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STOP PRESS**Fencible Masters**

Paul Spiller advises that the field for the Fencible Masters tournament at the end of March is : GM Drazen Sermek (Slovenia) FIDE rating 2575, IM Stephen Solomon AUS 2385, Aleksei Kulashko 2380, Tim Reilly AUS 2335, IM Vernon Small 2330, FM Paul Garbett 2300, FM Bob Smith 2300m, FM Ewen Green 2290, Leonard McLaren 2275, FM Eddy Levi AUS 2265.

This field would have an average FIDE rating of 2343, making it a category 4 tournament, with 6 points required for an IM norm.

NZ Women's Championship

Howick-Pakuranga CC has offered to hold the 1997 NZ Women's Championship at Queen's Birthday weekend. The offer will be considered urgently by NZCF Council.

Kasparov over 2800

The FIDE update of ratings for February gives Garry Kasparov RUS an extra 11 points since the start of the year and lifts him over the 2800 milestone, to 2806. Viswanathan Anand IND holds second place at 2772, ahead of Vladimir Kramnik RUS 2749, who is two points ahead of Anatoly Karpov RUS 2747.

COVER: There were many noteworthy features of the 1996-97 NZ Championship Congress conducted by North Shore CC, not least among them the presene of Australian grandmaster Ian Rogers and his wife Cathy. Rogers is photographed playing against one of the New Zealand Ims, Russell Dive.

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104th New Zealand championship

by Ted Frost

The New Zealand Chess Federation, the North Shore Chess Club, and all the players have many reasons to be well satisfied with the 104th New Zealand championship congress, which was a success in every way:

- the strength of competition,
- the quality of play,
- two IM norms,
- excellent administration,
- several innovations which made life easier for all concerned,
- and not least, the surroundings and general atmosphere.

GM dominates

Australian GM Ian Rogers is slightly built, but he towered over the championship. He and his wife Cathy brought to the Congress charming, helpful personalities which contributed materially to the warmth of atmosphere of the whole event.

Ian also contributed the precision of a grandmaster in the middle of a successful professional career. He shared the lead in the championship for the first three rounds, and again with Kulashko for two rounds in mid-tournament, but he was not seriously challenged in any game. He drew with his three nearest challengers, otherwise there was an air of inevitability about the outcome of each game.

This was not a deterrent, but was a stimulus. While Ian was the only overseas player competing by invitation from NZCF, there was a challenging international flavour through the participation of new resident Alexei Kulashko, who has come from Russia; Antonio Krstev, from the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia; and Fairin Zakaria, a Malaysian student who expects to be in Auckland for some years.

New champion

Kulashko has made an impact in Auckland chess during the past year, and lived up to

his FIDE rating of 2380 in the championship. He added to the stimulating atmosphere of the tournament by demonstrating care in preparation which included close study of his opponents' play and variations which dispelled any feelings of opening complacency which might have stemmed from meeting the same group of opponents year after year.

After draws in rounds 1 and 3 (with Tony Dowden and IM Russell Dive), Kulashko dropped half a point behind Rogers. They drew in round 5, but when Rogers drew with Dive in round 6 Kulashko joined him again in the lead. Kulashko met his match in losing to FM Anthony Ker in round 9 and dropping back to second equal with Dive.

This left Rogers in the clear lead, with Kulashko and Dive locked together in the battle for second and the New Zealand title. The title was decided when Kulashko beat Peter Green in the last round, while Leonard McLaren put up a resolute defence against Dive, who could do no better than draw and share third place with FM Paul Garbett.

Two norms

Kulashko had an IM norm in sight throughout the tournament. After 8 rounds he had 6½ points, which was enough for a norm which could have been claimed after 9 rounds if he had played three GMs or IMs. However he had played only two, Rogers and Dive, and he lost to Ker in round 9 so he had more work to do. The pairings matched him with IM Ortvin Sarapu in round 10 and wins against Sarapu and Peter Green in the last round gave him a half-point margin over the 8-points required.

Garbett was fighting from behind most of the way. He drew with Rogers in round 3, but losses to Dive in round 4 and Kulashko in round 6 put him on only 3½ points. He

104th New Zealand Championship 1996/97

No.Player	Rtg	Cl	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	Pts	SOS
1 Rogers, I.	2600	-	W18	W7	D4	W6	D2	D3	W5	W11	W8	W10	W12	9.5	
2 Kulashko, A.	2202	AC	D13	W19	D3	W10	D1	W4	W7	W6	L5	W14	W11	8.5	
3 Dive, R.J.	2293	CI	W14	D12	D2	W4	W5	D1	D6	W8	D7	W11	D10	8	70.0
4 Garbett, P.A.	2274	NS	W17	W9	D1	L3	W12	L2	W15	W10	D11	W6	W5	8	69.0
5 Ker, A.F.	2271	CI	D8	W22	D6	D7	L3	W12	L1	W15	W2	W9	L4	6.5	
6 Martin, B.M.S.	2385	OT	D19	W16	D5	L1	W20	W8	D3	L2	W13	L4	D7	6	71.0
7 Smith, R.W.	2225	WT	W21	L1	W12	D5	D8	D13	L2	W18	D3	D20	D6	6	65.0
8 Wastney, S.C.	2060	GA	D5	D20	D10	W21	D7	L6	W9	L3	L1	W18	D15	5.5	62.5
9 Hawkes, P.D.	2038	GA	W10	L4	D11	D20	L13	W19	L8	D14	W15	L5	W21	5.5	56.0
10 McLaren, L.J.	2163	NS	L9	W17	D8	L2	W14	L15	W16	L4	W22	L1	D3	5	67.0
11 Green, P.R.	2207	AC	L12	D14	D9	D16	W21	W18	W13	L1	D4	L3	L2	5	66.0
12 Krstev, A.	2053	WT	W11	D3	L7	W15	L4	L5	L19	W22	D20	W17	L1	5	64.0
13 Dowden, R.A.	2047	GA	D2	D15	D20	D18	W9	D7	L11	D19	L6	D16	D14	5	59.5
14 Sarapu, O.	2093	AC	L3	D11	D16	D19	L10	D17	W22	D9	W21	L2	D13	5	55.5
15 Zakaria, F.	2160	-	D16	D13	D21	L12	W17	W10	L4	L5	L9	W22	D8	5	54.5
16 Guthrie, D.W.	2012	OT	D15	L6	D14	D11	D19	D20	L10	D17	D18	D13	W22	5	51.5
17 Metge, J.N.	2088	PT	L4	L10	L18	W22	L15	D14	W21	D16	W19	L12	W20	5	50.5
18 Sinclair, M.	2123	PE	L1	L21	W17	D13	W22	L11	W20	L7	D16	L8	D19	4.5	54.0
19 Love, A.J.	2104	OT	D6	L2	D22	D14	D16	L9	W12	D13	L17	D21	D18	4.5	53.5
20 Barlow, M.J.	2131	NS	D22	D8	D13	D9	L6	D16	L18	W21	D12	D7	L17	4.5	51.5
21 Sutherland, J.L.	2054	OT	L7	W18	D15	L8	L11	L22	L17	L20	L14	D19	L9	2	52.5
22 Spiller, P.S.	2005	HP	D20	L5	D19	L17	L18	W21	L14	L12	L10	L15	L16	2	52.0

dropped only half a point in the last five rounds, but sat down for round 11 knowing that he had to beat Anthony Ker to gain a norm. He succeeded.

This gives Garbett two norms, so he needs one more plus a 2400 rating to gain the IM title. However, his first norm - at the Novi Sad Olympiad - will qualify only until November this year, when it runs over the 7-year time limit.

The other players

The overall strength of the field is reflected in scores of some other players. Anthony Ker was fifth on 6½, 1½ points behind Dive and Garbett, and lost to Rogers, Dive and Garbett, yet played close to his rating. New IM Ben Martin will have dropped a few rating points in playing below his best and scoring 6. FM Bob Smith, also on 6, was another to play close to his rating.

In mid-field, with 5½ points, Scott Wastney showed the benefits of his exposure to international competition at the Erevan Olympiad, and Peter Hawkes also played well above his rating.

IM Ortvin Sarapu started the tournament badly and did not recover, while Mark Sinclair played below the expectations arising from his recent congress and North and South Island championship performances.

Organisation and innovations

North Shore CC celebrated its 40th anniversary by staging the congress, and meticulous preparation and imaginative innovations made it a memorable event. In keeping with the general atmosphere, congress started on a high note at the player's meeting with the surprise award by NZCF of life membership for tournament director Peter Stuart (see page 18).

This was particularly appropriate as Peter was not only tournament director for congress, but the chief organiser with central responsibility for setting up all the arrangements.

The congress was the occasion for testing, in our major national tournament, two new sets of rules adopted by NZCF - a swiss NZ championship with a minimum of 18 players and new swiss pairing rules drawn up by the federation's technical committee.

The Swiss tournament with provision for overseas players was an outstanding success. GM Ian Rogers accepted an invitation to play (with his wife Cathy in the Major Open), and vigorous promotion by North Shore saw the field number 22. This was enough to ease the pairing problems arising in an 11-round event.

Overall, the new swiss rules operated smoothly, and the top six players all met each other. However, even with increased emphasis on colour allocation imbalances were not eliminated and this led to the only appeal which required attention. The appeal, lodged by Alexei Kulashko over the last-round pairings, was not presented in writing but was examined by appeal committee members.

Aleksei objected to the last-round pairing of Dive-McLaren, because it meant Dive would receive three extra whites. Taking colour into account is not an absolute requirement, and experience has shown that too rigid an application of colour weighting can lead to gross mis-pairing. After careful examination by the appeals committee, it was determined that the pairing was correct, and a check showed that Dive would have been given white under the FIDE rules as well.

One interesting aspect of the keen competition was that there were 46 draws, or 38 % of the 121 games played. But there were very few short draws. Russell Dive

drew six games, so that while he was unbeaten this kept him in third equal place. His shortest draw was 16 moves (against Rogers), his longest 120 moves (against Krstev, who claimed a draw defending with a R against R + B under the 50-move rule), and the average 50 moves.

Innovations

The congress venue was excellent - plenty of space, good lighting and ventilation, and pleasant surroundings. Entry information had been loaded into a database which enabled late entries to be handled with ease. The computer was on-site and with the use of Chessbase scores were loaded during the rounds, greatly easing the preparation (and improving the presentation) of bulletins.

Another innovation was recording the next day's draw on an answerphone so championship players could check who they would be meeting in the next round without having to visit the playing venue or tracking down the tournament director.

Finally, while Auckland's only daily newspaper, the *New Zealand Herald*, virtually ignored the congress, results were fed into the national NZPA network and appeared in newspaper elsewhere, giving effective updates on progress.

Overall, North Shore set new standards for New Zealand's major chess event, which will be a challenge for future congress organisers.

1998 Olympiad in Elista

The venue for the next FIDE chess Olympiad has been confirmed for Elista, the capital of FIDE president Kirsan Ilyumzhinov's Republic of Kalmykia, in the second half of September, 1998.

The Olympiad for the year 2000 has been awarded to Istanbul, Turkey.

How GM Rogers won the tournament

Rogers,I - Sinclair,M

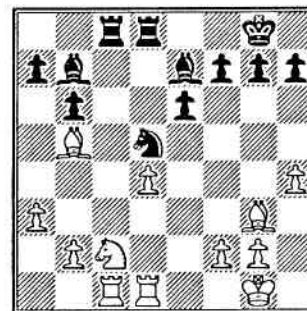
Round 1 [C28]

1.e4 e5 2.♗c4 ♘c6 3.♗c3 ♖f6 4.d3 ♘a5 5.♖f3 ♗xc4 6.dxc4 d6 7.h3 ♗e7 8.♗ge2 ♗e6 9.h3 c6 10.0-0 0-0 11.♗d1 ♖c7 12.♗g3 ♗fd8 13.a4 a5 14.♗a3 ♗d7 15.♗d2 ♗ad8 16.♗d5 cxd5 17.cxd5 ♗c8 18.c4 ♗xd5 19.exd5 ♖b6 20.♗e1 ♗f8 21.♗de2 ♗a8 22.♗f5 ♗c7 23.♖e3 ♖xe3 24.♗xe3 ♗d8 25.♗f3 ♗e8 26.g4 g6 27.♗g3 ♗h6 28.♗e4 ♗f4 29.g5 h6 30.h4 hxg5 31.hxg5 f5 32.gxf6 ♗f7 33.♗h3 ♗xf6 34.♗xd6 ♗fd7 35.♗e4 ♗xe4 36.♗xe4 ♗h7 37.♗xh7 ♗xh7 38.♗b2 ♗e8 39.♗c3 b6 40.♗d4 1-0

Smith,RW - Rogers,I

Round 2 [B22]

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 ♖xd5 4.d4 e6 5.♗f3 ♗f6 6.♗d3 ♗e7 7.0-0 0-0 8.♗a3 ♗c6 9.♖e2 b6 10.♗f4 ♗b7 11.♗c2 cxd4 12.cxd4 ♗fd8 13.♗fd1 ♖h5 14.a3 ♗d6 15.♗e5 ♖xe2 16.♗xe2 ♗d5 17.♗g3 ♗ac8 18.♗ac1 ♗e7 19.♗xc6 ♗xc6 20.♗b5 ♗cc8 21.h4



21...g5 22.h5 g4 23.♗e3 ♗xc1 24.♗xc1 ♗g5 25.♗e1 ♗xe3 26.fxe3 ♗c8 27.♗f2 ♗g7 28.♗f4 ♗h6 29.♗xg5+ ♗xg5 30.♗d3 f5 31.e4 f4 32.d5 ♗d8 33.♗c4 e5 34.♗c1 ♗c8 35.♗c3 ♗xh5 36.♗b5 ♗xc3 37.bxc3 ♗g5 38.♗e8 g3+ 39.♗g1 ♗f6 40.♗d7 h5 41.a4 ♗e7 42.♗b5 ♗c8 43.♗e2 h4 44.♗f1 a5 45.♗g1 ♗d7 46.♗d1 ♗d6 0-1

Rogers,I - Garbett,P

Round 3 [B47]

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4 ♗c6 5.♗c3 ♖c7 6.♗e2 a6 7.0-0 ♗f6 8.♗h1 ♗xd4

9.♖xd4 ♗c5 10.♖d3 b5 11.f4 ♗b7 12.♗f3 h5 13.e5 ♗g4 14.♗xb7 ♖xb7 15.♗e4 ♗e7 16.♗d2 ♗h6 17.a3 ♗f5 18.♗b4 ♖c6 19.c3 a5 20.♗xe7 ♗xe7 21.♗ad1 h4 22.♗f3 a4 23.♗d6 ♗xd6 24.exd6+ ♗f8 25.f5 e5 26.f6 gxf6 27.♗xf6 h3 28.♗d2 hxg2+ 29.♗g1 ♖c4 30.♖d5 ♖xd5 31.♗xd5 ♗g7 32.♗f2 f6 33.♗xb5 ♗a6 34.♗xg2 ♗xd6 35.♗b4 ♗a8 36.h4 ♗g6 37.♗g4+ ♗h5 38.♗g7 ♗h6 39.♗f7 ♗g6 40.♗e7 ♗h8 41.♗g3 ½-½

Martin,B- Rogers,I

Round 4 [B00]

1.e4 ♗c6 2.♗f3 d6 3.d4 ♗f6 4.♗c3 ♗g4 5.♗b5 a6 6.♗xc6+ bxc6 7.0-0 e6 8.♗g5 ♗e7 9.♖e2 0-0 10.♗ad1 d5 11.h3 ♗xe4 12.hxg4 ♗xc3 13.bxc3 ♗xg5 14.♗e5 ♖e8 15.g3 c5 16.♗g2 cxd4 17.cxd4 ♖b5 18.♖f3 ♖a4 19.♖d3 ♖b5 20.♖f3 c5 21.♗h1 cxd4 22.♗b1 ♖a4 23.♖d3 h6 24.f4 ♗f6 25.g5 ♗xe5 26.gxh6 ♗fc8 27.fxe5 ♖xc2+ 28.♖xc2 ♗xc2+ 29.♗f3 ♗xa2 30.hxg7 ♗xg7 31.♗h4 ♗c8 32.♗bh1 ♗c3+ 33.♗g4 ♗aa3 34.♗h7+ ♗f8 35.♗h3 ♗e3 0-1

Rogers,I - Kulashko,A

Round 5 [D94]

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 c5 3.e3 g6 4.♗c3 ♗g7 5.♗f3 0-0 6.♗e2 cxd4 7.exd4 d5 8.0-0 ♗c6 9.♗g5 ♗e6 10.cxd5 ♗xd5 11.♖d2 ♗xc3 12.bxc3 ♗a5 13.♗h6 ♗c8 14.♗fel ♗c4 15.♗xg7 ♗xg7 16.♗ac1 ♖d5 17.♗d1 ♗c6 18.♗e5 ♗xe5 19.♗xe5 ♖d6 20.♗b3 f6 21.♗e3 ♗xb3 22.axb3 e5 23.♖e1 exd4 24.♗d1 ♗f7 25.♗xd4 ♖b6 26.♖d1 ♖b5 27.g3 ♗cc7 28.c4 ♖c6 29.♗d6 ♗cd7 30.c5 ♖b5 31.b4 a5 32.♗ed3 ♗c7 33.♗b6 ♖c4 34.bxa5 ♖xc5 35.♗d5 ♖a3 36.♗g2 ♗c1 37.♖d4 ♖e7 38.♖e3 ♖xe3 39.fxe3 ♗c2+ 40.♗f3 ♗e7 41.♗db5 ♗cc7 42.♗b3 f5 43.h3 ♗h6 44.♗b5 ♗f7 45.e4 fxe4+ 46.♗xe4 ♗cd7 47.♗d5 ½-½

Dive,RJ Rogers,I

Round 6 [B81]

1.d4 ♗f6 2.♗f3 d5 3.c4 c6 4.cxd5 cxd5 5.♗c3 ♗c6 6.♗f4 a6 7.e3 e6 8.♗d3 ♗e7 9.♗e5 ♗xe5 10.♗xe5 0-0 11.0-0 b5 12.♖e2 ♗b7 13.a4 b4 14.♗a2 ♗d6 15.♗xd6 ♖xd6 16.♗c1 a5 ½-½

Rogers, I – Ker, A

Round 7 [B09]

Notes by Anthony Ker

1.e4 d6 2.d4 3.♘f6 3.♘c3 g6 4.f4 ♘g7 5.♘d3

The usual move is 9.♘f3. This is a perfectly good alternative which throws Black out of "book."

5...e5!? 6.♘f3

6.dxe5 dxe5 7.fxe5 ♘g4 and Black regains the ♘.

6...♘g4 7.dxe5 dxe5 8.f5 ♘c6 9.h3 ♘xf3 10.♘xf3 ♘d4 11.♘f2 gxf5 12.exf5 ♘d6 13.0-0 0-0 14.♘e4 ♘c6?

A wasted move. Black should exchange ♘s immediately.

15.♙e1 ♘xe4 16.♘xe4 ♘a6 17.♘g5! f6 18.♘e3 h5

Trying to get in ...♘h6.

19.c3 ♘c6?

It was essential to challenge White's powerful ♘ on e4 with ...♘b5 and ...♘d6.

20.b4 ♘h6 21.♘xh6 ♙xh6 22.♘h1

Avoiding an exchange of ♘s.

22...♘b6 23.♘e2 h4 24.a4 a5

A desperate attempt to halt the onrushing ♘s.

25.♙b1! ♘a7 26.b5 ♘e7 27.b6 cxb6 28.♘c4+ ♘b8 29.♘e6 ♘c8 30.♙d1 ♙xd1+ 31.♙xd1 ♘a6!

Trying to sneak down to f1 for a perpetual check.

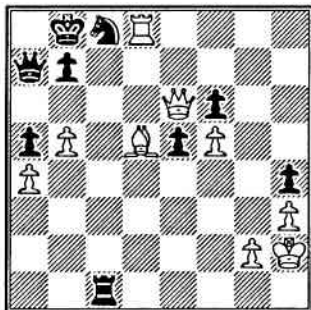
32.c4

No chance.

32...♙h7 33.♙d8 ♙c7 34.♘d5 b5!

The Black ♘ needs air.

35.cxb5 ♙c1+ 36.♘h2 ♘a7



Threatens 36...♘g1# and if 37.b6 ♘a6, threatening 38...Rh1+ 39.♘xh1 ♘f1 with good chances for a perpetual check. Has Black found a way to wriggle free?

37.♘d6+ ♘a8 38.♘a6!!

Beautiful. Black's pieces are paralysed, the ♘, ♘ and ♘ are all pinned and White threatens 39.♘xb7+.

38...♘b8 39.♘xa7+ ♘xa7 40.♙d7 and White wins the defenceless b♘. 1-0

Green, P (2265) – Rogers, I

Round 8 [E62]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 g6 3.g3 ♘g7 4.♘g2 0-0 5.c4 d6 6.0-0 c6 7.♘c3 ♘a5 8.♘d2 ♘h5 9.♘g5 ♘xg5 10.♘xg5 h6 11.♘d2 ♘bd7 12.h3 a6 13.a4 a5 14.e4 e5 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.♘e3 ♘c8 17.♘d2 ♘c7 18.♙ad1 ♙e8 19.♘b3 ♘f8 20.h4 ♘e6 21.♘h3 ♘d5 22.♘xc5 ♘xc5 23.♘xc8 ♙axc8 24.♙d2 b6 25.♙fd1 h5 26.♘f1 ♘h3 27.♙d7 ♘c5 28.♘xc5 ♘xc5 29.♙d6 ♘f8 30.f3 ♘e7 31.♙d2 ♙ed8 32.♙xd8 ♙xd8 33.♙xd8 ♘xd8 34.♘e2 ♘e7 35.♘d2 ♘b3+ 36.♘d3 ♘d6 37.g4 ♘d4 38.gxh5 gxh5 39.♘c3 ♘e6 40.♘a2 ♘c5 0-1

Rogers, I – Wastney, S

Round 9 [B17]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 dxe4 4.♘xe4 ♘d7 5.♘f3 ♘g6 6.♘xf6+ ♘xf6 7.♘e5 ♘e6 8.♘e2 g6 9.0-0 ♘g7 10.c4 0-0 11.♘e3 ♘e4 12.f4 ♘c7 13.♘c2 ♘d6 14.♙ad1 ♙ad8 15.♘c1 f6 16.♘f3 ♘f5 17.♘f2 ♘h6 18.g3 ♘h8 19.h3 ♘g8 20.♘d3 b5 21.♙fe1 ♘d6 22.♙e2 bxc4 23.bxc4 ♙fe8 24.♙de1 ♙b8 25.♘c3 ♘g7 26.♘d2 e5 27.fxe5 fxe5 28.dxe5 ♘f7 29.♘f3 c5 30.♘a3 ♘xe5 31.♘xe5 ♙xe5 32.♙xe5 ♘xc5 33.♘xc5 ♘xc5 34.♘xc5 ♘f6 35.♘e3 ♘g7 36.♘f2 a5 37.♙e2 a4 38.c5 ♘d5 39.♙c2 ♘c6 40.♘c4 ♙b1 41.♘e2 ♘f8 42.♙d2 ♘e5 43.♙d8+ ♘g7 44.♙g8+ ♘f6 45.♙f8+ ♘e7 46.♙f7+ ♘e8 47.♙xh7 ♘g2 48.♘f7+ ♘d8 49.♘e6 1-0

McLaren, L – Rogers, I

Round 10 [A43]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 c5 3.d5 exd5 4.exd5 d6 5.♘f3 ♘f6 6.♘e2 ♘e7 7.0-0 0-0 8.♘c3 ♘a6 9.h3 ♘c7 10.a4 b6 11.♘h2 ♘b7 12.♘f3 a6 13.♘g4 ♘xg4 14.hxg4 b5 15.♘f4 b4 16.♘e2 ♘f6 17.♙b1 ♘g5 18.♘h2 ♘e8 19.c4 ♘f6 20.♘g3

♘f4 21.♘f5 ♘xh2+ 22.♘xh2 ♘c8 23.♘d2 ♘xf5 24.gxf5 ♘d7 25.♘f4 ♘f6 26.g4 h6 27.♘g2 ♙fe8 28.♙h1 ♘e5 29.♙bd1 ♘xf3 30.♘xf3 ♘xb2 31.♘xd6 ♘c3+ 32.♘g2 ♘xc4 33.♘g3 ♙ad8 34.d6 ♙e4 35.f3 ♙d4 36.♙xd4 ♘xd4 37.♙e1 ♘xd6 38.♙e8+ ♘h7 39.♙xd8 ♘xd8 40.♘e5 c4 41.♘e4 c3 42.f6+ ♘g8 43.fxg7 b3 44.♘e3 ♘d2+ 0-1

Rogers, I – Krstev, A

Round 11 [C17]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘b4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 ♘a5 6.♘d2 ♘xc3 7.bxc3 ♘e7 8.♘g4 ♘bc6 9.♘f3 ♘f5 10.♘d3 h5 11.♘f4 c4 12.♘xf5 exf5 13.♘g3 g6 14.♘g5 ♘a5 15.♘d2 ♘e6 16.♙hb1 ♘c7 17.♘h4 ♘e7 18.♘g5 ♘g8 19.a4 ♘d7 20.♙b5 ♙e8 21.♙ab1 b6 22.a5 ♘c6 23.♘d1 ♙b8 24.♘c1 ♘e7 25.♘a3 ♘c8 26.♙c5+ bxc5 27.♘a4+ 1-0

Other games

Dive, RJ – Sarapu, O

Round 1 [D36]

Notes by IM Orvin Sarapu

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.cxd5

The popular exchange variation. This is not the first time I had difficulty with Black – I remember playing it against A Ker, M Dreyer and others.

4...exd5 5.♘g5 c6 6.♘c2

To stop ♘f5 by Black. Also 6.e3 ♘f5 7.♘f3! is good for White.

6...♘e7

Also to be considered is ♘a6.

7.e3 ♘bd7 8.♘d3 ♘f8

Partly a waiting move, playable after ...0-0 and ...♙e8, and then ...♘f8. Usual here is 8...h6 or ...0-0.

9.♘ge2 ♘h5 10.♘xe7 ♘xe7 11.0-0 g6

White clearly has the better game. The Black moves ...♘f8, ... ♘h5 and ...g6 cost too much time.

12.♙ab1

Starting a minority attack. An alternative is 12.♙a1 with f3 later and e4 to follow.

12...f5

Pachman's idea of counterplay on the ♘side.

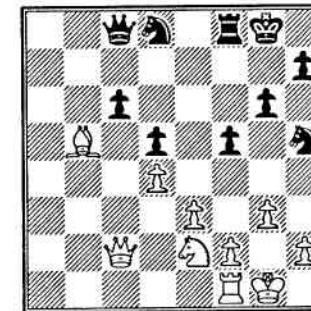
13.b4 a6 14.a4 ♘e6 15.b5 axb5 16.axb5 0-0 17.bxc6 bxc6 18.♘a4 ♘d7 19.♙b7 ♘d8

Black is too late on the ♘side.

20.♙xd7

Perhaps this is not as good for White as he expected. Russell spent 26 minutes here. Simplification is good for Black. 20.♙b2 was the alternative.

20...♘xd7 21.♘b6 ♘b7 22.♘xa8 ♘xa8 23.g3 ♘c8 24.♘b5



Attacking the weak c6, but Black's position is improved by the exchanges.

24...f4!?

A possible surprise to Russell. I even offered a draw here, based on the variation 25.♘xf4 ♘xf4! 26.♘xf4 ♙xf4 27.gxf4 ♘g4+ with perpetual check or even going for it. After 28.♘h1 ♘f3+ 29.♘g1 ♘e6! etc.

25.exf4

Played after 20 minutes. Russell now has 20 minutes left for 15 moves.

25...♘xf4 26.♘xf4 ♙xf4 27.♙c1 ♙xd4

White decides to take his chances. Perhaps it is risky?! Black is now a ♘ up and has two passed ♘s. Russell did not like to take the draw.

28.♘c5!?

He saw the trap. If 28.♘xc6 ♘xc6 29.♘xc6 ♙d1+! and Black wins.

28...♘g4

Unfortunately, 28...♙e4 loses to 29.♘xd5+! 29.f3 ♘g5 30.♙e1 ♘f6 31.♘f1 ♙d2??

I spent only one minute on this blunder. Alternatives like ...♘g7 or ...♙a4 would give Black good winning chances.

32. ♖e8+ ♟g7 33. ♗xd8!

Wins a piece.

33... ♗xd8 34. ♖c3+ ♜f6 35. ♗xd2 ♜xf3 36. ♗d4+ ♜f6 37. ♗xf6+ ♟xf6 38. ♟f2

The endgame of ♖ v 2 ♗s is made difficult for White. If, for instance, White has ♖ and ♗d4 left the game is a draw, with the wrong ♖ to get the Black ♟ out of h8!

38... ♟g5 39. ♟f3 h5 40. ♖d3 h4 41. ♟e3!?

Here 41. gxf4? draws after gxf4 etc.

41... ♟e5 42. ♖h7 c5 43. ♟d3 ♟d6!

Black defends by ♟d6 and ♟e5 pendulum.

44. ♟e3 ♟e5 45. ♖b1 c4?

This is my second big mistake in the game. Black should play ... ♟d6! An interesting variation is 45... ♟d6 46. ♟f3 ♟e5 47. ♟g4 hfg3 48. hfg3 ♟d4 and now 49. ♟xg5 ♟e3 50. g4 d4 51. ♟f6 c4 52. g5 d3 53. g6 c3 54. g7 c2 55. ♖xc2 dxc2 56. g8 ♗ ♟d2 Note 56... c1=♗ 57. ♗g5+ wins. White cannot win and he cannot allow the Black ♟ to force a stalemate by ♟a1.

46. ♖h7 d4+ 47. ♟f3 ♟d5 48. ♖g6 hfg3 49. hfg3 d3 50. ♟e3 ♟c5 51. ♖e4 ♟b4 52. ♖xd3! cxd3 53. ♟xd3

This game upset me for the tournament. Not because I lost, but I lost confidence by making blunders. 1-0

Kulashko, A (2380) - Love, A (2250)

Round 2 [B76]

Notes by Alexei Kulashko

1.e4 c5 2. ♖f3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. ♖xd4 ♖f6 5. ♖c3 g6 6. ♖e3 ♖g7 7. f3 ♖c6 8. ♗d2 0-0 9. 0-0 ♖xd4 10. ♖xd4 ♖e6 11. ♟b1 ♗c7 12. g4 ♖fc8 13. h4 ♗a5 14. ♗g5

After 14... ♗xg5 White has a good position due to pressure on the h-file, with good attack prospects even without the ♗s. Black doesn't have counterplay.

14... ♗xg5 15. hfg5 ♖d7 16. ♖xg7 ♟xg7 17. ♗h4 ♖e5

Black's ♖ is not dangerous but allows f3-f4 with tempo. Besides, f7-f6 will not be very attractive because of creation of weakness on d6. The game I Gurevich-Ch Ward (Chess Informant 61/227) continued 17... f6

18. gxf6+ ♖xf6 19. g5 ♖d7 20. f4 ♖c5 21. ♖b5! ♖f8 22. ♖d4 with advantage to White.

18. ♖e2 ♖c4 19. ♗dh1 ♗h8 20. ♖d1! b5

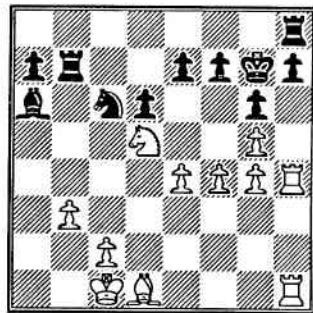
Black has to search for counterplay. If 20... ♗ac8 21. ♗h3 (21. b3? ♖xb3) with the idea f3-f4 and b2-b3 and allowing the d5 square for the ♖. Also if 21... f6 22. gxf6+ exf6 23. f4 ♖d7 24. b3 ♖a6 (24... ♖f7 25. ♗d3) 25. ♖d5 ♖c5 26. ♖f3 ♖ce8 27. g5 ♖xe4 28. ♖xe4 ♗xe4 29. ♗xh7+ ♗xh7 30. ♗xh7+ ♟xh7 31. ♖xf6+ ♟g7 32. ♖xe4 d5 33. ♖c5 and White wins.

21. a3 ♗ab8

After 21... a5 22. b3 b4 23. axb4 axb4 24. ♖a2 White wins a ♗.

22. b3 b4 23. axb4 ♗xb4 24. ♟c1 ♖a6 25. ♖d5 ♗b7 25... ♗d4 A) 26. c3 ♗xd1+! (26... ♗d3 27. ♖b4 ♗xc3+ 28. ♟b2) 27. ♟xd1 (27. ♗xd1? ♖e2) 27... ♖xf3 28. ♗h3 ♖xg5 and the game is unclear.; B) 26. ♖xe7 ♖b7 27. ♖e2! ♟f8 28. c3 ♖d3+ 29. ♟d2 ♖f2+ 30. cxd4 ♖xh1 31. ♖d5 ♖g3 32. ♖d3 wins.

26. f4 ♖c6



27. f5?!

I was confident that my position was much better and didn't see the possibly strong 27th Black move. Before the activity on the ♟-side White should improve his ♗-side with 27. c3, preventing ♖b4 and intending to restrict Black's pieces even more. If 27... ♖d3 28. ♗e1 and the ♖ must return because of the threat c4 and ♗e3. On 27... ♖a5 White replies 28. b4 and after 28... ♖c4 (same after 28... ♖c6 29. ♖b3) 29. ♖b3, f4-f5 becomes a serious threat. Black's pieces are passive, therefore

White has time to regroup his forces. After 27. c3 ♖d7 28. ♖c2 ♖b7 29. b4 ♖d8 30. f5 ♖xd5 31. exd5 White's ♖ dominates Black's ♖. 27... e6?

After 27... f6 28. gxf6+ exf6 29. ffg6 h6! 30. ♖e3 ♟xg6 31. ♖f5 White is definitely better. But 27... ♟g8! keeps the position closed and in spite of significant space advantage White has problems on how to win. For example, after 28. f6 e6 Black's ♖ has the excellent e5 square and White's ♗ on g5 is weak forever.

28. ♖f6 h5 29. gxf5 gxf5 30. h6+ ♟g6?

This leads to immediate checkmate. But after 30... ♟f8 31. exf5 White's passed ♗ will decide the game. For example 31... ♖e5 (31... exf5 32. ♖f3 ♖c7 33. ♖xc6 ♗xc6 34. ♗e1 ♖c8 35. ♗a4) 32. fxe6 fxe6 33. ♗d4 ♟e7 34. h7 intending ♗h6, ♖g8, g6.

31. ♗g1 fxe4 32. ♗f4 1-0

Garbett, P - Hawkes, P

Round 2 [C40]

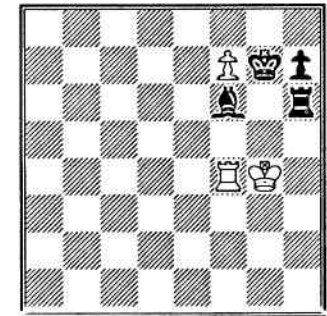
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Krstev, A - Dive, RJ

Round 2 [A57]

1. d4 ♖f6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 b5 4. cxb5 a6 5. f3 d6 6. e4 g6 7. ♖c3 ♖g7 8. bxa6 0-0 9. ♖g5 ♗b6 10. ♗d2 ♖bd7 11. ♖h3 ♖e5 12. ♖e2 ♖xa6 13. 0-0 ♖xe2 14. ♗xe2 h6 15. ♖e3 ♗fb8 16. ♗ab1 ♖e8 17. b4 ♗a6 18. ♗xa6 ♗xa6 19. bxc5 ♗xb1 20. ♗xb1 dxc5 21. ♗b8 ♖c4 22. ♗xe8+ ♟h7 23. ♖d1 ♖xe3 24. ♖xe3 ♖d4 25. ♟f2 ♗xa2+ 26. ♟g3 ♖xe3 27. ♗xe7 g5 28. ♗xf7+ ♟g6 29. ♖c7 h5 30. ♖c6+ ♟g7

31. ♖xg5 ♖xg5 32. ♗xc5 ♗d2 33. h4 ♖f6 34. ♗c1 ♖e5+ 35. ♟h3 ♟f6 36. ♗c6+ ♟g7 37. ♗e6 ♖b8 38. ♗b6 ♖e5 39. ♗b3 ♖d4 40. ♗b1 ♟f6 41. f4 ♗d3+ 42. ♟h2 ♖f2 43. ♗f1 ♖g3+ 44. ♟h1 ♗d4 45. e5+ ♟f5 46. d6 ♟e6 47. f5+ ♟xe5 48. f6 ♟e6 49. f7 ♗xh4+ 50. ♟g1 ♖h2+ 51. ♟f2 ♖xd6 52. ♟e2 ♖f8 53. ♗f3 ♗g4 54. ♟f2 ♗g5 55. ♟g1 ♟e7 56. ♟h2 ♖h6 57. ♟h3 ♟f8 58. ♟h4 ♗a5 59. g4 hfg4 60. ♟xg4 ♖d2 61. ♗f5 ♗a6 62. ♟h5 ♖b4 63. ♟g5 ♖e7+ 64. ♟h5 ♟g7 65. ♗f4 ♗h6+ 66. ♟g4 ♖f6



67. ♗f ♟f8 68. ♟f5 ♟f7 69. ♟e4 ♟e6 70. ♗f5 ♗h1 71. ♗f3 ♖e5 72. ♗f8 ♗h4+ 73. ♟d3 ♟d5 74. ♗d8+ ♖d6 75. ♗e8 ♗g4 76. ♟e3 ♗g3+ 77. ♟f2 ♗a3 78. ♗e2 ♖e5 79. ♟g2 ♖d4 80. ♗e8 ♖e5 81. ♗d8+ ♟e4 82. ♗e8 ♗a2+ 83. ♟h3 ♗h2+ 84. ♟g4 ♗g2+ 85. ♟h3 ♗g7 86. ♟h4 ♗g1 87. ♗a8 ♟f4 88. ♗f8+ ♟e4 89. ♗e8 ♗g2 90. ♗a8 ♖f4 91. ♗a4+ ♟f5 92. ♗a5+ ♖e5 93. ♗a3 ♗h2+ 94. ♗h3 ♗a2 95. ♗b3 ♗a8 96. ♟h3 ♗h8+ 97. ♟g2 ♗h2+ 98. ♟g1 ♗a2 99. ♗b4 ♖f4 100. ♗b7 ♟g4 101. ♗b3 ♖d6 102. ♟f1 ♖c5 103. ♗c3 ♖d6 104. ♗d3 ♖e5 105. ♗b3 ♟f4 106. ♗b4+ ♟f3 107. ♗b3+ ♟e4 108. ♗b7 ♖f4 109. ♟e1 ♟f3 110. ♟d1 ♗d2+ 111. ♟e1 ♖c2 112. ♗d7 ♗c1+ 113. ♗d1 ♗c5 114. ♗d7 ♟e3 115. ♗e7+ ♖e5 116. ♟d1 ♟d3 117. ♗a7 ♗b5 118. ♗d7+ ♖d4 119. ♗c7 ♗h5 120. ♗e7 ♗h8 1/2-1/2

Krstev, A - Smith, RW

Round 3 [E84]

Notes by FM Bob Smith

1. d4 ♖f6 2. c4 g6 3. ♖c3 ♖g7 4. e4 d6 5. f3 ♖c6 6. ♖e3 a6 7. ♗d2 0-0 8. ♖ge2 ♗b8 9. g4 b5 10. ♖g3

White strives for too much with his ♔ still in the centre. Better is 10.0-0 or 10.h4 at once.

10...e5!

Aiming to open up the position on White's ♕.

11.d5

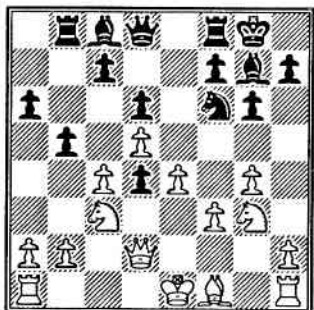
If 11.cxb5 ♠xd4 12.♙e2 ♠xe2 13.♚xe2 axb5 favours Black (2 ♙s, initiative and safer ♕).

11...♠d4 12.♚xd4

Perhaps better is 12.♙e2 b4 13.♠d1 b3!?

14.♚xd4 exd4, although Black is still clearly better.

12...exd4



13.♠ce2

Not 13.♚xd4 ♠xe4!

13...d3! 14.♚xd3

If 14.♠d4 ♠xe4! 15.♚xd3 bxc4!?

14...bxc4 15.♚xc4 ♠xb2 16.♠c1 ♠d7!

17.♚xc7 ♠e5 18.♠d4

If 18.♚xd8 ♠d3+! 19.♠d1 ♠xd8 wins an exchange.

18...♙g5! 19.♙e2

There is no answer to penetration on d2 or e3.

19...♚d2+ 20.♠f1 ♚xd4 21.♠g2 ♠d3 22.♚xd6 ♠xe2+!

The quickest way.

23.♠xe2 ♚f2+ 24.♠h3 ♚xf3+ 25.♙g3 ♚xg4+ 0-1

Garbett,P - Dive,RJ

Round 4[B04]

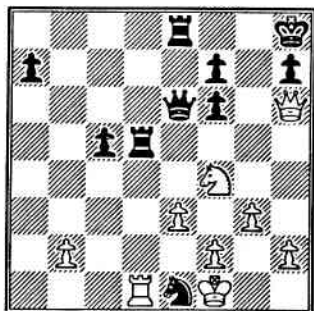
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Martin,B - Dive,RJ

Round 7 [E18]

1.♠f3 ♠f6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.♙g2 ♙e7 5.0-0 0-0 6.d4 b6 7.cxd5 exd5 8.♠c3 ♙b7 9.♙f4 c5 10.♠c1 ♠a6 11.dxc5 bxc5 12.♠e5 ♠c7 13.♠c4 ♠e6 14.♙e5 ♠e8 15.♠e1 ♠g4 16.♚xd5 ♠xe5 17.♠xe5 ♚xd5 18.♚xd5 ♙f6 19.♠d3 ♚a5 20.♠e4 ♠ad8 21.♠xf6+ gx6 22.♚f5 ♠d4 23.♙g4+ ♠h8 24.♠cd1 ♚xa2 25.e3 ♙e6 26.♙h5 ♠d5 27.♙h6 ♠f3+ 28.♠f1 ♠xe1 29.♠f4



Black is short of time. What should he play to win?

29...♠xd1?

Black should play 29...♙a6+ which wins immediately. 30.♠xe1 ♠xd1+ 31.♠xd1 ♠d8+ 32.♠e1 (32.♠c2 ♙c4+ 33.♠b1 ♠d1#) 32...♙a1+ 33.♠e2 ♚d1#.

30.♠xe6 fxe6

Not 30...♠xe6 31.♚f8#.

31.♚xf6+ ♠g8 32.♙g5+ ♠f8 33.♚f6+ ♠g8 34.♙g5+ ♠f8 35.♚f6+ Drawn by perpetual check. ½-½

Kulashko,A - Martin,B

Round 8 [C05]

Notes by Alexei Kulashko

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♠d2 ♠f6 4.e5 ♠d7 5.♚d3 c5 6.c3 ♠c6 7.♠g3 ♙b6 8.0-0 g6 9.a4 ♙g7 10.b3 0-0

After 10...cxd4!? 11.cxd4 ♠xd4 12.♙a3 ♠xe5 despite being two ♠s down, I believe White has good compensation.

11.♙a3 ♠e8 12.a5 ♚xa5

12...♚c7!?, 12...♚d8!? After accepting the ♠ sacrifice the position reminds me of the gambit 1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e5 c5 4.b4. The difference is that White has better development.

13.b4 cxb4 14.♚xb4 ♚d8 15.♚d6 ♙f8 16.♚xf8 ♠xf8 17.h4 ♚d7 18.♠g5

I wanted my ♚ on the ♕-side, but I chose the wrong square for the ♠. 18.♠h2± with the idea ♠h2-g4-f6 was better. After 18...f5 is almost forced, White plays 19.♠df3, then g4, ♠h1, ♠g1 etc.

18...♠c8

Black had to play 18...f6 without delay. Now White's attack is faster than Black's counterplay against the c♠.

19.♚f3 ♚e7 20.♚f4 ♠g7 21.h5 h6 22.♠h3 a6 23.♠f3 ♠a7 24.♠h2 24...♠xc3

Black's position is difficult. Other moves also lead to White's advantage. For example 24...gxh5 25.♚d2 ♠b5 26.♠f3! (26.♠f4 ♙g5) with the idea ♠h3-f4xh5, or; 24...f5 25.exf6+ ♚xf6 26.♚xf6+ ♠xf6 27.♚xg6 ♠xg6 28.♠g4+ ♠g7 29.hxg6.

25.♠g4 g5 26.♚d2 ♙b4

This move loses immediately. 26...♠xd3 prolongs the game, although the attack is very strong after 27.♚xd3 ♙b5 28.♙e3 ♚xf1 29.♠xf1 with f4 to follow.

27.♠xg5 ♚xd4 28.♠e4 ♠h7 29.♚xh6+ ♠h8 30.♠g6 1-0

Ker,A - Kulashko,A

Round 9 [A45]

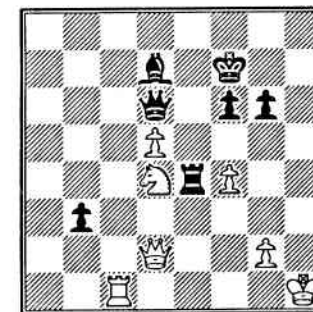
1.d4 ♠f6 2.♙g5 ♠e4 3.♚h4 g5 4.f3 gxh4 5.fxe4 c5 6.e3 cxd4 7.exd4 e5 8.♙h5 d6 9.♠f3 ♠g8 10.dxe5 ♙g4 11.♚xh7 ♠g7

12.♚xh4 ♙b6 13.♠c3 ♚xb2 14.♠d2 ♠g6 15.♠b1 ♙a3 16.♠b3 ♙a5 17.♠c1 ♙h6+ 18.♠b1 ♚xf3 19.♙b5+ ♠f8 20.gxf3 a6 21.♙c4 dxe5 22.♠d5 ♙c5 23.♠d1 ♠c6 24.♠b6 ♚d4 25.♠xd4 ♠g1+ 26.♙f1 ♠xf1+ 27.♠b2 ♙c1+ 28.♠c3 exd4+ 29.♠c4 ♠e8 30.♚h8+ ♠e7 31.♠d5+ ♠d8 32.♚f6+ ♠c8 33.♚d6 ♠e5+ 34.♠b4 ♚d2+ 35.c3 ♠c6+ 36.♠c5 1-0

Dive,RJ - McLaren,L

Round 11 [E81]

1.d4 ♠f6 2.c4 g6 3.♠c3 ♙g7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.♠ge2 c5 7.d5 e6 8.♠g3 exd5 9.cxd5 a6 10.a4 ♠bd7 11.♙e2 ♠b8 12.0-0 ♠e8 13.♙f4 ♠e5 14.♚d2 ♠c7 15.♙h6 b5 16.♙xg7 ♠xg7 17.axb5 axb5 18.f4 ♠d7 19.b4 cxb4 20.♠a2 ♠a6 21.♠xb4 ♠xb4 22.♚xb4 ♙b6+ 23.♠h1 ♠e8 24.♠ac1 ♠c5 25.e5 ♠g8 26.♠fd1 ♚d7 27.h3 ♠bc8 28.♚d4 ♙b8 29.exd6 ♚xd6 30.♠b1 ♠b8 31.♙f3 ♠a8 32.♠e1 f6 33.♠xe8+ ♙xe8 34.♙e3 ♚d7 35.♠c1 ♠c8 36.h4 ♠f7 37.h5 b4 38.♠e2 b3 39.♠d4 ♠e8 40.♚d2 ♠e4 41.♙xe4 ♠xe4 42.hxg6+ hxg6



43.♠f1 ♚xd5 44.♠xb3 ♙h5+ 45.♠g1 ♙e6 46.♠c1 ♙c5+ 47.♚f2 ♙c4 48.♚d2 ♚d5 49.♚f2 ♙c6 50.♚d2 ♠d4 51.♙e3 ♙c2 52.♠e2 ♠e4 53.♠c1 ♙b2 54.♙c3 ♚xe2 55.♙xc6 ♙e3+ 56.♠h1 ♠g7 57.♙c7+ ♠h6 58.♠f1 ♙e2 59.♠f3 ♠e3 60.♠xe3 ♙xe3 61.♚d6 ♙e1+ 62.♠h2 ♙h4+ 63.♠g1 ♙e1+ ½-½

NZ Major Open report

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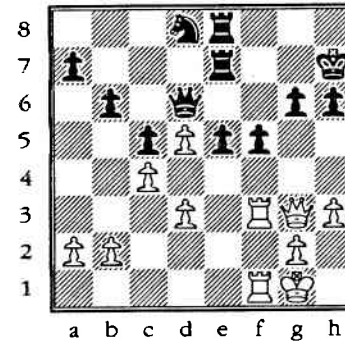
No	Player	Rtg	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	Pts	SOS
1	Hare, T.G.	1806	W45	W24	D6	W7	W15	W9	W3	D2	W13	D4	W5	9.5	
2	Arandjelovic, M.	1835	W21	D20	D14	W30	W34	W11	W9	D1	D3	W6	L4	8	76.0
3	Bennett, H.P.	1903	W53	L14	W40	W27	W8	W5	L1	W25	D2	D13	W10	8	72.0
4	Cooper, D.J.	1946	W44	W37	L10	L5	W48	W27	W14	D6	W12	D1	W2	8	71.0
5	Frankel, Z.	1643	W26	L9	W36	W4	W28	L3	W10	D12	W7	W8	L1	7.5	77.0
6	Metge, R.C.	1928	W39	W16	D1	L10	W35	W20	W13	D4	D8	L2	W9	7.5	76.0
7	Nuval, N.S.	1647	W49	D23	W19	L1	W17	L25	W35	W11	L5	W15	W13	7.5	70.0
8	Beach, P.K.	1867	W50	L13	W45	W26	L3	W34	W11	W9	D6	L5	W16	7.5	68.5
9	Dunn, P.	1825	W47	W5	W25	W13	W10	L1	L2	L8	W18	W9	L6	7	76.5
10	Casilang, A.S.	1757	W36	W27	W4	W6	L9	L13	L5	W22	W25	W19	L3	7	72.5
11	Gillis, R.	1923	W33	W18	D28	D14	W20	L2	L8	L7	W43	W23	W21	7	69.0
12	Gill, G.	1732	W41	W51	L13	L15	W53	W30	W22	D5	L4	D21	W20	7	64.5
13	Gibbons, R.E.	1892	W35	W8	W12	L9	W14	W10	L6	W16	L1	D3	L7	6.5	78.5
14	Rayner, E.P.	1697	W38	W3	D2	D11	L13	W26	L4	D17	L20	W29	W31	6.5	71.5
15	Dunn, A.S.	1594	D48	W44	W23	W12	L1	L16	L19	W35	W29	L7	W28	6.5	66.0
16	Cruden, N.B.	1715	W42	L6	W47	D35	W21	W15	D25	L13	D19	W26	L8	6.5	65.0
17	Huggins, J.	1293	L25	W54	D24	W23	L7	W39	D20	D14	D22	W33	D18	6.5	63.0
18	Mistry, P.	1689	W52	L11	D43	L48	W36	W51	W33	D19	L9	W25	D17	6.5	58.5
19	Hair, P.I.	1747	W46	D40	L7	D38	D33	W21	W15	D18	D16	L10	D22	6	65.5
20	Howard, M.I.	1677	W57	D2	W48	W28	L11	L6	D17	W43	W14	L20	L12	6	65.0
21	Macfarlane, A.L.	1433	L2	W57	W37	D25	L16	L19	W48	W44	W28	D12	L11	6	61.0
22	Mazur, J.J.	1582	W54	L25	L34	W41	W29	W37	L12	L10	D17	W35	D19	6	60.0
23	Evans, D.J.	1817	W43	D7	L15	L17	W44	L35	W54	D33	W36	L11	W26	6	59.5
24	Booth, A.J.	1630	W32	L1	D17	L43	L26	L46	D49	W55	W41	W34	W37	6	56.5
25	Aldridge, A.L.	1731	W17	W22	L9	D21	W43	W7	D16	L3	L10	L18	D27	5.5	71.0
26	Godfrey, P.	1218	L5	W46	W33	L8	W24	L14	D37	W30	W27	L16	L23	5.5	65.5
27	Jackson, L.R.	1642	W29	L10	W41	L3	W46	L4	W50	D28	L26	D31	D25	5.5	63.5
28	Rogers, C.	1740	W31	W30	D11	L20	L5	D43	W38	D27	L21	W44	L15	5.5	63.0
29	Bjelobrk, I.	1211	L27	L36	W55	W39	L22	W47	W30	D37	L15	L14	W44	5.5	55.0
30	Frost, E.G.A.	1600	W34	L28	W56	L2	W38	L12	L29	L26	W50	D32	W33	5.5	55.0
31	Gibson, M.	1327	L28	L34	L38	W52	L50	W32	W39	W54	W37	D27	L14	5.5	53.0
32	Wai, J.	1205	L24	L41	W52	L33	L45	L31	W58	W56	W39	D30	W43	5.5	45.5
33	Wilson, C.	1511	L11	W42	L26	W32	D19	W48	L18	D23	W34	L17	L30	5	62.0
34	Escrignano, J.	1031	L30	W31	W22	W40	L2	L8	L43	W42	L33	L24	W53	5	61.5
35	Farrington, L.B.	1454	L13	W55	W51	D16	L6	W23	L7	L15	W53	L22	D38	5	61.0
36	Otene, E.A.	1387	L10	W29	L5	D44	L18	D49	W40	W50	L23	L37	W48	5	58.0
37	Beesley, R.A.	1710	W55	L4	L21	W45	W47	L22	D26	D29	L31	W36	L24	5	58.0
38	Whitaker, B.	1237	L14	D53	W31	D19	L30	W40	L28	W45	L44	D43	D35	5	55.5
39	Bojtor, J.	1514	L6	L48	W50	L29	W55	L17	L31	W47	L32	W51	W49	5	51.5
40	Trundle, G.E.	1539	W56	D19	L3	L34	D51	L38	L36	W46	D49	W48	D42	5	51.0
41	Garland, M.	1295	L12	W32	L27	L22	L54	W57	W47	D53	L24	D49	W50	5	50.0
42	Norman, C.R.	1268	L16	L33	D49	L51	W52	L44	W57	L34	W46	W53	D40	5	48.5
43	Calder, R.J.	1409	L23	W49	D18	W24	L25	D28	W34	L20	L11	D38	L32	4.5	61.0
44	Lim, D.H.	1533	L4	L15	W57	D36	L23	W42	W46	L21	W38	L28	L29	4.5	60.0
45	Baldwin, P.A.	1387	L1	W50	L8	L37	W32	L54	W55	L38	L48	D47	W56	4.5	49.0
46	Voss, P.J.	1331	L19	L26	D53	W49	L27	W24	L44	L40	L42	W56	W54	4.5	48.0
47	Hooton, B.R.	1420	L9	W52	L16	W54	L37	L29	L41	L39	W56	D45	W55	4.5	48.0
48	Wilson, M.P.R.	961	D15	W39	L20	W18	L4	L33	L21	D49	W45	L40	L36	4	61.5
49	Ritchie, A.D.	1221	L7	L43	D42	L46	W56	D36	D24	D48	D40	D41	L39	4	52.0
50	Sullivan, G.J.	1227	L8	L45	L39	W58	W31	W53	L27	L36	L30	W55	L41	4	49.0
51	Wilson, J.K.	unr	bye	L12	L35	W42	D40	L18	L53	Ldef	W54	L39	D52	4	43.5
52	Munroe, D.R.	1230	L18	L47	L32	L31	L42	Wbye	W56	Ldef	W55	D54	D51	4	35.5
53	Morrison, M.K.	1454	L3	D38	D46	W56	L12	L50	W51	D41	L35	L42	L34	3.5	52.0
54	Potini, G.	unr	L22	L17	Wbye	L47	W41	W45	L23	L31	L51	D52	L46	3.5	50.0
55	Kesseler, A.J.	1262	L37	L35	L29	W57	L39	W56	L45	L24	L52	L50	L47	2	
56	Nepia, G.	unr	L40	Wbye	L30	L53	L49	L55	L52	L32	L47	L46	L45	1	42.0
57	Sullivan, B.C.	1227	L20	L21	L44	L55	Wbye	L41	L42	WITHDRAWN				1	28.0

Junior games

Here is one of the games in the 1996 Olympiad which helped gain a FIDE rating for Teresa Sheehan.

Raphaella NED - Sheehan, T

1.e4 e5 2.ϕf3 ϕf6 3.ϕc3 d6 4.h3 ϕe7 5.ϕc4 h6 6.d3 ϕbd7 7.ϕd2 c6 8.ϕb3 ϕc7 9.ϕh2 ϕf8 10.f4 exf4 11.ϕxf4 ϕe6 12.ϕe3 ϕd7 13.ϕf3 c5 14.ϕd5 ϕxd5 15.ϕxd5 ϕc6 16.ϕb3 ϕf6 17.c3 0-0 18.0-0 b6 19.ϕe1 ϕae8 20.ϕf2 ϕe7 21.ϕd5 ϕxd5 22.exd5 ϕd8 23.ϕf4 ϕe5 24.ϕxe5 dxe5 25.ϕg3 ϕfe8 26.ϕae1 ϕd6 27.c4 ϕh7 28.ϕh4 g6 29.ϕe3 f5 30.ϕef3



30...f4 31.ϕg4 h5 32.ϕf5
If 32.ϕg5 ϕf7.
32...hxg4 33.ϕxd6 gxf3 34.gxf3 ϕh8 35.ϕe4 ϕg7 36.ϕg2 ϕf7 37.b3 ϕd7 and Black's extra ϕ eventually prevailed (69 moves). 0-1

Waitemata's rising star
11-year-old Colm Hartigan continues to impress with his star potential by following third equal placing in Waitemata CC's 1996 winter with third equal in the club championship.
Here is one of Colm's games from the winter open.

Pollard, B - Hartigan, C Slav Defence

Notes by FM Bob Smith

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.ϕc3 ϕf6 4.ϕf3 ϕg4?!

4...Bg5
5.e3?!
5.ϕe5!?, ϕf4.
5...e6 6.ϕe2 g6?!
6...ϕd6, ϕbd7.
7.0-0 ϕc7?!
7...ϕg7
8.c5?!
8.ϕd2 with the idea of ϕc1.
8...ϕbd7 9.b4 ϕg7 10.ϕb2 0-0 11.a4 ϕxf3 12.ϕxf3 e5 13.ϕe2 ϕfe8 14.ϕd2 ϕe7 15.ϕfb1 ϕae8 16.b5 exd4 17.exd4 ϕe4 18.ϕxe4 ϕxe4 19.ϕf3 ϕe7 20.ϕc3 ϕf6 21.ϕd3 ϕe4 22.bxc6 bxc6 23.a5 ϕxc3! 24.ϕxc3 ϕf4 25.ϕb4 ϕxd4 Also ϕxd4!
26.ϕf1 ϕxc3 27.ϕxf4 ϕxa5 28.ϕa4 ϕc3 29.g3 a5 30.ϕg2 ϕe1 31.ϕa3 ϕxf1 32.ϕxf1 ϕb4 33.ϕa2 ϕe1+ 34.ϕg2 ϕc1 35.ϕe2 ϕxc5 36.ϕa6 ϕc3 37.ϕb7 d4 38.ϕf1 ϕc1+ 39.ϕe2 c5 0-1

No-one wins them all, as Colm found in this game against Paul Godfrey, which won a best game prize for Paul.

Hartigan, C - Godfrey, P

1.e4 e5 2.ϕf3 ϕc6 3.ϕb5 a6 4.ϕa4 ϕf6 5.0-0 ϕe7 6.ϕe1 b5 7.ϕb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 ϕxd5 10.ϕxe5 ϕxe5 11.ϕxe5 c6 12.d4 ϕd6 13.ϕe1 ϕh4 14.h3 ϕxh3 15.g3 ϕxg3 16.ϕe2 ϕg4 17.fxg3 ϕxg3+ 18.ϕg2 ϕxe1+ 19.ϕf1 ϕae8 20.ϕd2 ϕxf1+ 21.ϕxf1 ϕe3+ 22.ϕf2 ϕf5 23.ϕc2 ϕe2+ 24.ϕg1 ϕg3 25.ϕd3 ϕfe8 26.c4 ϕh3 27.cxb5 ϕg2# 0-1

The following game was played in the 1996 Howick-Pakuranga schoolpupils' tourney.

Chilvers, M - Gibson, M

1.e4 c5 2.ϕf3 ϕc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.ϕxd4 g6 5.ϕc3 ϕg7 6.ϕe3 ϕf6 7.ϕc4 ϕa5 8.f3 ϕb4 9.ϕb3 ϕxe4 10.ϕxc6 ϕxc3+ 11.ϕf1 bxc6 12.bxc3 ϕxc3!
12...ϕxc3!
13.ϕd4 ϕxd4 14.ϕxd4 0-0 15.ϕxc3 e6 16.ϕf2 d5 17.ϕa4 ϕd7 18.ϕab1 ϕad8 19.ϕb7 a5 20.ϕxa5 ϕa8 21.ϕb4 ϕfb8 22.ϕxb8+ ϕxb8 23.ϕc3 ϕa8 24.ϕb1 ϕxa4 25.ϕb8+ 1-0

New Zealand Rapid Championship 1997

No.	Player	Rtg	Cl	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	Pts	SOS
1	Rogers, I.	2600	—	W24	W12	W8	W2	W6	W3	W7	W11	D4	8	8.5
2	Dive, R.J.	2300	Cl	W29	W5	W7	L1	W31	W8	D6	D3	W11	7	7
3	Love, A.J.	2165	OT	W33	W16	D6	W26	W11	L1	W5	D2	D7	6.5	52.5
4	Ker, A.F.	2276	Cl	W32	D18	W27	L11	D28	W31	W17	W12	D1	6.5	46.5
5	Hart, R.	1971	NS	W41	L2	W33	W27	D13	W28	L3	W26	W6	6.5	45
6	Martin, B.M.S.	2311	OT	W28	W21	D3	W9	L1	W12	D2	W10	L5	6	55.5
7	Zakarta, F.	2160	—	W35	W23	L2	D16	W19	W13	L1	W18	D3	6	51
8	Smith, R.W.	2232	WT	W40	W31	L1	W14	W17	L2	L12	W23	W25	6	48.5
9	Watson, B.R.	2260	—	W25	W20	W17	L6	L12	W16	L11	W14	W21	6	47.5
10	Sinclair, M.	2123	PE	W44	D19	L26	W18	D16	W34	W21	L6	W17	6	42
11	Kulashko, A.	2108	AC	W15	D28	W18	W4	L3	W14	W9	L1	L2	5.5	54.5
12	Wastney, S.C.	1980	GA	W43	L1	W32	W34	W9	L6	W8	L4	D13	5.5	49.5
13	Barlow, M.J.	2089	NS	W37	D14	D19	W24	D5	L7	D26	W16	D12	5.5	46.5
14	Arandjelovic, M.	1835	AC	W47	D13	W48	L8	W22	L11	W20	L9	W26	5.5	45.5
15	Dunn, A.S.	1556	PT	L11	W45	L20	W36	W29	L18	W24	D19	W27	5.5	41.5
16	Bennett, H.P.	1938	HA	W38	L3	W30	D7	D10	L9	W33	L13	W32	5	46.5
17	Krstev, A.	2053	WT	W30	W34	L9	W23	L8	W24	L4	W32	L10	5	46.5
18	Guthrie, D.W.	1968	OT	W42	D4	L11	L10	W40	W15	W27	L7	D20	5	45.5
19	Dunn, P.	1894	Cl	W46	D10	D13	D21	L7	L22	W30	D15	W35	5	44.5
20	Elliott, D.B.	1943	NS	W39	L9	W15	L28	W33	D27	L14	W40	D18	5	42.5
21	Gill, G.	1977	WH	W54	L6	W25	D19	D26	W35	L10	W34	L9	5	41
22	Leonhardt, W.	2050	NS	W53	L27	L29	W43	L14	W19	W28	L25	W34	5	40
23	Burns, C.J.	1915	WA	W36	L7	W37	L17	L35	W53	W41	L8	W33	5	40
24	Aldridge, A.L.	1739	Cl	L1	W43	W52	L13	W41	L17	L15	W42	W31	5	39
25	Beesley, R.A.	1698	AC	L9	W39	L21	L41	W49	W43	W31	W22	L8	5	38.5
26	Gibbons, R.E.	1889	GA	W45	D11	W10	L3	D21	W48	D13	L5	L14	4.5	49
27	Rogers, C.	1740	—	W51	W22	L4	L5	W37	D20	L18	W28	L15	4.5	44
28	Vetharaniam, P.	1738	WA	L6	W54	W36	W20	D4	L5	L22	L27	W37	4.5	42.5
29	Aslam, N.	1722	NS	L2	W41	W22	L31	L15	D30	L40	W44	W42	4.5	38.5
30	Howard, M.I.	1481	NS	L17	W50	L16	L48	W36	D29	L19	W43	W40	4.5	37.5
31	van Dijk, P.	1941	WH	W49	L8	W44	W29	L2	L4	L25	W41	L24	4	42.5
32	Mistry, P.	1704	NS	L4	W42	L12	W53	L48	W45	W37	L17	L16	4	41.5
33	Evans, T.	1602	NS	L3	W38	L5	W42	L20	W52	L16	W36	L23	4	40
34	Macdonald, P.	1750	AC	W50	L17	W53	L12	W44	L10	W35	L21	L22	4	39.5
35	Perry, R.L.	1582	AC	L7	L36	W40	W39	W23	L21	L34	W46	L19	4	39
36	Bjelobrk, I.	1211	—	L23	W35	L28	L15	L30	W47	W38	L33	W41	4	37
37	Okey, K.M.	1528	NP	L13	W47	L23	W46	L27	W42	L32	W45	L28	4	35
38	Judkins, G.L.	1236	GA	L16	L33	W51	L44	L53	W49	L36	W50	W45	4	29.5
39	Garland, M.	1339	WT	L20	L25	W50	L35	L45	L40	W49	W54	W46	4	29
40	Hair, P.I.	1631	NS	L8	D49	L35	W52	L18	W39	W29	L20	L30	3.5	
41	Collins, M.D.	1350	—	L5	L29	W45	W25	L24	W44	L23	L31	L36	3	39.5
42	Otene, E.A.	1347	AC	L18	L32	W47	L33	W46	L37	W44	L24	L29	3	35.5
43	van den Bosch, K.	1367	HP	L12	L24	W49	L22	W47	L25	L45	L30	W51	3	35.5
44	Frost, E.G.A.	1558	WE	L10	W46	L31	W38	L34	L41	L42	L29	W49	3	34
45	Sullivan, A.G.	1200	—	L26	L15	L41	W50	W39	L32	W43	L37	L38	3	33.5
47	Jackson, M.	976	HA	L14	L37	L42	W51	L43	L36	W50	L49	W54	3	27
48	Green, E.M.	2161	HP	—	—	W52	L14	W30	W32	L26	Withdrawn		3	19.5
49	Kesseler, A.J.	1262	WT	L31	D40	L43	W54	L25	L38	L39	W47	L44	2.5	
50	Batinica, N.	622	WT	L34	L30	L39	L45	L51	W54	L47	L38	W52	2	27
51	Gothorp, T.H.T.	unnr	WI	L27	L53	L38	L47	W50	L46	L54	W52	L43	2	26
52	Bullock, O.F.	unnr	—	bye	L48	L24	L40	W54	L33	L46	L51	L50	2	26
53	Hromic, H.M.	1450	NS	L22	W51	L34	L32	W38	L23	Withdrawn			2	23.5
54	Riley, B.	1352	NS	L21	L28	L46	L49	L52	L50	W51	L39	L47	1	

New Zealand Rapid Championship 1997

By NM Peter Stuart

Martin, BMS – Rogers, I

Round 5 [B63]

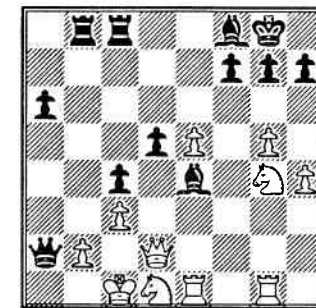
A good field of 54 contested the two-day Rapid Championship on 10/11 January. With 23 entrants who had not played in the main Congress events, total Congress competitors exceeded 100. The newcomers included such high-rated players as Bruce Watson, Ewen Green, Ralph Hart, Wolf Leonhardt and Darryn Elliott, who combined with Championship players in a very strong field.

There was no doubt about favourite, Australian grandmaster Ian Rogers, and he soon demonstrated that his rapid chess was, if anything, even more awesome than his standard chess as he mowed down top contenders one after the other. Just when a picket fence looked likely last-round opponent Anthony Ker gained a draw, even looking for a short while to have chances for success in a knight ending. Ker's draw cost Tony Love ten jugs of beer; the Otago player had generously given odds of ten-to-one to Martin Dreyer that Rogers would win every game.

Going into that last round Rogers had stretched his lead to a full two points but the race for second place, and the national title, remained very close with a group of four players on 6/8: in seeding order Ben Martin, Russell Dive, Anthony Ker and Tony Love. On 5½ were new national champion Alexei Kulashko plus Malaysian player Fairin Zakaria and North Shore's Ralph Hart. As mentioned Ker drew his final game, while Love drew with Zakaria and Martin lost to Hart. This left the key game between Dive and Kulashko. The former Russian, whom the Swiss rules treated harshly as far as colours were concerned in the main event, here got his third black in a row and lost. Thus Russell took sole possession of second place and his second outright win of the rapid title. Hart, Ker and Love split the third place prize money.

The most interesting games follow.

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4 ♖f6 5.♗c3 ♗c6 6.♗g5 e6 7.♗e2 ♗e7 8.♗d2 0-0 9.♗b3 a6 10.0-0-0 ♗b6 11.♗e3 ♗c7 12.g4 b5 13.g5 ♗d7 14.h4 ♗b6 15.♗dg1 ♗e5 16.♗xb6 ♗xb6 17.f4 ♗c4 18.♗xc4 bxc4 19.♗d4 ♗b8 20.♗d1 ♗b7 21.♗e1 ♗fc8 22.c3 e5 23.♗f5 ♗f8 24.♗hg1 ♗xe4 25.♗fe3 ♗a5 26.♗g4 d5 27.fxc5 ♗xa2



28.♗xe4 dxe4 9.♗h6+ gxf6 30.gxf6+ ♗h8 31.♗g5 ♗xh6 32.♗xh6 ♗a1+ 33.♗d2 ♗d8+ 34.♗c2 ♗a4+ 35.♗c1 ♗xd1+ 36.♗xd1 ♗a1+ 37.♗d2 ♗d8+ 38.♗e3 ♗xd1 39.♗f6+ ♗g8 40.♗g5+ ♗f8 41.♗h6+ ♗e8 0-1

Love, AJ – Kulashko, A

Round 5

1.e4 c5 2.♗c3 e6 3.♗f3 d6 4.d4 cxd4 5.♗xd4 ♖f6 6.♗e3 ♗e7 7.f3 0-0 8.♗d2 ♗c6 9.0-0-0 a6 10.g4 ♗xd4 11.♗xd4 b5 12.h4 b4 13.♗a4 ♗b8 14.h5 ♗d7 15.b3 ♗xa4 16.bxa4 ♗a5 17.g5 ♗d7 18.g6 e5 19.♗e3 ♖f6 20.♗c4 ♗xa4 21.h6 d5 22.exd5 ♗d6 23.gxf7+ ♖xf7 24.hxg7 b3 25.gxf8 ♗+ ♖xf8 26.cxb3 ♗a3+ 27.♗b1 ♗xc4 28.♗c2 ♗a4 29.♗xh7 1-0

Smith, RW – Krstev, A

Round 5, [C17]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♗c3 ♗b4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 ♗a5 6.b4 cxd4 7.♗b5 ♗c7 8.f4 ♖6 9.♗d3 ♗c6 10.♗h5+ ♖f8 11.♗f3 a6 12.♗xc7 ♗xc7 13.0-0 ♗d7 14.♗g5 ♖g5 15.♖g5+ ♗e7 16.♗f7+ ♗d8 17.♗xg7 ♗xe5 18.♗f8+ ♗e8 19.♗xb7 ♗b8 20.♗xc6 ♗e1+ 21.♗f1 ♗e7 22.♗c5+ ♗d7 23.♗f4 1-0

Peter Stuart elected life member of NZCF

The New Zealand Chess Federation now has two life members, as NM Peter Stuart, of North Shore CC was elected to this office at the recent annual meeting of the federation. The honour is rarely bestowed, and is awarded for outstanding service to New Zealand chess over many years.

IM Ortvin Sarapu was elected a life member for his distinguished efforts as a player and coach, lifting the image of the game as New Zealand's "Mr Chess." Peter Stuart joins Ortvin because of his work for chess in many roles over the past 20 years.

Peter has been a member of the NZCF Council since 1977, and while headquarters were in Auckland he was president for five years, from 1980-84. He has also had two spells as editor of *NZ Chess*, from 1976-1980 and from 1982-85, and since 1985 has edited the overseas news.

In the North Shore CC he has been a member of the club committee since his school days (dates not mentioned in his cv!) and for most of the time has been club captain. North Shore has been one of the most active clubs in the country in recent times, catering for juniors as well as top players and also a strong mid-strength club membership. He has also served several terms as president of the Auckland Chess Association over the last 20 years.

Peter has been the chief organiser of no fewer than five NZCF congresses, as well as numerous weekend tournaments.

He edited the NZCF Handbook which has been the main reference for running tournaments over the past 10 years, and when Council set up a technical committee Peter and IA Bob Gibbons formed a working partnership whose efforts include drawing up the new swiss pairing rules which were adopted last year. Another continuing function is keeping the tally of NZ Master points, and he has been registrar for 10 years.

By Ted Frost

Peter has been involved in 26 of the last 28 congresses, either as a player or organiser. His best result in the championship has been 2nd, but he has played in 22 NZ Championships, which he remarks is more than anyone else who hasn't won it. Needless to say, his consistent efforts earned him the New Zealand Master title. While Peter has not won the NZ Championship over the board, he has taken national titles - he won the NZ correspondence championship twice (1990-91 and 1991-92), and has also won the lightning tournament held at Congress (in 1981-82).

At six Olympiads

As a New Zealand representative, Peter played in three Olympiads (1972, 1974 and 1978) and he was captain/manager of the team at the next three Olympiads (1980, 1982 and 1984).

Peter Stuart was nominated for life membership by North Shore CC, and the proposal was strongly supported by a number of clubs. Election deservedly was carried by acclamation at the annual meeting.

After discussion with North Shore CC, and knowing that the proposal would be adopted by the annual meeting (it was unanimous), it was felt that it would be a worthy addition to the club's 40th anniversary celebration and also give a lift to the start of a memorable congress to announce the award at the players' meeting at the opening of congress, which is the largest gathering of chess players and administrators in New Zealand each year. This also enabled the presentation to be a complete surprise to Peter.

As a result, at the players' meeting at the opening of congress I was privileged to be able to present an inscribed silver tray to Peter as a token of the chess community's recognition of his service.

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Selected games

Peter Stuart is modest about his playing achievements - he says he has the dubious distinction of having more indecisive games in the New Zealand Championship than anyone else. However, he has provided some games to accompany this report, and they follow, with his comments and notes.

When Ted asked me for a couple of games I was somewhat embarrassed as usually my opponents don't let me play brilliantly - leastways that's my excuse! The first game was played in one of my better tournaments, the second in one of my worst, when I was involved in the tournament organisation. Anthony, so lucky(!) in many of our encounters was certainly unlucky in this event as I never even looked likely to win another game. The third game shows, I think, that some draws can be just as entertaining as decisive games; unfortunately both players were too punch-drunk to entertain the idea of a post mortem so the notes perhaps do not do the game justice.

Stuart, PW - Martin, BMS

[E41]

NZ Chp 94, Wanganui, R9, 6-1-87

Notes by NM Peter Stuart

1.d4 2.f3 2.c4 e6 3.2c3 2b4 4.e3 c5 5.2d3 2c6 6.2f3 2xc3+ 7.bxc3 d6 8.0-0 e5 9.2g5 2d7?!

9...2e7 or 9...0-0 are theory.

10.f4 2e7 11.2e4

Consulting ECO I found that the subsequent game Dive-Ker, Wellington (Plaza) 1988, reached this position by transposition and continued 11.2e4 2xe4 12.2xe4 0-0-0 13.fxex5 dxe5 14.2d5 f6 15.2b1 2a5 16.2f3 2c6 with a slight advantage for White. The game was drawn.

11...exd4 12.2fx6+ 2xf6 13.cxd4 0-0

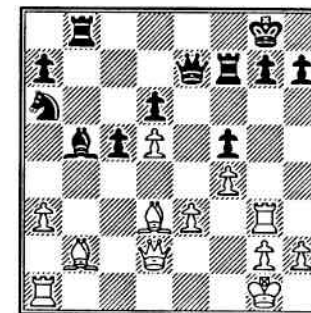
13...cxd4 14.2b2 regains the pawn with a pleasant position.

14.2b2 2e7 15.2d2 2b4 16.2b1 2ae8 17.a3 2a6

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17...2c6 invites a pawn roller.

18.2f3 f5 19.2g3 2f7 20.d5 2b8 21.2d3 b5 22.cxb5 2xb5



23.2xf5!? 2c7?

...2xf5 24.2xg7+ 2xg7 25.2xg7 2xg7 26.e4 2ff8 27.e5 is unclear but, with time pressure looming, the white pawn centre must have looked daunting. Nevertheless this was Black's best chance.

24.2c2

24.e4 is also strong.

24...2a4

24.2xd5 25.2xh7+ 2f8 26.2g6 is hopeless for Black.

25.2xh7+ 2h8

25...2f8 26.2xa4 2xb2 27.2g6+-.

26.2g6!

26.2xa4 2xb2 27.2h3 also wins.

26...2xb2 27.2h5 2f6 28.2h3!+- g6

29.2xg6+ 2g8 30.2xf7+ 2f8

30...2xf7 31.2h8#.

31.2e6 2xe6 32.dxe6 2c6 33.2h8+ 2xh8

34.2xh8+ 2g7 35.2c8 2xg2+ 36.2f1 2e4

37.e7 1-0

Stuart, PW - Ker, AF

[B40]

NZ Chp 95, N.Shore, R6, 3-1-88

Notes by NM Peter Stuart

1.d4 e6 2.2f3 c5?

Rather rash as, although I virtually never open with 1 e4, I am a Sicilian player and this is an opening that Anthony had little

experience with other than on the white side of the vegetarian 2.c3.

3.e4! cxd4 4.ϕxd4 ϕf6

Had Black played 2...Nc6 I might have known what I was doing! As it was we were both now "on our own" theory-wise.

5.ϕc3 ϕb4 6.ϕdb5

6.e5! is the best answer to this obscure line.

6...d5

6...ϕc6 enters a slightly more well-known line while 6...0-0 may also be playable.

7.e5

7.ϕf4 0-0 8.ϕc7 ϕxe4 is attributed to Plachetka in ECO.

7...ϕe4 8.ϕg4 a6

8...ϕf8!?

9.ϕxg7 ϕf8 10.ϕd6+!

10.f3 also came into consideration.

10...ϕxd6 11.exd6 ϕxd6 12.ϕh6 ϕd7 13.0-0-0!± ϕxc3 14.bxc3 ϕa3+ 15.ϕb1 b5

15...ϕc5 16.ϕxh7 ϕf6 17.ϕg7 ϕd7 18.ϕe3 is not much of an improvement.

16.ϕxh7 b4

16...ϕf6 17.ϕxf8.

17.c4 ϕc5 18.ϕg7 ϕd7 19.cxd5 e5 20.d6+- ϕc3 21.ϕg5 f6 22.ϕf5! 1-0

Garbett, PA - Stuart, PW

[B44]

North Shore CC Chp R7 [7-8-91]

Notes by NM Peter Stuart

1.e4 c5 2.ϕf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.ϕxd4 ϕc6 5.ϕb5 d6 6.c4 ϕf6 7.ϕ5c3 ϕe7 8.ϕe2 0-0 9.a3 b6 10.f4 ϕb7 11.b3 a6!?

11...ϕc8 12.ϕf3 ϕb8 13.ϕa2 a6 14.g4 ϕc7 15.g5 ϕf7 16.ϕe3 b5 17.cxb5 axb5 18.b4 ϕc6 19.ϕg2 ϕfe8 20.0-0 Rantanen-Paavilainen 1990.

12.ϕa2 ϕc7 13.ϕf3 ϕf8 14.g4 d5!

A known idea, e.g. as in several games of the first Karpov-Kasparov match in a different line of the Taimanov.

15.cxd5 exd5 16.exd5 ϕa5 17.ϕe3 ϕd6

Black has enough for the pawn which impedes the white pieces while the white king has no obvious haven.

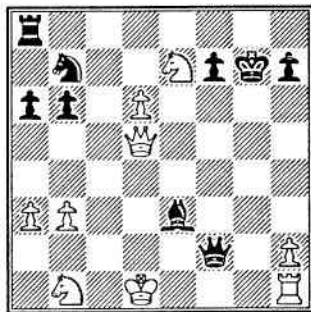
18.g5 ϕe8 19.ϕe2 ϕxf4 20.gxf6

20.ϕxf4 ϕxf4 21.gxf6 ϕxf3 22.ϕf1 ϕxe2+ 23.ϕxe2 ϕxe2+ 24.ϕxe2 ϕxb3+.

20...ϕxe3 21.ϕxe3 ϕxe3 22.d6 ϕd7 23.ϕxb7 ϕxb7 24.ϕd5 ϕh3

24...ϕe8 25.ϕe7+ ϕh8 26.fxg7+ is similar to the game.

25.ϕe7+ ϕh8 26.fxg7+ ϕxg7 27.ϕd5 ϕh4+ 28.ϕe2 ϕf2+ 29.ϕd1



29...ϕd8! 30.ϕe5+ f6 31.ϕf5+ ϕg6 32.ϕe7+ ϕg7 33.ϕxe3

A typical Garbett move. I daresay Paul, with more time, saw more of what follows than I did. White will win if Black fails to find the right answers but may well come out worse otherwise. The alternative is repetition but the tournament situation demanded he win.

33...ϕxd6+

Of course 33...ϕxe3 34.ϕf5+ ϕf7 35.ϕxe3 is hopeless.

34.ϕd2 ϕxd2+! 35.ϕxd2 ϕf3+ 36.ϕc2 ϕxh1 37.ϕf5+ ϕf7

37...ϕg6! was the right move: 38.ϕh4+ ϕh5 39.ϕg2 ϕc5 and Black's extra pawn allows him winning chances. After the text both players have to be happy with repetition.

38.ϕd7+ ϕg6 39.ϕe7+ ϕh6 40.ϕg8+ ϕg6 41.ϕg4+ ½-½

FIDE president Iljumzhinov plans to build a chess city "of the future" in his Kalmyk capital of Elista, and to have the Chess Palace and hotel and business centre ready for the 1997 Olympiad. More in NZ Chess April.

New Zealand news

North Shore

Leonard McLaren conceded just three draws in winning the North Shore CC championship with 8½/10, well clear of Matthew Barlow and Peter Stuart, each on 6 and Wolfgang Leonhardt on 4. Prashant Mistry won the B grade with 8/11, a point ahead of a quadruple tie on 7 between Jim Mathieson, Brenton Emett, Michael Howard and Daniel Johns. David Munroe won the C grade by the barest of margins, with 6½/10 in a double-round event. He was just half a point ahead of Mark Le Brocq, with another half-point back to Graham Wagstaff and Leo Gevers.

Waitemata

Waitemata CC's 1996 championship was won by defending titleholder Bob Smith with 6/6 in the finals. Runner-up on 5 was improving junior Alan Macfarlane and 3= were 11-year-old Colm Hartigan (the youngest championship finalist in club history), John O'Connor and Lindsay Kerrigan, all on 3. The title is Smith's 20th, 19 of them in a row.

The reserve championship was won by new member Antonio Krstev with 6½/7. However, his high international rating precluded Antonio from taking the trophy, which went to second placegetter Bruce Pollard on 5½. Other leading scores were Colin Walker and Mana Garland 5, Lee Smith, Lama Ah-Chee, Paul Godfrey and Rob Calder on 4. 16 players competed.

Waitemata's most improved player award for 1996 went to Alan Macfarlane, while the Junior Cup was shared by Macfarlane and Colm Hartigan.

ACA Invitational

Bob Smith and Alexei Kulashko shared honours in the Auckland Chess Association's invitational tournament, each scoring 3½/5 in a closely fought event. Ortvin Sarapu and Robert Goris were 3= on

3, with Ralph Hart on 2. Smith lost to Sarapu and drew with Goris, while Kulashko lost to Smith and drew with Hart.

Auckland

Auckland CC played its 1996 championships with two qualifying round robin sections in the A grade, followed by a play-off between the top six, and a Major Open for other players which was a 10-round swiss with 29 players.

Alexei Kulashko won qualifying group A with 4½/5 (draw with IM Ortvin Sarapu), ahead of Sarapu and Michael Steadman on 3 and Bruce Wheeler on 2½. Nigel Hopewell won the other qualifying group with 4/5 (two draws), ahead of Ivan Radojevic, John Robinson and Roger Perry, all on 3.

Alexei Kulashko took the title with a 5/5 clean sweep in the play-offs, ahead of Nigel Hopewell 3 and Michael Steadman and Ortvin Sarapu on 2½.

Noel Nuval and Richard Beesley, each with 8/10, shared honours in the keenly contested major open, with a loss and two draws each. They just headed Boris Zarkovic and Michael Gibson on 7½, with Zarkovic leading into the last round but losing to Gibson. Keith Chandler, Aidan, Jack Frost and Jonathan Huggins were 5= on 6.

Howick-Pakuranga

Howick-Pakuranga played four round robins in November-December, with Fuatal Fuatal scoring 4½/5 (draw with Craig Blaxall) to take out the top section ahead of Blaxall 3½ and Anthony Booth 3. Clive Wilson scored a 5/5 picket fence to win the second group, ahead of Ken Williams and Tertius van der Walt on 3. In the third group Clive Norman also scored a 5/5 picket fence, ahead of Rhys Starr 4 and Alastair Nicoll 3. There was yet another picket fence in the fourth division, won by Julian Wal with 5 ahead of Dave Rawnsley and Kees van den Bosch on 3.

Wanganui

Michael Freeman is Wanganui CC champion, taking the title with an unbeaten 6/8 in a double-round tournament. Martin Post and Dave Cooper shared second on 4½, ahead of Andrew Packer on 4. **Wayne Boswell** won the A reserve, with 5½/8, just ahead of David Bell and Gordon Hoskyn on 5. John Williams scored 10/12 to win the B grade championship, well clear of Dilbagh Sangha 8, Shaun Street 7½ and Tim Mitchell 6½.

The club also ran two rating tournaments, with Dilbagh Sangha and Kelly Forrest, each 4/5, winning the first ahead of Kevin Yorston. The second was won by John Wilson 5, ahead of Chas Ward 3½ and Gareth Lisle 3.

Upper Hutt

Tony Price has won the Upper Hutt CC championship with 5/6, after drawing his first game with Gerald Carter and his last with Don Stracy. Carter lost to Stracy in the last round and finished 2= with Matthew Reweti on 4, ahead of Stracy on 3½. **John Braddock**, with 6/8, won the double-round B grade, ahead of Glen Sullivan 5 and Bernie Newman and Clarrie Webber 3½. **Jack Cameron** took the C grade with 4½/7, just half a point ahead of Bill Orr, with Roger Smith, Troy Robinson and Leo Symmans on 3.

Petone

IM Russell Dive conceded only one draw, to FM Jonathan Sarfati, in winning Petone CC's 1996 championship with 9½/10. Sarfati scored 8 (4 draws) to finish second in the 11-player round robin ahead of Anthony Ker 7½, Mark Noble 7, Rajko Mastilovich and Mark van der Hoorn 6, Gavin Marner 5½, Arthur Pomeroy 5 and Philip Monrad 4½.

Civic

With 11 players rated from 2296 down to 1706, and including an IM for the first time, the 1996 Civic championship was the

strongest for many years. Though one or two players did play above themselves, they were all outshone by **Anthony Ker**, who went through the tournament with a 10-point picket fence. He was well clear of IM Russell Dive, 8, who lost to the winner and also to Paul Tuffery. Stephen Lukey 7½ was 3rd, followed by Arthur Pomeroy 5½ and Paul Tuffery and Paul Dunn 4½.

Don Stracy won the B grade with 7½/10, ahead of Peter King 6½, who was seeded in midfield. Scott Macleod, Robert Eedwards and Julian Mazur were 3= on 4½.

Wellington

Shamnika Rupasinghe won the 1996 Wellington CC championship, with 11 points in the double-round event, ahead of Justin Phillips 9, Michael Nyberg 6½, Ted Frost 6, Julian Mazur 5½ and Ross Jackson 5. **Lawrence Farrington** and **Patrick Savage** shared the B grade on 8, ahead of Robert Henry 7 and Joshua Moore 6½.

Raymond Chew and **Michael Nyberg** shared top place in the club's Junior A championship, with 4/5, ahead of Patrick Savage and Jonathan Nicholls 3. **Arvind Vinjimoore** won the Junior B with 3 points, ahead of Dushan and Shevon Weerasuriya, each on 2. **Jeffrey Rogers** won the Junior C with 3 points, ahead of Jackson Laidlaw 2.

Ingrid Bauer made history, winning the first-ever girls' championship played in the club, with 3/3, ahead of Tracy Collen 2.

Colin Chow, **Keith Bauer** and **Raymond Chew** all scored 4 points in a junior 5-round winter swiss, ahead of Shevon Weerasuriya, Michael Nyberg, Patrick Savage and Jonathan Nichols on 3.

Zyg Frankel won the Spring Open, with a clean sweep of 5/5, ahead of Ted Frost and Michael Nyberg 3½ and Jose Escribano 3. **Michael Nyberg**, **Raymond Chew** and **Nicholas Croad** all scored 5 in the junior spring open. **Ross Jackson** and **Michael Nyberg** won summer minis.

Ashburton

Ken Pow won the 1996 Ashburton CC championship with 8/10, losing to upset specialist Roy Keeling but beating runner-up Stewart Bennett in the title-deciding game. Bennett scored 7½, followed by Rex Scarf 6½ and Nigel Richardson, Zig Urbanski and Allan Mulligan on 5½.

Ashburton CC's 1996 rapid championship was run as a round robin with 23 players.

Otago

A relative newcomer in **Jacob Feenstra** has won the Otago CC championship, with 8½/11, clear of Aaron Batchelor on 7 and John Sutherland on 6. Tony Love did not play and David Guthrie completed only a few games. **Terry Duffield** took the intermediate title with the solid score of 9/11, clear of David Reid on 7½ and Chris Bannister 6. The junior title went to **Anthony Ritchie**, with 7, ahead of Pascal Harris on 6.

The club had a highly successful year with rapid tournaments. There was an excellent turnout of 16 players for the Westpac spring rapid, with **Tony Dowden**, **Tony Love** and **David Guthrie** again dominant. They finished with 4½/6 each to share top honours. Love recovered from a first-round loss to Hamish Gold by beating Guthrie, who had earlier beaten Dowden. Gold won the upset prize with his win over Love. The B grade was won by **Darrin Heperi** 4/6, ahead of Gold and Invercargill's Robert Mackway-Jones on 3. Pascal Harris 3/6 won the C grade.

Numbers increased again, to 24, for the Westpac summer rapid, and it was a top quality field headed by **IM Ben Martin**, who shared first place with top junior **David Guthrie**, on 5/6. Guthrie beat Martin, but lost to Tony Love, who shared 3= with Tony Dowden on 4½. **Terry Duffield** and **Ismail Kyaw Pau** winning the C grade on 3, ahead of **Jadallah** shared B grade honours on 4, with **Michael Stevenson** 2½.

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1996 junior players of the year

Russell Metge PT, the current NZ junior champion, and David Guthrie OT, who played above his FIDE rating in the 1996 Asian Junior and World Junior Championships, were both in contention for award of the Marsick Memorial Trophy for 1996 Junior Player of the Year.

After considering the results of Congress, the NZCF Tournament Committee decided that the award should be shared, so Russell and David are joint holders of the trophy this year. David has now won or shared the trophy each of the three years it has been awarded.

Richard Sutton heralded his return to Dunedin after a sojourn in Wellington with a win in the Labour weekend rapid, scoring 5/6 (draw with Tony Love). Richard Rayner also took a half-point from Love, which kept the latter in second on 5, with Rayner 3rd on 3½, just ahead of a multiple tie.

Tony Love romped away with the club rapid championship, with 6½/8, 3 points clear of Jacob Feenstra and Aaron Batchelor in a tournament which left a number of games unplayed. **Ismail Jadallah** scored 8/10 to win the intermediate from Terry Duffield on 6. **Chris Bannister** 3/4 won the C grade from T Casey 2½.

A double round robin 60/60 was also played in the latter part of the year, and **Graham Haase** 5½/8 won the A grade, well clear of Jacob Feenstra on 3. **Ismail Jadallah** 7½/12 won the B grade from Trevor Rowell 6½ and John van Zoomeron 6, while Pascal Harris won the C grade.

Junior age groups

Players born in 1976 move out of the FIDE (and NZ) junior category this year. The age limits for NZCF junior events this year are:

- Junior, born on or after January 1, 1977.
- Under 16, born on or after Jan 1, 1981.
- Under 12, born on or after Jan 1, 1985.

1996 world junior championship

The winner of the 1996 world junior championship was a 19-year-old Israeli player, Emil Sutovskij, an IM who has a FIDE rating of 2565. He headed a field of 58 which included 3 GMs and about 20 IMs. The girls' title was taken by 20-year-old Chen Zsu, of China, one of the three women grandmasters in the field of 37, and with a FIDE rating of 2420. She scored 12 points in the 13 rounds.

This indicates how much junior chess has advanced around the world, and how tough the competition has become. In scoring 6 points, David Guthrie won four games in a row in mid-tournament, which meant meeting stronger opponents in successive rounds. In round 11 he beat an IM and although he faded in the last two rounds the final result means he will have improved his FIDE rating. Here are two of David's wins.

Echavarria, J COL 2235 – Guthrie, D 2100
Round 10

Notes by IM Ortvin Sarapu

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4 ♖f6
5.♗c3 a6 6.♗c4 e6 7.♗b3 b5

In my game against G Kasparov in the 1982 Olympiad in Lucerne, Kasparov played 7...♗e7 8.0-0 b5 9.a3 0-0 10.♗e3 ♗b7! etc.

8.f4 ♗b7 9.0-0 ♗e7 10.e5 dxe5 11.fxe5 ♗c5
12.♗e3 ♗c6 13.exf6 ♗xd4 14.fxg7 ♗xe3+
15.♗h1 ♗g8 16.♗f3!

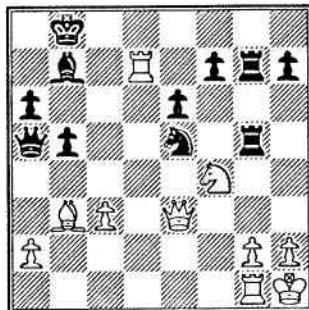
After a string of exchanges, White regains his piece.

16...♗xg7 17.♗xe3 ♗d4 18.♗d5 0-0-0
19.♗f4 ♗xb2 20.♗b6+ ♗c7 21.♗g1 ♗d4

Neither ♗ is safely placed. White has a weak g2 and the Black ♗ is loose on the ♗side. As David is a ♗ up he does not mind further exchanges to get a superior endgame.
22.♗f2 ♗dg4 23.c3 ♗a3 24.♗d2 ♗4g5
25.♗d7+ ♗b8 26.♗d5 ♗a5

He could not take 26...exd5 as after 27.♗e8+ ♗a7 28.♗c8 White has a strong attack.

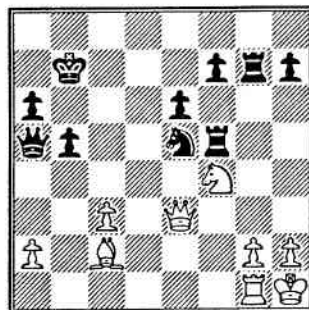
27.♗f4 ♗e5



28.♗xb7+!

A nice combination, which is sound. But David does not lose his head and finds the counter!

28...♗xb7 29.h4 ♗f5 30.♗c2



30...♗xf4!

Black returns the exchange and finds counter-threats.

31.♗xf4 ♗g4 32.♗f2 ♗xc3 33.♗e1 f5 34.♗b3
♗d3 35.♗f3+ ♗c6 36.♗xe6 ♗xh4+ 37.♗g1
♗xf3 38.gxf3 ♗c5

After simplification Black is 2 ♗s up, but White has the initiative.

39.♗d5+ ♗a7 40.♗c6 ♗a4 41.♗e6 ♗h6
42.♗c7+ ♗b6 43.♗e7 f4 44.♗b3 ♗c3 45.♗f7
a5!

Black's winning chances are on the ♗side.

46.♗f8 a4 47.♗g8 b4 48.♗f1 ♗h2 49.♗xf4
♗xa2 50.♗xa2 ♗xa2 51.♗xb4+ ♗c5!

NZ Chess

If White's ♗ was on g3 he might draw the game. The ♗ on f1 is cut off and it is possible to queen the a-♗ with check.

52.♗h4 a3 53.♗xh7 ♗b2!

The promoting move. After a2 and Rb1+ Black promotes the ♗.

54.♗h5+ ♗d6 55.♗h6+ ♗e5 56.♗h5+ ♗f6
57.♗a5 a2 58.♗a6+ ♗f5 59.♗a5+ ♗f4
60.♗a4+ ♗g3 0-1

Guthrie, D – Ginzburg, M ARG IM 2425
Round 11

Notes by IM Ortvin Sarapu

1.d4

GM E Boguljubov once wrote a book "1.d2-d4!" Perhaps David has the same idea. He always plays 1.d4.

1...♗f6 2.♗f3 c5 3.d5 e6 4.c4 exd5 5.cxd5
d6 6.♗c3 g6 7.e4 ♗g7 8.♗e2

The main line (Hartston). A safe choice. The Benoni deferred was played by Tal as Black in many games.

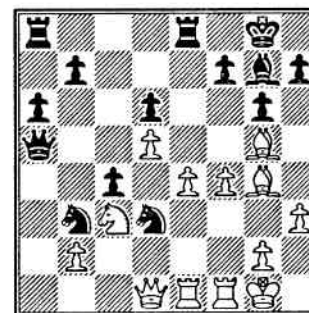
8...0-0 9.0-0 a6 10.a4 ♗g4 11.h3 ♗xf3
12.♗xf3 ♗bd7 13.♗c2 ♗e8 14.♗d2

Better is 14.♗g5, which he played later. David's openings did not show up much in this tournament.

14...c4 15.a5 ♗c5 16.♗g5 ♗b3 17.♗ae1 ♗xa5

Black has come out of the opening with a satisfactory game. He has even won a ♗.

18.♗d1 ♗d7 19.♗g4 ♗dc5 20.f4 ♗d3



21.e5!?

Now David is using his tactical and attacking ability to make counterplay.

21...dxe5 22.f5!

NZ Chess

White's attack starts to be dangerous. It is unclear how correct it is. But there is danger for Black along the f-file.

22...♗xe1 23.♗xe1 e4 24.♗h4 ♗c5+ 25.♗h1
e3 26.f6!

Now the dark squares g7 and h6 are weak.

26...♗f8 27.♗e6!

Threatening ♗xf7+ and then ♗xh7+. The best defence seems to be ♗c7, defending f7. But then 28.♗h6 has new threats – ♗xf8 and ♗h6, ♗g7++.

27...h5 28.♗g3

Black cracks under pressure. Here he should have played ♗d4.

28...♗d6? 29.♗f4 ♗xf4 30.♗xg6+ 1-0

Here is one of the winner's games. The loser is an Estonian IM with a FIDE rating of 2405.

Kulaotz, K EST – Sutovskij, E ISR
Round 11 [B87]

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4 ♖f6
5.♗c3 a6 6.♗c4 e6 7.0-0 b5 8.♗b3 ♗e7 9.f4
♗b7 10.♗e3 b4 11.e5 bxc3 12.exf6 ♗xf6
13.bxc3 ♗d7 14.♗f3 ♗c5 15.f5 ♗xb3 16.axb3
h5 17.♗d1 e5 18.♗f3 0-0 19.♗e1 ♗c7 20.c4
h4 21.♗g4 d5 22.♗g5 ♗b6+ 23.♗f2 e4 24.c5
♗d8 25.♗xf6 ♗xf6 26.c3 ♗fe8 27.♗c2 e3
28.♗f4 ♗xc3 29.f6 g6 30.♗xh4 e2 31.♗e1
♗xc2 0-1

David Guthrie's first win in Medellin.

Guthrie, D – Riveiro, Bruno
Round 3 [D85]

1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 g6 3.♗c3 d5 4.♗f3 ♗g7 5.cxd5
♗xd5 6.e4 ♗xc3 7.bxc3 c5 8.♗b1 ♗c6 9.♗e2
cxd4 10.cxd4 ♗xd4 11.♗xd4 ♗xd4 12.♗b5+
♗f8 13.♗e2 h5 14.0-0 ♗g4 15.♗e1 ♗f6
16.♗e3 ♗c3 17.♗xc3 ♗xc3 18.♗f1 ♗a5
19.♗c4 b6 20.♗d5 ♗c8 21.♗d4 f6 22.f3 ♗d7
23.♗xc8+ ♗xc8 24.♗c1 ♗d7 25.♗c7 e5
26.♗b2 ♗e7 27.♗a3+ ♗d8 28.♗xa7 ♗c3
29.♗d6 ♗d4+ 30.♗f1 ♗c5 31.♗a8+ ♗c8
32.♗e6 ♗xd6 33.♗xc8+ ♗e7 34.♗xh8 ♗xe6
35.♗e2 ♗c5 36.♗d3 ♗g1 37.h3 ♗f2 38.♗c4
h4 39.♗e8+ ♗d7 40.♗g8 g5 41.♗d5 ♗c5
42.♗g7+ ♗e7 43.a4 1-0

Overseas News

By NM Peter Stuart

Las Palmas

This double round-robin event in December in the Canary Islands set a new record of category 21 with an average rating of 2757. Six of the world's top seven players on the 1st July rating list comprised the field. Only Gata Kamsky, whom his father insists has given up chess in favour of a medical career, was missing; and the 1st January 1997 list, published during the tournament, shows Kamsky back in 7th. The event also featured the first clashes between Garry Kasparov and Anatoly Karpov since Linares in early 1994 when Karpov scored his greatest victory but their individual game was drawn.

Kasparov led from start to finish though he was only able to shake off Vassily Ivanchuk and Viswanathan Anand in round 7. At the half-way mark the PCA champion shared the lead on 3 with those two rivals but Anand lost to Vladimir Kramnik in round 6. Ivanchuk kept up with Kasparov for one more round but then collapsed with only half a point from his last four games. In only one game was Kasparov in any real danger, his round 8 game with Kramnik when he had to bail out into a rook ending a pawn down.

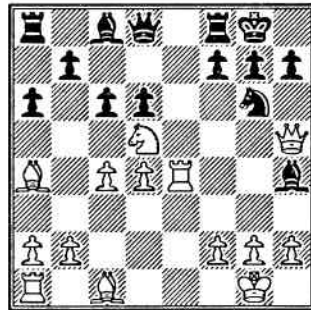
Anand hung on for second place ahead of the faster finishing Kramnik and Veselin Topalov who occupied the bottom two places at the halfway stage. Topalov started with two draws and three losses but came strongly back into form in the second half where he equalled Kasparov's 3½ points.

Poor Ivanchuk ended up sharing last with Karpov, who never got going. The FIDE champion drew his first six games but lost two of his final four, including his second game against Kasparov. This was perhaps the game of the tournament with Kasparov, playing white, taking risks for initiative which allowed Karpov some advantage. Time trouble, however, combined with

Kasparov's relentless complicating tactics, caused his eventual downfall.

Anand – Ivanchuk Ruy Lopez [C78]

1.e4 e5 2.♁f3 ♁c6 3.♖b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♁f6 5.0–0 ♗c5 6.♁xe5 ♁xe5 7.d4 ♁xe4 8.♞e1 ♗e7 9.♞xe4 ♁g6 10.c4 0–0 11.♁c3 d6 12.♁d5 ♗h4 13.♣h5 c6



14.♞xh4! ♣xh4 15.♣xh4 ♁xh4 16.♁b6 ♞b8 17.♗f4 ♁f5 18.d5 [18.g4 g5] 18...♞e8 19.♔f1 h6 20.h3 ♞e4 21.♗h2 cxd5 22.g4 ♞xc4 23.♁xc4 dxc4 24.♞e1 ♗e6 25.gxf5 ♗xf5 26.♗xd6 ♗xh3+ 27.♔g1 ♞d8 28.♞e8+ ♞xe8 29.♗xe8 ♗e6 30.a4 g5 31.a5 ♔g7 32.♗a4 ♔g6 33.♗d1 ♗d5 34.♗c2+ ♔f6 35.♗c7 ♔e6 36.♗h7 ♗f3 37.♔h2 ♔d5 38.♗c2 ♗e4 39.♗d1 ♔d4 40.♗e2 ♗d3 41.♗b6+ ♔d5 42.♗d1 f5 43.♔g3 ♔e5 44.♗c5 ♔f6 45.♗h5 f4+ 46.♔h2 1–0.

Topalov – Ivanchuk Caro-Kann [B17]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.♁d2 dxe4 4.♁xe4 ♁d7 5.♁g5 ♁gf6 6.♗d3 e6 7.♁f3 ♗d6 8.♞e2 h6 9.♁e4 ♁xe4 10.♣xe4 ♁f6 11.♞e2 ♣c7 12.♗d2 b6 13.0–0–0 ♗b7 14.♔b1 ♞d8 15.♞g1 c5 16.dxc5 ♣xc5 17.a3 0–0 18.g4 ♗d5 19.g5 ♣xf3 20.gxf6 g6 21.♗xh6 ♗xh2 22.♞h1 ♣xe2 23.♗xe2 ♞xd1+ 24.♞xd1 ♞c8 25.f3 ♗g3 26.♗g7 g5 27.♞d7 ♗c6 28.♞xa7 ♞d8 29.a4 ♗e5 30.a5 ♞d2 31.♗c4 b5 32.♗b3 ♗xf3 33.♞e7 ♞d6 34.♞e8+ ♔h7 35.♗f8 ♞d1+ 36.♔a2 ♗xf6 37.a6 g4 38.c4 ♞d2 39.cxb5 g3 40.b6 g2 41.♗c5 ♗xb2 0–1.

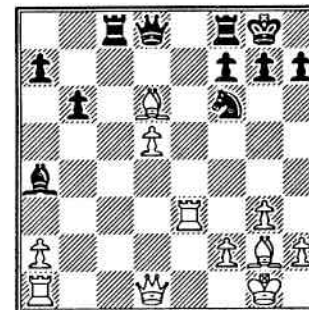
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2	Anand, V.	IND	g 2735	½	½	x	x	½	0	½	½	1	½	½	1	5½
3	Kramnik, V.	RUS	g 2765	½	½	½	1	x	x	½	0	0	1	½	½	5
4	Topalov, V.	BUL	g 2750	0	½	½	½	½	1	x	x	0	1	½	½	5
5	Ivanchuk, V.	UKR	g 2730	½	0	0	½	1	0	1	0	x	x	½	½	4
6	Karpov, A.	RUS	g 2775	½	0	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	x	x	4

Kramnik – Anand English [A30]

1.♁f3 ♁f6 2.c4 b6 3.g3 ♗b7 4.♗g2 e6 5.0–0 ♗e7 6.♁c3 0–0 7.♞e1 d5 8.cxd5 ♁xd5 9.e4 ♁xc3 10.bxc3 c5 11.d4 ♁d7 12.♗f4 cxd4 13.cxd4 ♁f6 14.♁e5 ♗b4 15.♞e3 ♞c8 16.d5 exd5 17.exd5 ♗d6

17...♁xd5? 18.♞d3 ♁xf4 19.gxf4 winning a piece; 17...♗xd5 18.♞d3 ♞c5 19.♗e3 ♞c3 20.♞xd5 ±.

18.♁c6 ♗xc6 19.♗xd6 ♗a4

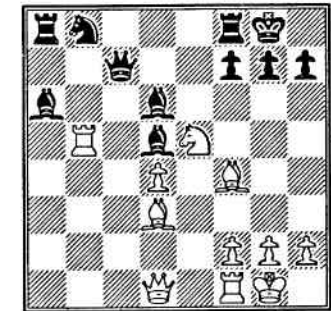


20.♗xf8! ♗xd1 21.♗e7 ♣c7 22.♞xd1 ♁d7 23.♗h3 h6 24.♗f5 b5 25.♗b4 ♞d8 26.♞e7 ♣c4 27.♞d7 ♞d7 28.♗xd7 ♣xb4 29.d6 ♣a4 30.♞d3 ♣e4 31.♗xb5 ♣e1+ 32.♔g2 ♣e4+ 33.♔g1 ♣e1+ 34.♔g2 ♣e4+ 35.♔f1 ♣h1+ 36.♔e2 ♣e4+ 37.♔d1 ♣g4+ 38.f3 ♣h3 39.d7 1–0.

Anand – Karpov Queen's Gambit Accepted [D21]

1.♁f3 d5 2.d4 e6 3.c4 dxc4 4.e4 b5 5.a4 c6 6.axb5 cxb5 7.b3 ♗b7 8.bxc4 ♗xe4 9.cxb5 ♁f6 10.♗e2 ♗e7 11.0–0 0–0 12.♁c3 ♗b7 13.♁e5 a6 14.♗f3 ♁d5 15.♁xd5 exd5 16.♞b1 ♣b6 17.♗e2 axb5 18.♞xb5 ♣c7 19.♗f4 ♗d6 20.♗d3 ♗a6

The threat was 21 ♗xh7+ ♔xh7 22 ♣b1+ and 20...g6 loses to 21 ♁xg6!



21.♗xh7+!?

21.♞xd5 ♗xd3 22.♣xd3 ♁c6 23.♣c4 is even better but Anand decides to complicate in Karpov's time pressure – 7 minutes to reach move 40.

21...♔xh7 22.♣h5+ ♔g8 23.♞b3 ♗xe5?

23...f6! seems best, e.g. 24.♞h3 fxe5 25.dxe5 ♣c4 26.♣h7+ ♔f7 27.e6+ ♔f6 28.♗g5+ ♔xe6 29.♞e1+ ♔d7 30.♣xg7+ ♔c6 31.♞c3 ♁d7 32.♗e7 ♗xe7 33.♞xe7 ♞g8 34.♣d4 ♞ge8 and the position remains very complicated.

24.♞h3 f6 25.dxe5 ♣e7 26.♣h7+ ♔f7 27.♞g3 ♔e8 28.♞xg7 ♣e6 29.exf6 ♁c6 30.♞a1 ♔d8 31.h4 ♗b7 32.♞c1 ♗a6 33.♞a1 ♗b7 34.♞d1 ♗a6 35.♣b1 ♞xf6 36.♗g5 ♔c8 and Black lost on time in a lost position, 1–0.

Topalov – Kramnik [E92]

1.d4 ♁f6 2.c4 g6 3.♁c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♁f3 0–0 6.♗e2 e5 7.♗e3 c6 8.d5 ♁g4 9.♗g5 f6 10.♗h4 c5 11.0–0 ♁h6 12.♁e1 ♁d7 13.♞b1 b6 14.a3 g5 15.♗g3 f5 16.exf5 ♁xf5 17.♁e4 h6 18.♁c2 ♁f6 19.♗d3 ♣e8 20.♁e3 ♁xe4

21. Qxe4 h5 22. ♖d3 ♗f7 23. f3 ♜xe3 24. ♗xe3 ♜h6 25. ♛e1 ♗g7 26. ♛d2 ♜f6 27. ♗d3 g4?
28. ♜xh6 ♗xh6 29. fxg4 ♜xg4 30. ♜xf6 ♗xf6
31. ♜f1 ♗g7 32. h3 ♛d7 33. ♗f3

Black's opening of the kingside has allowed White to take over the initiative there.

33... ♛e8 34. ♗f5 ♗f7?

Better were 34... ♗e7 or 34... ♗h6.

35. ♗g5+ ♗g7 36. ♗h4 ♗h6 37. ♜f6 ♗e3+
38. ♔h2 ♔g7 39. ♜f3 1-0.

Kasparov - Ivanchuk Alekhine [B04]

1. e4 ♜f6 2. e5 ♜d5 3. d4 d6 4. ♜f3 g6 5. ♛c4 c6
6. 0-0 ♛g7 7. h3 0-0 8. exd6 exd6 9. ♜e1 ♜c7
10. ♛g5 ♜f6 11. ♛h6 ♜e8 12. ♜xe8+ ♜xe8
13. ♛b3 d5 14. c4 dxc4 15. ♛xc4 ♜d6 16. ♛b3
♜f5 17. ♗d2 ♜d7 18. ♜c3 ♜xh6 19. ♗xh6 ♜f8
20. ♜d1 ♛e6 21. d5 exd5 22. ♜xd5 ♜c8 23. ♗e3
b6 24. ♜e5 ♜c5 25. ♜g4 ♛xg4 26. hxg4 ♔g7
27. f4 h6 28. f5 g5 29. ♗e2 ♜h7 30. ♜xf6 ♗xf6
31. ♜d7 ♜e5 32. ♜xf7+ ♗xf7 33. ♗xe5+ ♗f6
34. ♗c7+ ♔h8 35. ♔h1 a5 36. ♛e6 ♜f8 1-0.

Kasparov - Karpov Nimzoindian [E32]

1. d4 ♜f6 2. c4 e6 3. ♜c3 ♛b4 4. ♗c2 0-0 5. a3
♛xc3+ 6. ♗xc3 b6 7. ♛g5 ♛b7 8. e3 d6 9. f3
♜bd7 10. ♜h3 c5 11. dxc5 bxc5 12. ♛e2 ♗b6
13. 0-0 d5 14. ♜ad1 ♛c6 15. ♜f2 h6 16. ♛h4
♛a4 17. ♜d2 ♛b3 18. ♜g4 ♜xg4 19. fxg4 ♜ab8
20. g5 hxg5 21. ♛xg5 ♜b7 22. ♛e7 ♜e8 23. ♛h4
♜f8 24. ♛g3 ♜d8 25. ♛h4 ♜dd7 26. cxd5 ♜xd5
27. e4 ♜xd2 28. ♗xd2 ♛a4 29. ♛h5 ♛e8 30. ♛f2
♗b5?!

31... ♗xb2 31. ♗xb2 ♜xb2 32. ♛xc5 ♜b5 is fine for Black.

31. ♗d8 ♛c6 32. ♛g3 ♜d7?

A definite mistake; better was 32... ♗b6. Karpov was now down to less than one minute.

33. ♗e8!

With the decisive threat of ♛d6!

33... ♗xf1+ 34. ♔xf1 ♜d1+ 35. ♛xd1 ♛xe8
36. ♛f2 ♛b5+ 37. ♛e2 ♛xe2+ 38. ♔xe2 ♜d7
39. ♔d3 a6 40. ♛gl f5 41. exf5 exf5 42. ♔c4
♜e5+ 43. ♔xc5 ♜d3+ 44. ♔b6 1-0.

Kramnik - Ivanchuk English [A16]

1. ♜f3 ♜f6 2. c4 g6 3. ♜c3 d5 4. exd5 ♜xd5
5. ♗a4+ ♛d7 6. ♗h4 ♜xc3 7. dxc3 ♜c6 8. e4 e5
9. ♛g5 ♛e7 10. ♛c4 h6 11. ♛xe7 ♗xe7 12. ♗g3
0-0-0 13. 0-0 ♗f6 14. ♜ad1 ♜he8 15. ♛d5
♜e7 16. ♜d2 ♗f4 17. ♜c4 ♛g4 18. ♜d2 ♜ed7
19. f3 ♗xg3 20. hxg3 ♛e6 21. ♜fd1 h5 22. a3
♔b8 23. ♔f2 a6 24. ♛xc6 ♜xd2+ 25. ♜xd2
♜xd2+ 26. ♜xd2 bxc6 27. f4 exf4 28. gxf4 ♔c8
29. ♔g3 ♔d7 30. ♔h4 f6 31. e5 fxe5 32. fxe5
♛d5 33. g3 ♔e6 34. ♔g5 ♔xe5 35. ♔xg6 h4
36. gxf4 ♔f4 37. h5 ♔e3 38. c4 ♛g2 39. ♜b3
♛f1 40. h6 ♛xc4 41. ♜c5 ♛a2 42. ♔g7 ♛b1
43. ♜xa6 ♔d4 44. ♜xc7 ♔c4 45. ♜e6 ♔b3
46. ♜d4+ ♔xb2 47. ♜xc6 ♔xa3 48. ♜e5 ♔b4
49. ♜g6 ♛xg6 50. ♔xg6 1-0.

Groningen

Jan Timman, in his best international tournament for some while, made the early running but top-ranked Nigel Short came from behind over the last three rounds to take the 8000 guilder first prize. The Dutch GM enjoyed a one-point lead after winning his first four games but his 6th round loss to Julian Hodgson allowed Short to catch up. The Englishman only managed an even score in the final four rounds but Timman, despite going ahead again in round 8, scored but 1½/4 and had to be content with sharing second place with Boris Gelfand.

Of the other players only Loek van Wely really put in a challenge, and a strong one it was too. Consecutive wins in rounds 7/8 saw him sharing the lead with Timman but then consecutive losses, to Hodgson and Peter Leko took the wind out of his sails. Alexei Shirov owed his shared third to a 4/5 finish and Viktor Korchnoi, who started with ½/5 scored 3½/4 at the end to join the big 8th place tie. The tournament was of category 16 with an average rating of 2634.

Timman - Leko Caro-Kann [B17]

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. ♜d2 dxe4 4. ♜xe4 ♜d7
5. ♛d3 ♜gf6 6. ♜g5 e6 7. ♜f3 ♛d6 8. ♗e2 h6

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2	Timman, J.	NED	g 2590	0	x	½	1	1	1	½	½	0	1	½	½	6½
3	Gelfand, B.	BLR	g 2665	½	½	x	½	½	½	1	½	1	½	½	½	6½
4	Leko, P.	HUN	g 2630	½	0	½	x	½	1	½	½	½	1	½	½	6
5	Shirov, A.	ESP	g 2685	1	0	½	½	x	0	½	½	½	½	1	1	6
6	Van Wely, L.	NED	g 2605	½	0	½	0	1	x	½	1	0	½	1	1	6
7	Svidler, P.	RUS	g 2650	½	½	0	½	½	½	x	½	1	½	0	1	5½
8	Onischuk, A.	UKR	g 2605	½	½	½	½	½	0	½	x	1	0	½	0	4½
9	Hodgson, J.	ENG	g 2550	0	1	0	½	½	1	0	0	x	½	1	0	4½
10	Akopian, V.	ARM	g 2630	½	0	½	0	½	½	½	1	½	x	½	0	4½
11	Sokolov, I.	BIH	g 2670	0	½	½	½	0	0	1	½	0	½	x	1	4½
12	Korchnoi, V.	SWI	g 2635	0	½	½	½	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	x	4½

9. ♜e4 ♜xe4 10. ♗xe4 ♜f6 11. ♗e2 ♗c7 12. ♛d2
b6 13. 0-0-0 ♛b7 14. ♔b1 ♜d8 15. ♜hg1 c5
16. dxc5 ♗xc5 17. a3 a5 18. ♛e3 ♗c7 19. ♛b5+
♔e7 20. ♜d4 ♜xh2 21. ♜f5+ ♔f8 22. ♜xd8+
♗xd8 23. ♜d1 ♗c7 24. ♛d4! e5

24... exf5 25. ♛xf6 gxf6 26. ♜d7 ♗e5
27. ♜xb7 is clearly better for White or
24... ♜e8 25. ♗c3 ♛f4 26. ♛xg7+! with the idea
26... ♜xg7 27. ♗xf4! +.

25. ♛xb6! ♗xb6 26. ♜d6 ♗c7 27. ♗c4 ♗b8
28. ♜b6 ♗c8 29. ♜xb7?

29. ♛c6!

29... ♗xb7 30. ♜d6 ♗e7?

30... ♜e4! saves Black.

31. ♗c8+ ♜e8 32. ♜f5 h5

32... ♗e6 33. ♛d7.

33. ♜xe7 ♔xe7 34. ♗d7+ 1-0.

Short - Timman Scotch [C43]

1. e4 e5 2. ♜f3 ♜f6 3. d4 ♜xe4 4. ♛d3 ♜c6 5. d5
♜c5 6. dxc6 e4 7. cxb7 ♛xb7 8. ♛e2 exf3
9. ♛xf3 ♛xf3 10. ♗xf3 ♛e7 11. 0-0 0-0 12. ♜d1
♛f6 13. c4 ♛e5 14. ♜d2 ♜e8 15. ♜b1 a5 16. ♜f1
♗f6 17. ♗xf6 ♛xf6 18. ♜e3 ♜ab8 19. b3 a4
20. b4 ♜e4 21. ♜d5 ♛d4 22. ♔f1 ♛xf2 23. ♜xc7
♜ec8 24. ♜xd7 ♜c3 25. ♜b2 ♛h4 26. ♛f4 ♛f6
27. b5 h5 28. h3 ♜b7 29. ♜bd2 ♜e4 30. ♜d5
♜c3 31. ♜xh5 ♜xa2 32. c5 ♜b4 33. c6 ♜xc6

33... ♜bb8 34. ♜d5 ♜xd5 35. ♛xb8 +.

34. bxc6 ♜b1+ 35. ♔e2 a3 36. ♜a5 ♜b2+
37. ♔f3 a2 38. ♜d5 ♜xc6 39. ♜xf6+ ♜xf6
40. ♜d6 ♜f5 41. ♜a8+ ♔h7 42. h4??

42. ♔g4 +.

42... ♜c5??

Black misses his chance: 42... ♜b1! 43. ♜xa2
♜f1+ drawing.

43. g3 f5 44. ♜d2 1-0.

Shirov - Timman French [C16]

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. ♜c3 ♛b4 4. e5 b6 5. ♗g4
♛f8 6. ♛g5 ♗d7 7. ♛b5 ♜c6 8. ♜ce2 a6 9. ♛a4
b5 10. ♛b3 f6 11. exf6 ♜xf6 12. ♗h4 ♜e7
13. ♛xf6 ♜g6 14. ♗g5 gxf6 15. ♗xf6 ♛h6
16. ♗f3 ♗g7 17. ♗g3 ♛b7 18. ♜f3 0-0-0 19. 0-0
♜hg8 20. c3 ♗f6 21. ♗h3 ♛f8 22. ♛c2 ♛d6
23. ♜ae1 ♔b8 24. ♜g3? ♜f4 25. ♗h4 ♗f8

Δ 26... ♛e7 +.

26. ♜g5 ♛e7 27. ♜xe6 ♛xh4 28. ♜xf8 ♜dx8
29. ♛xh7 ♜g7 30. ♛c2 c5 31. ♜e3 cxd4
32. cxd4 ♛d8 33. ♜e5 ♛c8 34. ♜d1 ♛g4 35. f3
♛d7 36. ♔f2 ♜h8 37. ♛f5 ♜xh2 38. ♛xd7 ♜xd7
39. ♔e3 ♜xg2+ 40. ♔d3 0-1.

Korchnoi - Short Nimzowitsch [A06]

1. ♜f3 c5 2. b3 d5 3. e3 ♜f6 4. ♛b2 e6 5. c4
dxc4 6. bxc4 ♛e7 7. ♛e2 0-0 8. ♗c2 ♜c6 9. a3
♜e8 10. 0-0 b6 11. ♜c3 ♛b7 12. ♜g5 h6
13. ♜h3 ♗d7 14. f4 ♜ed8 15. d3 a6 16. ♜ad1
♜ab8 17. ♜f2 ♛a8 18. ♜ce4 ♜e8 19. d4 cxd4
20. exd4 ♜bc8 21. d5 ♜a5 22. d6 ♛f8 23. ♛d4
♜xc4 24. ♛xc4 b5 25. ♜c5 ♗c6 26. ♜g4 ♜xd6
27. ♜e5 ♜xd4! 28. ♛xe6

28. ♜xc6 ♜xc4 gains Black 3 pieces and 2 pawns for the queen.

28... ♛xc5 29. ♛xf7+ ♔f8 30. ♔h1 ♗e4 31. ♗xe4
♛xe4 32. ♛e6 ♜cd8 33. f5 ♜f6 34. ♜c1 ♛b6
35. ♜g6+ ♔e8 36. ♜fe1 ♛a5 37. ♜gl ♜d2
38. ♜e5 ♛b6 0-1.

NZCF Council report

By Ted Frost

Sponsorship and publicity

NZCF Council has considered the basis on which it can launch a general publicity and sponsorship campaign. While the Council has not adopted any specific proposals at this stage, it has agreed that before approaches are made to any potential major sponsors there must be careful preparation, and coordination with clubs to avoid overlap and gain maximum benefit from any arrangements.

Preparation will include building up information resources, a file of publicity being achieved at all levels, including publicity obtained by clubs and chess columns. Information about activities of top chess players, including career achievement and success in other sports, and about prominent personalities who play chess will be needed.

From the assembled information a special portfolio will be made up for submission to each potential major sponsor. It will also assist in development of special promotional activities, including fund-raising and membership drives.

Council has agreed that clubs and individuals intending to approach national organisations for sponsorship should coordinate their activities with NZCF.

Council responsibilities

Council has delegated responsibilities and set up committees as follows for 1997: Tournament committee, A Pomeroy (convenor), R Dive, T E Frost; technical committee, P Stuart, R Gibbons; selection committee, tournament convenor (A Pomeroy), R Gibbons and a South Island representative, plus M Freeman (ex officio); sponsorship committee, A Aldridge, G Sullivan and M Freeman; junior development, ratings and magazine, Ted Frost; NZ representative to FIDE, M

Freeman; Keeper of register of master points, P Stuart.

1997 directory and schedule of events

At the time of writing very little information has been received by NZCF about open events scheduled for 1997. This is due by the end of February. At the January Council meeting no applications had been received for this year's NZ women's, NZ junior and South Island championships.

Chess composition tournament

NZCF has received a brochure announcing the sixth World Chess Composition Tournament. FIDE has appointed the German Chess Federation as the organiser of the tournament, and entries must be submitted by May 1, 1998.

The competition is being conducted in sections - Two-movers, three-movers, more-movers, endgame studies, helpmates, selfmates and fairies.

Details will be forwarded to anyone interested on request to NZCF.

The Asian zone

Several changes in arrangements for tournaments in the Asian zone were introduced in zonal discussions at the 1996 Olympiad.

Michael Freeman reports that the Asian team championship has been changed to every four years, with the next event in 1999. In the intervening odd years the Asia Cities teams event will be held. These are non-Olympiad years.

An Asian Internet championships is to be organised, with two participants from each nation.

An Asian individual championship is to be designed.

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.

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

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

Wellington Saturdays 7.30pm, Lighthouse Centre, 235 Karori Road, Karori. 6pm, juniors. Pres, Tim Frost (04)476-3541. Sec, Ted Frost (04)476-4098.

Associate members

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.

District Associations

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