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The death occurred in New Plymouth on August 20 of Paul Tuffery, at the age of 26. The family say that if desired a donation to the Cystic Fibrosis Assn (NZ) may be forwarded to 556 Mangorei Road, New Plymouth.

GM Murray Chandler paid a brief private visit to N.Z. recently, following the death of his younger brother Keith in unfortunate circumstances. Keith was a competent player himself and recently reappeared on the chess scene in Auckland.

New Zealand chessplayers extend their sympathy to both families.

Wellington junior championships

Nic Croad, 5/5, has won the Wellington junior championship. Jordan Wilson was runner-up on 4/5 and took the under-16 title, while Nathan Rose on 3½ took the under-12 title.

Editor has moved

The editor of **NZ Chess** has moved to Wanganui and his new permanent address appears on this page. His telephone number is (06)347-6098, and his email address (also on this page) is unchanged meantime.

ON THE COVER: The emergence of a new strong group of young players at the North Island championships is reported in this issue. The cover photo shows two of the most successful, Patrick Savage (left) and Igor Bjelobrk.

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NZ junior and age group championships

An offer by Auckland Chess Association to hold the 1998 NZ Junior and Age Group Championships has been accepted by NZCF Council.

The championships will be run at the **Auckland Chess Centre, at 17 Cromwell St, Mt Eden, from Tuesday, 6 October to Friday, 9 October.**

The prizes will include: \$200 for the Junior Champion, \$125 for second, \$75 for third, with Age Group prizes.

Entry forms are available from all chess clubs, or from

:A J Kessler P O Box 205 Kumeu Auckland.

North Island championship

By Ted Frost

The 1998 North Island championship was a successful tournament in every way, but there was one aspect of the event which was particularly memorable. That was the success achieved by young players, not just as it was shown on the scoreboard but in the quality and maturity of their play.

While top-seeded IM Russell Dive earned and took the title, he did not stamp his authority on the tournament until the closing rounds. In fact, after 5 rounds which included two draws he was in a group lying second behind Igor Bjelobrk (16). Their game in round 5, which Dive won and which was Bjelobrk's only loss, was probably the title decider.

The young players gave notice from round 1 that they could not be taken lightly. National junior champion Ryan Trass (17), gained a well-merited draw against Dive, and Patrick Savage (13), drew with FM Anthony Love. Second seed Anthony Ker also could do no better than a draw against Michael Nyberg, a recent graduate from the junior ranks.

That was only the start - Bjelobrk beat Mark Sinclair in round 2, Graeme Spain in round 4, and Dave Cooper in round 8. Alan Dunn beat Matthew Barlow in round 5 and there were numerous draws. In the end, out of 19 players in the field of 45 who scored better than 50 per cent, six were juniors led by Bjelobrk 2= on 6, Dunn 7= on 5 and Trass, Savage, Nic Croad (17) and Pascal Harris (16) on 4½.

Bjelobrk started the tournament with a rating of 1681, but his tournament performance was above 2200 and he will gain 200+ rating points from the event.

This meant that the established top group of players had to fight to hold their positions - with mixed results. Anthony Ker lost only to Dive had conceded 4 draws, and while

Tony Love was unbeaten he conceded no fewer than 6 draws. This kept them well down the prize list. FM Mark Noble lost only to Dive and conceded only two draws, which kept him at the top of the table throughout the event and he finished in a tie for second half a point behind Dive. In addition to Bjelobrk, the tie included fast-finishing Hilton Bennett, who scored 3½ in his last 4 games but was helped in the draw by a loss in round 4 to Chris Burns and did not meet any of the top three.

Grade and upset prizes

Another of the established players to perform well in this tough field was Nelson's Dan Dolejs, who avoided draws and scored 5 wins to share the grade 1 (under 1750) grade prize with Dunn.

Another of the juniors, Wanganui's Pascal Harris, gained the grade 2 prize with his 4½ points, and second in this grade was shared by Lawrence Farrington, Bruce Gloisten and two more juniors, Craig Miller and Clinton Trass.

There were two upset prizes and the posted list of upsets showed that this was a tournament of surprises which were not confined to the success achieved by the young players. Wins only counted, Bjelobrk's win over Sinclair (rating difference) 487) was eclipsed by lowest-rated Brent Cooze (1090) with his win over Don Stracy (1647) - a difference of 557 points. Stracy was one of those with a disappointing tournament result and this was underlined when he also featured in the game which took the second upset prize. He went down to Roy Gordon (1132), with the rating difference 515.

It should not be surprising that with so many upsets, many players felt they had played well and there were no fewer than 17 entries for two best game prizes.

North Island Championship, Wanganui, 1998

Player	Rtg	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Pts	TB
1 Dive R.J.	2278	D13	W14	W40	W2	D9	W3	W8	D6	6½	
2 Noble M.F.	2220	W16	W18	W10	L1	D6	W26	W9	D5	6	40
3 Bjelobrk I.	1681	W33	W44	D8	W5	W26	L1	D7	W9	6	38
4 Bennett H.P.	1910	W24	W32	D5	L26	W38	D7	W11	W15	6	33½
5 Spain G.A.	2029	W37	W11	D4	L3	W21	D8	W13	D2	5½	39
6 Dowden R.A.	2041	W34	D40	D27	W13	D2	D20	W10	D1	5½	34½
7 Love A.J.	2092	D14	D13	W16	W18	D8	D4	D3	D12	5	40
8 Ker A.F.	2267	D17	W36	D3	W27	D7	D5	L1	W14	5	38½
9 Cooper D.J.	1924	W39	W22	D26	W15	D1	W10	L2	L3	5	38
10 Dunn A.S.	1711	W25	W41	L2	W22	W12	L9	L6	W20	5	36
11 Dolejs D.E.	1600	W29	L5	L22	W19	W34	W14	L4	W21	5	35
12 Barlow M.J.	2058	-	W24	D38	W17	L10	W28	W20	D7	5	28½
13 Trass R.	1537	D1	D7	W44*	L6	W35	W22	L5	D18	4½	38
14 Savage P.	1515	D7	L1	W29	W23	W15	L11	W26	L8	4½	37
15 Johnson Q.	1773	D28	W35	W17	L9	L14	W19	W16	L4	4½	35½
16 Croad N.	1529	L2	W30	L7	W25	W27	D21	L15	W26	4½	34
17 Nyberg M.	1530	D8	W31	L15	L12	W24	W38	L21	W33	4½	32½
18 Wong K.A.	1648	W30	L2	W39	L7	L20	W35	W34	D13	4½	31
19 Harris P.	1458	L26	D23	W36	L11	W40	L15	W29	W31	4½	29½
20 Farrington L.B.	1434	W23	L26	W32	D21	W18	D6	L12	L10	4	35½
21 Williams B.M.	1805	L22	W25	W34	D20	L5	D16	W17	L11	4	34½
22 Miller C.	1425	W21	L9	W11	L10	W31	L13	L23	W30	4	34
23 Sims I.M.	1854	L20	D19	W28	L14	D39	D33	W22	D24	4	32½
24 Gloisten B.N.	1448	L4	L12	W42	D32	L17	W43	W27	D23	4	32½
25 Trass C.	1377	L10	L21	W45	L16	L30	W42	W41	W34	4	24
26 Burns C.J.	1911	W19	W20	D9	W4	L3	L2	L14	L16	3½	40½
27 Bell D.I.	1592	D35	W28	D6	L8	L16	D39	L24	W36	3½	31
28 Kingston Z.H.	1393	D15	L27	L23	W29	W32	L12	L31	W38	3½	30½
29 Bowler R.P.	1246	L11	D37	L14	L28	W43	W32	L19	W39	3½	30
30 Donaldson B.	1375	L18	L16	W33	L34	W25	D31	W38	L22	3½	29½
31 Wilson J.	1546	D36	L17	W41	D35	L22	D30	W28	L19	3½	28
32 Gold H.R.	1548	W42	L4	L20	D24	L28	L29	W37	W41	3½	28
33 Mears G.W.	1376	L3	L38	L30	W45	W36	D23	W39	L17	3½	26½
34 Koia A.	1514	L6	W45	L21	W30	L11	W37	L18	L25	3	29½
35 Wright C.	1189	D27	L15	W37	D31	L13	L18	L36	W45	3	26
36 Mills G.	1126	D31	L8	L19	D37	L33	W45	W35	L27	3	26
37 Wallis P.	1506	L5	D29	L35	D36	W41	L34	L32	W42	3	25½
38 Frost E.G.A.	1523	L44	W33	D12	W40	L4	L17	L30	L28	2½	33
39 Trundle G.E.	1464	L9	W42	L18	D41	D23	D27	L33	L29	2½	28
40 Stracy D.M.	1647	W45	D6	L1	L38	L19	L41	L42	W43	2½	26½
41 Cooze B.	1090	Bye	L10	L31	D39	L37	W40	L25	L32	2½	24
42 Gordon R.M.	1132	L32	L39	L24	L43	W45	L25	W40	L37	2	23
43 Maddren W.	1164	-	-	-	W42	L29	L24	W45	L40	2	12
44 Sinclair M.	2168	W38	L3	L13	W/D					1	
45 Webber C.H.	1286	L40	L34	L25	L33	L42	L36	L43	L35	0	

Top-bracket organisation

As always with tournaments run by Wanganui CC, led by president Gordon Hoskyn, the organisation was top class. The

tournament was held in the comfortable conference room in the Grand Hotel. Wellington CC president Tim Frost was tournament director and under his control the tournament ran smoothly.

The prize list was assisted by sponsorship from several sources - the Grand Hotel, Trafalgar Square shopping centre, Barry M Williams, the Wanganui Chess Club and several individual members of the club.

One of the innovations provided by Wanganui CC was a spot prize drawn just before the start of each round - the winner had to be present to choose the prize which helped encourage early attendance to ensure a prompt start. Winners were Anthony Ker, Clarry Webber, Graeme Spain, Martin Sims, Graham Mears, Roy Gordon, Don Stracy, Mark Noble and before round 8 Dave Cooper, Ted Frost and Graeme Spain.

Quality of games

While there were many upsets, for the most part they were the result of positive play by winners or lower-rated players gaining draws. There were relatively few outright blunders. Consequently, the tournament produced well above the usual proportion of interesting and instructive games.

Consequently, a larger selection than usual follows. For various reasons none of these are annotated, and some may appear again in subsequent issues, with notes. However, they comprise one of the most interesting selections of games to appear in *NZ Chess*.

Round one

The surge by young players started in round one, shortly after the first time control was reached, when Russell Dive and 16-year-old Ryan Trass agreed a draw on board one, and Michael Nyberg and Anthony Ker also agreed to share the point on board two. Earlier, 12-year-old Patrick Savage had drawn with fifth seed FM Tony Love.

Sixth seed Matthew Barlow had experienced car trouble on his way from Auckland, so had to concede a loss in the first round. The result was that the round ended with only two of the top six seeds, Mark Noble and Matthew Sinclair, gaining a full point.

Dive,R - Trass,R

R 1 [A36]

1.e4 c5 2.♗c3 ♗c6 3.g3 g6 4.♗g2 ♗g7 5.♗b1 e6 6.a3 a5 7.♗b5 d6 8.d3 ♗g7 9.♗f3 0-0 10.0-0 ♗f5 11.♗g5 f6 12.♗d2 e5 13.e3 ♗e6 14.♗c3 ♗fe7 15.♗d2 d5 16.cxd5 20.♗d5 17.♗e4 ♗e7 18.♗c2 ♗ad8 19.h4 h6 20.♗e1 b6 21.♗d2 ♗d7 22.♗c4 ♗ce7 23.♗b3 ♗c8 24.d4 cxd4 25.exd4 a4 26.♗xa4 ♗c7 27.dxe5 ♗xb5 28.♗xb5 ♗xb5 29.exf6 ♗xc4 30.fxf7 ♗f7 31.♗b4 ♗xf1 32.♗xf1 ♗bd6 33.♗c3 ♗e8 34.♗d1 ♗fe7 35.♗d3 ♗e6 36.♗c2 ♗f7 37.♗d7 ♗e6 38.♗d5 ♗e6 39.♗b3 ♗d6 40.♗b5 ♗e7 41.h5 g5 42.f4 gxf4 43.gxf4 ♗c6 44.a4 ♗c8 45.♗f5 ♗e7 46.♗d5 ♗d6 47.♗b5 ♗c6 48.♗d5 ♗d6 ½-½

Nyberg,M - Ker,A

R 1 [A58]

1.d4 ♗f6 2.e4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 ♗xa6 6.f3 g6 7.♗c3 d6 8.e4 ♗xf1 9.♗xf1 ♗g7 10.♗g2 0-0 11.♗g3 ♗bd7 12.h3 ♗b6 13.♗c2 ♗fb8 14.f4 ♗e8 15.♗g1 ♗c7 16.♗h2 ♗b5 17.♗d2 ♗d4 18.♗d3 ♗xb2 19.♗hb1 ♗c2 20.♗xb8+ ♗xb8 21.♗xc2 ♗xc2 22.♗b1 ♗xb1 23.♗xb1 ♗b6 24.♗e2 e6 25.dxe6 fxe6 26.♗g1 ♗f7 27.♗bc3 ♗c4 28.♗c1 ♗b4 29.a4 ♗d3 30.♗b5 ♗e7 31.♗a3 ♗d7 32.♗c1 ♗c6 33.g4 ♗xc1 34.♗xc1 ♗b2 35.♗a7+ ♗b6 36.♗b5 ♗f8 37.♗c3 ♗a5 38.♗b5 ♗b6 39.♗c3 ♗g7 40.♗1e2 ♗c6 41.f5 exf5 42.gxf5 gxf5 43.exf5 d5 44.a5 ♗c4 45.a6 ♗c3 46.♗f2 d4 47.♗e4 ♗d5 48.a7 ♗c7 49.♗f4 ♗b7 50.♗xc5+ ½-½

Love,A - Savage,P

R 1 [C77]

1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗xc6 dxc6 5.0-0 ♗f6 6.♗xe5 ♗xe4 7.♗e2 ♗d5 8.♗f3 ♗e6 9.d3 ♗f6 10.♗g5 ♗d6 11.♗c3 ♗f5 12.♗xe6 fxe6 13.♗e4 ♗xe4 14.♗xe4 ♗f6 15.♗d2 0-0-0 16.♗ae1 ♗de8 17.♗c3 ♗h6 18.g3 ♗hf8 19.♗g4 g5 20.♗e4 ♗f5 21.♗fe1 ♗g6 22.♗e2 ♗f7 23.♗e4 h5 24.♗d4 h4 25.♗g4 hfg3 26.hfg3 ♗d7 27.♗g2 ♗f8 28.♗h1 ♗c5 29.♗h6 ♗xd4 30.♗xd4+ ♗d5 31.♗e4 ♗f5 32.♗d4+ ½-½

Round two

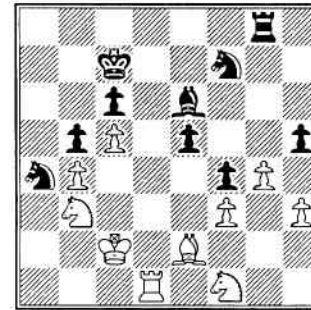
The first of the major surprises came in round two, when Igor Bjelobrk beat Mark Sinclair, while Ryan Trass gained his second

half-point against a FIDE-titled player, drawing with Tony Love. As Tony Dowden drew with Don Stracy, Mark Noble's win against Kent Wong made him the only one of the top seven seeds with a 2/2 score. The six other players with 2 points included Alan Dunn and Bjelobrk.

Sinclair,M - Bjelobrk,I

R 2 [A42]

1.e4 g6 2.d4 ♗g7 3.c4 d6 4.♗c3 e5 5.dxe5 dxe5 6.♗xd8+ ♗xd8 7.♗g5+ f6 8.0-0-0+ ♗d7 9.♗e3 ♗h6 10.♗xh6 ♗xh6 11.♗d5 ♗f8 12.♗e2 c6 13.♗e3 ♗c7 14.♗f3 ♗c5 15.♗d2 ♗e6 16.b4 ♗a4 17.♗c2 a5 18.a3 f5 19.c5 axb4 20.axb4 b5 21.f3 ♗fd8 22.♗b3 ♗f7 23.♗xd8 ♗xd8 24.exf5 gxf5 25.♗d1 ♗g8 26.g4 f4 27.♗f1 h5 28.h3



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Trass,R - Love,AJ

R 2 [B76]

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.h4 ♗fc8 13.♗d3 ♗a5 14.a3 ♗ab8 15.h5 ♗xh5 16.♗xg7 ♗xg7 17.g4 ♗xc3 18.♗xc3+ ♗xc3 19.bxc3 ♗f4 20.♗d2 g5 21.♗dh2 ♗h8 22.♗b2 ♗g6 23.♗f2 h6 24.♗c1 ♗e5 25.♗d2 b6 26.♗c2 ♗g6 27.♗ff1 ♗f4 28.♗b1 d5 29.♗d3

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Round three

After round four started, it was learned that Mark Sinclair's sister had been seriously injured in a motor accident and Mark had left to join his family. Ryan Trass had played his first move against Mark, so won the game.

Bjelobrk gained a draw against Ker, but Noble took the outright lead on 3 points when Dunn failed to make his 40th move before his flag dropped. The four other leaders after two rounds were paired against each other and both games were drawn - Graeme Spain with Hilton Bennett and Dave Cooper with Chris Burns. This put seven players on 2½ behind Noble, the group including top seed Dive

Scores: Noble 3; Dive, Spain, Cooper, Burns, Bennett, Johnson, Bjelobrk 2½.

Noble, M – Dunn, A
R 3 [E87]

1.d4 2.c4 3.g6 4.e4 5.f3 6.0-0 7.d5 8.♘d2 9.c6 10.cxd5 11.cxd5 12.♘d3 13.♙f2 14.♗e2 15.♖b1 16.♗f7 17.♗c1 18.♗f8 19.♗c2 20.♗h8 21.♗b4 22.♗c5 23.♗c3 24.♗c4 25.♗d3 26.♗e4 27.♗c8 28.♗c4 29.♗xa4 30.♗c4 31.b3 32.♗d1 33.♗b2 34.a4 35.♗e1 36.♗c2 37.♗e2 38.♗b1 39.h3 40.♗b4 1-0

Bjelobrk, I – Ker, A
R 3 [A57]

1.d4 2.c4 3.d5 4.cxb5 5.e3 6.♗c3 7.e4 8.exd5 9.♗c4 10.♗ge2 11.0-0 12.b3 13.bxa6 14.♗d3 15.♗d2 16.f4 17.♗a1 18.♗xc3 19.♗f1 20.a4 21.a5 22.bxc4 23.♗b5 24.♗c3 25.♗xe1 26.♗xe8+ 27.♗e8 28.h3 29.♗b2 30.♗xg7+ 31.cxb5 32.♗f6 ½-½

Round four

Top seed Dive reached a share of the lead by beating Noble, but he had to play out a N + P endgame to gain the point. Bjelobrk continued his record of success against the 2000+ group with a win over Spain, smashing through Spain's defences on an open file. Cooper beat Johnson and Burns beat Bennett to retain their shares of the lead.

Scores: Dive, Cooper, Burns, Bjelobrk 3½; Noble, Dowden, Dunn 3.

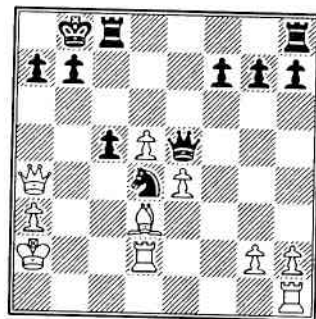
Noble, M – Dive, R
R 4 [A46]

1.d4 2.♗f3 3.e6 4.c3 5.c3 6.♗d3 7.♗bd2 8.cxd4 9.h3 10.0-0 11.♗e1 12.♗c8 13.♗e2 14.♗a6 15.♗b3 16.♗xa6 17.♗xb7 18.♗bd2 19.♗f1 20.a5

21.♗d3 22.b4 23.♗xc4 24.♗c2 25.a3 26.♗b2 27.♗e5 28.bxa5 29.♗g4 30.♗xh2 31.♗c2 32.♗xa5 33.d5 34.d6 35.♗f3 36.d7 37.♗d4 38.♗a2 39.♗b1 40.d8♗+ 41.♗xd8 42.♗d4 43.♗xb5+ 44.♗d4+ 45.f3 46.g3 47.♗c2 48.♗d2 49.♗c3 50.♗c2 51.♗d2 52.♗e3 53.♗c2 54.♗d4 55.♗e2 56.♗g1 57.♗h3 58.♗f2 59.♗d1 60.♗e2 61.♗f2 62.♗e2 63.♗f2 64.♗g2 65.♗b2 66.♗a4 67.♗b6+ 68.♗a4 69.gxf4 70.♗b2 71.♗f2 72.♗e2 73.fxg4 74.♗f2 75.♗f3 76.♗f2 77.♗g1 1-0

Bjelobrk, I – Spain, G
R 4 [A52]

1.d4 2.c4 3.dxe5 4.e4 5.f4 6.♗e3 7.♗d2 8.♗d3 9.♗c2 10.♗xf4 11.0-0 12.♗e2 13.♗xd2 14.a3 15.♗c3 16.♗d5 17.♗b1 18.♗a2 19.♗a4 20.b4 21.cxd5 22.bxc5 23.♗b1 24.♗c7 25.♗db2 26.♗xb7 27.♗xd7 1-0



23.♗b1 24.♗db2 25.♗a6 26.♗xb7 27.♗xd7 1-0

Round five

Bjelobrk worked up a decisive attack on a half-open file to beat Burns and take the outright lead. Dive could gain only half a point from Cooper after lengthy knight manoeuvres in a blocked middle game

position in which a draw was eventually agreed.

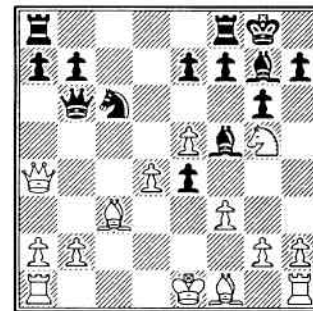
Dunn kept up the attack from the juniors with a win over Barlow to take him into a tie with Dive, half a point from the lead.

Ker scored his third draw in five games, against Love, to be a point off the pace, while Noble drew with Dowden and Ker drew with Love to keep them a point back from the lead. Savage scored his third successive win, against Johnson, to join this group.

Scores: Bjelobrk 4½; Dive, Cooper, Dunn 4; Ker, Noble, Love, Dowden, Spain, Burns, Bennett, Savage 3½.

Burns, C – Bjelobrk, I
R 5 [B06]

1.e4 2.d4 3.♗g7 4.♗f3 5.♗c3 6.♗xe4 7.♗g5 8.c3 9.cxd4 10.♗e3 11.♗d2 12.♗c3 13.♗a4 14.f3



14...♗xe5 15.dxe5 16.♗e2 17.0-0 18.♗f2 19.♗h1 20.gxh3 21.f4 22.♗g2 23.♗g4 24.♗f1 25.♗xa7 26.bxc3 27.♗xb7 28.a4 29.c4 30.♗c6 31.♗a8+ 32.a5 33.♗e4 34.♗xe4+ 0-1

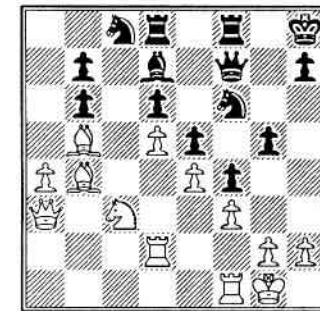
Dive, R – Cooper, D
R 5 [D36]

1.d4 2.c4 3.♗c3 4.cxd5 5.♗g5 6.e3 7.♗d3 8.♗c2 9.♗f4 10.h3 11.♗f8 12.♗e5 13.0-0 14.♗d6 15.a3 16.0-0

17.♗e2 18.♗f8 19.♗bc1 20.♗e5 21.f4 22.♗e2 23.♗c5 24.♗xc5 25.♗c2 26.♗fc1 27.g4 28.h4 29.♗f3 30.♗h2 31.g5 32.♗g4 33.♗e5 34.♗g3 35.♗xf5 36.♗xf5+ 37.♗f2 38.♗f3 39.♗d3 40.♗h2 41.♗f2 42.♗c5 43.♗h1 44.♗g3 45.♗e2 46.♗f3 ½-½

Johnson, Q – Savage, P
R 5 [E94]

1.d4 2.c4 3.♗c3 4.e4 5.♗e2 6.♗f3 7.0-0 8.d5 9.♗d2 10.♗b1 11.b4 12.cxd5 13.♗a3 14.♗b3 15.♗f1 16.♗c2 17.b5 18.♗xd2 19.♗b4 20.a4 21.b6 22.f3 23.♗f1 24.♗b5 25.♗a3



25...g4 26.♗xd7 27.♗b5 28.gxf3 29.gxf3 30.♗h1 31.♗h3 32.♗d2 33.♗f5 34.♗xf5 35.exf5 36.♗g3+ 37.♗g1 38.♗h1 39.♗g3+ 0-1

Round six

This round ended the charge by the young Turks. Dive asserted himself by beating Bjelobrk and Cooper beat Dunn to share the lead. Noble beat Burns to join Bjelobrk half a point behind the leaders. Dolejs ended Savage's winning run and joined the group a point off the lead

Scores: Dive, Cooper 5; Noble, Bjelobrk 4½; Ker, Love, Dowden, Spain, Bennett, Dunn, Dolejs Trass, Farrington 4.

Bjelobrk, I – Dive, R

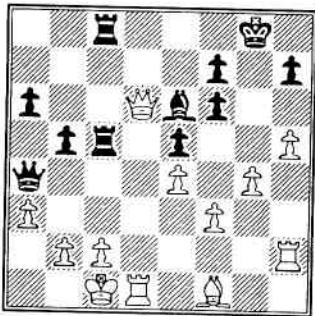
R 6 [E24]

1.d4 e1f6 2.c4 e6 3.e3 e6 4.a3 e3c3+
5.bxc3 d6 6.e3 e5 7.d3 c5 8.e4 e2c6 9.e2
cxd4 10.cxd4 e1xd4 11.e1xd4 e1xd4 12.0-0
e1c7 13.e2b2 0-0 14.e1xd4 e1d7 15.e1c1 b6
16.f4 e1c5 17.e1b1 e1b7 18.e1e1 e1ae8 19.e1g4
f6 20.e1xc5 e1xc5+ 21.e1h1 e1xa3 22.e1cd1 e1e7
23.e1h4 h6 24.e1h5 e1a4 25.e5 dxe5 26.e1g6
e4 27.e1d6 f5 28.e1ed1 e1e8 29.e1g3 e1h7
30.e1h4 e1c7 31.e1a2 e1e7 32.e1h5 e1e8 33.e1h3
e1e7 34.e5 bxc5 35.e1e6 e1d7 36.e1e1 e1d8
37.g4 e1d1 38.e1e3 e1xe1+ 39.e1xe1 e1d4
40.e1e7 0-1

Cooper, D – Dunn, A

R 6 [B95]

1.e4 e5 2.e1f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.e1xd4 e1f6
5.e1c3 a6 6.e1g5 e6 7.e1d2 e1e7 8.0-0-0 0-0
9.f3 e1c6 10.g4 e1xd4 11.e1xd4 e1a5 12.e1d2
e1c7 13.h4 e5 14.e1c4 e1d8 15.e1g5 e1e6
16.e1d3 e1e8 17.e1xf6 e1xf6 18.e1xd6 e1a5
19.e1d5 e1c5 20.a3 e1fc8 21.e1xf6+ gxf6
22.e1h2 b5 23.h5 e1a4



24.e1xc5 h6 25.e1xc8+ e1xc8 26.e1d8+ e1g7
27.e1xc8 h4 28.e1c4 e1b5 29.e1xb4 e1b6 30.e1e2
e1g1 31.e1e1 e1f2 32.e1d1 e1xf3+ 33.e1e2 e1g2
34.e1f1 e1g3 35.e1c3 e1g2 36.e1c3 e1f8 37.e1xf6
e1xc4 38.e1xf7+ e1e8 39.e1f7f3 e1d4+ 40.e1c1
e1xb4 41.e1xa6 e1a4 42.e1b1 e1xg4 43.e1f7 e4
44.e1b5+ 1-0

Savage, P – Dolejs, D

R 6 [B01]

1.e4 d5 2.e1xd5 e1f6 3.d4 e1xd5 4.e1f3 e1g4
5.e1e2 e6 6.0-0-0 e1c7 7.e4 e1f6 8.e1c3 e1bd7
9.e1f4 c6 10.e1c1 e1b6 11.e1c5 e1f5 12.e1f3 e1c8

13.e1d2 e1fd7 14.b3 e1b4 15.e1ad1 h6 16.e1e3
0-0 17.e1e2 e1xe5 18.dxe5 e1c7 19.g4 e1g6
20.e1e4 e1cd8 21.e1c1 e1d7 22.e1g3 e1c5 23.e1c3
e1b6 24.e1e1 e1d3 25.g5 e1xe2 26.e1xc2 e1d4
27.e1f1 h1g5 28.e1xg5 e1de8 29.e1f4 e1c7
30.e1e4 f5 31.e1xf6 e1xf4 32.f1g7 e1xg7
33.e1h5 e1h6 34.e1h1 e1f6 35.e1xg7 e1xg7
36.e1g1+ e1h8 37.e1g6 e1c1+ 38.e1g1 e1f4
39.e1g6 e1e7 40.e1d3 e1g4 41.e1h3+ e1h6
42.e1e4 e1xc4+ 43.e1g2 e1g7 0-1

Burns, C – Noble, M

R 6 [C41]

1.e4 e5 2.e1f3 d6 3.e1c4 e1g4 4.h3 e1h5 5.d3
c6 6.0-0 e1f6 7.e1g5 e1e7 8.e1bd2 e1bd7 9.e1e1
h6 10.e1h4 g5 11.e1g3 e1g6 12.e1b3 e1h5
13.e1h2 e1f4 14.d4 e1c7 15.e1h1 0-0-0 16.d5
e5 17.e1c4 e1f6 18.e1b1 g4 19.h1g4 e1xg4
20.e1g3 e1h5 21.e1e2 e1xg3+ 22.f1g3 h5
23.e1h4 e1xh4 24.g1h4 f5 25.e1f1 e1e7 26.g3
f4 27.e1e1 e1c3 28.g1f4 e1xf1 29.e1xf1 e1xf4
30.e1d3 e1de8 31.e1d2 e1d7 32.e1f1 e1g4 33.e1f2
e1hg8 34.e1e1 e1h7 35.e1f3 e1h3+ 36.e1h2 e1g7
37.e1f1 e1g3 38.e1xg3 f1g3 39.e1h3+ e1c7
40.e1f1 e1xe4 41.e1e3 0-1

Round seven

After four draws in six rounds, Ker met Dive in the penultimate round, but an extra pawn was not enough when his king stayed in the middle of the board and Dive won to seal his right to at least a share of the title. Noble kept within challenging distance when Cooper gave him a couple of pawns and an easy win, and Bjelobrk drew with Love to join a group on 5. Dunn went down to Dowden, but Savage beat Burns stay in the leading bunch.

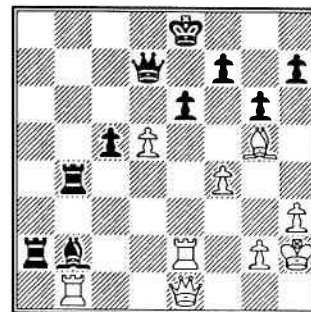
Points: Dive 6; Noble 5½; Spain, Cooper, Bennett, Bjelobrk 5; Love, Barlow, Johnson, Savage 4½.

Dive, R – Ker, A

R 7 [A59]

1.d4 e1f6 2.c4 e5 3.d5 b5 4.e1xb5 a6 5.bxa6
e1xa6 6.e1c3 d6 7.e4 e1xf1 8.e1xf1 g6 9.e1f3
e1bd7 10.h3 e1g7 11.e1g1 0-0 12.e1h2 e1a5
13.e1e1 e1fb8 14.e1e2 e1e8 15.e1c2 e1c7 16.e1d2
e1b6 17.e1g5 e1f8 18.e1c1 e1e5 19.e1xe5+
20.e1f4 e1d4 21.e1e3 e1h8 22.e1h6+ e1g8

23.e1g5 e1f8 24.e1h6+ e1e8 25.f4 e1b5 26.e1xb5
e1xb5 27.e1e1 e1xb2 28.e1b1 e1xa2 29.e5 dxe5
30.e1xc5 e1d7 31.e1e2 e1b4 32.e1g5 e6



33.dxe6 fxe6 34.e1xe6+ e1f8 35.e1e7 e1c6
36.e1h6+ e1g7 37.e1xg7+ e1g8 38.e1e8+ e1xg7
39.e1e7+ e1h6 40.e1g5+ e1g7 41.e1e7+ e1h6
42.e1f8+ e1h5 43.e1e5+ 1-0

Noble, M – Cooper, D

R 7 [D06]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e1f6 3.cxd5 e1xd5 4.e4 e1b6
5.e1c3 g6 6.e1c3 e1g7 7.h3 c6 8.e1f3 e1e6 9.e1g5
e1c4 10.e1xc4 e1xc4 11.e1b3 b5 12.e1xb5 0-0
13.e1xc4 e1xb5 14.e1xb5 1-0

Dunn, A – Dowden, T

R 7 [C18]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e1c3 e1b4 4.e5 c5 5.a3
e1xc3+ 6.bxc3 e1c7 7.e1g4 f5 8.e1g3 cxd4
9.cxd4 e1e7 10.c3 0-0 11.e1c2 b6 12.e1f4 e1d7
13.h4 e1f7 14.h5 e1a6 15.e1xa6 e1xa6 16.h6 g6
17.e1h3 e1c8 18.e1g5 e1c4 19.e1f4 e1b8 20.e1h3
e1bc6 21.e1d1 e1a4 22.e1h4 e1xa3 23.e1f6 e1f8

Lightning tournament

An informal North Island lightning championship held in conjunction with the North Island championship, attracted 25 entries. Players were seeded into three groups, with the first two to go into the final and the next pairs to go into the B, C and D group finals.

Anthony Ker with 4½ won the A group, with Matthew Barlow runner-up on 3. Other group winners were : B, Dave Cooper 4; C, Pascal Harris 4½; D, Kent Wong 4½.

24.e1g3 e1e8 25.e1g7 e1a2 26.e1xg6 f4 27.e1g4
e1xd4 28.e1xe7 e1b5 0-1

Savage, P – Burns, C

R 7 [C42]

1.e4 e5 2.e1f3 e1f6 3.e1xe5 d6 4.e1f3 e1xe4
5.d4 d5 6.e1d3 e1d6 7.0-0 0-0 8.e1e1 f5 9.c4
c6 10.e1b3 e1h8 11.e1c3 e1xc3 12.bxc3 dxc4
13.e1xc4 b5 14.e1d3 f4 15.e1a3 e1xa3 16.e1xa3
e1a6 17.e1e5 e1b7 18.e1xc6 e1g5 19.e1e5 e1h4
20.e1a5 b4 21.e1xb4 e1xg2 22.e1xg2 e1g4+
23.e1h1 e1f3+ 24.e1g1 e1f6 25.e1b3 e1xb4
26.e1e4 e1g4+ 27.e1h1 e1b8 28.e1xb4 e1fb6
29.e1e7 e1b1+ 30.e1xb1 e1xb1+ 31.e1xb1 e1f3+
32.e1g1 e1d1+ 33.e1e1 e1g4+ 34.e1f1 e1h3+
35.e1e2 e1h5+ 36.e1d2 e1xa5+ 37.e1c2 e1a4+
38.e1c3 e1a5+ 39.e1b4 e1c7+ 40.e1b2 g6
41.e1f8# 1-0

Round eight

Dive drew with Dowden and Noble drew with Spain to maintain their positions at the top, but Bjelobrk shared second place with Noble by sacrificing a bishop for two pawns to break through in the centre and win from Cooper. Bennett joined them on 6 with a win from Johnson that gave him 3½ points in the last four rounds.

Their draws gave Dowden and Spain shares in fifth place. Ker beat Savage to join a group on 5 points that included Love and Barlow (who drew in the last round), Cooper, Dunn and Dolejs.

Dowden, T – Dive, R

R 8 [B02]

1.e4 e1f6 2.e5 d5 3.c4 e1b6 4.d4 d6 5.e1xd6
cxd6 6.e1c3 g6 7.e1d3 e1g7 8.e1ge2 0-0 9.0-0
e1c6 10.d5 e1e5 11.b3 e6 12.dxe6 e1xe6
13.e1e4 e1d7 14.e1a3 e1fd8 15.f4 e1g4 16.e1d3
d5 17.cxd5 e1xd5 18.e1xd5 ½-½

Spain, G – Noble, M

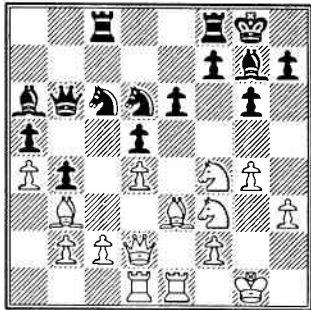
R 8 [C41]

1.e4 e5 2.e1f3 d6 3.d4 e1f6 4.dxe5 e1xe4
5.e1d5 e1c5 6.e1g5 e1d7 7.e1xd6 e1xd6 8.e1c3 h6
9.e1c3 c6 10.e1d2 e1e7 11.e1d4 e1c7 12.e1e2 a5
13.0-0 0-0 14.e1ad1 e1c6 15.e1xc6 e1xc6
16.e1c4 e1g5 17.a4 e1d8 18.e1c1 e1d7 19.e1a2
e1f8 ½-½

Cooper, D - Bjelobrk, I

R 8 [B06]

1.e4 g6 2.f3 g7 3.♗c4 c6 4.♗c3 b5 5.♗b3
 b4 6.♗e2 a5 7.a4 d5 8.exd5 cxd5 9.d4 ♗c6
 10.h3 ♗a6 11.♗e3 e6 12.0-0 ♗ge7 13.♗e1
 ♗f5 14.♗d2 0-0 15.♗ad1 ♗b6 16.♗f4 ♗ac8
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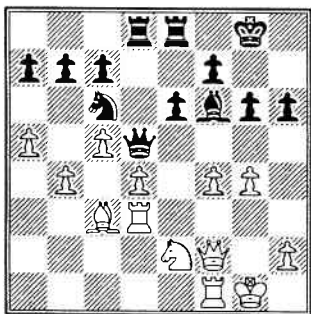


18.♗xd5 exd5 19.♗xd5 ♗b7 20.♗h6 ♗xd4
 21.♗xd4 ♗xd5 22.♗xg7 ♗b7 23.f3 ♗xg7
 24.♗f4 ♗c5 25.♗h1 ♗fe8 26.g5 ♗f5 27.♗e6+
 fxe6 28.♗d7+ ♗e7 29.♗xe7+ ♗xe7 0-1

Williams, B - Dolejs, D

R 8 [B01]

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♗f6 3.d4 g4 4.♗e2 ♗xe2
 5.♗xe2 ♗xd5 6.♗bc3 ♗b6 7.a4 c6 8.a5 ♗d5
 9.♗xd5 ♗xd5 10.0-0 ♗b4 11.♗d2 ♗d6 12.b3
 ♗c6 13.c4 ♗h5 14.f4 0-0 15.♗e1 ♗fe8 16.c5
 ♗e7 17.b4 ♗ad8 18.♗f2 ♗h4 19.g3 ♗f6
 20.♗c3 h6 21.♗ad1 ♗d5 22.g4 g6 23.♗d3



23...♗xb4 24.♗xb4 ♗c4 25.f5 exf5 26.gxf5
 ♗xd3 27.fxg6 ♗xg6+ 28.♗h1 ♗e4+ 29.♗g1

♗g4+ 30.♗h1 ♗xe2 31.♗g1 ♗xf2 32.♗xg4+
 ♗h8 33.♗g1 ♗c2 0-1

Bennett, H - Johnson, Q

R 8 [A00]

1.b4 a5 2.b5 e5 3.♗b2 d6 4.c4 ♗d7 5.e3 ♗h6
 6.♗f3 g6 7.d4 g7 8.♗e2 0-0 9.♗c3 ♗e8
 10.a4 ♗f5 11.0-0 c6 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.♗c4
 ♗e7 14.♗a3 c5 15.♗d5 ♗f8 16.♗fd1 ♗f6
 17.♗xf6+ ♗xf6 18.♗b2 ♗d6 19.g4 ♗d4
 20.exd4 exd4 21.♗e1 ♗xg4 22.♗a3 ♗ad8
 23.♗xb7 ♗xe2 24.♗xe2 ♗f4 25.♗e4 d3
 26.♗xd3 ♗xe4 27.♗xe4 ♗f5 28.♗xd6 1-0

North Island rapid championship

IM Russell Dive completed the double by winning the North Island rapid championship, which followed the main North Island event at Wanganui. The rapid attracted 47 entries, and Dive dropped only half a point, in a draw with FM Mark Noble in round 5. He had wins against Mark Sinclair, Tony Love and Anthony Ker.

Scores: 1 R.J.Dive 5½/6; 2-3 A.J.Love & S.G.Lukey 5; 4-5 M.F.Noble & M.Sinclair 4½; 6-14 M.J.Barlow, H.P.Bennett, I.Bjelobrk, D.J.Cooper, J.M.Davis, Q.Johnson, A.F.Ker, P.W.Stuart & P.Vetharanim 4; 15-19 C.J.Burns, A.S.Dunn, L.B.Farrington, I.M.Sims & C.Trass 3½; 20-27 M.R.Burn, D.S.Capper, E.G.A.Frost, P.Harris, A.Koia, G.A.Spain, S.Taylor & R.Trass 3; 28-37 D.I.Bell, D.E.Dolejs, B.Donaldson, R.M.Gordon, C.Miller, M.Nyberg, G.W.Pocock, G.Potini, P.Savage & C.Wright 2½; 38-42 B.Cooze, J.G.Gillespie, H.R.Gold, N.Todd & P.Wallis 2; 43-44 Z.H.Kingston & J.Tuapawa 1½; 45-47 C.Gribben, G.L.Judkins & C.H.Webber 1.

Grade prizes: Grade 1, 1= Prince Vetharanim, Justin Dazvis & Quentin Johnson, 4. Grade 2: 1 Clinton Trass, 3½; 2=Stephen Taylor & Pascal Harris 3.

Canterbury CC Lion Foundation grand prix

By Quentin Johnson

The 1998 Lion Foundation grand prix held by Canterbury CC is a series of 5-round open swiss tournaments, held fortnightly at the club, with a time limit of 15 minutes per player per game. Players can take part in as many of the tournaments as they wish, and their four best results are turned into a percentage score (so that byes or wins by default are not counted) on which the prizes will be awarded at the end of the year.

If two or more players have the same percentage, a tie-break system based on adding up the places they have achieved in each of the four tournaments is used to separate them.

The reason for the short time limit is to enable all five games to be played in a single evening, and to avoid prohibitive tournament levies for the non-club members who take part (the games are only rated in the club's system).

This event has been devised as fairly thinly-veiled attempt to induct new members into the Canterbury CC. But while the event has been successful in many ways, they don't include getting new members to join. However, a number of school students and

adult players from outside the club have been taking part - and coming back for the next one, which is encouraging. And the scoail atmosphere generated by the "less serious" nature of the competition makes for a fun evening of chess.

Sponsorship arranged through the Lion Foundation has enabled us to keep entry fees to a paltry \$2.00 per tournament (to cover expenses) while still offering something in the way of prizes: the choice of any book from the NZCS catalogue for 1st and 2nd in the open and under-200 grade rating, equal to elo 1440), and a year's free membership to the highest-placed school student and non-member, and a book or the runner-up.

After the first six legs only 7 of the 23 players have taken part in 4 or more, and as a zero result is given for events not contested, the seven who have completed four events tend to be at the top of the standings at this stage.

Q Johnson with 85% leads, followed by C Benson 77.5%, C Hall 75%, A Nijman 72.5% and T Russell and M McNabb 67.5%. Russell has scored 13½/15, but has competed in only three events.

Open tournaments scheduled for 1998

Details of each event are available from the organising club

All-Wellington Rapid Championship, Wellington CC, **Sat, September 12.**

25th North Shore Open, North Shore CC, **Sat-Sun, September 26-27.**

South Island Rapid Championship, Ashburton CC, **Sun, Sept 27.**

South Island Championship, Ashburton CC, **Mon, Sept 28-Fri, Oct 3.**

Mid-Canterbury Rapid, Ashburton CC, **Sun, October 18.**

Otago Labour Weekend 60/60, Otago CC, **Mon, October 26.**

Otago Summer Rapid, Otago CC, **Sat, December 5.**

All-Canterbury Championship, Canterbury CC, Christchurch, **Fri, 11 Dec - Sun, 13 Dec.**

NZ Championship & Major Open, Otago CC, Dunedin, **Mon, Dec 28 - Sat, Jan 9.**

NZ Rapid Championship, Otago CC, Dunedin, **Sun-Mon, Jan 10-11, 1999.**

Junior events

NZ Junior and Age Group Champs, Auckland Chess Centre, **Tues, Oct 6 - Fri, Oct 9.**
 Enquiries to Tony Kessler, P O Box 205, Kumeu, Auckland.

New Zealand news

Palmerston North

Palmerston North CC started its 1998 programme with a rapid tournament, which was unsurprisingly won by Tony Dowden with 6/6. Second was Srdja Stepanovic (Dowden's next-door neighbour!) with 5 and Stephen Aburn and Martin Sims tied for third on 4. A notable result was that of 15-year-old Jeremy Smith who scored 3.

The club held two autumn tournaments of similar strength as preliminaries to the club championships. Group A was headed by Martin Sims 4/5 and Neil Jepson 4/6, closely followed by Frank Visser 3½. Group B was headed by Jeff Boardman, a junior at Massey University, with 3/4, followed by schoolboy Jeremy Smith on 2½ and Chandra Mshan on 2½. A slightly disappointing feature was the lack of commitment to complete their games shown by some players.

Wellington

The juniors prevailed in a Wellington CC open lightning tournament, with a triple tie between Patrick Savage, Nic Croad and Jordan Wilson. Nic Croad won the play-off.

A short 30/30 tournament was won by Lawrence Farrington 3/3, with Ted Frost runner-up on 2.

Another impromptu lightning tournament was held on the evening members farewelled and made a presentation to Ted Frost before his move to Wanganui. Shamnika Rupasinghe ran out the winner on 8½/9, with Justin Phillips on 8, Nic Croad 6 and Patrick Savage 5½.

Canterbury

There were 27 players in the Canterbury CC Chas. L Hart Cup competition, which was jointly won by Thor Russell and Quentin Johnson on 5/6. They drew in the last round. Top seed Jon Jackson was unable to catch up when held to a draw by Steve Coates, and had to be content with 3= with

Geoff Davies and Chris Benson. Coates shared 6= with Arie Nijman.

The Colthart Cup was jointly won by Steve Coates and Quentin Johnson, on 5/6. Top seed Coates led by half a point from round 2, but was held to a draw in the last round by Thor Russell, who finished 3rd on 4. This allowed Johnson to catch up with a win over Colin Fraser. Other scores: C Benson 3½; A Nijman, S Kelly and D Partridge 3; G Dawes, M Sadler & C Fraser 2½; G Davies 2.

The B grade was won by 15-year-old new member David Pearson, 5/6, half a point ahead of top seed Craig Hall. Pearson displayed a good understanding of endings, losing only one game - to Eddie Cook who finished 3= with Bruce Donaldson on 4, ahead of J Atkinson 3½; B Davis, R Pearce and J Mac 3; M Jeffreys & G Pearson 2; M Stevenson & S Jewitt 1..

Canterbury weekend rapid

The Canterbury weekend rapid held on May 16 was won by Nick Cummings on 4½/5, a full point clear of Arie Nijman. However, the Cummings victory was not as convincing as the score table suggests - having not played much in recent months he had to rely on the kindness of several opponents. In round 1 Craig Hall turned down numerous opportunities to sac his rook for stalemate and in rounds 3 and 4 Quentin Johnson and Steve Coates blundered a rook and queen respectively, when clearly on top. By the final round only Arie Nijman could catch Cummings and he succumbed to a draw offer.

Bruce Gloisten and Bryn Davis both had good tournaments to share 3= on 5, with Davis taking the grade 1 prize. Hall, 2½, took the grade 2 prize by beating John Atkinson.

Junior events

Auckland

Igor Bjelobrk, at that time 16 years old, decisively won this year's Auckland junior championships, scoring 7½/8 and finishing 1½ points clear of Ryan Trass (16). David Simpson and Pu Chen Wang were 3= on 5½.

Of special note is that Pu Chen was only 8 years old.

Samantha Smith, 12, won the schoolgirls' section.

Wellington

The Tawa A team, headed by Nic Croad and Jonathan Nicholls, was too strong for the opposition at the Wellington interschool teams tournament held at Wellington College. They scored 15½/20, to finish 1½ points ahead of the Hawke's Bay team led by Teresa Sheehan, and the fast-finishing Palmerston North Boys High School A team, on 14. Scots A and Hutt International Boys were next on 12½.

The board prizes were well spread, with one player at each board scoring 5/5, so for the first time no playoffs were necessary. The winners were: Board 1, Marco Zhang (Hutt Valley High School); board 2, Ajdin Imsirovic (Hutt International Boys); board 3, Tim Healey (Tawa A); board 4, Gutherfa Hussein (Palmerston North BHS).

Canterbury

There was a field of 16 in the Canterbury agre group tournament, held at Canterbury Chess Club, and in addition to junior, under-16 and under-12 events, there was an under-8 championship.

The 10 junior and under-16 players played a 5-round swiss, in which Bruce Donaldson and Thor Russell tied on 4/5. Donaldson beat Russell in round 3, but drew with David Pearson and Martin Jeffreys in rounds 2 and 4. Pearson, 3½, was 3rd and won the under-16 title and also the H R Abbott Cup for the highest-placed school student. Oleg Vortnik,

3, was 4th and the highest-placed non-club member. Martin Jeffreys, 2½, was second in the under-16 group.

The under-12 and under-8 group played a 5-round round robin, won convincingly by Gary Gee with 5/5. Hannah Mason, 3, won the girls' prize, and with one prize per player Michael O'Donnell, 2½, was runner-up in the under-12 section.

Tagan Grace, 1½, was first in the under-8 section. o

Hannah Botha, who scored 1 point, is only 5 years old.

Palmerston N open rapid

Palmerston North CC held an open rapid event on June 20, with a rating bar of 1600. The event attracted 12 entries on a fine mid-winter day from Hawkes Bay to Wellington. The tournament was jointly won by Mike Burn (HH) and Jeff Boardman (PN) with 4½/5. Their critical game of fluctuating fortunes ended in a drawn K + RP v K position - the **only** draw of the event. In a large tie for third with 3/5 were Srdja Stepanovic, Slave Jovanovski, Jeremy Sith and Dennis Davey (all PN). Jeremy Smith and Dennis Davey shared the under-1300 grade prize.

DOP Tony Dowden had an uneventful day other than narrowly missing a few windows during the soccer games played between rounds.

South Island championship

The 1998 South Island Championship will be held in Ashburton from Monday, 29 September to Friday, 2 October, with the S.I. rapid on Sunday, 28 September, the Sunday before the main event.

Enquiries to Ashburton CC, PO Box 204, Ashburton.

Selected games

Waikato Open winner

FM Bob Smith won the Waikato Open, thanks to the following game. Bob writes:

Going into the penultimate round of the Waikato Open I was trailing the leader by half a point and desperately needed a win. Being paired against a fighting player such as Brad Walsh was a double-edged sword. I could confidently count on a decisive result – but it might not necessarily be in my favour!

Walsh, B – Smith, R

R 5 [A43]

Notes by FM Bob Smith

1.d4 c5

Something different.

2.c3

Something solid/stodgy?

2...e6 3.e3 f6 4.♘d2 d5 5.♘d2 ♘c6 6.f4

The Stonewall; an attacking system consistent with Brad's aggressive style of play.

6...♘d6

With the idea of ...cxd4, opening the c-file for counterplay.

7.a3 0-0 8.♗e2 cxd4 9.cxd4 ♘d7 10.♖g3 ♗c8 11.0-0 ♖b8?!

Too far from the ♖-side. Better 11...♗e7 with the idea 12.♘e5 ♗e8 13.g4 ♘xe5 14.fxe5.

12.♘e5 ♗e8 13.♗f3 g6! Only move.

14.♗h3 ♘xe5 15.fxe5 ♘d7 16.e4 ♗b6 17.♗e3

Not 17.♖f3 ♘xe5! 18.♘xe5 ♗xd4+.

17...f6

Only move, with counterplay.

18.exd5

If 18.exf6 ♘xf6 (18...e5!?) with the idea 19.e5? ♖g4+.

18...fxe5 19.dxe6 ♗xe6 20.♖f3 ♖f6

Only move.

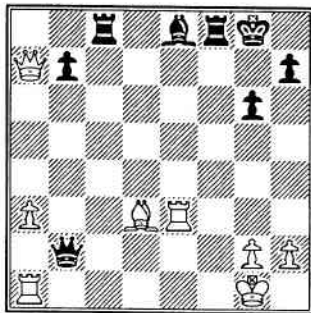
21.♘xe5 ♗xe5 22.dxe5?!

Better is 22.♗xe5 ♗xe5 23.dxe5 ♖g4 24.e6 ♘f2 25.♗e3 ♘xd3 26.♗xd3 ♖b5 27.♗d1 ♗c2 with compensation for the material.

22...♖g4 23.♗e2?

Better is 23.♗xa7 ♗xe5 24.♗e3 ♘xe3

25.♗xe3 ♗xb2



Black's ♗s are on lovely open files, his ♘ is poised menacingly, there's a dangerous diagonal leading to White's ♘. It's combination time!

23...♗xc1+! 24.♗xc1 ♗b6+ 25.♖h1 ♖f2+ 26.♗xf2 ♗xf2 27.♗c4+ ♖h8 0-1

Waitemata championship

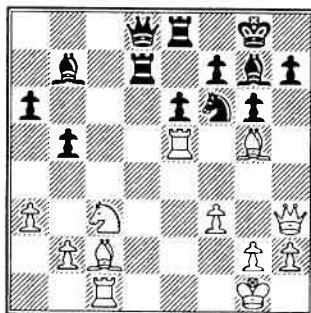
Here's another of Bob Smith's wins, this one in taking his 20th Waitemata CC Championship.

Harris, B – Smith, R

Morra Gambit [B53]

Notes by FM Bob Smith

1.e4 c5 2.♖f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.♘xc3 ♘c6 6.♗c4 a6 7.0-0 ♖f6 8.♗g5 e6 9.♗e1 ♗e7 10.♗d2 b5 11.♖b3 ♗a7 12.a3 0-0 13.♗ac1 ♘e5 14.♗e3 ♘xf3+ 15.♗xf3 ♗d7 16.♗c2 ♖b7 17.♗h3 g6 18.♖h6 ♗e8 19.e5 dxe5 20.♗xe5 ♖f8 21.♗g5 ♗g7 22.f3



22.♗h4 ♗d4!

22...♗b8! 23.♗f4 ♘h5 24.♗xh5 ♗xf4

25.♘e2 ♗e3+ 26.♖f1 ♗d2 27.♗e1 ♗d4

28.♗g3 ♗xe2 0-1

Civic Championship

Here are two of the winner's games from the last Civic CC championship.

Lukey, S – Ker, A

[B07]

Notes by NM Stephen Lukey

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♖f6 3.♘c3 g6 4.♗g5 ♘bd7

5.♗d2 h6 6.♗h4 ♗g7 7.f4

Forward!

7...0-0?

Too slow. 7...c5 is much superior.

8.e5! ♘h7

Backwards!

9.♖f3 ♗e8?

Black manoeuvres on the 8th rank!

10.♗d3 ♘h8 11.0-0 dxe5 12.dxe5 ♘c5

Black forces the swap, but his ♗ gets stuck on the ♗file.

13.♗e3! ♘xd3+ 14.♗xd3 ♗d7 15.♗h1 c6

15...♗c8 allows 16.♘d5 winning the exchange.

16.e6 fxe6 17.♗xd7 ♘xd7 18.♗xe6+ ♖h7

19.♗xd7 ♗b6 20.f5 gxf5 21.♗xe7 ♖h8

22.♘d4 f4 23.♗f7 c5 24.♘e6 1-0

Dive, R – Lukey, S

[D32]

Notes by NM Stephen Lukey

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.cxd5 exd5 4.♘c3 c5

5.♘f3 ♘c6 6.♗g5 ♗a5?!

A casino variation.

7.e3 h6 8.♗h4 ♗e7 9.dxc5!? ♗xh4

10.♘xh4 ♖f6 11.♖b5! 0-0 12.♗a4 ♗c7

13.♗xc6?!

13.♖f3 first looks better.

13...bxc6 14.0-0?

14.♖f3 is now essential.

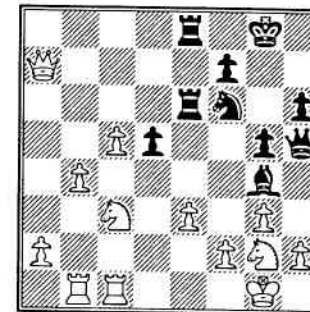
14...♗b8 15.b4

White's ♗ is trapped on the wrong side of the board.

15...♗g4! ♖c1 ♗h5 18.g3 g5 19.♖g2 ♗fe8!

The troops are massing.

20.♗xc6 ♗e6 21.♗c7 ♗be8 22.♗xa7



22...d4!

The attack looks too strong now.

23.♘d1 ♘e4 24.exd4

White is now 4 connected passed ♗s up!

24...♘d2

The f3 square is critical.

25.♘d3 ♖f3+ 26.♖f1 ♗xh2 27.d5 ♘d4!

28.♖e1 ♗g1+ 29.♖d2 ♗xf2+ 30.♖d3 ♗xe3+

31.♘xe3 ♗xe3+ 32.♖c4 ♗e2# 0-1

Sarfati plays in Brisbane

Earlier this year FM Jonathan Sarfati played in his first tournament outside his local club. Some of Brisbane's strongest players turned out for the Chinese New Year Open, an 8-round Swiss with 20 minutes per player per game. Sarfati scored 7½/8 for 1st, drawing with 2nd placegetter and 2nd seed David Stephson (7), who drew another game with third seed Nikolai Stawski who runs Queensland chess coaching.

Sarfati, JD – Stawski, N

Chinese New Year Open, R7/8, 1998

Notes by FM Jonathan Sarfati

1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♖f3 ♗g7

5...♘e4 6.cxd5 ♘xg5 7.♘xg5 e6.

6.cxd5 ♘xd5?!

6...cxd5 was better, but not great. The Bg7 is blocked by the Pd4. Black will also miss its control of c5, White's outpost on the open file.

7.e4 ♘xc3 8.bxc3

Black needs to play c5 to challenge White's centre, but has lost an important tempo with ...c6.

8...0-0 9.Ξb1

Hinders the Bc8's development.

9...Ψa5 10.Ψd2 Ξe8 11.Ωe2 h6?

Fatally weakening the K-side.

12.Ωxh6! Ωxh6 13.Ψxh6 Ψxc3+ 14.♠f1

This doesn't bother White because of his strong centre.

14...Ωg4

14...♠d7□ 15.Ξc1 Ψa5 16.♠g5 ♠f8 17.h4 f6 18.♠h7! ♠xh7 19.Ψxg6+ ♠f8 20.Ψxh7 and the h-pawn is hard to stop.

15.Ξc1

Good enough, but quicker was 15.♠g5! Ωxc2+ 16.♠g1!

15...Ψa5 16.♠g5 Ωxe2+ 17.♠xe2 Ψxa2+ 18.♠f1 e5 19.d5 Ψa6+ 20.♠g1 Ξe7 21.Ψh7+ 1-0

Games from Latvian Gambit

McLaren, L - Sarapu, O

[C20]

1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Ωc4 cxb2 5.Ωxb2 d5 6.Ωxd5 ♠f6 7.Ωc3 ♠xd5 8.♠xd5Ωc6 9.♠f3 Ωe6 10.0-0 Ψd7 11.Ψb3 0-0-0 12.Ξfd1 Ωxd5 13.exd5 ♠a5 14.Ψc3 b6 15.♠e5 Ψf5 16.g4 Ψf6 17.Ψh3 Ψf4 18.g5+ ♠b7 19.Ψg3 Ψf5 20.Ξd3 Ωd6 21.Ξf3 Ψc2 22.Ωa3 Ωxe5 23.Ψxe5 ♠c4 24.Ψxg7 Ξhg8 25.Ψf6 ♠xa3 26.Ξxa3 Ξd6 27.Ψe5 f6 28.Ξc3 Ξxg5+ 29.Ψxg5 Ψxc3 30.Ξc1 fxg5 31.Ξxc3 Ξxd5 32.Ξe3 h5 33.♠g2 c5 34.♠g3 c4 35.♠f3 Ξc5 36.Ξc3 b5 0-1

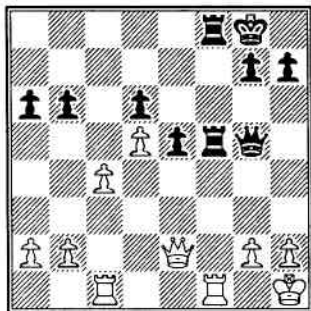
Sarapu, O - Dunn, A

[A00]

1.e4 c5 2.♠f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♠xd4 ♠f6 5.♠c3 a6 6.Ωg5 e6 7.Ψd2 Ωe7 8.0-0-0 b5 9.Ωd3 Ωb7 10.f3 ♠bd7 11.Ξhe1 Ψc7 12.Ωxb5 axb5 13.♠dxb5 Ψc5 14.Ωe3 Ψc6 15.♠xd6+ Ωxd6 16.Ψxd6 Ψxd6 17.Ξxd6 ♠e5 18.b3 ♠f7 19.Ξed1 Ξa6 20.Ξ6d2 Ωc6 21.a4 ♠e7 22.♠b5 Ωxb5 23.axb5 Ξa1+ 24.♠b2 Ξxd1 25.Ξxd1 Ξb8 26.c4 f5 27.exf5 exf5 28.♠c3 ♠e6 29.Ξa1 h6 30.Ξa6+ ♠e7 31.Ωd4 h5 32.h3 g5 33.Ξh6 g4 34.Ξxh5 gxf3 35.gxf3 ♠xf3 36.Ξxf5 ♠xd4 37.♠xd4 ♠e6 38.Ξh5 Ξd8 39.Ξh6+ ♠f6+ 40.♠c5 ♠f7 41.b6 ♠g7 42.Ξh4 Ξb8 43.♠c6 1-0

Missed opportunity

The following position was reached in the game between Rosaleen Sheehan and Teresa Sheehan at the 1998 New Zealand women's championship (NZ Chess, June, p 8):



After an exchange of pawns on f5, White has played 25.Ψe2.

Martin Sims draws attention to analysis which shows immediate winning opportunities missed by Black:

25...Ξf2 found by Tony Dowden; or

25...Ψd2 found by Tony Love.

In the game Black played 25...Ξxf1+ and won after another 27 moves.

26.Ξxf1 Ξxf1+ 27.Ψxf1 Ψd2 28.h3 Ψxb2 29.Ψf5 Ψc1+ 30.♠h2 Ψf4+ 31.Ψxf4 exf4 32.h4 ♠f7 33.♠h3 ♠f6 34.♠g4 ♠e5 35.h5 ♠d4 36.♠f5 ♠xc4 37.♠e6 ♠c5 38.♠f7 ♠xd5 39.♠xg7 ♠e6 40.♠xh7 ♠f7 41.♠h6 ♠f6 42.♠h7 d5 43.h6 ♠f7 44.♠h8 d4 45.h7 d3 46.g4 d2 47.g5 d1Ψ 0-1

Canterbury age group brevity

Russell, T - Donaldson, B

[B22]

Notes by Quentin Johnson

1.e4 c5 2.e3 Ωc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.cxd4 d6 5.♠f3 g6 6.Ωc4 Ωg7 7.0-0 ♠f6 8.Ψb3 0-0 9.e5? dxe5 10.dxe5 ♠g4 11.e6?? Ψc7!-+ 12.exf7+ ♠h8 13.Ωd2 13.g3 ♠a5-+; 13.h3 ♠d4-+. 13...♠d4 14.Ωa5 ♠xf3+ 15.Ψxf3 Ψxh2# 0-1

Noosa Open

By FM Bob Smith

I once again combined "business" with pleasure by playing in the Noosa Open. The field is almost always a strong one : this time the eighty players included GM Rogers and IMs Wohl and Solomon, as well as a few sundry FMs - including myself and expatriate Kiwi Craig Laird.

The time control of one hour each per game plus an additional ten seconds a move at the end of that period proved a great leveller.

One player in particular - myself! - had trouble adjusting to it this year, resulting in an unexpected loss in round two from a winning position to local player Derrick Jeffries, whom I would have been expected to beat 99 out of 100 games. This defeat - due to panicking in the ten second play-off instead of playing a killing move- made a good result difficult.

The other top players were steaming along without problems. After four rounds only Rogers, Wohl, Laird and Myers were on perfect scores, Laird having destroyed Solomon's recent aura of invincibility by beating Stephen in his own realm - the endgame.

In round five, Rogers defeated Laird and Wohl beat Myers to share the lead with five straight wins. Solomon had another setback, being held to a draw by visiting Czech FM Bretislav Modr.

In the penultimate round, Rogers beat Wohl to take the outright lead. I meanwhile had crawled back to second equal place after four straight wins, including one over Australia's most promising young junior, David Smerdon. Also on five were Wohl, Laird, Allen and Modr.

In the final round Rogers played safe with an early draw against Modr to ensure clear first, while Wohl beat Allen. Meanwhile I was playing a double-edged game against Laird. Unfortunately (for me) Craig proved better able to handle the inevitable time

pressure associated with this time control, while I spurned a forced draw in favour of losing. The draw would have given me third equal and a placing in all three Noosa Opens I have contested. Instead I "made Craig's day", gifting him the point he needed to finish second equal with Wohl. Fourth were Solomon, Modr and Smerdon, followed a half a point behind by seven other players, including myself.

So no money this time for me - but a lot of fun anyway. I even got in a game of golf and an ocean swim - in the middle of the New Zealand winter!

Rogers, I - Dizdarevic, M

[B09]

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♠f6 3.Ωc3 g6 4.f4 Ωg7 5.Ωd3 0-0 6.♠f3 ♠a6 7.0-0 c5 8.d5 Ωc7 9.Ψe1 a6 10.a4 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.e5 ♠fd5 13.♠e4 ♠xf4 14.Ωxf4 Ξxf4 15.♠xd6 ♠d5 16.Ψg3 Ψf8 17.Ξad1 b5 18.Ωxg6 hxg6 19.Ψxg6 ♠e7 20.Ψh5 ♠f5 21.♠g5 ♠h6 22.Ψg6 1-0

Solomon, S - Laird, C

[D02]

1.d4 ♠f6 2.♠f3 d5 3.Ωf4 c5 4.e3 Ψb6 5.♠c3 e6 6.Ξb1 Ωe7 7.Ωe2 0-0 8.0-0 cxd4 9.exd4 Ωd7 10.♠e5 Ξd8 11.g4 ♠c6 12.g5 ♠e8 13.Ωd3 ♠xe5 14.dxe5 g6 15.Ψe2 ♠g7 16.♠d1 a6 17.b3 Ψd4 18.Ψe3 Ψxe3 19.fxe3 Ωb5 20.♠f2 Ξac8 21.♠g4 ♠f5 22.Ξf2 Ωxd3 23.cxd3 Ξc3 24.Ξd1 ♠g7 25.♠g2 Ωc5 26.Ξfd2 d4 27.e4 ♠e3+ 28.Ωxe3 dxe3 29.Ξe2 Ξdxd3 30.Ξxd3 Ξxd3 31.♠f3 Ωd4 32.Ξc2 Ωc3 33.Ωxe3 Ωd2 34.♠e2 Ξxe3+ 35.♠xd2 Ξxe4 36.Ξc5 Ξg4 37.a4 Ξxg5 38.a5 Ξh5 39.♠d3 Ξh3+ 40.♠c4 Ξxh2 41.♠b4 Ξh4+ 42.♠c3 Ξh1 43.♠b4 h5 44.Ξc2 Ξe1 45.♠c4 Ξxe5 46.b4 Ξd5 47.♠b3 h4 48.Ξc7 Ξb5 49.Ξc4 g5 50.♠c3 f5 51.♠d3 ♠f6 52.♠e3 g4 53.♠f2 ♠g5 54.♠g2 e5 55.♠h2 e4 56.♠g2 ♠f4 57.♠f2 h3 58.♠g1 g3 59.♠h1 Ξd5 60.Ξc1 ♠g4 61.b5 axb5 62.Ξb1 ♠f3 63.a6 bxa6 64.♠g1 ♠e2 65.Ξb2+ Ξd2 0-1

Jeffries, D – Smith, R

[B40]

Notes by FM Bob Smith

1.e4 c5 2.ϑf3 e6 3.ϑc3 a6 4.a4 ϑc6 5.b3 ϑf6
6.ϑb2 d6 7.ϑe2 ϑe7 8.0-0 0-0 9.ϑe1 ϑd7
10.f4 ϑc7 11.ϑf3 ϑac8 12.ϑc4 ϑfe8 13.ϑe1
ϑd4 14.e5 ϑxf3+ 15.ϑxf3 dxe5 16.fxe5 ϑc6
17.ϑg3 ϑd7 18.ϑd3 ϑf8 19.ϑe4 ϑg6 20.ϑxc6
ϑxc6 21.ϑe4 c4!+- 22.ϑh1 cxb3 23.cxb3
ϑb6 24.ϑe2 ϑed8 25.ϑc1 ϑxc1+ 26.ϑxc1
ϑb4 27.d4 ϑc8 28.h4 ϑe7 29.ϑg4 g6 30.ϑf3
ϑc6 31.ϑf2 ϑc2 32.h5? ϑd1+ 33.ϑh2 ϑe1?

Time panic. 33...ϑxc1 wins immediately.
34.ϑxc1 ϑxg4.

34.ϑf3 ϑc2?

One bad move follows another – I obviously need more than 10 seconds a move!

35.ϑf6 ϑf8?+-

35...ϑxc1 draws at least, e.g., 36.h6 ϑf8
37.ϑh8+ ϑg8 38.ϑg7+ ϑe7 39.ϑf4 ϑxh6
40.ϑxc1 ϑh5+ 41.ϑg1 ϑg3 42.ϑf6+ ϑd7
43.ϑe2 ϑh2+ 44.ϑf1 ϑh1+ 45.ϑg1 ϑxf4
46.ϑxf4 ϑf5.

36.ϑh8+ ϑg8 37.ϑh6+

and Black gave up soon after. 0-1

Smith, R – Laird, C

[B30]

Notes by FM Bob Smith

1.e4 c5 2.ϑf3 ϑc6 3.ϑb5 ϑb6 4.ϑc3 g6 5.0-0
ϑg7 6.ϑxc6 bxc6 7.e5 ϑh6 8.d3 ϑf5 9.ϑe1
0-0 10.b3 f6 11.ϑa4 ϑc7 12.ϑb2 fxe5
13.ϑxe5 d6 14.ϑxg7 ϑxg7 15.ϑd2 e5 16.ϑe4
ϑe6 17.ϑd2 ϑd7 18.ϑac3 ϑg7 19.ϑg5 ϑd4
20.ϑe2 a5 21.ϑxd4 cxd4 22.a4 ϑf5 23.ϑe2
ϑaf8 24.ϑae1 ϑd8 25.ϑe4 ϑe6 26.b4! ϑd5
27.ϑg3?

27.bxa5+-.

27...ϑf7 28.bxa5 ϑa7 29.ϑb1 ϑxa5
30.ϑb7+ ϑf7 31.ϑxf7+ ϑxf7 32.f4!

With attack.

32...ϑxa4 33.fxe5 dxe5 34.h3!?

34.ϑxc5=.

34...ϑh4 35.ϑh2 ϑe6 36.ϑe1 ϑf4 37.ϑf2 ϑa1
38.ϑe2 ϑc3 39.ϑg4+!?

39.ϑxe3 dxe3 40.ϑc2= ϑa2?? 41.c4! -.

39...ϑd6 40.ϑh4 g5?! 41.ϑf5+?

The 10-second playoff having its effect.
41.ϑh6+ draws by perpetual check.

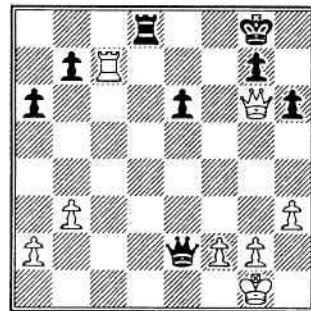
41...ϑc5 42.ϑxe3 gxf4 43.ϑg4 ϑe1 44.ϑf6
ϑb4 45.ϑxd5+ cxd5 46.g3 e4 47.gxf4 e3
48.ϑf5 e2 49.ϑe5 ϑc3 0-1

Asian teams tourney games

Ali, A (2080) – Gibbons, R

R 1 [D10]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.ϑc3 ϑf6
5.ϑf4 ϑc6 6.e3 a6 7.ϑd3 e6 8.ϑf3 ϑe7 9.h3
0-0 10.0-0 ϑd7 11.ϑc1 ϑc8 12.ϑb1 h6
13.ϑe5 ϑxe5 14.dxe5 ϑe8 15.ϑd3 f5 16.exf6
ϑxf6 17.ϑe5 ϑc6 18.ϑfd1 ϑd6 19.ϑxd6
ϑxd6 20.ϑe2 ϑe7 21.e4 dxe4 22.ϑxe4 ϑxe4
23.ϑxe4 ϑxe4 24.ϑxe4 ϑxc1 25.ϑxc1 ϑd8
26.ϑe5 ϑd6 27.ϑe4 ϑd5 28.ϑg6 ϑe5 29.b3
ϑe2 30.ϑc7



30...ϑe5 31.ϑf7+ ϑh7 32.f4 ϑd1+ 33.ϑh2
ϑd4 34.ϑg3 ϑd2 35.ϑh2 ϑb2 36.ϑg3 ϑxg2+
37.ϑh4 ϑf2+ 38.ϑh5 ϑf3+ 0-1

Bennett, H – Celis, S

R 9 [A00]

1.b4 d5 2.ϑb2 ϑd7 3.ϑf3 ϑg6 4.e3 e6 5.b5
a6 6.a4 axb5 7.axb5 ϑxa1 8.ϑxa1 ϑb4 9.c3
ϑd6 10.c4 0-0 11.ϑc3 c6 12.ϑe2 dxc4
13.bxc6 bxc6 14.ϑxc4 ϑb6 15.ϑe2 ϑbd5
16.ϑa4 ϑb7 17.0-0 c5 18.ϑb1 ϑxc3 19.ϑxc3
ϑd5 20.d3 ϑxf3 21.ϑxf3 ϑb8 22.ϑc4 ϑd6
23.g3 ϑd5 24.ϑa1 ϑb4 25.d4 ϑa7 26.dxc5
ϑxc5 27.ϑd1 ϑe7 28.ϑc3 ϑc2 29.ϑxg7 ϑxg7
30.ϑxc2 ϑa7 31.ϑa4 ϑf6 32.ϑg2 ϑc5 33.ϑc1
ϑb6 34.ϑc4 ϑd8 35.ϑb4 e5 36.ϑc6 ϑf5
37.ϑxb6 h5 38.h4 ϑh8 39.ϑe4 1-0

Shirov – Kramnik match

By NM Peter Stuart

Cazorla, an Andalusian town about 60km from Linares, was the venue for the elimination match to find a challenger for Gary Kasparov's title. The match, played under the auspices of the new World Chess Council, a brainchild of Kasparov and Linares organiser Luis Rentero, was originally to be between Vladimir Kramnik and Viswanathan Anand. The Indian GM, however, declined to break the promise made to FIDE to abstain from alternative world championships during the current FIDE cycle, in which he lost to Anatoly Karpov in the final.

Anand's rejection was obviously a blow to the integrity of a championship where the

title holder selects the candidates. Not only was FIDE world champion Karpov already excluded (both by Kasparov directly and FIDE through contract) but now the world number three had opted out. This emerged at Linares and Messrs Kasparov and Rentero adopted the expedient solution of inviting Alexei Shirov to take Anand's place in view of his fine result at Linares.

An Anand-Kramnik encounter would have been hard to call but surely Kramnik would be too strong for the eighth ranked Shirov, even if the latter did have a plus score in their mutual encounters. Obviously nobody told Shirov the script because he scored a convincing victory, as the table indicates:

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Shirov, A.	ESP	2710	½	½	½	1	½	½	½	½	1	-	5½
Kramnik, V.	RUS	2790	½	½	½	0	½	½	½	½	0	-	3½

The first game was a fairly quiet 25-move draw with Shirov on the black side of a Grünfeld. The Spanish GM is mainly a King's Indian player but he has essayed the Grünfeld a few times recently, notably in the bishop sacrifice game against Topalov (April, p 28), so the Kramnik camp was no doubt prepared. Game 2 also featured a surprise opening when Kramnik defended 1.e4 with the Petroff; he usually plays the sharper Sveshnikov or classical Sicilian. The result was the same, a draw, in 23 moves.

The players' effort, or apparent lack of it, to this point led the feisty Mr Rentero to threaten to cancel the match. Whether the players took any notice is a moot point but certainly the tempo increased slightly in game three when Kramnik tried Karpov's Seville variation against another Grünfeld. White had an extra pawn in the ending but the only winning try was very risky indeed and the draw was agreed soon after.

Kramnik – Shirov

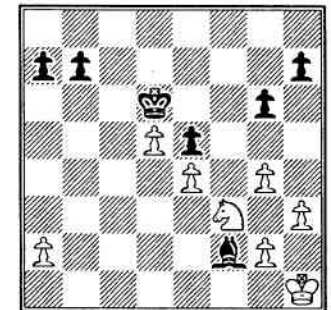
Game 3, Grünfeld [D88]

1.d4 ϑf6 2.c4 g6 3.ϑc3 d5 4.cxd5 ϑxd5 5.e4
ϑxc3 6.bxc3 ϑg7 7.ϑc4 0-0 8.ϑe2 c5 9.0-0
ϑc6 10.ϑe3 ϑg4 11.f3 ϑa5 12.ϑxf7+ ϑxf7

13.fxg4 ϑxf1+ 14.ϑxf1 cxd4 15.cxd4 e5
16.d5 ϑc4 17.ϑd3 ϑxe3+ 18.ϑxe3 ϑh4 19.h3
ϑh6 20.ϑd3 ϑf8+ 21.ϑg1 ϑf2+ 22.ϑh1 ϑe3
23.ϑxe3 ϑxe3 24.ϑd1 ϑf2 25.ϑg1 ϑf7

Black looks to be able to get away with the apparently dangerous 25...ϑxa2!? e.g. 26.ϑf3 (26.d6 ϑb6 27.d7 ϑd8 and White has nothing better than 28.ϑf3 transposing) 26...ϑa4 27.d6 ϑb6 28.d7 ϑd8 29.ϑb1 ϑf7 (29...b6 30.ϑxe5 ϑd4 31.ϑc1 ϑg7 32.ϑc8 ϑd1+ 33.ϑh2 ϑf6 34.g3 a5 35.ϑc7 ϑd8 36.ϑb7) 30.ϑxb7 ϑe6=.

26.ϑd3 ϑb6 27.ϑf3+ ϑe7 28.ϑxf2 ϑxf2
29.ϑf3 ϑd6



30.g3

Kramnik spent three quarters of an hour on this move or, more likely, on the obvious 30.ϳg5 when Black starts his queenside pawns in motion. The knight is a poor defender against pawns near the edge of the board and Black can engineer a passed a-pawn but it looks as though the knight can capture the h-pawn and then return in time (just) to hold the a-pawn, e.g. 30...ϳd4 31.ϳxh7 b5 32.ϳg5 a5 33.ϳf3 a4 34.h4 b435.ϳd2 ϳc5 36.h5 gxh5 37.gxh5 ϳe3 (37...b3 38.ϳxb3+ axb3 39.axb3 and Black will be unable to stop all the pawns) 38.ϳb1 a3 39.ϳh2 b3 40.ϳxa3 bxa2 41.ϳc2 ϳc4 (41...ϳd2 42.ϳh3 ϳc4 43.d6 ϳd3 44.ϳa1 ϳc3 45.d7 ϳxa1 46.d8ϳ+ ϳd4 47.ϳa5 a1ϳ 48.ϳxa1 ϳxa1 49.h6 and the bishop cannot get back) 42.d6 ϳc3 43.ϳa1 ϳb2 44.d7 ϳg5 45.h6 ϳxa1 46.b7 ϳb1 47.h8ϳ a1ϳ 48.d8ϳ ϳxd8 49.ϳxd8 and the queen ending is winning for White. Nevertheless it would be a brave man who played 30.ϳg5. The practical text move allows the white king to enter the fray but it leads only to a draw.

30...ϳxg3 31.ϳg2 ϳf4 32.ϳf2 ϳc5 33.ϳe2 b5 34.ϳd3 ½-½.

Game 4 saw the first decisive result when superb endgame play by Shirov brought home the point after mistakes by Kramnik:

Shirov – Kramnik

Game 4, Petroff [C43]

1.e4 e5 2.ϳf3 ϳf6 3.d4 ϳxe4 4.ϳd3 d5 5.ϳxe5 ϳd7 6.ϳxd7 ϳxd7 7.0-0 ϳd6 8.c4 c6 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.ϳh5 0-0 11.ϳxd5 ϳc6 12.ϳh5 g6 13.ϳh3 ϳg5 14.ϳxg5 ϳxg5 15.ϳc3 ϳfe8 16.d5 ϳxd5 17.f4 ϳd8 18.ϳxd5 ϳc5+ 19.ϳh1 ϳxd5 20.ϳac1 ϳe3 21.ϳc4 ϳf5

21...ϳd6? 22.ϳxf7+! ϳxf7 23.ϳc7+! ϳf6 (23...ϳxc7 24.ϳxh7+; 23...ϳe7 24.ϳxh7+ ϳf6 25.ϳxe7+ ϳxe7 26.ϳxe7 ϳxe7 27.ϳe1 24.ϳxh7 with a winning attack.

22.ϳxf5 gxf5 23.ϳcd1 ϳad8 24.g3 ϳd4 25.b3 ϳf6 26.ϳb5 ϳxd1 27.ϳxd1 ϳd8 28.ϳc1 ϳd5 29.a4 ϳd8 30.ϳc8 ϳg7 31.ϳb8 ϳb6 32.ϳxb7 ϳd1+ 33.ϳg2 ϳd2+ 34.ϳh3 ϳg1 35.g4 ϳxh2?

35...ϳxh2+ 36.ϳg3 fxg4 37.ϳxg4 ϳh6! draws.

36.gxf5 h5?

The right plan but the wrong move order. Correct was 36...ϳxf4 37.ϳg4 (37.ϳxa7?? h5 and White gets mated) 37...ϳc5 38.ϳc4 (38.ϳxa7 ϳd4+ 39.ϳh3 ϳf4 40.ϳd7 ϳf2 and the threat of 41...h5 is enough to hold a draw) 38...a5 39.ϳxf7+ ϳh6 and Black should be able to blockade the white pawns.

37.ϳh4!

37.ϳc4? ϳxf4 38.ϳxf7+ ϳh6 39.ϳf6+ ϳg5 40.ϳg6+ ϳxf5 41.ϳg2 is just a draw.

37...ϳxf4 38.ϳxh5 ϳf6 39.ϳc4 ϳxf5 40.ϳxf7+ ϳe4 41.ϳxa7 ϳe5

Black looks to be drawing as he not only threatens perpetual check with 42...ϳh2+ but also 42...ϳf5 (43.ϳf7+ ϳf6).

42.ϳf1!

But this move cuts across Black's plans; checks on g2 are prevented while on h3 the bishop will keep the black king away from f5.

42...ϳf2 43.ϳh3 ϳf8 44.ϳe6 ϳf1 45.ϳd7 ϳh1+ 46.ϳg6 ϳg1+ 47.ϳf7 ϳg7+ 48.ϳe8 ϳxd7 49.ϳxd7

So we have a plain opposite colour bishop ending after all and, compared with the position at the last note, the white king is four moves closer to the pawns while the black king hasn't moved. The position is a win for White.

49...ϳc3 50.ϳc6 ϳe5 51.ϳg8 ϳe1 52.ϳb6!

52.ϳb5 ϳd6 53.a5 ϳc7 and Black can blockade.

52...ϳf2+ 53.ϳa6 ϳd6 54.a5 ϳc7

54...ϳe1 55.ϳb6 ϳf2+ 56.ϳb7 is curtains.

55.b4 ϳc6 56.b5+ ϳc5 57.b6 ϳb4 58.b7 ϳg3 59.ϳb6 ϳf2+ 60.ϳc6 ϳa7

60...ϳg3 61.a6 ϳb8 62.ϳb6+-.

61.a6 ϳa5 62.ϳc4

62.b8ϳ ϳxb8 63.ϳb7 ϳb5 64.ϳc4+ also wins.

62...ϳb8

62...ϳb4 63.ϳc7.

63.ϳf1

Zuzwang; the white king will reach b6 or c7. Shirov demonstrates great virtuosity in opposite colour bishop endings! 1-0.

Kramnik returned to the variation of game one and gained some advantage. He failed, however, to make the most of his chances and a couple of inaccuracies combined with Shirov's fine defence in the ending led to a draw.

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Game 5, Grünfeld [D89]

1.d4 ϳf6 2.c4 g6 3.ϳc3 d5 4.cxd5 ϳxd5 5.e4 ϳxc3 6.bxc3 ϳg7 7.ϳc4 c5 8.ϳe2 ϳc6 9.ϳe3 0-0 10.0-0 ϳg4 11.f3 ϳa5 12.ϳd3 cxd4 13.cxd4 ϳe6 14.ϳc1 ϳxa2 15.ϳa4 ϳb3 16.ϳb4 b6 17.ϳg5 f6

Thus far as game one where 18.ϳf4 was now played.

18.ϳh4 ϳd6 19.ϳxd6 exd6 20.d5 f5 21.exf5 gxf5 22.ϳg3 ϳb2 23.ϳxf5! ϳc4!

23...ϳxc1 24.ϳxc1 ϳxf5 (24...ϳh8 25.ϳc7 ϳxd5 26.ϳh6 ϳg8 27.ϳe1 and there is no parry to 28.ϳc3+) 25.ϳxf5 ϳxd5 26.ϳc7 with initiative for White.

24.ϳe7+ ϳh8 25.ϳxc4

25.ϳxc4? ϳxc4 26.ϳxc4 ϳf4 winning a piece.

25...ϳf4

25...ϳc1? 26.ϳxc1 ϳf4 does not work now because of 27.ϳg5 ϳxc4 28.ϳf6#.

26.ϳg5 ϳxc4 27.ϳce1 ϳc2 28.ϳf5 ϳc4 29.ϳe6 ϳf8 30.ϳxd6

Wins a pawn but turns the initiative over to Black. 30.g4!? was stronger.

30...ϳxd6 31.ϳxd6 ϳe8 32.ϳd1 ϳee2 33.ϳh1 ϳxg2 34.ϳd8+ ϳg7 35.ϳf4 ϳf6 36.ϳa8 ϳg5 37.ϳe5+ ϳf6 38.ϳf4 ϳg5 39.ϳxa7+ ϳg6 40.ϳa8 ϳf7 41.ϳa7+ ϳg6 42.ϳb8 h5 43.ϳb7 ϳe3 44.ϳe7 ϳc5 45.ϳe6+ ϳg5 46.ϳe4 ϳf5 47.ϳf4 ϳge2 48.ϳxe2 ϳxe2 49.ϳg3 ϳe8 50.ϳg2 ϳd8 51.ϳh3 ϳd7 52.d6 h4 53.ϳd5+ ϳe6 54.ϳe5+ ϳf6 55.ϳxh4 ϳh7+ 56.ϳh5 ϳxh5+ 57.ϳxh5 b5 58.d7 ϳe7 59.ϳe5 ϳxd7 60.ϳb2 ϳe6 61.ϳg6 ϳd6 62.h4 b4 63.h5 ϳf4 64.h6 ϳxh6 65.ϳxh6 ϳf5 ½-½.

In game 6 Kramnik sacrificed a pawn for ample compensation but agreed the draw on move 18, while in game 7 Shirov equalised on the black side of a Neo-Grünfeld. Shirov played the super-drawish 5.Qe2 against the

Petroff in game 8 to make the score 4½-3½ with Kramnik's last game with white coming up. So far Shirov had avoided the fireworks he is most known for, instead playing for small advantages or to simply extract the teeth from Kramnik's initiatives. In game 9 Kramnik had definite chances but his error on move 19 allowed Shirov to produce a piece of magic in his normal style, and the match was suddenly over.

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Game 9, Grünfeld [D70]

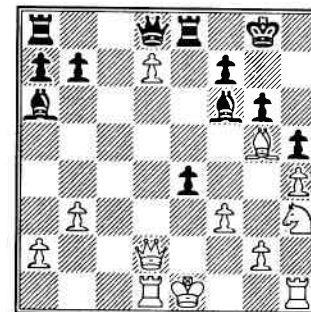
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19.d7! was better for White according to Shirov. Everything then depends on the ϳd7 so it's a bridge-burning effort; after the text, however, Black obtains a dangerous initiative with the white king caught in the centre and the "real" Shirov emerges.

19...e4! 20.ϳxf6+

20.d7 exf3+! 21.dxe8ϳ+ ϳxe8+ 22.ϳc3 ϳxd5 23.ϳxd5 (23.ϳxe8+ ϳxe8+ 24.ϳf2 fxg2 25.ϳxg2 is also better for Black) 23...fxg2 24.ϳg1 ϳc6 25.ϳd8+ ϳxd8 26.ϳxd8 ϳd7 27.ϳg5 ϳd4 and Black regains most of his material while retaining the initiative.

20...ϳxf6 21.d7



21...ϳb6! 22.dxe8ϳ+ ϳxe8 23.ϳe3

23.f4 e3 and 24.ϳb4+; 23.ϳd7 ϳc3+ 24.ϳd2 (24.ϳd2 ϳe3#) 24...ϳb5 25.ϳd5 e3 winning.

23...ϳxg5 24.ϳxb6 ϳxh4+ 25.ϳd2

25. ♖f2 exf3+ 26. ♔d2 ♖xf2 27. ♖xf2 (27. gxf3 ♖e3+ 28. ♔c3 ♖e2 29. ♖d7 ♖xf3 is no improvement) 27... ♖e2+ 28. ♔c3 fxe2 29. ♖hg1 ♖xf2—.

25... axb6 26. fxe4 ♖xe4

Material is about equal but the kingside pawn majority and the two bishops give Black a clear advantage.

27. ♔c2 ♖g4 28. ♖d2 ♖e7 29. ♖g1 ♔g7 30. ♖f2 ♖f4 31. ♖d3 ♖e4 32. ♖gd1 ♖b5 33. a4 ♖c6 34. ♖e1? ♖xe1 35. ♖xe1 ♖b4 36. ♖e2 ♖xe1 37. ♖xe1 ♖xg2 38. ♔d2 h4 39. ♔e3 ♖d5 40. b4

When not to forget the clock

FM Jonathan Sarfati has played in several tournaments in Queensland this year, and scored 5/7 in the Queensland Open. The two points he dropped included the following loss to IM Stephen Solomon by exceeding the time limit on the last move when he had a winning endgame.

Sarfati, J – Solomon, S
[C42]

Notes by FM Jonathan Sarfati

When White forgot about the clock, was it bad luck? No, more like negligence, even through the clock was strange. But Black certainly had good luck to win, despite having a lost game and being behind on time for most of the game.

1. e4 e5 2. ♖f3 ♖f6 3. ♖xe5 d6 4. ♖f3 ♖xe4 5. d4 d5 6. ♖d3 ♖e7 7. 0–0 ♖c6 8. ♖e1 ♖g4 9. c4 ♖f6 10. cxd5 ♖xd5 11. ♖c3 0–0 12. h3 ♖e6

12... ♖b5? 13. ♖xh7+ ♔xh7 14. ♖g5+ ♖xg5 15. ♖xh5+ ♖h6 16. ♖xd5+] 13. ♖c2 h6 14. a3 ♖f6 15. ♖e3 ♖xc3 Strengthens White's IQP. 16. bxc3 ♖e8 17. ♖ad1

(See diagram)

17... ♖d5?! 18. ♖d2!

Now White's united ♖s threaten to rush forward and snare a piece. Black should probably retreat back to e6, but...

18... ♖h4

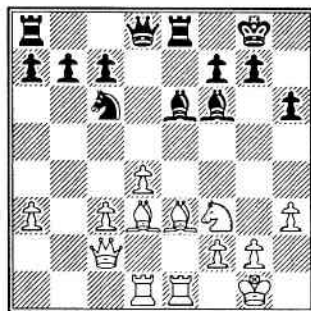
Resourceful and unexpected, but probably unsound

19. c4 ♖xe3 20. fxe3 ♖xg2 21. ♔xg2 ♖g5+

h3 41. ♖e2 f5 42. ♖d2 ♖e4 43. ♔f4 ♖g2 44. ♖d7+ ♔f6 45. ♖h7 g5+ 46. ♔g3 f4+ 47. ♔g4 ♔e5 48. b5

The black king has complete freedom – to gobble the queenside pawns or head for g1 to support the h–pawn home. 0–1.

So, Alexei Shirov earns the right to challenge Gary Kasparov for his WCC title. The match, of 18 games, is scheduled to begin on 16th October and will be played partly in Seville and partly in Linares, both in southern Spain.



22. ♔h1 ♖xe1 23. ♖xe1 ♖g3 24. ♖e2 ♖xh3+ 25. ♔g1 ♖g3+ 26. ♔h1 ♖e8?!

Black should repeat, when White would have to play ♔f1 to try to win, and this takes an important defensive square from the N.

27. ♖f1

Beats off the attack.

27... ♖f3+ 28. ♔g1 a5 29. ♖f2 ♖g4+ 30. ♖g2 ♖h4 31. ♖f2 ♖xf2+.

Black must enter a lost endgame, or else White plays ♖f5 with a strong attack.

32. ♖xf2 b6 33. ♖c2 ♖e7 34. c5 ♖d5 35. cxb6 cxb6 36. ♖c6 ♔f8 37. ♔f2 ♖b8 38. ♖b5 ♖b7 39. ♖c8+ ♔e7

Here White forgot about the clock. If ... ♖c6 then ♖c7. With a piece against ♖s it's usually best to keep the ♖s on. ♖g3 is simplest, bringing White's worst-placed piece into play. Solo pointed out that a ♖ push in the centre would win fast. 0–1

Overseas news

By NM Peter Stuart

Spanish capital in May. The big surprise was the 3= placing of Pablo San Segundo, the only player in the field rated under 2600.

Madrid

Vishy Anand scored an end-to-end victory in the category 17 tournament in the

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
1	Anand, V.	IND	g 2770	•	½	½	½	1	1	1	½	½	1	6½
2	Svidler, P.	RUS	g 2690	½	•	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	5½
3	Leko, P.	HUN	g 2670	½	½	•	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	5
4	San Segundo, P	ESP	g 2505	½	½	½	•	0	½	½	½	1	1	5
5	Krasenkov, M.	POL	g 2660	0	½	½	1	•	½	½	½	½	½	4½
6	Illescas, M.	ESP	g 2600	0	½	½	½	½	•	½	1	½	½	4½
7	Adams, M.	ENG	g 2670	0	½	½	½	½	½	•	½	½	1	4½
8	Yermolinsky, A.	USA	g 2660	½	½	½	0	½	0	½	•	1	½	4
9	Belyavsky, A.	SLO	g 2690	½	0	0	0	½	½	½	0	•	1	3
10	Granda, J.	PER	g 2630	0	0	½	½	½	½	0	½	0	•	2½

Anand – Granda

Queen's Indian [E15]

1. d4 ♖f6 2. c4 e6 3. ♖f3 b6 4. g3 ♖a6 5. b3 d5 6. ♖g2 ♖b4+ 7. ♖d2 ♖d6 8. ♖c3 c6 9. 0–0 0–0 10. e4 ♖xe4 11. ♖xe4 dxe4 12. ♖g5 ♖e7 13. ♖xe4 ♖d7 14. ♖f4 ♖f6 15. ♖c2 ♖c8 16. ♖fd1 h6 17. a4 ♖xe4 18. ♖xe4 ♖f6 19. ♖e5 ♖e7 20. a5 b5 21. c5 ♖fd8 22. b4 ♖d7 23. ♖a3 ♖d8 24. ♖dd3 ♖e7 25. ♖d1 ♖f8 26. g4 ♖d5 27. h4! ♖xh4 28. ♖xd5 cxd5 29. g5! ♖xg5+

29... hxg5 30. ♖h3 ♖e4 31. ♖h5 f6 32. ♖xf6! gxf6 33. ♖h8+ ♔f7 34. ♖h7+ ♔g6 (34... ♔e8 35. ♖g8) 35. ♖g8+ ♔f5 36. ♖hh3 +.

30. ♖g3 ♖f5 31. ♖af3 ♖h7 32. ♖e2 g5 33. ♖f6 ♖b1+ 34. ♔h2 ♖e4 35. ♖d2 ♖g7 36. ♖xg5! hxg5 37. ♖xg5 ♖h7+ 38. ♔g2 ♖e8 39. ♖f6 1–0.

Elista

The "President's Cup" was a knock-out event played with a Fischer type time control of 40 moves in 100 minutes, then 20 moves in 50 minutes and 10 minutes for the rest of the game; the extra time per move was 30 seconds. This, incidentally, is the time control to be used in the Olympiad this year. If necessary two pairs of tie-break games were played at Fischer–Rapid time controls followed by sudden-death blitz games. All the players bar Kiril Georgiev (BUL) were from the former Soviet Union, though a few

of them now live outside the borders of the old USSR.

The first round was fine for the favourites and their only casualty in the second round was Boris Gelfand who was eliminated by Sergei Tiviakov. In the quarter-finals (round 3) Vassily Ivanchuk beat Rafael Vaganian 1½:½, Evgeny Bareev beat Konstantin Sakaev 3:1, Alexander Khalifman beat Tiviakov 2½:1½ and Alexei Dreev beat Valery Salov by the same score.

In both semi-finals the first pair of games was drawn. Ivanchuk won both of the next pair of games to beat Bareev 3:1 while Khalifman won the second rapid game to eliminate Dreev 2½:1½. In the final, where four normal games were played, Ivanchuk won the first with the white pieces, Khalifman returned the favour in game 2, and White continued to dominate in game three. Sadly for Khalifman Black got a draw in game 4 so Ivanchuk won 2½:1½.

Matach fever

There have been a number of individual matches over the last few months, starting with one between Jan Timman and Loek van Wely at Breda. The ten-game match was tied 5:5 after Timman came back from ½:2½ and 1½:3½. This was followed by a four-game rapid match which van Wely took 2½:1½.

In Berlin the young French GM Etienne Bacrot defeated Germany's Robert Hübner 3½:2½, the solitary decisive game being the penultimate one.

Anatoly Karpov became the first reigning world champion to lose a match to a female player when Judit Polgar won their rapid match 5:3 in Budapest. Karpov was evidently not in the best form, blundering his queen when a pawn up in game 2 and stalemating his opponent in game 5 when queen and bishop up! That wasn't the end of the torture as Karpov built up a winning ending in game 7 only to blunder a piece and draw.

Not to be denied, Gary Kasparov has also been active, first in a match against the Israeli Olympiad team in Tel Aviv. In the first round Kasparov won only 3:1 with Boris Alterman and Ilya Smirin gaining draws but in the second round he made a clean sweep. The other Israeli players were Emil Sutovskij and Alexander Huzman.

It was that man again playing his favourite match opponent, Veselin Topalov, in Leon. The Kasparov-Topalov match was a little different in that the players were allowed to use computers equipped with both ChessBase 7.0 and Fritz 5.0. Kasparov calls this "advanced chess". At the end of six games the score was locked at 3:3, Topalov winning games 1 and 5, Kasparov games 2 and 4. Thus both players in turn had to come from behind. A pair of tie-break blitz games (no computers!) was also shared one victory apiece and then the first sudden-death blitz game was drawn. Finally, Kasparov won the second sudden-death game to take the tie-break 2½:1½.

Hübner – Bacrot

Game 5, English [A29]

1.c4 f6 2.2c3 e5 3.2f3 2c6 4.g3 g6 5.d4 exd4 6.2xd4 2g7 7.2g2 0-0 8.0-0 9.e8 9.e3 10.2de2 d6 11.b3 2f5 12.2b2 2c8 13.2d2 2h3 14.2xh3 2xh3 15.2f4 2e5 16.f3 2d7 17.2ad1 2bd8 18.e4 c6 19.2g2 2c7 20.2f2 a6 21.2c2 2b8 22.a4 h5 23.2a3 2h7 24.h4 2f8 25.2fd2 c5 26.2b2 2h7 27.2cd5 2e6 28.2b1 2f8 29.2a1 b5 30.cxb5 axb5

31.a5 2d4 32.2xd4 cxd4 33.2f2 2a7 34.2d3 f5 35.2xe5?

35.exf5 2xf5 36.2b3f4 favours White.

35...dxe5 36.b4?

Allows Black to open the f-file with gain of tempo.

36...fxe4 37.fxe4 2xf2+ 38.2xf2 2f7+ 39.2g2 2xd5! 40.exd5 2xd5+ 41.2h2 d3 42.a6 e4 43.2a3 2f7 44.a7?

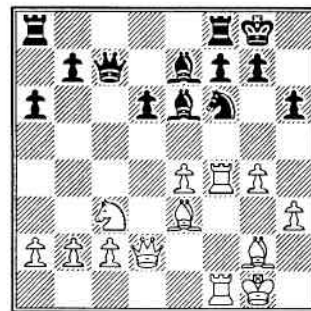
44.2g1 2e5 45.2g2 2e7 46.2g1 2d7 47.2a2 e3 is also winning for Black.

44...2f2+ 45.2h1 2f3+ 46.2h2 2e2+ 0-1.

Timman – van Wely

Game 6, Sicilian [B90]

1.e4 c5 2.2f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.2xd4 2f6 5.2c3 a6 6.2e3 2c6 7.h3 e6 8.g4 2e7 9.2g2 h6 10.f4 2c7 11.0-0 2xd4 12.2xd4 e5 13.2d2 exf4 14.2xf4 2e6 15.2af1 0-0



16.2xf6! 2xf6 17.2xf6 gxf6 18.2f2 2g7 19.e5! fxe5

19...dxe5 20.2xb6+ is similar to the game; 19...2h8!? 20.2xf6+ 2g8 21.exd6 2xd6 22.2d4 2h7 23.2e4 2c7 (23...2d5 24.2f2 2 2f6+) 24.g5 and White's material deficit is small while he retains his attacking chances.

20.2xb6+! 2g6

20...2xb6 21.2f6+ 2h7 22.2e4+ 2g8 23.2g5+ 2h8 24.2b6+ 2g8 25.2h7 mate.

21.2h4

21...2g8 22.2e4+ f5 23.2xf5+ 2f7 (23...2xf5 24.2h5+ 2f6 25.2d5+) 24.2h5+ 2e7 25.2g5+ 2d7 (25...2xg5 26.2xg5+ 2d7 27.2xe6+ 2xe6 28.2f5+ 2e7 29.2d5+) 26.2f7+ 2c6 27.2e4+ 2b6 28.2e3+ +- 1-0.

Kasparov – Topalov

Game 4, King's Indian [E60]

1.2f3 2f6 2.d4 g6 3.c4 2g7 4.g3 c5 5.2g2 2a5+ 6.2c3 2e4 7.2d3 cxd4 8.2xd4 2c5 9.2d1 2c6 10.e3 2e6 11.0-0 2c5 12.2db5 a6 13.2a4 2xc4 14.2bc3 2b8 15.2b6 2c5 16.2cd5 0-0 17.b4 2d6 18.2b1 2c7 19.2c4 2e6 20.e4 d6 21.2e3 2d7 22.2cb6 2d8 23.f4 2xd5 24.exd5 2a7 25.2c1 2f5 26.g4 2c8 27.2c4 2d7 28.2e2 2b5 29.2f2 e6 30.2fd1 e5 31.f5 gxf5 32.gxf5 2f6 33.a4 2xc4 34.2xc4 2e7 35.2f1 2h8 36.2g3 b5 37.2h4 2xf5 38.2xh7+! 2xh7 39.2e4 2g8 40.2xf5 e4

40...2e7 41.2b6 f6 42.2g6 2a7+ 43.2h1 2f7 44.2c6 2f8 45.2xf7 2xf7 46.2xf6.

41.2h3 1-0.

Beijing

The category 12 "Tan Chin Nam" tournament was won by Ukrainian GM Alexander Onischuk with 7½/11, his only loss being to former women's world champion Xie Jun. Sharing second were GM Sergei Tiviakov (RUS) and IM Zhang Zhong (CHN). Xie Jun shared fourth place with GMs Jaan Ehvest (EST) and Magem (ESP) on 6½.

Sarajevo

Viktor Korchnoi added yet another tournament victory to his already long list in May. The category 15 event in the Bosnian capital was a close race among the eventual top four who shared the lead after five rounds with 3½ points. Both Korchnoi and runner-up Ivan Sokolov then won their next two games to open up a decisive gap but while the Swiss super-veteran won again in round 8 Sokolov lost to Smbat Lputyan with the black pieces and that was the ball-game as Korchnoi added a quick last round draw versus Evgeny Bareev.

The scores: 1 GM Korchnoi (SWI) 7; 2 GM I.Sokolov (BIH) 6½; 3-4 GM Bareev (RUS) & GM Ki.Georgiev (BUL) 5½; 5-7 GM Kozul (CRO), GM Lputyan (ARM) & GM P.Nikolic (BIH) 4; 8 GM Dizdarevic (BIH) 3½; 9 GM Piket (NED) 3; 10 GM Kurajica (BIH) 2.

Dizdarevic – Korchnoi

English [A30]

1.2f3 c5 2.c4 2c6 3.b3 e5 4.2c3 g6 5.g3 2g7 6.2g2 d6 7.0-0 f5 8.2b1 2ge7 9.a3 0-0 10.2e1 2e6 11.2d5 e4 12.2f4 2f7 13.d3 d5 14.2c2 exd3 15.exd3 2d7 16.2e3 dxc4 17.dxc4 2ad8 18.2fd5 2fe8 19.2b2 2d4 20.b4 b6 21.2h1 2c8 22.bxc5 bxc5 23.2c2 2d6 24.2a1

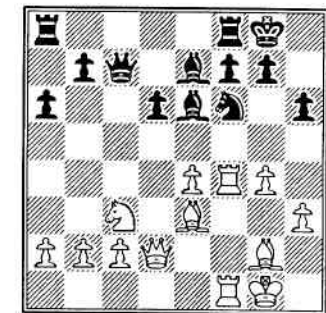
24.2xd4 2xc4 25.2xf5 2xf5 26.2xg7 2xd5 +-; 24.2d3 2xc4 25.2xc4 2xd5 +-.

24...2xc4 25.2c3 2xe3 26.2xe3 2b8 27.2d3 2ed8 28.2fc1 2b3 29.2a6 2c7 30.2c3 2d6 31.2a4 2d7 32.2a5 2db6 33.2a1 2b5 34.2a4 2b3 0-1.

Korchnoi – Kozul

King's Indian [E81]

1.d4 2f6 2.c4 g6 3.2c3 2g7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.2g5 c6 7.2d2 2bd7 8.2h3 a6 9.d5 cxd5 10.cxd5 2b6 11.2f2 e6 12.dxe6 2xe6 13.2d1 2e8 14.2e3 2a4 15.2xa4 2xa4 16.b3 2a3 17.2e2 2fc8 18.0-0 2d7 19.f4 2c3 20.2xd6 2b4 21.2d4 2c3 22.2d3 2xa2 23.2g4 2xg4 24.2xg4 2f6 25.2h6+ 2g7 26.e5 2g8



27.2xf7! 2b4

27...2xf7 28.2d5+ 2g7 29.2xb7+ 2f8 (29...2h8 30.2d7) 30.f5 +-.

28.f5 2c3 29.f6+ 2f8 30.2d7 1-0.

Malmö

This category 11 tournament saw a not very inspiring comeback by Boris Spassky. The event was won jointly by French GM Joel Lautier and Greek import GM Igor Miladinovic with 6 points from 9 games.

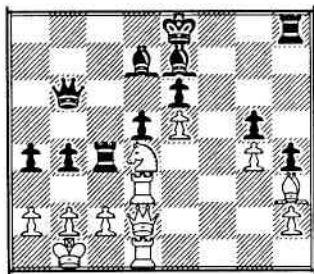
Next were: 3-5 IM Degerman (SWE), GM C.Hansen (DEN) & GM I.Sokolov (BIH) 5; 6 GM Andersson (SWE) 4½; 7-8 GM P. Cramling (SWE) & GM Spassky (FRA) 4; 9 IM Brynell (SWE) 3; 10 GM Hector (SWE) 2½.

Tallinn-Parnu

Nigel Short scored a convincing victory in the Keres Memorial, with a 2-point margin over Utut Adianto (INA), Ivan Morovic (CHI) & Alexander Khalifman (RUS), followed by 5-7 GM Andersson (SWE), GM Lautier (FRA) & GM Yermolinsky (USA) 4½; 8-9 GM Ehlvest (EST) & GM Oll (EST) 4.

Oll - Ehlvest
 Sicilian [B67]

1.e4 c5 2.♁f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♁xd4 ♁f6 5.♁c3 ♁c6 6.♁g5 e6 7.♁d2 a6 8.0-0-0 ♁d7 9.f4 b5 10.♁f3 b4 11.♁xf6 ♁xf6 12.♁e2 ♁d8 13.♁ed4 ♁b6 14.f5 ♁xd4 15.♁xd4 ♁c8 16.fxe6 fxe6 17.♁e2 ♁c5 18.♁g4 ♁e5 19.♁d3 h5 20.♁h3 ♁h6 21.♁b1 a5 22.♁he1 a4 23.♁f3 ♁a5 24.e5 d5 25.♁d4 ♁e7 26.♁f1 g5 27.♁d2 ♁c5 28.♁f3 ♁c4 29.♁d3 ♁h8 30.g4 h4



31.♁f5! ♁f4

31...exf5 32.gxf5 g4 33.e6 ♁xe6 34.fxe6 gxf3 35.♁xd5 and the black king is fatally exposed, the immediate threat being a white queen excursion to g6, f7 or h5.

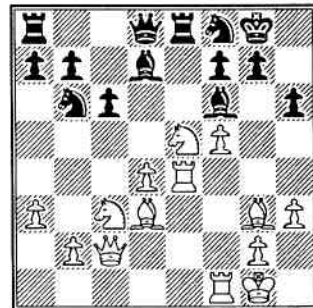
32.♁g7+ ♁d8 33.♁xd5! exd5 34.♁xd5 ♁d6

34...♁c7? 35.♁c6+, 34...♁a7 35.e6.

35.exd6 ♁c8 36.♁g2 ♁a7 37.♁f5 ♁xg4 38.♁e7+ ♁d8 39.♁e5 ♁e8 40.♁c6+ ♁xc6 41.♁f6+ ♁c8 42.♁xc6 1-0.

Short - Andersson
 Queen's Gambit [D52]

1.d4 ♁f6 2.c4 c6 3.♁c3 d5 4.♁f3 e6 5.♁g5 ♁bd7 6.e3 ♁a5 7.cxd5 exd5 8.♁d3 ♁d6 9.♁c2 0-0 10.0-0 ♁e8 11.a3 h6 12.♁h4 ♁d8 13.♁ae1 ♁e7 14.♁g3 ♁f8 15.h3 ♁e6 16.♁e5 ♁d7 17.f4 ♁b6 18.f5 ♁d7 19.e4 dxe4 20.♁xe4 ♁f6



21.♁xf7! ♁xf7 22.♁b3+ ♁e6 23.♁fe1 ♁d5 24.♁xd5 cxd5 25.♁xd5 ♁c6 26.fxe6+ ♁g8 27.♁f5 ♁xe4 28.♁xe4 ♁xd4+ 29.♁f2 ♁d6 30.♁h7+ ♁f8 31.♁g6 ♁e7 32.♁xe8 ♁xe8 33.♁e4 ♁c8 34.♁xb7+ ♁c7 35.♁e4 ♁xb2 36.♁h4+ g5 37.♁h7+ ♁d8 38.♁g8+ ♁e7 39.♁f2 ♁c3 40.♁f7+ ♁d8 41.♁g8+ ♁e7 42.♁e4 ♁d2 43.g3 1-0.

Frankfurt

The worlds' top four players met in a double-round rapid (25 minute) tournament in June with the top two to play off for the main prizes and the other two for third and fourth places. In the preliminary tournament Gary Kasparov lost games to both Vladimir Kramnik and Vishy Anand, finishing only third with 2½ points. Kramnik was top qualifier with 4/6 with Anand second on 3½ and Vassily Ivanchuk last on 2.

The top play-off saw four draws in the rapid stage when the match entered the sudden death phase. The next two games were also drawn before Anand won the third game and with it the first prize. Kasparov won the first rapid game against Ivanchuk and drew the other three in the play-off for third place.

A second rapid event of eight players was won by Alexander Belyavsky and Jan Timman with 10/14. The other scores were: 3 GM Beim (ISR) 8½, 4 GM Adorian (HUN) 7½, 5 GM Hübner (GER) 6½, 6 GM Korchnoi (SWI) 6, 7 GM Yusupov (GER) 4½, 8 GM Portisch 3.

These events were followed by the Ordix Open (also a rapid time control) which was won by Fritz5 with 9½/11! Among the humans sharing second place on 8½ were GMs Ivanchuk, Dautov, Korchnoi, Epishin and Portisch. There were numerous other GMs among the 331 player field.

Philadelphia

The 26th World Open, a 9-round Swiss with 221 players, was won by Russian GM Alexander Goldin with 8½ points, a full point ahead of GM Ilya Smirin (ISR). Goldin's only concession was a half point against Smirin.

Next, on 7 points, were GMs Atalik (TUR), Christiansen (USA), Epishin (RUS), D.Gurevich (USA), Gi.Hernandez (MEX) & Wojtkiewicz (POL) plus WGM Stripunsky (UKR). Among those finishing on 6½ were GMs Chermin (HUN), Kaidanov (USA) and Yermolinsky (USA).

Dortmund

This category 18 tournament featured both of Kasparov's candidates who finished at opposite ends of the table. Vladimir Kramnik led for most of the way but was caught by Michael Adams in round 7. The third winner, Peter Svidler, was the only first round winner but a loss and then three draws left him a point off the pace and it was only

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1	Kramnik, V.	RUS	g	2790	•	½	1	½	½	½	1	½	½	6
2	Adams, M.	ENG	g	2670	½	•	½	½	1	½	1	1	½	6
3	Svidler, P.	RUS	g	2690	0	½	•	1	½	½	1	½	1	6
4	Leko, P.	HUN	g	2670	½	½	0	•	½	½	1	½	1	5
5	Ivanchuk, V.	UKR	g	2740	½	½	0	½	•	½	½	½	1	4½
6	Anand, V.	IND	g	2770	½	0	½	½	½	•	½	½	½	4
7	Yusupov, A.	GER	g	2630	0	½	½	0	½	½	•	½	1	4
8	Almasi, Z.	HUN	g	2630	½	0	0	½	½	½	½	•	1	4
9	Belyavsky, A.	SLO	g	2690	½	0	½	½	½	½	0	0	•	3
10	Shirov, A.	ESP	g	2710	0	½	0	0	0	½	½	½	½	•

his last round win against close rival Peter Leko that allowed him to gain a share of first prize.

Vassily Ivanchuk's result was poorish, Vishy Anand's was nigh on a disaster compared with his superb results in the first half of the year, and Alexei Shirov's was almost catastrophic! Gary Kasparov's challenger lost four of his first six games and limped home with three draws; maybe the euphoria of Cazorla hadn't yet worn off.

Adams - Ivanchuk
 Sicilian [B76]

1.e4 c5 2.♁f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♁xd4 ♁f6 5.♁c3 g6 6.♁c3 ♁g7 7.f3 0-0 8.♁d2 ♁c6 9.0-0 d5 10.♁b1 ♁xd4 11.e5 ♁f5 12.exf6 ♁xf6 13.♁xd5 ♁xd5 14.♁xd5 ♁xe3 15.♁d2 ♁xd1 16.♁xd1 ♁e6 17.♁d3 ♁f8 18.♁e1 ♁d6 19.♁a5 b6 20.♁e1 ♁c8 21.a3 ♁c5 22.g4 ♁cd5 23.♁g3 h5 24.h3 h4 25.♁f2 ♁xd3 26.cxd3 ♁xd3 27.♁e2 ♁b3 28.♁d1 g5 29.♁d2 ♁g7 30.♁e4 a5 31.♁c1 b5 32.♁d1 a4 33.♁e1 ♁c4 34.♁f2 e6 35.♁c2 ♁d5 36.♁d1 b4 37.axb4 ♁xb4 38.♁e2 ♁b3 39.♁g2 ♁g8 ½-½.

Shirov - Leko
 Grünfeld [D85]

1.d4 ♁f6 2.c4 g6 3.♁c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♁xd5 5.e4 ♁xc3 6.bxc3 ♁g7 7.♁f3 c5 8.♁b1 0-0 9.♁e2 cxd4 10.cxd4 ♁a5+ 11.♁d2 ♁xa2 12.0-0 ♁d7 13.♁b4 ♁b6 14.♁e5 f6 15.♁d3 ♁f7 16.d5 f5 17.♁c5 fxe4 18.d6 ♁d8 19.♁xe4 ♁f5 20.♁d3 ♁xe4 21.♁xe4 exd6 22.f4 d5 23.♁c2 ♁c4 24.♁b3 a5 25.♁a3 d4 26.f5 ♁e3 27.♁f3 ♁d7

27...♁xf1 or 27...♁xc2 should also win. 28.♁h3 d3!

28...xf1 29.fxg6 hgx6 30.f3 is not as clear.

29.xd3 xf1 30.fxg6 d4+ 31.h1 f2 0-1.

Svidler – Ivanchuk

Ruy Lopez [C92]

1.e4 e5 2.f3 c6 3.b5 a6 4.a4 f6 5.0-0 e7 6.e1 b5 7.b3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 b7 10.d4 e8 11.g5 f8 12.f3 e8 13.b2 d2 14.d5 b8 15.f1 b7 16.g3 e8 17.h2 c5 18.c2 c6 19.dxc6 dxc6 20.g5 g6 21.g4 e7 22.h6+ f8 23.f3 d7

NZCF Council report

By NZCF President Peter Stuart

Olympiad – Elista

Another withdrawal from the New Zealand teams, this time Katrine Metge from the Women's team. Reserve Lilian Terry takes her place. Lilian was a member of New Zealand teams in 1978 and 1988. A Fischer-type time control will be used at Elista: 40 moves in 100 minutes, then 20 moves in 50 minutes, then 10 minutes to finish the game. Extra time per move of 30 seconds is added from move one. Any training games prior to departure will use a similar time control.

Olympiad Appeal

The appeal stands at \$330 after receipt of the following donations:

"The Bazza Trust"	\$ 50.00
Wanganui Chess Club	\$100.00
Thomas Gothorp	\$ 5.00
Graham Haase	\$ 50.00
Kapiti Chess Club	\$ 25.00
North Shore Chess Club	\$100.00

Congress 1998/99

The Otago Chess Club's planning is well under way with an attractive venue arranged at the University of Otago. Events will include a New Year Opening following the success of this event at Hamilton this year. While only one rest day was originally planned the club is reconsidering this. The

24.e1 c6 25.b4 a4 26.b3 e6 27.c4 xc4 28.a4 bxa4 29.a1 d5 30.hf5?

Quite unsound.

30...gxf5 31.f5 xe4 32.h6+ g8??

32...hxh6 33.xh6 g5 34.h5 b6 35.h4 g6 36.hxg6 hgx6 37.hxg5 xg5 refutes White's sacrifice.

33.xc4

Black might well have played on for a few more moves but after 33...xc4 34.xd5 c7 (34...xd5 35.xe7+) 35.xe7+ c7 36.g4+ g5 37.xc4 White's active pieces and Black's weaknesses simply add up to a win for White. 1-0.

Congress 1999/2000

The Howick-Pakuranga club has advised the Council of its offer to host the following year's Congress at the Waipuna Hotel and Conference Centre in Pakuranga. The club has negotiated very favourable terms for what would be a very fine venue but needs to confirm bookings within three months. The Council notes that there was no expression of interest in hosting the 1999-2000 Congress at the AGM in January.

New Zealand Junior Championship

The Council has accepted the offer of the Auckland Chess Association to organise the 1998 national Junior Championship which will be held in the second week of the October holidays. The likely dates are 6-9 October.

World Junior Championship

This event is being held in Orotosa del Mar (Spain) from 24th October to 7th November. New Zealand is expected to be represented by current national junior champion Ryan Trass (Taupo).

Affiliated Clubs

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

Auckland Chess Centre Meets Monday & Thursday 7.15pm, 17 Cromwell St, Mt Eden, Auckland 1003. Tel (09)630-2042 clubroom; contacts club captain Paul MacDonald (09)419-2015; secretary Tony Kesseler (09)412-8184.

Canterbury, PO Box 25-242, Christchurch. Meets Wednesday, 7.30pm., 227 Bealey Avenue; tel (03)366-3935 clubroom. Pres, Gavin Dawes (03)352-4851; Sec, Quentin Johnson (03)355-7166.

Civic Tuesday 7.30pm, Museum Room, Turnbull House, Bowen Street, Wellington 1. Pres, John Gillespie (04)476-3729; Sec, Brent Southgate (04)475-7604.

Gambit Sec, Ted Frost, 103 Koromiko Road, Gonville, Wanganui. Tel (06)347-6098.

Hamilton: Thurs, 7.15, Methodist Centre, 56 Landon Street. Inquiries Pres, Hilton Bennett, 65 Te Aroha St (07)839-6406 or (025)964-773.

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

Howick-Pakuranga Tuesday 7.30pm, St John Ambulance Hall, Howick-Pakuranga Highway, Highland Park. Pres, Paul Spiller (09)535-4962; sec, Kees van den Bosch (09)521-5828.

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

Kapiti Wednesday, 7.30pm. Salvation Army Hall, Bluegum Rd. Paraparaumu Beach. Sec, Rosemary Kingston, 51 Ames St. Paekakariki, d, Raumati Sth (04)292-8157.

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 Wednesday 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. Wednesday and Saturday, 7.30pm. Tel (03)477-6919 clubroom. Sec. Dennis McCaughan (03)478-0160.

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

Waiemata Thursday 7.30pm, Kelston Comm Centre, cnr Great North Rd and Awaroa Rd, Kelston; jun 6-7.30pm Thursdays, schooldays. Pres, Bob Smith, 2 Autumn Ave, Glen Eden (09)818-4113 or contact Bruce Pollard (09)818-2342.

Wanganui Monday, 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 Saturday 7.30pm, Lighthouse Centre, 235 Karori Road, Karori. 6pm, juniors. Pres, Tim Frost (04)473-1167. Sec, Ross Jackson (04)563-8013.

Associate members

Huntly Tuesdays 7.30pm 14 Ralph Street.. Club capt, John Smeed. 140 Great South Road, Huntly. (07)828-7481.

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

Palmerston North Tuesday, 7.30pm, Palm Nth Intermediate School, Ferguson St. Tournament Director, Tony Dowden (06)353-1354.

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.

District Associations

Auckland Chess Assn. Pres, Paul Frost, 13/15 Esplanade Road, Mt Eden (09)623-2499. Sec, Kees van den Bosch, 61A St Johns Road, Auckland 1005 (09)521-5828.

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