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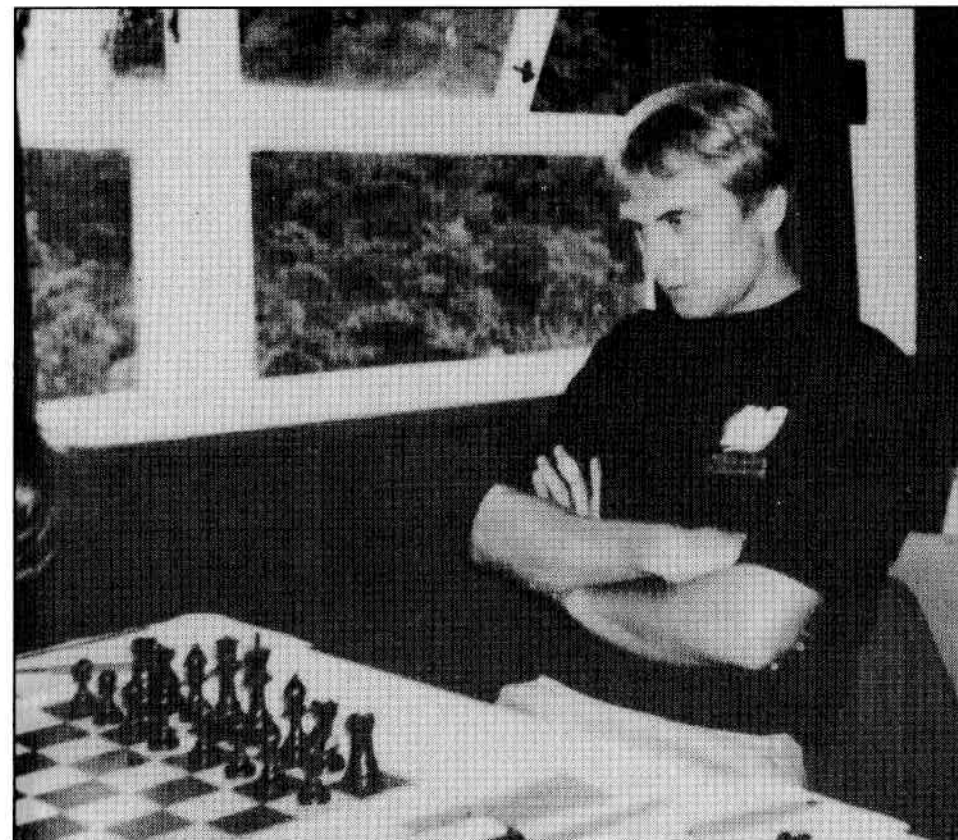
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Stephen Lukey has won Civic CC's 1997 Championship with 9/10, ahead of Anthony Ker and Russell Dive. Peter King has won the B grade and Jeff Boardman the C grade.

Sarfati win in Australia

Jonathan Sarfati has played in his first tournament in Australia outside the Logan CC. He scored 7½/8 to win the Chinese New Year Open, an 8 round 20/20 Swiss.

Australian magazine

The *Australian Chess Magazine* ceased publication with the December issue, because of lack of support from state associations. However, *Australian Chess Forum* has been launched as a monthly, in a format similar to *NZ Chess*. The first issue has just arrived in NZ. Address: PO Box 1201 Belconnen ACT 2616 Australia.

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NZ Women's Championship

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105th New Zealand championship congress

By Ted Frost

Hamilton CC celebrated its centenary by hosting the 105th New Zealand championship congress, and the event fully maintained standards of both play and presentation of preceding years. The venue was Hillcrest Lodge, whose management have been most cooperative in making excellent facilities available for several chess tournaments.

National titleholder Alexei Kulashko was warm favourite to take the championship again, but interest quickened when Mark Sinclair won from the champion in round 2. This kept prospects wide open for several rounds, but eventually Kulashko gained the lead and held it comfortably at the end.

In the absence of overseas players, there were vacancies in the championship field and Gavin Mamer, Brad Walsh, David Cooper and Bob Gibbons accepted invitations to play. This meant a wide range of ratings, from 2299 down to 1873.

Fighting draws

One result was that except for two or three of the middle rounds, there were relatively few draws – and not many of the draws were agreed before the first time control.

Bob Smith and Peter Hawkes had to play 86 moves to gain half a point each in the second round, and that was typical of the fighting chess played throughout.

Top seed Anthony Ker drew three games in the early rounds, lost to Kulashko in round 6 and after sharing the lead dropped off the pace with a loss to Bob Smith in round 8. Wins in each of the last three rounds earned him second place, and brought him within half a point of Kulashko at the end.

Bob Smith started slowly, drawing his first three games and having five draws in the first 8 rounds. He was in contention for top honours until he lost to Peter Green in round 9, and shared third place with Mark Sinclair. After his early win against Kulashko, Sinclair drew his next three games then lost to Smith in round 6. This kept him just off the pace.

Green improved on his 10= placing last year by 1½ points, to finish 4= with Stephen Lukey. This earned 13 New Zealand Master points for Green, which lifted his total to 107 points and qualified him for the title. Lukey shared the lead with Kulashko after 8 rounds, but scored only half a point in the last 3 rounds.

Tim Hare, last year's Major Open winner, confirmed his championship strength to share 8= with Antonio Krstev, who is working to bring his New Zealand rating closer to his standing on the FIDE list.

Special awards

Brad Walsh, who had not played in a rated event for more than two years, showed that he has maintained his playing strength by scoring 5 points, which will earn him a FIDE rating and also won one of two special awards made by the tournament committee.

The other special award went to Igor Bjelobr, the Auckland junior, who continued the improving form which gave him a spectacular gain in rating last year. He finished third in the Major Open and 6= in the New Year Open.

Successful innovation

The New Year Open was an innovation, added to the programme after consultation with NZCF. It offered competition to players unable to attend Congress for the full fortnight, and gave some extra chess to players in the main events who were prepared to play more than one game a day.

The 5-round innovation might have cost one or two entries in the Major Open, but with 34 players (about half from other Congress events and the balance additional players) it was an undoubted success. The winner was Anthony Ker, one of six championship players taking part. There was some discussion about whether the extra play affected Championship and Major Open results, but as Ker won his last three Championship games he clearly suffered no ill-effects.

New Zealand Championship, Hamilton 1997-98

Player	Rtg	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	Pts	TB
1 Kulashko A.	2276	W15	L4	W6	W12	W5	D2	D3	W7	W8	W10	D9	8½	
2 Ker A.F.	2299	W13	D7	W12	D5	D4	D1	W6	L3	W11	W9	W8	8	
3 Smith R.W.	2226	D11	D13	D8	W17	D7	W4	D1	W2	L6	W5	W10	7½	66
4 Sinclair M.	2112	W14	W1	D5	D7	D2	L3	D12	W9	W15	D6	W17	7½	65
5 Lukey S.G.	2196	W18	W8	D4	D2	L1	W13	W7	W11	D10	L3	L6	6½	66½
6 Green P.R.	2162	W16	L12	L1	W18	D11	D9	L2	W17	W3	D4	W5	6½	63
7 Wastney S.C.	2123	W10	D2	D11	D4	D3	W8	L5	L1	L16	W14	W15	6	
8 Hare T.	2075	W9	L5	D3	W11	D13	L7	W14	D15	L1	W17	L2	5½	63
9 Krstev A.	1827	L8	D10	L13	W16	W15	D6	W18	L4	W14	L2	D1	5½	61
10 Walsh B.G.	1963	L7	D9	W14	L13	D12	D17	W16	W18	D5	L1	L3	5	
11 Guthrie D.W.	2042	D3	W15	D7	L8	D6	D12	W13	L5	L2	L16	D18	4½	60
12 Barlow M.J.	2108	W17	W6	L2	L1	D10	D11	D4	L14	D18	L15	D16	4½	59
13 Hawkes P.D.	2071	L2	D3	W9	W10	D8	L5	L11	W16	L17	L18	D14	4½	57½
14 Cooper D.J.	1912	L4	D18	L10	W15	D17	W16	L8	W12	L9	L7	D13	4½	53
15 Spain G.A.	2067	L1	L11	D16	L14	L9	W18	W17	D8	L4	W12	L7	4	57
16 Mamer G.	1987	L6	L17	D15	L9	W18	L14	L10	L13	W7	W11	D12	4	51½
17 Gibbons R.E.	1873	L12	W16	D18	L3	D14	D10	L15	L6	W13	L8	L4	3½	
18 Bennett H.P.	1996	L5	D14	D17	L6	L16	L15	L9	L10	D12	W13	D11	3	

The Major Open attracted 30 players, and in the absence of four players elevated to the Championship, Chris Burns was top seed and favourite. He lived up to his rating, scoring 10/11 to win by a clear two points. His only concession in the 11 rounds was a loss to Don Stracy.

A feature of the Major Open was participation by several juniors, with two sharing in top honours. Alan Dunn scored 8 to take second place, closely followed by Igor Bjelobr on 7½.

The Under 1600 grade prize was won by Michael Nyberg with 7, with Ryan Trass, Ted Frost and Philip Rossiter 2=. The Under 1400 grade prize went to Nic Croad 6, followed by Michael Gibson, Peter Voss and Clarry Webber 5½.

Congress administration proceeded smoothly, with detail handled by Hamilton treasurer William Lynn. Tournament director Peter Stuart's familiarity with the new Swiss rules helped preparation of the draw, and problems before and during the rounds were few and minor.

A feature was availability of the next day's draw by answerphone and prompt production of accurate daily bulletins, with games entered in ChessBase by the tournament director.

A limited selection of games follows. More in April.

Championship, round by round

Round 1

With a ratings span of 472 points in the field, and the top half playing the bottom half in the opening round, most games went to the higher-rated player. The only exception was a relatively quick draw between Bob Smith and David Guthrie.

Ker,A – Hawkes,P

Round 1 [A43]

1.d4 c5 2.d5 f5 3.♗c3 ♖f6 4.♗g5 ♗b6 5.♗d2 h6 6.♗xf6 ♗xf6 7.0–0 d6 8.e4 g6 9.♗b5+ ♠d7 10.exf5 ♗xf5 11.♗d3 ♗f7 12.♗b5 ♠d8 13.f4 ♗xd5 14.♗a5+ b6 15.♗a4 ♗b7 16.♖f3 a6 17.♗c3 ♗c6 18.♗b3 c4 19.♗xc4 ♗c5 20.♗b4 ♗g7 21.♗he1 ♠d7 22.♗d5 ♗ae8 23.♗xb6+ ♠c7 24.♗d5+ ♠d7 25.♗e5+ dxe5 26.♗f6+ ♠c8 27.♗xe8 ♗xe8 28.♗f7 ♗f8 29.♗d5 ♠d7 30.♗ed1 ♗xf7 31.♗xd7 ♠b8 32.♗xe7 ♗xe7 33.♗xe7 ♗f6 34.♗d6+ ♗xd6 35.♗xd6 ♗e7 36.♗e6 ♗c5 37.fxg5 ♗e3+ 38.♠d1 ♠a7 39.♗xg6 ♗e4 40.♗g7+ ♠b6 41.♠e2 ♗g5 42.h4 ♗c1 43.e6 ♠c6 44.♗a7 ♠d6 45.e7 1–0

Spain,G – Kulashko,A

Round 1 [B21]

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.♗xc3 ♗c6 5.♗f3 e6 6.♗c4 ♗c5 7.0–0 ♗ge7 8.♗f4 ♗g6 9.♗g3 a6 10.e5 b5 11.♗b3 ♗b7 12.♗e4 ♗e7 13.♗d6+ ♗xd6 14.♗xd6 ♗e7 15.♗d2 ♗b4

16.♟d3 ♖a5 17.♞fd1 0-0 18.♜d4 ♜xb3
19.♜xb3 ♝d5 20.♞ac1 ♞ac8 21.♞e3 ♜xb3
22.♜xb3 ♜e7 23.h3 ♜d5 24.♟d3 ♞c6 25.♞xc6
♝xc6 26.♞c1 c5 27.f3 ♞c8 28.♜h1 h6 29.♟c2
♞c7 30.♜h2 c4 31.bxc4 ♞xc4 32.♟b1 ♞xc1
33.♟xc1 ♟c4 34.♟xc4 bxc4 35.♝f2 a5 36.♝c5
a4 37.♜g3 c3 38.bxc3 ♜xc3 39.♝a3 ♖b5
40.♝b2 a3 41.♝a1 a2 42.♜f2 ♖a3 0-1

Round 2

The second round saw the first and what turned out to be the major upset of the tournament, when Sinclair beat Kulashko (annotated score of this game in next issue). Sinclair, Lukey and Barlow all scored their second wins against lower-rated opponents, and shared the lead. Ker drew with Wastney after 33 moves, Cooper with Bennett after 42 moves, Krstev with Walsh after 64 moves and Smith with Hawkes after a marathon 86 moves. The other games were wins to the higher-rated player.

Scores: Sinclair, Lukey & Barlow 2; Ker, Wastney, Guthrie 1½.

Lukey, S - Hare, T

[A43]

Notes by Stephen Lukey

1.d4 c5 2.d5 f5

Amazingly enough, this suspect opening was also played in Ker-Hawkes in R1.

3.♜c3 ♖f6 4.♝g5 ♟b6 5.♟d2 h6

5...♟xb2 is possible, although White gets a good lead in development.

6.♝xf6 ♟xf6 7.e4 d6

If 7...fxe4 8.0-0-0.

8.0-0-0 g5

8...g6 was played in Ker-Hawkes and after 9.♝b5+ ♜d7 10.exf5 ♟xf5 11.♝d3 ♟f7 the easiest way to keep a big advantage is 12.f4! White keeps black pieces out of e5 and intends ♜f3-h4 and ♞e1.

9.♝b5+ ♝d7 10.exf5

By simple means White seizes the white squares.

10...♝xb5 11.♜xb5 ♝g7 12.c3

12.c4 followed by g4 is probably even better.

12...♜d8 13.♜e2

An over-finesse. I didn't want to allow Black counterplay after 13.g4 a6 14.♜a3 b5 but Black probably won't get much after 15.♞e1 followed by ♞e6.

13...a6 14.♜a3 ♟xf5 15.♜g3 ♟g6 16.♜c4 ♜d7 17.♞he1!

So that if 17...b5 17...♜e5 18.♜xe5 ♝xe5. White sacrifices the exchange and then plays ♟c3.

18.♜a5 ♜e5 19.♞xe5!

Nevertheless!

19...♝xe5 20.♜c6+ ♜d7 21.♜xe5+ ♝xe5 22.♟e3

Taking stock, White has no ♖s for the exchange, but Black's ♖ position and ♜ position have been weakened. White's ♟, ♞ and ♜ have the potential to cooperate very well.

22...♞hf8?!

22...♟f6 was possibly best, with the idea of exchanging ♟s. After 23.♟xc5 ♞ac8 24.♟e3 ♟f4 White's best is probably 25.♜e4 followed by ♜d2 with the advantage, though Black has drawing chances; 22...♞ac8? is worse after 23.♜e4 ♟b6 24.b4!

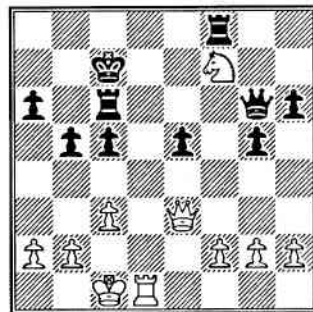
23.♜e4 ♞ac8 24.d6

24.♜xc5+ is also very good for White.

24...exd6 25.♜xd6 ♞c6

25...♟xd6 would hold out some hope after 26.♞xd6+ However, White gets a decisive advantage by interpolating 26.♟h3+! ♜c6 27.♞xd6+ ♜xd6 28.♟xh6+ ♜d5 29.♟xa6.

26.♜f7+ ♜c7



27.♟xe5+!!

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Round 4

Ker and Lukey drew after 69 moves, and Sinclair drew with Wastney after 40. This gave Kulashko the opportunity to join them in the lead with a win over Barlow. Joining the group half a point back were Hawkes, who was playing strongly to beat Walsh following a win over Krstev, and Hare, who

If instead 27.♜xe5 ♟e6! 28.♜xc6 ♟xe3+ 29.fxe3 ♜xc6 Black may have some drawing chances. Rather than trust his technique, White renounces material gain and plays for mate.

27...♜b6

The only move. 27...♜c8? loses to 28.♜d6+ ♜b8 29.♟e7.

28.♜d8!

The point of White's previous move. By making it all the way to the back rank the ♜ smooths the ♟s path to b8. 29.♟b8+ ♜a5 30.♜c6+ ♟xc6 31.♟xf8.

28...♞xf2

If 28...♞e8 29.♟b8+ ♜a5 30.♜xc6+ ♟xc6 31.♞d6! leads to a winning ♞ endgame; if 28...♜a5 29.♜xc6+ ♟xc6 30.♞d6 ♟c8 31.♟e4 White's extra ♖ and attack will win quickly; if 28...♞cf6 29.b4! (threatening ♟xc5++ and ♟b8++) 29...♞xd8 30.♟xc5+ ♜b7 31.♟e7+ wins.

Black's best is 28...♞xd8 29.♞xd8 ♟c6 (29...♟f6 should amount to the same thing after 30.♟b8+ ♜a5 31.♞f8 ♟e7 32.♞e8) 30.♟b8+ ♜a5 31.♞e8 ♟d6 32.♟xd6 ♞xd6, but 33.♞e4 planning g3 and f4 should be winning for White with Black's ♜ holidaying on a5. Note that in this variation if Black plays 31...♟xa2 he suffers catastrophe by 32.♟d8+ ♜a4 (32...♞b6 33.♞e5) 33.♞e4+ c4 (33...b4 34.♟d7) 34.♟d5 ♞c8 35.♞e6 a5 36.♞b6 ♟b3 37.♟d7 ♞a8 38.g4! (Black is in zugzwang) 38...♞f8 39.♞a6!;

29.♟b8+ ♜a5 30.♜xc6+ ♟xc6 31.♟d8+ 1-0

As 31...♟b6 allows 32.b4! and 31...♜a5 32.b3 ♜a3 33.♟a5++

Round 3

The leaders all dropped points - Sinclair and Lukey drawing in 15 moves to maintain their share of the lead, while Ker beat Barlow to join the leaders.

Scores: Ker, Lukey & Sinclair 2½; Kulashko, Wastney, Barlow & Guthrie 2; Smith, Hare, Hawkes, Walsh & Gibbons 1½.

Green, P - Kulashko, A

Round 3 [A59]

1.d4 ♜f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 ♝g6 6.♜c3 ♝xa6 7.♜f3 d6 8.e4 ♝xf1 9.♜xf1 ♝g7 10.h3 0-0 11.♜g1 ♜bd7 12.♜h2 ♟a5 13.♞e1 ♞b8 14.♞e2 ♜e8 15.♝g5 ♜b6 16.♞c1

beat Guthrie. After a slow start with 3 draws Smith scored his first win, from Gibbons.

Scores: Ker, Kulashko, Lukey & Sinclair 3; Smith, Wastney, Hare & Hawkes 2½; Green, Barlow & Guthrie 2.

Marnier, G – Krstev, A
Round 4 [C11]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♗c3 ♖f6 4.e5 ♖fd7 5.♗e3 c5 6.f4 ♗c6 7.♗f3 ♗b6 8.♗e2 cxd4 9.♗xd4 ♗c5 10.♗a4 ♗a5+ 11.c3 ♗xd4 12.♗xd4 b5 13.♗c5 ♗xd4 14.♗xd4 0-0 15.♗b3 ♗a4 16.♗xa4 bxa4 17.♗d4 ♗b8 18.b3 ♗c5 19.bxa4 ♗xa4 20.♗c1 (=?) 20...♗b2 21.c4 dxc4 22.♗xc4 ♗b7 23.♗b3 ♗b6 24.♗g1 ♗d8 25.♗d1 a5 26.♗c2 ♗xd1+ 0-1

Round 5

Kulashko took sole lead by beating Lukey, while Ker and Sinclair drew in 19 moves. There were six draws in this round, but while Gibbons-Cooper was resolved in only 13 moves and Green-Guthrie in 14, it took Hare-Hawkes 43 moves, Smith-Wastney 48 and Barlow Walsh 71.

Scores: Kulashko 4; Ker & Sinclair 3½; Smith, Lukey, Wastney, Hare & Hawkes 3; Green, Barlow, Guthrie & Krstev 2½.

Lukey, S – Kulashko, A
Round 5 [E74]

1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 d6 4.♗c3 g6 5.e4 ♗g7 6.♗e2 0-0 7.♗g5 b5 8.cxb5 a6 9.bxa6 ♗a5 10.♗d2 ♗xa6 11.♗b1 ♗bd7 12.♗f3 ♗g4 13.0-0 (=?) 13...♗ge5 14.♗xe5 ♗xe5 15.b3 ♗b4 16.♗xa6 ♗xa6 17.♗e2 c4 18.♗a4 ♗a3 19.♗c1 ♗b4 20.♗d2 ♗a3 21.♗g5 ♗a7 22.♗fc1 ♗b7 23.♗c2 ♗fb8 24.h3 h6 25.♗d2 cxb3 26.axb3 ♗xb3 27.♗c3 ♗b2 28.♗xb2 ♗xb2 29.♗d1 ♗d3 30.♗a1 ♗c5 31.♗a8+ ♗h7 32.♗e2 ♗xf2 0-1

Round 6

Kulashko and Ker drew in 29 moves to maintain their positions, but Sinclair dropped back with his only loss in the tournament, to Smith. Lukey won from Hawkes and Wastney from Hare to join Smith and Ker half a point behind the leader. Four games in this round were drawn.

Scores: Kulashko 4½; Ker, Smith, Lukey & Wastney 4; Sinclair 3½; Green, Barlow, Hare, Hawkes, Guthrie, Cooper & Krstev 3.

Kulashko, A – Ker, A
Round 6 [B08]

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♖f6 3.♗c3 g6 4.♗f3 ♗g7 5.♗e2 0-0 6.0-0 ♗g4 7.♗e3 ♗c6 8.d5 ♗xf3 9.♗xf3 ♗e5 10.♗e2 c6 11.f4 ♗ed7 12.dxc6 bxc6 13.♗d3 ♗c7 14.♗fd1 ♗ab8 15.♗ab1 ♗fd8 16.♗f3 ♗b6 17.♗e2 d5 18.e5 ♗fd7 19.b3 f6 20.e6 f5 21.♗xd5 cxd5 22.exd7 ♗xd7 23.♗d4 ♗c8 24.♗xd5+ ♗xd5 25.♗e6+ ♗f8 26.♗xg7+ ♗xg7 27.♗xd5 ♗xd5 28.♗xd5 ♗xc2 29.♗d1 ♗c7 ½-½

Sinclair, M – Smith, R
Round 7 [A57]

1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.f3 axb5 6.e4 ♗a5+ 7.♗d2 b4 8.♗a3 d6 9.♗c4 ♗d8 10.♗e2 ♗bd7 11.a3 e6 12.dxe6 fxe6 13.♗f4 ♗e7 14.♗e2 d5 15.exd5 exd5 16.0-0 dxc4 17.♗xc4 ♗e5 18.♗b5+ ♗d7 19.♗xd7+ ♗xd7 20.♗e1 ♗d6 21.♗d3 (=?) 21...0-0 22.♗xe5 ♗xe5 23.♗xe5 ♗d4+ 24.♗e3 ♗d5 25.♗e2 bxa3 26.♗axa3 ♗xa3 27.bxa3 ♗e8 28.♗f2 c4 29.♗c1 ♗xe3 30.♗xe3 ♗d3 31.♗xd3 cxd3 32.g4 ♗c8 33.♗d2 ♗e8 34.♗e3 ♗f7 35.h4 ♗e6 36.♗e1 ♗d5 37.♗d2 ♗c4 38.a4 ♗a8 0-1

Round 7

Kulashko and Smith drew in 46 moves. This enabled Ker and Lukey to take shares of the lead with wins over Green and Hawkes, respectively. Only two games were drawn in this round, and in mid-field Hare, Krstev, Walsh and Guthrie all gained wins.

Scores: Ker, Kulashko & Lukey 5; Smith 4½; Wastney, Sinclair, Hare, Guthrie & Krstev 4; Barlow & Walsh 3½.

Round 8

From this round Kulashko was paired progressively down through the field, but Ker and Smith met in a vital game and Smith lifted himself into third place by winning. Lukey met Guthrie and kept pace with Kulashko with his third successive win. There was only one draw in this round.

Scores: Kulashko & Lukey 6; Smith 5½; Ker & Sinclair 5; Hare & Walsh 4½; Green, Wastney, Hawkes, Guthrie, Cooper & Krstev 4.

Guthrie, D – Hawkes, P
Round 8 [A87]

1.♗f3 f5 2.g3 g6 3.♗g2 ♗g7 4.0-0 ♖f6 5.d4 d6 6.c4 0-0 7.♗c3 ♗e8 8.d5 ♗a6 9.♗d4 ♗c5 10.♗b1 e5 11.dxe6 c6 12.♗f4 ♗e7 13.♗xf5 ♗xe6 14.♗xg7 ♗xg7 15.♗xd6 ♗xc4 16.♗h6+ ♗xh6 17.♗xf8+ ♗g5 18.f4+ 1-0

Smith, R – Ker, A
Round 8 [B07]

Notes by FM Bob Smith

1.e4 d6

Surprise, surprise. Anthony could probably write a book about the Pirc by now.

2.d4 ♖f6 3.♗c3 g6 4.♗f4!

In a previous game I played 4.♗f3 and 5.♗f4 and got a good position (the game was drawn). But this move order is more flexible, keeping the options of f3 and g4 attacks.

4...♗g7 5.♗d2 c6?!

In hindsight maybe better is the book line of 5...♗c6 6.0-0 0-0 7.♗h6 unclear, with development.

6.♗h6

Pirc players hate having their ♗ swapped off!

6...♗xh6?! 7.♗xh6

Black tries to prove White's ♗ is out of play, but in fact it stops Black castling and continually threatens to penetrate at g7.

7...b5 8.♗d3 ♗a5 9.♗f3 b4 10.♗e2 b3+ 11.♗c3 bxc2 12.0-0+—

White is three development moves ahead and has the centre.

12...♗h5

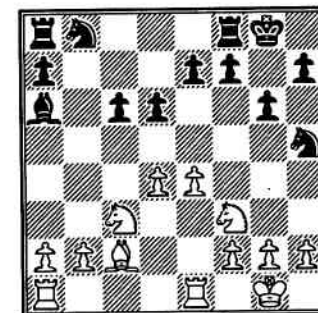
Black hurries to swap off ♗s and get his ♗ to safety.

13.♗xh5

I was happy to oblige; White still stands much better. Anthony suggested 13.♗d2 here; I think this loses too many tempi after say 13...♗g4.

13...♗xh5 14.♗xc2 ♗a6?!

Forcing White's ♗ where it wants to go.
15.♗fe1 0-0



16.e5!

Obvious but good; White must strike while ahead in development.

16...♗d7 17.e6 fxe6

Not 17...♗df6 18.exf7+ ♗xf7 19.♗g5 ♗g7 20.♗e6 ♗f7 21.♗c7.

18.♗xe6 ♗c4

Black abandons the e-♗ to its fate. A defence is hard (impossible?) to find, e.g., 18...♗f7 19.♗b3 ♗f8 20.♗e3 d5 21.♗g5 followed by ♗e6-c7. Or 18...♗fe8 19.♗b3 ♗f8 20.♗g5 ♗hf6 21.♗e3 and ♗e6-c7.

19.♗xe7 ♗f7 20.♗ae1 ♗e5 21.♗xf7 ♗xf7 22.♗d2

Forcing the ♗ off the key a2-g8 diagonal.

22...♗a6 23.♗b3 ♗f6

If 23...♗f8 to stop ♗e7, 24.♗xf7 ♗xf7 25.♗de4 and the threats of ♗g5 and ♗xd6 win the 7th rank anyway.

24.♗e7 d5 25.h3!

Stopping back-row mates; now 25...♗e8 is simply answered by 26.♗xa7.

25...♗c8

The threat was 26.♗e6 winning a ♗.

26.♗c7 ♗d7 27.♗a4

c5 outpost, here we come.

27...♗d6 28.♗c5 ♗e8 29.♗a4 ♗b5 30.♗xb5 cxb5 31.♗f3

e5 outpost, here we come.

31...a5 32.♗e5 a4 33.f3

Stopping ♗i swaps and introducing the ♗.

33...♗d8 34.g4 ♗d6 35.♗f2 g5 36.♗g3 h6 37.h4 ♗f8 38.h5!

More territory!

38...♙g8 39.♙f2 ♗f8 40.♞b7 ♙g8 41.a3 ♗f8

Black is almost paralysed.

42.♙e3 ♙g8 43.♙d2 ♗f8 44.♙c3 ♙g8 45.♙b4

♗f8 46.♙a5 ♙g8 47.♞b6 ♞xb6 48.♙xb6 ♗f8

49.♙e6+ ♗e7 50.♙c7 ♙d6 51.♙xb5+ 1-0

Round 9

Kulashko won from Hare while Lukey drew with Walsh to drop back from the lead. This round saw what could be described as a near-upset with Green inflicting Smith's first and only loss.

Scores: Kulashko 7; Lukey 6½; Ker & Sinclair 6; Smith 5; Green, Walsh & Krstev 5; Hare 4½.

Round 10

While Kulashko won from Walsh, and Ker from Krstev, Lukey suffered his second loss of the tournament, at the hands of Smith.

Beachcomber fun day in Christchurch

By *Quentin Johnson*

The Beachcomber Restaurant fun day summer chess tournament was an 8-round 20/20 event, organised and run by David Weegenaar (still in the thick of it) and held on Sunday, December 20 at the Beachcomber Restaurant in Sumner, Christchurch.

The tournament was strictly "coffee-house" chess, with entries restricted to unrated players. Despite this, the tournament attracted a healthy 46 entries, thanks to good publicity and generous sponsorship from local businesses and principal sponsor, Daniel Schuster Wines Ltd.

After 8 rounds of chess, ranging from a good standard to the positively hair-raising (bearing in mind the fast time control), the tournament was jointly won by David Smith and Boudewijn (Bob) van den Bergh on 6½/8. David led throughout, but a last-round loss to David Wells allowed Bob to catch up and claim a winner's medal and share of the \$170 prize for 1st and 2nd.

This brought Ker up to second place and widened Kulashko's lead to a full point. Sinclair drew with Green to hold equal third.

Scores: Kulashko 8; Ker 7; Smith, Lukey & Sinclair 6½; Green & Hare 5½; Wastney, Walsh & Krstev 5.

Round 11

Kulashko put the title beyond doubt with an early draw with Krstev, leaving the other contenders to fight out the minor placings. Ker won from Hare to hold second, while Smith won from Walsh and Sinclair from Gibbons to share third. Lukey dropped back further with a loss to Green, so these two shared fifth equal.

Final scores: Kulashko 8½; Ker 8; Smith & Sinclair 7½; Lukey & Green 6½; Wastney 6; Hare & Krstev 5½; Walsh 5; Guthrie, Barlow & Hawkes 4½; Spain & Marnier 4; Gibbons 3½; Bennett 3.

Third equal on 6 were David Wells, Andrew Nugferen and Stuart Duncan, who shared \$130. The women's prize was shared between Heather Ferguson and Sonia Elcock, on 4/8, although Heather claimed the winner's medal by winning their individual game. The same score was enough to take the junior (under 20) prize, which was shared by Julian Josland and Chris McNab, with medals for each.

Aside from the main prizes, there were spot prizes and prizes for sporting conduct, exemplary behaviour, best/worst dressed etc. The prize-giving was presided over by Daniel Schuster, a former member of Canterbury CC, and still a highly competitive lightning player, who contributed money and numerous bottles of wine to the prize fund.

The tournament was greatly enjoyed by competitors and organiser alike, and could be the inaugural event in an annual competition.

New Zealand Major Open, Hamilton 1997/98

Player	Rtg	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	Pts	TB
1 Burns C.J.	1897	W6	W5	L4	W10	W9	W8	W2	W13	W3	W7	W11	10	
2 Dunn A.S.	1668	D22	W18	W8	W7	W20	D4	L1	W5	W6	L3	W12	8	
3 Bjelobrk I.	1584	W12	W23	L20	W6	L4	W25	D7	W26	L1	W2	W5	7½	
4 Stracy D.M.	1678	W24	W11	W1	D20	W3	D2	L5	W9	D7	L8	D10	7	67
5 Nyberg M.	1541	W30	L1	L25	W14	W24	W26	W4	L2	W20	W6	L3	7	63
6 Frost E.G.A.	1502	L1	W12	W17	L3	W21	D9	W10	W20	L2	L5	W8	6½	71
7 Lynn K.W.	1804	W29	D8	W14	L2	W25	L20	D3	W24	D4	L1	W15	6½	67
8 Rossiter P.E.	1571	W25	D7	L2	W11	W10	L1	L9	W16	W15	W4	L6	6½	66
9 Trass R.	1553	L19	W24	W22	W21	L1	D6	W8	L4	D13	D10	W17	6½	64
10 Jackson L.R.	1668	W28	D21	W13	L1	L8	W18	L6	W14	D12	D9	D4	6	66
11 Mazur J.J.	1560	W31	L4	D15	L8	L14	D28	W19	W21	W23	W18	L1	6	61
12 Croad N.	1324	L3	L6	L29	W30	W23	W16	W21	D15	D10	W13	L2	6	58½
13 Frankel Z.	1704	D18	W17	L10	L15	W19	W14	W20	L1	D9	L12	D16	5½	64½
14 Voss P.J.	1325	D26	W16	L7	L5	W11	L13	W17	L10	W21	L15	W20	5½	57
15 Gibson G.M.	1366	L20	W30	D11	W13	L26	D29	W18	D12	L8	W14	L7	5½	53
16 Cruden N.B.	1702	L21	L14	W28	L19	W22	L12	W27	L8	W30	W24	D13	5½	50½
17 Webber C.H.	1088	Bye	L13	L6	D28	L29	W22	L14	W27	W25	W20	L9	5½	50
18 Gold H.R.	1452	D13	L2	W23	D26	W27	L10	L15	L25	W24	L11	W19	5	58
19 Otene E.A.	1243	W9	L20	L27	W16	L13	L24	L11	W30	W28	W23	L18	5	49½
20 Batchelor A.	1680	W15	W19	W3	D4	L2	W7	L13	L6	L5	L17	L14	4½	64
21 Trass C.	1378	W16	D10	D26	L9	L6	W27	L12	L11	L14	D22	W28	4½	60
22 Neal R.M.	1348	D2	D26	L9	D29	L16	L17	L30	W28	W27	D21	D24	4½	54½
23 Tuatini M.	1100	W27	L3	L18	L24	L12	W30	W28	W29	L11	L19	D27	4½	53
24 Kessler A.J.	1353	L4	L9	W30	W23	L5	W19	W29	L7	L18	L16	D22	4½	52
25 Morrison M.K.	1305	L8	W29	W5	W27	L7	L3	L26	L18	L17	L28	W30	4	53½
26 Huggins J.	1619	D14	D22	D21	D18	W15	L5	W25	L3	—	—	—	4	35
27 Tesanyuk Y.	1526	L23	W28	W19	L25	L18	L21	L16	L17	L22	W30	D23	3½	
28 Courtney H.K.	1335	L10	L27	L16	D17	W30	D11	L23	L22	L19	W25	L21	3	49
29 Tumai A.	1490	L7	L25	W12	D22	W17	D15	L24	L23	—	—	—	3	26
30 Cooze B.	1187	L5	L15	L24	L12	L28	L23	W22	L19	L16	L27	L25	1	
31 Sullivan G.J.	1265	L11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	

Unplayed games are shown in italics. Scores are adjusted for unplayed games for calculation of tie-breaks.

Stracy,D – Burns,C

Round 3 [C43]

1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♗f6 3.d4 ♗xe4 4.♙d3 ♗c6
5.♙xe4 d5 6.♙d3 e4 7.0-0 exf3 8.♙xf3 ♗xd4
9.♞e1+ ♙e6 10.♙c3 ♙c5 11.♙g3 ♗f8 12.♙e3
♙d6 13.♙f4 ♗f5 14.♙xf5 ♙xf5 15.♙xd6+
♙xd6 16.♙xd6+ cxd6 17.♗c3 d4 18.♗b5
♙xc2 19.♗xd4 ♙d3 20.♞ac1 a5 21.♞c7 b6
22.♞ee7 ♙c4 23.♗f5 ♙xa1 24.♗xd6 ♞d8
25.♞cd7 ♞a8 26.♗x7 ♞g8 27.♗g5 ♞h8
28.♞xg7 ♞c8 29.h3 ♞c1+ 30.♗h2 ♙g8 31.♞a7
h6 32.♞gb7 ♞c8 33.♗f3 ♙d5 34.♞xb6 ♗e8
35.♗d4 ♞g8 36.f3 ♗d8 37.♞d6+ 1-0

Burns,C – Dunn,A

Round 7 [B22]

Notes by *C J Burns (plus J D Sarfati)*

1.e4 c5 2.c3 ♗f6 3.e5 ♗d5 4.d4 cxd4 5.♗f3
♗c6 6.♙c4 ♗b6 7.♙b3 d5 8.exd6 ♙xd6 9.♗a3
♙f5?!
Black's last move eventually will lose time, as in the game continuation. ♖9...a6 or even 9...dxc3 which leads to complicated play after 10.♙e2.

10.♗b5 ♙d7 11.♗fxd4 ♗xd4 12.♗xd4 ♙g6
13.♙f4 e6 14.0-0 ♙e7 15.♙f3 0-0

The opening has been a success for White, his pieces seem to work together better than Black's. White also has the opportunity to centralise ♞s. [Jonathan Sarfati suggests 15...♞d8±].

16.♞ad1

With the threat of 17.♗xe6.

16...♗d5 17.♙g3

With the idea of 18.c4 ♗ moves 19.♗f5 ♙e8
20.♗xe7 ♙xc7 21.♙d6 winning the exchange.

17...b5?!

Even though this move loses a ♖, Black's position is difficult and perhaps giving up a ♖ to simplify the position is best. [Jonathan Sarfati again suggests 17...♖fe8 18.Rfe1 ♙c5 19.♗e2].

18.♗xb5 ♖xb5 19.c4 ♖b4 20.cxd5 ♙e4 21.♖c3 ♖b7?

Best was to enter the endgame a ♖ down with 21...♖xc3 22.bxc3. Instead he tries to complicate matters, which works out in White's favour.

22.dxe6 ♖ac8

22...♙xc2? 23.♗d7; or 22...fxe6 23.♙xe6+ ♗h8 24.♗d7±.

23.♖e5 ♖c5 24.♗d7 ♖xd7 25.♖xe4 ♖d8 26.exf7+ ♖xf7

26...♗h8 27.♗d1 ♖b6 28.♖xe7±.

27.♗d1 ♖e8 28.♙d6 ♗f8 29.♙xf7 ♖xf7 30.♖a8+

Black resigns, since 30...♖e8 31.♙xe7+ ♗xe7 32.♗e1± 1-0

Dunn,A - Nyberg,M

Round 8 [D03]

Notes by FM Jonathan Sarfati

1.♗f3 ♗f6 2.d4 e6 3.♙g5 h6 4.♗h4 c5 5.e3 d5 5...b6 6.c3 ♙b7.

6.c3 ♗c6

6...♗e7 7.♙d3 ♗bd7 8.b3 b6 9.0-0 ♙b7 with the idea of ♗e4 after preparation, which will brake White's attack.

7.♗bd2 ♗e7 8.♙d3 cxd4

Hamilton centenary

Hamilton Chess Club, which celebrated its centenary by holding the 105th New Zealand Championship Congress, was founded on August 22, 1897, with 15 members. The NZCA book of the 30th and 31st Congresses, published in 1922, reports that "the great fire in Hamilton on July 16, 1898, destroyed the club's room and all that it contained."

The club continued, however, and in 1921 played telegraphic matches against Auckland Workingmen's Club (won by Auckland) and Te Aroha Chess Club (won by Hamilton).

This should be avoided because it opens the e-file and strengthens the outpost on e5.

9.exd4 ♖b6 10.♖c2

White loses a lot of time with this and the following moves. 10.♖b3 ♖xb3? 11.axb3±; even 10.♗b1 is better than the text.

10...♙d7 11.0-0 ♖c8 12.♖b1

12.a3 avoids the cumbersome ♖ moves and holds up Black's ♖-side play.

12...♖c7?! 13.♖e1

13.♙g3! ♙d6 14.♙xd6 ♖xd6 15.♗e1.

13...♙d6 14.♖e2

14.♙g3 ♙xg3 15.fxg3 0-0.

14...a6

Prepares b5. 14...♗h5!? 15.♙g3 ♙xg3 16.fxg3 0-0.

15.♗a1 ♗h5 16.♙g3 ♗f4

16...♗xg3 17.fxg3 0-0 18.♖c3.

17.♙xf4 ♙xf4 18.g3

18.♗e5 The key outpost.

18...♙d6 19.♗h4 ♗e7 20.♗g2

Loses more time.

20...b5 21.a3

Covers b4 - see note to move 12.

21...♗a5 22.f4 ♗c4 23.♗f3 0-0 24.♗e5 ♗d6

24...♙f6 is worth consideration.

25.f5 ♖ce8

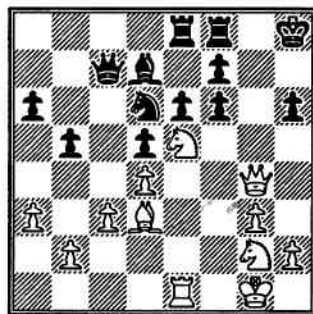
25...exf5? 26.♗xd7 ♖xd7 27.♖xe7.

26.f6!

26.fxe6!? fxe6 (26...♙xe6 27.♗g6!)

27.♖xf8+ ♙xf8 28.♖h5+-.

26...♙xf6 27.♖xf6! gxf6 28.♖g4+ ♗h8



29.♖h5

Junior Player of the Year

The award of New Zealand Junior Player of the Year was made to Alan Dunn, of Auckland, at the conclusion of Congress. NZCF President Peter Stuart announced the award, following Alan's performance in scoring 8 points to place second in the Major Open.

Alan's other major success during 1997 was 4= in the North Island Championship.

The other main contender for junior player of the year was NZ Junior Champion Ryan Trass.

When the award to Alan was reported to the new NZCF Council it was noted that this was the second year running that the Papatoetoe club has produced the winner of this award (Russell Metge for 1996).

49.♖g7+- ♖e8 50.♖f6+ ♗c8 51.♖xc6+.

49...♖c8+-

49...♖c7 50.♖xa6 ♖d7.

50.♖h6

50.♖d6+ ♗e8 51.♖g7.

50...♗c7

50...♗e7 51.♖g7+ ♖f7 52.♖g5+ ♗e6 53.d5+ ♗xd5 54.♖xf7 ♗c4

51.♖g7+ 1-0

Bjelobrki, I - Dunn, A

Round 10 [E97]

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 g6 3.♗c3 ♙g7 4.e4 d6 5.♗f3 0-0 6.♙e2 ♗c6 7.0-0 e5 8.d5 ♗e7 9.b4 ♗d7 10.♗d2 f5 11.f3 f4 12.a4 g5 13.♙a3 ♗g6 14.c5 ♗f6 15.♗c4 ♖f7 16.b5 ♙f8 17.b6 dxc5 18.bxc7 ♖xc7 19.♗b5 ♖g7 20.d6 b6 21.♙b2 ♗d7 22.♗xe5 ♗xe5 23.♙xe5 ♖b8 24.♙c4+ ♗h8 25.♗e1 a6 26.♙xf6+ ♖xf6 27.e5 ♖g6 28.♗c7 ♗d8 29.♖a2 ♖b7 30.♗d2 g4 31.fxg4 ♙xg4 32.♙e2 h5 33.♙xg4 hxg4 34.♗h1 c4 35.e6 c3 36.e7 ♗d8 37.♖c2 ♙xe7 38.dxe7 ♖xc7 39.♖d8+ ♗h7 40.♖xc7 ♖e8 41.♖xc3 f3 42.gxf3 b5 43.axb5 axb5 44.fxg4 b4 45.♖h3+ ♗g8 46.♖c4+ ♗g7 47.♖d4+ ♗g8 48.♖h8+ ♗f7 49.♖h7+ 1-0

More Congress games in NZ Chess, April

29.♖f4 ♗g7 30.♗g4 Attacks both f6 and h6 and leaves Black defenceless. 29.♖h4 is the same.

29...♗g7

29...fxe5 30.♖xh6+ ♗g8 31.♖h7#.

30.♖g4+ ♗h8 31.♖h5

31.♖f4 or ♖h4, as in the previous note.

31...♗g7 32.♗g4!?

32.♗xd7 ♖xd7 33.♖g4+ ♗h8 34.♖h4?

32...♖h8 33.♖h4 ♖d8 34.♗f4 f5

34...h5 35.♗e3 (35.♗xh5+- ♖xh5 36.♖xh5 ♖h8+-) 35...f5 36.♗xh5+ ♗f8 37.♖f4 ♙c6.

35.♗h5+!

35.♗f6.

35...♗f8 36.♗g6 ♖e7!?

36...♗e4.

37.g4±

37.♖f4 ♗c4 38.♙xc4 dxc4 39.♖e5.

37...♗e4 38.♙xe4 dxe4!?

38...fxe4 39.♖g3 e5 40.♗xd5 ♖e6 41.dxe5 ♙c6.

39.g5

39.gxf5 exf5 40.♖g3+-.

39...♙c6

39...e5 40.dxe5 ♖b6+ 41.♗f1.

40.♖g3 ♖c7 41.♗f4 hxg5 42.♖xg5 ♖e8

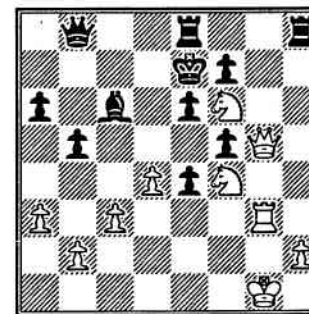
43.♖e3 ♖b8+-

43...e5 44.♗h5 The mate threat is ♗d7.

44...♖xh5 45.♗xh5 exd4 46.♖g7+ ♗e7

47.♖g5+ ♗f8 48.♖h3±.

44.♖g3 ♗e7



45.♗xe8+ ♗xe8 46.♗xe6! fxe6

46...♖d6 47.♖g7.

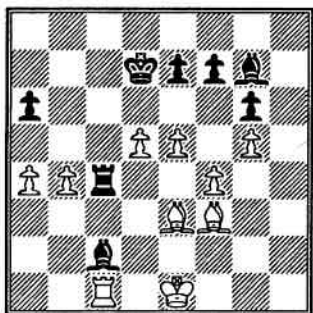
47.♖f6+- ♖f8 48.♖xe6+ ♗d8 49.♖xc6

Auckland invitational tournament

Alexei Kulashko maintained his leading position in Auckland chess by winning the Auckland Chess Association invitational round robin, played in October and November. The crucial game was between Kulashko and Bob Smith in round 2, and this decided the top placings.

Kulashko,A - Smith,R
Round 2 [B10]

1.e4 c6 2.c4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.cxd5 f6 5.♟a4+ ♖bd7 6.♗c3 g6 7.g4 h6 out of book 8.♗g2 ♗g7 9.h4 ♗f8 10.g5 hxg5 11.hxg5 ♟xh1 12.♗xh1 ♖b6 13.♟a5 ♖e8 14.d3 14...♗f5 15.♗e4 ♖d6 16.♗ge2 ♟c8± 17.f3 17...♗d7 18.♟b4 18...♟c7 19.♗f4 ♟c5 20.♟xc5 ♟xc5 21.♗e3 ♟c7 22.a4 ♖bc8 23.♗d2 a6 24.b4 ♖f5 25.♗f2 ♗e5 26.f4 ♗g7 27.♟a2 ♖cd6 28.♗f3 ♟c8 29.♖e4 ♖xe4+ 30.dxe4 ♖d6 31.e5 ♖c4+ 32.♗e1 ♗f5+- 33.♗d4 ♗d3 34.♖b3 ♗b1+- 35.♟a1 ♗c2 36.♖c5 b6 37.♖d7+ 37...♗e8 38.♖xb6 ♖xb6 39.♗xb6 ♟c4 40.♟c1 ♗d7 41.♗e3



41...♟c8?
Fritz 5 suggests 41...♗d3+-.
42.♗d1

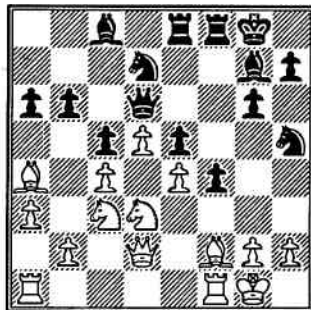
Fritz 5 says: ♞42.e6+ and White wins. 42...♗e8 43.♗d1 ♗c3+ 44.♗d2 ♗xd1 45.♗xd1 (45.♟xc3?! succumbs to 45...♟xc3 46.♗xc3 ♟xa4=; 45.♗xc3?! is not possible 45...♟xa4 46.♟a1 ♗b5 47.exf7+ ♗xf7=) 45...♟xe6 46.dxe6+- (≤46.♗xc3 exd5 47.♗e5 ♟c1+ 48.♗xc1 ♗d7+-)].
23...f3 24.g3 ♟f7 25.b4 ♖hf6 26.bxc5 bxc5 27.♗xd7 ♟xd7 28.♗xc5 ♗g4 29.♗e3 ♟ef8

Player	Cl	Rtg	1	2	3	4	5	7	8	Pts
1 A KULASHKO	AC	2276	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	6½
2 RW SMITH	WT	2226	0	X	½	1	½	1	1	5
3 R GORIS	AC	2044	0	½	X	0	1	½	1	4
4 B LIM	HP	1906	0	0	1	X	½	0	1	3½
5 PW STUART	NS	2074	0	½	0	½	X	1	1	3½
6 PR GREEN	AC	2162	½	0	½	1	½	X	0	½
7 A KRSTEV	WT	1827	0	0	0	0	1	X	1	2
8 B WHEELER	AC	1872	0	0	0	0	½	0	X	½

42...♗f5 43.♟xc8 ♗xc8 44.♗d2 f6 45.♗d4 ♟g5 46.♟g5 ♗e4 47.♗b3 ♗b7 48.♗c3 ♗f3 49.♗c4 ♗e2+ 50.♗c5 ♗d3 51.♗c4 ♗c2 52.a5 1-0

Green,P - Krstev,A
Round 3 [A44]

1.d4 c5 2.d5 e5 3.e4 d6 4.♗b5+ ♖d7 5.c4 a6 6.♗a4 ♖gf6 7.♗c3 g6 8.f4 ♖h5 9.♟xe5 ♟h4+ 10.♗f1 dxe5 11.♖f3 ♟f6 12.♗g5 ♟d6 13.♗f2 ♗g7 14.♟f1 0-0 15.♗g1 ♖b6 16.♗b3 ♗g4 17.♟d2 ♟ae8 18.♖e1 ♗c8 19.♖d3 f5 20.♗e3 ♖d7 21.♗a4 b6 22.a3 f4 23.♗f2 see foot of left column



30.♖f2 h5 31.c5 h4 32.c6 ♟c7 33.♖xg4 ♗xg4 34.♗f2 ♗h3 35.♟f1 ♟c8 36.♟e1 ♗g2 37.♟a2 ♟h3 38.♟g1 ♗f6 39.♗e1 hxg3 40.hxg3 ♟xg3+ 41.♗f2 ♟f4 42.♗e3 ♗h4+ 43.♗d2 ♟g3 44.♗d3 f2 45.♟xf2 ♟xf2 46.d6 ♟xe3+ 0-1

Krstev,A - Stuart,P
Round 6 [E00]

1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 e6 3.a3 d5 4.♖c3 c5 5.cxd5 exd5 6.♖f3 ♖c6 7.e3 ♗e7 8.dxc5 ♗xc5 9.b4 ♗b6 10.♗b5 0-0 11.0-0 ♗e6 12.h3 ♟c8 13.♖e2 ♖e4 14.♗b2 a5 15.♟a4 axb4 16.♗xc6 ♟xc6 17.♖ed4 ♗xd4 18.♖xd4 ♟a6 19.♟xb4 ♗xh3 20.gxh3 ♟h4 21.♖f5 ♟g5+ 22.♗h2

♟xf5 23.f4 ♟h6 24.♟f3 ♟c8 25.♟c1 ♟xc1 26.♗xc1 ♟c6 27.♟b1 ♟c8 28.♗b2 ♖d2 29.♟a1 ♖xf3+ 30.♗g3 ♖d2 31.♗xg7 ♟g6+ 0-1

Wheeler,B - Krstev,A
Round 6 []

1.♖f3 d5 2.a4 c5 3.e4 dxe4 4.♖g5 ♗f5 5.♖c3 ♖f6 6.♗b5+ ♖c6 7.♗xc6+ bxc6 8.♟e2 e6 9.♖gxe4 ♖d5 10.d3 ♟a5 11.0-0 ♗e7 12.♗d2 ♟c7 13.♖g3 ♗g6 14.f4 0-0 15.♖ce4 ♟fe8 16.♟f2 ♖f6 17.♗c3 ♗g4 18.♟e2 ♖h6 19.♗e5 ♟b6 20.a5 ♟b4 21.♖d2 ♟a8 22.♖c4 ♗f8 23.a6 f6 24.♗c3 ♟b8 25.♖e4 ♖f5 26.♖a5 ♟c8 27.♖b7 ♟d5 28.♟f2 ♖d4 29.♟a5 e5 30.♖xc5 ♖b5 31.♟xe5 ♟c7 32.exf6 ♟f5 33.♟g3 ♟xg3 34.hxg3 ♟xc5 35.♟xb5 cxb5 36.♖d6 ♗xd6 0-1

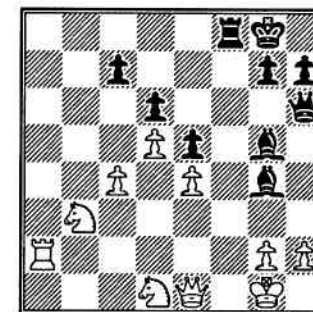
Goris,R - Kulashko,A
Round 7 [B80]

1.e4 c5 2.♖f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♖xd4 ♖f6 5.♖c3 d6 6.♗e3 ♗e7 7.f3 a6 8.♟d2 b5 9.g4 h6 10.0-0-0 ♗b7 11.h4 ♖bd7 12.♗h3 ♖e5 13.g5 b4 14.♖a4 ♟a5 15.b3 ♖f7 16.♟e2 c5 17.f4 ♖ed7 18.g6 ♗xe4 19.gxf7+ ♗xf7 20.♟hg1 ♗f6 21.f5 e5 22.♖xc5 ♖xc5 23.♖e6 ♟a3+ 24.♗d2 ♟b2 25.♟c4 ♟c3+ 26.♟xc3 bxc3+ 27.♗xc3 ♖xe6 28.♟xe6+ ♗e7 29.♗d2 ♗h7 30.c4 ♗g8 31.c5 d5 32.b4 ♗xe6 33.♗xe6

♗xe6 34.c6 d4 35.♗f2 ♟hc8 36.♟c1 ♟ab8 37.♟c4 ♟b6 38.♟gcl ♟c7 39.♗d3 ♗d5 40.♟c5+ ♗d6 41.♗c4 ♟bxc6 0-1

Lim,B - Smith,R
Round 6 [A40]

1.c4 b6 2.♖c3 ♗b7 3.d4 e6 4.a3 ♖f6 5.♗g5 ♗e7 6.♗xf6 ♗xf6 7.e4 d6 8.♖f3 ♖d7 9.♗d3 0-0 10.♟e2 e5 11.d5 a5 12.♗c2 ♟e8 13.♗a4 ♟e7 14.♗xd7 ♟xd7 15.0-0 a4 16.♖d2 ♗g5 17.b4 axb3 18.♖xb3 f5 19.f3 ♟xe4 20.♟xe4 ♟f7 21.a4 ♟af8 22.♟xf7 ♟xf7 23.a5 bxa5 24.♖xa5 ♗c8 25.♖b3 ♗g4 26.♟e1 ♟h5 27.♟a2 ♟h6 28.♖d1



28...♗h4 29.♖f2 ♟g6 30.♟e3 ♗f3 31.♖h3 ♗xe4 0-1

Open tournaments scheduled for 1998

Clubs are reminded that they are required to notify NZCF of details of 1998 events by the end of February.

Latvian Gambit tournament, Howick-Pakuranga CC, Auckland, Sun, 22 March.

NZ Women's Championship, Waitemata CC, April 10-13 (Easter).

20th Waitakere Trust Open, Waitemata CC, Sat-Sun, 2-3 May.

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

All-Wellington Rapid Championship, Saturday September 12, Wellington CC.

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

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

Wellington primary schools teams tournament, Wed, May 27, venue to be decided.

Wellington inter-school teams tournament, Wellington College, Wed, July 29.

Wellington schoolpupils' championship, Wellington Chess Club, Sat, August 8.

Wellington junior & age group champs, Wellington Chess Club, Sat, August 29.

Selected games

Sarfaty in Australia

While FM Jonathan Sarfaty has been settling into his work in Brisbane, he has not played in any major tournaments but has been active in the Logan Chess Club. He has won some club tournaments and a 2000 time tourney. Here are two of his games.

Koronevski, O – Sarfaty, J

Logan CC internal match [A57]

Notes by FM Jonathan Sarfaty

1. d1f3 2. d4 c5 3. d5 b5 4. c4 g6 5. d3c3?

Loses time.

5... b4 6. b1 7. c2 0-0 8. e4 d6 9. a3 e6

To open the game before White can catch up in development.

10. axb4 exd5 11. cxd5 cxb4 12. d3 b1d7 13. c3c6?

White cannot afford to neglect his development.

13... d5! 14. cxa8 dxd3+ 15. d3e2?

15... d2 16. e1 17. e2xe4+ -.

15... dxc1+ 16. e1c1 17. e1a6 18. d1b2 19. d3d3 20. e1c6 21. c5+ 0-1

Sarfaty, J – Ritchie, J

Logan CC Rapid Championship [B33]

Notes by FM Jonathan Sarfaty

1. e4 c5 2. d1f3 3. d4 cxd4 4. d1xd4 5. d3c3 a6? 6. d1xc6 dxc6

6... bxc6 7. e5±.

7. d1xd8+ 8. d1xd8 8. d1f4

Even without queens, the loss of castling is a serious problem. Black will have a hard time completing his development and covering the weak dark squares on the Q-side.

8... d1h5 9. 0-0-0 10. d1e3 e5 11. d1a4

Aiming for those unprotected squares.

11... d1e6 12. d1b6 13. d1c4!

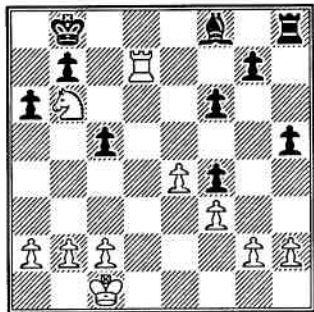
White exchanges all Black's active pieces.

13... d1xc4 14. d1xd8+ 15. d1xc4 f6

16. d1d1+ 17. d1b6+ 18. d1d7+ 19. d1c4

Threatening Na5, so forcing c5, weakening d5.

19... c5 20. d1b6 21. d1f4 22. d1xf4 23. f3 h5



23. c4

Fixing Black's pawns on the same colour as his B. But it could have been better to leave a path for White's K to penetrate.

23... e8g8 24. d3c2 g5

Black is completely tied up. As usual in such positions, when Black tries to free himself, he just hastens defeat.

25. f7f7 26. d1d7+ 27. d1xf6 28. h3h4 29. d1d5 30. a4 31. f8f8+ 32. a5 33. d1b6 34. b8

Now Black is even more tied up than before and has lost a pawn as well.

34. e8e8 35. e5 36. d3d3

Black lost on time, but White would win easily anyway by marching in his K and queening his e-pawn. 1-0

Petone CC Championship

Monrad, P – McDade, T

[C50]

Notes by FM Mark Noble

1. e4 e5 2. d1f3 3. d3c6 4. d4 d4 5. d3c3

5. d3g5 d5 6. d3xe5 7. f3 8. d3xe5+.

5... d3g4 6. d5 7. d4 8. f5 9. gxf3 10. d7

9. d7d2 10. h5 11. f4 12. d1xf4 13. d1xf4 14. d1b5 0-0-0 15. d1a5

15. d1xa7+ 16. d1c6+ 17. d1b4+ 18. d1d3 19. d1d4 20. d1a3+ 21. d1d3+- 17. d1c6 bxc6 18. d1b4+ 19. exf5 20. d1d1 21. d7d7

15... d1xb5 16. d1xb5 a6 17. d1xa6 bxa6 18. d1xa6+ 19. d1c6+ 20. exf5 21. d1de1+ 22. d1e6 23. d1e7

22... d1g8 is a better try.

23. d1xc7 24. d1h8??

23... d1e8 is better, eg. 24. d1g1 25. d1g5.

24. d1xe7+ 25. d1xe7 26. d1xe7+ 27. d1xd8 28. d1e7+ 29. h4 30. d1d2 31. d1d5+ 32. a4 33. d1e2 34. d1xd6+ 35. d1e5+ 36. d1f3 37. d1xf4 38. d1f3 39. d1e2 40. d1e4+ 41. b4 42. f4 1-0

Canterbury CC Championship

Hudson, S – Jackson, J

[A30]

[Analysis by Fritz 5.00 (30s)]

1. d1f3 2. c4 c5 3. d3c3 e6 4. g3 b6 5. d2 6. 0-0 7. d4 cxd4 8. d1xd4 9. d1xd4 a6 10. f3 11. d3d3

11. d1a4 0-0=.

11... d1c6 12. d1xc6 13. d1d1 13... 0-0±

13... d1c8!? is worthy of consideration.

14. d1c3=

14. e4!?± must be considered.

14... d1f8 15. d1b1 16. d1xb6 d5 17. d1xc4 18. d1d4 19. d1xc5 20. d1d2 21. d1b1 22. d1f2 23. e3 24. d1e2 25. b3 26. d1d4 27. d1a4 28. d1e1 g4 29. d1c1±

29. f4g4!? should be investigated more closely. 29... d1e4 30. h4=.

29... d1xc1+ 30. d1xc1 gxf3 31. d1f2 32. d1d3 33. d1c2+=

32... d1c3 33. d1b4±.

33. d1xf3 34. d1xa6 35. d1e5??+-

35. a4±. This is the best bet to save the position.

35... d1f2+??±

Instead of simply winning the game. 36. d1d3 e5+-.

36. d1g4 37. d1g2??=

What a pity. 37... h5+ nails it down; 38. d1h3 39. d1h7 40. d1h7+-.

ChessBase file of NZ games

About 900 recent New Zealand games, including most which have appeared in *New Zealand Chess* in 1996 and 1997, have been collected in a ChessBase file which is available on disk from *NZ Chess*. The disk will include some overseas games, and is available for \$10 in .CBH, .CBF or .PGN format (please state which is required when placing an order).

It is intended that a *NZ Chess* update will be issued in December, including games published in the magazine during the year, plus additional tournament and historic games assembled during the year.

The *NZ Chess* file will be incorporated in the major collection of New Zealand games assembled by Peter Stuart (see separate advertisement), which will be a general archive of New Zealand games.

37. d1a7+ 38. d1d7+ 39. d1e5± 39... d1f2 40. a4 h5+ 41. d1h3 42. d1d3 43. d1f4 44. d1xe6+ 45. d1f4 46. d1h2

47... d1e5 48. d1x7 49. d1g2±.

48. d1xd4 49. d1e5 49. d1e5± 47. d1d7 d4=e2 50. d1f4??+-

A transit from better to worse. 50. d1d8 which would hold out; 50... d1xe2 51. d1e8+ 52. d1xe2=.

50... d1xe2 51. d1d4 52. b4 53. b5?

53. d1h3+-.

53... d1f3+ 54. d1h3 h4 55. d1xf3 56. b6 57. d1h2 58. a5 59. d1h3 60. 0-1

Jackson, J – Cummings, N

[B06]

1. d4 g6 2. e4 3. d3c3 d6 4. d3c3 c6 5. d3d2 b5 6. a4 b4 7. d1d1 a5 8. f3 9. d1e2 10. d1g3 11. d1f2 12. b3 13. d1xf1 14. d1e2 15. d1xe2 16. d1d1 17. d1d3 18. d1d2 1/2-1/2

January 1998 FIDE ratings

The January 1998 FIDE rating list records changes in the ratings of several New Zealand players who competed overseas in the second half of 1997 - Michael Freeman in the Australian Masters, Ortvin Sarapu in the World Seniors, David Guthrie in the World Junior and Scott Wastney (tournament unknown).

Michael Freeman gained 20 rating points, but the others lost a few points. The rating changes do not reflect the tournament

	Jan98	Jul97		2250	2250		2160	2160
Russell J Dive IM	2440	2440	Peter R Green	2245	2265*	J Nigel Metge	2160	2160
Alexei Kulashko	2390	2390	Mark F Noble FM	2240	2240	Graham G Haase NM		
Benjamin Martin FM	2375	2375	Stephen GLukey	2235	2235		2155	2155
Paul A Garbett FM	2360	2360	Anthony J Love FM	2230	2230	Scott Wastney	2135	2145
Vernon A Small IM	2335	2335	Bruce Anderson NM	2215	2215	David Guthrie	2125	2140
Anthony FKer FM	2320	2320	Mark Sinclair	2215	2215	Mark van der Hoon	2115	2115
Robert W Smith FM	2305	2305	Graeme Spain	2215	2215	Paul Tuffery	2105	2105
Jonathan DSarfati FM			Peter W Stuart NM	2215	2215	Michael L R Steadman		
	2300	2300	R Anthony Dowden	2210			2090	2090
Martin Dreyer FM	2275	2275	Peter Hawkes	2195	2195	David Cooper	2055	2055
Ewen M Green FM	2265	2265	Michael Freeman	2205	2185	Rajko Mastilovich	2055	2055
Peter D McKenzie	2265	2265	Arthur J Pomeroy	2180	2180	John Sutherland	2055	2055
Ortvin Sarapu IM	2255	2270	Matthew J Barlow	2170	2170	Teresa Sheehan	2050	2050

Rating of top women and girls

The latest NZCF rating list shows that Katrine Metge PT is the top-rated active woman player. The list shows relatively few changes in women's and girls' ratings in the past year. It includes registered players who have been active in rated tournaments in the past two years.

STANDARD RATING

Top 12	
1 Katrine Metge	PT 1713
2 Vivian J Smith	WT 1676
3 Winnie Ong	HP 1524
4 Joyce Ong	HP 1385
5 Rosaleen Sheehan	HH 1361
6 Zoe Kingston	KP 1353
7 Leigh McGregor	WE 1336
8 Helen Courtney	GA 1335
9 Teresa Sheehan	HH 1285
10 Edith Otene	AC 1243
11 Glenys Mills	KP 1162
12 Shanta Sheehan	HH 1157
13 Gwen M Jones	NS 1096
14 Elizabeth M Norris	NS 698*

Top girls

1 Winnie Ong	HP 1524
2 Rosaleen Sheehan	HH 1361
3 Teresa Sheehan	HH 1285
4 Shanta Sheehan	HH 1157
5 Elizabeth M Norris	NS 698*

RAPID RATING

Top 15

1 Katrine Metge	PT 1826
2 Vivian J Smith	WT 1691*
3 Helen Courtney	GA 11441
4 Joyce Ong	HP 1431
5 Edith Otene	AC 1372
6 Leigh McGregor	WE 1366
7 Glenys Mills	KP 1353
8 Teresa Sheehan	HH 1351

9 Zoe Kingston	KP 1325
10 Rosaleen Sheehan	HH 1324
11 Gwen M Jones	NS 1278
12 Winnie Ong	HP 1259
13 Shanta Sheehan	HH 1213*
14 Andrea Richardson	AS 1149
15 Stanica Dulovic	PN 1096*

Top girls

1 Teresa Sheehan	HH 1351
2 Rosaleen Sheehan	HH 1324
3 Winnie Ong	HP 1259
4 Andrea Richardson	AS 1149
5 Elizabeth Morris	NS 930*
6 Nicole Richardson	AS 777
7 Ingrid Bauer	WE 676

The Knock-out World Championship

By NM Peter Stuart

It's that man again! Anatoly Karpov was never one to let go easily and at Lausanne, under the auspices of the IOC, the Russian's nerves barely outlasted those of final rival Viswanathan Anand of India who now has the dubious privilege of losing title matches to both world champions. But there was much that happened before these two sat down opposite one another in Lausanne.

The seven preliminary rounds culminating in the match to determine the "challenger" for Karpov took place in Groningen commencing on December 9. In the first six rounds matches were of just two games at a time control of 40 moves in 100 minutes, then 20 moves in 50 minutes, and finally a 10 minute guillotine finish with a Fischer style 30 seconds added after each move played if the game went beyond move 60. If this mini-match ended 1:1 a further two games were played at a time control of 25 minutes per player plus 10 seconds per move and if the score was now 2:2 another two games were played at 15 minutes plus 10 seconds per move. If the score was still tied then sudden-death blitz games followed with white having four minutes plus 10 seconds per move and Black five minutes plus 10 seconds per move. The only difference in the seventh round was that four games were played in the first phase.

Withdrawals

Of the original list of invitees three players announced their withdrawal several months ago: Gary Kasparov, Gata Kamsky and Zsuzsa Polgar. There were three further withdrawals closer to start time: Vladimir Kramnik and players from Egypt and Japan. Kramnik withdrew in protest at FIDE's decision that Karpov would be seeded into the final. This point has been the focus of most of the criticism of the whole event, that Karpov's eventual opponent would have

been playing for three weeks while Karpov loafed around. Of course, the contrary side is that the eventual opponent would have played himself into form while Karpov would have to produce the goods right from the first game. This, however, overlooks the greater effect of the strain of nervous tension through a series of six or seven knock-out matches.

The first round of 34 matches produced no real upsets and the 34 winners were joined by 30 seeded players for the second round. Almost all the seeded players avoided each other though Alexander Belyavsky beat Jan Timman, Vladimir Epishin beat Ivan Sokolov and Anand defeated Predrag Nikolic. Several seeds, however, lost to less fancied players: Veselin Topalov to Jeroen Piket, Valery Salov to Vladislav Tkachiev and, most notably, Vassily Ivanchuk to Yasser Seirawan.

The biggest casualty in the third round was Evgeny Bareev who lost the first game against Mikhail Krasenkov and could only draw the second. Now there were 16 players left and the round 4 results were as follows: Tkachiev (KAZ) 2½, Gelfand (BLA) 3½; Dreev (RUS) 3, Zvjaginsev (RUS) 1; Almasi (HUN), Anand (IND) 2; Akopian (ARM) ½, Shirov (ESP) 1½; Azmaiparashvili (GEO) 3, Krasenkov (POL) 4; Belyavsky (SLO) 1, Short (ENG) 3; van Wely (NED) 1½, Ki.Georgiev (BUL) ½; Adams (ENG) 4, Svidler (RUS) 2.

In round five Anand recorded his third win in two games, winning with white against Alexei Shirov and then drawing with black. Nigel Short was even more ruthless, winning both games against Krasenkov. Boris Gelfand beat Dreev, taking the tie-break games 1½:½ and Michael Adams won the same way versus Loek van Wely.

Anand again avoided tie-breaks in round 6, eliminating Gelfand 1½:½, while Adams and

Short shared wins in the first two games and drew the four rapid tie-break games, the former taking the first sudden death game. Thus the seventh round saw Adams and Anand fight for the right to tackle Karpov. The first four "normal" games were all drawn and the four tie-break games had the same result. In the blitz play-off Anand with the white pieces gradually gained a stranglehold with his bishop pair.

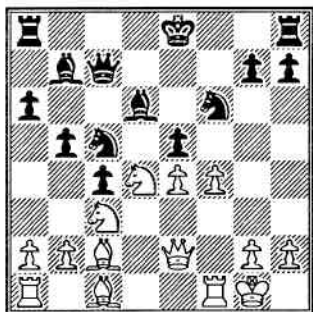
Final in Lausanne

Now the scene moves to Lausanne with IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch in attendance. Karpov drew the white pieces for game one and unleashed a piece sacrifice on move 17 for attacking chances. Anand went badly astray on move 26 when he overlooked Karpov's 31st move queen sacrifice which netted Karpov two rooks for the lady and a winning endgame.

Karpov - Anand

Game 1, Queen's Gambit [D48]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♗c3 ♖f6 4.e3 e6 5.♗f3 ♗bd7 6.♗d3 dxc4 7.♗xc4 b5 8.♗d3 ♗b7 9.0-0 a6 10.e4 c5 11.d5 ♖c7 12.dxe6 fxe6 13.♗c2 c4 14.♗e2 ♗d6 15.♗d4 ♗c5 16.f4 e5



17.♗xb5! ♗xb5 18.♗xb5 ♖b6 19.♗xd6+ ♖xd6 20.fxe5 ♗xe5 21.♗f5 ♗e7 22.♖xc4 ♗c8 23.♖b5+ ♗cd7 24.♖xb7

24.♗a4 ♗c6 25.♖a6 0-0 26.♗xc6 ♗b8 27.♖c4+ ♗h8 and Black regains material with an unclear position.

24...♗xc2 25.♗g5 ♖d6 26.♖a8+ ♗f7?

The text is based on an oversight. Correct was 26...♖b8.

27.♖xh8 ♖d4+ 28.♗h1 ♗xe4 29.♗f3 ♗xg2

29...♗e5 30.♗xf6+! gxf6 31.♖xf6+ +-.

30.♗xg2 ♗e5 31.♖xg7+!

Anand had overlooked this, expecting instead 31.♗af1 ♗xf3 32.♗xf3 ♗e2+ 33.♗g3 ♗e1+ 34.♗f2 ♖g1+ 35.♗f3 ♖g4+ 36.♗e3 ♖xg5+ and Black has perpetual check.

31...♗xg7 32.♗xf6+ ♗g6 33.♗xe5 ♖xe5 34.♗g1 h5 35.b3 ♗e2+ 36.♗f2 ♗e4+ 37.♗f1+

White's material advantage is sufficient to win but his exposed king makes for considerable technical difficulties.

37...♗h6 38.♗g3 ♖b1+ 39.♗g2 ♗e4+ 40.♗g3 ♖g6+ 41.♗f1 ♖b1+ 42.♗g2 ♖g6+ 43.♗h1 ♖b1+ 44.♗f1 ♖xa2 45.♗f6+ ♗g7 46.♗f7+ ♗h8 47.♗f8+ ♗g7 48.♗f7+ ♗g8 49.♗f3 ♗g7 50.h3 ♖c2 51.♗f2 ♗e4 52.♗g2 ♖b4 53.♗e2 ♖d4 54.♗e7+ ♗g6 55.♗e6+ ♗g7 56.♗g3+ ♗f7 57.♗ge3 ♖d5+ 58.♗g3 ♖g5+ 59.♗f2 ♖h4+ 60.♗e2 ♖d4 61.♗e4 ♖a1 62.♗d3 ♗f6 63.♗e6+ ♗f5 64.b4 ♖c1 65.♗d4 ♖c8 66.b5 ♖d8+ 67.♗c5 ♖c7+ 68.♗b4 ♖f4+ 69.♗b3 ♖c7 70.b6 ♖d7 71.♗e5+ ♗f4 72.♗e4+ ♗g3 73.♗e3+ ♗h2 74.♗c4 h4 75.♗c5 ♖c8+ 76.♗d5 ♖d8+ 77.♗e4 ♖d7 78.♗f5 ♗g2 79.♗g5 ♖g7+ 80.♗xh4 ♗f2 81.♗e5 ♖h8+ 82.♗g4 ♖g7+ 83.♗f5 ♖h7+ 84.♗f6 ♖h4+ 85.♗f7 ♖h7+ 86.♗e8 ♖b7 87.h4 ♖b8+ 88.♗f7 ♖b7+ 89.♗g6 ♖b8 90.h5 ♖g8+ 91.♗f5 ♖h7+ 92.♗f6 ♗f3 93.♗e3+ ♗f2 94.♗e2+ ♗f3 95.♗e3+ ♗f2 96.♗g5 ♖g8+ 97.♗h4 ♖d8+ 98.♗h3 ♖d1 99.♗e2+ ♗f3 100.♗h2 ♖d8 101.♗e3+ ♗f4 102.b7 ♖b6 103.♗e4+ ♗f3 104.♗e3+ ♗f2 105.♗e7 ♖d6+ 106.♗h3 ♖b8 107.♗e5 ♗g1 108.♗g7+

Suddenly it is mate in 2, so ... 1-0.

Game 2 was a disaster for Karpov who sacrificed the exchange for adequate compensation. Again Anand mis-defended but on move 34 Karpov missed a forced win after which Anand was winning. Karpov 1, Anand 1.

Anand - Karpov

Game 2, Ruy Lopez [C78]

1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♗f6 5.0-0 ♗c5 6.c3 b5 7.♗b3 d6 8.a4 ♗g4 9.d3 0-0 10.h3 ♗xf3 11.♖xf3 ♗a5 12.♗c2 b4 13.♗d2 ♗b8 14.♗e2 ♗e8 15.♗f3 bxc3 16.bxc3 ♗b3 17.♗xb3 ♗xb3 18.d4 exd4 19.cxd4 ♗xf3

19...♗xe4 20.♗e3 ♗b4 21.♖xa6 c5 was also possible.

20.♖xf3 ♗xd4 21.♗a2 ♗xe4 22.♖d3 c5 23.♖xa6

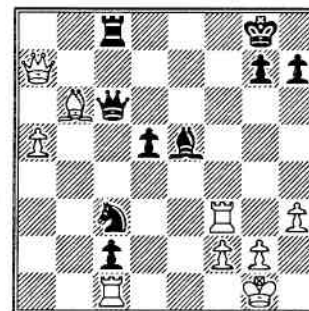
23.♗b2? ♗xf2! and 24.♗xf2 fails to 24...24...♗e1+ and Black wins.

23...d5 24.a5 c4 25.♗c3 ♗e5 26.♗b6 ♖d7 27.♖a7 ♖c6 28.♗d4 ♗c7 29.♗b2 c3 30.♗b7 ♗c8 31.♗b6 ♗e5 32.♗xf7 c2 33.♗c1?

33.♗c3 ♗c7 34.♗e7 ♖d6 35.♗xc7 ♗xc7 with an unclear position.

33...♗c3! 34.♗f3

34.♗xc2? ♗e2+ 35.♗xe2 ♖c1+]



34...h6??

34...♗e2+ 35.♗f1 ♖e8! is winning, e.g. 36.♗c5 (36.♗xc2 ♗b8+ 37.♗e3 ♖b5+ and 38...♗xa7) 36...♗xc1 37.♗f8+ ♖xf8 38.♗xf8 ♗d3 and White cannot even give up his bishop for the c-pawn by 39.♗a3 because of 39...♗b2.

35.♖f7+ ♗h8 36.♗e3

With dangerous knight moves prevented, White is winning.

36...d4 37.♗xe5 d3 38.♗d4 ♗g8 39.♗e6 d2 40.♗xc6 dxc1 ♖+ 41.♗h2 ♖d2 42.♗c8 1-0.

The third game was a quiet draw, a not surprising outcome for Karpov after the major setback in game 2 but no doubt welcome for Anand who was level with two whites in the remaining three games. Karpov 1½, Anand 1½.

Karpov - Anand

Game 3, Queen's Gambit [D47]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♗c3 ♗f6 4.e3 e6 5.♗f3 ♗bd7 6.♗d3 dxc4 7.♗xc4 b5 8.♗d3 ♗b7 9.a3 b4 10.♗e4 ♗xe4 11.♗xe4 bxa3 12.bxa3 ♗d6 13.0-0 0-0 14.♗b2 ♗b8 15.♖c2 c5 16.♗xb7 ♗xb7 17.dxc5 ♗xc5 18.♗fd1 ♖e7 19.a4 ½-½.

In game 4 Karpov achieved, with the black pieces, just the type of ending he is so good in, one where he can grind away and take advantage of the slightest slip. One feels Anand should have held the ending but it wasn't to be so Karpov 2½, Anand 1½.

Anand - Karpov

Game 4, Queen's Gambit [D42]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 ♗f6 5.♗c3 e6 6.♗f3 ♗e7 7.cxd5 ♗xd5 8.♗d3 ♗c6

The opening has transposed into a Semi-Tarrasch though these positions more often arise from the Caro-Kann move order.

9.0-0 0-0 10.♗e1 ♗f6 11.♗e4 ♗ce7 12.h4 ♗f5 13.♖d3 ♗xc3 14.bxc3 h6

14...♗xh4? costs the exchange: 15.♗xf5 exf5 16.♗xh4 ♖xh4 17.♗a3 ♗d8 18.♗e7.

15.h5 ♗d6 16.♗e5 ♗xe4 17.♖xe4 ♗xe5 18.dxe5 f5 19.♖e2

After the game Anand preferred 19.exf6 ♖xf6 20.♖d4 and the pawn weaknesses balance each other.

19...♗d7 20.♗d1 ♗b5 21.♖f3 ♖e8 22.♗f4

22.♖xb7 ♗c6 23.♖a6 ♖xh5 24.♗xh6 ♗ac8 25.♗e3 ♖g6 hands the initiative to Black.

22...♗c8 23.♗d4 ♗c4 24.♗ad1 ♖f7 25.♗xc4 ♗xc4 26.a3 ♗c8 27.♗d4 ♗h7 28.♗d2 ♗d5 29.♖h3 b5 30.a4 bxa4 31.♗xa4 ♗c4 32.♗xc4 ♗xc4 33.♖h4 ♗b5 34.c4 ♗e8 35.c5

35.♖d8! ♖xh5 36.♗e3 ♗c6 37.♖d6 ♗a8 38.♖d8 and it is not clear how Black can make any progress.

35...♟d7 36.♞c3 ♟d3

36...♟d1+ 37.♞h2 ♟xh5 38.♟xh5 ♞xh5 39.c6 ♞e8 40.c7 ♞d7 and Black's extra pawn is not enough for a win.

37.♟d4 ♟xd4 38.♞xd4 a5 39.c6?

39.f4 keeping the kingside closed should still draw.

39...♞xc6 40.f3?

40.f4 was still best.

40...f4 41.♞b2 ♞e8 42.♞c1 a4 43.♞xf4 a3 44.♞e3 ♞xh5 45.♞f2 ♞e8 46.♞d4 ♞c6 47.♞c3 a2 48.g3 h5 49.g4 h4

50.f4 g5! 51.f5 (51.fxg5 ♟g6 is hopeless) 51...exf5 52.gxf5 g4 53.e6 g3+ 54.♟g1 h3 and Black queens within a few moves. 0-1.

Karpov avoided any complications in game 5, taking his one point lead into the final game. Karpov 3, Anand 2.

Karpov - Anand

Game 5, Queen's Gambit [D46]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♟c3 ♁f6 4.e3 e6 5.♁f3 ♁bd7 6.♟c2 ♞d6 7.♞d3 0-0 8.0-0 dxc4 9.♞xc4 a6 10.♞d1 b5 11.♞e2 ♟c7 12.♁e4 ♁xe4 13.♟xe4 e5 14.♟h4 ♞e8 15.♞d3 h6 16.♞c2 exd4 17.♟xd4 ♞f8 18.b3 ♁f6 19.♟h4 g5 20.♟g3 ♟xg3 21.hxg3 c5 22.♞b2 ♞g7 23.♞d6 ♞e6 24.♞ad1 ♞ec8 25.♞xf6 ♞xf6 26.♞e4 ♞a7 27.♞d5 ♞xd5 28.♞1xd5 ♟g7 29.♞d2 ♞e7 30.♞b6 ♞d8 31.♞bd6 ♞e7 32.♞6d5 a5 33.♟f1 a4 34.♟e2 axb3 35.axb3 ♞a3 36.b4 ♞c3 37.bxc5 ♞3xc5 38.♞xc5 ♞xc5 39.♁d4 ♞f6 40.g4 b4 41.♞b2 ♞c4 42.♟d3 ♞c3+ 43.♟d2 ♞xd4 44.exd4 ♞c4 45.♟d3 ♞c3+ 46.♟d2 ♞c4 47.♟d3 ♞c3+ 48.♟e4 b3 49.f3 ♟f6 50.d5 ♞c4+ 51.♟d3 ♞f4 52.♞xb3 ♟e5 53.♞b6 ♟xd5 54.♞xh6 ♟e5 55.♟e3 ♞a4 ½-½.

Anand grabbed his last chance when he finally gained the initiative and Karpov failed to find the best defence on move 28 so a match which Karpov could well have had sewn up at the half-way mark went into extra time. Karpov 3, Anand 3.

Anand - Karpov

Game 6, Trompovsky [A45]

1.d4 ♁f6 2.♞g5

Presumably something of a surprise to Karpov who nevertheless should have been reasonably prepared in view of the fact that Anand's semi-final opponent, Michael Adams, is a known Trompovsky fan.

2...e6 3.e4 h6 4.♞xf6 ♟xf6 5.♟c3 d6 6.♟d2 g5 7.♞c4 ♁c6 8.♁ge2 ♞g7 9.♞d1 ♞d7 10.0-0 11.♁b5 a6 12.♁a3 g4 13.f4 gxf3 14.♞xf3 ♟e7 15.c3 h5 16.♞df1 ♞df8 17.b4 ♁a7 18.♁c2 ♞h6 19.♟e1 ♟b8 20.♞d3 ♞c6 21.♁f4 ♞fg8 22.d5 ♞e8 23.♟f2 ♞g7 24.♁d4 ♞d7 25.dxe6 ♞xd4 26.cxd4 fxe6 27.e5 ♞c6 28.♁g6 ♟d8?

28...♞xg6 29.♞xg6 (29.♞f8+? ♞xf8 30.♟x8+ ♁c8 31.♞xg6 ♟g5 wins the bishop because of the mate threat) 29...♞xf3 30.♟xf3 dxe5 31.dxe5 ♟xb4 is not at all clear. Another defensive possibility was 28...e8!?

29.♁xh8 ♞xf3 30.♁f7 ♟h4

Unfortunately White has a simple antidote to this little trick and and not only wins material but retains the initiative.

31.♟xf3

31.♟xb4?? ♞xg2+ 32.♟h1 ♞f2+ is a draw.

31...♟xd4+ 32.♟h1 d5 33.♞d1 ♟xb4 34.♞b1 ♟a4 35.♟xh5 ♁c6 36.♟e2 ♟a7 37.♟f2+ b6 38.♞c1 ♟b7 39.h3 ♞c8 40.♟f6 ♁d4 41.♁d8+ ♟b8 42.♁xe6 1-0.

In the first of the tie-break games Anand won a pawn with the black pieces and, had he but played the right 40th move, would have been cruising. The first mistake allowed Karpov to equalise and a second allowed him to take control. The second tie-breaker saw an early pawn sacrifice by Anand but the Indian GM never looked like obtaining adequate compensation and the 46-year old Karpov had retained his title with a 5:3 scoreline.

Karpov - Anand

Game 7, King's Indian Attack [A07]

1.♁f3 d5 2.g3 ♁f6 3.♞g2 c6 4.0-0 ♞g4 5.d3 ♁bd7 6.♁bd2 e6 7.e4 ♞e7 8.♟e2 0-0 9.h3 ♞h5 10.♞e1 dxe4 11.dxe4 e5 12.b3 ♟c7 13.♞b2 ♞fe8 14.♟f1 ♞ad8 15.a3 b5 16.♞c3 ♞f8 17.♁h4 ♁c5 18.♞f3 ♞g6 19.♁xg6 hxg6

15.f4 exf4 16.♞f1 ♞f8 17.♟xf4 f6 18.dxc6 ♟xc6 19.♁d4 ♟e8 20.♁d5+ ♟d8 21.♟xd6+ ♞d7 22.♁b5 1-0

In another upset Piket toppled Topalov.

Piket - Topalov

Round 2 [D39]

1.d4 ♁f6 2.♁f3 e6 3.c4 d5 4.♁c3 dxc4 5.e4 ♞b4 6.♞g5 c5 7.♞xc4 cxd4 8.♁xd4 ♞xc3+ 9.bxc3 ♟a5 10.♞b5+ ♞d7 11.♞xf6 gxf6 12.♟b3 a6 13.♞e2 ♁c6 14.0-0 ♟c7 15.♟a3 ♞c8 16.♞ad1 ♁a5 17.♟c1!

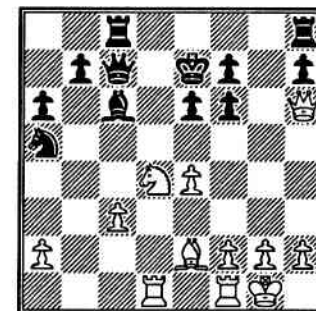
The first new move; 17.♞d3 has also been played.

17...♟e7

17...♟xc3 18.♟h6 ♟e7 19.e5 fxe5 20.♁f5+! exf5 21.♟d6+ and White regains the piece with a continuing attack; 17...e5 was best.

18.♟h6 ♞c6?

18...e5.



19.♁xe6! ♟e5

19...fxe6 allows mate in 3; 19...♟xe6 20.♞g4+ ♟e7 21.e5! with a winning attack.

20.♁d4 ♞cg8 21.f4 ♟c5 22.♟h1 ♞g6 23.♟h3 ♞xe4 24.♞f3 ♞xf3 25.♞xf3 ♟c7 26.♁f5+ ♟f8 27.♞fd3 ♁c6 28.♞d7

28.♞d7 ♟b8 (28...♟a5 29.♟d3 ♟e8 30.♞e7+! and mate in 3) 29.♟c3 ♟e8 (29...h5 30.♞e7+! ♁xe7 31.♞d8+) 30.♟xe8+ ♟xe8 31.♞c7 with mate in a few moves. 1-0

Anand crushed three opponents with two-game wins, starting with Nikolic in round 2.

20.♞g2 a6 21.♟e2 ♁e6 22.♁f3 ♁d7 23.a4 b4 24.♞b2 a5 25.c3 bxc3 26.♞xc3 ♞b8 27.♞ab1 ♞b4 28.♞ec1 ♞xc3 29.♞xc3 c5 30.♟e3 ♟d6 31.h4 ♁d4 32.♞h3 ♁b6 33.♞bc1 c4 34.bxc4 ♁xa4 35.c5 ♟e7 36.♞a3 ♁xc5 37.♞ac3 ♁cb3 38.♞c7 ♟f6 39.♞1c3 ♁xf3+ 40.♟xf3 a4?

After this mistake there is no win - and, incredibly, Anand even manages to lose the second half point as well. After 40...♁d4 41.♟xf6 gxf6 42.♞3c5 ♞b1+ 43.♟g2 ♞a8 Black's pieces are ideally placed to shepherd home the a-pawn while White has no counterplay at all.

41.♟xf6 gxf6 42.♞d7 ♁d4?

Still trying to win; sounder was 42...♞e7 43.♞xa4 ♞xc7 44.♞xc7 ♁d2 45.♞c6 drawing. 43.♞xe8 ♁e2+ 44.♟g2 ♁xc3 45.♞xf7+ ♟f8 46.♞xg6 ♁b5 47.♞f7+ ♟g8 48.♞xf6 ♞a8 49.h5 a3 50.h6 a2 51.♞f7+ ♟h7 52.♞xa2 ♞xa2 53.g4 ♁c3 54.g5 ♁xe4 55.♞f7+ ♟g6

55...♟g8 56.g6 ♞a8 57.h7+ ♟h8 58.g7+ ♟xh7 59.♞f8 wins.

56.♞g7+ ♟f5 57.h7 ♞xf2+ 58.♟g1 ♟g4 59.h8♟ ♟g3 60.♞e7 ♞g2+ 61.♟f1 ♁d2+ 62.♟e1 1-0.

Anand - Karpov

Game 8, Queen's Pawn [D00]

1.d4 d5 2.♞g5 h6 3.♞h4 c6 4.♁f3 ♟b6 5.b3 ♞f5 6.e3 ♁d7 7.♞d3 ♞xd3 8.♟xd3 e6 9.c4 ♁e7 10.c5 ♟a5+ 11.♁c3 b6 12.b4 ♟xb4 13.0-0 ♁f5 14.♞fc1 bxc5 15.♞ab1 c4 16.♟c2 ♟a5 17.♞b7 ♟a6 18.♞cb1 ♞d6 19.e4 ♁xh4 20.♁xh4 ♞b8 21.♞xb8+ ♞xb8 22.exd5 cxd5 23.♁g6 fxg6 24.♟xg6+ ♟d8 25.♟xg7 ♞e8 26.♟xh6 ♟a5 27.♟g5+ ♟c8 28.♟g6 ♞f8 29.♞c1 ♟b6 30.♁e2 e5 31.♟h5 ♟f6 32.♞f1 ♞h8 0-1.

Games from earlier rounds

Ivanchuk was eliminated in the major upset of round 2.

Selrawan, Y - Ivanchuk, V

Round 2 [E70]

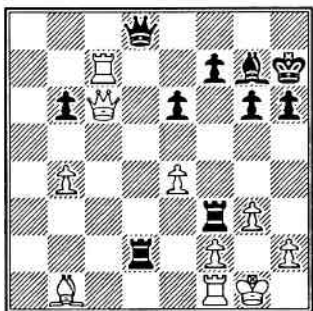
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14...♟xb2 15.dxc6 bxc6 16.♞xd6 is clearly better for White.

Nikolic,P – Anand
Round 2 [D43]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♗c3 ♖f6 4.♗f3 e6 5.♗g5 h6
6.♗xf6 ♗xf6 7.e3 ♗d7 8.♗d3 dxc4 9.♗xc4 g6
10.0-0 ♗g7 11.b4 0-0 12.♗c1 ♗e7 13.♗b3
♗b6 14.♗d3 ♗d8 15.♗e4 ♗d5 16.a3 ♗d7
17.♗c5 ♗e8 18.♗b1 b6 19.♗d3 a5 20.♗c4
axb4 21.axb4 ♗db8 22.e4

22.♗fc1? c5!
22...♗c7 23.♗fc1 ♗b5 24.♗de5 ♗d8 25.♗xc6
♗xc6 26.♗xc6 ♗a3 27.♗c4 ♗xd4 28.♗xd4
♗xd4 29.♗c8+ ♗h7 30.♗c6 ♗d2 31.♗c7 ♗d8
32.g3 ♗f3 33.♗f1



33...♗dxh2!

33...♗c3 also wins but the text is quicker and far more aesthetic.

34.♗xf2 ♗d1+ 35.♗g2 ♗xf2+ 36.♗xf2 ♗d4+

36...♗d4+ 37.♗g2 ♗g1+ 38.♗f3 (38.♗h3 ♗f7+ 39.♗h4 ♗f6+ 40.♗g4 h5#) 38...♗f1+ 39.♗g4 h5+ 40.♗g5 ♗f6# 0-1

Anand – Nikolic,P
Round 2 [C18]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♗c3 ♗b4 4.e5 c5 5.a3
♗xc3+ 6.bxc3 ♗a5 7.♗d2 ♗a4 8.♗g4 g6
9.♗d1 cxd4 10.♗b1 d3 11.♗xd3 ♗xa3 12.♗f3
♗c5 13.h4 h6 14.0-0 ♗d7 15.♗e1 a6 16.e4
dxc4 17.♗e4 c3 18.♗e3 ♗c4 19.♗d4 ♗c5
20.♗e3 ♗xe4 21.♗xe4 ♗d7 22.♗e3 ♗e7
23.♗xc3 ♗d5 24.♗c5 ♗e4 25.♗c7 b5 26.♗c5
♗d5 27.♗xd7! ♗xd7 28.♗b4 ♗xb4

The queen is lost: 28...♗f5 29.g4.
29.♗xb4 ♗hc8 30.♗d6 ♗c4 31.♗d2 ♗d4
32.c3 ♗d3 33.c4 ♗xd2 34.♗xd2 bxc4
35.♗xh6 1-0

Two blitz finishes

The Adams–Short elimination and the Adams–Anand semi-final were both tied after the initial two-game matches and four-game playoffs, so both were decided in these sudden death blitz games:

Short,N – Adams,M
Round 6 blitz [B12]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.♗c3 dxe4 4.♗xe4 ♗d7
5.♗c4 ♗g6 6.♗xf6+ ♗xf6 7.c3 ♗c7 8.h3 ♗f5
9.♗f3 e6 10.0-0 ♗d6 11.♗e1 h6 12.♗e2 0-0-
0 13.a4 g5 14.♗e5 ♗d5 15.a5 f6 16.♗d3 h5
17.♗d2 a6 18.♗b3 ♗b8 19.c4 ♗f4 20.♗xf4
♗xf4 21.♗c3 g4 22.h4 g3 23.f3 ♗he8 24.♗c2
♗xc2 25.♗xc2 f5 26.♗ad1 ♗e7 27.♗d2 ♗xd2
28.♗xd2 ♗xh4 29.♗e3 f4 30.♗e5+ ♗a8
31.♗d2 ♗h2+ 32.♗f1 ♗h1+ 33.♗e2 ♗xg2+
34.♗d1 ♗xf3+ 35.♗c2 h4 0-1

Anand,V – Adams,M
Round 7 (semi-final) blitz [D41]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 ♗f6 5.♗c3
e6 6.♗f3 ♗e7 7.cxd5 ♗xd5 8.♗c4 ♗xc3
9.bxc3 0-0 10.0-0 ♗d7 11.♗d3 ♗c7 12.♗e2
♗e8 13.c4 g6 14.c5 ♗f6 15.♗e5 ♗d7 16.♗f4
♗c8 17.♗ab1 ♗d5 18.♗g3 ♗f8 19.♗fe1 ♗f6
20.♗c4 ♗xd4 21.♗d6 ♗d8 22.♗xb7 ♗f6 23.c6
♗c8 24.♗b3 e5 25.♗e4 ♗e6 26.♗f3 ♗g5
27.♗e1 ♗e7 28.♗a5 ♗b6 29.♗a3 ♗xa3
30.♗xa3 f6 31.♗c5 ♗xc5 32.♗xc5 ♗c7 33.f3
a6 34.h4 ♗ad8 35.♗c1 ♗d2 36.♗e1 ♗xa2
37.♗xa2 ♗xa2 38.♗a5 ♗f7 39.♗d1 ♗b5
40.♗c1 ♗c7 41.♗d1 ♗b5 42.♗d8+ ♗g7
43.♗a8 ♗c4 44.♗b8 f5 45.♗c2 ♗d5 46.♗b6
♗d6 47.c7 ♗c8 48.♗b8 ♗f8 49.♗a4 ♗e6
50.♗c3 ♗f6 51.f4 ♗f7 52.♗xe5 ♗e7 53.♗d8
♗c8 54.♗f2 ♗e7 55.♗c6 a5 56.♗b7 ♗f7
57.♗c6 ♗e7 58.♗c3 ♗f7 59.♗xa5 ♗g8 60.♗b4
♗a7 61.♗a4 ♗c8 62.♗c5 h6 63.♗b5 g5
64.fxg5 hxg5 65.h5 1-0

Australian Championship

GM Ian Rogers and IM Stephen Solomon tied for 1st on 8½/11 in the Australian Championship, well clear of GM Darryl Johansen, IM Michael Gluzman, Michael Kontorovich and FM Leonid Sadler on 7. There will be a playoff later in the year.

NZ FM Tony Love scored 5½/

Overseas news

By NM Peter Stuart

Karpov fell behind in losing the next two. After two draws Adianto succumbed in a long final game so the result was a 3:3 tie.

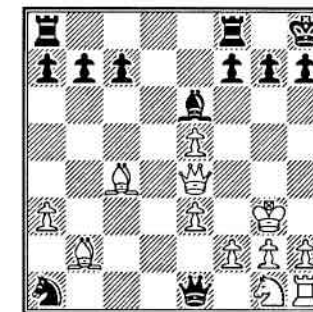
Szeged

The category 13 Maroczy Memorial tournament was jointly won by Chinese IM Zhang Zhong and GMs Suat Atalik (TUR) and Lembit Oll (EST). The winners' score of 5½/9 was sufficient for a GM norm for Zhang Zhong. Close behind, on 5 points, were GM Miles (ENG) and GM Ribli (HUN) and then followed: 6 GM Lalic (CRO) 4½; 7-8 GM Adorian (HUN) & GM Wells (ENG) 4; 9 GM Sax (HUN) 3½; 10 Ivanisevic (YUG) 2½.

Atalik - Sax

Nimzoindian [E37]

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗c3 ♗b4 4.♗c2 d5 5.a3
♗xc3+ 6.♗xc3 ♗e4 7.♗c2 ♗c6 8.e3 e5 9.cxd5
♗xd5 10.♗c4 ♗a5+ 11.b4 ♗xb4 12.♗xe4
♗c2+ 13.♗e2 ♗e1+ 14.♗f3 ♗xa1 15.♗b2 0-0
16.♗g3 ♗h8 17.dxe5 ♗e6



18.♗f3! ♗xh1 19.♗g5 g6 20.♗xf7+! ♗xf7
21.♗xe6 ♗g7

21...♗e7 is also met by 22.♗f7!

22.♗f7! ♗xf7

22...♗d1 23.e6 ♗d6+ 24.♗h3 ♗b3 25.♗xb7
♗d8 26.♗xb3 ♗c5 27.♗xg7+ ♗xg7 28.♗b2+
♗f8 29.♗xg6! also wins for White.

23.e6+ ♗g8 24.♗d4 ♗f8 25.exf7 ♗xf7

Kiev

This category 9 event in October would not have featured in these pages but for the fact that 14-year old Ruslan Ponomariov broke Etienne Bacrot's record as the youngest ever international grandmaster. The Ukrainian youngster was just 14 years and 17 days old when he won the tournament with a convincing two-point margin over the runner-up, veteran GM Ratmir Kholmov. Bacrot was 14 years and two months old when he gained the title in March 1997.

Ponomariov, the current World Under-18 champion and a former World Under-12 champion (1995) has snuck through to the title with few, outside of the Ukraine perhaps, noticing his progress among the welter of under-rated and under-titled players from the former Soviet Union. Here is one of his games from the Kiev tournament:

Ponomariov – Vysochin
French [C06]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♗d2 ♗f6 4.e5 ♗fd7 5.♗d3
c5 6.c3 ♗c6 7.♗e2 cxd4 8.cxd4 f6 9.exf6
♗xf6 10.♗f3 h6 11.0-0 ♗d6 12.♗c3 0-0
13.♗b5 ♗db8 14.♗c1 ♗d7 15.♗g3 ♗e8 16.♗e1
♗g6 17.a3 a6 18.♗a4 b5 19.♗c2 ♗xc2
20.♗xc2 ♗a7 21.♗d3 ♗c7 22.♗ce2 ♗e8
23.♗d2 ♗ce7 24.♗e5 ♗xe5 25.dxe5 ♗h4 26.f4
♗f7 27.♗f1 ♗d8 28.g3 d4 29.♗c1 ♗d7 30.♗e1
♗d5 31.♗ec2 ♗b6 32.♗f2 b4 33.♗d2 ♗b5
34.♗g6 ♗dd8 35.♗e4 ♗e7 36.♗d6 ♗d5 37.♗d3
bxa3 38.bxa3 ♗xd6 39.exd6 ♗xd6 40.♗e4
♗c7 41.♗xd4 1-0.

Jakarta

In the lead-up to the FIDE World Championship Anatoly Karpov played a short match against top Indonesian GM Utut Adianto. The match begun with two blindfold games (25 minutes per player), then followed two normal games and finally there were two rapid games (also 25 minutes per player). Having won the first game

25...♔e7 avoids a quick mate but after 26.♖g7! ♕e6 27.♖g8 Black's position is hopeless.

26.♖d7+ 1-0.

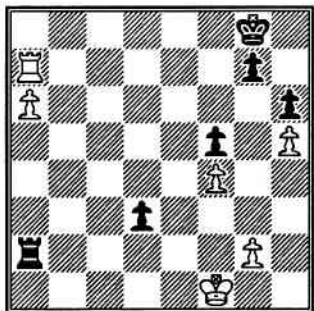
Merrillville

This Indiana town staged the first "Hoogovens USA Chess Festival" with three American GMs and three Dutch GMs. It turned out to be a double Dutch triumph with Jan Timman and Loek van Wely tying for first place with 3½/5. Alex Yermolinsky (USA) scored 3 and then came Yasser Seirawan (USA) 2½, Jeroen Piket (NED) 1½ and Tal Shaked 1. The following game features an instructive ending:

Yermolinsky - Seirawan

French [C10]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♗c3 dxe4 4.♗xe4 ♖d7 5.♗f3 ♕e7 6.♗d3 ♗gf6 7.♖e2 ♗xe4 8.♗xe4 c5 9.0-0 0-0 10.♗d1 ♖c7 11.c3 ♗f6 12.♗g5 h6 13.♗xf6 ♗xf6 14.♖c4 ♕e7 15.b4 f5 16.♗d3 b5 17.♖xb5 cxb4 18.cxb4 ♖b8 19.♖a5 ♖xa5 20.bxa5 ♗f6 21.♖ab1 ♗b7 22.♗c4 ♗d5 23.♗xd5 exd5 24.a6 ♖xb1 25.♖xb1 ♖c8 26.h4 ♖c4 27.♖b7 ♗xd4 28.♗xd4 ♖xd4 29.h5 ♖a4 30.♖xa7 ♖xa2 31.f4! d4 32.♗f1 d3



33.♔e1 ♗f8

33...♖xg2 34.♖c7 ♖a2 35.a7 ♗h7 36.♗d1 d2 37.♖b7 is zugzwang and White wins both d and f-pawns.

34.♖a8+ ♕e7 35.a7 ♗f7 36.♗d1

Zugzwang again.

36...g6

36...d2 37.♕e2 d1♖+ 38.♗xd1 ♖a4 (Thanks to the presence of the black ♗ on f7 White cannot now win the f-pawn as ♕e5 will be met by ♖a5+. The ♗ on f7 does, however, allow another winning idea) 39.♗c2 ♖a6 40.♗b3 ♖a1 41.♗c4 ♖a2 42.♗b5 ♖a1 43.♗b6 ♖b1+ 44.♗c6 ♖c1+ 45.♗d6 ♖a1 46.♖c8 ♖a6+ 47.♖c6 ♖xa7 48.♖c7+ ♖xc7 49.♗xc7 ♕e7 50.♗c6 (Not 50.g3? ♕e6 51.♗c6 ♕e7 52.♗d5 ♗f6 53.♗d6 ♗f7 54.♕e5 as Black has a stalemate defence after 54... 54...g6 55.hxg6+ ♗xg6 56.♕e6 ♗h5) 50...♕e6 51.♗c5 ♕e7 52.♗d5 ♗f6 53.♗d6 ♗f7 54.♕e5 g6 55.hxg6+ ♗xg6 56.♕e6 ♗h5 57.♗xf5+-.

37.♖h8 1-0.

La Plata

Danish former super-GM Bent Larsen won his first six games and then crashed but still took first place in a category 8 tournament with 6½/9. Sharing second place, on 6, were GMs Panno (ARG), Sorokin (RUS) and Zarnicki (ARG) while GM Spangenberg (ARG) was next on 5.

Women's candidates

Alisa Galliamova, former wife of Vassily Ivanchuk, won the Women's Candidates tournament, played in Groningen alongside the knock-out World Championship in December. Galliamova lost in the penultimate round to former challenger Nana Ioseliani but still retained a one point lead and then defeated former champion Maya Chiburdanidze in the last round to finish a point clear. The other crucial last round game was that between Xie Jun and Ioseliani in which the Georgian GM blundered in a winning position allowing the Chinese ex-champion to qualify for a play-off final match against Galliamova.

Scores in the double round-robin were: 1 Galliamova (RUS) 13½; 2 Xie Jun (CHN) 12½; 3-4 Chiburdanidze (GEO) & Ioseliani (GEO) 11; 5-7 Arakhamia (GEO), Maric (YUG) & Peng Zhaoqin (CHN) 9; 8 P.Cramling (SWE) 8½; 9 Gurieli (GEO) 5; 10 Kachiani (GER) 1½.

Xie Jun - Arakhamia

[B85]

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4 ♗f6 5.♗c3 d6 6.♗e2 ♕e7 7.0-0 ♗c6 8.♗h1 a6 9.a4 0-0 10.f4 ♖c7 11.♗e3 ♖e8 12.♗f3 ♖b8 13.g4 ♗xd4 14.♗xd4 e5 15.♖xe5 dxe5 16.♗a7 ♖a8 17.g5 ♖d8 18.♖e2 ♗e8 19.♗e3 ♗e6 20.♖f2 ♖dc8

20...♖c4! gave Black good play in Topalov - Kasparov, Yerevan Olympiad 1996.

21.♗g4 ♗d6 22.♗xe6 ♖xe6 23.g6 hxg6 24.♖g2 ♖f8 25.♖xg6 ♗f6 26.♖g4 ♖ae8 27.♖f3 ♖c4?

But now this is not the right move. Better was 27...♗c4.

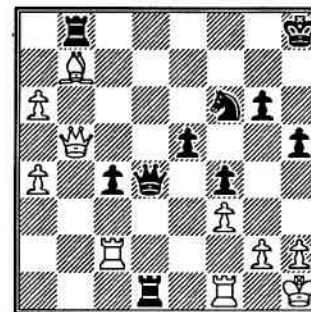
28.♖g1 ♖e7 29.♖h3 b5 30.♖g6 b4 31.♖h6! bxc3 32.♖h7+ ♗f7 33.♖xf6+!

33.♖xf6+ ♕e8 34.♖xf8+ ♗xf8 runs into mate in 3 starting with 35.♖h8+. 1-0

The diagram shows the position after White's 37th move in the last round game.

White to move

Xie Jun - Ioseliani



The game continued:

37...c4??

37...♖xa4!! and White's best is an ending 2 pawns down: 38.♖e2 ♖xf1+ 39.♖xf1 ♖xc2 40.a7 ♖d8 41.a8♖ ♖xa8 42.♗xa8 ♖a4 43.♗b7 c4 and Black is winning. White had been winning until she gave Black the chance for this beautiful winning combination.

38.♖c1 ♖xf1+ 39.♖xf1 ♖d3

After 39...♖d8 40.♖a5 and 41.a7 is a winning threat.

40.♖b1 ♖d4 41.♖d1 ♖e3 42.♖xg6 ♖f8 43.♖h6+ ♗g8 44.a7! ♖xa7 45.♖d7 ♗xd7 46.♗d5+ ♖f7 47.♖g6+ ♗h8 48.♗xf7 1-0.

Groningen - Open

Also running alongside the World Championship was a strong open tournament, an 11-round Swiss with 234 players including 31 GMs and 37 IMs.. Uzbek GM Alexander Nenashev won with 9½, one point more than GMs Jaan Ehlvest (EST) and Ildar Ibragimov (RUS). Seven players tied for fourth on 8: GM Burmakin (RUS), IM Kasimdzhanov (UZB), IM Kiriakov (RUS), GM Miles (ENG), GM Movsesian (CZE), GM Nisipeanu (RUM) & GM Tiviakov (RUS).

Hastings

GM Matthew Sadler scored a convincing home triumph in winning the famous New Year tournament with 7/9. Sharing second were GMs Elo Relange (FRA) & Eduard Rosenthal (LIT) 5½, then followed: 4 GM Tkachiev (KAZ) 5; 5 GM Plaskett (ENG) 4½; 6-7 GM Hebden (ENG) & GM Nunn (ENG) 4; 8 GM Rausis (LAT) 3½; 9-10 IM McShane (ENG) & IM Ward (ENG) 3.

Reggio Emilia

The 40th edition of this New Year tournament was category 10 and saw a shared victory for GMs Dmitry Komarov (UKR) & Leonid Yudasin (ISR). Next were GMs Efimov (ITA) & Lputyan (ARM) on 7.

Pamplona

Another New Year tournament, this time of category 13, was jointly won by Swedish GM Ulf Andersson and Spain's GM Miguel Illescas with 6½/9. Illescas defeated joint third place-getter GM Christopher Lutz (GER) in the last round while Andersson accounted for De la Villa. Peruvian GM Julio Granda tied for third with 5, with GM Bacrot (FRA), IM De la Villa (ESP) and GM Magem (ESP) on 4½, GM San Segundo (ESP) 4, GM Strikovic (YUG) 3½ and Arzimendi (ESP) 1.

NZCF Council report

By NZCF President Peter Stuart

AGM

The Federation annual general meeting on 6th January elected the following Council based in Auckland: President, Peter Stuart; Vice-president, Bob Smith; Secretary, Jack Frost; Treasurer, Chris Jardine; Councillors, Jim Cater, Martin Dreyer, Paul Frost, Bob Gibbons (all Auckland), Michael Freeman, Ted Frost (both Wellington) and Graham Haase (Otago). A small genealogical note: Jack and Paul Frost are not related, nor are they related to Ted and Tim; leastways they are not owning up to being related!

Sir Robert Jones was re-elected patron and Alan Fletcher, Roy Kent, Graham Haase and Bill Poole as vice-patrons.

The other AGM decision of interest to players concerns the format of the North Island and South Island Championships which henceforth will have single-session play with a time control of 40 moves in 105 minutes plus 30 minutes to finish. There will be two rounds on each of the first three days and one each on the fourth and fifth days.

The meeting also approved all the steps taken by the trustees and outgoing Council to set up the Chess Friends of New Zealand Trust including the election of Ted Frost (Wellington), Richard Sutton (Dunedin) and Peter Weir (Auckland) as the initial trustees.

First Council Meeting

The new Council held its first regular monthly meeting on 20th January and one of the first decisions was the award of the National Master title to Peter Green (Auckland) whose fifth equal placing in the N.Z. Championship at Hamilton earned him 13 master points, lifting his total points to 107. His title will be ratified at the next annual general meeting.

Application is also being made for the FIDE Master title for Alexei Kulashko who has held a FIDE rating well above 2300 for

more than the required 24 games. Alexei's back-to-back New Zealand Championship victories give him 90 N.Z. master points so he is within spitting range of the NM title as well.

Council Committees

The Council appointed the following committees for 1998: Ratings Committee, Jim Cater (Rating Officer), Bob Gibbons & Peter Stuart; Technical Committee, Bob Gibbons & Peter Stuart; Junior Chess Committee, Bob Smith (convenor), Paul Frost & Ted Frost; Coaching Committee, Ewen Green & Bob Smith.

In addition Ted Frost is confirmed as editor of *New Zealand Chess*, Peter Stuart as master points registrar and Michael Freeman as Permanent FIDE Delegate. Michael will also continue with his New Zealand chess web page. Also, Bob Gibbons (convenor) and Arthur Pomeroy were reappointed as national selectors with one to be added.

Olympiad 1998

If Yerevan posed major problems with travel Elista promises even more of a challenge to the Council and team management this year. There appear to be no scheduled flights to Elista which is 1100km from Moscow and 1800km from Athens. There must even be doubts about whether the Kalmyk capital's ambitious "chess city" concept can be completed in time for the Olympiad which is scheduled to commence on 25th September.

Selection of the Men's team will commence shortly with every effort being made to give the selected players the maximum time for preparation. Letters are being sent to leading players to ascertain their availability. Selection of the Women's team will be delayed until after Easter when the New Zealand Women's Championship is being organised by the Waitemata club.

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 Kessler (09)412-8184.

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

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

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

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

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