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STOP PRESS**Otago spring rapid**

There was a record entry of 28 players in Otago CC's Cock and Bull spring rapid tournament, and the top five seeds all had winning chances right to the end. No. 1 seed Tony Love won with 5½/6, half a point ahead of Richard Sutton, David Guthrie and John Sutherland.

Congress entries

Entry forms for the coming national congress are being distributed as this issue of *NZ Chess* goes to press. Little interest has been expressed from overseas. This Congress clashes with the Australian championship, with selection for next year's Olympiad an extra factor.

New Zealand IM's Ben Martin and Russell Dive have advised that they will not be available. IM Ortvin Sarapu is in Europe for the 1997 world seniors championship.

World championship

Garry Kasparov has stated that he will not play in the coming knockout world championship, and world women's champion Zsuzsa Polgar, Gata Kamsky and Veselin Topalov have not confirmed their participation. (see story on page 22).

ON THE COVER: Upper Hutt CC has staged a simultaneous exhibition by IM Russell Dive as a start to fund-raising for the 1998 Olympiad. Russell played 20 opponents, scoring 19½:½ (draw with Gerald Carter), and the event raised \$100. Opponents, from right, are new member Murray Bruce, Roy Garratt, Blair Corderoy and Fazal Mohammad.

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- Coming in December:** Our New Zealand news will include results of club championships, with a selection of games, and IM Ortvin Sarapu will report on the 1997 world seniors championship.

1997-98 New Zealand Chess Congress

Hosted by Hamilton Chess Club Inc. to celebrate 100 years of chess in Hamilton

The venue will be the Hillcrest Lodge Motor Inn, 334 Cobham Drive, Hamilton.

December 28 - January 9, NZ Championship, 11 rounds, entry fee \$90, juniors \$45, open to players rated NZ2000-plus, FIDE 2100-plus; NZ Major Open, 11-round swiss, open to players not eligible for NZ Championship, entry fee \$60, juniors \$30.

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1997 South Island Championship

By Ted Frost

This year's South Island Championship in Christchurch was a tournament of surprises, with the first emerging before play started. Without any 2000+ players entered in the field of 24, Hamiltonian Hilton Bennett found that he was top seed on a rating of 1909. However, he lived up to his seeding and was outright leader on 4 after 4 rounds, and although his last three games were draws he retained the lead to the end.

Another surprise was the play of Benjamin Santoso, an Indonesian who has been studying in New Zealand for three years. He had only played in one previous tournament without distinction and was given an estimated rating of 1400 for the event. After drawing his first game, against Nick Cummings CA, and losing his second, to Quentin Johnson CA, Santoso had a relatively easy draw for several rounds. He conceded only half a point in the last six rounds (a draw with Hilton Bennett), to finished second on 6 and take the South Island title.

Relative newcomer to Canterbury, Dmitri Serebriany (rating 1837) was second seed, but he suffered two losses which qualified for upset prizes - overlooking a tactical sacrifice which lost a rook to Ted Frost WE in round 1 (rating difference 345) and developing what could have been a winning attack against 17th seed Craig Hall CA until he missed a mate on the move.

Teenage successes

17-year-old Hall's rating was 1312, so the rating difference of 525 won the upset prize for him. That game was in round 7 and lifted Craig well into the top half of the field and won him the C grade prize.

The other Canterbury teenager, 18-year-old Michael McNabb, was seeded 8th on a rating of 1644, but also played well above his rating to score 5½. He finished 3= with the

12th seed Quentin Johnson, who took the B grade prize. Ted Frost and Bruce Gloisten shared 2= for the B grade prize, while another teenager and North Island visitor, Pascal Harris WA and John Atkinson CA shared 2= in the C grade.

Canterbury Chess Club were hosts for the event, run economically but comfortably in their clubrooms. The event ran smoothly with Tim Frost, of Wellington, as tournament director.

McNabb, M - Adams, J
South Island Champ R3 [B23]
Notes by IM Ortvin Sarapu

1.e4 c5 2.♗c3 g6 3.f4 ♘g7 4.♗f3 d6 5.♗c4 ♗c6 6.d3 ♗f6 7.0-0 ♘g4

This variation is not new, but has also been popular in Auckland lately.

8.♗b5

Also to be considered is h3 or the sac variation f5!?

8...0-0 9.♗xc6 bxc6 10.♗e1 ♗b8 11.♗g3 ♗c8 12.h3 ♗d7

Black should play ♗xf3, as the ♗ is a good attacker.

13.♗h4 ♗e8

This sets a trap for White. If 14.♗xe7, ♗f6 wins the ♗.

14.f5 gxf5 15.♗h6 ♗xb2 16.♗xg7 ♗xg7 17.♗g5+ ♗h8 18.♗xe7 ♗g8 19.♗g5 ♗xg5 20.♗xg5 ♗xc2 21.♗ac1 ♗xc1 22.♗xc1 ♗e6

White has the advantage.

23.♗g5 f6 24.♗h6 ♗g7

White threatens an attack on the ♗ with ♗f8# or ♗f3-g3 etc.

25.♗xf6 fxe4 26.♗xe4 ♗d7 27.♗f8+ ♘g8 28.♗f6 ♗c6 29.♗xg8+

The right decision. White has a winning endgame.

29...♗xg8 30.♗xg8 ♗xg8 31.♗b1 ♗e6 32.g3 ♗d4 33.♗b8+ ♗g7 34.♗b7+ ♗g6 35.♗xa7 d5 36.a4 c4 37.dxc4 dxc4 38.♗d7 ♗f3+ 39.♗f2 c3 40.♗d6+ ♗f5 41.♗xf3 ♗e5 42.♗xc6 1-0

1997 South Island Championship

	CL	RAT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1 HP BENNETT	HA	1909	W18	W6	W8	W4	W5	D3	D2	D7	6½
2 B SANTOSO	CA	unr	D12	L4	W18	W14	W7	W9	D1	W3	6
3 M MCNABB	CA	1670	W10	W20	W14	L5	W8	D1	W4	L2	5½ 39.50
4 Q JOHNSON	CA	1587	W17	W2	W7	L1	D9	W16	L3	W6	5½ 39.50
5 D SEREBRIANYCA	1837	L13	W22	W19	W3	L1	W8	L6	W9	5	35.50
6 C HALL	CA	1312	D9	L1	W22	D16	W13	W12	W5	L4	5 35
7 S COATES	CA	1827	W15	W16	L4	D20	L2	W21	W17	D1	5 34.50
8 EP RAYNER	OT	1705	W21	W19	L1	W13	L3	L5	W12	W16	5 34
9 GG HAASE	OT	1810	D6	D18	W15	W12	D4	L2	W16	L5	4½ 36.50
10 P HARRIS	WA	1263	L3	W23	L16	L19	W24	W14	D20	W17	4½ 24.50
11 J ATKINSON	CA	1222	L16	L15	D17	W24	W18	L19	W21	W13	4½ 24.50
12 N CUMMINGS	CA	1819	D2	W17	D13	L9	W19	L6	L8	W20	4 34
13 E FROST	WE	1491	W5	D14	D12	L8	L6	W18	W19	L11	4 34
14 JM ADAMS	GA	1644	W22	D13	L3	L2	D21	L10	W23	W19	4 29
15 B GLOISTEIN	CA	1457	L7	W11	L9	L21	L17	W23	W22	W24	4 24
16 AJ NIJMAN	CA	1610	W11	L7	W10	D6	W20	L4	L9	L8	3½ 37
17 S NICHOLSON	ZZ	unr	L4	L12	D11	W22	W15	W20	L7	L10	3½ 32.50
18 G DAWES	CA	1495	L1	D9	L2	W23	L11	L13	W24	W22	3½ 29.50
19 J ESCRIBANO	WE	1470	W24	L8	L5	W10	L12	W11	L13	L14	3 31.50
20 D DOLEJS	GA	1600	W23	L3	W21	D7	L16	L17	D10	L12	3 30
21 B DONALDSON	ZZ	1274	L8	W24	L20	W15	D14	L7	L11	L23	2½
22 RL KEELING	AS	1251	L14	L5	L6	L17	W23	W24	L15	L18	2
23 M STEVENSON	CA	1006	L20	L10	D24	L18	L22	L15	L14	W21	1½
24 R LISZKA	GA	unr	L19	L21	D23	L11	L10	L22	L18	L15	½

Bennett, H - Rayner, E

South Island Championship R3 [A00]

Analysis by Fritz 4.01

1.b4 e6

Out of book.

2.♗b2 f5

2...♗b4?? The pawn is something Black will choke on. 3.♗xg7 d5 4.♗xh8+-.

3.e3 ♗f6

3...♗b4?? that pawn is deadly bait and will cause Black grave problems. 4.♗xg7 ♗f6 5.♗xh8+-.

4.a3 ♗e7 5.♗f3 0-0 6.c4 b6 7.♗e2 ♗b7 8.d3 a5 9.b5 ♗e8 10.♗bd2 d6 11.0-0 ♗bd7 12.♗d4 ♗c5 13.♗f3 ♗xf3

<13...♗xd3 14.♗xb7 ♗xb2 15.♗c2+-.

14.♗d2xf3 ♗g4 15.h3 ♗e5 16.♗xe5 dxe5 17.♗c6 e4 18.dxe4 ♗xe4 19.♗e5 ♗d6 20.♗d4 g5 21.♗fd1 ♗c5 22.♗d3 ♗h5±

22...♗d6!?!± should not be overlooked.

23.♗d7 ♗f7+-

○23...♗f7!?!±.

24.♗xe6 ♗e2

24...♗d6 25.♗xd6 (25.♗xd6?! cxd6 26.♗e7+ ♗f8 27.♗x5 dxe5±) 25...cxd6+-.

25.♗d8 ♗xf2+ 26.♗h2 ♗xd8 27.♗xd8+ 27...♗f8 28.♗d7 ♗d6 29.♗xd6 ♗xd6+ 30.♗h1 1-0

Dolejs, D - Coates, S

South Island Championship R4 [C18]

Analysis by Fritz 4.01

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♗c3 ♗b4 4.a3 ♗xc3+ 5.bxc3 ♗e7 6.e5 c5 7.♗g5

Out of book.

7...♗c7 8.♗b5+ ♗d7 9.♗xe7 ♗xe7 10.♗xd7 ♗xd7 11.♗f3 cxd4 12.♗xd4 ♗c4±

12...♗hc8!?! 13.♗b1 ♗xc3+ 14.♗xc3 ♗xc3 15.♗xb7 ♗xc2±.

13.♗d2 ♗xd4 14.cxd4 ♗hc8 15.♗a2 ♗c7 16.0-0 ♗ac8 17.♗c1 ♗b6 18.a4 ♗c4 19.♗b3 b6 20.g3 g5 21.c3 f6 22.exf6+ ♗xf6 23.a5 ♗xa5 24.♗xa5 bxa5 25.♗xa5 ♗xc3 26.♗xc3 ♗xc3 27.♗xa7 ♗c4 28.♗xh7 ♗xd4 29.h4 gxf4 30.gxf4 ♗e4 31.f3 ♗e2 32.♗f1 ♗h2

33.♔g1 ♕g6 34.♞e7 ♞e2 35.♔f1 ♞e3 36.♕f2 d4 37.f4

♔37.♞e8!?= should be considered.

37...♕f5 38.♞d7 ♞e4

♔38...♕xf4 39.♞xd4+ ♞e4 40.♞d8=.

39.♕g3 ♞e3+ 40.♕f2 ♕e4

♔40...♕xf4 41.♞xd4+ ♞e4 42.♞d8=.

41.♕g2 d3 42.h5 ♞e2+ 43.♕g3 d2 44.h6 ♞e3+ 45.♕f2

45.♕h2!? deserves consideration. 45...♞d3

46.♞xd3 ♕xd3 47.h7=.

45...♞d3

45...♞h3!? 46.♕e2 ♞xh6 47.♕xd2 ♕xf4

46.♞xd3 ♕xd3 47.h7 d1 ♖ 48.h8 ♗ ♖e2+

49.♕g1

♔49.♕g3!?= and White has air to breath.

49...♗g4+ 50.♕h1 ♗xf4 51.♗h3+ ♖e3

52.♗f1+ ♕e4 53.♖c4+ ♕f3 54.♗f1+ ♕g4

55.♗g2+ ♕h5 56.♗h2+ ♕g6 57.♗g3+ ♗g5

57...♗xg3!?=.

58.♗d3+ ♕h6 59.♗a6 ♖d5+ 60.♕g1 ♕g5

61.♖a7 ♕g4 ½-½

Johnson, Q – Bennett, H

South Island Championship R4 [A52]

1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 ♖g4 4.♖f3 ♕c5 5.e3

♖c6 6.♗e2 0-0 7.0-0 ♖xe5 8.♖xe5 ♖xe5

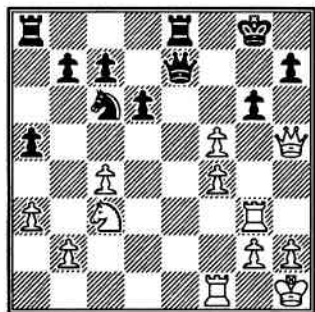
9.♖c3 ♞e8 10.♕h1 a5 11.f4 ♖c6 12.♞f3 d6

13.♞g3 ♕f5 14.♗d2 ♖b4 15.e4 ♗d7 16.a3 =

16...♖c6 17.♖d5 ♗f2 18.♞f3 ♗d4 19.♕c3

♗xc3 20.♖xc3 ♗g4 21.♞g3 ♗xe2 22.♖xe2 f5

23.♗h5 g6 24.exf5 ♖e7 25.♞f1



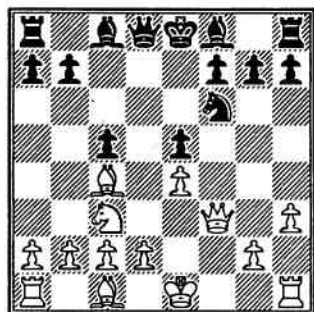
25...♖e1 26.♕g1 ♗xg3 27.♗h6 ♖e3+ 28.♕h1 ♖f2 0-1

Adams, J – Santoso, B

South Island Championship R4 [B23]

1.e4 c5 2.♖c3 d6 3.f4 ♖c6 4.♖f3 ♖d4 5.h3 c5

6.fxe5 ♖xf3+ 7.♗xf3 dxe5 8.♗c4 ♖f6



9.0-0? ♖d4+ 10.♕h1 ♗xc4 11.♖d5 ♗d6

12.♖xf6+ gxf6 13.♗xf6 ♞g8 14.d3 ♖e6

15.♗h4 ♗g6 16.g4 ♗e7 17.♗f2 h5 18.g5

♗xh3 19.♞g1 ♗g4 20.♗e3 b6 21.c3 ♞d8

22.♖c2 ♗xg5 23.♖a4+ ♞d7 24.♞ae1 ♗xe3

25.♞xe3 ♗f3+ 0-1

Coates, S – Santoso, B

South Island Championship R5 [D35]

Notes by FM Jonathan D Sarfati

1.c4 e6 2.♖c3 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.d4 c6 5.♖f3

5.♗f4.

5...♗f5 6.♗g5 ♖f6 7.e3 ♖bd7 8.♗d3 ♗g4?!

Black should exchange White's good ♗.

9.♖c2 h6 10.♗f4 ♗b4 11.a3 ♗xc3+ 12.♖xc3

12.bxc3 should be considered, with the idea

of preparing f3 and e4.

12...♖e7 13.h3 ♗e6 14.♖c2 c5 15.dxc5 ♖xc5

16.0-0

16.♗e2.

16...♖xd3 17.♖xd3 0-0 18.♞fc1 ♞fc8 19.♖d1

Why? ♖d4 is more thematic.

19...♞xc1

19...♖e4 Black should not be so eager to

exchange pieces when he has an isolated ♖.

Instead, he should use the strongpoint e4 in

the middlegame.

20.♞xc1 ♞c8 21.♖d4 ♞xc1

21...♖d8.

22.♖xc1 a6

22...♖e4.

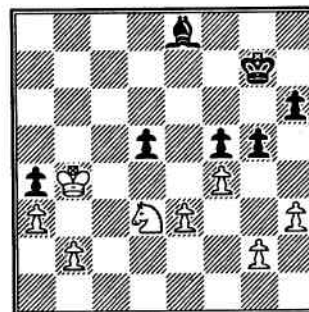
23.♕f1 ♖e4 24.f3 ♖c5 25.♖xc5 ♖xc5 26.♕e2

♖d7 27.♗d6!± g6 28.♕d3 ♕g7 29.♖b3 b6

30.♕d4 f6 31.♖c1 b5 32.♗c7 ♗f7 33.♖d3 ♖f8

34.♕c5+ ♖e6+ 35.♕c6 ♖xc7 36.♕xc7 a5

37.♕c6 a4 38.♕xb5 ♗e8+ 39.♕b4 f5 40.f4 g5



41.♖c5

41.g3 would remove any counterplay. Once

White's ♖s are on dark squares, the Black ♗

has nothing to attack. If gxf4 then exf4.

41...g4 42.♖xa4

42.hxg4 fvg4 43.g3 and White must watch

h5-h4.

42...♗c6 43.♖c5 d4! 44.♖e6+ ♕f6 45.♖xd4

♗xg2 46.hxg4

46.h4.

46...fxg4 47.♕c3 h5 48.♕d2 h4 49.♕e1 g3

50.b4 ♕g6 51.b5

51.e4 ♗xe4 52.♕f1 h3 53.♖e2 ♗d3.

51...♕h5 52.f5 h3 53.♖e2 ♕g4 54.f6 h2 55.f7

h1 ♖+ 56.♕d2 ♖h8

56...♖f1? 57.♖f4.

57.♖f4 ♖b2+ 58.♕e1 ♗f3 0-1

McNab, M – Bennett, H

South Island Championship R6 [B01]

Notes by FM Jonathan D Sarfati

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♖f6 3.♗b5+ ♖bd7 4.♖c3

4.c4±.

4...a6 5.♗a4 b5 6.♗b3 ♖b6 7.♖f3 ♗b7 8.0-0

♖bxd5 9.d4 e6 10.♞e1 c5 11.♖xd5 ♗xd5

12.♗xd5 ♖xd5

12...♖xd5=.

13.c4 ♖c7 14.d5 ♗d6 15.dxe6 ♖xe6 16.♖g5

0-0 17.♖h5?

17.♖xe6 fxe6 18.♖g4±.

17...♖xg5 18.♗xg5 ♖c7 19.♞e4 g6 20.♖h4 f5

21.♞e3 ♞fe8 22.♞d1 ♞xe3 23.♗xe3 ♗e7

24.♖g3 ♞d8 25.♖f3 ♞xd1+ 26.♖xd1 ♖d6

27.♖xd6 ♗xd6 28.cxb5 axb5 29.♕f1 ♕f7

30.♕e2 ♕e6 31.h3 ♕d5 32.♕d3 c4+ 33.♕c2

b4 34.b3 c3 35.♗c1 ♗c5 36.f3 ♕d4 37.♗f4

♗e7 38.g4 g5 39.♗c7 ♕e3 40.gxf5 ♕xf3

Draw agreed at adjournment. The agreed

draw is a mystery, apart from the fact that

Black may not have wanted to risk his

tournament lead in a tricky ♗ ending. But

Black's ♕ is among White's weak ♕-side ♖s.

For example: 41.♗e5 ♕e4 42.f6 ♗f8 43.♗xc3

bxc3 44.a4 ♕e5 45.a5 ♕xf6 46.♕xc3 ♗c5

47.b4 ♗g1 48.b5 ♕e6 49.b6 ♕d7 ½-½

Cummings, N – Hall, C

South Island Championship R6 [A18]

Notes by IM Ortvin Sarapu

1.c4 ♖f6 2.♖c3 e6 3.e4 b6

There is a pawn sacrifice variation which

has also been played, 3...d5 4.e5 ♖e4!?

5.♖xe4 dxe4 6.♖c2 c5 7.♖xe4 ♖c6.

4.e5 ♖g8 5.d4 ♗b7 6.♖f3 d6 7.♗d3 dxe5

8.dxe5 ♗c5 9.a3?!

White has better development and should

continue 0-0 and ♖c2 etc.

9...♖e7 10.0-0 a5 11.♖g5 ♖d7 12.♞e1 h6

13.♖h5!?

They say attack is the best defence. Here it

is hard to make a judgement. Would you

prefer to attack or defend?

13...♖xd3!?

Defences like ♖f5 or ♞f8 are alternatives.

14.♖xf7+ ♕d7 15.♖xe6+ ♕e8 16.♖f7+ ♕d7

17.♖e6+ ♕e8 18.♖f7+ ♕d7 19.♞d1

After the game White must have regretted

not giving perpetual check!

19...♖xd1+ 20.♖xd1 hxg5 21.♗xg5

Now Black has ♞+♗+♖ against ♖ + 3 or 4

♖s. Which side is better? I would prefer to

play Black.

21...♖bc6 22.e6+ ♕c8 23.♗xe7 ♖xe7 24.♖e3

♕b8 25.♖f5 ♖xf5 26.♖xf5 ♞f8 27.♖c2 ♗c6

Hall could also play ♞xf2 and after

exchanges Black would have a ♗ against 2

♖s.

28.♞f1 ♕b7 29.b4 axb4 30.axb4 ♗xb4 31.f4

♗c5+ 32.♕h1 ♞xf4 0-1

25.♠d3 ♖c6 26.a4 ♠d7 27.♠xd7+ ♡xd7
28.♣f3 ♠e6 29.♣d5 ♣e7 30.h3 ♠f7±
○30...a6!?± might be a viable alternative.

31.♠e3=

31.a5!?±.

31...♠e8 32.♣a8+ ♠f7 33.♣d5 ♠g7 34.♠h2
♠f7±

○34...a6!?± should not be overlooked.

35.♠g1=

35.a5!?± should be considered.

35...♠g7 36.♠h2 ♠f7±

○36...a6!?± should be considered.

37.♠g1=

37.a5!?± is an interesting idea.

37...♠g7 38.♠f1±.

38.♠h2!?= might be a viable alternative.

38...♠f7=

38...a6!?± should not be overlooked.

39.♠e2 ♣c7 40.♠e3 ♣c6 41.♣xc6 ½-½

Nijman,A - Haase,G

South Island Championship R7 [B13

Analysis by Fritz 4.01

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 ♠f6 5.c5

Out of book.

5...e6 6.♠f3 b6 7.♠b5+ ♠d7 8.♠xd7+ ♠bxd7

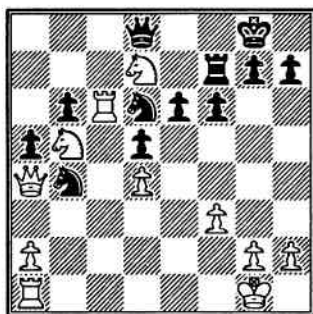
9.b4 a5 10.c6 ♠xb4+ 11.♠d2 ♠b8 12.♣a4

♠a6 13.♠xb4 ♠xb4 14.♠a3+-.

14.0-0!?±.

14...0-0 15.0-0 ♠c8 16.♠fc1 ♠e4 17.♠e5 f6

18.♠d7 ♠f7 19.f3 ♠d6 20.♠b5 ♠xc6 21.♠xc6



21...♠xd7??+-.

Overlooking an easy win. ○21...♠xc6

22.♠xd6 ♠xd7+ (22...♣xd7?! 23.♠xf7 ♠xf7

24.♠c1=).

22.♠xd6??+-

Ruins a clearly superior position. ○22.♠xd6
♠xd6 23.♠xd6 ♣xd6 24.♣e8+ ♣f8 25.♣xc6+
♣f7 26.♣c8+ ♣f8 27.♣d7+-.

22...♠xd6??+-

Makes life more difficult. ○22...♠xc6

23.♠b5 e5+-.

23.♠ac1??+-

Gives away a clear win. ○23.♠xd6 ♣xd6

24.♣c8+ ♣f8 25.♣xc6+ ♣f7 26.♣c8+ ♣f8

27.♣d7+-.

23...♠xc6 24.♠xc6

24.a3+- is not much help.

24...♣d7 0-1

Hall,C - Johnson,Q

South Island Championship (8) [C30]

1.e4 e5 2.f4 ♠c5 3.♠f3 d6 4.d4 exd4 5.♠xd4

♠f6 6.♠c3 ♣e7 7.♣d3 ♠d7 8.♠d2 ♠c6 9.♠xc6

♠xc6 10.0-0-0 0-0-0 11.♠e1 ♠g4 12.♠d5

♣f8 13.♣f3 ♠f2 14.♠g1 ♠xe4 15.♣xe4 ♠xd5

16.♣xd5 ♠xg1 17.♠c4 ♠b6 18.♣xf7 ♣xf7

19.♠xf7 ♠d4 20.g4 h6 21.♠g6 ♠f6 22.h3 c5

23.♠e3 b6 24.g5 hxg5 25.fxg5 ♠e5 26.♠f7

d5 27.g6 ♠f6 28.♠f4 ♠b7 29.♠d1 ♠c6

30.♠h1 ♠h4 31.♠g3 ♠e4 32.h4 ♠h8 33.h5

♠g4 34.♠e1 ♠g5 35.♠f1 ♠hxh5 36.♠d2 ♠f5

37.♠g1 ♠h2 38.♠e6 ♠ff2 39.♠d1 ♠xd2 0-1

Palmerston North Rapid

The under-1800 rapid tournament held by Palmerston North Chess Club in August attracted 16 entries, and as six held NZCF rapid ratings (above the 30 per cent minimum) the tournament has been rated and 10 players gained provisional ratings.

Palmerston North club president and top seed Steve Aburn scored 5/5 to win the event, with Brett Robinson runner-up on 4. Third place, on 3, was shared by Terry Powell, Stewart Holdaway, Slave Jovanoski, Neil Jepsen and Wing Tso.

ChessBase file of NZ games

About 1000 recent New Zealand games, including all those which have appeared in *NZ Chess* in 1997, and all games from the last Congress, are being collected in a ChessBase file and will be available to interested players in CBF or PGN format. Details in next issue of *NZ Chess*.

1997 South Island Rapid Championship

	CL	RAT	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot	T/B
1 N CUMMINGS	CA	2112	W13	W16	W6	D3	W5	W4	5½	
2 T RUSSELL	CA	1759	D11	D8	W22	W10	W15	W3	5	
3 AJ LOVE	OT	2200	W27	W22	W14	D1	W4	L2	4½	
4 D SEREBRIANY	CA	1970*	W21	W18	W9	W14	L3	L1	4	21.50
5 AJ NIJMAN	CA	1768	W15	L6	W13	W16	L1	W8	4	21.50
6 M MCNABB	CA	1642	W23	W5	L1	W9	L8	W15	4	21.50
7 JL SUTHERLAND	OT	1891	L10	W23	W11	D8	D9	W13	4	19
8 Q JOHNSON	CA	1638	D17	D2	W20	D7	W6	L5	3½	22
9 S COATES	CA	1748	W12	W10	L4	L6	D7	W17	3½	21.50
10 S NICHOLSON	ZZ	unr	W7	L9	W19	L2	D16	W20	3½	20
11 ST BENNETT	AS	1379	D2	W17	L7	L24	W21	W16	3½	18.50
12 P HARRIS	OT	1390	L9	W27	L17	D22	W18	W19	3½	14
13 B GLOISTEIN	CA	1503	L1	W26	L5	W23	W14	L7	3	20.50
14 B NIJMAN	NE	1920	W20	W19	L3	L4	L13	W24	3	18.50
15 JM ADAMS	GA	1449	L5	W28	W18	W17	L2	L6	3	18.50
16 S HUDSON	CA	1637*	W26	L1	W21	L5	D10	L11	2½	21
17 D PARTRIDGE	CA	1336*	D8	L11	W12	L15	W23	L9	2½	19
18 R SCARF	AS	1528	W24	L4	L15	D20	L12	W25	2½	17
19 E FROST	WE	1525	W25	L14	L10	D21	W24	L12	2½	16.50
20 C HALL	CA	1450*	L14	W25	L8	D18	W22	L10	2½	16.50
21 PJ JORDAN	CA	1462	L4	W24	L16	D19	L11	W27	2½	15.50
22 S KELLY	CA	1516	W28	L3	L2	D12	L20	D26	2	18
23 Z URBANSKI	AS	1348	L6	L7	W25	L13	L17	W28	2	16
24 N CASTEL	CA	unr	L18	L21	W27	W11	L19	L14	2	15
25 R PEARCE	ZZ	unr	L19	L20	L23	W26	W28	L18	2	12
26 JA URBANSKI	AS	1134*	L16	L13	D28	L25	W27	D22	2	11
27 J ATKINSON	CA	1505*	L3	L12	L24	W28	L26	L21	1	
28 C LOGAN	ZZ	unr	L22	L15	D26	L27	L25	L23	½	

South Island Rapid Championship

With a rating of 2112, Canterbury's Nick Cummings was second seed for the 1997 South Island Rapid Championship in Christchurch, behind Tony Love, 2200. A talking point was that Nick's rapid rating was nearly 300 points higher than his standard rating.

It could be even greater when the South Island events are rated, for after finishing midfield in the SI Championship, Nick

outplayed the opposition in the rapid. Cummings scored 5½/6, conceding just one draw, to Tony Love.

Thor Russell snatched second place on 5/6, after a quiet start, with draws against Stewart Bennett and Stephen Coates in the first two rounds. He won the rest of his games, and in the final round beat Tony Love, who lost his chance of a tie for first and finished 3rd, just ahead of the tightly-bunched field.

24th North Shore Open

By NM Peter Stuart

Auckland's longest continuously running weekender retained their six rounds in two days format introduced last year with the first two rounds having a rapid (30-30) time control and the remaining four a time control of 40 moves in 1½ hours plus a 20-minute guillotine finish.

Without doubt current New Zealand champion Alexei Kulashko played the best chess and fully deserved his victory with 5½/6. The big surprise was in the tie for second place where Paul Macdonald, rated 1750 and seeded 11th, joined Leonard McLaren on 5.

There were a few upsets in the rapid games, notably Peter Green drawing with Hamilton's Scott MacLeod in round 2 and Wayne Power's triple Swiss gambit – a loss to Rosaleen Sheehan and a draw with Chad Miller. Both opponents are young and improving while Wayne has been out of chess for about ten years and is now sloughing off much rust.

Also Bob Smith appeared to be in less than his best with two very close games. In the first Julius Bojtor reached a drawn rook ending involving a rook pawn but sadly went astray in the time scramble. The major upset in round 3 was Benji Lim's defeat of third seed Smith while Ralph Hart came back from a lost, or at least very bad, ending to draw with top seed Paul Garbett.

New Zealand champion Alexei Kulashko, seeded second, won his third game, against Roger Perry, to share the lead with Lim, whom he then defeated in a well-played game. Leonard McLaren, also with a perfect score had opted, along with Hart, to take a half-point bye in the Saturday evening round. Garbett won on time against Green in a marginally superior ending to share second place with McLaren on 3½.

In the clash of the top two seeds in round 5 Garbett was unable to demonstrate that he

had found the answer to the former Russian player. Alexei's impressive play netted a pawn in the middle-game and it was all downhill for Garbett. McLaren and Smith castled on opposite sides and Leonard's attack proved stronger. This left McLaren in sole second place on 4½ with Hart and Macdonald on 4, the latter eliminating Lim from interest in the major prizes.

The result of the last round game between McLaren and Kulashko was not in doubt for long – they drew after 11 moves. Hart, who had had a dream draw and was playing Macdonald, was therefore expected to obtain a share of second prize. This was not to be, as Ralph blundered a pawn and Paul played accurately to annex the full point and obtain his best-ever tournament result.

The under-1800 grade prize was shared by Beach and Gill, the under-1600 prize by Neville Easterlow and Daniel Johns. Finally, the under-1300 prize was shared by Tony Kesseler, John McRae and Chad Miller.

Lim – Kulashko

English [A30]

Analysis by [Fritz 4.01]

1.c4 c5 2.♁f3 ♁c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♁xd4 ♡b6

Out of book.

5.e3 ♁f6 6.♁c3 e6 7.♁e2 ♁e7 8.0-0 0-0
9.♠b1 a6 10.b3 ♠d8 11.♁f3 d6 12.♁c2 ♠d7
13.e4 ♁e8 14.♁e3 ♡c7 15.♁e2 ♠ac8 16.♁a4
♁d7 17.f4 ♁c5 18.♁c3 ♁f6 19.♁d4 ♁xd4
20.♁xd4 ♁d7 21.♠h1 b5 22.♠c1 b4 23.♁b1
♁xd4 24.♡xd4 ♁c5 25.♁f3 e5 26.♡d2 exf4
27.♠cd1

27.♡xf4? fails to 27...♁d3 28.♡d2 ♁xc1
29.♠xc1 ♠b8-+.

27...a5 28.♡xf4 a4 29.♡e3 axb3 30.axb3 ♡e7
31.♠fe1 ♁c6 32.♁d2 ♡e5 33.♁f1 ♠a8 34.♁g3
♠a3 35.♠b1 ♁a4 36.♁d1 ♁c6=

36...♠a8!?? is noteworthy.

37.♡d2+

37.♁f3!?? is an interesting idea.

37...♠da8

1997 North Shore Open

	CL	RAT	R1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
1 A KULASHKO	AC	2270	W33	W3	W19	W7	W4	D2	5½
2 LJ McLAREN	NS	2155	W25	W10	W9	B½	W8	D1	5
3 P MACDONALD	AC	1750	W29	L1	W21	W15	W7	W6	5
4 PA GARBETT	NS	2311	W13	W11	D6	W5	L1	W12	4½
5 PR GREEN	AC	2164	W26	D12	W22	L4	W25	W14	4½
6 R HART	NS	2036	W28	W24	D4	B½	W23	L3	4
7 B LIM	HP	1904	W31	W23	W8	L1	L3	W24	4
8 RW SMITH	WT	2237	W21	W14	L7	W9	L2	W23	4
9 PK BEACH	AC	1695	W32	W20	L2	L8	W28	W19	4
10 G OILL	WH	1703	W30	L2	D26	W27	D19	W20	4
11 RE DAVIES	PT	1767*	W34	L4	W12	L23	W21	D15	3½
12 S MACLEOD	CI	1706	W40	D5	L11	W26	W13	L4	3½
13 NL EASTERLOW	WT	1524	L4	W37	D27	W17	L12	W26	3½
14 PI HAIR	NS	1707	W37	L8	W33	D25	W16	L5	3½
15 D RADE	ZZ	1624*	W39	L19	W28	L3	W34	D11	3½
16 DP JOHNS	NS	1572	W38	L22	W20	D19	L14	W30	3½
17 PW POWER	NS	1944	L20	D27	W31	L13	W38	W25	3½
18 BR HOOTON	PT	1381	--	B½	W34	D22	L24	W33	3
19 R PERRY	AC	1890	W35	W15	L1	D16	D10	L9	3
20 R SHEEHAN	HH	1365	W17	L9	L16	W32	W22	L10	3
21 J BOJTOR	HP	1411	L8	W30	L3	W29	L11	W34	3
22 NJ GUNN	NS	unr	D27	W16	L5	D18	L20	W35	3
23 A MACFARLANE	WT	1623	W41	L7	W35	W11	L6	L8	3
24 H VITAL	PT	unr	W36	L6	L25	W35	W18	L7	3
25 I BJELOBRK	AC	1392	L2	W32	W24	D14	L5	L17	2½
26 JCO TSEUNG	AC	1408	L5	W40	D10	L12	W27	L13	2½
27 C MILLER	PK	1087*	D22	D17	D13	L10	L26	W37	2½
28 GW POCOCK	GA	1385	L6	W36	L15	W37	L9	D29	2½
29 T SHEEHAN	HH	1317	L3	L33	W39	L21	W31	D28	2½
30 JH MCRAE	PT	1196	L10	L21	D38	W39	W41	L16	2½
31 H COURTNEY	GA	1340	L7	D39	L17	W41	L29	W40	2½
32 A KESSELER	WT	1128	L9	L25	W40	L20	D37	W41	2½
33 TJJ TANGI	AC	1437	L1	W29	L14	L34	W39	L18	2
34 C HARTIGAN	WT	1321	L11	W41	L18	W33	L15	L21	2
35 C CLARK	HA	1338	L19	W38	L23	L24	W36	L22	2
36 SB SHEEHAN	HH	1171	L24	L28	L37	B1	L35	W38	2
37 M GARLAND	WT	1263	L14	L13	W36	L28	D32	L27	1½
38 S SHEEHAN	HH	754	L16	L35	D30	W40	L17	L36	1½
39 T GOTHORP	ZZ	903*	L15	D31	L29	L30	L33	B1	1½
40 M ABSALAM	AC	1232*	L12	L26	L32	L38	B1	L31	1
41 C JARDINE	AC	877	L23	L34	B½	L31	L30	L32	½

B1 = 1-pt bye; B½ = ½-pt bye.

Tied players are NOT listed in tie-break order

≤37...♁xe4 38.♁xe4 ♁xe4 39.♁f3±.

38.♠b2-+

38.♠e2!?? must be considered.

38...♠a1 39.♁f5??

An oversight. But White was lost anyway.

♠39.♡e2-+.

39...cxe4 40.Ψxb4

40.Ξe4 Ψe4 (40...Ψxf5?! is clearly weaker 41.Ξe1f) 41.ϕh6+ gxh6 42.h3-+]

41.Ψb6 Ψc5

41...Ψe5 42.Ξbe2 Ξxd1 43.Ξxd1 ρg3+ 44.hxg3 Ψxe2 45.Ψxc6 Ψxd1+ 46.ϕh2 Ψh5+ 47.ϕg1 Ξa1+ 48.ϕf2 Ψf5+ 49.Ψf3 Ψc5+ 50.ϕe2 Ψd4-+.

42.Ψxc5 dxc5 43.ϕg1

43.Ξbe2 does not save the day 43...Ξc1 44.ϕg1-+.

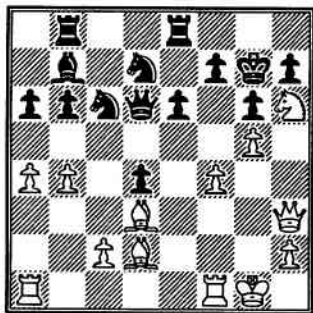
43...Ξd8 44.Ξxe4

44.ϕf1 doesn't get the bull off the ice 44...Ξdx1 45.Ξd1 Ξd1+ 46.ϕe2-+ 0-1

Kulashko - Garbett

Sicilian [B47]

1.e4 c5 2.ϕf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.ϕxd4 ρc6 5.ϕc3 Ψc7 6.ϕdb5 Ψb8 7.a4 ρf6 8.ϕd3 a6 9.ϕa3 Ψc7 10.0-0 ρe7 11.f4 d6 12.Ψf3 0-0 13.ϕe3 Ξb8 14.g4 d5 15.e5 ρd7 16.g5 g6 17.ϕd1 d4 18.ϕd2 b6 19.ϕf2 ϕb7 20.Ψh3 Ξfe8 21.ρg4 ϕf8 22.ϕc4 ϕa5 23.ϕd6 ϕxd6 24.ϕxd6 Ψxd6 25.b4 ρc6 26.ϕh6+ ϕg7



27.ϕxf7! Ψd5

27...ϕxf7? 28.Ψxb7+ ϕf8 29.ϕxg6 leads to mate; 27...Ψe7 28.Ψh6+ ϕg8 29.f5! gxh5 (29...exf5 30.ϕc4 -+) 30.g6 ρf6 31.Ξae1 Ψf8 32.b5 axb5 33.axb5 ϕa5 34.ϕf4 ±.

28.Ξae1 ρf8 29.ϕe4 Ψd7 30.ϕh6 ρe7 31.ϕxb7 Ξxb7 32.ρg4 ϕd5 33.c4 ρe7 34.ρf6

Ψxa4 35.Ξa1 Ψc6 36.ϕxe8+ Ψxe8 37.Ξxa6 ρf5 38.Ψf3 Ψc8 39.Ξfa1 Ξe7 40.Ψd3 Ψb7 41.Ξa7 Ψxa7 42.Ξxa7 Ξxa7 43.c5 bxc5 44.bxc5 Ξa1+ 45.ϕf2 e5 46.c6 Ξa2 47.c7 e4 48.Ψxe4 Ξxd2+ 49.ϕe1 Ξa2 50.c8Ψ Ξa1+ 51.ϕd2 Ξa2+ 52.ϕc1 1-0.

Smith - Beach

Scotch [C45]

1.e4 e5 2.ϕf3 ρc6 3.d4 exd4 4.ϕxd4 ρc5 5.ϕe3 Ψf6 6.c3 ρe7 7.ϕc4 d6 8.0-0 ρe5 9.ϕe2 0-0 10.f4 ρg6 11.Ψd2 h6 12.b4 ϕb6 13.ϕa3 ρc6 14.ϕc4 Ψh4? 15.ϕxb6 axb6 16.f5 ρge5 17.Ξf4 Ψf6 18.ϕb5 Ψd8 19.f6 g5 20.Ξf2 ϕh7 21.ϕxg5 hxg5 22.Ψxg5 ρg6 23.Ψh5+ 1-0.

McLaren - Smith

Sicilian [B66]

1.e4 c5 2.ϕf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.ϕxd4 ρf6 5.ϕc3 ρc6 6.ϕg5 e6 7.Ψd2 a6 8.0-0-0 h6 9.ϕe3 ϕd7 10.f4 ρe7 11.h3 b5 12.ϕd3 ϕxd4 13.ϕxd4 b4 14.ϕe2 Ψa5 15.ϕb1 ρc6 16.Ψe3 Ξb8 17.b3 0-0 18.g4 e5 19.ϕb2 exf4 20.ϕxf4 Ξfe8 21.ϕh5 ϕxh5 22.gxh5 Ψxh5 23.Ξhg1 ϕf8 24.Ψg3 Ξe6 25.ϕc4 Ξb5 26.ϕxe6 fxe6 27.Ξdf1 Ψe8 28.ϕxg7 Ξg5 29.ϕxf8 Ξxg3 30.Ξxg3+ ϕh7 31.Ξf6 Ψh5 32.Ξg7+ ϕh8 33.Ξg4 ϕh7 34.Ξxh6+ Ψxh6 35.ϕxh6 ϕxh6 36.ϕc1 e5 37.ϕd2 ϕd7 38.Ξg8 ϕh5 39.Ξd8 ϕxh3 40.Ξxd6 ϕf1 41.ϕe3 1-0.

Hart - Macdonald

French [C15]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.ϕc3 ϕb4 4.ρge2 dxe4 5.a3 ρe7 6.ϕxe4 ρf6 7.Ψd3 0-0 8.ϕ2g3 ϕbd7 9.ϕg5? ϕxe4 10.ϕxe7 ρxf2 11.ϕxd8 ϕxd3+ 12.ϕxd3 Ξd8 13.0-0-0 ρf6 14.ϕe4 ϕxe4 15.ϕxe4 c6 16.Ξd3 ϕd7 17.Ξhd1 ϕe8 18.c4 Ξac8 19.b4 Ξd6 20.c5 Ξd7 21.ϕb2 Ξcd8 22.h4 f6 23.ϕc3 ϕg6 24.ϕxg6 hxg6 25.ϕc4 Ξd5 26.a4 ϕf7 27.b5 e5 28.a5 Ξxd4+ 29.Ξxd4 Ξd4+ 30.Ξxd4 cxb5+ 31.ϕxb5 exd4 32.a6 bxa6+ 33.ϕxa6 d3 34.c6 d2 35.c7 d1Ψ 36.c8Ψ Ψd4 37.Ψb7+ ϕe6 38.Ψb3+ ϕe7 39.Ψb7+ Ψd7 40.Ψf3 Ψd4 41.ϕb7 a5 42.g4 Ψb4+ 43.ϕc8 a4 44.h5 gxh5 45.gxh5 Ψc4+ 46.ϕb7 Ψb3+ 0-1.

1997 NZ Junior and Age Group Championships

By FM Bob Smith

Thirty-eight players turned out for this year's NZ Junior Championships at Kelston Boys High School in West Auckland from October 7 to 10.

Actually, 39 had entered, but a mysterious Nelson Allen, entered by his Auckland school without any details except his name and the cheque, failed to show - forcing an unnecessary bye in the first round.

Playing conditions were excellent, with carpeted playing rooms, a separate (and often very noisy) analysis room and digital clocks provided on all boards by the host club, Waitemata.

Some of the country's "biggest guns" were missing (e.g. David Guthrie and Russell Metge), which made for an evenly contested and interesting tournament.

Top seed and favourite for the event was 17-year-old Alan Dunn (1661), who plays for Papatotetoe. He was closely followed by Waitemata's Alan Macfarlane, whose relatively high rating (1623) was a surprise to some. Other major contenders according to ratings were Taupo's Ryan Trass (1536) and Waitemata's Daniel Goudie (1534).

Surprises start in round 1

But in junior tournaments the unexpected perhaps happens more often than in open tournaments, because ratings are not that reliable with players improving so fast. The surprises began with the very first round. Dunn could only draw with the under-rated Chad Miller (1087), while Goudie built up a winning position against another under-rated player, Lamar Ah-Chee (1007), only to choose the wrong plan and drift into a draw.

This theoretically gave the other front-runners a handy advantage; but they also stumbled the very next round! Macfarlane achieved an easily winning game against Pascal Harris but somehow threw it away and even lost. Meanwhile Trass could only

draw with the national under-12 Champion, Patrick Savage.

After round three Auckland Chess Centre's Igor Bjelobrk was the only player left on full points, with Dunn, Ryan Trass and his brother Clinton, Tertius Van Der Walt, Paul Godfrey, Craig Hall and Harris all lurking half a point behind. Goudie had dropped yet another draw, in a wild game against Savage.

Round four and Dunn seemingly re-asserted his authority with a smashing win over Bjelobrk. Ryan Trass joined him on 3½/4, showing little brotherly love in his encounter with Clinton. Pascal Harris also reached 3½ after Van Der Walt gifted an early pawn and followed up soon after with a piece. On 3 were Macfarlane, Paul Godfrey, Bjelobrk, Colm Hartigan, Hall and Savage. Goudie had dropped off the pace with his third draw, against Caleb Wright.

Outright leader

With three rounds to go Ryan Trass became the outright leader with a convincing win over Dunn. Half a point behind were Macfarlane, who beat Hall, Godfrey, who benefited from Hartigan's inability to handle his time, and Bjelobrk, who accounted for Harris. Further back Goudie had only his second win, over Clinton Trass.

In the penultimate round Trass and Macfarlane fought out a very exciting, double-edged Sicilian. Trass sacrificed a piece for three pawns but missed a winning chance. Macfarlane in turn missed his chance to gain the upper-hand and the game ended in perpetual check. Bjelobrk seized the chance to draw level again, with a nice positional win over Godfrey. Harris came back into the picture, surprisingly beating Dunn in a messy game.

Others to reach 4½ were Goudie, who steadily outplayed Jonathan Nicholls, and

1997 NZ Junior and age group championships

	CL	RAT	R1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOT	T/B
1 R TRASS	GA	1536*	W25	D6	W14	W11	W7	D2	W4	6	
2 A MACFARLANE	WT	1623	W22	L8	W25	W15	W19	D1	W6	5½	29
3 D GOUDIE	WT	1534	D12	W9	D6	D18	W11	W13	W8	5½	29
4 I BJELOBRK	AC	1392	W33	W21	W18	L7	W8	W5	L1	5	29
5 P GODFREY	WT	1468	W31	W15	D8	D19	W17	L4	W12	5	27.50
6 P SAVAGE	WE	1226	W28	D1	D3	W20	D10	W17	L2	4½	32
7 A DUNN	PT	1661	D9	W12	W13	W4	L1	L8	W19	4½	31.50
8 P HARRIS	WA	1263	bye	W2	D5	W10	L4	W7	L3	4½	30
9 C MILLER	FK	1087*	D7	L3	D12	W23	W25	W18	D10	4½	28.50
10 T VAN DER WALT	HP	1495*	W30	D14	W23	L8	D6	W15	D9	4½	27.50
11 C TRASS	GA	unr	W20	W16	D19	L1	L3	W21	D13	4	30
12 ML AH-CHEE	AC	1007*	D3	L7	D9	W27	W22	W20	L5	4	29.50
13 J NICHOLLS	WE	1326*	W24	D23	L7	W14	W21	L3	D11	4	28.50
14 V COLLINGWOOD	WT	1172	W29	D10	L1	L13	W26	W23	D16	4	28
15 C CHILVERS	HP	1172	W27	L5	W32	L2	W30	L10	W26	4	26
16 T SHEEHAN	HH	1317	W26	L11	W24	D21	D18	D19	D14	4	25
17 C HARTIGAN	WT	1321	W32	L18	W30	W22	L5	L6	W25	4	24.50
18 C WRIGHT	SP	1111*	W37	W17	L4	D3	D16	L9	D20	3½	28
19 C HALL	CA	1312	W35	W36	D11	D5	L2	D16	L7	3½	27
20 N CROAD	WE	1304*	L11	W26	W27	L6	W24	L12	D18	3½	25.50
21 B DONALDSON	SP	1162*	W34	L4	W36	D16	L13	L11	W27	3½	24
22 J CALDER	AC	1083*	L2	W35	W34	L17	L12	D24	W31	3½	23.50
23 M CHILVERS	HP	1162	W38	D13	L10	L9	W33	L14	W30	3½	21.50
24 S SHEEHAN	HH	754	L13	W38	L16	W32	L20	D22	W35	3½	19.50
25 P SWEETSUR	GA	1078*	L1	W28	L2	W34	L9	W35	L17	3	27
26 T WATI	SP	unr	L16	L20	W37	W31	L14	W28	L15	3	22.50
27 S DUNNE	SP	unr	L15	W31	L20	L12	W32	W33	L21	3	22
28 J LIN	WT	unr	L6	L25	L31	W29	W37	L26	W34	3	19.50
29 S SMITH	WT	unr	L14	L30	D33	L28	W38	D32	W36	3	16
30 N BATINICA	WT	812	L10	W29	L17	W35	L15	D31	L23	2½	23.50
31 J YANG	AC	799*	L5	L27	W28	L26	W34	D30	L22	2½	22
32 J QUINLAN	SP	523*	L17	W37	L15	L24	L27	D29	W38	2½	19
33 N LANDRIGAN	SP	782*	L4	L34	D29	W36	L23	L27	D37	2	20
34 Y MIAO	WT	unr	L21	W33	L22	L25	L31	W37	L28	2	19
35 D WAI-POI	SP	unr	L19	L22	W38	L30	W36	L25	L24	2	18
36 J ABRIE	SP	unr	bye	L19	L21	L33	L35	W38	L29	2	14
37 V JOVIC	WT	unr	L18	L32	L26	W38	L28	L34	D33	1½	
38 M LANDRIGAN	SP	unr	L23	L24	L35	L37	L29	L36	L32	0	

Savage, who won the clash of the 12-year-olds when Hartigan again forgot his clock while a queen for a rook up.

So the top board game between Trass and Bjelobrk would decide this year's New Zealand Junior Champion; if they drew two other players could catch up and share the title.

In the event, Trass played his trademark aggressive game and forged through to take the NZ Junior title, the Under 16 title, and the NZ Schoolpupils' title.

Macfarlane must have been ruing his round two slip-up as he beat Savage convincingly to finish just a half point behind, while

Goudie won his third straight game, against Harris, to also reach 5½ and tie for second.

Fourth equal on 5 were Paul Godfrey and Bjelobrk.

The Under-12 title was retained by defending champion Patrick Savage, half a point ahead of Colm Hartigan. A match between these two would indeed be an interesting proposition!

The NZ Junior Girls' title went, virtually by default, to Teresa Sheehan. There were only two girls in the competition. Teresa scored 4/7 (two wins, 1 loss, 4 draws), while 11-year-old Samantha Smith (daughter of Bob and Viv) performed quite well in her first major tournament, collecting 3 points.

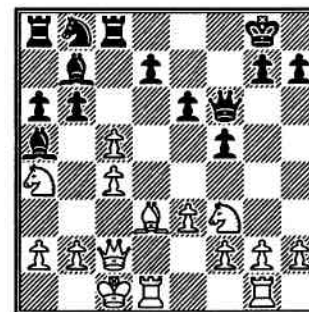
Some notable features of the tournament were that 28 of the 38 players had ratings, players from the host club, Waitemata, took three of the top five placings, and there was not a single dispute! All in all, a most successful event.

Donaldson, A - Bjelobrk, I

NZ Junior [E43]

Analysis by Fritz 4.01

1.d4 1...e1f6 2.c4 e6 3.e3c3 ♟b4 4.e3 b6 out of book 5.♟f3 ♟b7 6.♟d3 ♟e4 7.♟d2 ♟xd2 8.♟xd2 0-0 9.♟c2 ♠5 10.0-0-0 ♟f6 11.♟b5 ♠c8 12.♠hg1 a6 13.♟c3 c5 14.♟a4 ♟a5 15.dxc5



15...d5?+

♟15...bxc5 would allow Black to play on 16.♟d2 d5±. 16.♟b3??

Hands over the advantage to the opponent.

♟16.♟xb6 ♟xb6 17.cxb6±.

16...♟d7 17.cxd5±

17.cxb6!?! dxc4 18.♟xc4 ♟xb6 19.♟xb6 ♟xb6 20.♟b1 ♟e4+ 21.♟a1±.

17...♟xd5 18.♟c4??-+

Strolling merrily down the path to disaster. ♟18.♟a3 b5! Black moves ahead of the opponent (18...bxc5?! 19.♟c3 ♟b4 20.♟xd5 exd5 21.♟a4±) 19.♟c3 ♟xc3 20.bxc3 ♟xc5 21.♟d4±.

18...♟xc5 19.♟xc5 ♟xc4 20.♟a3 ♠xc5 21.♟b1 ♠ac8 22.♟d4 e5 23.♟b3 ♠b5 24.♠d6

24.♟c1-+ cannot change what is in store for White.

24...♟f7

♟24...♟f8 might be the shorter path 25.♠d7 ♟xa3 26.bxa3 ♟xb3 27.axb3 ♠xb3+ 28.♟a2 ♠b5-+.

25.♠c1 ♟b4

25...♟b7 26.♠xc4 ♠xc4 27.♠d8+ ♟f7±.

26.♠xc4

26.♟xa6 is still a small chance 26...♠bc5 27.♟xb6-+.

26...♟xc4 27.♟xa6 ♟c2-+-

27...♟f1+ 28.♠d1 ♟xd1+ 29.♟c1 ♠xc1#.

28.♟a1 ♟c1+

Black should return some of the goodies he has collected.

29.♟xc1 ♠xc1# 0-1

Godfrey, P - Harris, P

NZ Junior, [C44]

Notes by FM Bob Smith

1.e4 e5 2.♟f3 ♟c6 3.d4 exd4 4.♟c4 ♟c5 5.c3 dxc3?! 6.♟xf7+ ♟xf7 7.♟d5+ ♟e8 8.♟xc5 cxb2 9.♟xb2 ♟f6 10.e5

Better 10.Nd2 or 0-0.

10...d6 11.♟c4 ♟e7 12.0-0 dxe5 13.♟xe5 ♟xe5 14.♟b5+ ♟fd7 15.♟xe5 ♟xe5 16.♟xe5+ ♟xe5 17.♠e1 ♟f7 18.♠xe5-+ ♟e6 19.♟c3 c6

Better 19...Rad8 20.Nb5?! c6 21.Nc7?! Bxa2!

20.♟e4 h6 21.♟d6+ ♟f6 22.♠a1 ♟xa2 23.♟xb7 ♟d5 24.h4 a5 25.h5 a4 26.♟d6 g6 27.♟e8+ ♠hx8 28.♠xe8 ♠xe8 29.♠xe8 a3 30.hxg6 ♟xg6 31.g3 a2 32.♠e1 ♟g5

32...Be4! 33.Ra1 Bb1 34.Kf1 Kg5 35.f3 h5 36.Ke2 h4 37.gxh4 Kxh4 38.Ke3 Kg3 39.f4 Kg4! -+

33.♟f1 ♖c4+ 34.♙g2 ♗d3 35.♟f3 ♖b1
36.♞e5+ ♟f6 37.♞a5 h5 38.♟e3 ♟e6 39.♟f4
h4?! 40.gxh4 c5 41.♟e3 ♟d5 42.h5 ♟c4
43.h6 ♟b3 44.♟d2 c4 45.♟c1 ♗d3 46.♟d2
♟b2 47.♞xa2+ ♟xa2 48.♟c3 ♟a3 ½-½

Dunn,A - Ah-Chee,L

NZ Junior, [B70]

Notes by FM Bob Smith

1.e4 c5 2.♟f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♞xd4 ♟f6
5.♟c3 g6 6.♗c4 ♙g7 7.♖b3 ♟c6

8...0-0, planning Na6-c5!?

8.f3 0-0

8...Nxd4!?

9.♗e3 a6 10.♟d2 ♗d7 11.0-0-0 ♟c7 12.♟b1
b5 13.g4 ♟e5 14.h4 ♟c4 15.♗xc4 bxc4 16.h5
♞fb8 17.hxg6 fxg6 18.♗h6 ♗h8 19.g5 ♟b7
20.b3 ♟h5 21.♟d5 ♗c8 22.♞xh5 22.Nc6!
22...gxh5 23.♟c6 ♗e5 24.♟dxe7+ ♟f7
25.♟d5+ ♗e6 26.♟xe5+ dx5 27.♟xe5 ♟xe7
28.♟g7+ ♟e8 29.♟h8+ ♟f7 30.♟xh7+ ♟e8
31.♟h8+ ♟f7 32.g6+ ♟xg6 33.♞g1+

& black resigned. But after 35...Bg4! he seems to be winning! 1-0

Savage,P - Goudie,D

NZ Junior, [B14]

Notes by FM Bob Smith

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 ♟f6 5.♟c3
e6 6.♗g5 ♗e7 7.♟f3 0-0 8.c5 ♟c6 9.a3 ♟e4
10.♗xe7 ♟xe7 11.♟c2 f5 12.b4 e5?! 13.♟xd5
♟d8 14.dxe5 ♞e8 15.♗c4 ♟h8 16.♟b2?!

Simply 16.0-0 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Rxe5
18.Rad1 leaves white well on top.

16...♟g5 17.♟xg5 ♞xe5+ 18.♟e3

18.Kf1! Qxg5 19.f4 +

18...♟xg5 19.b5 f4 20.bxc6 bxc6

20...fxe3 21.cxb7 exf2+ 22.Kf1 Bxb7
23.Qxb7 Re1+ 24.Rxe1 fxe1=Q+ 25.Kxe1
Qc1+ 26.Kf2 Rf8+ -.

21.h4 ♟e7 22.0-0-0 ♞xc5

22...fxe3?? 23.Qxe5!

23.♟d4 ♗a6 24.♟xf4 ♞f8 25.♟d4 ♞b8
26.♞d2?

26.Rd3!+-

26...♗xc4 27.♟xc4 ♞xc4+ 28.♟xc4 ♟xa3+
29.♟c2 ♞b2+ 30.♟d1 ♞b1+ 31.♟e2 ♟e7+
32.♟f3 ♞xh1 33.♟xc6 ♟f6+ 34.♟xf6 gxf6
35.♞d8+ ♟g7 36.♞d7+ ♟g6 37.♞xa7 ½-½

Auckland sports expo

NZ Chess Supplies was represented in a three-day sports and outdoors expo at the Auckland Showgrounds in August, and a feature was a series of challenges in which IM Ortvin Sarapu played several of Bruce Barnard's computers.

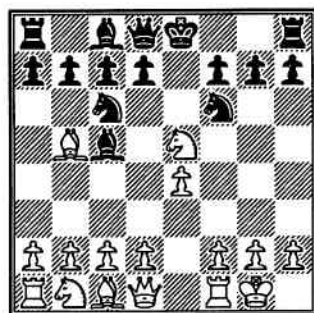
Ortvin beat Rebel 8, drew with drew with Hiarc, drew with Genius 5, and in time trouble missed an easy draw against Fritz 4 and lost. Here is Ortvin's game against Rebel 8.

Rebel 8 - Sarapu,O

[C65]

Notes by IM Ortvin Sarapu

1.e4 e5 2.♟f3 ♟c6 3.♗b5 ♟f6 4.0-0 ♗c5
5.♟xe5



5...♟d4!?

New to computers and Bruce's opening books, but not for me!

6.♗c4 ♟e7! 7.♟xf7 d5! 8.♟xh8 dxc4 9.e5
♟g4 10.h3

In a later game against Sarapu, Fritz 4 hoped to improve on this move and played 10.c3?! ♟h4 11.h3 ♟xf2! 12.♞xf2 ♟c2! 13.d4 cxd3 14.♟f3 ♗e6 15.b4 ♟xf2+ 16.♟xf2 ♗xf2+ 17.♟xf2 ♟xa1 18.♟c3 0-0-0 19.♟e4 ♞xh8 20.♟d2 ♞d8 and on behalf of Fritz 4 Bruce Barnard resigned.

10...♟xe5 11.♟c3 ♗f5 12.♟d5 ♟h4 13.♟xc7+
♟d7 14.♟xa8 ♟df3+ 15.♟h1 ♟xh3 16.♟xf3
♟xf3 0-1

New Zealand News

Congratulations to Wellington's Arcadios Feneridis on celebrating his 90th birthday.

North Shore

Paul Garbett scored 6/6 to win the North Shore CC's Saturday invitational tournament, well clear of Matthew Barlow, Wolfgang Leonhardt and Peter Stuart, all on 3½, and Bruce Watson 3. Prashant Mistry 5 won the B grade from Mark Le Brocq and David Simpson 3 and David Munroe 2½.

Peter Stuart won leg 3 of the club's rapid championship, with 5½/6 (draw with Prashant Mistry), just ahead of Leonard McLaren 5 (loss to Stuart), with Mistry, Daniel Johns and Steve Devlin on 4, and Philip Hair, Neil Gunn, Mark Le Brocq and Graham Mears on 3½.

Waitemata

Waitemata CC's Winter Cup was retained by defending champion Bob Smith. He scored 6/6 - although some of those points were not that convincing! Runner-up on 5 was Neville Easterlow, losing only to Smith, while third place was shared by Viv Smith, Alan Macfarlane and the fast improving Lamar Ah-Chee, all on 4. Next in the field of 25 players were Bruce Pollard, Paul Godfrey, Robert Bennett, Alen Machina and Lee Smith, on 3½. Notable was second seed Antonio Krstev's below par result; he finished on 3.

But the championship preliminaries showed Krstev in his true form. In the absence of Bob Smith (seeded through to the finals) Antonio won all seven games to easily be top qualifier. The other finalists were Zelimir Jovic 5 and Alan Macfarlane, Rob Calder, Alen Machina, Bruce Pollard and Lamar Ah-Chee, all on 4½. Favourites who missed out on the finals included Viv Smith 4, Daniel Goudie 4 and Neville Easterlow 3½. The top seven players plus Bob Smith play a round robin to decide this year's club champion.

Wanganui

This year's Wanganui CC championship was tightly-contested, with five players contesting the double-round final and Martin Post on 5½/8 taking the title by just half a point from Tony Dowden and Chris Burns on 5. They were well clear of Dave Cooper 2½ and Prince Vetharianiam 2. However, all games were vital - among the top three players Dowden scored 2½:1½, but had a draw with Cooper and a loss to Vetharianiam. Burns scored 2:2, but lost a game to Cooper. Post scored 1½:2½ among the top three, but won all games against Cooper and Vetharianiam.

The A reserve was also tightly contested, with Gordon Hoskyn taking the title with 5/8, just ahead of David Bell and John Wilson on 4½, with Wayne Boswell 3½ and Alan Wilson 2½. Improving junior Pascal Harris won the B grade with 9/10, clear of Shaun Street 7, Kelly Forrest 5, Bill Maddren 4 and Joe Ryland and Chas Ward 2½. Peter Krauliz decisively won the C grade championship with 9/10, ahead of Dennis Haxton & Kevin Yorston 6½, Dan Hurley 6, Craig Toyne 4, Marcus Robinson 3 and Dan Hurley 1.

The club's summer handicap tourney was won by Shaun Street with 12½, ahead of Dennis Haxton and Dilbagh Sangha on 11½.

Petone

Phillip Monrad has won the Petone CC's 1997 championship with an unbeaten 11/12, conceding draws to Gavin Marner and Tom McDade. Marner was runner-up on 10, just ahead of Mark van der Hoorn 9½. They were followed by Kent Wong 7½, Mark Noble 7 (out of 7, a reflection of the fact that many games were unplayed), Ross Jackson 6½, Ash Koia and Tom McDade 5.

Wellington

Justin Phillips has won the Wellington CC championship for 1997, with 3½/4 in the

play-off. Ross Jackson was runner-up on 3, ahead of John Lee 2½ and Ted Frost 2. **Lawrence Farrington** and **Michael Nyberg** tied for first in the Senior B, on 3½, just ahead of Nic Croad and John Cook on 3.

Otago

John Sutherland has won the Otago CC championship for the second time, finishing

All-Wellington Rapid

A field of 16 players headed by North Island Champion Anthony Ker, Stephen Lukey, and South Island rapid champion Tony Dowden, competed in the 1997 All-Wellington rapid championship.

Ker and the winner of the Major Open title at the last congress, Tim Hare, went through the early rounds unbeaten and met in the last round. They drew mid-way through play in the 30/30 tournament, sharing the title half a point ahead of Dowden and John Lee on 4.

Dowden lost to John Eriksen in round 2, which kept him just off the pace until he met and beat Lukey in the last round. Lee lost to Lukey in round 2, but and did not meet the leaders. Lukey was unbeaten until he met Ker in round 4.

Fifth place on 3 was shared by Lukey, Eriksen, Gavin Marnier, Chris Burns, Justin Davis, Alan Aldridge and Lawrence Farrington. Eriksen and Farrington shared the A grade prize and Philip Coghini on 2½ won the B grade prize. Jeremy Smith and Patrick Savage, on 2, took trophies as the best of the five juniors playing.

Wellington Chess Club hosted the event, with Tim Frost as tournament director.

Lukey, S – Dowden, T

All Wellington Rapid, R6 [A72]

Notes by Tony Dowden

1.d4 ♀f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.♁c3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.♁f3 a6 8.♁g5

Not a dangerous line. With careful play Black can look forward to a comfortable game.

well clear of runner-up Eric Rayner. Third place was shared by Malcolm Foord and Robert Wansink. Many games were unplayed. Placings in other grades: Intermediate, P Cosgrove 1, G Cessford 2, D Reid 3; junior, T Rowell 1, J Croawell 2, A Ritchie 3.

8...h6 9.♁h4 ♁g7 10.♁d2 b5 11.♁e2 0-0
12.♁c2 ♁bd7 13.0-0

13.a4 is more testing. 13...b4 14.♁d1 ♁e8
15.♁c3! Murshed – Gavrikov, Tbilisi.

13...♁e8 14.f4 ♁c7?!

14...c4 straight away is better.

15.♁ae1 c4 16.a3?!

Rather slow. 16.b4! Is better which aims to stifle Black's Q-side play.

16...♁c5

Prevents 17.b4 and eyes d3.

17.♁h1 ♁g4

Black plans to establish a knight on d3 and also exchange his bad bishop.

18.♁xf6! ♁xe2 19.♁xg7 ♁d3

19...♁xf1 20.♁xh6 20.Bxh6 gives White ample compensation for the exchange.

20.♁d1 ♁xg7!

20...♁xf1?! 21.♁xh6. Again 20.Bxh6 gives White ample compensation for the exchange.

21.♁f3 f5!?

An aggressive move which aims to install the knight on d3 and to frustrate White's initiative on the K-side.

22.exf5?

Falling in with Black's plans. 22.♁fe3! Is far better with an unclear position.

22...♁xf5 23.♁fe3 ♁d3! 24.♁xe8 ♁xe8 25.♁f1 ♁c5 26.♁f3 ♁e3

This penetration gives Black a winning position due to the action of the rook along the sixth rank.

27.♁d1 ♁xb2 28.♁a1 ♁d4

28...♁xc3 29.♁xb2 ♁xa3.

29.♁xb2 ♁xc3 30.♁xc3+ ♁xc3 31.♁f3 ♁xa3

32.♁d4 ♁e4 33.f5 ♁f6 34.fxg6+ ♁xg6 35.h4

♁a2 36.♁g1 ♁xd5 and White soon resigned 0-1

CHANGES IN LAWS OF CHESS

An explanatory note prepared by the technical committee of the NZ Chess Federation (Inc.)

A comprehensive revision of the laws of chess over the last few years resulted in a new code being adopted by the FIDE General assembly last year at Yerevan. The new rules took effect on 1st July 1997 and the following will acquaint you with the most significant changes.

Gone are the separate rules for rapid and blitz chess and guillotine finishes. Several appendices to the main laws cover the differences for these time controls as well as adjournments.

You will, of course, be aware that the knight's move has heretofore been "composed of two different steps; first it makes one step of one single square along its rank or file and then, still moving away from the square of departure, one step of one single square on a diagonal". It "moves to one of the squares nearest to that on which it stands but not on the same rank, file or diagonal. It does not pass directly over any intervening square."

On moves generally, each move must be made with one hand only – no two-handed castling or pawn promotion any more.

The "one hour late" rule has been clarified; it now makes it clear that it means one hour from the scheduled start of play which is not necessarily one hour on the clock. This, we think, might lead to some unfair situations but that is covered by giving the arbiter discretion over the application of the new rule.

Clocks and recording moves

The clock comes in for further attention though some of the new points will be familiar from former rapid rules. A player must always be allowed to stop his clock and start the opponent's; his move is incomplete until he has done so (unless the move ends the game). Secondly, the same hand which moves the pieces must operate the clock.

Finally, it is now forbidden to knock the clock over – or otherwise mistreat it. Penalties for improper clock handling range from a warning to expulsion from the event.

There are several new points regarding the recording of moves. It is made clear that a player may reply to the opponent's move before recording it but the player must not make another move without first recording his previous move (time trouble may allow of an exception of course). Completely new is the requirement that both players must record the offer of a draw on their scoresheets, by the notation "(=)". Also that the scoresheet must always be visible to the arbiter; hiding moves with pens or watches is apparently no longer legal. The laws also make clear that the scoresheets are the property of the organisers.

There is a major change to the penalties for making false claims under the threefold repetition or 50-move rules. In future in such cases the unsuccessful claimant shall have deducted half of his remaining time up to a maximum of three minutes and the opponent will receive an extra three minutes. Under the old rules the claimant could lose on time as there was an automatic five-minute penalty.

Leaving the venue

Under the heading "Conduct of the players" there is one new rule under which players are not allowed to leave the 'playing venue' without the arbiter's permission. The playing venue is defined as "the playing area, rest rooms, refreshment area, area set aside for smoking and other places as designated by the arbiter". In addition the player having the move must not leave the playing area without the arbiter's permission. The reasons for these rules are obvious. The new rules also expressly state that "The game is lost by a player who persistently refuses to comply

with the Laws of Chess." This rule goes on to say that "the opponent's score shall be decided by the arbiter." This overcomes the unsatisfactory situation where a player who is hopelessly lost on the board gets a gift point because his opponent is penalised by loss of the game.

The rules for quickplay (guillotine) finishes are important given the great popularity of this feature in New Zealand club and tournament play. These are included in the main section of the laws. The most significant change here is the rule governing situations where a player attempts to utilise a time advantage where the board position gives insufficient justification. It is worth quoting article 10.2 in full:

If the player has less than two minutes left on his clock he may claim a draw before his flag falls. He shall stop the clocks and summon the arbiter.

(a) If the arbiter is satisfied the opponent is making no effort to win the game by normal means, or that it is not possible to win by normal means, then he shall declare the

US\$55,000,000 for world championships

The recent FIDE Congress in Moldova was told that the World Chess Foundation has committed itself to organise the next 10 world championships, at two-year intervals, with a guaranteed prize fund for \$5,000,000 for each championship.

The announcement was made by the president, Kirsan Ilyumzhinov, who also told the congress that he would consider lifting the prize fund for the women's world championship from \$US200,000 to \$500,000, with the same format as the men's event.

FIDE has issued the initial list of players entitled or invited to take part in the 100-player knockout competition planned for the world championship at the end of the year.

game drawn. Otherwise he shall postpone his decision.

(b) If the arbiter postpones his decision, the opponent may be awarded two extra minutes thinking time and the game shall continue in the presence of the arbiter.

(c) Having postponed his decision, the arbiter may subsequently declare the game drawn, even after a flag has fallen.

The rapid rules are now merely a brief appendix but it is worth noting that article 10 on guillotine finishes, part of which is quoted above, applies also to rapid games. The rapid rules also explicitly state that "players do not need to record the moves." Of course certain draw claims will not be possible without a completed scoresheet but that has been the case for a long time.

Still puzzled about the new knight move? A little worried perhaps? No more Réti Opening or Indian defences? Well ... not to worry. Nothing has changed. The knight's move remains a "crooked two-step" but the new definition is conceptually superior even if it at first appears misleading.

Nearly half the field are winners of zonal tournaments, and the remainder of round 1 includes recent winners of the world junior championship, Zsuzsa Polgar as women's world champion, 8 GM's and several invited players. In round 2 the winners will be joined by five former candidates (Anand, Gelfand, Salov, Kramnik and Timman), and more than 20 top-rated GM's. The 31 winners from this round will be joined by GM Gata Kamsky in round 3 and the winners will take part in three more knockout rounds.

GM Anatoly Karpov and GM Garry Kasparov are seeded to join the two winners from round 6 of the knockout, to compete in the semi-finals.

The ANU Chess Festival

By IM Ben Martin

Each year in July the Australian National University (ANU) organises and funds a series of tournaments and displays. A major aim of this unique festival is to raise the profile of chess, and especially to encourage juniors. Publicity in the local newspapers, radio and television was excellent.

The Carbon - Silicon match pitted teams of eight humans against eight computers, including some home-grown efforts developed in the university's Computer Science department. The pre-tournament favourite was Knightcap, the creation of ANU PhD student Andrew Tridgell. The novel feature of this programme is that it "learns" from its mistakes, so it improves the more it plays. In the end Knightcap could manage only 2½/5. However, the computers won a narrow 21-19 victory aided by perfect 5/5 scores from two commercial programs, Chessmaster 5000 and Chess Genius 4.

I lost to Chessmaster in 26 moves, swept away by tactics. My game against Chess Genius was even worse: the silicon monster simply took all my pawns. Luck played a part in my three wins. I benefited from technical problems, including a "liveware" failure in one game (the human operator typed in one of my moves incorrectly and the machine lost a piece as a result). On the other hand the computers don't have to bear the psychological burdens of us humans. It is rather disheartening to glance at the screen and be told that the computer has analysed 50,000 positions in the time it has taken you to analyse five.

First win against a GM

The main event for humans was the seven round ANU Open held over the weekend of 19-20 July. Despite the attractive prize money (A\$1500 for 1st prize) the turnout was disappointing. There were only two titled players, GM Ian Rogers and myself.

One problem was the clash with the wedding of Australian Olympiad representative IM John-Paul Wallace to WFM Ingela Eriksson of Sweden. Rogers took a hal-point bye and travelled to Sydney for the wedding on the Saturday, a round trip of almost six hours.

The crucial match was in Round 6 between Rogers and myself. Ian, who trailed me by half a point at the time, played riskily in the early middlegame. Later his kingside weaknesses told against him and I recorded my first win over a grandmaster.

The time control was 1 hour each for the game, but with each person gaining ten seconds per move after one player's hour had expired. Thus if your "flag" was the first to fall then you had an extra ten seconds to save yourself. This may sound like a lot, but it can pass very quickly in the heat of the moment. One advantage with this Fischer-type time control is that it avoids situations where one person is playing for a win on time with, say, king and pawn against three queens.

Results: 1 B. Martin 6½/7; 2 L. Jones 6/7; 3= N. Jacirlic, I. Rogers, J.Tan 5½/7;... A good performance by Tan, a junior whose 1594 rating is sure to increase.

Rogers, I - Martin, B
ANU Festival R6 [C19]
Notes by IM Ben Martin

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♗c3 ♖b4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 ♗xc3+ 6.bxc3 ♗e7 7.♗f3 ♗d7 8.a4 ♗a5 9.♗d2 ♗bc6 10.♗b5 a6 11.♗xc6

Objectively not a bad move. However, the opposite-coloured ♗s make the position potentially drawish. 11.♗e2 is sharper.

11...♗xc6 12.0-0 0-0 13.♗c1 ♗ac8 14.♗a3 ♗g6 15.h4

Maybe White is slightly better after 15.♗xc5 ♗xc5 16.dxc5 or 15.dxc5, but it will be hard to generate winning chances.

15...♗d8 16.g3?

This leaves the light squares around White's ♖ dangerously weak. 16.♙g5 leads to a double-edged position after 16...f6 17.exf6 gxf6 18.♙h6 ♖f7. 16...f6!

Opening up the ♖-side is more important than the weakening of e5.

17.♖fe1 fxe6 18.♙g5 ♖e8 19.♗xe5 ♗xe5 20.♖xe5 ♗g6

Black is better. White has weak ♖s on f2, c2 and a4.

21.♖c1 cxd4 22.cxd4 h6 23.♙e3 ♖f5 24.♖xf5 ♗xf5 25.♙f4

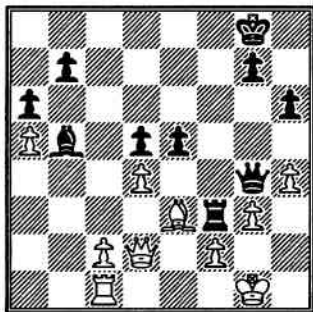
To prevent ...e5. 25...♖f8 26.a5

If 26.♖e1 ♗xc2 and now neither 27.♖xe6 ♗d1 and ...♗d4 nor 27.♗e7 ♗xa4 28.♙e5 ♖f7 29.♗xe6 ♗c2 gives White enough play for the ♖.

26...e5! 27.♙e3

Not 27.♙xe5 ♗xf2+ 28.♖h1 ♗d2 threatening ...♖f2.; 27.dxe5? d4 threatening 28...Qh3, 28...Qe4 and 28...g5 is no improvement, e.g., 28.♗d3 ♗h3 29.f3 ♖xf4 30.gxf4 ♗g3+ 31.♖f1 ♙b5 and wins.

27...♗g4 28.♗b4 ♖f3 29.♗d2 ♙b5



30.♖h2?

A mistake in a difficult position. 30.dxe5 ♖xg3+! 31.fxg3 ♗xg3+ 32.♖h1 d4 wins, but 30.c3 holds on.

30...♙d7!

The point is that ...♗h3 will be check, gaining a vital tempo.

31.dxe5

The threat was 31...♗h3+ 32.♖g1 ♙f5 followed by ...♙e4, but now the ♙ comes into play on c6 instead.

31...d4 32.e6 ♗xe6 33.♙xd4 ♗h3+ 34.♖g1 ♙c6 35.♗e2

White could play for one last trick with 35.♖e1 35...♖d3 then 36.♖e8+! confuses the issue. However, 35...♖e3! wins (36.fxe3 ♗h1+ 37.♖f2 ♗g2#), as does the more prosaic 35...♖f8.

35...♖d3 36.f3 ♗xg3+ 37.♖f1 ♖xd4 38.♗e6+ ♖h7 0-1

1997 World Junior Championship

The 1997 world junior boys' championship held in Zagan, Poland, attracted 78 entries, including no fewer than 6 grandmasters, 25 international masters and 6 FIDE masters.

The title was taken by the United State IM, Tal Shaked, rating 2500, on 9½/13, on a count-back from the Armenian Vigen Mirumian, on 2490. Top seed GM Robert Morozevich POL, on 2590, was 12th.

David Guthrie played for the last time as a junior and on his rating of 2140 was seeded 68th. He found the going tough throughout, and finished with 2 wins and 5 draws out of his 12 games to finish on 4½.

The girls' tournament was also very strong, with the field headed by WGM's Tatjana Vasilevich UKR 2390 and Harriet Hunt ENG 2360. Harriet Hunt took the title with 10½/12, clear point ahead.

Kucmenler, T - Guthrie, D

World Junior Champ, R11 [E97]

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 g6 3.♗c3 ♙g7 4.e4 d6 5.♗f3 0-0 6.♙e2 e5 7.0-0 ♗c6 8.d5 ♗e7 9.b4 ♗h5 10.♖e1 h6 11.♙f1 f5 12.♗d2 f4 13.c5 ♖h8 14.cxd6 cxd6 15.♗c4 ♗g8 16.b5 ♖f7 17.♙a3 ♙f8 18.b6 a6 19.♗b3 g5 20.♗a5 g4 21.♗c6 ♗h4 22.♗e2 ♗g6 23.g3 ♗g5 24.♗c3 ♗h7 25.♙g2 ♗f6 26.♗a7 ♙d7 27.♗d1 ♗g5 28.♖c1 fxg3 29.hxg3 ♗f3+ 30.♙xf3 gxf3 31.♖e3 ♗xg3 32.♖xf3 ♗xf3 33.♗xf3 ♖xf3 34.fxg3 ♖xg3+ 35.♖h2 ♖xa3 36.♖c7 ♖xa2+ 37.♖g3 ♖a3+ 38.♖h2 ♖b3 39.♖xb7 ♙c8 40.♖c7 ♙g4 41.♗f2 h5 42.♖b7 ♙h6 43.♗xg4 hxg4 44.♗c6 ♙f4+ 45.♖g2 ♖b2+ 46.♖f1 g3 0-1

Overseas news

By NM Peter Stuart

18...fxe6 19.♙xb8 ♖xb8 20.♗xc6+ ♖h8 21.♗xc6 ♗xc3 keeps White's advantage to a minimum.

19.♗g3 fxe6 20.♙xb8 ♖af7 21.♙d6 ♖e8 22.♖fe1 ♖h8 23.♙e5 ♗f6 24.♙d4 ♗e4 25.♗h4 ♗d6 26.♙d3 ♗f5 27.♗h5 ♖g8 28.♖e5 b5 29.♖ae1 g6 30.♗e2 ♗xd4 31.cxd4 ♗d8 32.♙xb5 ♙xb5

32...♙xb5 looks more natural.

33.♗e3 ♖ef8 34.♖e2 ♖f4 35.♖xe6 ♖xd4 36.♙c2 ♖d6?

36...♖f6 37.♙b3 ♖xe6 38.♗xc6+ ♖g7 39.♗c5+ ♖h6 40.♖e3 ♖d3 and White's advantage is undeniable but there is no clear win yet.

37.♙b3 ♖h8

Now the rook swap simply loses the ♙c6 as there is no mate on d1 while 37...♖g7 38.♖e7+ ♖h8 39.♖d2! is killing.

38.♗c3+ ♖f6 39.♖xd6 ♗xd6 40.♖e6 1-0.

Anand - Gelfand

Sicilian [B90]

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4 ♗f6 5.♗c3 a6 6.♙e3 ♗g4 7.♙g5 h6 8.♙h4 g5 9.♙g3 ♙g7 10.♗d2 ♗c6 11.♗b3 f5 12.exf5 ♙xf5 13.h4 ♗d7 14.0-0-0 ♗b4 15.♗d4 ♖c8 16.a3 ♖xc3 17.bxc3 ♗a4 18.♖b2 ♗d5 19.hxg5 hxg5 20.♗xg5 ♙xd4 21.♖xh8+ ♙xh8 22.♗h5+ ♖d8 23.♗xh8+ ♖d7 24.♖d2 ♗g6 25.c4 ♗c3 26.f3

26.♙d3 ♗ce4 27.♙f4.

26...♗d1+ 27.♖c1 ♗e3 28.♙xd6 ♗xf1

28...exd6 29.♗xf6 ♗xa3+ 30.♖b1 (30.♗b2 ♗xb2+ 31.♖xb2 ♗xf1 32.♖e2 ♗g3) 30...♗b4+ 31.♖c1 ♗a3+.

Biel

Viswanathan Anand scored a start-to-finish victory in the main event of the 30th Biel Chess Festival, the category 17 (average rating 2661) Credit Suisse GM-Turnier. The Indian used a mere 25 minutes in winning his first round game against Joel Lautier and went on to win four more, with one loss and four draws. Anatoly Karpov shared the lead for the first four rounds and again after round 7 when Anand had his loss to Vadim Milov; the FIDE champion, however, then had his only loss (to Lautier) and Anand regained his half-point lead which he held to the end.

Anand - Lautier

Scandinavian [B01]

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♗xd5 3.♗c3 ♗a5 4.d4 ♗f6 5.♗f3 c6 6.♙c4 ♙f5 7.♗e5 e6 8.g4 ♙g6 9.h4 ♗bd7 10.♗xd7 ♗xd7 11.h5 ♙e4 12.♖h3 ♙g2 13.♖e3 ♗b6 14.♙d3 ♗d5 15.f3 ♙b4 16.♖f2 ♙xc3 17.bxc3 ♗xc3 18.♖b1 ♗xd4 19.♖xb7 ♖d8 20.h6 gxf6 21.♙g6 ♗e7

21...♗xd1 22.♖xe6+ ♖f8 23.♙xh6+ ♖g8 24.♙xf7#; 21...♗f6 22.♙xf7+ ♗xf7 23.♖xf7 ♗xe3 24.♗xd8+ ♖xd8 25.♙xe3 +-.

22.♗xd4 ♖xd4 23.♖d3 ♖d8 24.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 25.♙d3 1-0.

Karpov - Lautier

Queen's Gambit [D39]

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗f3 d5 4.♗c3 dxc4 5.e4 ♙b4 6.♙g5 c5 7.♙xc4 cxd4 8.♗xd4 ♙xc3+ 9.bxc3 ♗a5 10.♗b5 ♗xe4 11.♙f4 0-0 12.0-0 ♙d7 13.a4 ♙c6 14.♙g4 ♗f6 15.♗e2 a6 16.♗c7 ♖a7 17.♗e3 b6 18.♗xe6! ♗d5

			1	2	3	4	5	6			
1	Anand V.	IND	g	2765	• •	½ ½	1 ½	1 1	½ 0	1 1	7
2	Karpov A.	RUS	g	2745	½ ½	• •	½ ½	1 0	½ 1	1 1	6½
3	Gelfand B.	BLR	g	2695	0 ½	½ ½	• •	½ ½	1 ½	1 ½	5½
4	Lautier J.	FRA	g	2660	0 0	0 1	½ ½	• •	1 ½	½ ½	4½
5	Milov V.	SWI	g	2635	½ 1	½ 0	0 ½	0 ½	• •	1 0	4
6	Pelletier Y.	SWI	m	2465	0 0	0 0	0 ½	½ ½	0 1	• •	2½

29. ♖f8 d5

29...exd6 30. ♖xd6+ ♗c7 31. ♖d8#; 29...dxd2 30. ♖xe7+.

30. ♖xe7 dxd2 31. ♖d8+ ♗e6 32. cxd5+ ♗e5 33. ♖d6+ ♗d4 34. ♖c5+ ♗e5 35. ♖d6+ ♗d4 36. ♖f4+ ♗e4 37. ♖xf5 1-0.

Credis-GM-Turnier

The Credis-GM-Turnier (category 10) was easily won by the favourite, Ukrainian GM Alexander Onischuk, with 8½ points in the 6-player double round-robin. The other three GMs in the field finished equal second on 5 points: Joe Gallagher SWI, Gerald Hertneck GER and Mihail Kobalija RUS.

Hertneck - Onischuk

Dutch [A80]

1.d4 f5 2. ♖f3 ♖f6 3. ♖g5 e6 4. ♖bd2 ♖e7 5.e3 0-0 6. ♖d3 d5 7. ♖xf6 ♖xf6 8.c3 b6 9. ♖c2 c5 10. ♖e5 ♖d7 11.f4 ♖xe5 12.dxe5 ♖h4+ 13.g3 ♖e7 14.0-0 c4 15. ♖e2 b5 16. ♖f3 ♖a5 17.a3 ♖b6 18. ♗d2 a5 19. ♖a1 ♖d7 20. ♖d4 b4 21.g4 fxg4 22. ♖hg1 h5 23.h3 ♖c5 24.axb4 ♖xd4 25.cxd4 ♖xf4 26. ♖c3

26.exf4 ♖xd4+ 27. ♖d3 gxf3.

26...♖f2 27.bxa5 ♖d8 28.hxg4 h4 29.g5 h3 30.e4 h2 31. ♖g4 ♖xa5 32. ♖h1 ♖b5 33. ♗e1 ♖f8 34. ♖e3 ♖xb2 35. ♖xf2 ♖b1+ 36. ♗d2 ♖xf2 37. ♖xb1 ♖xd4+ 0-1.

Portoroz

The category 15 Vidmar Memorial was won by 21-year old Russian GM Vadim Zvjaginsev who scored an unbeaten 6½ in another 6-player double round-robin. Sharing second place were GMs Zurab Azmaiparashvili GEO and Zdenko Kozul CRO on 5½ while the tournament favourite, Alexander Belyavsky SLO had to be content with a share of 4th place with GM Alexander Chernin HUN with 5 points.

Winnipeg

The Canadian Open field of 188 players included 11 grandmasters. The 10-round Swiss was won by English GM Julian Hodgson with 8½, a half-point ahead of Canada's GM Kevin Spraggett. There was a six-way all-GM tie for third place on 7½ points: Hjartarson ICE, Murrey ISR,

Psakhis ISR, Shabalov USA, Stefansson ICE and Vera CUB.

Copenhagen

Teams of five veterans and five women squared off in the Danish capital in a double-round Scheveningen match in July. The veteran team (Vassily Smyslov 6½, Lajos Portisch 6, Vlastimil Hort 5½, Boris Spassky and Mark Taimanov 4½) won six of the ten rounds, while two were drawn. The women's team comprised Ketevan Arakhamia GEO 5½, Pia Cramling SWE & Xie Jun CHN 5, Zhu Chen CHN 4, Nana Ioseliani GEO 3½.

A strong 9-round Open tournament ran concurrently with GMs Lembit Oll EST and Jan Timman NED sharing first prize after scoring 6½ points. The Danish pair of GM Lars Bo Hansen and IM Erling Mortensen were next on 6. England's GM Michael Sadler shared fifth place with GMs Kengis LAT & Rosentalis LIT on 5½ while top seed Michael Adams ENG was among those on 5 points.

Bad Homburg

Rustem Dautov won a category 14 all-GM round-robin in August with an undefeated 6/9. Boris Alterman ISR and Peter Svidler RUS shared second place on 5½ and were followed by: 4-5 Hracek CZE & Xu Jun CHN 5; 6-8 Hickl GER, Kindermann GER & Lutz GER 4½; 9 Sutovskij ISR 3; 10 Gabriel GER 1½.

Lutz - Dautov

Caro-Kann [B12]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.dxc5 e6 5. ♖e3 ♖h6 6. ♖f3 ♖c6 7.c3 ♖f5 8. ♖f4 ♖xc5 9. ♖d3 ♖h4 10. ♖bd2??

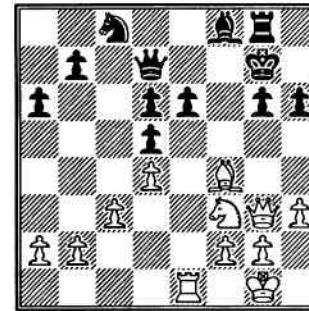
Two isn't really enough - GM overlooks a pawn loss cum knight-fork!
10...dxcg2+ 0-1.

Svidler - Hickl

Pirc [B08]

1.e4 g6 2.d4 d6 3. ♖f3 ♖g7 4. ♖e2 ♖f6 5. ♖c3 0-0 6.0-0 c6 7. ♖e1 ♖c7 8. ♖f4 ♖h5 9. ♖g5 h6 10. ♖e3 ♖f6 11. ♖d2 ♖h7 12.e5 ♖d5 13.exd6 exd6 14. ♖xd5 cxd5 15.h3 ♖f5 16.c3 ♖d7 17. ♖h4 ♖e6 18. ♖d3 ♖d8 19. ♖f3 ♖b6 20. ♖f4

♖d7 21. ♖e2 ♖ae8 22. ♖c2 ♖c8 23. ♖ae1 a6 24. ♖h4 ♖g8 25. ♖d2 ♖h7 26. ♖e3 ♖f6 27. ♖g3 ♖g8 28. ♖f3 ♖g7 29. ♖h5 ♖f8 30. ♖f3 ♖h8 31. ♖h4 ♖g7 32. ♖g3 ♖g8 33. ♖f5 ♖e7 34. ♖xe6 ♖xe6 35. ♖xe6 fxe6



36. ♖xh6+! ♖xh6 37. ♖h4+ ♖g7 38. ♖g5 ♖h8

39. ♖xe6+ ♖xe6

39...♖g8 40. ♖xf8.

40. ♖xh8+ ♖xh8 41. ♖xe6 1-0.

Antwerp

The 5th "Lost Boys" event included a category 15 round-robin plus the usual Open. The name, incidentally, is that of the Belgian computer company Lost Boys; the name comes from the Peter Pan story.

The decisive game in the GM tournament was the fourth round clash between top seed Veselin Topalov and Viktor Korchnoi. The Bulgarian won this game with the black pieces and went on to take first place with 5½/7. Korchnoi otherwise conceded only two draws and ended on 5 points, well clear of Chinese GM Ye Rongguang on 3½. Next were GMs Piket NED, I.Sokolov BIH & van Wely NED on 3 then GMs Novikov UKR & van der Sterren NED on 2½.

Belgian GM Mikhail Gurevich won the Open with 7½. There was a four-way tie for second on 7 points involving GM Avrukh ISR, GM P.Nikolic BIH, GM Vaganian ARM and IM van den Doel NED.

Korchnoi - Topalov

Benko Gambit [A57]

1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4. ♖f3 g6 5.cxb5 a6 6. ♖c2 ♖g7 7.e4 axb5 8. ♖xb5 ♖a5+ 9. ♖c3

♖a6 10. ♖xa6 ♖xa6 11.0-0 ♖b4 12. ♖e2 0-0 13. ♖e3 ♖g4 14. ♖g5 f6 15. ♖d2 ♖a6 16. ♖xa6 ♖xa6 17.h3 ♖h6 18. ♖fd1 ♖f7 19. ♖e1 ♖aa8 20. ♖e3 ♖fc8 21.a3 ♖a6 22. ♖a4 ♖ab8 23. ♖ac1 d6 24. ♖d3 ♖b3 25. ♖c3 ♖bb8 26. ♖c4 ♖b3 27. ♖c1 ♖bb8 28.f4 f5 29.exf5 gxf5 30. ♖d2 h5 31. ♖f2 ♖h6 32. ♖e2 ♖f7 33. ♖h4 ♖f6 34. ♖g5 ♖g8 35. ♖h2 ♖c7 36. ♖g1 ♖b3 37. ♖f3 ♖cb8 38. ♖h4 ♖xb2 39. ♖xf5 ♖f6 40. ♖g3 ♖b5 41. ♖xh5 ♖d4 42. ♖g3 ♖xa3 43. ♖cxd4 cxd4 44. ♖xd4 ♖c2 45. ♖d2 ♖e3 46.f5 ♖f6 47. ♖xf6 ♖xf6 0-1.

Ye Rongguang - Van Wely

Queen's Pawn [A48]

1.d4 ♖f6 2. ♖f3 g6 3. ♖g5 ♖g7 4. ♖bd2 0-0 5.e3 d6 6. ♖c4 c5 7.c3 b6?? 8. ♖xf6 ♖xf6 9. ♖d5 ♖a6 10. ♖xa8 d5 11.c4 dxc4 12.0-0 cxd4 13.exd4 ♖xd4 14. ♖xc4 [Ugh!] 1-0.

Sokolov - Novikov

[D43]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3. ♖f3 ♖f6 4. ♖c3 c6 5. ♖g5 h6 6. ♖h4 dxc4 7.e4 g5 8. ♖g3 b5 9.h4 g4 10. ♖e5 h5 11. ♖e2 ♖b7 12.0-0 ♖bd7 13. ♖c2 ♖g7 14. ♖ad1 ♖b6 15. ♖a4! ♖a5

15...bxa4 16. ♖xc4 ♖b4 17.e5 ♖d5 18.a3 ♖b3 19. ♖d6+ ♖f8 20. ♖xb3 axb3 21. ♖xb7 ♖b8 22. ♖a5 c5 23. ♖c4 ±.

16. ♖c5 ♖xc5 17. dxc5 ♖b4 18. ♖d6 ♖xc5 19. ♖fd1 0-0 20. ♖d7 ♖xd7 21. ♖xd7 ♖b6 22. ♖c1 ♖c8

22...f6 23.e5 ♖c8 24. ♖xg7+! ♖xg7 25.exf6+ ♖xf6 26. ♖g5+ with a winning attack.

23. ♖g5! ♖xd7 24. ♖xd7 ♖h7

25. ♖e5 was the winning threat.

25. ♖xh5+ ♖g8 26. ♖c7 ♖a6 27. ♖xg4 ♖h7 28. ♖h5+ ♖g8 29. ♖g5 ♖h8 30. ♖e5 ♖xe5 31. ♖xe5+ ♖h7 32. ♖h5+ ♖g7 33. ♖g5+ ♖h7 34. ♖h5

White has mate in 4. 1-0.

Polanica Zdroj

This Polish town hosted the Rubinstein Memorial tournament for the 22nd time in August. Although the names of some of the players will not be familiar to many the event had an average rating of 2629, making it category 16. Sergei Rublevsky, a 22-year old Russian grandmaster, scored 7/9 in

taking first prize. A point back was Boris Gelfand BLR and he in turn was a point ahead of third placed Evgeny Bareev RUS. All three were undefeated with Bareev drawing all but one of his games. Indeed, fully two thirds of the games were undecided.

Other scores: 4 GM Alexandrov BLR 4½; 5–8 GM Andersson SWE, GM Krasenkov POL, GM Malaniuk UKR & GM Psakhis ISR 4; 9 GM Kaminski POL 3½; 10 GM Ehlvest EST 3.

Kaminski – Rublevsky Sicilian [B42]

1.e4 c5 2.♁f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♁xd4 a6 5.♁d3 ♁f6 6.0–0 d6 7.f4 ♁bd7 8.♁b3 g6 9.♁1d2 ♁g7 10.♁f3 0–0 11.♁e1 e5 12.♁h1 ♠e8 13.fxe5 dxe5 14.♁h4 ♁c7 15.♁h6 ♁h5 16.♁xg7 ♁xg7 17.♁g5 ♁df6 18.♁f2 h6 19.♁f3 b6 20.a4 ♁e6 21.♁bd2 ♁g4 22.♁g1 ♠ed8 23.g3 ♁gf6 24.♁g2 ♁d7 25.♁e2 ♁c5 26.♁c4 ♁h3 27.♠f2 ♁f6 28.b4 ♁xa4 29.♠xa4 b5 30.♠a5

30.♁xb5 axb5 31.♠xa8 ♠xa8 32.♁xb5 ♁g4 33.♠e2 ♁xc2 34.♠e1 ♠a3 winning.

30...bxc4 31.♠c5

31.♁xc4 ♁xc4 32.♁xc4 ♁xe4 33.♠e2 ♠d1+ with a winning ending in prospect.

31...♁b6 32.♁xe5 c3 33.♁c4

33.♠xc3 ♁d4 34.♠c6 ♁xe5 35.♠cxf6 ♠xd2 36.♠xf7+ ♁g8 and Black's attack wins.

33...♠a7 34.♁xc3 ♁xe4 35.♁d7+ ♁xc3 36.♁xb6 ♁e4 0–1.

British championship

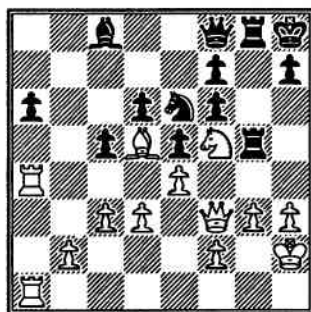
The strongest-ever British Championship, at Hove (near Brighton) in August, was an 11-round Swiss. The 83-player field included 14 GMs and 16 IMs. At the end of normal time there were four winners, GMs Michael Adams, John Emms, Tony Miles and Michael Sadler. Miles and Sadler met in the last round and agreed a short draw, allowing the other two to catch up.

A rapid chess play-off for the title was held with a Fischer time control of 15 minutes base time plus 10 seconds added after each move played. This saw Adams and Sadler score 2/3, Miles 1½ and Emms

½. Thus Adams and Sadler share the title of British Champion for 1997.

Adams – Kosten Ruy Lopez [C88]

1.e4 e5 2.♁f3 ♁c6 3.♁b5 a6 4.♁a4 ♁f6 5.0–0 ♁e7 6.♠e1 b5 7.♁b3 0–0 8.h3 ♁b7 9.d3 d6 10.a3 ♁d7 11.♁c3 ♠ae8 12.♁d5 ♁a5 13.♁xe7+ ♁xe7 14.♁a2 e5 15.♁h4 ♁c6 16.c3 ♁c8 17.♁g5 ♁h8 18.♁d5 ♁d8 19.♁f5 ♁c7 20.♁xf6 gxf6 21.♁f3 ♠g8 22.g3 ♁e6 23.♁h2 ♁g5 24.♁e3 ♠g6 25.a4! bxa4 26.♠xa4 ♠eg8 27.♠e1 ♁e6 28.♁h4 ♠g5 29.♁f3 ♁e7 30.♁f5 ♁f8



31.♠xa6! ♁c7

31...♁xa6 32.♠xa6 ♁c7 33.♁xd6 ♁xd5 (33...♁xa6 loses a monarch) 34.exd5 ♠g6 35.♁e3 winning a third pawn.

32.♁xd6 ♁xd5 33.♁xc8 ♁xc8 34.exd5 ♠f5 35.♁e2 ♁d8 36.c4 ♁f8 37.♠a8 ♁h6 38.d6 1–0.

U.S. championship

Chandler, Arizona was the venue for an unusual American championship tournament in August–September. The 16 players were first divided into two preliminary groups with the top two qualifying for semi-final matches of four games. Group 1 (category 12) was won by Larry Christiansen and Joel Benjamin with 5/7 and they were followed by Fedorowicz 4½, Gulko & Yermolinsky 3½, Browne 3, Zamora (the only IM in either group) 2½, and Alexander Ivanov 1. The category 13 Group 2 also had a two-way tie for first place, between Gregory Kaidanov and Yasser Seirawan with 4½/7.

♠d6 38.♁e8 f5 39.♠g2 is also winning for White.

32.f5 ♁c7 33.♠d3 ♠b6 34.♠c1 ♁a6 35.♠e3 ♠f8

35...♁c7 36.♁d5 ♠xd7 37.♠xc7.

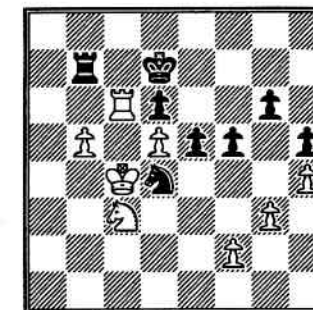
36.♠e8 ♠b8 37.♁xb5 1–0.

Korchnoi – Bacrot Game 6, English [A20]

1.c4 e5 2.g3 c6 3.d4 ♁b4+ 4.♁d2 ♁xd2+ 5.♁xd2 d6 6.♁c3 ♁f6 7.♁g2 0–0 8.e4 ♁bd7 9.♁ge2 a6 10.0–0 b5 11.cxb5 axb5 12.a3 ♁b6 13.b3 ♁e7 14.h3 ♁b7 15.♁e3 ♁bd7 16.♠fd1 ♠fd8 17.d5 ♠a6 18.dxc6 ♁xc6 19.♁d5 ♁xd5 20.exd5 ♁e8 21.♁c3 ♁c5 22.♁f1 ♠b8 23.a4 ♁xb3 24.♠ab1 ♁d4 25.♁xb5 ♁xb5 26.axb5 ♠ab6 27.♠a1 ♁d7 28.♠a7 ♁d8 29.♁f3 ♠b7 30.♠xb7 ♠xb7 31.♁e4 ♁c7 32.♁c3 ♁xc3 33.♁xc3 ♁f8 34.♠a1 ♁e7 35.♠a6 h5 36.♁f1 f5 37.h4 g6 38.♁e2 ♁c5 39.♠c6 ♁b3 40.♁d3 ♁d7

40...♁d4 41.♁c4 ♁xc6 42.dxc6 ♠b8 43.b6 and the pawns are too strong.

41.♁c4 ♁d4



42.f4! ♠b8 43.fxe5 dxe5

43...♁xc6 44.dxc6+ ♁e6 45.c7 ♠c8 46.b6 dxe5 47.♁b5 ♁d7 48.♁d5 and 48...♠xc7 is forced when 49.♁xc7 e4 50.♁a6 wins easily. 44.♁c5 ♁b3+ 45.♁b4 ♁c1 46.b6 e4 47.♁b5 ♁d3+ 48.♁c3 f4 49.♠xg6 f3 50.♠g7+ ♁d8 51.♠g8+

51...♁e7 52.♠xb8 f2 53.♠b7+! ♁f8 54.♁d6 f1 ♠ 55.♠f7+ ♁xf7 56.♁xf7 ♁c5 57.♁e5 ♁a4+ 58.♁d4 ♁xb6 59.d6 ♁e8 60.♁xe4 and the rest is, as they say, a matter of technique] 1–0.

Then came de Firmian 4; Dzindzihashvili, Schwartzmann & Shabalov 3½; Kudrin 2½; Dmitry Gurevich 2.

Benjamin needed only three games to acquire 2½ points in his semi-final match versus Kaidanov while Christiansen and Seirawan tied at 2:2 necessitating a blitz play-off which Christiansen won 2:0. In the 6-game final Benjamin won game 1, Christiansen game 2. The third game was drawn and then Benjamin took what was to be the decisive lead by winning game 4, the match ending at 3½:2½. Thus Joel Benjamin, an advisor to the Deep Blue team earlier this year, is the 1997 US champion.

Korchnoi v Bacrot

Last year then 13-year old Etienne Bacrot convincingly defeated 75-year old Vassily Smyslov 5:1. This year he was matched in a similar event with the evergreen 66-year old Viktor Korchnoi who still boasts a rating above 2600.

The 14-year old French GM had no answer to the Swiss veteran's endgame technique as Korchnoi won three difficult endings and saved a draw in a probably lost one. Korchnoi won games 1, 4 and 6 while Bacrot took game 3.

Bacrot – Korchnoi

Game 3, Queen's Gambit [D41]

1.d4 ♁f6 2.c4 e6 3.♁f3 d5 4.♁c3 e5 5.cxd5 ♁xd5 6.e4 ♁xc3 7.bxc3 cxd4 8.cxd4 ♁c6 9.♁c4 b5 10.♁e2 ♁b4+ 11.♁d2 ♁xd2+ 12.♁xd2 ♠b8 13.d5 exd5 14.exd5 ♁e7 15.d6 ♁f5 16.♠d1 0–0 17.d7 ♁b7 18.0–0 ♁f6?

Bacrot's coach, former Soviet GM Iosif Dorfman, suggested that 18...♁h4 would give Black better defensive chances.

19.♁f4 a6 20.g4 ♁xf3

20...♁e7? 21.♁xb8!

21.♁xf3 ♁h4 22.♁xf6 gxf6 23.♁e4 ♠fd8

24.♠d6 a5 25.f4 ♁g6 26.h4 ♁g7

26...♁xh4? 27.f5 leaves the ♁ trapped.

27.h5 ♁f8 28.h6+! ♁xh6 29.g5+ ♁g7

30.gxf6+ ♁g8 31.♁c6 ♁e6

31...♠b6 32.♁f2 b4 33.♠g1+ ♁h8 34.♠g7 ♠xd7 35.♠xd7 ♁xd7 36.♁xd7 ♠xf6 37.♠g4

NZCF Council report

Nomination of NZCF officers

In preparation for the transfer of NZCF headquarters to Auckland in the new year, Auckland clubs have nominated Peter Stuart as president and Bob Smith as vice-president. Jack Frost has been nominated as secretary and Chris Jardine as treasurer. Nominated as councillors are Bob Gibbons, Jim Cater, Martin Dreyer and Paul Frost.

Wellington Chess Club has nominated Sir Robert Jones for re-election as patron and Alan Fletcher, Roy Kent, Graham Haase and Bill Poole as vice-patrons.

Division of Asian zone

The New Zealand Chess Federation has expressed its concern about a proposal to divide zone 3.2 of FIDE, by making a separate Oceania zone.

The proposal was raised without notice at the Asian continental meeting at the recent FIDE Congress in Moldova, but after Australia asked for the matter to be deferred for 12 months, the assembly agreed that decision be deferred to the next presidential board meeting.

It was proposed that Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and Papua New Guinea become a separate zone. Other countries in zone 3.2 are Brunei, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Macau (associate member), Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

Creating a separate zone would mean setting up zonal championships for the new zone, which has considerable support. But Australian and New Zealand concerns include the need to clarify the status of the Oceania countries in relation to the Asian region - as members of zone 3.2 they are eligible to compete in various Asian team and individual tournaments. NZCF is seeking an assurance that the new zone would be included in the Asian region so

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eligibility for these events would be continued.

NZCF has also expressed concern that a vital constitutional matter should have been raised and except for the Australian objection would have been dealt with without notice and without advice to affiliates affected.

Selection of 1998 Olympiad team

The coming New Zealand Championship will be a qualifying event for next year's Olympiad team, on the same basis as for the 1995 team. The existing selectors are IA Bob Gibbons and Arthur Pomeroy, but the appointment of selectors will be a matter for the incoming council.

The championship could also be the qualifying event for the next zonal championship, although arrangements for that event have not yet been made (see previous item).

Open tournaments scheduled

All-Canterbury Championships, Canterbury CC, Fri-Sun Dec 5-7, 5r Swiss, 36 in 90, 30 to fin, entry \$20.

Otago Westpac Summer Rapid, Otago CC, Sat Dec 6, 25/25.

NZ Championship & NZ Major Open, Hamilton CC, Sun Fri Dec 28 - Jan 9.

New Zealand New Year Open, Hamilton CC, Mon-Thurs, Jan 5-8, 1998.

New Zealand Rapid Championship, Hamilton CC, Sat-Sun, Jan 10-11, 1998.

1998 North Island Championship, Wanganui, week of July 13-18.*

South Island Championship, Ashburton, week of September 28-October 3.*

NZ Championship Congress, Dunedin, December 28, January 10, 1999.*

* To be confirmed

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Canterbury, PO Box 25-242, Christchurch. Meets Wednesday, 7.30pm., 227 Bealey Avenue; tel (03)366-3935 clubroom. Pres, Mark Guy (03)352-6991. Sec, Geoff Davies (03)352-4518.

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Palmerston North Tuesday, 7.30pm, Palm Nth Intermediate School, Ferguson St. Pres, Dennis Davey, 22a Cargill Grove (03)353-0193.

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

Whangarei Gambit Thursday 7pm, Whangarei YWCA. Contact, Geoffrey Gill (09)438-3035.

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