwarted him with a completely stupid move.

26.♠xg2?? ♠b7+ 27.♠g3 ♠h4+! 28.♠xh4

With that sick feeling inside I awaited 28...♠e4+! with a certain draw. But Don, with 15 minutes on the clock, played another move instantly.

28...♠e4+?? 29.♠g3 ♠xd4 30.♠f6+!

Phew! 1-0

Ker,A - Dowden,A

South Island Ch,R2

1.d4 e1f6 2.0g5 e6 3.e3 b6 4.0f3 e2c6 5.0xf6  
 0xf6 6.0xf6 gxf6 7.0e2 d5 8.e1f3 e1b4 9.0d2  
 0a6 10.e1c3 0xe2 11.e1xe2 0d7 12.0hcl 0g8  
 13.g3 e1a6 14.c4 c6 15.0c2 0b4+ 16.0d3  
 0d6 17.a3 0gc8 18.0ac1 dxc4+ 19.0xc4 b5  
 20.0c2 c5 21.e1c3 c4+ 22.0e2 0ab8 23.e1a2  
 e2c7 24.e4 a5 25.e1d2 a4 26.e1f1 0f8 27.e1e3  
 0e8 28.0d2 0c6 29.e1c3 0bd8 30.0cd1 f5  
 31.exf5 b4 32.axb4 0xb4 33.fxe6 fxe6  
 34.e1xc4 e1b5 35.e1e5+ 0b6 36.e1xa4+ 0a5  
 37.0d3 0xa4 38.0a1+ 0a3 39.e1c6 0h8  
 40.b3# 1-0

Lukey,S - Ker,A

South Island Ch,R5, 1996

Notes by Stephen Lukey

1.d4 g6 2.e4 d6 3.e1c3 0g7 4.0e3 c6 5.0d2  
 b5 6.0d3 a6 7.f4?

Black is making so many 0 moves I abandoned my original intention of an f3-type set-up.

7...e1f6 8.h3 0c7

I was more concerned about the freeing move 8...e5 9.dxe5 dxe5 e1d7 but Anthony thought that after 11.e6 fxe6 12.e1f3 White was better.

9.e1f3 0b7?!

Not bad in itself, but certainly wrong in connection with Anthony's next move.

10.e5 e1d5?

This leaves Black devoid of counterplay. Better was 10...b4, or 10...e1fd7 11.e6 fxe6 12.e1g5 e1f8 could be tried by people who would do anything for a 0.

11.e1xd5 cxd5 12.0-0

White has a clear advantage.

12...e1c6 13.0ae1 0-0 14.0h1

c3 either here or on the last move was possibly better.

14...b4 15.e1g5 a5 16.0e2! e6 17.h4 0b6

17...h6 18.e1h3 h5 could be considered, as the weakness on the a8-h1 diagonal prevents an immediate 19.g4.

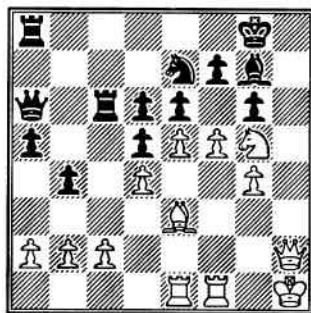
18.h5 0a6 19.hxg6 hxg6 20.0xa6 0xa6 21.0f2!

Much better than 0g4 as it keeps an eye on d4 and c2, and leaves the g4 square for White's 0. 21...e1e7 22.g4 0fc8 Both sides have consistently marshalled their forces over the last few moves and Black is at the point of developing meaningful counterplay on the c-file.

23.0h2!

Probably the winning move - White threatens 24.f5 exf5 25.exd6 and the Black 0 has to move from the defence of f5.

23...0c6 24.f5



White can now sacrifice, exploiting the slightly awkward placing of Black's pieces. 24...exf5 Before this move White had 25 minutes left and Black had 20 minutes. Anthony spent 17 minutes on the forced recapture, which was either a waste of time or a cunning attempt to get me to panic in his time trouble! 25.gxf5 e1xf5 25...gxf5 loses immediately after 26.0h5, but 25...dxe5 was a very interesting option which concerned me when Anthony was thinking about his 24th move. The point is that after the obvious 26.fxg6 26...0xg6 27.0h7+ 0f8 0xf7+ 0e8 White's 0 and 0 are in danger and 28.e1xf7 0e8 29.e1xe5 0xe5 30.dxe5 d4! likewise produces problems.

Clearly White has to attack in a way that keeps his own 0 safer. After 25...dxe5 then White should play 26.dxe5!! If Black tries 26...gxf5 then 27.e6! combines attack and defence decisively. If Black tries 26...e1xf5 then again 27.e6! is crushing. The hard-to-parry threat is 28.0xf5! gxf5 29.0h7+ 0f8 30.0d4. A sample variation is 27.e6! 0c4

28.0f4 0xc2 29.0xf5 30.0h7+ 0f8 31.0c5+ 0xc5 32.e7+ 0e8 33.0g8+ 0d7 34.e8=0+ 0xe8 35.0xe8+ 0c7 36.0e7+ and wins.

26.0xf5! gxf5 27.0h7+ 0f8 28.0xf5 0a7 29.e1e6+ 0g8

29...0e8 30.e1xg7+ 0d8 31.0g5+ 0c7 32.e1e8+ 0b6 33.e1xd6 is without hope for Black.

30.e1xg7 dxe8

30...0xg7? leads to mate after 31.0f6+ 0f8 32.0h6+ 0e8 33.exd6+ 0d7 34.0xf7+ 0c8 35.0e8#.

31.e1h5

With Anthony's flag hanging, I succumbed to the temptation to blitz him. 31.0xe5 followed by e1f5 was simpler.

31...0g6 32.dxe5 d4! 33.e1f6+ 0g7

33...0xf6 34.exf6 0c6+ 35.0g1 dxe3 36.0g5+ 0f8 37.0h6+ 0e8 38.0xe3+ wins.

34.0xd4 0c6+

34...0a8 35.e6! wins.

35.0e4 0e6 36.0h4! 0a8?

Anthony was too short of time to notice that after 36...0c6+ White must play 37.0e4 and repeat. After the further 37...0e6 38.e1h5+ 0g8 39.e1f4 0h6+ 40.0g1 0g4+ 41.e1g2 Black survives the middle game but will lose the endgame.

37.0h7+ 0f8 38.0c5+ 1-0

Sinclair,M - Lukey,S

South Island Ch,R6, 1996

Notes by Stephen Lukey

1.d4 d5 2.e1f3 c5 3.c4 e6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.e1c3  
 e1c6 6.g3 e1f6 7.0g2 0e7 8.0-0 0-0 9.0e3 c4  
 10.e1e5 0e6 11.0a4

11.e1xc4!

11...a6

So that after 12.0fd1 or 12.b3 0lack can embarrass the 0.

12.0fd1?

12.e1xc6 is better and White can take a draw if he wants with 13.0xc6.  
 12...e1b4! 13.0d2 b5 14.0d1 0c8 15.b3 0a5  
 16.bxc4

16.a4 cxb3 17.axb5 0c7.

16...bxc4 17.0c1 0fd8 18.0d1 0f5 19.0d2  
 0c7 20.0f4 0a7 21.0d2 e1c6 22.0e3 e1xe5!?

Mark pointed out after the game that the 0 manoeuvre 0b4-a5-b6 was best.

23.dxe5 d4 24.0xd4 0xd4 25.exf6 0xf6  
 26.e1d5 0c5

26...0d7 27.e1b6 0c7 28.e1xc8 0xc8 and 26...0xd5! 27.0xa7 0d7 are other winning attempts, although the 0 sacrifice was way too risky, given only 10 minutes on the clock.

27.e1xf6+ gxf6 28.0c3 0cd8 29.0xd4 0xd4  
 30.0xd4 0xd4 31.0f1! 0d2 32.0e1 0b2  
 33.0d5 0e6 34.0xe6 fxe6 35.0c1 0xa2  
 36.0xc4 0f7 37.0c7+ 0g6 38.0a7 a5 39.0f1  
 a4 40.0a5 e5 41.e4 a3 42.0g2 1/2-1/2

Dowden,Tony - Sinclair,Mark

South Island Ch,R7

Notes by Tony Dowden

Psychology plays a more important part in chess than many players realise. Impressed by Hilton Bennett's approach in playing Anthony Ker with Black in the previous round, an hour before my match with Mark Sinclair I decided to bring the King's Gambit out of retirement as an antidote to Mark's characteristically excellent preparation.

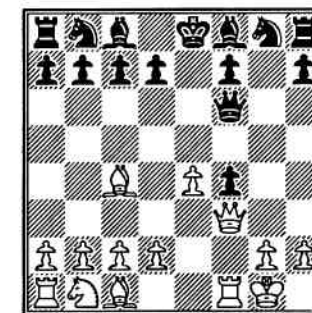
1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.e1f3 g5 4.0c4?!

Not considered by Gallagher in his recent monograph *Winning with the King's Gambit* - draw your own conclusions.

4...g4

Certainly the most forthright response, but the safer 4...d6! should be considered.

5.0-0 gxf3 6.0xf3 0f6



7.e5! 0xe5 8.0xf7+!?

The romantic "Double Muzio" line in which White sacrifices two pieces for the initiative.

8...♟xf7 9.d4 ♟f5!

Better known is the pawn capture 9...♟xd4+ 10.♙e3, when 10...♟f6 11.♙xf4 ♙e7 12.Nc3 has usually been played. My only experience in the line ended in a defeat by Jonathan Sarfati. Dowden-Sarfati Auckland 1979 continued 10...♟g7! 11.♙xf4 ♙f6 12.♙c3?! d6! with good chances of defending (Jonathan's excellent defence was too much and I soon went wrong with 13.♙d5 ♙bd7! 14.Nc7? ♙b6!, losing in 37 moves. That was all 17 years ago and I hadn't played the Muzio Gambit again except in blitz.

10.g4! ♟f6?!

10...♟g6, eyeing g4 after ...d6, must be played.

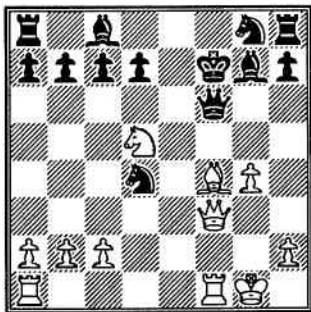
11.♙c3

I think this is strongest. Full development by White is incredibly important in the Double Muzio. Last century Morphy nicel;y demonstrated this is a game of ♙ odds. Morphy-N.N. New York 1857 (remove ♙ from b1). 9.d4 ♟xd4+ 10.♙e3 ♟f6 11.♟h5 ♟g6 12.♙xf4 ♙f6 13.♙xf6+! ♟xf6 14.♙d4+ ♙e7 15.♙e1 ♟f7 16.♟d5 ♟e6 17.♟f3 ♙e8 18.♟h5+ ♙d8 19.♙xe6 dxe6 20.♙xe8 with a winning position.

11...♙c6?

Losing. 11...♙e7 may be inadequate but must be tried

12.♙xf4 ♟g7 13.♙d5 ♙xd4



14.♟e4!

simple move which "wins the house." The Black ♙ is prevented from moving off the f-file and the powerful 15.♙e5 is threatened. 14...♙e6 In desperation Black tries to give back material.

15.♙e5!

White does not allow the attack to be blunted by capturing the hapless ♟. If Black now takes the ♙ on f1 he will be defenceless, *a la* the Morphy game.

15...♙g5 16.♟e3 ♟g6

The ♙ manages to sidestep, but now liquidation greatly favours White.

17.♙xf6 ♙xf6 18.♙xf6 ♙xf6 19.♟d3+ ♟g7 20.♙xf6 ♟xf6 21.♟f5+

White can now choose between winning ♙, ♙ and ♙, or play for an immediate mate. 1-0

Postscript: In the South Island Rapid I felt honour-bound to give Mark another crack at the Muzio Gambit. However, in answer to 1.e4 e5 2.f4 he played the (psychologically superior) 2...♙c5 and after 3.♙f3 d6 4.♙c3 ♙f6 5.♙c4 ♙c6 6.d3 a6 7.a4?! he won in the ending.

### North Island Rapid Championship

Mark Sinclair PE took the 1996 North Island Rapid Championship by a full point, conceding only a draw with Paul Garbett to score 5½/6.

Ferenc Fabri HA lost to David Guthrie OT in round 2, Leonard McLaren NS lost to Dave Cooper in round 3, and Paul Garbett lost to McLaren in the final round to upset their winning chances, and all finished on 4½ to share 2=.

In a strong field of 28 players they were followed by Martin Post WA., Hilton Bennett HA, Matthew Barlow NS, David Guthrie and David Cooper on 4.

Post won the grade 1 prize and Helen Courtney GA, Rodger Neal HA and Adam Tumai HA shared the grade 2 prize on 3 points.

## Hampl takes correspondence title

Michael Hampl has won the 62nd New Zealand Correspondence Chess Association Championship, with a win against titleholder Graham Banks helping to give him a clear advantage over Nick Cummings.

Results of other trophy tourneys: Reserve: 1 CJ Burns 9½/10; 2 ML Dunwoody 8½; 3 CA Mold 5; 4 PJ Voss 4; 5 GE Lovelock 3. TT Grade 2: 1 TJ Doyle 10/10; -2= JC Rapp and EN Roberts 7½; 4 KG Reed 5½; 5= JCV Larsen and RS Phillips 5. TT Grade 3: 1 IR Cameron 10/12; RM Metge 9½; 3= MLS Anthony and MJ Carter 6½; PT Shaw 6; 6 BJ Edwards 5½; TT Grade 4: 1 GH Mills 9/10; 2 WK Maddren 8; 3 TEA Mitchell 5.

The handicap tourney was won by Rosaleen Sheehan with 7½/8 and an average of 6.06, followed by: 2 Eti Lui 10½/13, av 5.15; 3 Tim Doyle 12½/14, av 5.11; 4 Murray Dunwoody 6½/8, av 4.88. Certificates were awarded to Bernard Welch, Michael Rocks, Mario Anthony and Graham Lovelock.

The 1996-97 championships are well under way, and titleholder Michael Hampl is being challenged by over-the-board IM Russell Dive, a Wanganui group of Howard Whitlock, Prince Vetharanim and David Cooper, plus several 1995 contenders.

EPNZ 36 gives a number of the games, including these from the championship.

**Bennett, Hilton - Hampl, Michael**  
NZCCA Ch, 1996

Notes by Michael Hampl

1.e4 e5 2.f4

It was with some trepidation that I went into Hilton's Kings Gambit, since he is something of an expert in this line.

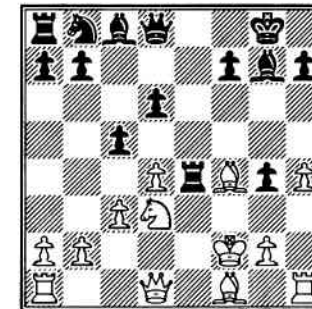
2...exf4 3.♙f3 g5 4.h4 g4 5.♙e5 ♙f6 6.d4 d6 7.♙d3 ♙xe4

According to ECO this particular line is supposed to offer White decent chances for his ♙. However, a significant improvement on the line in ECO occurred to me...

8.♙xf4 ♟g7 9.c3 0-0 10.♙d2 ♙e8 11.♙xe4 ♙xe4+ 12.♟f2 c5!

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1 Hampl MG	x	½	½	1	1	1	½	1	6½
2 Cummings N	½	x	1	½	½	0	1	1	5½
3 Bishop JO	½	0	x	½	1	1	½	½	5
4 Banks GB	0	½	½	x	½	½	½	1	4½
5 Bennett HP	0	½	0	½	x	1	1	0	4
6 Wastney SC	0	1	0	½	0	x	½	1	4
7 Hoskyn GA	0	0	½	½	0	½	x	1	3½
8 Steadman MV	½	0	½	0	1	0	0	x	3
9 Noble, MF*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x

\* withdrew



...and here it is. ECO gives 12...♟f6 13.g3 ♙h6 14.♟d2, with compensation. However, it seems more logical to attack White's d♙, which is holding his position together. Since this game, I have discovered that others have had the same idea; there are two games in Informator 64 in which 12...c5! was played.

13.dxc5 dxc5 14.g3 ♟f5

Van Riemsdijk preferred 14...♟b6 15.♟g2 c4+ 16.♟f1 ♙e8 17.♙b4 ♙a6! 18.♙xa6 ♟f5! against Matsuura in the 1995 Brazilian championship, and won quickly. I thought safer to get my pieces into play quickly.

15.♟g2 ♙c6 16.♙e1 ♙xe1 17.♙xe1 ♟b6 18.♟e2 ♙d8 19.♟g1 h6 20.♙h1 c4+ 21.♟h2 ♟d3 22.♙xd3

No better is 22.♟d2 ♙e8.

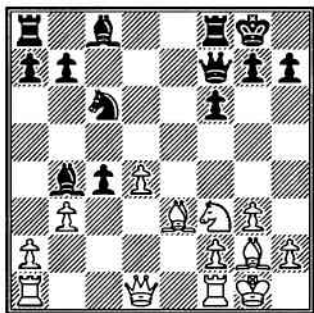
22...cxd3 23.♟d2 ♙e8

There is not much hope left after 24.♙e1 ♙xe1 25.♟xe1 ♟xb2. 0-1

**Wastney, Scott - Steadman, Michael**  
NZCCA Ch, 1996

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♙c3 c5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.♙f3 ♙c6 6.g3 c4 7.♟g2 ♙b4 8.0-0 ♙ge7 9.e4 0-0

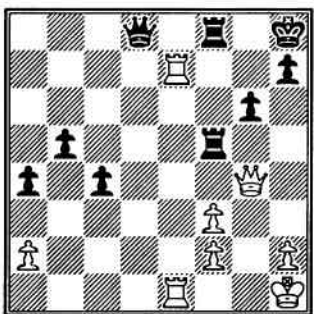
10.exd5 ♖xd5 11.♙g5 f6 12.♗xd5 ♜xd5  
13.♚e3 ♜f7 14.b3



14...♚e6? 15.d5 ♚xd5 16.♗g5 ♚xg2 17.♗xf7  
♚xf1 18.♗h6+ gxh6 19.♗xf1 cxb3 20.♜xb3+  
♗f7 21.♗d1 0-1

Banks, Graham – Hampl, Michael  
NZCCA Ch, 1996

1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.c3 ♗f6 4.d4 ♗xe4 5.d5  
♗e7 6.♗xe5 ♗g6 7.♜d4 ♗d6 8.♗f3 ♗e7 9.♚d3  
0-0 10.0-0 f5 11.♚e3 b6 12.♜a4 ♚b7 13.♜b3  
♗h8 14.♗bd2 ♗f6 15.c4 a5 16.♗ad1 ♗b8  
17.♗fe1 c5 18.dxc6 ♚xc6 19.♜c2 ♗c8 20.♜b3  
♗b8 21.♜c2 a4 22.♚xf5 ♗xf5 23.♜xf5 ♚xb2  
24.♜h5 ♗f6 25.♙g5 ♗c8 26.♗c1 ♚xf3 27.♗xf3  
♗c5 28.♚xf6 ♜xf6 29.♜g4 ♗e5 30.♜e4 ♗xf3+  
31.gxf3 d5 32.♜g4 dxc4 33.♗e6 ♜d8 34.♗h1  
b5 35.♗g1 g6 36.♗ge1 ♗cf5 37.♗e7



37...♜d5 38.♗e4 c3 39.♗c7 ♗g5 40.♜d7  
♜xd7 41.♗xd7 ♗c8 42.♗e7 ♗h5 43.♗c7  
♗xc7 44.♗xc7 b4 45.a3 ♗d5 46.axb4 a3 0-1

## FIDE president re-elected

New Zealand's delegate at the recent annual congress of FIDE was Michael Freeman, who reports that the plenary sessions of the congress were almost entirely occupied with political issues, centring around the election of officers and particularly the re-election of the president, Kirsan Iljumzhinov.

NZCF had instructed Michael that he was not to vote for re-election of the president.

FIDE elections take place for tickets of five, and New Zealand supported a Canadian proposal for individual elections for the various offices. This was defeated.

The sitting president was not on either of the two tickets formally nominated (although it was clear that the manoeuvring was all directed at election of his informal "ticket"), and a proposal that the vote be taken on the two nominated tickets was defeated. So was a proposal for election of the president only.

Eventually, two tickets were nominated from the floor, and one including the sitting president was elected by 87 votes to 44. The elected ticket consists of President Kirsan Iljumzhinov (Russia), Deputy President Georgios Makropoulos (Greece), Vice President P T Ummer Koya (India), General Secretary Noureddine Tabbane (Tunisia) and Treasurer David Jarrett (England).

The defeated ticket, for which New Zealand voted, consisted of President Jaime Sunye-Seto (Brazil), Deputy President Jan Banas (Slovakia), Cholid Ghozali (Indonesia), Rupert Jones (Botswana) and Gunther Loewenthal (Netherlands).

It also appeared that Florencio Campomanes would be out of office, but without discussion or a vote the president accepted a suggestion that Campomanes be given voting rights on the Presidential Board as a reward for his years of service.

## 1996 Asian Junior in Macau

By David Guthrie

The 1996 Asian Junior Championships were held in Macau from 12 - 27 August, with 28 players in the boys' event and 14 in the girls'. 22 countries were represented, and the tournament organisation, venue and accommodation were all excellent.

In the first round I played the top seed, IM Nguyen Anh Dung (Elo 2465) from Vietnam. I later found out that he studies chess at university in Hanoi. I managed to draw and in rounds 2 and 3 beat the players from Qatar and Indonesia to reach 2½/3. Then my luck ran out, and I eventually finished with 5/11, for 18th place on tie-break. Altogether I lost 4 games, but in 2 I had completely winning positions, and in the other 2 I turned down draw offers.

The early leaders included IM Rustam Kasimdzhanov (Uzbekistan), IM Darmen Sadvakasov (Kazakhstan) and Kunte Abhijit (India). However, the eventual winner was FM Wenjin Wu (China), who won his last 4 games to finish on 8½. second on 8 was Kasimdzhanov and third Petr Kostenko (Kazakhstan). Wu receive an automatic IM title, a GM norm and 500 swiss francs for his efforts.

Daniel Lam, representing Hong Kong, scored 5 points for 22nd place.

I would like to thank NZCF and Otago CC for contributions towards my travel costs.

Guthrie, David NZL – Nguyen, Anh Dung  
IM VIE (2465)  
R1

Notes by IM Ortvin Sarapu

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗c3 ♚b4 4.e3 0-0 5.♚d3 d5

Better is c5 first. Now White can play 6.a3 7.Bxc3+ bxc3 and White has no worries about doubled c5s.

6.♗f3 [6.a3] 6...b6 7.cxd5 exd5 8.♗e5

This seems a bit premature. Qc2 or even a3 is o.k.

8...♚b7 9.0-0 ♗bd7 10.a3 ♗e7 11.b4 ♗e4 12.♚b2 ♗df6 13.♗c1 c5 14.bxc5 bxc5 15.dxc5 ♗xc5 16.♗b5!?

Giving up his strong ♗ is not to my liking, but ♗b5 takes full control of d4. Perhaps ♗c2 was better.

16...♜b6 17.♗b1 ♗xd3 18.♜xd3

For the isolated ♗d5 Black has two ♗s and activity.

18...♚a6 19.♚d4 ♜e6 20.a4 ♗fc8 21.♗fc1

The game is about even, both sides have no real winning chances.

21...♗e4 22.♗f3 h6 23.h3

Safety first! It seems that David is quite happy to draw the game! A good start to the tournament.

23...♗c5 24.♚xc5 ♚xc5 25.♗d1 ♗d8 26.♗fd4 ♜f6 27.♗bc1 ♗ac8 28.♗c2 ♚b6 29.♗dc1 ½-½

Sharma, Sinesh IND – Kostenko, Petr KAZ  
R2

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♗c3 ♗f6 4.e5 ♗fd7 5.f4 c5 6.♗f3 ♗c6 7.♗e3 cxd4 8.♗xd4 ♜b6 9.♗cb5 a6 10.♗f5 ♗c5 11.♗bd6+ ♗f8 12.♜h5 ♗dxe5 13.fxe5 ♗xe5

Informator 63 recommends this as better for Black!

14.♜g5! exf5 15.♚xc5 f6 16.♚xb6 fxe5 17.♗xc8 ♗xc8 18.0-0-0 ♗d7 19.♚d4 ♗g8 20.g3 ♗c5 21.♗e3 1-0

Wu, Wenjin FM CHN (2230) –  
Kasimdzhanov, Rustam IM UZB (2435)  
R2

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗f3 d5 4.♗c3 c6 5.♜b3 dxc4 6.♜xc4 b5 7.♜b3 ♗bd7 8.g3 ♚b7 9.♚g2 a6 10.♗g5 ♜b6 11.♗e3 ♗d5 12.♗xd5 cxd5 13.f4 ♗e7 14.0-0 ♚xg5 15.fxe5 0-0 16.♗f4 a5 17.♗af1 b4 18.♗h4 ♚a6 19.♜c2 g6 20.♜d2 ♗ac8 21.♗f2 b3 22.axb3 ♜xb3 23.♗h3 ♗c2 24.♜f4 ♗xe2 25.♜h4 h5 26.g4 ♜xb2 27.gxh5 gxh5 28.♗e1 ♚g4 29.♗he3 ♗f5 30.♗f3 ♚g6 31.♗e2 ♗xe2 32.♗xe2 ♜b1+ 33.♗e1 ♜f5 34.♚xh5 ♚xh5 35.♜xh5 ♗f6 36.♜h4 ♗e4 37.♗e3 ♜f3? 38.♗f4

Suddenly White is winning.

38...♟g7 39.♟f1 ♚d3 40.♟e5+ f6 41.gxf6+ ♟g6 42.♟g4+ ♟g5 43.h4 ♟e3+ 44.♟h2 ♟h8 45.♟f4 1-0

Hoang, Tahn Son VIE – Guthrie, David  
R5

Notes by IM Ortvin Sarapu

1.♟f3 ♟f6 2.g3 g6 3.♟g2 ♟g7 4.0-0 0-0 5.c4 d6

The trouble with playing identical moves is that White mates first.

6.d4 ♟bd7 7.♟c3 e5 8.e4 exd4

Panov considers this a sharp variation with chances for both sides.

9.♟xd4 ♟e8 ♟c5 first is usual. 10.h3 a6 11.♟e1 ♟b8 12.♟e3 c5!?

I am very suspicious of this move in many positions, as d5 is a very weak spot for Black.

13.♟de2 ♟e5 14.b3 b5!?

With energetic play David stops White taking advantage of the weak d5 square.

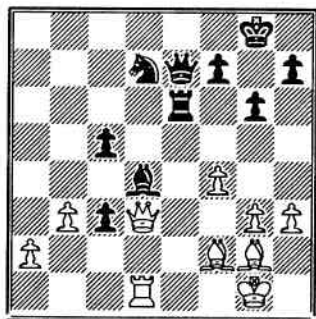
15.cxb5 axb5 16.f4 ♟ed7! 17.♟xd6?!

Beginning complications. Perhaps 17.♟d3 is safer.

17...b4 18.e5

White has nothing better. On e4 the ♠ is weak, the long diagonal is weak and the ♟e3 is unguarded.

18...bxc3 19.exf6 ♟xf6 20.♟f2 ♟b6 21.♟d3 ♟a6 22.♟c2 ♟xe2 23.♟xe2 ♟xe2 24.♟xe2 ♟e6 25.♟d3 ♟e7 26.♟d1 ♟d4!



Black has a strong passed ♠ on c3, and is also threatening ♟e1+.

27.♟f3?

He should have played ♟xd4 and after cxd4 28.Qxd4 c2! etc.

27...♟d6?

As David points out, he could win by [7...♟e3!! and if 28.♟xe3 ♟xe3+ 29.♟xe3 ♟xe3+ 30.♟f1 c2.

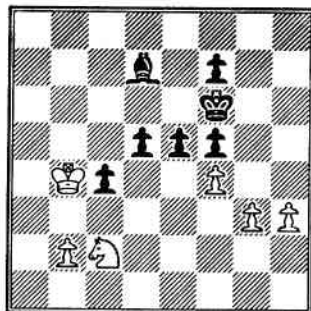
28.♟c2 ♟f8 29.♟g2 ♟e6 30.♟e1 ♟a6 31.a4 ♟f6 32.♟c1 g5

Black's strong ♠ on c3 is now lost.

33.f5 ♟g7 34.g4 h5 35.♟xc3 h4 36.♟xd4 ♟xd4 37.♟d1 ♟f4 38.♟d8+ ♟h7 39.f6+ 1-0

Roberto, Suelo Jr PHI – Guthrie, David  
R7

1.e4 c5 2.♟f3 d6 3.c3 ♟f6 4.♟e2 ♟bd7 5.♟c2 b6 6.d4 e6 7.♟g5 cxd4 8.cxd4 ♟e7 9.♟c3 0-0 10.0-0 ♟b7 11.♟ac1 ♟c8 12.♟b1 ♟d5 13.♟xe7 ♟xe7 14.♟b5 ♟f6 15.♟d3 a6 16.e5 axb5 17.exf6 gxf6 18.♟xh7+ ♟h8 19.♟e4 ♟d5 20.♟xc8 ♟xc8 21.♟d1 ♟g8 22.♟d2 ♟f8 23.♟xd5 ♟xd5 24.♟f4 ♟g6 25.a3 ♟g8 26.g3 ♟g4 27.♟e3 ♟e4 28.♟d3 ♟g4 29.♟c1 ♟f4 30.♟e1 ♟xd4 31.♟e3 ♟c4 32.f3 ♟d4 33.♟xd4 ♟xd4 34.♟c2 ♟g7 35.♟f2 ♟c4 36.♟e3 f5 37.♟xc4 bxc4 38.♟d4 b5 39.h3 ♟c6 40.a4 e5+ 41.♟c3 d5 42.axb5 ♟xb5 43.♟c2 ♟f6 44.♟b4 ♟d7 45.f4!



45...♟e6

Black is a ♠ up, or better to say half a ♠ up. White has a strong passed h♠. It was better to play for a draw with 45...e4, followed by ♟e6 and ♟g6, waiting to see what White can do. He cannot play ♟xe6 etc, as then the passed e♠ wins.

46.♟c5 ♟c8 47.♟e3 ♟b7 48.h4 d4 49.♟xc4 d3 50.b4 f6 51.b5 ♟d5 52.b6 ♟xc4 53.b7 d2 54.b8 ♟d1 ♟ 55.♟e8# 1-0

## New Zealand news

The northward migration of players continues with news that former South Island champion Jon Jackson and long-term Nelson resident, has accepted an appointment in Auckland and will be moving before the end of the year.

### North Shore

Paul Garbett won leg 3 of North Shore's rapid championship, conceding only a draw to Philip Hair in scoring 5½/6. In rounds 5 and 6 Garbett beat Peter Stuart and the leg 2 winner, Leonard McLaren, to push them back to 2= in 4½. Ben Giles came from behind to share 2= and was followed by Hair 4; David Munroe, Peter Snelson, Brenton Emmett & David Simpson 3½.

### Waitemata

Bob Smith put up another picket fence win the Waitemata Winter Cup with 6/6, with Vivian Smith 4½ (loss to Bob, draw with Colin Walker) second on 4½. Other scores: 3= Robin Calder, Brian Palmer, John O'Connor, Colm Hartigan 4; 7= Lindsay Kerrigan, John Kerry, Paul Godfrey 3½.

### Auckland CC

Alexei Kulashko won a 4-player double round robin in Auckland CC with 4/6, scoring 1:1 against Martin Dreyer and 1½:½ against Bruce Wheeler and Robert Goris. Dreyer and Wheeler scored 3 and Goris 2. Nigel Hopewell and Ivan Radojevic drew their own game and shared 1= on 5½ in an autumn swiss which had 28 players. They finished a point ahead of Keith Chandler 4½, ahead of 4= Boris Zarkovic, Keith Ward & Peter Wood 4; 7= Roger Perry, Edith Otene John Tseung 3½.

The club's winter cup was played in five groups, with Robert Goris unbeaten and winning with 3½/5., ahead of 2= Michael Steadman (loss to Goris and 2 draws) & Alexei Kulashko (loss to Goris and 2 draws)

3; 4 Ortvin Sarapu 2½; 5 Bryan Latimer 2; 6 Bruce Wheeler 1.

Results of the other grades: B, 1 Boris Zarkovic 3½; 2 Keith Ward 3; 3= Roger Perry & Mark Henderson 2½; C, 1 = John Tseung & Nevile Easterlow 3½; 3= Ziggy Merwart & Patrick Young 3.D, 1 Tangi Terry 4; 2 Aidan 3; 3= Edith Otene & Stephen Hanham 2. E, 1 Jack Frost 5; 2 Jopnathan Huggins 4½; 3= Brian Hipkins & Peter Wood 3½; 5 Michael Gibson 3.

### Howick-Pakuranga

Fuatai Fuatai drew only two games (with Paul Spiller and Gerhard van der Walt) to win the Howick-Pakuranga CC's club championship, with 6/7. Paul Spiller finished 2nd on 5½, after losing to unrated van der Walt, who scored 4½ to finish 3rd. Graham Banks 4 was 4th.

Clive Wilson won the B grade championship with 4/5, followed by Julius Bojtor, Frank Dagnino and Tertius van der Walt, all on 3. Julian Wai won the C grade title with 5½/7, a point ahead of Clive Norma, Alistair Nicoll and Steve Varga.

### All-Wellington Rapid

Stephen Lukey CI won the All-Wellington Rapid with a 5/5 picket fence. Justin Phillips WE produced his best rapid result with an upset win over Mark Sinclair PE in the final round, which gave him a score of 4/5 (loss to Lukey) and clear second.

Sinclair, who lost to Lukey in round 4, shared 3rd place on 3 with Ross Jacksn WE, Zyg Frankel WE; and Martin Hill CI.

### Canterbury

Dmitri Serebriany, a Russian lecturer who has joined Canterbury CC this year, ran away with the Canterbury winter rapid tournament with a 6/6 picket fence. Arie Nijman dropped only one point, to the winner, to finish clear second on 5, ahead of Stephen Coates 4; Simon Kelly & Craig Hall



## Kamsky, G – Karpov, A

Game 12

Notes by FM J D Sarfati

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.♗d2 dxe4 4.♗xe4 ♗d7  
5.♗g6 ♗f6 6.♗d3 e6 7.♗1f3 ♗d6 8.♗e2 h6  
9.♗e4 ♗xe4 10.♗xe4 ♗f6 11.♗e2 ♗c7 12.♗d2  
b6 13.0–0–0 ♗b7 14.♗he1 0–0 15.g4 c5  
16.g5  
16.h4.

16...hgx5 17.♗xg5 ♗f4 18.h4 ♗ad8 19.dxc5  
bxc5 20.♗e3 ♗d4 21.♗g1 ♗xe3+ 22.fxe3  
♗xh4 23.♗df1 ♗e5 24.♗f2 ♗h6 25.♗g3 ♗e4  
26.♗fg1 g6 27.♗f1 ♗g7 28.♗xf6+ ♗xf6  
29.♗xf6 ♗xd3 30.♗xf7+ ♗xf7 31.♗xf7 ♗h1+  
32.♗d2 ♗xc2 33.♗d8 ♗h2+ 34.♗c3 ♗f6  
35.♗b7 ♗f5 36.♗xc5 ♗c2+ 37.♗d4 ♗d2+  
38.♗c3 ♗c2+ 39.♗d4 e5+ 40.♗d5 ♗d2+  
41.♗c4 ♗c2+ 42.♗d5 ♗d2+ 43.♗c4 g5 44.e4  
♗c8 45.♗c3 ♗d1 46.♗f3+ ♗g7 47.♗d3 g4  
48.♗g3 ♗f6 49.♗f2 ♗c1+ 50.♗d2 ♗a1  
51.♗xg4+ ♗xg4 52.♗xg4 ♗xa2 53.♗c3 ♗a4  
54.b4 ½–½

## Karpov, A – Kamsky, G

Game 13

Notes by FM J D Sarfati

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗f3 b6 4.g3 ♗a6 5.b3  
♗b4+ 6.♗d2 ♗e7 7.♗g2 c6 8.♗c3 d5 9.♗e5  
♗fd7 10.♗xd7 ♗xd7 11.♗d2 0–0 12.0–0 ♗b8  
13.♗b2 b5 14.c5 e5 15.dxe5 ♗xc5 16.a3 ♗b7  
17.b4 ♗a4 18.♗d4 a5 19.♗b3 ♗b6 20.♗c3  
♗a4 21.♗b3 ♗b6 22.♗fd1 ♗c4 23.♗c3 ♗a8  
24.♗b3 ♗c7 25.♗c5 ♗c8 26.h3 ♗d8 27.g4  
axb4 28.axb4 ♗xa1 29.♗xa1 ♗xc5 30.bxc5  
♗b7 31.e3 ♗a8 32.♗f1 ♗xa1 33.♗xa1 ♗a5  
34.♗xa5 ♗xa5 35.♗d3 b4 36.f4 ♗c4 37.♗c2  
♗c8 38.f5 ♗d2 39.♗a4 ♗d7 40.♗f2 g6 41.♗g3  
♗f8 42.♗f4 ♗e7 43.e6?!

White starts to overpress, and comes very close to losing.

43...fxe6 44.f6+ ♗f7 45.♗c2 h6! 46.h4 b3  
47.♗d3 g5+! 48.hxg5 hxg5+ 49.♗g3

49.♗xg5 ♗f3+ 50.♗f4 ♗xd4 51.exd4 ♗xf6  
52.g5+ ♗g7 53.♗e5 ♗e8 54.♗xe6 ♗g6+.

49...b2 50.♗xb2 ♗b3 51.♗c2 ♗xc5 52.e4  
dxe4 53.♗f2 ♗c8 54.♗c3 ♗d7 55.♗xe4 c5  
56.♗f3 ♗a6 57.♗a3 ♗b5 58.♗f2 ♗c4 59.♗c6  
♗e5 60.♗f3 ♗d5 61.♗e2 ♗d7 62.♗c3 ♗c6  
63.♗d3 ♗xf6 64.♗e2 ♗f7 65.♗c1 ♗e5

Black may have had more winning chances if he had avoided the exchange of ♗s.

66.♗xg5 ♗xg4 67.♗d2 ♗d5 68.♗c3 e5 69.♗f5  
♗f6 70.♗h4 ♗e8 71.♗f2 ♗d6 72.♗d3 c4  
73.♗h7 ♗g7 74.♗c2 ♗f6 75.♗b4 ♗e6 76.♗c5

It's perhaps surprising that Black does not win two ♗s up. But White's ♗ pair means that he can often threaten exchange all Black's ♗s.

76...♗b7

76...e4 77.♗xd6 ♗xd6 78.♗xe4! =.

77.♗f2 ♗d6 78.♗c5 ♗f7 79.♗e3 ♗f6 80.♗d1  
e4 81.♗e2 ♗e5 82.♗c5 ♗f7 83.♗d4 ♗f5  
84.♗c3 ♗d5 85.♗d4 ♗e6 86.♗c3 ♗f5 87.♗d4  
♗f7 88.♗c3 ♗g4.

The ♗ pair are also very good at keeping the enemy ♗ out. So Black decides to allow a totally drawn opposite ♗ endgame.

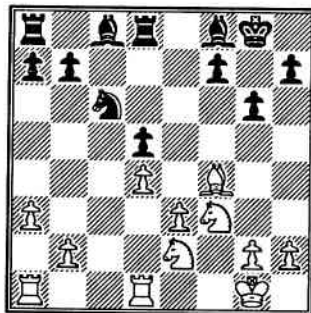
89.♗xg4+ ♗xg4 90.♗d2 ½–½

## Kamsky, G – Karpov, A

Game 14

Notes by FM J D Sarfati

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗c3 ♗b4 4.e3 c5 5.♗d3  
♗c6 6.♗ge2 cxd4 7.exd4 d5 8.cxd5 ♗xd5  
9.0–0 ♗d6 10.♗e4 ♗e7 11.a3 0–0 12.♗c2 ♗c7  
13.♗d3 ♗d8 14.♗g5 g6 15.♗b3 ♗f6 16.♗d1  
♗f8 17.♗f4 ♗e7 18.♗c3?! ♗d5 19.♗xd5 exd5  
20.♗f3 ♗xe3 21.fxe3

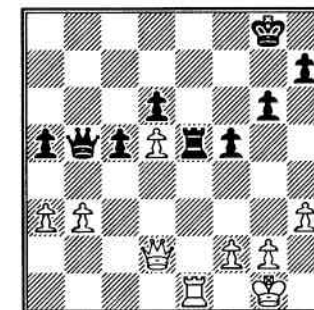


21...f6!

Keeping White out of e5.

22.♗a1 ♗f5 23.h3 h5 24.♗c3 g5 25.♗h2 h4  
26.♗d2 ♗f7 27.♗b3 ♗ac8 28.♗b5 a6 29.♗c3  
b5 30.♗e2

23.♗d2 a5 24.b3 ♗e5 25.a3 ♗b5 26.♗xb5  
♗xb5 27.♗xe5 ♗xe5 28.♗e1



28...♗f7

28...Rxb3 29.♗xe5 dxe5 30.d6 with a strong passed ♗. In ♗ endgames, one advanced passed ♗ is more important than a large number of enemy ♗s.

29.♗xe5 dxe5 30.♗h6 ♗g8 31.♗d2 ♗f7  
32.♗c3 ♗f6 33.f4 ♗e2 34.♗xc5 exf4 35.♗c3+  
♗e5 36.♗c6+ ♗g5 37.d6 ♗e1+ 38.♗h2 ♗g3+  
39.♗g1 ♗e1+ 40.♗h2 ♗g3+ 41.♗g1 ♗e1+  
42.♗h2 ♗g3+ ½–½

## Kamsky, G – Karpov, A

Game 16

Notes by FM J D Sarfati

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗f3 b6 4.g3 ♗a6 5.b3  
♗b4+ 6.♗d2 ♗e7 7.♗g2 c6 8.♗c3 d5 9.♗e5  
♗fd7 10.♗xd7 ♗xd7 11.♗d2 0–0 12.0–0 ♗c8  
13.e4 c5 14.exd5 exd5 15.dxc5 dxc4 16.c6  
cxb3 17.♗e1 ♗b5 18.axb3 ♗xc6 19.♗xc6  
♗xc6 20.♗xa7 ♗f6 21.♗c4 ♗xc3 22.♗xd7 ♗f6  
23.♗e4 ♗f5?

23...g6 =.

24.♗f4 ♗c6 25.♗dx7! ♗e8 26.♗f3 ♗f6  
27.♗b7 h6 28.♗g2 ♗h8 29.h4 ♗g8 30.♗h2  
♗h8 31.♗h5 ♗d8 32.♗f7 ♗d4 33.♗f8+ ♗xf8  
34.♗xf8+ ♗h7 35.♗f3 ♗c5 36.♗f5 ♗c8 37.h5  
♗d8 38.♗e5 ♗d7 39.♗e4+ ♗h8 40.♗g2 ♗f8  
41.f4 ♗d8 42.♗f3 ♗d4 43.♗e2 b5 44.♗d2  
♗b6 45.♗e4 ♗d1 46.♗f2 ♗b1 47.♗g4 ♗f5  
48.♗e5 ♗g8?

A blunder, although White should win anyway with his extra ♗.

9.♗c6 1–0

30.♗c5 White should exploit such strong squares with his ♗.

30...b4

Black's ♗ advance on both wings to cramp the enemy ♗s is Steinitz's recipe for playing with the ♗ pair.

31.a4 ♗e8 32.♗f2 ♗g6 33.♗g1 ♗a7 34.♗c5

Now this occupation cannot be supported sufficiently.

34...♗c6 35.♗f3 ♗ec8 36.b3 a5 37.♗e2 ♗e4  
38.♗d2 ♗xc5 39.dxc5 ♗xc5 40.♗xc5 ♗xc5  
41.♗c1 ♗xc1 42.♗xc1 ♗c6 43.♗c7 f5 44.♗d2  
d4! 45.exd4

45.♗xd4 ♗xd4 46.exd4 ♗xg2 47.♗xa5 ♗xh3  
48.♗xb4 ♗g2 and Black's three connected passed ♗s will queen.

45...f4 46.♗e2 ♗d5 47.♗f2 ♗xb3 48.♗e5+  
♗xe5 49.dxc5 ♗xa4 50.♗xa5 b3 51.♗c3 ♗f5

Black wins despite the opposite ♗s, because he can set up two distant passed ♗s.

52.♗b2 ♗c6 53.♗f1 ♗d5 54.♗f2 ♗e4 55.♗e2  
♗c4+ 56.♗d2 f3 57.gxf3+ ♗xf3 58.e6 ♗xe6  
59.♗f6 g4 60.hxg4 h3 61.♗e5 ♗xg4 0–1

## Karpov, A – Kamsky, G

Game 15

Notes by FM J D Sarfati

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 c5

Kamsky's match position is desperate, so he tries the risky Benoni.

3.d5 e6 4.♗c3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.♗f3  
♗g7 8.h3 0–0 9.♗d3 b5 10.♗xb5 ♗e8 11.0–0  
♗xe4 12.♗b3 a6 13.♗a3 ♗d7 14.♗c4 ♗b8  
15.♗c2 f5 16.♗f4 ♗b6 17.♗xb6

Karpov does not try to punish Kamsky's audacity in playing the Benoni. Instead, with a four point lead, he seems content to draw his way to the FIDE title.

17...♗xb6 18.♗ab1 ♗d7 19.♗d2 ♗xd2  
20.♗xd2 ♗d4 21.♗fe1 ♗xe1+ 22.♗xe1 ♗e8

## Teenager beats Smyslov

French 13-year old Etienne Bacrot made no race of a match against former World Champion Vassily Smyslov (75). Bacrot won 5:1. Smyslov made too many mistakes, but they were impressively and ruthlessly exploited.

**Karpov,A – Kamsky,G**  
Game 17

Notes by FM J D Sarfati

1.♠f3 ♀f6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 a6?!

Kamsky is trying to confuse matters – he must try anything to catch up.

4.♙g2 b5 5.b3 c5 6.0–0 ♖b7 7.e3 ♙e7 8.♗c3 ♖a5 9.♙b2 0–0 10.♖e2 ♗c6 11.♖fb1 bxc4 12.bxc4 ♖ab8 13.d3 ♖a8 14.a3 ♖fc8 15.♖c2 ♗d8 16.♙c1 d6 17.♙d2 ♖c7 18.♖xb8 ♖xb8 19.♖b1 ♙c6 20.♖xb8 ♖xb8 21.♗e1 ♙xg2 22.♖xg2 ♖b7+ 23.f3 ♗d7 24.♖b1 ♖xb1 25.♗xb1 ♗c6 26.♙c3 f5 27.♗d2 ♖f7 28.♖f2 g5 29.h3 h5 30.♖e2 ♖g6 31.♗b3 d5 32.e4 ♙d6 33.cxd5 exd5 34.exf5+ ♖xf5 35.g4+ ♖g6 36.♗g2 hxg4 37.fxg4 ♙e7 38.♗a5 ♗xa5 39.♙xa5 ♖f7 40.♗e3 ♖e6 41.♗f5 ♙f6 42.♙d2 ♗f8 43.♙e3 d4 44.♙c1 ♙d8 45.♗g3 ♖d5 46.♗f1 ♗e6 47.♗h2 ♙c7 48.♗f3 ♙f4 49.♙d2 c4 50.dxc4+ ♖xc4 51.h4 gxh4 52.♗xh4 d3+ 53.♖d1 ♙xd2 54.♖xd2 ♗g5 55.♗f5 ♗f3+ 56.♖e3 ♗e5 57.♗d6+ ♖c3 58.♗e4+ ♖c2 59.g5 ♗g6 60.♖d4

Karpov did not even try to win. All he did was swap material. Despite a few minor concessions, he was in no danger of losing. Now he only needs one draw out of three remaining games to retain the FIDE title.

½–½

**Kamsky,G – Karpov,A**  
Game 18

Notes by FM J D Sarfati

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗f3 b6 4.g3 ♖a6 5.b3 ♖b4+ 6.♙d2 ♙e7 7.♙g2 c6 8.♙c3 d5 9.♗e5 0–0 10.0–0 ♖b7 11.♗d2 ♗a6 12.e4

This is a thematic move to gain the initiative in the centre.

12...c5

But this reply forces a clearance in the centre. It results in multiple exchanges and a draw.

13.exd5 exd5 14.♖e1 cxd4 15.♙xd4 ♗c5 16.♗g4 dxc4 17.♗xc4 ♙xg2 18.♖xg2 ♗xg4 19.♖xg4 ♙f6 20.♖ad1 h5 21.♙xf6 hxg4 22.♙xd8 ♖axd8 23.♗e3 ♗d3 24.♖e2 ♗e5 25.♖ed2 ♖xd2 26.♖xd2 g6

The game is a clear draw. Kamsky plays on with, as a draw means the loss of the match.

27.h3 gxh3+ 28.♖xh3 ♖e8 29.♖g2 ♖f8 30.f4 ♗c6 31.♖f3 ♖e6 32.g4 b5 33.♖d7 ♖e8 34.♖d1 ♗e7 35.f5 gxh5 36.gxf5 ♖c6 37.♖e4 ♗g8 38.♖e5 ♖a6 39.♖d2 ♗f6 40.♖c2 ♖d8 41.♖d4 ♖b6 42.♖c5 b4 43.♖d4 ♖d6+ 44.♖e5 ♖a6 45.♗c4 ♖e7 46.♖e2 ♗d7+ 47.♖f4+ ♖f6 48.♖d2 ♖e7 49.♖h2 ♗b6 50.♖e2+ ♖f8 51.♗e3 ♖a5 52.♖e4 ♖e7 53.♖c2 ♖d6 54.♖d4 ♖d7 55.♖e4 ♖d6 56.♖d2+ ♖e7 57.♗g4 f6 58.♗e3 ♖e5+ 59.♖f4 ♖a5 60.♖g4 ♖e5 61.♖f3 ♖a5 62.♖h2 ♖e8 63.♖e4 ♖e5+ 64.♖d4 ♖a5 65.♖e4 ♖e5+ 66.♖f4 ♖a5 67.♖g4 ♖e7 68.♖d2 ♖e5 69.♖d3 ♖f7 70.♖f4 ♖a5 71.♖d6 ♖e7 72.♖e6+ ♖f7 73.♖e4 ♖xa2 74.♖xb4 ♖a5 75.♖f3 ♖e5 76.♖d4 ♖b5 77.♖d3 ♗c8 78.♗d5 ♗e7 79.♗xe7 ♖xe7 80.♖g4 a5 ½–½

**World Championship doubts**

The future of the World Championship and FIDE's preliminary series remains shrouded in doubt following the 1996 FIDE Congress.

As most of the time at the Congress was spent dealing with the election of officers, the World Championship was not debated. The president's proposals for a knockout series remains on the table, in spite of widely expressed opposition from both players and national federations.

There has been discussion about a possible World Championship match next year between the PCA Champion Garry Kasparov and FIDE Champion Anatoly Karpov, but when correspondence with the players was produced, Karpov denied ever receiving a letter alleged to have been sent to him.

Problems with payment to Karpov and Gata Kamsky, his challenger for the FIDE title, have also been aired, although the latest advice is that the players have been paid. The title match was financed by FIDE president Kirsan Iljumzhinov.

The NZCF Council considers the president's proposed knock-out series to be unsuitable for the world championship, and was a reason for the federation's opposition to re-election of the president.

**International News**

By NM Peter Stuart

**Dortmund**

The 24th Dortmund tournament was the first of category 18 in Germany. Viswanathan Anand started with 3¼ and maintained at least a share of the lead from go to whoa. Vladimir Kramnik, however, was never more than half a point in arrears and caught up in round 7, both players winning their penultimate games and drawing their last. Boris Gelfand also made a good start with 3/4 but could not quite keep up; he nevertheless finished undefeated with a handy 1½ point margin over Michael Adams who similarly had a mortgage on fourth place almost throughout.

**Kramnik – Shirov**

Slav Defence [D17]

1.♗f3 d5 2.d4 c6 3.c4 ♗f6 4.♗c3 dxc4 5.a4 ♙f5 6.♗e5 e6 7.f3 ♖b4 8.e4 ♙xe4 9.fxg4 ♗xe4 10.♙d2 ♖xd4 11.♗xe4 ♖xe4+ 12.♖e2 ♙xd2+ 13.♖xd2 ♖d5+ 14.♖c2 ♗a6 15.♗xc4 0–0–0 16.♖e3 ♗c5 17.♙e2 ♖xg2 18.♖hg1 ♖xh2 19.♖xg7 ♖d4 20.♖xd4 ♖xe2+ 21.♗d2 ♖d8 22.♖xc5 ♖xd2+ 23.♖b3 ♖xb2+ 24.♖a3 ♖d2 25.♖g3 ♖e4 26.♖b3 b6 27.♖f8+ ♖b7 28.♖xf7+ ♖a6 29.♖f3 ♖xf3 30.♖xf3 ♖a5 31.♖f4 ♖d3+ 32.♖b2 ♖h3 33.♖e1 ♖h2+ 34.♖b3 ♖h3+ 35.♖c2 ♖h2+ 36.♖d3 ♖h6 37.♖fe4 c5 38.♖xe6 ♖h3+ 39.♖e1e3 ♖h1 40.♖3e4 ♖h3+ 41.♖c4 ♖g3 42.♖h6 a6 43.♖xh7 ♖g5 44.♖b7 ♖h5 45.♖e6 ♖h4+ 46.♖d5 ♖b4 47.♖c6 ♖d4+ 48.♖e5 ♖b4

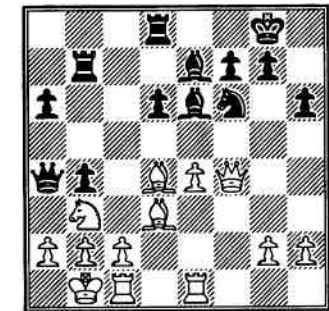
49.♖b8 1–0.

Zugzwang: 49.♖b8 ♖b3 (49...c4 50.♖d4) 50.♖xc5+.

**Hübner – Kramnik**

[B66]

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4 ♗f6 5.♗c3 ♗c6 6.♙g5 e6 7.♖d2 a6 8.0–0–0 h6 9.♙e3 ♙e7 10.f4 ♗xd4 11.♙xd4 b5 12.♙d3 b4 13.♗e2 ♖a5 14.♖b1 e5 15.♙e3 0–0 16.♖he1 ♖b8 17.♗c1 ♖d8 18.♙a7 ♖b7 19.♙g1 ♙g4 20.♗b3 ♖a4 21.♖c1 exf4 22.♖xf4 ♙e6 23.♙d4



23...♖b5!

24.♖d2

24.♙xb5 axb5 25...♖a8.

24...♗g4!

As 24...♖a5 can be met by 25 a3!

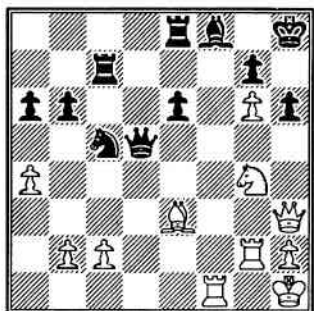
25.c4 bxc3 26.bxc3 ♖xb3+! 27.axb3 ♙xb3.

... and the threats of 28...♙g5 and 28...♖b8 are too much] 0–1.

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
1	Kramnik V.	RUS	g	2775	x	½	½	1	1	1	½	1	7	
2	Anand V.	IND	g	2725	½	x	½	1	½	½	1	1	7	
3	Gelfand B.	BLA	g	2700	½	½	x	½	1	½	½	1	6	
4	Adams M.	ENG	g	2660	0	½	½	x	0	½	1	0	4½	
5	Polgar J.	HUN	g	2675	0	0	½	1	x	½	1	0	4½	
6	Shirov A.	GEO	g	2690	0	½	0	½	½	x	½	1	4	
7	Topalov V.	BUL	g	2700	½	0	½	0	0	½	x	½	4	
8	Hubner R.	GER	g	2635	0	0	½	½	1	0	½	x	3½	
9	Lobron, E.	GER	g	2590	0	0	0	½	0	1	0	½	2½	
10	Leko P.	HUN	g	2625	½	0	0	0	0	0	½	½	x	2

### Anand – Topalov Sicilian [B85]

1.e4 c5 2.♁f3 e6 3.♁c3 a6 4.d4 cxd4 5.♁xd4  
 ♁c6 6.♁e2 d6 7.0–0 ♁f6 8.♁e3 ♁e7 9.f4 0–0  
 10.a4 ♁c7 11.♁h1 ♁e8 12.♁f3 ♁a5 13.g4  
 ♁d7 14.♁g2 ♁f8 15.♁e1 b6 16.♁d1 ♁b7  
 17.♁h4 ♁c6 18.♁de2 ♁b4 19.♁d2 ♁d8 20.g5  
 f6 21.♁d4 fxg5 22.fxg5 ♁c6 23.♁df2 ♁c8  
 24.♁ce2 ♁c5 25.♁xc6 ♁xc6 26.♁d4 ♁d7  
 27.e5 dxe5 28.♁f3 ♁c6 29.♁xe5 ♁xg2+  
 30.♁xg2 ♁c7 31.♁g4 ♁h8 32.♁h3 ♁d5 33.g6  
 h6



34.♁xh6! gxh6 35.g7+ ♁xg7  
 35...♁xg7 36.♁xh6+ ♁h7 37.♁xf8+.  
 36.♁xh6 ♁xg2+  
 ...♁e4 37.♁f7+ ♁g8 38.♁h8#.  
 37.♁xg2 ♁xh6 38.♁g6 1–0.

### Gelfand – Shirov Slav [D17]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♁c3 ♁f6 4.♁f3 dxc4 5.a4  
 ♁f5 6.♁e5 e6 7.f3 c5 8.e4 cxd4 9.exf5 ♁b4  
 10.♁xc4 ♁d6 11.♁b5+ ♁c6 12.♁f4 0–0  
 13.♁xc6 ♁xf4 14.♁xd4 ♁xc3+ 15.bxc3 ♁g5  
 16.f4 ♁xg2 17.0–0–0 bxc6 18.♁hg1 ♁xh2  
 19.♁xc6 ♁ac8 20.♁xf6 ♁xf4+ 21.♁c2 g6  
 22.♁df1 ♁h2+ 23.♁g2 ♁h3 24.fxg6 fxg6  
 25.♁xg6+ hxg6 26.♁xg6+ ♁h8 27.♁h1 ♁f2+  
 28.♁b3 ♁b8+ 29.♁a3 1–0.

### Biel

Despite having only three of the world's top twenty players the 29th Biel Congress's main event, the SKA Grandmaster Tournament, was an all-GM category 16 with an average rating of 2628. Anatoly Karpov was a clear

favourite, being the only 2700+ player in the field, but he had to be content to share first prize with 24-year-old Israeli GM Vadim Milov whose greatest success this is. Jaan Ehlevest led until the penultimate round when he was caught by the eventual winners. In the final round Karpov and Milov won with the white pieces against, respectively, Oleg Romanishin and Tony Miles while Ehlevest had the rather harder task of playing the French number one Joel Lautier with whom he split the point after 19 moves.

The field was a interesting mixture of youth and experience with Ulf Andersson (45), Vladimir Tukmakov (50), Oleg Romanishin (44) and Lajos Portisch (59) making rare appearances in a top category event. The long-time Hungarian number one shared the lead with 3½ points after five rounds and finished with a respectable 50%.

Scores: 1–2 A.Karpov RUS & V.Milov ISR 7½; 3 J.Ehlevest EST 7; 4–7 Z.Almasi HUN, U.Andersson SWE, I.Glek RUS & J.Lautier FRA 6; 8 L.Portisch HUN 5½; 9 V.Tukmakov UKR 4½; 10–11 A. Onischuk UKR & O.Romanishin UKR 3½; 12 A.Miles ENG 3.

### Milov – Miles Irregular [A40]

1.d4 e6 2.c4 b6 3.♁c3 ♁b7 4.a3 g6 5.♁f3  
 ♁g7 6.e4 ♁e7 7.♁e3 f5 8.e5 h6 9.h4 d6  
 10.exd6 cxd6 11.♁f4 a6 12.♁e2 ♁a7 13.0–0  
 g5 14.hxg5 ♁g6 15.♁g3 hxg5 16.♁e1 g4  
 17.♁d3 ♁f7 18.d5 ♁xc3 19.dxe6+ ♁g8  
 20.♁xf5 gxf3 21.♁xg6 fxg2 22.♁f7+ ♁g7  
 23.♁g4+ ♁f8 24.f3 ♁c8 25.bxc3 ♁xf7 26.♁d4  
 ♁f6 27.♁xd6+ 1–0.

### Portisch – Tukmakov Grünfeld [D92]

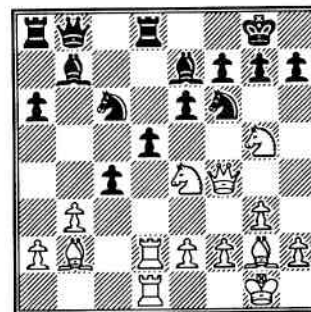
1.d4 ♁f6 2.c4 g6 3.♁c3 d5 4.♁f3 ♁g7 5.♁f4  
 0–0 6.♁c1 dxc4 7.e4 b5 8.♁xb5 ♁xe4 9.♁xc7  
 ♁d7 10.♁xc4 a6 11.♁a3 ♁c6 12.0–0 ♁xc7  
 13.♁d5 ♁f6 14.♁xc6 ♁b8 15.♁e5 ♁a7 16.♁f3  
 ♁b7 17.♁ac4 ♁bd8 18.♁b3 ♁xf3 19.♁xf3  
 ♁d5 20.♁c3 ♁b5 21.♁c6 ♁d7 22.b3 ♁h6

23.♁c4 ♁xe3 24.♁xe3 ♁d5 25.♁f3 e6 26.♁fc1  
 ♁d6 27.♁e5 ♁a5 28.♁1c2 ♁b4 29.♁c8 1–0.

A second round-robin of category 10 was convincingly won by Australian GM Ian Rogers with 9/11. Second was GM Christopher Lutz and a surprising third was Rumanian WGM Corina Peptan (18). There were many other events and the following game, in the Open Master Tournament, won Australia's Alex Wohl the "Super Torero Prize" for the best game in the entire festival:

### Wohl – Gipslis English [A30]

1.♁f3 ♁f6 2.c4 c5 3.♁c3 e6 4.g3 b6 5.♁g2  
 ♁b7 6.0–0 ♁e7 7.d4 cxd4 8.♁xd4 ♁c6 9.♁f4  
 0–0 10.♁d1 ♁b8 11.b3 ♁d8 12.♁b2 d6  
 13.♁d2 a6 14.♁ad1 b5 15.♁g5 bxc4 16.♁cc4  
 d5



17.♁h4! dxe4 18.♁xf6 ♁xf6 19.♁xh7+ ♁f8  
 20.♁d7 ♁xd7 21.♁xd7 ♁e8  
 ...♁e7 22.♁h8+ ♁g8 23.♁xf7+.  
 22.♁xf7 ♁e7 23.♁xf6! gxf6 24.♁f7+ ♁d8  
 24.♁d7 25.♁xe6+ ♁e8 26.♁f7+ ♁d7  
 27.♁h3+ +–.  
 25.♁xe6+ ♁d7 26.♁c5+ ♁d6 27.b4 ♁c8  
 27...♁e8 28.♁xf6+ ♁c7 29.♁e5+ ♁b6  
 30.♁d7+! ♁c6 31.♁c5+! ♁xd7 32.♁h3+ +–,  
 27...♁d5 28.♁xe4+ ♁c6 (28...♁e5 29.e3 and  
 mate in 5) 29.♁xf6 +–.  
 28.♁xf6+  
 Or 28.♁c6+ ♁c7 29.♁d7+ ♁b6 30.♁a4+ and  
 mate in 2.  
 28...♁c7 29.♁e5+ ♁b6 30.♁d7+ 1–0.

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### Novgorod

After a 10-player single round-robin last year the format of this event reverted to the 6-player double round-robin of 1994. As in that year it was of category 19 with an average rating of 2712. Novgorod, about 250km south of Leningrad, was the first Russian capital and retains great historical and cultural significance within Russia. Chess is reputed to have been played there from the 13th century.

Veselin Topalov continued his wonderful year with an unshared first place, never being headed. Vassily Ivanchuk did share the lead for the first four rounds but then fell behind and his victory over Topalov in round 8 served only to reduce the 21-year old Bulgarian's lead to a mere point.

Nigel Short turned in a good result and appears to be returning to the form he showed prior to his ill-fated title match against Kasparov. His only loss, to Judit Polgar, came in round 8 when the field bunched up and he shared second with Ivanchuk and Polgar, a point behind Topalov and half a point ahead of Boris Gelfand and Vladimir Kramnik. Ivanchuk's ninth round victory over Polgar set him up for second as Short could only draw his remaining two games, the last being as white versus Topalov.

Scores: V Topalov BUL 6; V Ivanchuk UKR 5½; N Short ENG 5; B Gelfand BLA, V Kramnik RUS, J Polgar HUN 4½.

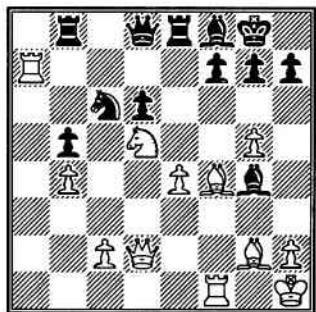
### Polgar – Topalov Sicilian [B72]

1.e4 c5 2.♁c3 g6 3.♁f3 ♁g7 4.d4 cxd4  
 5.♁xd4 ♁c6 6.♁e3 ♁f6 7.♁c4 0–0 8.♁b3 d6  
 9.h3 ♁a5 10.0–0 b6 11.♁d3 ♁b7 12.♁g5  
 ♁xb3 13.axb3 a6 14.♁fe1 h6 15.♁d2 b5  
 16.f4 e6 17.♁h2 ♁c8 18.♁e2 ♁c7 19.b4 ♁fd8  
 20.♁b3 e5 21.fxex5 d5 22.exd5 ♁xd5 23.♁g3  
 ♁xb4 24.♁f1 ♁e8 25.♁f4 g5 26.♁d4 gxf4  
 27.♁xf4 ♁xe5 28.♁xe5 ♁xe5 29.♁f5 ♁c4  
 30.♁xh6+ ♁h7 31.♁xc4 ♁xg3+ 32.♁xg3 bxc4  
 33.♁xf7 ♁g6 34.♁d8 ♁c8 35.♁a4 ♁e5+ 0–1.

### Ivanchuk – Topalov

Sicilian [B85]

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.ϕh1  
ϖc7 10.a4 ϕc6 11.ϕe3 ϕe8 12.ϕf3 ϕb8 13.g4  
ϕf8 14.g5 ϕd7 15.ϕg2 ϕxd4 16.ϕxd4 b5  
17.axb5 axb5 18.ϕa7 ϖd8 19.b4 e5 20.ϕc3  
exf4 21.ϕxf4 ϕe5 22.ϕd5 ϕg4 23.ϖd2 ϕc6



24.g6 ϕxa7

24...fxg6 25.ϕg5 ϕxa7 (25...ϕc7 26.ϕxe7  
ϕxe7 27.ϖf4 ϕe6 28.ϕh3 ϕxh3 29.ϖf7+ ϕh8  
30.ϕxe7 ϕxe7 31.ϕxe7 +-; 25...ϖc8 26.ϕc7  
ϖa6 27.ϖc3 +-) 26.ϕxd8 ϕexd8 and White  
is close to winning.

25.gxf7+ ϕh8 26.ϕg5 ϖd7 27.fxg8 ϕ ϕxe8  
28.ϖf2 ϕg8 29.e5 h6 30.ϕb6 ϖc7 31.ϕd5+  
ϕh7 32.ϕe4+ ϕg8 33.ϕd5 ϖd7 34.ϕc7+ 1–0.

### Polgar – Ivanchuk

Sicilian [B66]

1.e4 c5 2.ϕf3 ϕc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.ϕxd4 ϕf6  
5.ϕc3 d6 6.ϕg5 e6 7.ϖd2 a6 8.0–0 h6  
9.ϕe3 ϕe7 10.f4 ϕxd4 11.ϕxd4 b5 12.g4  
ϕb7 13.ϕg2 e5 14.ϕg1 ϕc8 15.ϕb1 ϕxc3  
16.ϖxc3 ϕxe4 17.ϖe1 ϕc3+ 18.bxc3 ϕxg2  
19.fxe5 ϕh4 20.ϕf2 ϕxf2 21.ϖxf2 ϕxh1  
22.ϕxh1 dxe5 23.ϖc5 f6 24.ϕc1 ϖd7 25.h3  
ϕf7 26.ϕd1 ϖb7 27.ϕd6 ϕc8 28.ϖe3 ϕc4  
29.ϖd3 ϕe7 30.ϕd8 ϖc6 31.ϕg8 ϕxc3 32.ϖg6  
e4 33.ϕxg7+ ϕd6 34.ϖxf6+ ϕd5 35.ϖf5+  
ϕd4 36.ϕd7+ ϕc4 37.a3 b4 38.ϖf1+ ϕd3

38...ϕc5 39.ϖf8+ ϕb6 40.ϖb8+ and mate in  
3.

39.ϕxd3 exd3 40.ϖxd3+ ϕc5 41.axb4+ ϕxb4  
42.ϖb3+ ϕa5 43.c3 1–0.

### Kramnik – Ivanchuk

[D44]

1.ϕf3 d5 2.d4 ϕf6 3.c4 c6 4.ϕc3 e6 5.ϕg5  
dxc4 6.e4 b5 7.e5 h6 8.ϕh4 g5 9.ϕxg5 hxg5  
10.ϕxg5 ϕbd7 11.g3 ϕb7 12.ϕg2 ϖb6  
13.exf6 c5 14.d5 0–0–0 15.0–0 b4 16.ϕa4  
ϖd6 17.ϕf4 e5 18.ϕe3 ϕh6 19.ϖc1 ϕxe3  
20.ϖxe3 ϕa6 21.a3 ϕb8 22.h4 ϕd8 23.ϕxc5  
ϕxc5 24.axb4 ϕb7

25.ϕa3 ϕb5 26.ϖxa7+ ϕc8 27.b3! with a  
winning attack. 1–0.

### London

The "Foxtrot Tournament" in July between  
teams of veterans and women was won 27½–  
22½ by the former. The format was a double  
round Scheveningen on five boards. For the  
winners Lajos Portisch and Vassily Smyslov  
scored 6½ points, Vlastimil Hort and Boris  
Spassky 5½, and Mark Taimanov 3½. For  
the ladies Ketevan Arakhamia scored 6½  
thereby achieving a men's GM title norm.  
Pia Cramling scored 5½, Xie Jun 4½, Nana  
Ioseliani 4 and Zsofia Polgar 2.

### Vienna

As part of the celebrations of Austria's  
1000th year a category 18 round-robin and  
an 800-player Open were held in July–  
August. Many strong tournaments were held  
in Austria in the first three decades of the  
century but very few since the Second World  
War. Probably this event was the strongest  
ever held in Austria.

Also Veselin Topalov and Anatoly Karpov  
had something to celebrate. Both players  
featured in a three-way tie with Boris  
Gelfand, the only undefeated player. For the  
present World Champion this was  
international tournament victory number  
140! The Bulgarian GM had already won  
four super-GM tournaments this year so this  
was number five. Since the exploits of Bent  
Larsen and, to a lesser extent, the less active  
Bobby Fischer only Karpov and Garry  
Kasparov have been capable of such a string  
of first prizes.

There have been seven tournaments of  
category 17 or higher this year. At Wijk aan  
Zee Topalov was third behind Ivanchuk and  
Anand. He then shared first with Kasparov,  
Illescas and Kramnik at Amsterdam (VSB),  
Madrid and Dos Hermanas respectively. And  
recently there were the tournaments at  
Dortmund and Novgorod covered in this  
issue. Five victories from the seven  
tournaments! Only one other player has  
more than one victory – Vladimir Kramnik  
with two shared firsts.

At Vienna Topalov always had at least a  
share of the lead. Scores: B Gelfand BLA, A  
Karpov RUS, V Topalov 5½; P Leko HUN,  
J Polgar HUN, V Kramnik RUS 5; A Shirov  
ESP 4½; A Yusupov GER 3; J Ehlvest EST  
3; V Korchnoi SWI 2.

### Gelfand – Karpov

Queen's Indian [E17]

1.ϕf3 ϕf6 2.c4 b6 3.g3 ϕb7 4.ϕg2 e6 5.0–0  
ϕe7 6.ϕc3 0–0 7.ϕe1 d5 8.cxd5 exd5 9.d4  
ϕa6 10.ϕf4 c5 11.dxc5 ϕxc5 12.ϕc1 a6  
13.a3 ϕe8 14.ϕd4 ϕd6 15.ϕxd6 ϖxd6  
16.ϖd2 ϕad8 17.ϕed1 g6 18.ϖf4 ϖxf4  
19.gxf4 ϕf8 20.e3 ϕd6 21.b4 ϕe6 22.ϕce2  
ϕe7 23.a4 ϕd8 24.a5 ϕc6 25.ϕc3 ϕe8 26.ϕf1  
bxa5 27.bxa5 ϕb7 28.ϕa1 ϕc7 29.ϕa2  
ϕb730.f3 ϕe6 31.ϕdb1 ϕe7 32.ϕb4 ϕc5  
33.ϕc1 ϕb7 34.ϕab1 ϕfd7 35.ϕbc6 ϕc7  
36.ϕe5 ϕe7 37.ϕc3 f6 38.ϕxd7 ϕxd7 39.ϕb8  
ϕe6 40.ϕxc7+ ϕxc7 41.ϕf2 ϕe7 42.f5 g5  
43.ϕe1 ϕb5 44.ϕxb5 ϕxb5 45.ϕxb5 axb5  
46.ϕxb5 ϕc6 47.ϕxd5 ϕc3 48.ϕd2 ϕa3  
49.ϕc2 ϕxc3 50.ϕb2 ϕe2+ 51.ϕb3 ϕxh2  
52.a6 ϕh1 53.ϕb4 ϕa1 54.ϕa5 ϕb1+ 55.ϕc5  
ϕb8 56.a7 ϕa8 57.ϕc6 h5 58.ϕb7 ϕxa7+  
59.ϕxa7 ϕd6 60.ϕb6 h4 61.ϕc5 h3 62.ϕc2  
ϕe5 63.ϕh2 ϕxf5 64.ϕxh3 ϕf4 65.ϕc5 f5  
66.ϕd4 g4 67.fxg4 fxg4 68.ϕh8 ϕf3 69.ϕd3  
1–0.

### Kramnik – Shirov, Slav [D15]

1.ϕf3 d5 2.d4 c6 3.c4 ϕf6 4.ϕc3 a6 5.c5 ϕf5  
6.ϖb3 ϕa7 7.ϕf4 ϕbd7 8.h3 h6 9.e3 g5  
10.ϕh2 ϕg7 11.ϕe5 0–0 12.f3 ϕxe5 13.ϕxe5  
ϕd7 14.ϕxg7 ϕxg7 15.e4 dxe4 16.fxe4 ϕg6  
17.0–0–0 e5 18.ϖc4 ϖf6 19.dxe5 ϕxe5

20.ϖd4 ϕaa8 21.ϖe3 ϕad8 22.ϕe2 ϖe7  
23.ϕhe1 ϕd7 24.ϖd4+ ϕf6 25.ϖe3 ϖe5  
26.ϕf3 h5 27.a3 ϕfe8 28.ϕxd8 ϕxd8 29.ϕd1  
ϕd4 30.ϕc2 ϕc4 31.ϕb1 ϕxc5 32.ϖd2 ϕc4  
33.ϖd8 ϕxe4 34.ϕxe4 ϕxe4+ 35.ϕxe4 ϕxe4  
0–1.

### Geneva

The second PCA Rapid knock-out  
tournament, the Credit Suisse Masters, had  
the now familiar format of two 25-minute  
game matches with a lightning tie-breaker  
where White is given 5 minutes to Black's 4  
minutes but must win to take the match.

There were no real upsets in the first round  
but there were some interesting pairings.  
Evgeni Bareev won the blitz play-off  
against Nigel Short, Jonathan Speelman beat  
Alexei Dreev 1½–½ and Vladimir Kramnik  
also beat Viktor Korchnoi 1½–½.

In the quarter-finals Garri Kasparov beat  
Veselin Topalov 1½–½, Judit Polgar beat  
Evgeni Bareev 2–1, Jonathan Speelman beat  
Vladimir Kramnik 1½–½ and Viswanathan  
Anand beat Viktor Bologan 1½–½. Both  
semi-finals were won 1½–½, by Kasparov  
over Polgar and Anand over Speelman.

The final looked fairly safe for the PCA  
champion when he won the first game with  
black but Anand returned the favour. When  
the match went into blitz mode for a further  
two games, the first was drawn and Anand  
took the match when Kasparov blundered his  
queen for rook and piece in the second.

### Speelman – Kramnik

#### King's Indian Attack [A07]

1.ϕf3 d5 2.g3 ϕg4 3.ϕg2 ϕd7 4.d4 e6 5.0–0  
ϕgf6 6.ϕbd2 ϕe7 7.ϕe1 0–0 8.e4 c5 9.exd5  
ϕxd5 10.h3 ϕh5 11.dxc5 ϕxc5 12.a3 ϖc7  
13.ϖe2 ϕfd8 14.ϕf1 a5 15.ϕe3 ϕb6 16.ϕg4  
ϕcd7 17.ϕf4 ϖc4 18.ϖxc4 ϕxc4 19.ϕfe5  
ϕdxe5 20.ϕxe5 ϕd6 21.g4 ϕg6 22.c4 ϕac8  
23.ϕac1 ϕf8 24.b4 axb4 25.axb4 ϕxc4

This doesn't work – but nor does anything  
else.

26.ϕxg6 hxg6 27.ϕxb7 ϕd4 28.ϕe3 ϕxe3  
29.ϕxc8 ϕc4 30.ϕa1 ϕb6 31.ϕb8 ϕxb4  
32.ϕc6 g5 33.ϕa6 ϕd5 34.ϕd8 ϕb6 35.ϕa7  
g6 36.ϕb7 ϕc4 37.ϕxb4 1–0.

## NZCF Council report

*By Ted Frost*

### New member of Council

Michael Freeman, who lives in Stratford, has joined the NZCF Council and is being nominated for the incoming year. Michael, manager of the last two NZ Olympiad teams, and originator of the NZ Chess page on the World Wide Web, expressed interest in joining Council and was immediately coopted by the council.

### Eligibility for N.I. and S.I. titles

Council has examined the rule on eligibility for holding the North and South Island titles, which at present requires six months' residence in an island immediately before the tournament. Council dealt with the position at the 1996 SI tournament (see page 10), and decided that in principle every New Zealand player should be entitled to play for one or other of the titles (but not both).

Council decided to submit a remit to the annual meeting, providing for eligibility to be decided by the club through which the player is registered, and if that does not clarify the player's position (for example, members of Gambit CC), the player's place of residence at the time of entry.

### Concessions for juniors

Entry fees for various recent NZCF tournaments have provided for a 33.3% reduction in entry fees for juniors. This has been endorsed by Council, but the number of junior entries has remained disappointingly small. As a result, Council has decided that the rebate should be increased to 50 percent, with the objectives of increasing entry fees as well as numbers of entries.

The reduction is to apply to the coming Congress, but the host club, North Shore, considers the rebate too high and has submitted a remit for the annual meeting for the concession to be 33.3%. There has not been a formal policy on this in the past, and both options will be submitted to clubs.

North Shore also consider that the rebate should not apply to the NZ Championship, but Council considers that it should apply to all NZCF tournaments (except, of course, the NZ Junior and Age Group Championships).

### Overseas players in NZ Championship

Council is exploring the possibilities of inviting three overseas players to compete in the coming NZ Championship, and has discussed the conditions under which they should be invited. No travel or other financial assistance is being offered, but Council has asked North Shore CC, as hosts for Congress, to find billets for visitors and ensure transport to and from Congress.

Council also decided that GMs and IMs should be exempt from entry fees, a practice followed in a number of countries. In making this decision, which applies to New Zealand IMs as well as visitors, Council has recognised that the presence of titleholders lifts interest in the tournament, both for players (encouraging more entries) and for the public (encouraging publicity).

### Asian email tournament

In discussion at the FIDE Congress Michael Freeman was informed that it is intended to run an Asian Internet Championship, with two participants from each nation. No other details are yet available, but NZCF is inquiring about the conditions and will also check on the availability of NZ players to participate. As email connection should pose no problem, selection is expected.

This also opens up the question of distinction between real time play (with clocks) and correspondence-style play by email. This will be further considered by Council and may be discussed with the NZ Correspondence Chess Association.

## Affiliated Clubs

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

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

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

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

**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.

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

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

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

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

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

**North Shore** P.O. Box 33-587, Takapuna, Auckland 9. Meets Wednesdays 7.30pm, Northcote Community Centre, cnr College Rd/Ernie Mays St, Northcote. Club capt, Peter Stuart, 24 Seacliffe Ave, Belmont (09)445-6377.

**Otago** 7 Maitland St, Dunedin. Wednesdays and Saturdays, 7.30pm. Tel (03)477-6919 clubroom. Sec, Dennis McCaughan (03)478-0160.

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

**Waiemata** Thursdays 7.30pm, Kelston Community Centre, cnr Great North Rd and Awaroa Rd, Kelston. Pres, Bob Smith, 2 Autumn Ave, Glen Eden (09)818-4113 or contact Bruce Pollard (09)834-8151.

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

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

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**Huntly** Tuesdays 7.30pm 14 Ralph Street.. Sec, Laurie Madden 2 McDiarmid Crescent, Huntly (07)828-7289.

**Napier** Sec Andrew Reid, 22 Russell Road, Napier.

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

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

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

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

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

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