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## NZ Championship entries

At November 30 , the first closing date for entries, only 5 entries had been received for the New Zealand Championhip at the Dunedin Congres. The entrants were P Garbett, R Dive, T Dowden, W Kaspar and R Wansink. Late entries will be received and the final field decided just before start of play.

## NZ Master Games

Entries for chess at the New Zealand Master Games in Wanganui in early February have reached 17 , with 7 from outside Wanganui. The limit is 32 and entries can be sent to Gordon Hoskyn (tel 06343 6101) or the Master Games, PO Box 500, Wanganui.

## North Shore Rapid

4th leg results: Garbett 6/6: McLaren 5; Stuart, Krstev, Mistry, Jovic, Hair, Quin 4, This gave Garbett a winning 3-leg total of $17 / 18$, just pipping McLaren on $161 / 2$ (he started with a $51 / 2$ and a 6 ). Krstev was 3 rd on 13. Harry Cheng won the handicap section with 13.47, ahead of Garbett and Gunn 2= on 11, and Hair, Krstev and McLaren 4= Unusually, this meant 5 of the top 6 were A grade players.

## Compton in England

Alistair Compton, of Christchurch, is currently living in England and playing quite a lot of chess. He is playing in several chess leagues and has achieved a FIDE rating of 2015 with several wins not yet taken into account.

ON THE COVER: The FIDE logo glowed on the eldectronic scoreboard during the Chess Olympiad opening ceremonies at the stadium in Elista. However, as Michael Freenan reports, the opening of the Olympiad was not withoul its problenis.

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10 Igor Bjelobrk dominated the NZ Junior Championships, although titleholder Ryan Trass made a great comeback after an indifferent start to take Bjelobrok's scalp in the final round. Another rising star emerged - 8 -year-old Wang Puchen
16 The end-of-year rating lists include updating of the programme and adjusment of the ratings (see NZCF Council report). A significant feature is the progress made by the top juniors - Igor Bjelobrk 1937 (+353 on mid-year), Alan Dum 1878 (+167), Ryan Trass 1754 (+217) and Patrick Savage 1724 (+209). Wang Puchen's first full rating is 1549.

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26 However, space pressure allows us to give only a couple of club games - more to come.
27 Peter Stuart reports in his Overseas news report that Anand showed a clean pair of heels to a strong field at Tilburg.

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IN THE NEXT ISSUE: Full reports and games from the Dunedin Congress, the Canterbury Open and the Auckland Xmas restricted tournament, plus more games from the Olympiad and club championships.

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## New Zealand at the 33rd Olympiad

By team captain ICM Michael Freeman

## Introduction

"Elista, Kalmykia; where's that?". I well remember that question at the Moscow Olympiad when the venue for this year's event was announced. Well, for Trivial Pursuit fans, its located in the south-east portion of Russia between the Volga and Don rivers. Kalmykia has a territory of 76,100 square km , a population of 300,000 and is 1836 km from Moscow.
Descended from the Oyrat, the Kalmyk people have had a turbulent past. Having settled in European Russia in the 16th century, they suffered under the early communist rule in the $1920^{\prime}$ s and $30^{\prime} \mathrm{s}$, and were finally exiled to Siberia in 1943 by Stalin. Permitted to return in 1957, they have boomed since becoming a republic within the new Russian Federation in 1992.
With oil revenues now available to Kalmkyia rather than the old Kremlin, funds are available to develop the Republic. We noticed that food was readily available, clothing was smart, and many Western goods were available in the shops. The population was housed, fed, and paid. However, some of the political and personal freedom that has encompassed Moscow and St. Petersburg has not filtered down to this region.
For this Olympiad, a very ambitious President decided to construct a "Chess City", better described as a new housing estate on the outskirts of Elista. Fenced off from the locals, the plan called for 87 new houses in Western style, two administrative buildings, and in the centre, the Chess Palace. This large five-storied building was designed to host the chess games and associated FIDE congress.
After the usual traumas with team selection, passports and visas, the bulk of the NZ team finally departed to Elista via Frankfurt and Moscow. Nearly abandoning Bob Smith at Moscow immigration when it was discovered by the bureaucracy that a photo had become unglued from his visa, we were joined by

Alexei Kulaskho and bussed across Moscow to an internal airport. There we boarded a YAK-42 operated by Karat Airways for the charter flight to Elista. Surprisingly, this flight was uneventful, despite having to land at dusk with no ground landing lights on a very recently extended runway. We were met in the airport that still smelled from the coat of paint applied that aftemoon, by Olga, our team translator for the next 2 weeks.
Arriving in Chess City, we discovered that only one half of the houses were complete and the team would be divided. The men ended up being allocated a house earmarked for the Malaysian team, whilst the Women were taken out of the Chess City to a large apartment block seven minutes walk away. It was a nice apartment, but certainly on the cosy side. For all meals we were driven across town to a fancy restaurant. This resulted in us leaving behind a considerable amount of food brought from NZ just in case.
The next shock appeared in the light of day when we saw that the playing venue was not complete, with no roof and many walls missing. A captain's meeting later that day confirmed the obvious, and altemative venues and plans were mooted. In the end it was agreed that the event would drop one rest day and one round thereby giving another two days to the construction crew. Even then, plans of playing matches in the lounges of the various houses were put in place.
The opening ceremony was held in the local football stadium complete with cultural displays, a few speeches and parading of all the nations flags as one would normally expect at a Commonwealth or Olympic Games. It finished with a firework display.
Each team at the Olympiad was given a "Mother and Father", personally selected by the President from his population. New Zealand was adopted by the head of the local Inland Revenue and his staff.

New Zealand Open team results

| Round Match No. /Colour | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Team/Seed } / \\ & \text { Final Place } \end{aligned}$ | Kulashko | Smith | Green | Wastney | Krstev | Score |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1/14/w | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Hungary (14) } \\ & \text { (9) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 2650 \\ & 0 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2595 \\ & 0 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 2540 \\ 1 / 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2530 \\ & 0 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  | 1/2/1/2 |
| 2/38/b | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { Malta } \\ (89)(102) \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 2220 \\ & 1 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2115 \\ & 1 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 2200 \\ 1 / 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{\|l\|l\|} \hline \text { unr } \\ \hline \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 31/2/4 |
| 3/28/b | Bangladesh $(57)(53)$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 2500 \\ & 0 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2350 \\ & 0 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 2335 \\ & 0 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 2350 \\ 0 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 0/4 |
| 4/41/w | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Jamaica (104) } \\ & (78) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|l\|} \hline \text { unr } \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { unr } \\ 1 / 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|l\|} \hline \text { unr } \\ 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { unir } \\ 0 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 21/2/61/2 |
| 5/41/b | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { Iraq } \\ (68)(73) \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 2350 \\ & 0 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline 2325 \\ 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline 2290 \\ 0 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 2125 \\ 0 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 1/71/2 |
| 6/43/w | Uganda (98) (93) | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { unr } \\ 1 / 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | unr $1$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { unr } \\ 1 / 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { unr } \\ 0 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 2/91/2 |
| 7/44/w | Libya $(106)(86)$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { unr } \\ & 1 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline \text { unr } \\ 1 / 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|l\|} \hline \text { unr } \\ 1 / 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|l\|} \hline \text { unr } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 3/121/2 |
| 8/38/b | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { Bolivia } \\ (79)(85) \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|l\|} \hline \text { unr } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 2350 \\ & 1 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 2225 \\ 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline 2035 \\ 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  | 4/161/2 |
| 9/26/b | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Poland } \\ & (18)(15) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline 2655 \\ 0 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 2525 \\ 0 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline 2530 \\ 0 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline 2485 \\ 0 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 0/161/2 |
| 10/39/w | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline \text { Angola (101) } \\ (62) \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { unr } \\ 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|l\|} \hline \text { unr } \\ 0 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { unr } \\ \text { l } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|l\|} \hline \text { unr } \\ 1 / 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  | 21/2/19 |
| 11/36/w | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { UAE } \\ (78)(75) \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 2335 \\ 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline 2255 \\ 0 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{\|l\|l\|} \hline \text { unr } \\ 1 / 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline 2220 \\ 0 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 11/201/2 |
| 12/38/b | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline \text { Malaysia (97) } \\ (74) \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { unr } \\ 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline 2040 \\ 1 / 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { unr } \\ 0 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline 2410 \\ 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  | 21/2/23 |
| 13/35/b | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline \begin{array}{l} \text { South Africa } \\ (66)(80) \end{array} \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 2290 \\ 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 2215 \\ 1 / 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline 2350 \\ 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline 2125 \\ 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  | $31 / 2 / 26^{1 / 2}$ |
| Results |  | +7=1-3 | +4=2-5 | +4=5-2 | +4=3-4 | $+2=0-6$ | $+21=11-20$ |
| Score |  | 71/2/11 | 5/11 | $61 / 2 / 11$ | $51 / 2 / 11$ | 2/8 |  |
| Percent |  | 0.68 | 0.45 | 0.59 | 0.50 | 0.25 |  |
| White |  | 31/2/5 | 4/6 | 3/5 | 5/6 | 1/4 | 161/2/26 |
| Black |  | 4/6 | 1/5 | 31/2/6 | 1/2/5 | 1/4 | 10/26 |

These people went out of their way to make our stay as comfortable as possible, driving us everywhere around Elista, providing us with drinks in various forms, and entertaining us on the first two days whilst the playing venue was worked upon. A very enjoyable trip into the countryside on one of those days for hunting and fishing (of sorts) had a tragic end when our host tripped and badly broke his ankle. Naturally, we had to endure the jibes from other teams over maiming tax inspectors. The friendship from our interpreter Olga, and "parents" Alexei and Byra would be hard to equal anywhere in the world

Remarkably, enough of the building was completed atter the two days' rest to allow the first round to be played in the venue despite a few holes. In fact, work continued each day on the building throughout the event. It was soon discovered that the architect had never been to a chess toumament, with the matches played on landings surrounding a central well with a wooden spiral staircase. The noise level proved a major distraction to all. Bob Smith, a strong anti-smoker, even resorted to using Edith Otene's cigarette filters as ear plugs to try to dim the racket. The top ten matches were eventually moved to another side room,
so small and hot that no-one except players in those matches was permitted to enter.
Games were played on electronic boards that automatically recorded the moves and with a Fischer time control on the electronic clock wired to the board. This was great, except that knocking over or even adjusting a piece required calling an arbiter to reset things. The technology appeared to be rather confusing to some of the older arbiters, leading to quite a bit of frustration at times for players and other officials alike.
To me, one sad part was that the whole event was not witnessed by the local population, who were only allowed past the armed guards at the City gates in groups on organised tours each morning. Our hosts seemed bent on keeping us away from the locals (or viceversa).

The team spirit was maintained throughout with the captain providing most of the silly acts to amuse the others. Included were boarding the wrong bus at the Moscow airport and nearly departing to Chechnya, getting locked in the bathroom in the house for two hours, and gallantly protecting the rest of the team from the vodka toasts on the first night. One bout of food poisoning did strike during the middle rounds and laid almost all of the team low for a few days whilst "Dr. John's" magic pills stemmed the flow.
I would thank all of the team members for their contribution to a very enjoyable trip, and on behalf of the team, thank very much all those clubs and individuals who contributed to the Appeal Fund to help defray our costs.

## The Open Team

In the Open competition, the team consisted of Alexei Kulaskho, Bob Smith, Peter Green, Scott Wastney, Antonio Krstev, and Michael Freeman as Team Captain. This team was seeded 69th in a field of 110 .
After the thirteen rounds a final placing of 56 th, with a score of $261 / 2 / 52$, or +1 can be considered an excellent result. The top four boards all had satisfactory to pleasing results,
with Alexei Kulashko achieving the 10th highest Board One percentage. Peter Green also scored well
A very decisive last round win over South Africa rocketed the team up the standings to finish ahead of neighbours Australia and tied with Vietnam, Bangladesh and Belgium.
An equally decisive win by Russia over Holland, whilst China was holding the USA to a draw, saw the Russians again take the gold medals on $351 / 2$. One point back were USA, followed another two points back by Ukraine and Israel.
The very narrow points range can be seen with the fifth place team China scoring $31 / 2$, New Zealand was exactly half way down on $261 / 2$ and the second to last team Seychelles scored 18.

## The Women's Team

The Women's team was Vivian Smith, Teresa Sheehan, and Edith Otene with John Sheehan acting as Team Captain. This team was seeded 55 th in a field of 72 .
The final placing of 66 th was affected by a tough last round pairing, and the non-pairing against the two easy-beat nations, met by all the other nations in their part of the draw. Teresa Sheehan had another excellent result and was 18 th on Board Two. Having to play every round also proved tough on the team members.
The winners, China with 29 points made no race of it, to finish ahead of Russia and Georgia with 27. A shock 0-3 loss to Vietnam ruined the hopes of the favoured Georgians.

## The FIDE Congress

The 69th FIDE Congress was remarkably non-political, with the restructuring of FIDE the main item for discussion. The FIDE structure and statues have been replaced. A new Executive Committee has been formed consisting of a President, two Vice President's, Secretary, and Treasurer elected by the delegates, Zonal Presidents, four Continental Presidents, and four delegates from each Continent. This still totals some sixty people.

## New Zealand Women's team results

| Round <br> Match No. <br> /Colour | Tean/ Seed/ <br> Final Place | Smith | Sheehan | Otene | Score |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $1 / 19 / \mathbf{w}$ | Armenia <br> $(19)(21)$ | 2395 <br> 0 | 2230 <br> 0 | 2240 <br> 0 | $0 / 0$ |
| $2 / 34 / \mathrm{b}$ | Botswana <br> (69)(67) | unr <br> 0 | unr <br> 1 | unr <br> $1 / 2$ | $2 / 2$ |
| $3 / 29 / \mathrm{b}$ | South Africa <br> (71)(62) | unr <br> 0 | unr <br> $1 / 2$ | unr <br> 0 | $1 / 2 / 21 / 2$ |
| $4 / 30 / \mathrm{w}$ | Ireland <br> $(62)(51)$ | unr <br> 0 | unr <br> 1 | unr |  |
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The Executive Council will meet once each year, with a full General Assembly of all nations every two years as part of the Olympiad.
Continental meeting For Asia, the Continental meeting re-elected Khalifa Al-Hitmi of Qatar as President and Michael Freeman, along with delegates from Lebanon, UAE, and Japan as the representatives to the Executive Council. Very surprisingly, I received the Vice President nod.
New zone The other major item was the formation of new zone consisting of Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, and Papua New Guinea.

This zone will receive one place in the World Championship knockout event and one place in the new Women's knockout event. The Zonal President is Graeme Gardiner of Australia. As Zonal President, he also joins the FIDE Executive Committee. This zone must therefore organise a zonal event each year, and New Zealand must address its responsibilities in regard to this.
The Year 2000 Olympiad is to be held in Istanbul, and the Year 2002 event in Slovenia. The other major news was the possibility of chess being a demonstration sport at the Sydney Olympics.

## Games from the Elista Olympiad

## Kulashko，A－Porter，R

Round 4 ［B31］
Notes by A Kulashko
$1 . e 4 \mathrm{c5} 2 . ⿹ \mathrm{Of}$ Ec6 3．＠b5 g6 4．0－0 ©g7 5．c3 e6？！

Two normal moves are $5 \ldots \mathrm{e} 5$ and $5 . .$. 〇f6． Black＇s move allows space advantage for White．
6．d4 cxd4 7．cxd4 Эge7 8．d5 亿̂le5 9．〇xe5 Qxe5 $10.0 \mathrm{c} 30-0$

After 5．．．e6 weak \＆structure on Black＇s $\Phi$－side determines long－time advantage for White．The text move seems to be very natural but allows White to get excellent position with all convenience． $10 . . . Q_{\mathrm{Q}} \mathrm{7}$ or 10 ．a6 would be more resistant

## 11．Qh6 Ge8 12．dxe6 fxe6

Unfortunately for Black the $d-8$ is pinned and 12．．．dxe6 isn＇t possible．

## 13．${ }^{\text {Wh }} 1$

13．f4 is stronger，but at this point I didn＇t
 Uxb5 is in White＇s favour．

## 



今f5（20．．．今c6 21. ．gafl and 22. ．if8＋）21．exf5 and after 21．．．b6 22．fxg6 hxg6 Black has to struggle in the endgame being two 8s down， because $21 \ldots$ gxf5 loses immediately after 22． $\mathrm{Enff}^{\mathrm{xf}}$ b6 23．Bafl Qa6 24． $\mathrm{Qg} 5+$ कh8 25．＠g7＋©g8 $26 . @ \mathrm{e}$ \＃

## 15．Qxg7 由xg $^{\text {16 16．f5？}}$

16． U d 2 also leads to superior positions，but I wanted to open the centre before Black develops bis 莦－side．However，White＇s attack is not as strong as I thought during the game． Practically，I didn＇t calculate anything before I played 16．f5．Fortunately，the player from Jamaica didn＇t check whether this sacrifice is sound or not．

 21．0f6＋कf7 $22.0 \mathrm{Exe8}$ \＄xe8 23．Wh $8+$ gives great chances for White．But after 20．．．${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{f} 7$
 24．령 岶f5 White can＇t achieve more than a perpetual．

 25．©f2 由c7 26．．gfd2 d6 27．＠d3＠d7 28．＠xf5 Qxf5 29．${ }^{\text {axd }} 6$ and White won on move 63. 29．．．


 44．日1 d2 Eff 45．g4 hxg4 46．hxg4 ©c8 47．马e4






> Nsubuga,G - Smith,R
> Round 6 [A59]
> Notes by FM R W Smith
$1 . \mathrm{d} 4$ 今f6 $2 . \mathrm{c} 4 \mathrm{c5} 3 . \mathrm{d5} \mathrm{b5} 4 . \mathrm{cxb5}$ a6 5．bxa6 g6
 $10 . \operatorname{tg} 20-011 . \mathrm{h} 3$ 合 6
With the idea of ．．．Sc 7 ，watching the d5 8 against a later e5，also to attack White＇s centre with ．．．e6．

With pressure on the $\mathrm{a} 8-\mathrm{g} 2$ diagonal and down the a－file．

19．Єxe5 安xe5 20．崮c4
Threatening $b 4$ ．

## 20．．． 97 ！

Protecting the $\widehat{\mathrm{c}} 7$ and blocking the $\mathrm{c} 4-\mathrm{g} 8$ diagonal．
21．b4 d5！22．${ }^{\text {Uxc5 }}$
22．exd5 $\triangleq \mathrm{xd} 5$ threatening ．．．今e3．23．5xd5
 25．Thel d 4 with attack；； 22. 数d $^{d} 4$ and 23．．．${ }^{3} \times \mathrm{xa} 2$ with attack．

22．．．Ic6 23．We3 d4 24．0xd4 $\uparrow x d 4$
 ©xc3 27． $\mathrm{Exc}^{\mathrm{Q}} 3+$－
25．岶xd4


25．．．勺b5！26．…d2

 27． $\mathrm{Gg}^{2} \mathrm{Uxa} 2$ and a defence is problematical
崮c2 unclear．30．．． $\mathrm{gxc}^{2} 31 . \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{g}} \mathrm{d} 8+$ forces an－ other perpetual．Another possibility is $26 . 今$ xb5 峖xa2＋etc．

 33．bxc5 〇d4 34．f4 气b3 35．e5 Өxc5 36．©ic



 51．日a6 Eg4 52．\＃xe6 Exf4＋53．Фg1 Eg4＋



> Green P. - Horvath Cs
> Round 1 [D86]
> Notes by P Green
$1 . \mathrm{d} 4$ 今f6 $2 . \mathrm{c} 4 \mathrm{~g} 63 . 今 \mathrm{c} 3 \mathrm{~d} 54 . \mathrm{cxd5}$ 个xd5 5．e4

 Ec6 13．\＃hd1 马a8 14．末e1＠d7 15．Gacl 15．В̈ab1 乌ac8．15．．．Bac8 16．h3 a6 17．d5？ $\bar{\mp}$



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 39．fxe5＋Фxe5 40．g4 hxg4 40．．．©e4 41．gxh5


 ＠d5 51．仑ो 2 ＠e4 52．⿹勹巳4 a4 53．0b5＠d5
 Фg4 57．由b4 Фxh4 58．



 74．もe5 ©c2 75．今d5＋Фf3 76．〇f6 ©g6 77．もe6


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## New Zealand Junior Championship

By NM Peter Stuart

A field similar in size and strength to last year＇s Junior Championship competed for the various national junior and age－group titles at the Auckland Chess Centre rooms from 6th to 9 th October．The event was organised by the Auckland Chess Association．A major disap－ pointment was the fact that there was only one girl entered so it was not possible to award any girls＇titles．

As far as the age groups go，it should be borne in mind that ages are taken at 1 st January in the current year，in line with FIDE rules．It can mean that a player born in January counts as under－ 16 while he is actu－ ally close to his 18 th birthday at the time of this tournament．The ages given in the score－ table are as at 1－1－98．

The main features of the results were Igor Bjelobrk＇s winning the main title with one round to go，Ryan Trass＇s recovery to take clear second place，and the excellent result achieved by 8 －year old Wang Puchen．

Bjelobrk，an Auckland Grammar sixth former，was undoubtedly the tournament favourite following his fine result in the North Island Championship at Wanganui in July．He confirmed that favouritism by winning his first six games and was only really in any danger against Wang in round 3．By then Igor led by $11 / 2$ points so his last round loss to Ryan Trass served only to reduce his winning margin．In addition to the national junior title Bjelobrk also won the under－18 and under－16 titles as well as the N．Z．Schoolpupil title
The following is probably Bjelobrk＇s best game，played in round 5：

## Bjelobrk－Macfarlane <br> Nimzoindian［E43］

$1 . \mathrm{d} 4$ Yf6 $2 . \mathrm{c} 4 \mathrm{e} 63.5 \mathrm{c} 3$ Qb4 4．e3 b65．＠d3 ©b7 6．Уf3 乌e4 7．0－0 Sxc3 8．bxc3 ©xc3

12．．．今e7；12．．．今b8．
 16．岶xb4 0－0 17．c5！？dxc5 18 ．䣊b 3 \＆ad8？

18．．．Bae8 is about equal while the move played allows White a very strong initiative．


 29．0xc6 a5 30．⿹e7＠d7 31．f5 h6 32．g4 ©e8 33．官f2 b5 34．＠e3 c4 35．＠b6 a4 36．＠c5 由h7


Bjelobrk＇s game against Wang was also well fought：

## Bjelobrk－Wang

Queen＇s Gambit［D53］
1．d4 d5 $2 . \mathrm{ct}$ e6 3．0̂c3 色6 4．⿹勹巳 ＠d6 6．＠g5＠e7 7．e3 勺bd7 8．＠d3 c6 9．0－0
 13．bxc3 0－0 14．0b3 e5 15 ．马el exd4 16．cxd4


Probably best．19．．．cxd57！20．exd5 $ิ x \mathrm{xd} 5$ 21．






 Exd1＋30．＠xd1 今d5
30．．．c3 31．bf2 Sd5 32．a3 and the only place the $c$－pawn is going is back in the box．

## 

31．．．今c3 32．＠e2．（see diagram，opposite） 32．e4！
The best chance．White＇s pieces are awk－ wardly placed；bis king cannot approach the queenside without conceding the e－pawn，e．g．


## New Zealand Junior Championship，Auckland， 1998

|  | Pat | Age | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | Pts | TB |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 Bjelobrk 1. | 1681 | 15 | W20 | w7 | W4 | w8 | W11 | W3 | L2 | 6 |  |
| 2 Trass R． | 1537 | 16 | D27 | W18 | w7 | 412 | W20 | W11 | W1 | $51 / 2$ |  |
| 3 Dunn A．S． | 1711 | 18 | W6 | W10 | W5 | L11 | W4 | 4 | W8 | 5 | 34 |
| 4 Wang P ． | 1521 | 7 | W15 | W16 | 11 | W14 | 13 | W2 | W1 | 5 | 291／2 |
| 5 Croad N． | 1529 | 17 | W24． | W9 | L3 | W28 | D8 | W13 | D6 | 5 | 281／2 |
| 6 Wright C． | 1189 | 19 | 13 | W29 | D17 | W27 | w9 | W12 | D5 | 5 | 27 |
| 7 Godfrey P． | 1444 | 18 | W32 | L1 | L2 | W35 | W28 | W14 | W11 | 5 | 24 |
| 8 Savage P． | 1515 | 12 | W17 | W28 | W12 | L1 | D5 | W10 | L3 | 41／2 | 301／2 |
| 9 Ah－Chee L．M． | 1350 | 13 | W31 | L5 | W15 | D10 | L6 | W27 | W19 | $41 / 2$ | 27 |
| 10 miller C． | 1425 | 15 | W33 | L3 | W27 | D9 | W19 | 18 | W16 | $41 / 2$ | 25 |
| 11 Mactarlane A．L． | 1572 | 15 | W30 | W23 | W13 | W3 | L． | L2 | L7 | 4 | 301／2 |
| 12 McNabb M ． | 1636 | 18 | W19 | W14 | L8 | W2 | L13 | L6 | W18 | 4 | 30 |
| 13 Harris P． | 1458 | 15 | W29 | W34 | 111 | W16 | W12 | L5 | L4 | 4 | 251／2 |
| 14 Trass C． | 1377 | 14 | W25 | L12 | W30 | L4 | W15 | 17 | W24 | 4 | 251／2 |
| 15 Yang J． | unr | 14 | 14 | W22 | 19 | W32 | 1.14 | W25 | W23 | 4 | 231／2 |
| 16 Hartigan C | 1342 | 12 | W22 | 14 | W24 | L13 | D18 | W17 | 110 | 31／2 | 261／2 |
| 17 Bayer A ． | unr | 14 | L8 | W31 | D6 | L19 | W21 | L16 | W28 | $31 / 2$ | 25 |
| 18 Han D， | unr | 13 | W21 | L2 | 128 | W34 | D16 | W20 | L12 | 31／2 | 24 |
| 19 Kiriwattuduwa C | C．unr | 17 | 4.12 | W33 | D23 | W17 | L． 10 | W2 | 19 | 31／2 | 231／2 |
| 20 Chilvers M． | 1108 | 14 | 11 | W32 | W35 | D23 | 12 | 418 | W2 | 31／2 | 221／3 |
| 21 Hall C． | 1468 | 18 | L18 | 127 | W26 | D2 | L17 | W30 | W3 | 31／ | 191／ |
| 22 Sheehan S． | 845 | 11 | L16 | L15 | Bye | L24 | W32 | D28 | W27 | 31／2 | 17 |
| 23 Ramanakumar S | 51396 | 19 | W26 | L11 | D19 | D20 | W24 | L4 | L15 | 3 | 26 |
| 24 Stankovic B． | unr | 14 | $\pm 5$ | W25 | L16 | W22 | L23 | W26 | L14 | 3 | 24 |
| 25 McCall S ． | nr | 12 | L14 | L24 | L32 | Bye | W34 | L15 | W33 | 3 | 151／2 |
| 26 Zaza M． | nr | 12 | L23 | L30 | 121 | W33 | W35 | L24 | W32 | 31 | 15 |
| $27 \mathrm{Lin} \mathrm{H}$. | unr | 15 | D2 | W21 | 110 | L6 | W31 | L9 | L22 | 21／2 | 281／2 |
| 28 Cheng $H$ ． | 1225 | 15 | W35 | 18 | W18 | L5 | 17 | D22 | L17 | $21 / 2$ | 25 |
| 29 McHardy G ． | 489 | 13 | L13 | L6 | W34 | D21 | W30 | L19 | L20 | 21／2 | 23 |
| 30 Shepherd C． | r | 16 | L11 | W26 | 14 | D31 | L29 | L21 | Bye | 21／2 | 191／2 |
| 31 Smith S．A． | 661 | 12 | L9 | 117 | W33 | D30 | L27 | W35 | L21 | $21 / 2$ | 18 |
| 32 Quinian J． | 618 | 13 | 17 | 120 | W25 | L15 | L22 | Bye | L26 | 2 | 21 |
| 33 McKechnie J． | unr | 13 | 10 | L19 | 131 | L26 | Bye | W34 | L25 | 2 | 171／2 |
| 34 Smith D．M． | unr | 8 | Bye | $\mathrm{LIS}^{1}$ | L29 | 118 | L25 | L33 | W35 | 2 | 141／2 |
| 35 Freeman R． | unr | 8 | 128 | Bye | 1.20 | 4. | L26 | L31 | L34 | 1 |  |



Position after 31．．．． $\mathbf{F} \mathbf{f 8}$

 + ．

35．©d 3 ！？ीg 3 36．Фd4 Фe7 37．Фxc 3 had to be investigated．After $37 . . . \Phi f 6$ 38．a4 h5 $39 . \pm b 4$ ©xf5（or 39．．．h4 40．由a5 ©̂h5 41．由a6 〇f4

 ©g3 43． $\mathrm{Gxa}^{\mathrm{xa}} 7$ and White wins as he queens with check．Black，however，can improve
 $\ddagger \mathrm{b} 8$ when he has nothing to fear．

## 35．．． 0 g 3

35．．．末е7！？
36．Qg4 全e4 37．Qf3 自d6 38．g4 气b5
38．．．あe7．
 ＋） 41 ．．． $5 x a 2$ and Black has won a pawn．

41．©c $6!?$



Allowing an unfortunate end to an interest－ ing game．Black gives his knight a move （ $50 .$. Se6？ 51. Qh3＋and 52. ．Qxe6＋－）but he is now lost．The knight should instead head for c7 when the game should be drawn：50．．．Ge5！ 51．a5 ఉd6 52．$\ddagger \mathrm{b} 8$ 今e6 53．a6 今c7 and play might continue $54 . \mathrm{a} 7 \mathrm{l} 555 . \oplus \mathrm{f} 3 \mathrm{l} 456$ ． F g 4 g 6
 61． $\mathrm{\oplus b} 7$ A C 7 and neither side can make progress．
今̂c5 55．a7 乌ीe4 56．a8㭗1－0．

## Defender＇s late run

Ryan Trass，the defending champion， started with a quiet draw and fell further behind in round 4 with his loss to Matthew McNabb ．Then came consecutive wins against Mark Chilvers，Alan Macfarlane who had started with $4 / 4$ and，finally，Bjelobrk．

## R．Trass－Bjelobrk <br> Modern［A41］

1．d4 g6 2．c4 Q Q 7 3．今f3 d6 4．今c3 e5 $5 . \mathrm{d5} 55$
 h6 11．©xf6 ©xf6 12．刿2 a5 $13 . b 5$ 屯h7 14．0－0





 35．Exc5 dxc5 36．马d 1 今d4 37．Wel？！
37．h4！？$\Delta 38 . g 5$.
 8f8？


## 




42．．．挡e 1

 44．＠d3＋－

Five in tie
No fewer than five players tied for third place on 5 points．Top seed Alan Dunn was in the running until his round 6 loss to Bjelobrk． The ending of the next game is instructive．

$$
\begin{gathered}
\text { Croad - Dunn } \\
\text { Pirc [B08] }
\end{gathered}
$$

1．e4 d6 $2 . \mathrm{d4} \mathrm{~g} 63 . 今 \mathrm{c} 3 \mathrm{Q} \mathrm{g} 7$ 4．§f3 今f6 5．＠e2 0－0 6．0－0 c5 7．dxc5 dxc5 8．h3 今）c6 9．Qe3 b6



 Qe7 25． 5 b1 a5 26．a3 axb4 27．axb4 ©d7 28．©e2 Эd8 29．山d2＠c6 30．山xd6 Qxd6 31．⿹fd2 f5 32．९f f ＠d7 33．g3 气e6 34．h4＠e7 35．⿹勹f1 f4 36．©g4
36．h5！？
36．．．Ф†7 37．Фxe6＋？
White presumably relies on the semi－ blocked position to be favourable for his knights but about the best safe square they have is a3！The rest of this game provides a good demonstration of the power of the two bishops．
37．．．Фxe6 38．${ }^{\text {© }} \mathrm{g} 2 \mathrm{~g} 5$ 39．hxg5
There is no longer hope of blocking the kingside by $39 . \mathrm{h} 5$ e．g． 39 ．．．g4 40．f3 gxf3＋
 Qg3 45．⿹f1 ©el 46．ఉh3 f3＋．
 43．Оf1 € $144 . 今 f d 2$ h5 45．gxh5 $\ddagger x h 546 . \Phi f 1$


## 50．Фg2 Фe1 51．Фf1

由g3－1）52．．．＠f2 53．由g2 Qb6 54．もh2 ©h3 $55 . \hat{\mathrm{ff}} 2 \mathrm{Q} \mathrm{e} 3+$

## 51．．．＠xd2

Black can afford to exchange a pair of minor pieces as his king can now penetrate．

## 52． $\mathbf{3 x d 2} \boldsymbol{\oplus} \mathrm{g} 3$

53．屯e2 Qe8！（53．．．فh3 54．由e1 ©g2 gets nowhere，e．g． $55 . \Phi_{\mathrm{e} 2}$ Qh1 $56 . \hat{\mathrm{hf}} 1+\Phi \mathrm{g} 2$ 57．今d2 and now 57．．．曾g1？？even loses to



## 8－year－old with a reputation

Wang Puchen tumed 8 in January but al－ ready had quite a reputation in Auckland chess，in particular in blitz games at the Auckland Chess Centre．He came into this tournament with a rating of 1521 and is undoubtedly considerably stronger than this； only against Dunn was he clearly outplayed． Wang collected the under－ 14 ，under－ 12 and under－10 titles！
Puchen is tactically alert but is still acquir－ ing positional understanding；importantly he already displays maturity in the endgame as seen，notwithstanding an unfortunate hiccup， in his game against Bjelobrk．Here is another example，from round 6 ，after 33 moves of the game Ramanakumar－Wang：


Play continued： 34．g4？！

By no means a decisive mistake yet it leads to a weakening of White＇s kingside pawns of which Black makes the best use．

## 34．．．a6 35．ゅc2 ©f1 36．h4？

But this probably is a decisive error．White is still okay after 36．dd2 \＄1 3 37．f3．

## 36．．．＠h3 37．f3

$37 . \mathrm{g} 5 \mathrm{~b} 5!38 . \mathrm{f} 3$ 今g6 39．（1f2 ©g2 and the white f－pawn must go．

## 37．．．9g6 38．g5

38．Qf2 ©g2 39．h5 今e7 and again Black wins a pawn．
38．．．仑xh4 39．gxh6 gxh6 $40 . f 4$
40．©xh6＠f5＋
由c6 44．由e2 由b5 45．Фd3 h5 46．b3 a5 47．a4＋


The following game，from round 2，was one of the best of the tournament：

## Wang－Hartigan <br> Sicilian［B90］




$12 \ldots$ ． $\mathrm{xc} 6=$ ．
13．©xa6 धิg4 14．Uxg4 Ёxa6 15．Шg3 c5 16.15


Allowing tactics favourable to White．Much better was 19．．．安e5 20．Qf4！？（20． $\mathrm{U}_{\mathrm{g}} \mathrm{g}$ exf5
 24．$\Phi \mathrm{xg} 2$ gxh6 and White＇s queenside is under pressure．） 20 ．．． $\mathrm{Qxf4} 21$ ． $\mathrm{Bxf}^{2}$ exf5 22 ．exf5 f6 23． $\mathrm{Bl}_{\mathrm{d}} \mathrm{l}$ and White＇s advantage is minimal．

22．．．f6土．
 26．클 7 ㄱํ7 27．9f6＋1－0．

Nicolas Croad，Paul Godfrey and Caleb Wright were the others tying for third place while Patrick Savage（ 13 in June）was among those on $41 / 2$ ，confirming that he too has a bright future．Of those making their first appearance in a rated tournament the most successful were two Mt Roskill Grammar boys，John Yang and Daniel Han．
A further selection of games follows．

> Han - Hall
> Caro-Kann [B18]
$1 . e 4 \mathrm{c} 62 . \mathrm{d} 4 \mathrm{~d} 5$ 3．Ec3 dxe4 4．⿹xe4 ©f5 5．⿹勹巳 3

 13．Uxd2 0－0－0 14．Eac1 h5 15．h4 Ef8 16．b4


Also worth consideration was $23 . \operatorname{Hec} 1$ 勉 8 （23．．．．ge8？24．马゙88＋马d8 25．Exd8＋由xd8



 25．©e5！gid 26．0xf7＋Фe8 27．⿹xh8
 Ua7 27．Wb4＋and White＇s attack continues

## 23．．．Se7

 25．bxc6 㟔c7 26．⿹xd4 乌d5 27．⿹b5＋－）

24． 1 e 5 与ิxc6 25．bxc6！



 better for White．

## 25．．． Bc 7

25．．．Id5 26. 炭xa7！gxe5 27 ．\＃bl！is winning．
26． $\mathrm{mb}^{\mathrm{b} 1!+-9 \mathrm{~d} 7}$
 ＋－

27．0xd7

27．${ }^{\text {d }} \mathrm{d} 6!$
27．．．⿷xd7 28．cxd7 由xd7 29．8b7＋Фd8 30．${ }^{\text {U }} \mathrm{c} 7+1-0$.

## Ramanakumar－Macfarlane <br> Sicilian［B85］

 a6 6．Qe2 乌c6 7．0－0 e6 8．©e3 ©e7 9．f4 ©d7 10．岁e1 Exd4 11．Qxd4 ©c6 12．Qd3 b5 13．a3岶c7 14．e5 dxe5 15．fxe5 €d5 16．5xd5 ©xd5
 Qg7 21．Qf4 0－0 22 ．Ece 1 Qc4 23．Qxc4 山icu 24．Ef2 Efd8 25．Qg5 Bd5 26．Qf6 岂d4 27．Eef1

 34．h3 Exg1＋35．あh2 ©xf6 36．exf6 Egf1 37．b3 Exf6 38．c4 bxc4 39．bxc4 e5 0－1．

## Savage－McNabb <br> Ruy Lopez［C63］

 fxe4 6．马e1 9f6 7．＠g5 d5 8．⿹xd4 ©d7 9．⿹\zh26灬




 27．＠c5 Ed7 28． Ze 1 b6 29．gxf4＋$\Phi \mathrm{xh} 4$ 30．＠f2＋あh5 31．fxe5 Ge7 32．f4 Ðg4 33．马e 4 Фf5 34． $8 \mathrm{~d} 4 \mathrm{b5} 35$ ． Qh 4 a6 36 ． Ed 8

 Exh4 40．e6
Black lost on time but his position was lost
 dd5） 41 ．．． $8 \mathrm{f} 3+42 . \mathrm{D}^{2} \mathrm{~g} 2+-.1-\mathbf{0}$ ．

Wang－Dunn
Moden［B06］
1．e4 d6 2．d4 g6 3．c3 Qg7 4．©d3 e5 5．dxe5


 17．0e2 ©f6 18．©xg3 hxg3 19． $\mathrm{Ze} 2 \mathrm{\Phi g} 7$
 23．乇xe6＠xc6 24．＠d4 ©xd4＋25．cxd4 g5
 30．Eg1 Eh1 31．e5？！Exg1 32．Фxg1 Qxg2！ 33．e6 ${ }^{3} \mathrm{~h} 3$ 0－1．

$$
\begin{gathered}
\text { Macfarlane - R.Trass } \\
\text { Sicilian }[B 74]
\end{gathered}
$$


 $10 . f 4$ 屺7 11 ．㞧e1 b5 12．a3 Qb7 13．g4 b4
 f5 18．巴h3 e6 19．exf5 exf5 20.0 d 4 今िc7


 31．$Q x d 5+$ © $\mathrm{xd} 5+$ ？
31．．．Bxd5！32．日xd5 Exe2 33．${ }^{\text {Exe2 }}$ 是xd5＋



 $35 . 今 \mathrm{f} 6++-$ ） $34 . \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{g}} \mathrm{g} 1$ 晛xb2 $=$ ．




 Ec5 50．Za8 Exc7 51．Exa5 0－1．

## Godfrey－Macfarlane <br> Sicilian［B21］

$1 . e 4 \mathrm{c5} 2 . \mathrm{d} 4 \mathrm{cxd} 43 . \mathrm{c} 3 \mathrm{dxc} 34.5 \mathrm{xc} 3$ 今c6 5．⿹勹巳 3 d6 6．©c4 a6 7．e5 dxe5 8．崮xd8＋Эxd8

The opening is a victory for White；his lead in development and initiative far outweigh the pawn invested．









 46．gxf4 ${ }^{-1 \times f 4} 47.651-0$.

Miller－Hartigan

［B96］
$1 . \mathrm{e} 4 \mathrm{c} 52.0 \mathrm{f} 3 \mathrm{~d} 63 . \mathrm{d} 4 \mathrm{cxd4} 4.0 \mathrm{xd} 4$ 亿िf6 5 ． 0 c 3

 $13.0-0-0$ b4 14．今e4 a5 15 ．فd3 ©b7


16． $9 \mathrm{ff}+$ ？？©xf6 17．©xf6
17．exf6 g6 18．فl 6 思 $\mathrm{A} 8 \infty$ ．
17．．．gxf6？
17．．．146 18．岶f4 gxf6 $\infty$ ．

## 18．exf6 Qd6？




19． $\mathrm{H} \mathrm{g} 5+1-0$ ．
Informal blitz tournament
After the prize giving an informal blitz tournament attracted 22 entries，divided into three preliminary groups．Ten players quali－ fied for the final where Igor Bjelobrk again showed last round frailty－except this time he won his first－seven games and then lost the last two，allowing Ryan Trass to catch up． Scores in the Tinal：1－2 I．Bjelobrk \＆R．Trass 7； 3 A．L．Macfarlane 61／2； 4 N．Croad 6；5－6 C．Hall \＆C．Miller 41／2， 7 M．McNabb 4： 8 P．Savage 3； 9 S．Ramanakumar $2 \frac{1}{2} ; \quad 10$ C．Hartigan 0


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## † Howard Percival Whitlock

The death occurred in the Wanganui Hospi－ tal on October 16 of Wanganui Chess Club stalwart and life member，Howard Percival Whitlock，at the age of 85 ．Howard had been in indifferent health for some time，but his passing was both sudden and unexpected．
Howard joined the Wanganui Chess Club in 1927，and began a 71 －year association with chess and the Wanganui Chess Club．During his playing career，which had moved into its eighth decade，he took part in many North Island Championship and national Con－ gresses，and competed in the New Zealand Championship．
In a 21－year period from 1968 to 1989 Howard won the Wanganui CC A grade championship on 11 occasions．While many top New Zealand players have belonged to Wanganui CC，since the inception of the championship in 1900 no other player has won the title more than six times．
In inter－club games Howard＇s average stood at 54.8 percent．Many of his games were played at top board，where he met the stron－ gest possible opposition．
His style of play was positional，positional， positional．No risky moves or unsound sacri－ fices for him．Each move was made with the object of reaching a favourable endgame．His endgame skill was of the highest order．
Howard also took an active part in club administration，and served several terms as president and secretary－treasurer．

## Loved correspondence chess

Howard loved playing correspondence chess and became expert at this mode of play，to which his style was admirably suited．He won the New Zealand Championship twice，in 1951 and 1990，and was made a correspon－ dence life member in 1976．He held fourth place in the all－time NZCCA master points list．As a sportsman Howard had no equal． Described as Victorian by nature，he was a gentleman through and through．

Win，lose or draw，it was all the same to Howard；modest in victory，unperturbed in defeat．Of the old school，he shunned rapid play．In clock games he liked to use all the time available，yet I never saw him lose on time．A non－clock social game could last all evening．A fine player，grand sportsman and capable administrator，Howard was all of these．We are all much richer for having known him．
－Gordon Hoskyn

## Endgame techniqu

After a high placing in the Major Open at the 1949－50 Congress，Howard Whitlock was selected for the 1950－51 NZ Championship， played in Christchurch and won by David Lynch．
Howard placed $9=$ and his endgame play attracted favourable attention．A W Gyles，one of the country＇s strongest－ever players and a meticulous annotator，thought highly enough of the following game to annotate it for New Zealand Chessplayer

$$
\begin{gathered}
\text { Whitlock, H - Turner,A } \\
\text { [E48] } \\
\text { 58th NZ Champ, Christchurch, } 1951 \\
\text { Notes by NM A W Gyles }
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The Rubinstein variation．

## 4．．．0－0 5．Qd3 c5 6．Oge2

Following the theme of his third move， being to answer a possible $\Theta x c 3+$ with $\sum_{x c 3}$ ， thus avoiding double sfs（and also leaving the क ${ }^{2}$ Q 8 free to move）．

6．．．d5 7．0－0 dxc4 8．© $\mathbf{Q c c} 4$ cxd4 9．exd4
Though the exchanges initiated by Black leave White with an isolated 8 ，they free White＇s 䀬，give him more attacking chances， and retard e 5 by Black．

## 9．．．. bd7

Preparing to blockade the isolated 8 ．

## 10．${ }^{\text {Ub }} \mathbf{b}$

This forces Black to come to a decision with his $\ddagger$ ©．To exchange his $\Theta$ for a $\triangleq$ now would leave White with＂two $\varrho_{s}$＂and a free game．

## 10．．．＠e7 11．＠e3

Rather timid．©f4 would have been better．If in reply ．．．$\delta \mathrm{h} 4$ ，then 12 ． $\mathrm{Qe}^{2}$ would leave the $\hat{\theta}$ misplaced．

## 11．．．〇b6 12．＠d3＠d7 13．\＃acl＠c6 14．f3 Еc8

 15．a3 Sbd5Blockading the isolated 8 in correct Nimzo－ vitch style．Black has been playing for this since his ninth move．

16．©f2 炭d7 17．岂a2 a5 18．

 26． $2 \times x=3$


## 26．$\oplus \mathbf{f 8}$

Black no doubt has been playing for the endgame in view of his opponent＇s isolated \＆ 8 ． Unfortunately he now appears to have forgot－ ten the theme of his play－to blockade the isolated white \＆．He has nothing better than 26 ．．．©d 4 ，which would practically force the draw．

## 27．d5！

A fine move，taking advantage of Black＇s neglect in not blockading the 8 ．

27．．． $5 x d 5$ 28． $5 x d 5$ exd5 29．＠xb6 a4 30．＠d4

White has now completely turned the tables． He has isolated and blockaded a black 8 and has a majority of 8 s on the side away from the $\Phi$ s．To win an ending of this nature，White must get a passed wing 8．This he proceeds to do．
30．．．f6 31．もf2＠d6 32．h3 由e7 33．もe3 \＄d7
 h5 38．a4＋官a6 39．＠c3 ©b6 40．©b4 ©e5 41．©c2 te6 $42 . \mathrm{g} 4 \mathrm{hxg} 4$ 43．fxg4 g5 44．官d3 कd745．ec3 कc6 46．＠d4 由b7
White now proceeds to exchange 8s on the $\phi$－side to facilitate entry of his $\Phi$ in the final stages．
47．＠f2！Фc6 48．h4 gxh4 49．＠xh4 ©c5 50．＠el Qa1？！
This merely hastens the end．If instead
 54．むd4 由xa6 55．ఉxd5 Фb7 56．ఉe6 Qd8 57．＠xf6＠a5 $58 . \mathrm{g} 5$＠d2（58．．．＠b4 59．g6＠f8 $60 . \pm 77$＠h6 61．Qg5） $59 . \mathrm{g} 6$＠h6 $60 . \mathrm{Qg}^{\mathrm{Q}} \mathrm{Qg} 7$ 61．血f7 Qc3 62．Qf6＋－

## 51．（C） 3 1－0

Here is one of Howard＇s wins from his 1990 correspondence championship victory，against a player who has since become an IM．

> Whitlock,H - Dive,R
> [B04]
> 56th NZ Corres Champ, 1990

1．e4 Уf6 $2 . \mathrm{e5}$ Эd5 3．d4 d6 4．⿹f3 g6 5．＠c4

 $14.0-0 \quad 0-0 \quad 15.8 \mathrm{Ef} 2 \mathrm{exd} 416.5 \mathrm{xd4}$ fxe5





 Шe8 37．＠c2 ©dc5 38．＠f4 气d7 39．h4 धlac5



## New Zealand news

## North Shore CC

Paul Garbett was in a class of his own in the 1998 North Shore Club Championship, played September-November, conceding just half a point and winning most of his games very convincingly. There was little between the next four with Leonard McLaren perhaps just a little more solid than the others though he did win a lost game against Peter Weir. Matthew Barlow, however, won a lost position against Darryn Elliott when the latter's unfamiliarity with the DGT led to his losing on time while Peter Stuart recovered from a lost position against newcomer Mario Jarina
Scores: P A Garbett, $91 / 2 / 10$; L J McLaren 71/2; M J Barlow 7; P W Stuart 61/2; D B Elliott $51 / 2$; P B Weir, P I Hair 4; P Mistry $31 / 2$, M Jarina 3; Z Jovic $21 / 2$; N J Gunn 2.
The B-grade was played with two preliminary groups of 8 players, the top four from each carrying forward the results of their mutual encounters to the final which was won by Arnold van den Heuvel with $5 \frac{1}{2} / 6$. Mark Le Brocq was second on 5 and he was followed by Brenton Emett on $41 / 2$ and David Simpson on 4.
The C-grade was won by schoolboy Harry Cheng with $61 / 2 / 9$ while fellow Westlake High pupil Russell Rutherford tied for second with Peter van der Mey on $51 / 2$.

## Waitemata Chess Club

Perennial winner Bob Smith had to settle for first equal with improving junior Colm Hartigan on $5 / 6$ in the club's Winter Cup, after a slip-up in the last round against Paul Godfrey, who finished third on $41 / 2$. A series of early morning shifts, combined with teaching junior chess before the game and some astute opening preparation by Godfrey combined to produce Bob's first loss at the club for 9 years.
Other scores : 4-8 B. Tidey, R. Calder, R Harish, A. Tibble, K. Allpress (4); 9-14 V. Smith, B. Pollard, J.Kerry, L. Ah Chee, J. Lin, A. Wilson (3) ... 22 players.

Championship Preliminaries: John Kerry surprised in winning the 7 -round swiss with $61 / 2 / 7$, followed by 2 L . Ah Chee $51 / 2,3 \mathrm{R}$. Calder 5, 4 C. Hartigan 41/2, 5-9 A. Kesseler, P. Godfrey, B. Palmer, B. Pollard, K. Allpress 4 ... 20 players. Kerry, Ah Chee, Calder, Hartigan, Kesseler, Godfrey and Pollard qualified for the 8 -player round robin final; along with defending champion Bob Smith.
Championship Finals: Bob Smith retained his title for the 21st year in a row, with seven straight wins. Second was Rob Calder 41/2/7, followed by Colm Hartigan 4.
Other awards: The Most Improved Player trophy for 1998 went to Lamar Ah Chee, while the Junior Cup for the best junior was won by Colm Hartigan

## Auckland CC

The Auckland Chess Centre Club Champtionship was broken into two groups. Group A was a 10 -player round robin, while Group B was a 28 -player Sswiss.
Group A was predictably won by Alexei Kulashko with $71 / 2 / 8$. He played many of his games in advance in order to be able to attend the Chess Olympiad. There was strong contention from Ortvin Sarapu for first place. In fact, it all rested on whether Brian Latimer's games would be counted or not. Brian withdrew from the tournament after playing 4 of his 9 games due to work commitments, so unfortunately his games didn't count. Ortvin's final score was $7 / 8$.
Paul Macdonald produced probably his best result in such strong competition and finished clear 3rd with $4 \frac{1}{2}$, ahead of Bruce Watson, Bruce Wheeler, Paul Beach and Roger Perry.
Group B went hands down to the first seed, Keith Ward, with an amazing score of $81 / 2 / 9$ -
$11 / 2$ points clear of his nearest rival
Terry Tangi produced an awesome resull, finshing second and making the biggest jump in rating points in the whole toumament.

## Canterbury

In the Canterbury CC championships, the A Grade was the most closely contested, with most of the field within half a point of the lead after four rounds. Top seed Jon Jackson took the sole lead in round 5 on 4 , but he was eclipsed in the last two rounds by the eventual winners Colin Fraser and Quentin Johnson. These two met in round 1 and drew, then both lost to Geoff Davies in rounds 2 and 3, only to storm home with four consecutive victories.
1-2 Colin Fraser \& Quentin Johnson 51/2/7; 3-4 Jon Jackson \& Matthew McNabb 4; 5-6 Geoff Davies \& Steve Coates 31⁄2; 7 Mark Guy 2; 8 Scott Nicholson 0.
The B Grade was dominated by Alexei Gladkikh, another recent addition to the club, who drew with Mark Sadler in round 1, then crashed through with six straight wins. Even so, Arie Nijman could have finished first had he beaten Alexei in the last round, but had to be content with second.
1 Alexei Gladkikh $61 / 2 / 7$; 2 Arie Nijman 5 ; 3-4 Mark Sadler \& Chris Benson 31/2; 5 Peter Boag 3; 6 Craig Hall 2 $1 / 2$; 7-8 Derek Partridge \& Gavin Dawes 2.
The C grade was convincingly won by new(ish) member, George Hanna, who led from the start and conceded only one draw - to Vladimir Tashkenov.
1 George Hanna 61/2/7; 2-3 Vladimir Tashkenov \& Bruce Donaldson 5; 4 David Pearson 4 $1 / 2$; 5-10 David Wood, John Atkinson, Michael Stevenson, Grant Pearson, Jimmy Mac \& Seamus Crummey 4; 11 Bryn Davis 3 $1 / 2 ; 12$-13 Remi Pearce \& Peter Cocker 3; 14 Martin Jefferys $2 \frac{1}{2}$; 15 -16 Eddie Cook \& Lou Wynyard 2; Oleg Vornik \& Max Shelest both withdrew.

## Ashburton

Ashburton CC has closed another successful; season with its closing night and presentation of trophies. After the final rounds of the rapid tournament and supper, president Roy Keeling presented prizes as follows:
A grade champion, King's Trophy, K Pow

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## Mid-Canterbury open rapid

Matthew McNabb CA added to the season's successes for junior players by wiming the Mid-Canterbury open rapid chess toumament sponsored by Brian Davidson Financial Services. Michael scored $5 \frac{1}{2} / 6$ to finish $1 / \frac{2}{2}$ points clear of an experienced higher-rated group of 5 players on 4 . They were D Burridge AS and the Canterbury quartet of A Nijman, S Coates, A Gladkikh and Q Johnson.
$R$ Keeling AS won the B grade with $31 / 2$ points, ahead of B Donaldson CA. J Lyford AS and J Allen-Urbanski AS. Lyford won the upset prize with a rating difference of 663 points. 17 players took part.

## Club championship games

## Deciding Waitemata game

When the following game was played， Calder had $41 / 2 / 5$ ，while Smith had $6 / 6$ ，so it was the decider in the Waitemata CC champi－ onship．

Calder，R－Smith，R<br>［A44］<br>Notes by $R$ W Smith

1．d4 c5 2．d5 e5 3．dxe6？！fxe6 4．c4 4．e4． 4．．．⿹f6 5．⿹c3 d5 6．g3？！6．Qg5！7 6．．．d4 7．今b5
 $0-0 \quad 12 . e 3$ e5 13．exd4 exd4 14．月el blbd7！

 16． Threatening ．．．d3．20． $\mathrm{Ex}_{\mathrm{xe}}$ 4！？今xe4 21．0fxd4 21．自cxd4 cxd4 22．c5＋th8 23．cxd6 $0 \mathrm{c} 3!+$ ．




 Exe3 30．末xe3 bxc5 and Black won．0－1

## Rebuff for youthful aggression

Rising star Igor Bjelobrk helped Ortvin Sarapu＇s challenge in the Auckland CC Cham－ pionship when his aggressive attack was coolly rebuffed．

> Sarapu,0 -Bjelobrk,I
> Notes by IM O Sarapu

1．e4 g6 2．d4 ©g7 The Modern Defence．Igor also played it against Sinclair in the North Island Championship and won！3．今c3 Sinclair played 3．c4．3．．．c6 4．ec4 b5 5．＠b3 a5 Black plays very aggressively．6．a3＠a6 7．⿹f3 b4 8．axb4 axb4 9．0．02！Naturally 9．0） 2 ？loses to Qxe2．9．．．d6？Igor should continue in attack－ ing style，but must improve his tactical calculation． $10.2 \times \mathrm{xb} 4$ You do not lave to be young to improve．Even at 75 you can get into good form．10．．．．Se2？！11．Exa8＠xd1 12． Oxc6 $^{\text {ex }}$敞7 13． 0 xb8！Discovered check and mate are possible．1－0

## Changes in rating system

（contimued from page 30）
Following a recommendation of the Rating Committee the Council also decided to apply all the above changes retrospectively from 1989．There were several reasons for adopting this policy．In the first place numerous errors in data processing had been noted，including one event being rated twice，tournaments rated in the wrong period，and players with more than one code number．Each such mis－ take will have had flow－on consequences． Secondly，an anomaly in the application of the period limit rule has been corrected．This rule was designed to prevent a player making such a large number of relatively small gains in a single period that his new rating was higher than any of his individual tournament perfor－ mance ratings．The way it has been applied， however，tended to dilute genuine rating gains too much，to the extent that a player might well be better off not playing again in a period following an exceptionally good performance． The third reason has an element of expediency in that the re－rating of the period since 1989 was found to address the evident rating list deflation close to optimally in that the players who have been most active in that period， $1 . \mathrm{e}$ those most exposed to the dellationary trend， generally gained the most．
The effect of the removal of toumament scaling from 1989 was found，after testing，to be minimally favourable for the great majority of players．A comparison of a large sample ratings of more active players on the published May 1998 list with those on the revised May 1998 list reveals that $97 \%$ of players gained rating points with gains of up to 132 points and only two players losing more than 10 points．It is，however，impossible to pin－point the exact reasons for any individual player＇s gain or loss in view of the existance of the type of error noted above．

One immediate side－effect of these changes is the increased number of players eligible for the New Zealand Championship toumament．

## Overseas news

By NM Peter Stuart

Buenos Aires
The Najdorf Memorial toumament in Octo－ ber was a 9 －round Swiss with over 300 players．There was a five－way tie for first place involving GMs Mikhail Krasenkov （POL），Alexander Wojtkiewicz（POL），Pablo Ricardi（ARG），Carlos Garcia Palermo（ITA） and Bent Larsen（DEN），all scoring 71／2 points． Swedish GM Ulf Andersson，the top seed，was among those finishing on 7 ．

## Hoogeveen

Everything went according to rating in this four－player double round－robin in October． Judit Polgar＇s first round win with the black pieces against Jan Timman set her up for the toumament victory which she took convinc－ ingly with $5 / 6$ ，allowing just two draws． Timman finished second on $31 / 2$ followed by Boris Spassky on $21 / 2$ and US former World Junior champion Tal Shaked on 1.
The young American has had many opportu－ nities to play in top class tournaments without really making a mark．In the following game he gives Miss Polgar a bit of hurry－up but didn＇t hurry up enough！

> Polgar - Shaked
> French [C18]

1．e4 e6 2．d4 d5 3．0c3 Qb4 4．e5 c5 5．a3






25．．．今xh7 26．Exg6＋©h8 27．敞6 日f7 $28 . \mathrm{gg}^{7+-}$ ．
 29． $\mathbf{\oplus} \mathrm{f} 2$ and Black，with a forced draw by perpetual check on the board，lost on time， 1－0．

## Cap d＇Agde

The＂Rapid World Cup＂started with 16 players in two preliminary groups of eight with the top four from each qualifying for the quarter－finals．The time control was 25 min－ utes per player with 10 seconds added time per move．Anatoly Karpov won one group with Ian Rogers second but Judit Polgar only sharing fifth tlrough seventh places．Vassily Ivanchuk and Boris Gelfand shared first place in the other group．
The knock－out stages were two－game matches with extra tie－break games when needed．Karpov won his quarter－final match against Utut Adianto（INA） $21 / 2-1 / 2$ ，Etienne Bacrot（FRA）beat Rogers 2－0，Gelfand beat Hichem Hamdouch（MOR）1／2－1／2 and vant chuk beat losif Dorfman 2－0．Karpov and Gelfand then qualified for the tinal match by beating Bacrot and Ivanchuk with scores of $11 / 2-1 / 2$ and 2－0 respectively．
So to the final where the first two games were drawn and the first pair of tie－break games was shared，Karpov losing game 3 and then catching up．The first game of the second pair of tie－break games was drawn and then the World Champion got lucky in a big way：a rook down in the ending，Karpov won on time with one second of his own time remaining！

## Tilburg

The first tournament sponsored by Fontys （1996）was category 16，last year＇s edition was category 17 and this year＇s version reached category 18．Two of last year＇s three winners， Vladimir Kramnik and Peter Svidler，were present again but Gary Kasparov was not． Neither of those winners，however，was in the race for first place this time．Vishy Anand took sole possession of first place in round one and then showed a clean pair of heels to the field，much of the time enjoying a full point lead．

|  |  |  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6. | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 Anand $V$ ． | IND | 9 | 2795 | ， | $1 / 2$ | $1 / 2$ | \％ | 1 | 1／2 | 1. | 1／2 | $1 / 2$ | $1 / 2$ | 1 | 1 | 71／2 |
| 2 Leko P | HUN | 9 | 2665 | $1 / 2$ | ＊ | 1／2 | 1／2 | 1 | 1／2 | 1 | 1／2 | 1／2 | 1 | 1／2 | $1 / 2$ | 7 |
| 3 Sadler M． | ENG | 9 | 2660 | 1／2 | 1／2 |  | $1 / 2$ | 1／2 | $1 / 2$ | 1 | 1／2 | 1／2 | 1／2 | 1／2 | 1／2 | 6 |
| 4 Zvjaginsev $V$ ： | RUS | $g$ | 2650 | 1／2 | 1／2 | \％ | ， | 0 | 1 | $1 / 2$ | $1 / 2$ | $1 / 2$ | $1 / 2$ | 1 | $1 / 2$ | 6 |
| 5 Kramnik V． | RUS | $g$ | 2780 | 0 | 0 | $1 / 2$ | 1 | － | 1／2 | $1 / 2$ | $1 / 2$ | 1／2 | $1 / 2$ | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| 6 Piket J． | NED | $g$ | 2605 | 1／2 | 1／2 | $1 / 2$ | 0 | $1 / 2$ | ． | $1 / 2$ | 0 | 1 | $1 / 2$ | 1 | $1 / 2$ | $51 / 2$ |
| 7 Adams M． | ENG | g | 2715 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $1 / 2$ | $1 / 2$ | 1／2 | ． | 1 | 1／2 | 1 | 1／2 | 1 | 51／2 |
| 8 Svidler P． | RUS | 9 | 2710 | $1 / 2$ | $1 / 2$ | $1 / 2$ | $1 / 2$ | $1 / 2$ | 1 | 0 | － | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1／2 | 5 |
| 9 van Wely L． | NED | 9 | 2635 | 1／2 | $1 / 2$ | 1／2 | $1 / 2$ | $1 / 2$ | 0 | $1 / 2$ | 0 | ． | 1／2 | 1／2 | 1 | 5 |
| 10 Topalov V． | BUL | 9 | 2700 | 1／2 | 0 | $1 / 2$ | $1 / 2$ | $1 / 2$ | $1 / 2$ | 0 | 1 | $1 / 2$ | ． | 0 | $1 / 2$ | $41 / 2$ |
| 11．Lautier J． | FRA | 9 | 2625 | 0 | 1／2 | 1／2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1／2 | 1 | 1／2 | 1 | ， | 1／2 | $41 / 2$ |
| 12 korchnol $V$ ． | SWI | 9 | 2625 | 0 | $1 / 2$ | 1／2 | 1／2． | 0 | 1／2 | 0 | $1 / 2$ | 0 | 1／3 | 1／8 |  | $31 / 2$ |

In the battle of the two top seeds in round 2 Kramnik speculatively sacrificed his bishop on 12 but Anand was able to surrender his lady for more than enough pieces．Kramnik won in round 3 but not again until round 9 ．
Veselin Topalov continued his good form from Elista at the start and was undefeated after six rounds but then followed three consecutive losses．By round 8 Peter Leko was in clear second place and he maintained his position to the end for one of his best toumament performances
There have been six tournaments in 1998 of category 16 or stronger and Anand has won four of them and did not play in one．He shared first place with Kramnik at Wijk aan Zee and took undivided first prizes at Linares， Madrid and，of course，Tilburg．His only miss was at Dortmund where Kramnik，Adams and Svidler tied for first place l1 is likely his rating will now reach 2800 ，a level only Kasparov has so far attained

## Kramnik，V－Lautier，J Round 3 ［D30］









 26．期6 and Black is completely helpless．1－0

Piket－Lautier Nimzoindian｜［：21｜
 c5 6．马c1 cxd4 7．⿹xd4 d5 8．e3 dxe4 9．©xc4


14．．．㞱c7 15．0xe7＋岁xe7 16．Wxc4 leaves the initiative firmly in White＇s hands．

## 15．马xd2 菅e8 16．仓b5！安d7

16．．．bxc6？ 17.8 c 7 wins the queen．
 20．0．c3 崄8

## 20．．．b6 21．${ }^{[1 / d 1 .}$

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White could also have played $23.0 \times 67$ but the text underlines Black＇s total helplessness． 1－0．

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Anand,V - Topalov,V
    Sicilian [B80]
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 a6 6．Qe3 e6 7．f3 b5 8．g4 h6 9．茴d2 ©bd7
 Ele5 14．g5 ©fd7 15．सe2 dxe4 16．f4


 22．©xc5
 22．．．安xc2 23．＠xf8 由xf8 24．©xc2 hxg5 25．fxg5
25．hxg5
25．．．${ }^{3} \mathrm{xh} 4$ 26．0d2




 $1 / 2-1 / 2$

## Kramnik－Leko <br> King＇s Indian［E60］




勺ff 17．e4 马e8 18．음 5 c ！？
18．．．h6 19．0－0－0








 あxf6 +
40．．．莦xb3＋41．Фc6 Ga6＋42．すd7 莦h3＋
 45．莦е7 峖xe6 0－1．

## Topalov－Leko <br> Caro－Kam［B19］

1．e4 c6 2．d4 d5 3．0̂d2 dxe4 4．仓xe4＠f5 5．⿹勹巳 3 Qg6 6．h4 h6 7．⿹f3 Of6 8．今e5＠h7 9．＠d3




 26．c5？

26．9f6＋and White has attacking chances
 $28 . ⿹ 勹 巳 6+$ repeats） $28 . \mathrm{d} 5$ ！or $26 \ldots . \mathrm{gh}^{2} 27 . \mathrm{g} 4$


26．．．包x5 27．莦xh5 岶a6 28．马ee3 ©f4！
 32．もg1










## NZCF Council report

## By NZCF President Peter Stuart

## Annual General Meeting

The Federation's annual meeting will be held at University College, 315 Leith Street, Dunedin at 7:30pm, Tuesday, 5 January 1999.

## Council Nominations

The following nominations have been received from the North Shore club for Federation officers for 1999: President, Peter Stuart; Vice-President, Bob Gibbons; Secretary, Daniel Johns; Treasurer, Roger Perry; Councillors, Jim Cater, Martin Dreyer, Michael Freeman and Paul Macdonald. No nominations have been received for Regional Councillors (Canterbury, Otago and two Wellington).

Paul Frost (presently in Wellington) and Bob Smith (soon to be living in Australia) were not available while 1998 Treasurer Chris Jardine is taking a break from chess administration.

## Remits

Two remits have been received for consideration by the annual general meeting at. How-ick-Pakuranga has moved that Tournament Regulation 2.2 .7 be replaced by: "The Council, or the Congress controlling authority with the consent of the Council, may invite overseas players. Such invitees will be so chosen as to enhance the status of the tournament or improve international title possibilities." The sole effect of this remit would be to remove the limit of three players from overseas.

The North Shore club has moved that Toumament Regulation 2.1.4 (Congress time controls) be amended by adding the words: ". .except that where a sufficient number of digital timers is available for a tournament the time control shall be 40 moves in 100 minutes followed by 20 moves in 50 minutes and then a ten-minute guillotine period with additional time of 30 seconds per move from move one." This time control was used at the Elista Olympiad.

## Affiliated Clubs

Ashburton PO Box 204, Ashburton. Meets Monday 7.30pm (Feb-Oct), Room 1 (upstairs), Public Library, car Havelock and West Streets. Contact, Roy Keeling (03)308-6936.
Auckland Chess Centre Meets Monday \& Thursday $7.15 \mathrm{pm}, 17$ 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, 7.30 pm ., 227 Bealey Avenue; tel (03)366-3935 clubroom. Pres, Gavin Dawes (03)3524851; Sec, Quentin Johnson (03)355-7166
Civic Tuesday 7.30pm, Museum Room, Tumbull 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 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 Smilh (06)877-4583.
Howick-Pakuranga Tuesday 7.30 pm , St Johm Ambulance Hall, Howick-Pakuranga Highway, Highand Park. Pres, Paul Spiller (09)535-4962; sec, Kees van den Bosch (09)521-5828.
InvercargIII Wednesday 8pm, staff room, South School, Ness St. Sec, Robert Mackway Jones, 5 Pine Cres, Invercargill (03)217-1154
Kapiti Wednesday, 7.30 pm , Salvation Army Hall, Bluegum Rd. Paraparaumu Beach. Sec, Rosemary Kingston, 51 Ames St, Paekakariki (04)292-8157.
New Plymouth 11 Gilbert St, New Plymouth. Tuesdays, 7.30 pm . 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, Northcole Community Centre, cnr College Rd/Enie Mays St, Northcote. Club capt, Peter Stuart, 24 Seaclifle Ave, Belmont (09)445-6377.
Otago 7 Maitland St, Dunedin. Wednesday and Saturday, 7.30 pm . Tel (03)477-6919 clubroom. Sec, Dennis McCaughan (03)478-0160

Upper Hutt Monday 7.30 pm , Hapai Club, 879 Fergusson Drive. Sec, Glen Sullivan, 14a Crystal Grove, Birchville, U Hutt (04)526-5085.
Waitemata Thursday 7.30 pm , Kelston Comm Centre, cnr Great North Rd and Awaroa Rd, Kelston un $6-7.30 \mathrm{pm}$ Thursdays, schooldays. Pres, Bob Smith, 2 Autumn Ave, Glen Eden (09)818-4113 or conlact Brice Pollard (09)818-2342.

Wanganui Monday, 1st floor, Commercial Club, St Hill St. Pres, Gordon Hoskyn, 7 Pehi S (06)343-6101; sec, K Yorston, 5 Mitchell St (06)3437166.

Wellington Saturday 730pm, Lighthouse Centre, 235 Karori Road, Karori. 6pm, juniors. Pres, Tin Frost (04)473-1167. Sec, Ross Jackson (04)563 8013.

## Associate members

Huntly Tuesdays 7.30 pm 14 Ralph Street.. Club capt, Joln 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)237-475 3.

Palmerston North Tuesday, 7.30pm, Palm Nih Inlemediate School, Ferguson St. Toumament DirecTor. Tony Dowden (06)353-1354

Papatoetoe Wednesday 7.30 pm , St George's Angli can Church Hall, Landscape Rd, Papaloetoe. Con tacts, John McRae (09)278-4520 or Katrine Metge (sec) 278-7173
Petone Gambit Thursday 7.30pm Central Bowling Club, Roxburgh Si, Petone. Pres, Mark Noble, 97 Seddon St, Naenae, Lower Hutt (04)567-0467.
Whangarei Gambit Thursday 7pm, Whangare YWCA. Contact, Geoffrey Gill (09)438-3035.

## District Associations

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