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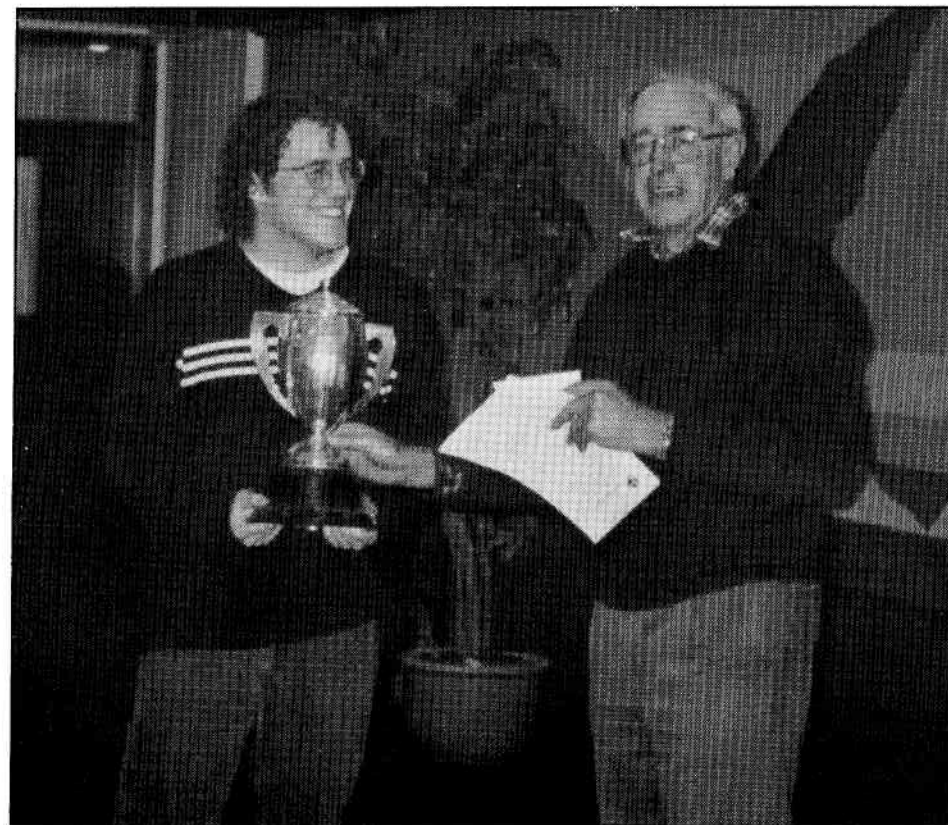
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Olympiad results

The New Zealand Open team at the 1998 Olympiad scored 26½ points, just over 50 per cent, and won 7 of its 13 matches and drew one. The team placed 53rd equal after being seeded 69th in the field of 110.

The women's team was seeded 55th of 72 teams, and scored 15½ points to place 66th.

These results are comparable with those of recent Olympiads.

Bjelobrk takes junior title

Following on from his fine performance in the North Island Championship, Igor Bjelobrk won his first six games to win the NZ Junior title at the tournament in Auckland, with a round to go. He also took the Under-18, Under-16 and NZ Schoolpupil titles.

Junior titleholder Ryan Trass had an early draw and loss to Michael McNabb, of Canterbury, so although he beat Bjelobrk in the final round, he finished second.

Wang Puchen, of Auckland, who turned 8 in January, was one of 5 players to finish 3= in the overall event on 5 points and took the Under-14, Under-12 and Under-10 titles.

There was an entry of 35, but only one girl, so no girls' titles were awarded

Obituary

The death has occurred in Wanganui of Howard Whitlock, at the age of 86. Howard was still playing chess this year and his record over the board and in correspondence extended over 71 years.

Tributes to Howard Whitlock and Paul Tuffery will be paid in the next issue of *NZ Chess*.

ON THE COVER: David Guthrie, who was the strongest junior player in New Zealand, is now making his mark on the open scene by winning the 1998 South Island Championship. He received the trophy from Roy Keeling, president of the host club, Ashburton.

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South Island Championship

By *Quentin Johnson*

The 1998 South Island Championship was hosted by the Ashburton Chess Club, and as usual their organisation of the event was excellent. Major sponsor, the Hotel Ashburton, provided a venue that was spacious and quiet, as well as accommodation at reduced price. Ex-member Stephen Taylor directed the tournament with a sure and steady hand.

Despite these advantages and the attractive entry form detailing the history of the Ashburton Chess Club there was a relatively low entry of 22. Without the new time control format of 40 moves in one hour 45 minutes plus a 30-minute guillotine finish this figure might have been even lower, as a number of players were able to commute each day from Christchurch.

In contrast to the recent North Island event, this included only two juniors: Matthew McNabb for whom this was his final year as a junior, and young Andrea Richardson from Ashburton, who competed bravely despite the age discrepancy between her and the rest of the field.

Top seed and clear favourite to take the title was David Guthrie from Otago - the only player rated over 2000. The player most likely to challenge him was John van Ginkel of Nelson, as Hilton Bennett, last year's winner, withdrew at a late stage owing to illness.

Hopefuls and a dark horse

Below these came a group of hopefuls that included Stephen Coates, Quentin Johnson and Matthew McNabb of Canterbury, Graham Haase of Otago, and Dan Dolejs of Nelson. Dark horse of the tournament was Alexei Gladkikh, a recent addition to the Canterbury club, whose 3= placing in the South Island Rapid on the day before the championship started indicated that his provisional rating of 1600 was well on the conservative side.

In the event play went largely to form, Guthrie swiftly despatching all contenders

and finding himself with a lead of 1½ points going into the last round. With the exception of van Ginkel, who drew, many of his opponents up to this point had put paid to their own chances with inexplicably weak opening play - it only remained for David to finish them off. Perhaps his reputation for being well prepared in the opening scared his weaker opponents out of their normal game - with unsurprising results.

In the last round Guthrie prevented his opponent from erring by offering an early draw, to finish on 7/8 and take the title a full point clear of van Ginkel and Johnson. Van Ginkel was unbeaten, but four draws were too many to concede and hope to stay in touch with Guthrie.

Johnson finished with 3½ in the last four rounds to make up for an indifferent start and grab a share of second. A point further back and 4= on 5/8 were McNabb and Dolejs, ahead of the "peloton" which started at 4½

Grade prizes fiercely contested

Competition for the grade prizes was understandably fierce, with the lower half of the field being far more compact in its range of ratings. Strong finishes with 3 points in the second half of the tournament enabled Nigel Richardson of Ashburton and Bruce Glostein of Canterbury to emerge clear of the rest and split 1st and 2nd prizes on 4½/8.

Meanwhile, the leader in the grade for most of the tournament, Roy Keeling of Ashburton, lost his last two games to finish on 4, but his win from Stephen Coates in round 6 easily took the upset prize.

Round 1

The top half generally beat the bottom half, with two exceptions - Johnson and Rex Scarf were held to draws respectively by Peter Boag and Trevor Rowell.

South Island Championship, Ashburton, 1998

	Rat	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Pts	Place
1 D Guthrie	2037	W9	W4	D2	W3	W6	W7	W5	D11	7	1
2 J van Ginkel	1905	W16	W5	D1	D6	W11	D4	D3	W9	6	2=
3 Q Johnson	1773	D13	W8	W19	L1	W5	W12	D2	W4	6	2=
4 M McNabb	1636	W14	L1	D11	W16	W15	D2	W7	L3	5	4=
5 D Dolejs	1600	W20	L2	W17	W14	L3	W11	L1	W13	5	4=
6 S Coates	1784	W17	D11	W12	D2	L1	L14	D10	W18	4.5	6=
7 A Nijman	1564	W21	L12	D16	W10	W8	L1	L4	W14	4.5	6=
8 H Gold	1548	W22	L3	W13	L15	L7	D18	W19	W17	4.5	6=
9 N Richardson	1496	L1	L19	W21	D13	W16	W15	W14	L2	4.5	6=
10 B Glostein	1448	L12	W21	D15	L7	W20	D13	D6	W16	4.5	6=
11 A Gladkikh	unr	W18	D6	D4	W12	L2	L5	W15	D1	4.5	6=
12 G Haase	1768	W10	W7	L6	L11	W18	L3	L13	W20	4	12=
13 P Boag	1452	D3	D15	L8	D9	W17	D10	W12	L5	4	12=
14 R Keeling	1386	L4	W22	W20	L5	W19	W6	L9	L7	4	12=
15 R Scarf	1565	D19	D13	D10	W8	L4	L9	L11	W21	3.5	15=
16 A Mulligan	1488	L2	W20	D7	L4	L9	W19	W22	L10	3.5	15=
17 S Bennett	1480	L6	W18	L5	D19	L13	W22	W21	L8	3.5	15=
18 H Goeckel	1296	L11	L17	W22	W21	L12	D8	W20	L6	3.5	15=
19 T Rowell	1189	D15	W9	L3	D17	L14	L16	L8	W22	3	19
20 J MacDonald	1316	L5	L16	L14	W22	L10	L21	L18	L12	1	20=
21 M Stevenson	1022	L7	L10	L9	L18	L22	W20	L17	L15	1	20=
22 A Richardson	unr	L8	L14	L18	L20	W21	L17	L16	L19	1	20=

Round 2

McNabb allowed Guthrie to sac a Bishop on f7 in a Pirc for a quick victory. Joining Guthrie on 2 were van Ginkel and Haase, overcoming Dolejs and Arie Nijman respectively. In the game Coates-Gladkikh, Black weakened his kingside, after which White found a move (Ng5) that guaranteed at least a perpetual check, overlooking another move (Ne5) that threatened mate in three different ways. The game was drawn. Meanwhile, with a win over Nigel Richardson, Trevor Rowell staked an early claim for the upset prize.

Guthrie, D - McNabb, M

R 2 [B06]

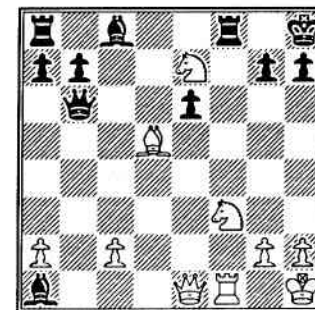
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Coates, S - Gladkikh, A

R 2 [D00]

1.d4 d5 2.e4 dxe4 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.f3 exf3 5.♘xf3

e6 6.♘g5 ♘e7 7.♘d3 ♘bd7 8.0-0 c5 9.♘e1 cxd4 10.♘e2 ♘b6 11.♘h1 ♘c5 12.♘c4 0-0 13.♘exd4 ♘ce4 14.♘xf6 ♘xf6 15.♘h4 ♘d5 16.♘e4 f5 17.♘e1 ♘f6 18.♘xf5 ♘xb2 19.♘xd5 ♘xa1 20.♘e7+ ♘h8



21.♘g5

21.♘e5! Threatens several different mates.

21...♘d7 22.♘g6+ ♔g8 23.♞xf8+ ♞xf8 24.♘e7+ 1-0

Round 3

Van Ginkel took a safety-first approach as White in a KID against Guthrie and was

rewarded with a draw. Coates eventually prevailed over Haase in the second session to join them in the lead, as did Johnson with a win over Rowell. McNabb and Gladkikh drew.

Scores: Guthrie, van Ginkel, Coates & Johnson 2½; Haase, Dolejs, Gladkikh, Gold and Keeling 2.

van Ginkel, J - Guthrie, D
R 3 [E92]

1. d1f3 d1f6 2. d4 g6 3. c4 d2g7 4. d1c3 0-0 5. e4 d6 6. d1e2 e5 7. d1xe5 d1xe5 8. d1xd8 d1xd8 9. d1g5 d1f8 10. 0-0 d1bd7 11. d1f1 h6 12. d1h4 d1c5 13. d1xf6 d1xf6 14. d1d5 d1d8 15. d1xe5 c6 16. d1c3 d1f6 17. f4 d1e8 18. d1d2 d1xe5 19. fxe5 d1e6 20. d1ad1 a5 21. b3 d1f8 22. h3 d1e7 23. d1f2 d1d7 24. d1a4 d1xe5 25. d1b6 d1ad8 26. d1e3 h5 27. d1xd8 ½-½

Round 4

Johnson chose to play the Slav Defence (about which he knows little) against Guthrie, and soon left the main line of the Botvinnik variation with a blunder. As Coates drew with van Ginkel, this left Guthrie out in front. Gladkikh beat Haase and Dolejs beat Keeling to stay in touch with the lead.

Scores: Guthrie 3½; van Ginkel, Coates and Dolejs 3.

Guthrie, D - Johnson, Q
R 4 [D44]

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. d1f3 d1f6 4. d1c3 e6 5. d1g5 d1xc4 6. e4 b5 7. e5 h6 8. d1h4 g5 9. d1xg5 h1xg5 10. d1xg5 d1bd7 11. exf6 d1b7 12. g3 c5 13. d5 b4 14. d1xc4 bxc3 15. d1xe6 d1e5 16. exf7+ d1xf7 17. d1b5+ 1-0

Round 5

Coates was soon in difficulty in the opening against Guthrie, losing two pawns and eventually the game. Van Ginkel showed that an isolated d-pawn is not always a weakness in the ending by beating Gladkikh to move into second by himself. Johnson, McNabb and Nijman formed the chasing pack by beating Dolejs, Scarf and Hamish Gold respectively.

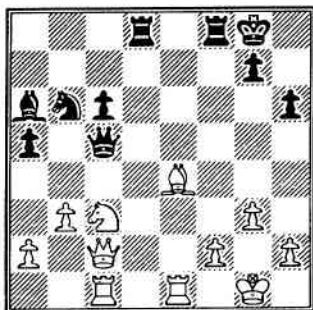
Scores: Guthrie 4½; van Ginkel 4; Johnson, McNabb & Nijman 3½.

Coates, S - Guthrie, D
R 5 [B12]

1. d4 d5 2. e4 c6 3. f3 g6 4. d1e3 d1g7 5. c3 d1d7 6. e5 f6 7. f4 d1h6 8. d1d3+ d1xb6 9. b3 fxe5 10. fxe5 d1xe5 11. d1xh6 d1xd3+ 12. d1xd3 d1xh6 13. d1f3 d1f5 14. d1e2 0-0 15. 0-0 c5 16. d1h1 d1g7 17. d1bd2 cxd4 18. cxd4 d1xd4 19. d1xd4 d1xd4 20. d1f3 d1g7 21. d1ae1 e6 22. d1g5 d1e7 23. g4 d1xg5 24. gxf5 exf5 25. d1e6+ d1f7 26. d1xd5 d1d8 27. d1c4 f4 28. d1e4 f3 29. d1g1 d1f5 30. d1e7 f2 0-1

Johnson, Q - Dolejs, D
R 5 [E01]

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. g3 d1f6 4. d1g2 c6 5. d1f3 d1xc4 6. 0-0 d1e7 7. d1e5 0-0 8. d1c3 d1bd7 9. d1xc4 d1b6 10. d1e5 d1fd5 11. e4 f6 12. exd5 fxe5 13. d1xc6 bxc6 14. d1xe5 d1c7 15. d1e2 a5 16. d1e1 d1c5 17. d1e3 d1a6 18. d1c2 d1xc5 19. d1xc5 d1xc5 20. d1xe6 d1ac8 21. d1c1 d1c4 22. d1e1 d1cd8 23. d1e4 h6 24. b3 d1a6



25. d1d5 d1c4 26. d1e7+ d1h8 27. d1g6+ d1g8 28. d1xf8 d1xf8 29. bxc4 d1b6 30. c5 d1d8 31. d1xc6 d1d3 32. d1b2 d1h8 33. d1g2 a4 34. a3 d1c7 35. c6 d1a6 36. d1e6 d1g8 37. d1d5 d1h7 38. d1c2+ g6 1-0

Round 6

Guthrie held the pawn and won against Nijman's Benko to increase his lead as McNabb drew with van Ginkel.

Johnson beat Haase to catch up with van Ginkel, while Coates' challenge was effectively ended when he left a bishop en prise with check against Keeling. Dolejs moved up at the expense of Gladkikh when the latter resigned a little prematurely - thinking he was losing a rook.

Scores: Guthrie 5½; van Ginkel & Johnson 4½; McNabb, Dolejs & Keeling 4.

Gladkikh, A - Dolejs, D
R 6 [B01]

1. e4 d5 2. exd5 d1f6 3. d4 e6 4. d1xe6 d1xe6 5. d1e2 d1c6 6. d1f3 d1b4+ 7. c3 d1d6 8. d1g5 d1f5 9. d1h4 d1e4 10. f3 d1g6 11. d1xg6 h1xg6 12. f4 d1e7 13. d1d3 0-0-0 14. d1d2 d1de8 15. d1c4 d1b8 16. d1xd6 cxd6 17. d1xf6 d1xf6 18. g3 g5 19. f1xg5 d1xg5 20. 0-0-0 d1e3 21. d1f5 d1h6 22. d1h5 d1xh5 23. d1xe3 d1xh2+ 0-1

Round 7

Dolejs' 1.b4 did not overly trouble Guthrie, who by winning captured the South island title. This was because van Ginkel-Johnson was eventually drawn after both players missed a relatively simple zugzwang that won a pawn for Black in a good N v bad B ending. White could still have drawn with accurate play, but the guillotine finish would have offered good practical chances for the win.

McNabb beat Nijman to join these two 1½ points adrift of Guthrie. Nigel Richardson went to the lead in the grade with a win over Keeling, ahead of Keeling and Boag, who beat Haase.

Meanwhile, Bruce Gloistein continued Coates' wretched second half the tournament by sacking a piece to draw and stay in contention.

Scores: Guthrie 6½; van Ginkel, Johnson & McNabb 5; N Richardson 4½; Dolejs, Gladkikh, Boag and Keeling 4.

van Ginkel, J - Johnson, Q
R 7 [A15]

Notes by Quentin Johnson

1. c4 d1f6 2. d1f3 e6 3. d4 d5 4. d1c3 d1b4 5. e3 0-0 6. d1d2 d1c6 7. d1c1 d1e8 8. a3 d1d6 9. cxd5 exd5

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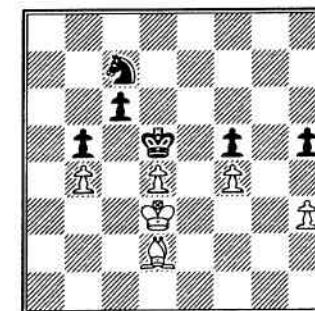
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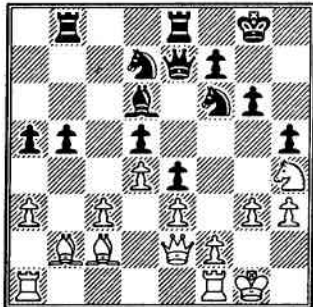
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48.♗c1 e3f6 49.♗e3 e4 50.♗g1 e6d6 51.♗f2 e4c4 52.♗g1 ♗e6 53.♗f2 ♗d6 54.♗g1 e6b6 55.♗e3 e5d5 56.♗d2 e3f6 57.♗e3 e5d5 58.♗d2 ♗e6 59.♗c2 ½-½

Dolejs, D - Guthrie, D
R 7 [A00]

1.b4 d5 2.♗b2 ♗g4 3.e3f3 e4d7 4.a3 e2gf6 5.e3 e5 6.h3 ♗xf3 7.♗xf3 ♗d6 8.♗b5 c6 9.♗a4 0-0 10.d3 ♗e8 11.e2d2 ♗e7 12.♗e2 a5 13.c3 b5 14.♗c2 c5 15.bxc5 e3c5 16.0-0 ♗ab8 17.e3f3 h5 18.d4 e4d7 19.e4h4 g6 20.g3 e4



21.f4 e3f3 22.♗xf3 e4 23.♗g2 e2g5 24.♗f2 e3f6 25.♗b3 e3f4 26.♗xd5 e3xf2 27.♗f1 e2gxh3+ 28.♗h2 ♗xh4 29.♗xf7+ ♗xf7 30.♗f3+ ♗g7 31.♗g2 ♗xg3+ 32.♗xg3 ♗xg3 33.♗xg3 ♗xe3+ 34.♗g2 ♗f8 0-1

Round 8

Gladkikh-Guthrie lasted long enough to be identified as a Queen's Gambit Declined, leaving the battle for the minor placings to take centre stage.

Van Ginkel overcame Nigel Richardson to claim second along with whoever won from McNabb-Johnson. McNabb followed up a promising pawn sac in a Grand Prix Attack by exchanging queens to regain his material. He then lost a pawn and allowed Johnson to convert it in a drawish rook ending.

Dolejs beat Boag to join McNabb on 5 points. Keeling's hopes for winning the grade prize were ended by Nijman, while Gloistein beat Allan Mulligan to catch Richardson on 4½ along with Nijman, Gladkikh, Coates and Gold.

McNabb, M - Johnson, Q
R 8 [B23]

1.e4 c5 2.♗c3 e6 3.f4 e6c6 4.♗b5 e2ge7 5.e3f3 a6 6.♗xc6 e3xc6 7.a4 d5 8.e3d5 e3d5 9.d4 ♗e6 10.♗e3 b6 11.0-0 ♗e7 12.f5 ♗xf5 13.dxc5 ♗xc5 14.♗xc5 bxc5 15.♗xd5 ♗xd5 16.e3xd5 0-0 17.e5 e3e5 18.♗xf5 f6 19.a5 ♗ad8 20.♗d1 e3f7 21.e3e3 ♗xd1+ 22.e3xd1 ♗d8 23.e3e3 ♗b8 24.b3 ♗b5 25.♗f2 ♗xa5 26.e2c4 e3xc4 27.bxc4 ♗e6 28.♗d5 ♗a2 29.♗xc5 ♗d6 30.♗c8 ♗xc2+ 31.♗g3 g6 32.♗d8+ ♗e5 33.♗e8+ ♗d4 34.♗c6 a5 35.♗xf6 ♗xc4 36.♗a6 a4 37.♗g4 ♗c3+ 38.♗g5 ♗b3 39.g3 a3 40.♗h6 a2 0-1

Richardson, N - van Ginkel, J
R 8 [B06]

1.e4 g6 2.♗c3 ♗g7 3.♗c4 e6 4.f4 e2e7 5.e3f3 d5 6.♗b3 c5 7.♗a4+ ♗d7 8.♗xd7+ ♗xd7 9.e5 e3bc6 10.d4 e4d4 11.e3b5 e3e5 12.e3bxd4 e3xf3+ 13.e3xf3 e3c6 14.c3 d4 15.♗b3 0-0 16.h4 h5 17.♗g1 ♗fe8 18.♗d2 dxc3 19.♗xc3 ♗xc3+ 20.♗xc3 e5 21.♗d1 e3f4+ 22.♗f2 ♗g4 23.♗d5 ♗e3 24.♗d2 ♗g3+ 25.♗f1 ♗xf3+ 26.gxf3 ♗xf3+ 27.♗f2 ♗xd5 28.♗xf4 ♗e8 29.♗g3 ♗d1+ 30.♗g2 ♗e2+ 0-1

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North Shore Open

By NM Peter Stuart

It was perhaps unfortunate that FIDE scheduled an Olympiad at the same time as the 25th North Shore Open as several top players who would normally have entered apparently preferred to play in Elista. The result was that the field of 48 was rather light in 2000+ players but, even so, the top two seeds met only in the sixth and final round.

Paul Garbett had to be the red-hot favourite as he has been in very good form since his return from two tournaments in Hawaii. That form continued as he conceded only half a point – to the half point bye! The consistent Leonard McLaren, the not so consistent Bruce Watson, the under-estimated Mark Sinclair and the unpredictable Ralph Hart looked most likely to test Paul.

The first two rounds were rapid chess, 30 minutes per player, and there were no upsets in the first. In round 2, however, McLaren lost to Igor Bjelobrk while Watson drew with Geoffrey Gill. Garbett, Hart and Bruce Wheeler remained unscathed after round three, the first with a standard time control (40 moves in 90 minutes + 20 minute guillotine).

Half-point bye popular

No fewer than seven players had opted for a half-point bye in round 4 and these included Garbett and Hart. This meant that Sinclair and Wheeler met on top board with the former playing a probably unsound gambit; Bruce was well on top when Mark committed hara kiri on f6. Thus Wheeler finished the Saturday in the lead with a perfect score; Garbett, Watson and Hart were the closest pursuers on 3½ points.

On Sunday morning in round 5 Garbett gained a slight middle-game advantage against Wheeler and later won a pawn. Resolute defence by Bruce eventually brought about a basic ending of ♠+£ versus ♠+, but a blunder in a probably lost, but not completely

clear, position gave Garbett the full point. Hart essayed an injudicious exchange of rooks against Watson whose resulting initiative netted two pawns and one point. McLaren continued his recovery when Macdonald blundered a pawn in an equal position and dark horse Mario Jarina won an interesting game against Bjelobrk after the latter had had much the better of it. Another game of fluctuating fortunes was that between Mark Henderson and Prashant Mistry in which the former obtained a winning position after Mistry sacrificed a pawn unsoundly. Henderson, however, later went badly astray, allowing Mistry a winning attack but the latter, after winning his opponents queen, blundered into a mating sequence.

Leaders fought to the end

Garbett and Watson now shared the lead on 4½ points while McLaren, Wheeler, Jarina and Henderson all had 4. Only if the four players on 4 drew in the final round could those on 3½, Sinclair and Hart among others, harbour hopes of sharing in the prize money.

The game between the leaders was a credit to both players; they could easily have assured themselves of at least \$200 by agreeing a draw. Garbett looked to gain some advantage in the middle-game when Watson offered a pawn in an attempt to muddy the waters. Paul ignored the bait and both sides then got attacking chances against the opposing kingside, Garbett playing more accurately in the ensuing complications to take clear first place.

McLaren got on top of Henderson quite quickly to reach 5 points and it looked certain that Wheeler would join him as he obtained a huge kingside attack against Jarina. Bruce, however, passed up numerous clearly winning lines and eventually saw his attack peter out and with it a couple of pawns.

There was no doubt that Garbett deserved to win; he was never in real danger.

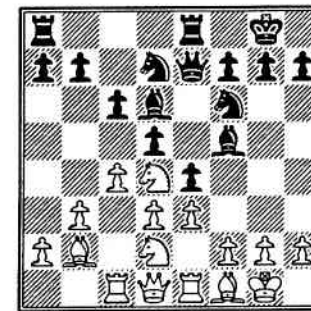
The hard luck stories belonged to Watson and Wheeler, both of whom met strong fields but stumbled in the last round.

Contrariwise McLaren and Jarina met comparatively weak fields after their second round losses and played the Swiss gambit to the hilt, winning all their remaining games. Leonard did this convincingly while Mario bore a charmed life!

Many games were marred by serious mistakes but even some of these were very interesting. A selection follows.

East,S - Hart,R R 3 [A12]

1.♠f3 d5 2.e3 ♠f6 3.c4 c6 4.b3 ♠f5 5.♠b2 e6
6.♠e2 ♠bd7 7.0-0 ♠d6 8.d3 e5 9.♠bd2 ♠e7
10.♠c1 0-0 11.♠e1 ♠fe8 12.♠f1 e4 13.♠d4



13...♠xh2+! 14.♠xh2 ♠g4+ 15.♠g1
15.♠g3 ♠d6+ 16.f4 exf3+ 17.♠xf3 ♠de5+
leads to mate.
15...♠h4 16.♠f3 exf3 17.♠xf3 ♠xf2+ 18.♠h1
♠e6 0-1

Kessler - Emmet Three Knights[C58]

1.e4 e5 2.♠f3 ♠c6 3.♠c4 ♠f6 4.♠g5 d5 5.exd5
♠a5 6.♠b5+ c6 7.dxc6 bxc6 8.♠a4 h6 9.♠f3
♠d6 10.d3 0-0 11.♠d2 ♠b8 12.0-0 c5 13.♠e1
♠b7 14.♠c3 ♠d7 15.♠xd7 ♠xd7 16.♠e4 ♠xe4
17.dxe4 f5 18.♠d1 ♠e6 19.b3 g5 20.♠c3 fxe4
21.♠xe4 ♠f4 22.♠c6 e4 23.♠fe1?

23.♠e5 , or even 23.♠e5, was better when White should be able to consolidate his material advantage.

23...♠xf3! 24.♠xd6

The only move as 24...♠xh2+ was threatened.

24...♠xd6?

24...♠xd6 25.♠xd6 ♠xd6 26.gxf3 exf3 gives better chances of holding.

25.gxf3 ♠c8 26.♠xe4! ♠xe4 27.♠xc8+ ♠xc8
28.fxe4 ♠d6 29.f3 ♠f7 30.h3 ♠b5 31.♠b2 ♠e6
32.♠f2 ♠d6 33.♠g3 c4 34.♠g4 ♠f7 35.bxc4
♠d6 36.♠d4 ♠xc4 37.♠xa7 ♠e5+ 38.♠g3 h5
39.♠d4 ♠c4 40.a4 ♠d6 41.f4 1-0.

Sinclair - Wheeler French [C15]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♠c3 ♠b4 4.a3 ♠xc3+ 5.bxc3
dxe4 6.f3?

6.♠g4 is normal.

6...♠d7 7.♠h3

7.fxe4? ♠h4+ —.

7...♠c6 7 8.fxe4 ♠xe4 9.♠f2 ♠g6 10.♠b1 b6
11.♠e2 ♠d7 12.0-0 ♠e7 13.♠f3 ♠c8 14.♠e4
0-0 15.♠e1 ♠f5 16.♠f4 h6 17.g4 ♠e7 18.c4
♠c6 19.♠d1 ♠e7 20.♠c3 e5 21.dxe5 ♠dxe5
22.♠g2 f6 23.h3 ♠cd8 24.♠g3 ♠f7 25.♠d5
♠c5+ 26.♠e3 ♠a5 27.♠b3 ♠e7 28.♠xf7+ ♠xf7
29.c5 ♠a6 30.♠e4 ♠e2 31.♠de1 ♠a6 32.♠e6
♠d5 33.♠xf6?

Black is probably winning anyway but this hastens the end.

33...♠xf6 34.♠xf6+ gxf6 35.♠xh6 ♠de8 0-1.

Lim - Watson Sicilian [B83]

1.e4 c5 2.♠f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♠xd4 ♠f6 5.♠c3
d6 6.♠e2 ♠e7 7.0-0 0-0 8.♠e3 a6 9.a4 b6
10.f4 ♠b7 11.♠d3 ♠bd7 12.♠b3 ♠c7 13.♠e2
♠c5 14.♠xc5 bxc5 15.b3 ♠c6 16.e5 ♠d5
17.♠xd5 exd5 18.♠d2 f5 19.exd6 ♠xd6
20.♠h5 g6 21.♠g5 ♠c7 22.♠e2 ♠d8 23.♠g3
♠f6 24.♠ad1 ♠ae8 25.♠f3 ♠e4?

The position was about equal but this loses the exchange.

26. Qxe4 fxe4 27. b4

27.f5! exposes a chink in the black king's armour, e.g. 27...Qg7 (27...d4 28.fxc6 e3 29.gxh7+ Qh8 30.Qf4 exd2 31.Qxd2±) 28.fxc6 Qxf1+ 29.Qxf1 hxg6 30.Qf4±.

27...d4

Already Black's compensation is sufficient.

28. bxc5

28.b5 axb5 29.Qb3+ c4 30.Qxb5 e3 31.Qxc6 Qxc6 32.Qb4 e2 33.Qxf8 Qxf8 34.a5 d3 35.cxd3 cxd3 36.Qxd3 Qb5+; 28.f5 e3 29.fxc6 e2 30.gxh7+ Qh8 31.Qh6 is probably the best chance though Black is still much better.

28...e3 29.Qb1 exd2 30.Qb3+ Qf7 31.Qf2 Qxc5 32.Qxd2 Qg7 33.Qh1 Qe4 34.Qe6 Qxc2 35.Qb8 Qf5 36.Qb3 Qc1+ 37.Qd1 Qxf4 38.Qb7 Qxb7 39.Qxb7+ Qh6 40.Qxa6 Qe5 0-1.

McLaren - East
Sicilian [B22]

1.e4 c5 2.f3 Qc6 3.c3 d5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.d4 Qg4 6.Qe2 e6 7.0-0 Qf6 8.Qe3 cxd4 9.cxd4 Qb4 10.a3 Qa5 11.h3 h5 12.Qc3 Qxc3 13.bxc3 Qf5 14.c4 Qd7 15.Qb3 Qe4 16.Qfd1 Qe7 17.Qac1 0-0 18.Qg5 Qf5 19.Qb2 Qe8 20.Qe5 Qc7 21.Qf4 Qc8 22.Qxh5 Qf6 23.Qf3 Qxf3 24.Qxf3 Qe4 25.d5 Qc5 26.Qd4 g5 27.Qxf5 exf5 28.Qe3 Qe7 29.Qe1 Qc5 30.Qxc5 Qxc5 31.Qf6 Qad8 32.Qxg5+ Qh8 33.Qf6+ Qg8 34.Qc3 f4 35.Qe5 Qfe8 36.Qh5 1-0.

Hart - Watson
Trompovsky [A45]

1.d4 Qf6 2.Qg5 Qe4 3.Qf4 c5 4.f3 Qf6 5.d5 g6 6.e4 Qg7 7.Qc3 d6 8.Qd2 Qa6 9.Qh6 Qxh6 10.Qxh6 Qc7 11.a4 Qd7 12.g4 b5 13.Qxb5 Qxb5 14.axb5 Qb8 15.Qa5 Qc7 16.Qd2 0-0 17.g5 Qh5 18.Qe2 f6 19.Qa3 Qxb5 20.Qg3 Qxg3 21.hxg3 Qxf1 22.Qxf1 Qab8 23.b3 f5 24.Qa4 Qb4 25.Qxb4?!

25.Qa3 fxe4 26.c3 Qb5 27.fxe4 Qxf1+ 28.Qxf1 should be tenable for White.

25...cxb4 26.Qe2

30.Qf2 Qxc3 and the extra pawn combined with White's exposed king should be enough.

26. Qb4?

26.Qxd4 Qh3+ 27.Qg1 Qd5 28.f3 (28.Qf3 Qxf3 29.Qxf3 Qxd4) 28...Qxg3+ 29.Qh1 and Black can, and probably should, take a draw by repetition.

26...Qh3+ 27.Qg1 Qe3 -+ 28.fxe3 Qxg3+ 29.Qh1 Qh3+ 30.Qg1 dxe3 30...Qh8!

31.Qf3 Qg4+ 32.Qh2 Qxd1 33.Qxd1 Qh4+ 34.Qg2 Qh8 35.Qc3+ f6 36.Qg3 Qxf4 37.Qf1 Qe4+ 38.Qg1 Qd5 39.Qf3 Qc4 40.Qa1 Qxc5 41.Qe2 Qd6 42.Qg4 h5 43.Qg6 Qh7 44.Qd3 Qf7??

44...Qxa3 45.Qc2 (45.Qgxf6+ Qxd3 46.Qxf8 Qg6+) 45...f5 46.Qg7+ Qh6 -+.

45.Qxf6 +- Qxd3 46.Qh6+ Qg8 47.Qh8+ Qxh8 48.Qh6+ Qg8 49.Qh8+ 1-0.

Jarina - Bjelobrk
Modern [B06]

1.e4 g6 2.f3 Qg7 3.d4 Qf6 4.e5 Qe4 5.Qd3 d5 6.0-0 c5 7.c3 Qc6 8.Qe1 Qf5 9.Qbd2 Qxf2 10.Qxf2 Qxd3 11.dxc5 0-0 12.Qb3 Qe4 13.Qf4 Qc7 14.Qbd2 Qad8 15.Qa4 Qxe5 16.Qh6 Qxh2 17.Qxe4 dxe4 18.Qxe4 Qg3+ 19.Qg1 Qfe8 20.Qf1 Qd5 21.Qb3 Qh5 22.Qg5 Qh2+

22...Qxh6? 23.Qxf7+ Qh8 24.Qxe8+ and mate next move.

23. Qh1 Qe5+

23...Qd6+? 24.Qh3 is no good for Black but better was 23...Qd8! 24.Qxf7 (24.Qxf7? Qg3+ 25.Qg1 Qxc5+) 24...Qe5+ 25.Qg1 Qxc5+ 26.Qf1 e6 winning.

24. Qg1 Qh2+ 25. Qh1

25.Qf2 Qg3+ 26.Qe2 is too risky.

25...e6?!

Black can, of course, take a draw by repetition but decides, rashly, to play for more.

26. Qxf7 Qd6+??

26...Qe5+ 27.Qg1 Qc8 28.Qxe5 Qxe5 29.Qg7+ Qh8 30.Qxh7+ Qg8 31.Qg7+ forces a

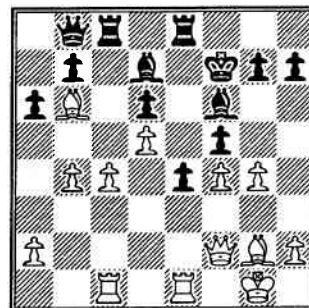
draw but that appears to be all.

27. Qg1

27...Qxc5+ 28.Qf1 Qxf7+ (28...Qc8 29.Qg7+ and mate next move) 29.Qxf7 Qf5+ 30.Qf4+- 1-0.

Garbett, P - Watson, B
R 6 B80]

1.e4 c5 2.Qf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4 Qf6 5.Qc3 d6 6.g3 Qe7 7.Qg2 0-0 8.0-0 a6 9.Qe3 Qc6 10.Qe2 Qc7 11.Qad1 Qxd4 12.Qxd4 e5 13.Qe3 Qg4 14.f3 Qe6 15.Qd5 Qxd5 16.exd5 Qd7 17.c4 f5 18.f4 Qf6 19.Qc1 Qfe8 20.Qf2 Qac8 21.Qb6 Qb8 22.b4 e4 23.Qfe1 Qf7 24.g4!?

**24...e3 25. Qc2?!**

25.Qxe3 Qxe3 26.Qxe3 fxg4 27.Qd3 Qg8 28.Qe4 h6 (28...g6! 29.Qxg6! hxg6 30.Qxg6+ Qg7 31.Qd4+-) 29.Qf5 Qxf5 30.Qxf5 looks better for White. The idea behind the text move allows Black strong counterplay down the h-file.

25...fxg4 26. Qxh7 Qh8 27. Qd3 Qh6 28. Qxe3 Qch8 29. Qce1 Qxh2 30. c5 dxc5 31. d6 Qxg2+

Black gives up the exchange to expose the white king, safe in the knowledge that he can regain the material. But what was wrong with 31...Qd4 winning the exchange? It turns out that after 32.Qxc5 Qxe3+ Black has to return the exchange on g2 whichever way White recaptures on e3: 33.Qxe3! (33.Qxe3 Qxg2+! 34.Qxg2 Qc6+ 35.Qf1 Qh1+ 36.Qe2 Qxe1+ 37.Qxe1 Qe8=) 33...Qxg2+! 34.Qxg2 Qc6+ 35.Qg3 Qh3+ 36.Qxg4 Qxe3 (36...Qc8+? 37.f5

Qxe3 38.Qxe3 Qe8 39.Qb3+ Qf6 40.Qd4+ mates) 37.Qxe3 Qe8 38.Qe5 White has some advantage but I feel Black should be able to hold the position.

32. Qxg2 Qc6+ 33. Qe4

King moves allow a skewer of Q and Qe1.

33...Qe8?!

33...cxb4 34.Qb3+ Qf8 35.Qxb4 g6∞.

4. Qc4+ Qg6 35. Qg3

35.bxc5? Qf5!+-.

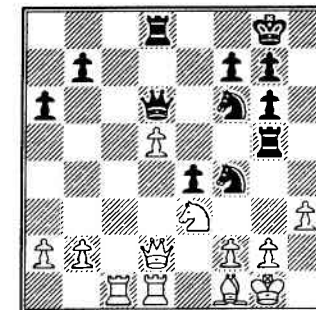
35...Qh4+?

Time trouble presumably as Black has no perpetual check. He had to try 35...Qxe4 36.Qxe4 cxb4 37.d7 and White has very compensation for the two pawns.

36.Qxh4 Qxe4 37.Qxe4 Qh8+ 38.Qxg4 Qh5+ 39.Qg3 Qh8 40.f5+ 1-0

Gill-Sinclair

The game Gill-Sinclair reached the following position, from which White gave Black an opportunity, and Black combined effectively.

**29. Qc4?**

Allows a winning combination; better were 29.g3 or; 29.Qh1.

29...Qxh3+ 30. Qh1 Qxf2+! 31. Qg1

31.Qxf2 Qh5+ 32.Qg1 Qh2#.

31...Qh3+ 32.Qh1 Qg3 33.Qc3 Qf2+ 34.Qg1 Qd3 35.d6 Qg4 36.Qxd3 Qh2+ 37.Qf1 Qh1+

37...Qf5+ is quicker.

38.Qe2 Qxg2+ 39.Qe1 Qg3+ 0-1

North Island Championship best games

Favourable reactions about the quality of play by juniors at the 1998 North Island Championships have been confirmed by the selection of the best games from the tournament. There were 17 entries, from nearly that number of players, and identities were disguised as far as possible in submitting them to the adjudicator, ICM Michael Freeman.

First prize went to top junior, Igor Bjelobrk, for his win from Mark Sinclair, and the runner-up was Patrick Savage for his win from Quent Johnson.

Michael Freeman reports that there was considerable variation in the quality of the games, but there was no doubt in his mind about the winner.

For an independent assessment of the games, NZ Chess asked FM Jonathan Sarfati to annotate the two prize-winning games.

Sinclair, M - Bjelobrk, I

R 2 [A42]

Notes by FM Jonathan Sarfati

1.e4 g6 2.d4 ♘g7 3.c4 d6 4.♗c3 e5 5.dxe5
5.♗f3

5...dxe5 6.♗xd8+ ♗xd8

The loss of castling isn't so bad after the ♗ exchange, but it still disrupts development. As compensation, Black hopes to exploit the weak d4 square.

7.♙g5+

7.f4 would mean that the diagonal h2-b8 is more likely to be opened, making the ♗ less comfortable on c7. It also helps White keep his dark-squared ♗, which guards the crucial d4 square.

7...f6 8.0-0+ ♗d7 9.♗e3 ♗h6! 10.♗xh6
♗xh6

This is out of play temporarily, but is for the good of the cause of removing that dark-squared ♗. But Black later forgets to bring the ♗ into play again, to aim for d4.

11.♗d5 ♗f8 12.♗e2 c6

This illustrates the importance of ♗ structure. White's pieces have temporary activity, but no permanent outposts. Black is somewhat passive now, but has good Black squares for the taking in the long run.

13.♗e3 ♗c7 14.♗f3 ♗c5 15.♗d2 ♗e6

This is too mechanical. 15...a5 to secure the ♗c5 was superior. And even if ...a5 was omitted, it was a shame to cut off the ideal retreat square for the ♗, where it eyes d4.

16.b4 ♗a4

Now the ♗ is out of play for a long time.

17.♗c2 a5 18.a3 f5 19.c5

A good idea, aiming for d6, as well as exploiting the c4 square.

19...axb4 20.axb4 b5 21.f3

21.cxb6+ ♗xb6 22.♗a1 with White's pieces looking more coordinated.

21...♗fd8 22.♗b3 ♗f7 23.♗xd8 ♗xd8
24.exf5?!

This gives Black a better centre and the g-file.

24...gxf5 25.♗d1 ♗g8 26.g4 f4 27.♗f1 h5
28.h3 ♗g5 29.h4 ♗xf3!

This is forced to prevent g5, but Black obtains three connected passed ♗s for the piece.

30.♗xf3 hxg4 31.♗e4 g3 32.♗fd2 ♗d5 33.♗c1
♗g4 34.♗d3 g2 35.♗g1 ♗xe4 36.♗xe4 f3
37.♗df2

Good blockading moves. For winning purposes, Black is handicapped by having his ♗ out of play.

37...♗xh4 38.♗b1

White might have tried ♗d1 to cut off the ♗. The game move might have intended to prevent the Black ♗ from emerging, but this is an illusion.

38...♗d7 39.♗d3 ♗b2+ 40.♗e3 ♗f4 41.♗d2
♗c4+ 42.♗xc4 bxc4

A lot of passed ♗s for a single ♗ to cope with.

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43.♗h3 ♗h4 44.♗g1 e4 45.♗c1 ♗h1 46.♗d1+
46.♗f2 looks more purposeful. 46...♗e6
47.♗xc4 ♗f5 48.♗c1 ♗f4 49.♗c4.

46...♗e6 47.♗c1 ♗f5 48.♗f2 ♗h4! 49.♗c3
49.♗xc4 e3+.

49...♗e5 50.♗e3 ♗f4 51.♗c2 c3!

Zugzwang.

52.♗h3

52.♗a2 ♗f7 53.♗c2 ♗f8 54.♗a2 ♗d8 penetrating down to d-file.

52...f2 53.♗xf4 f1 ♗ 54.♗xg2 ♗f3# 0-1

Johnson, Q - Savage, P

R 5 [E94]

Notes by FM Jonathan Sarfati

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 g6 3.♗c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♗e2
0-0 6.♗f3 ♗b6?

It's not necessary to prepare ...e5, and it's more active to play it immediately.

7.0-0 e5 8.d5 ♗e7

It's too early to know whether the ♗ belongs here, but it's usually good to play ...a5 and ...♗c5, so it would be better to play ...a5 now.

9.♗d2 ♗h8

There's no need for this. A tempo loss is serious in an opening where it's a race between attacks on opposite wings.

10.♗b1 c6

Black should be playing on the ♗-side, while White should be striving to open lines on the ♗-side with a timely c5. Thus this move is a serious strategic error, playing into White's hands.

11.b4 cxd5 12.cxd5 ♗e8 13.♗a3

It would have been more efficient to play a4 first. ♗c4 also looks good.

13...f5

That's the right idea.

14.♗b3 ♗b6 15.♗fc1 ♗h6 16.♗c2 ♗f7 17.b5
♗xd2

This would be necessary soon, as White prepared to drive back the ♗b6 and play ♗c4.

18.♗xd2 ♗d7 19.♗b4 ♗d8 20.a4 ♗c8 21.b6

It's a clever idea, but it looks too early. White's ♗s would be good on the c-file, because then Black would be tied down to preventing an invasion.

21...axb6

21...♗xb6 22.♗a5 and White penetrates down the b-file; 21...a6 would keep the game close for a little while.

22.f3 ♗f6 23.♗f1

23.♗b5

23...f4 24.♗b5 g5 25.♗a3 25...g4

Black's best chance, but it's rather late. But as will be seen, White can't afford to underestimate this move.

26.♗xd7 ♗xd7 27.♗b5 gxf3 28.gxf3

28.♗xf3 would be safer, not opening the g-file. It would be hard for Black to crack the ♗g2, while White can attack the d♗ as well as pile up on the c-file.

28...♗h5 29.♗xd6

29.♗g2 was better, anticipating attacks down the g-file. Note that White welcomes major piece exchanges.

29...♗g7+ 30.♗h1?

30.♗g2 ♗xg2+ 31.♗xg2 ♗g8+ 32.♗h1 ♗h3 might still be o.k. for White, thanks to the reduced material.

30...♗h3

Now Black turns the tables suddenly, with a few brutal strokes.

31.♗df2

31.♗ff2 ♗fg8 32.♗c1 ♗h5; 31.♗g1 ♗xg1+ 32.♗xg1 ♗g8+ winning.

31...♗h5 32.♗f5 ♗xf5! 33.exf5 ♗g3+ 34.♗g1
♗xf1+ 35.♗h1 ♗g3+

Black mates in 2. White's pieces on the ♗-side turned out to be mere spectators. 0-1

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Waitakere Open game

Peter Stuart writes:

Re Bob Smith's report on the Waitakere Trust Open, I don't know about the likelihood of any chess renaissance but I do have a couple of comments.

My draw offer to Alexei was made some moves after the players ceased recording when I had less than two minutes and Alexei less than one minute. I felt the position with R+N+P vs R+4P should be drawn with best play, that best play was highly unlikely from either of us in the little time remaining, and that therefore a draw was a reasonable result. It never occurred to me that the offer would be refused; luckily for me it was.

Bob's comments on my game with Russell are simply wrong. The alert reader might have noticed that my game notes do not mention any draw offers. This is because there weren't any. Russell never refused a draw offer for the simple reason that I never made one. From Black's 28th move I felt that I stood better and I had no thoughts of a draw. Given the tournament situation I imagine Russell didn't either. Nevertheless, had Russell found 43 Ke1 I am not at all sure that I would have found the forced reply 43...Rf7 so the result might easily have been different.

The garbling of some of the notes to this game was caused by converting between cbh and cbf formats in ChessBase. The game was annotated in the former (new format) which allows for text notes to be placed before a move. The old cbf format doesn't so text notes originally entered before a move got shifted to after the move. The notes should become comprehensible if you bear this in mind!

Editor's note: *We regret errors arising from translation of notes between systems. NZ Chess uses ChessBase 6.0 (with .cbh format) and Windows 98. Games scores and notes are welcome on disk or by email, but preferably in .pgn format.*

Div,e,R - Stuart,P

21st Waitakere Trust Open R 4 [E21]

Notes by NM Peter Stuart

1.d4 2.f3 3.e6 4.2c3 5.2b3

A kind of Nimzo-indian hybrid once thought to be quite good for White. For all I know it still is!

5...c5 6.2g5 h6

6...2b7 is an E12 Queen's Indian.

7.2h4 8.e3 9.0-0 10.2d3 11.exd4 12.2e7

Involving some expenditure of time, but the white queen will also have to be redeployed.

12.a3 d6 13.2d1 14.2b8 15.2e2 16.2bd7 17.b4 a6 18.2a1 19.2e8 20.2fd1 21.2c7 22.2d2

I'm not sure where this knight was going. Paradoxically its extra weight on e4 allows Black to put his own steed there leading to exchanges which help uncramp the black position.

18...2e4!? 19.2xe7!?

19.2dxe4 20.2xh4 21.2g4 22.2e7 is about equal. The text swaps an extra pair of pieces but allows White to aim his remaining pieces at the black king.

19...2xc3 20.2xc3 21.2xe7 22.2b1 23.2f8 24.2g3 25.2h8 26.2g4 27.2f6 28.2c1 a5 29.2b5 e5 30.2f1

26.d5? 27.2xd5; nor is 26.dxe5 27.2xe5 very inviting.

26...exd4 27.2xd4 28.2c5

The first critical moment. Neither player was well off for time so a queen swap and an endgame had its attractions for me although I thought it probably favoured White. Russell perhaps felt the middle-game would offer him more chances in any time scramble.

28.2h4

28.2xc5! dxc5 29.2d1 30.2d7!? 31.2xd7 (30.2e1 31.2ad8 32.2f5 33.2ge3 34.2g6 35.2c2

also looks slightly better for White.) 30...2xd7 and now 31.f4! denying the black knight quick access to any decent square looks better than 31.2d3?! 2c5 e.g. 32.2d6 (32.2c3 g5?) 32...2xc4 33.2d3 2xa3 34.2xb6 35.2e3 c4 36.2g6.

28...2ae8 29.2e3 30.2e4

I was suspicious of 29...2xa3 but tempted by 29...2xe3 30.fxe3 31.2h1 32.2xa3 33.2e1 d5.

30.a4 d5 31.2xe4 32.2h5 d4

32...2xe3 is now simply unsound: 33.fxe3 34.2h1 (34.2xd5?? 2e1#) 34...2xg3 35.hxg3 36.2d1 dxc4 37.2xc4 38.2c8 and the white king's airy palace might save Black but that is all.

33.2xc5 bxc5 34.2f1

34.2c2 2d7 2b6 2f.

34...2e6?

Time trouble was biting for both players by now. The text allows White some unexpected (to me) counterplay which should have been sufficient to at least draw. Instead 34...2d7! 2b6 is obviously strong.

35.f3!?

35.2d2! 2e2 36.2d1 2f4 37.2f1 is not easy for Black; the 2f4 looks pretty but is really just out of play and the passed b6 is an ever-present danger.

35...2e2 36.2g4 f5

Attempts to keep the 2g4 out of play but White has a cunning idea. Perhaps the greedy 36...2a2 was better.

37.2g3! f2g4 38.2xe2 gxf3 39.gxf3 d3!?

40.2c3 2d4 41.2f2 2f8 42.b6

Simpler was 42.2d1 2xf3+ 43.2g2 2e3 44.2f2=.

42...2xf3+ 43.2g2??

The final crisis. White must play 43.2e1 when Black, to survive, must eschew the attractive looking replies d2+ and 2b3 in favour of the passive 2f7. Thus: 43.2e1!

A) 43...2f7! 44.2b1 2f3+ (44...2c2+ 45.2d2 2b4 46.2e4 2b7 47.2xc5 2xb6 48.2e1=) NZ Chess

45.2d1 2e7 46.2c1 2e1+ 47.2d1 (47.2b2 2e8 48.2c1 2e1+ 49.2b2=) 47...2e2 48.2b2 (48.2c3 2c2+ 49.2d1 2xh2 50.2c1 2c2+ 51.2d1 2d2+ 52.2c1 2c2+ 53.2d1=) 48...d2+ 49.2c2 2e8 50.b7 2b8 51.2c3 2e5 52.2b5 2xc4 53.2xc5 2d6 54.2xa5 2xb7=;

B) 43...d2+? 44.2xd2 2b3+ 45.2e2 2h3 46.b7 2xc1+ 47.2f2! (47.2d1? 2d3+ 48.2xc1 2d8 49.2e4 2b8 50.2xc5 2g8 51.2d2 2f7 52.2d3 2e7 53.2d4 2d6+) 47...2xc3 48.b82+ 2h7 49.2b1+ 2h8 50.2e4 and I suspect that White is winning though I don't quite see how;

C) 43...2b3? 44.2b1 d2+ 45.2e2 2d4+ (45...2xc3 46.b7 2c1 47.b82+ 2h7 48.2xb3+-) 46.2xd2 2f2+ 47.2d3 (47.2e1 2xh2 48.b7 2h1+ 49.2f2 2xb1 50.2xb1 2c6 51.2d2 2g8 52.2b3 2b8 53.2xa5 2f7 54.2f3 2e6 55.2e4 2d6 56.2f5 2c7 57.2g6 2b6 58.2b3 2d7 59.2xg7 2xb7 60.2xh6 2b6=) 47...2c6 (47...2f3+ 48.2e4! 2xc3 49.2d5 2f3 50.b7 2f5+ 51.2e4+-) 48.b7 2b8 (48...2xh2 49.b82+ 2xb8 50.2xc8+ 2h7 51.2b5+-) 49.2b5 2f3+ (49...2xh2 50.2xc5+-) 50.2d2 2f7 51.2e4+-.

43...d2

Winning the knight. It is true that White regains the piece but he loses all his queen-side pawns.

44.2b1 2xc3 45.b7 2c6 46.b82+ 2xb8 47.2xb8+ 2h7 48.2d8 2xc4 49.2xd2 2xa4+- 50.2d6 2d4

This looked the simplest way to win; the rook defends all the pawns from h4 and the king can then saunter in. Instead, Fritz prefers the surprising 50...2b4 51.2d5 2b5 when Black seems to be able to keep both passed pawns and advance them at will: 52.2d8 a4 53.2a8 2b4 54.2a5 c4 55.2f3 c3 56.2c2 2c4 57.2d1 c2+ 58.2c1 2g6 59.2a7 2f6 60.2a6+ 2f5 61.2a5+ 2g4 winning easily.

51.2a6 c4 52.2xa5 2d2+ 53.2g3 g5 54.2c5 2d4 55.2c6 2g7 56.h3 2h4 57.2g2 2f7 58.2g3 2e7 59.2a6 2d7 60.2f6 c3 61.2f2 2c4 62.2c2 2d6 63.2f2 2c5 64.2e3 2b4 65.2c1 c2 66.2d2 2b3 67.2h1 2b2 0-1

New Zealand news

Wanganui

Dave Cooper has won the Wanganui CC championship, with 4½/5 and conceding only half a point to Prince Vetharanim, who was runner-up on 3. The four grades of championship were played as double round robins, with four players in the top grade.

Gordon Hoskyn ran away with the 5-player A reserve, scoring 7½/8 and conceding only one draw, to John Wilson, who was runner-up on 5, ahead of Pascal Harris and David Bell, each on 3½. Bill Maddren won the B grade with 5/7, from Kelly Forrest 4 and Dilbagh Sangha and Shaun Street each on 3.

Kevin Yorston convincingly won the C grade with a 10/10 picket fence, well clear of Chris Crosbie 7, Dan Hurley 5, and Dennis Haxton 4.

Canterbury

The 15th and final leg of Canterbury CC's 1998 Lion Foundation Grand Prix series of tournaments was held on Friday, September 18. At this stage only four players were in contention for overall honours: Quentin Johnson and Craig Hall who shared the lead, and Thor Russell and Matthew McNabb who could catch them by winning this tournament.

The end result was the tournament was won by Alexei Gladkikh and Chris Benson on 4/5, and none of the leading group improved their score. So 1st prize and the title of joint Grand Prix Champion went to Johnson and Hall.

Grade prizes were won as follows: Non-member, 1 Hans van den Hoven, 2 Colin Gilbert; Schoolpupil, 1 Martin Jeffreys, 2 Ken

Broom; Under 400 grade, 1 Bruce Donaldson, 2 David Wood.

Correspondence chess

Bruce Barnard is well on his way to retaining the NZ correspondence chess championship which he won last year. In the 1997-98 championship he scored 9/11, with two draws and a loss to T J Doyle, who finished runner-up on 8½, ahead of M R Heasman 7½, M L Dunwoody and G A Hoskyn 6½, and R J Dive 6.

This year Barnard has finished seven games, with four wins and three draws to give him a score of 5½/7. Michael Hampl has scored 5/6 and M Dunwoody and Jack Frost have 5/7.

In last year's championship T J Jack Frost won last year's double-round reserve championship, with 10/11, well clear of J C Rapp and P J Voss on 7½. E N Roberts won TT 2 with 7 points, ahead of A Wilson 6. E A Gidman won TT 3 with 7½ ahead of A L Fletcher 6½ and J H Eide 6. TT 4 was won by M D Stevenson with 6½, ahead of L R Cotton and R R Trevis 5½.

Kent Wong won the 1997-98 handicap tourney with a score of 8/9, which gave him 51.5 points and an average of 5.72. Mario Antony was runner-up with 8½/10, with 53 points and an average of 5.3, while Zoe Kingston was third with 11/13, earning 65 points and an average of 5.

NZCCA's publication *EP38* records the deaths in the past year of Walter Wiederkehr and Mario Antony.

Open tournaments scheduled for 1998

Details of each event are available from the organising club

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

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

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

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

Clubs are asked to supply details of 1999 events as soon as dates are finalised

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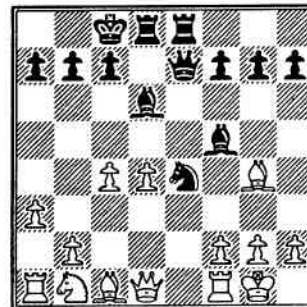
New Zealand games

Lukey,S - Beach,P

21st Waitakere Trust Open, R 5 [A51]

Notes by FM Bob Smith

1.d4 ♠f6 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 ♠e4 4.a3 ♠c6 5.♠f3 d6 6.exd6 ♠xd6 7.e3 ♠f5 8.♠e2 ♣e7 9.0-0 0-0 10.♠d4 ♠xd4 11.exd4 ♠he8 12.♠g4



12...♠xh2+! 13.♠xh2 ♣h4+ 14.♠h3 ♠xh3 15.gxh3 ♠xf2 16.♣f3 ♠e2 17.♠g2 17...♠de8?

17...♠d6! 18.♣f5+ (18.♠xf2 ♠g6+ 19.♠f1 ♠xf2+ 20.♣xf2 ♣xh3+ 21.♠e1 ♣h1+ 22.♠e2 ♠g2+) 18...♠b8 19.♠c3 (19.♠xf2 ♠g6+ 20.♠f1 ♠xf2+, see 18.♠xf2) 19...♠g6+ 20.♠f3 (20.♣xg6 ♣xh3+ 21.♠g1 ♣h1#, 20.♠h2 ♣g3#) 20...♠f6 21.♣xf6 ♣h5+ 22.♠f4 (22.♠g3 ♣xh3+ 23.♠f4 ♣g4#) 22...gxh6+.

18.♠xf2 ♠xf2+ 19.♣xf2 ♣e4+ 20.♠h2 ♠e6 21.♠c3 ♣g6 22.♠f4 ♠f6 23.♠d5 ♠e6 24.♠e1 1-0

Lukey,S - Gibbons,R

21st Waitakere Trust Open, R 1 [D15]

1.d4 ♠f6 2.♠f3 d5 3.c4 c6 4.♠c3 dxc4 5.e4 b5 6.e5 ♠d5 7.♠g5 ♠xc3 8.bxc3 h6 9.♣h5 ♣d5 10.♠f3 ♣e4+ 11.♠e3 ♠g4 12.♣h4 ♠xf3 13.♣g3 ♠h5 14.f4 ♠d7 15.♠d2 ♠b6 16.h3 ♠d5 17.♣f2 e6 18.♠g1 ♠g6 0-0

Kulashko,A - Wastney,S

21st Waitakere Trust Open, R 4 [B40]

1.e4 c5 2.♠f3 e6 3.b4 cxb4 4.d4 ♠f6 5.♠d3 ♠e7 6.a3 ♣c7 7.axb4 ♠xb4+ 8.♠d2 ♠xd2+ 9.♠bxd2 ♠c6 10.e5 ♠d5 11.♠c4 f6 12.♠d6+

South Island Rapid Championship

By Quentin Johnson

This year's South Island Rapid Championship was held on the Sunday before the main championship, rather than on the following Saturday as in the past. The tournament attracted 24 entries, including Dave Capper who made the trip down from Wellington.

Tony Love OT was top seed, followed by John van Ginkel NN, John Sutherland OT and David Burridge AS.

Sutherland started strongly with 4/4, leading from Love who dropped half a point to Hamish Gold in the first round. Sutherland and Love drew in round 5, allowing Burridge (who had lost to Scott Nicholson CA in round 2) to catch up to Love on 4, half a point behind Sutherland.

In the final round Burridge beat Sutherland and Love beat van Ginkel for them to share 1st on 5/6. Then came Sutherland and Alexei Gladkikh CA on 4½, followed by Nicholson 4.

Master Games in Wanganui

Wanganui CC's organising team, led by Gordon Hoskyn, were aiming to get as many entries as possible for the 1999 Master Games chess tournament at the lowest level of registration fees, which were due by October 31.

There will be a maximum entry of 32 players (first in get the places), with players graded according to age and abilities, and four sets of gold silver and bronze medals to be won. Chess players become eligible at age 35.

The annual Master Games, held each February, have increased in popularity each year and a wide range of interests is catered for in the schedule of 57 sports. The organisers expect close to 10,000 competitors in Wanganui next February.

♠e7 13.♠b5 ♣b8 14.♣c1 a6 15.♣a3+ ♠cb4 16.♠d6 ♣c7 17.c4 ♠xd3+ 18.♣xd3 ♠b4 19.♣d2 a5 20.0-0 ♠a6 21.♠fe1 ♠d8 22.exf6+ gxf6 23.♠f5+ ♠e8 24.♣h6 d5 25.♣xf6 ♠d3 26.♣h8+ ♠d7 27.♣xh7+ ♠c6 28.♠e7+ ♠b6 29.♠xc8+ ♣xc8 30.c5+ ♠xc5 31.dxc5+ 1-0

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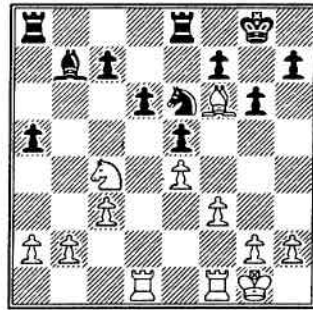
U.S. Masters and U.S. Open

By FM Paul Garbett

Garbett,P - Ippolito,D

U S Masters, 1998

Notes by FM Paul Garbett



In this position my opponent was relying on me playing 22. Qh4, when ...f5 gives him some initiative. If Qf6 he thought he could trap the Q, but had not seen far enough.

22. Qf6! g5 23. h4 h6 24. hxg5 hxg5 25. f7 e3 f7 e3

Here my opponent sank into a long thought as it dawned on him that his planned 26...Kg6 27. g4 f4 28. Rh1 Rh5 loses to 29. Rxf5 f5 30. Rh1 f6 31. Rh6#. He then played his only saving line:

26...f6 27. g4 g7 28. Rh1 Rh8 29. Qxg7 Qxg7 30. e3 Rxf1 31. f5+ f6 32. Rxf1 Qc8 33. e7+ f7 34. Qxc8 Rxc8 35. c4 draw agreed. 1/2-1/2

IM norm in sight

In the final round I arrived to find I was paired as Black against GM Julian Hodgson and that a draw would be sufficient to gain an IM norm. The last time I was in this situation was against Sermek at Howick in 1997 - this time I was determined to put up a better fight. I am proud of this game, even though I committed the insanity of not forcing a draw when I had the opportunity. I mistakenly thought I was winning and went for it.

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In late July I played in the U.S. Masters in Honolulu, followed by the U.S. Open in Kona on the Big Island of Hawaii.

My aim was to get the type of experience that I would otherwise have got from playing at the Olympiad and also to have something resembling a holiday. In the first respect these events exceeded my expectations - by consistently beating the players rated below me I got pairings against five grandmasters and some very valuable experience.

The first tournament, the U.S. Masters, was by far the more significant of the two tournaments for me. It had a comparatively small field (about 60 or 70 players), numerous grandmasters, and was FIDE-rated, presenting the opportunity of an IM norm. The second tournament, the U.S. Open, had over 300 players and was not FIDE-rated.

In the first round of the U.S. Masters I was paired against GM Joel Benjamin (2595), the current U.S. champion. He outfoxed me in the opening and I was never really in the game, losing in 30 moves.

In the following three rounds I beat Orton (2235), Kaugars (2175) and Shahade (2185).

In round 5 my reward was to play GM Antonio of the Philippines (2540). As against Benjamin I was badly outplayed in the opening, although in a losing position I found a tactical resource which almost saved me.

In round 6 I dug myself out of a very unpromising opening to gradually improve my chances against Shtern (2165). He blundered in time trouble in a complex position.

In round 7 I moved up a notch by drawing with black against GM Gufeld (2465). For once my opening preparation was up to scratch. I equalised easily and he offered a draw after 27 moves.

In round 8 I had an intriguing little tussle with Dean Ippolito (2430). After 21 moves we reached the following position:

Hodgson,J - Garbett,P

[A00]

Notes by FM Paul Garbett

1.b3

A relief - I didn't really fancy either a Dutch or Hodgson's patent 1.d4 f6 2. Qg5.

1...e5 2. Qb2 d6

An old Italian set-up seems a reasonable response when White has fianchettoed his Q.

3. e3 f6 4. f3 c6 5. c4 Qe7 6. Qc3 Qbd7 7. Qc2 0-0 8. d4 Qe8 9. Qe2 Qf8 10. 0-0 a6 11. dxe5

Trying to exploit Black's backward development before Black gains space with ...b5.

11...dxe5 12. Rfd1 e4!

Correctly seeing that the following complications are OK for Black.

13. Qg5 Qe7 14. Rf4 Qc5 15. b4

15. Qa3 Qf5 16. b4 Qe6 is fine for Black.

15...h6! 16. bxc5 hxg5 17. Rf4 Qd7 18. Qa3 Qe5 19. Rf4 f5

Not 19...Qxc5 20. Rxe4 winning.

20. Qa4 Qxc5 21. Qh5!

Very Hodgson-esque.

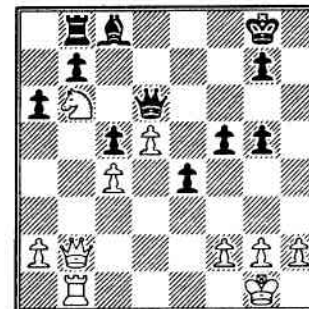
21...Qe6 22. Qxe8 Qxd4 23. exd4 Qxe8 24. Qxf8 Qxf8 25. Qb6 Rb8 26. d5

Black has emerged a Q up, but White has a dangerous passed d-Q and an annoying bind on the Q-side. Probably the position is slightly better for White.

26...Qd8 27. Qb3 c5 28. Qb2

Threatening Qe5.

28...Qd6 29. Rb1



29...f4!

Giving back the Q to create a dangerous "runner" with the e-Q. 29...Qd7 30. Qxd7 Qxd7 31. Qb6 looked uninviting.

30. Qxc8 Rxc8 31. Qxb7 Qe8 32. Qb6 Qe5 Welcoming 33. Qxc5 e3.

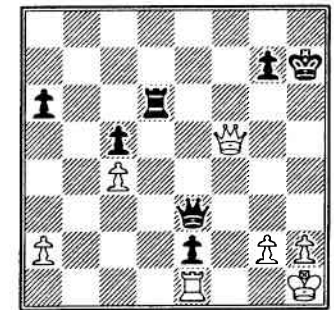
33. Qb2 Qf5 34. Qc2 Qe5 35. Rf1 e3 36. Qe2 g4

Inviting 37. fxe3 37. Qxg4 exf2+ 38. Qxf2 Qe3+ 39. Qf1 f3! winning (if 40. Qxf3 Rf8).

37...fxe3 38. d6 Rf8 39. Qxg4 e2 40. Rf1 Qe3+ 41. Qh1 Rxd6

White appears to be in difficulty. He can't capture the e-Q because of the back-rank mate and if 42. h3, Qe6 and Black holds all the trumps.

42. Qc8+ Qh7 43. Qf5+



Here I settled down to a long think. If 43...Qg8 then White has nothing better than take the perpetual with Qc8+ as Hodgson confirmed after the game. But I thought that if I played 43...Qh6 there are no checks and Rf1 is a deadly threat. While an IM norm would be nice, perhaps it would be even nicer to beat Hodgson and win some prize money also? Therefore...

43...Qh6?? 44. g4

Absolute horror, after doing so well, how could I overlook this simple but deadly move? White not only gives his Q an escape from the back-rank mate, he also threatens mate in one and worst of all if 44...g6 or 44...g5, 45. Qf8+ wins the R.

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44...♖g5 45.♗f3 ♔d1 46.♙xd1 exd1♗+
47.♗xd1 ♗c3 48.♗d5 ♗e1+?

And here in retrospect 48...g5! still seems to provide excellent prospects for a draw.

49.♔g2 ♗e2+ 50.♔g3

Not surprisingly the remainder of my play was dispirited and the rest of the game is given without notes.

50...♗e1+ 51.♔f4 ♗f2+ 52.♔e4 ♗g2+ 53.♔f5 g6+ 54.♔f6 ♗xg4 55.♗xc5 ♗f4+ 56.♔e6 ♗xh2 57.♗e3+ g5 58.c5 ♗xa2+ 59.♔d7 ♗c2 60.♗e6+ ♔h5 61.c6 g4 62.♗e5+ ♔h4 63.c7 ♗h7+ 64.♔d6 ♗d3+ 65.♔c6 ♗f3+ 66.♔d7 ♗b7?

As most readers will know, never put your ♗ on the short side of the ♖ when defending such endings.

67.♗f6+ ♔h3 68.♗h6+ ♔g3 69.♗d6+ ♔h3 70.♔d8 g3 71.c8♙+ ♗xc8+ 72.♔xc8 g2 73.♗d4 1-0

The tournament was won by former Soviet and former U.S. champion Boris Gulko with 7½/9. Boris played convincingly throughout and was never in trouble. Ian Rogers performed well to come second with 7 points. Third equal on 6½ were GM's Antonio (Philippines), Shaked (USA), Benjamin (USA), Blatny (CZE) and IM Ashley (USA).

Strong Swiss tournaments of this type are held in Hawaii in most years (although one is not planned next year) and I recommend them to anyone seeking high-quality opposition.

U.S. Open

In the U.S. Open I had a strong start, winning my first four games against players USCF-rated at 1998, 2039, 2172 and 2267. In round 5 I got to the top board to play GM Boris Gulko (FIDE 2565, USCF 2691). Again I was pleased with my effort, but a blunder on the move before the time control cost the game.

Gulko, B - Garbett, P

[A45]

Notes by FM Paul Garbett

1.d4 ♔f6 2.c4 d6

Second time lucky?

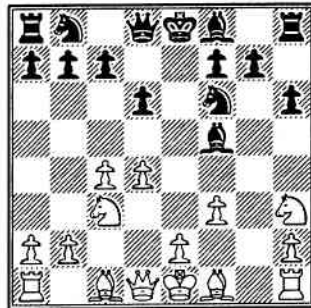
3.♔c3 e5 4.♔f3 e4?!

Deliberately choosing a murky line as I have seen how well Gulko does in standard openings.

5.♔g5 ♙f5 6.f3

The fact that Gulko played this instantaneously did not fill me with confidence. Sadly this was not a move I'd looked at in preparing for this game.

6...exf3 7.gxf3 h6 8.♔h3



8...♔h5!

I decided White was going to take over the centre, so the only hope was to try and dominate the potentially vulnerable f4 square. This explains my following play.

9.♔f2 ♗h4 10.e4 ♙d7 11.♙e3 ♙e7 12.f4 c6 13.♗f3 f5 14.♙e2 g6 15.c5 dxe5 16.dxe5

A pleasant surprise – I didn't really like my chances in the complications after 16.fxe5.

16...♔a6 17.0-0 ♙e6 18.♗hg1 ♔f7 19.♗g3

Now Black looks in real strife from the threat ♗h3, but I was finally happy as the weakness on f4 is felt after my next move.

19...♙c5! 20.♗h3

20.♙d2 is no good after 20...♗xh2. If 20.♙xc5 ♔xc5 and White loses material.

20...♙xe3+ 21.♗xe3 ♗xf4 22.♙xh5 ♗xe3+ 23.♗xe3 gxf4 24.♔h3 ♗ad8 25.b3 ♗xd1+ 26.♔xd1 ♔c5 27.♔f4 ♗d8+

27...♗g8 is probably slightly better.

28.♔e1 ♗d4 29.♔c2 ♗e4 30.♔d2 a5 31.♗xe4 ♔xe4+ 32.♔e3 c5

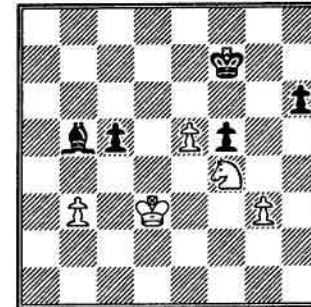
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Prevents ♔d4.

33.♔xh5 a4

Black should have avoided exchanging ♗s, which would have left him equal or slightly better. This ending is slightly worse for Black because of the poor ♙, but shouldn't be difficult to draw.

34.♔hf4 axb3 35.axb3 ♙d7 36.♔g3 ♔xg3 37.hxg3 ♙c6 38.♔d3 b5 39.cxb5 ♙xb5+



40.♔e3

Here I planned ...♙f1 which draws (e.g. 41.♔d3, ♔e6 or 41.♔h5, c4). However, glancing at the new-fangled clock it said "5". 5 minutes or 5 seconds? – I'm still not sure. In some confusion I played the alternative, losing move.

40...♙d7 41.♔d3 ♙b5 42.♔xc5 ♔g6 43.♔f4 ♙c6 44.♔e6 1-0

In round 6 I recovered to a share of 4th after a favourable pairing. In round 7 I lost a difficult struggle to top American junior Felecan (USCF 2588). The last two games were tired affairs where I blew superior positions.

The tournament ended in a tie for first between Judit Polgar and Boris Gulko, with Gulko playing the more consistent chess. Wojkiewicz, Shaked and Rogers were in a tie for 3rd.

I had some minor grumbles about the organisation of both tournaments and the American tendency to try and make money from the players (e.g., having to pay for bulletins), but overall a great chess experience.

Overseas games

Yuen, F - Goffin, P

1998 Asian Teams, R7 [D85]

Notes by FM Jonathan Sarfati

1.d4 ♔f6 2.♔f3 g6 3.c4 ♙g7 4.♔c3 d5 5.cxd5 ♔xd5 6.e4 ♔xc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.♙e3 c5 9.♙e4?!

If White wants the ♙ here in the Gruenfeld, he should play it first, then develop the ♔ to e2 where it can't be pinned. Unfortunately, this was not possible with the move order chosen, so he should have played ♙e2. 9...♙g4 10.h3?! White already has problems, but forcing the opponent to do what he intends is no way to solve them.

10...♙xf3 11.gxf3 ♔c6 12.♙d5 cxd4 13.♙xc6?

13.cxd4 ♗a5+ 14.♙d2 ♗a6 with irresistible pressure in the centre. But the move played loses even more quickly.

13...dxe3 14.♗xd8 ♗axd8 15.♙xb7 ♙xc3+ 16.♔e2 ♙xa1 17.♗xa1 exf2 18.♔xf2 ♗d2+ 19.♔g3 ♗b8 20.♙d5 ♗bb2 21.♗g1 ♔g7 22.a4 a5 23.♙c6 ♔f6 24.♙b5 g5 25.♙c6 ♔e5 26.♙b5 e6 0-1

Sarfati, JD - Allan, A

Queensland Champs R4

Notes by FM JD Sarfati

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.Nf3 g6 5.cxb5 a6 6.Nc3 axb5 7.d6 Qa5 8.e3 Ba6 9.a4 exd6 10.Nd2 b4 11.Nb5 Bxb5 12.Bxb5 d5 13.Qf3 Bg7 14.e4 Nc6 15.Nb3

15.exd5

15...Ne5

15...dxe4

16.Qd1 Qc7 17.f4 Nc4 18.e5! 0-0 19.exf6 Rfe8+ 20.Kf2 Bxf6 21.Qxd5 Nxb2 22.Be3 c4 23.Rac1 Bc3 24.Nc5 Rac8 25.Qxd7 Rxe3 26.Qxc7 Rxc7 27.Kxe3 Rxc5 28.Rc2 Rc7 29.Rb1 Re7+ 30.Kf3 Nd3 31.Re2 Rc7 32.Ke4 Nc5+ 33.Kd5 Nb7 34.Re8+?! Kg7 35.Bc6 Na5 36.Bb5 Nb7 37.Bc6 Na5 38.Bb5

38...Bd2+-. ½-½

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Overseas news

By NM Peter Stuart

Bad Homburg

Victor Korchnoi scored yet another tournament victory in this category 14 event in July which explored the possibilities of an alternative scoring system. A win was worth 3 points and a draw 1 point, a system that would normally be expected to be advantageous to a fighter like Korchnoi. The finishing order was, however, virtually unchanged.

Scores (normal but with the "new" scores in parentheses): 1 GM Korchnoi (SWI) 7 (19); 2 GM Svidler (RUS) 6 (15); 3 GM Yusupov (GER) 5½ (13); 4 GM Torre (PHI) 5 (13); 5-6 GM Gabriel (GER) & GM Larsen (DEN) 4½ (12); 7-8 GM Dautov (GER) & GM Hort (GER) 3½ (9); 9 GM Lobron (GER) 3 (8); 10 WGM Zhu Chen (CHN) 2½ (7).

Gabriel,C - Zhu Chen

R 6 [D43]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.¢f3 ¢f6 4.¢c3 e6 5.¢g5 h6 6.¢h4 dxc4 7.e4 g5 8.¢g3 b5 9.¢c2 g4 10.¢e5 ¤xd4 11.¢d1 ¤b6 12.¢e2 h5 13.¢g6 fxg6 14.e5 ¢f7

Not 14...¢d5 15.¤xg6+ ¢d7 16.¤f6 and White regains most of his material while the black king is not yet safe.

15.exf6 e5 16.¢e4 ¤b4+ 17.¢f1 ¤e8 18.a3 ¢f8 19.¢d6 ¤h6 20.h3 gxh3 21.¢xh5! ¢f5

21...hxc2+ 22.¢xg2 changes nothing; 21...gxh5 22.¢g5+! and mate soon follows.

22.¢g5+! ¤xg5 23.¤xf5! 1-0

Larsen,B - Gabriel,C

R 5 [E97]

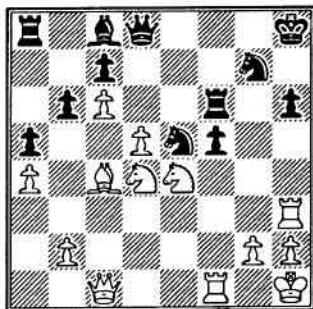
1.c4 g6 2.¢f3 ¤g7 3.d4 ¢f6 4.¢c3 0-0 5.e4 d6 6.¢e2 e5 7.0-0 ¢c6 8.d5 ¢e7 9.a4

A typically unorthodox approach by the Danish former super-GM.

9...a5 10.¢e1 ¢d7 11.¢d3 f5 12.exf5 gxf5 13.¢a3 ¢g6 14.¢h1 ¤f7 15.f4 b6 16.¢b5 ¢f6 17.fxe5 dxe5 18.¢f2 ¤f8 19.¢b3 ¤d7 20.¢g5 ¤c5 21.¤b1 e4 22.¢h3 ¤e7 23.¤c1 ¢e8

24.¢g3 ¤xg5 25.¢xg5 ¤f6 26.¢d4 ¢g7 27.c5 ¢h8 28.c6 ¤c8 29.¢c4 ¢e5 30.¢h3 h6?!

30...¢xc4 31.¢xh7+ ¢g8 32.¤xc4 ¤a6 is refuted by 33.¢xg7+! ¢xg7 34.¢ge6+ ¢g6 35.¤xa6 ¤xa6 36.¢xd8; 30...h5 31.¢ge6 ¤xe6 32.¢xe6 was a better try but likely still insufficient to hold.



31.¢xe4! fxe4 32.¢xf6 ¤xh3

32...¤xf6 33.¢xh6+ is, of course, hopeless.

33.¢xh6+ ¢g8 34.d6+ 1-0

Roskilde

Jonathan Speelman shared victory in this Danish open tournament with Sweden's GM Jonny Hector, both scoring 7½ from 9 games. In a tie for third place on 6½ points were English prodigy IM Luke McShane, Russian GM Evgeny Sveshnikov and another Swede, Rolf Bergström.

Recklinghausen

A category 12 tournament in July-August was won by Hungarian GM Jozsef Pinter with an undefeated 7/9. Sharing second were GMs Boris Alterman (ISR) and Alexander Nenashev (UZB) on 6½ while GM Kiril Georgiev (BUL) was next on 5½.

Ischia

Vishy Anand played eight games with various time controls against the Rebel10

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program on this Italian island. At 5 min + 5 sec per move the computer won the first three games before Anand won the fourth while in two 15-minute rapid games Anand lost the first and drew the second. Only in two games at a standard tournament time control did the human taste success, drawing the first and winning the second.

Rebel10 - Anand

Queen's Indian [E12]

1.d4 ¢f6 2.c4 e6 3.¢f3 b6 4.a3 ¤b7 5.¢c3 d5 6.cxd5 ¢xd5 7.¤c2 ¢xc3 8.bxc3 ¢d7 9.e4 c5 10.¢f4 ¤c8 11.¤b5 a6 12.¢xd7+ ¤xd7 13.¢e5 ¤c8 14.¤d3 b5 15.¤f3 ¤d6 16.¢xf7 ¤xf4 17.¢xh8 ¤c7 18.¤h5+ g6 19.¢xg6 hxg6 20.¤xg6+ ¤f7 21.¤xf7+ ¢xf7 22.g3 ¤h6 23.f3 cxd4 24.cxd4 ¤c8

The dust has settled and the computer has a clear material advantage but the two bishops are utterly dominant; White is almost in zugzwang!

25.h4 ¤c2 26.g4 ¤e3 27.h5 ¢g7 28.¢d1 a5 29.d5 exd5 30.¢h3 b4 31.axb4 axb4 32.f4 ¤f2+ 33.¢f1 ¤c5 34.¢e1 d4 35.e5 ¤c3 36.¢h2 b3 37.h6+ ¢h7

38.g5 ¤e4 39.e6 ¤e3+ 40.¢f1 (40.¢d2 b2 -+; 40.¢e2 ¤xe2+ 41.¢xe2 b2 -+) 40...¤f3+ 41.¤f2 ¤xf2+ 42.¢xf2 b2 -+. 0-1.

Russian championship

Of the 60 players in this 11-round Swiss at St Petersburg over 40 were grandmasters! Peter Svidler continued his great run in Russian championships in sharing first place with Alexander Morozevich, Konstantin Sakaev and Sergei Shipov with 7½ points. The 21-year old Morozevich, however, took the title on tie-break.

British championship

Nigel Short made a triumphant return to the Championship, held this year in Torquay, winning a two-game tie-break match against Matthew Sadler 1½-½. Earlier these two scored 8½/11, finishing half a point ahead of

Tony Miles with Jonathan Speelman and Christopher Ward next on 7½ points.

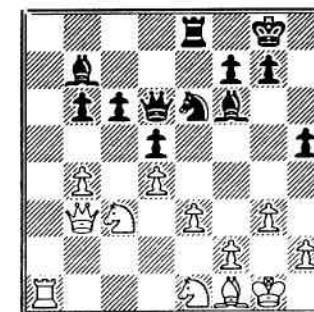
Arkell,K - Short,N

R 2 [D58]

1.d4 ¢f6 2.¢f3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.¢c3 ¤e7 5.¢g5 h6 6.¢h4 0-0 7.e3 b6 8.¢e2 ¤b7 9.¢xf6 ¤xf6 10.cxd5 exd5 11.b4 c6 12.0-0 a5 13.a3 ¢d7 14.¤b3 ¤e8 15.¢d3 axb4 16.axb4 ¢f8 17.¤fd1 ¢e6 18.¢f1 ¤d6 19.¢e1 h5 20.g3?

A mistake allowing Black a fine combination netting two pawns.

20...¤xa1 21.¤xa1



21...¢xd4! 22.exd4 ¢xd4 23.¤a3

23.¤d1 ¤xe1!

23...¤xe1 24.¤xe1 ¢f3+ 25.¢h1 ¢xe1 26.¤a7 ¤e7.

26...¤e7 27.¤xb6 d4 28.¢d1 c5+ 29.¢g1 ¢f3+ 30.¢g2 cxb4 is clear enough. 0-1

Zurich

The Alois Nagler Memorial tournament took the form of a Scheveningen tournament with a team of veterans meeting a team of Swiss players. The veterans considerably out-rated their opponents and won 31-19 with Viktor Korchnoi leading the way with 8/10, conceding just four draws. Bent Larsen and Svetozar Gligoric contributed 6 points apiece while Vassily Smyslov and Wolfgang Unzicker each scored 5½.

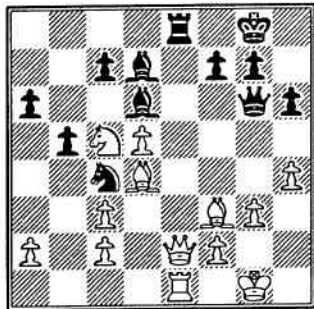
For the Swiss players IMs Richard Forster

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and Werner Hug top scored with 5 points. The German grandmaster, however, suffers a small setback in the following game which has a nice finish.

Forster,R - Unzicker,W
R 5 [C26]

1.e4 e5 2.♘c3 ♁f6 3.g3 d5 4.exd5 ♁xd5 5.♁g2 ♁xc3 6.bxc3 ♁d6 7.♁f3 0-0 8.0-0 ♁c6 9.♠b1 ♠b8 10.d4 ♁g4 11.h3 ♁d7 12.♣d3 h6 13.♠e1 ♠e8 14.d5 ♁e7 15.♁xc5 ♁g6 16.♁f3 ♠xe1+ 17.♁xe1 ♁e5 18.♣e2 b5 19.♁e3 a6 20.♁d4 ♁c4 21.♁d3 ♣g5 22.h4 ♣g6 23.♠e1 ♁g4 24.♁f3 ♁d7 25.♁c5 ♠e8?



25...♁xc5 26.♁xc5 ♠e8.

26.♣xe8+! ♁xe8 27.♠xe8+ ♁h7 28.h5 ♣g5 29.♁e4 ♣c1+

29...♣f5 30.♁f6+ gxf6 31.♁c4+-.

30.♁g2 f5 31.♁f6+

31.♁f6+ gxf6 32.♁xf6 and mate is inevitable. 1-0

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
1 Gelfand B.	BLR g	2675	x	1	½	½	½	1	½	1	½	6½
2 Shirov A.	ESP g	2720	0	x	1	0	½	1	½	½	1	5½
3 Krasenko M.	POL g	2655	½	0	x	1	½	½	1	0	½	5
4 Ivanchuk V.	UKR g	2730	½	1	0	x	½	½	½	½	½	5
5 Leko P.	HUN g	2665	½	½	½	½	x	½	½	½	½	5
6 Rublevsky S.	RUS g	2685	0	0	½	½	½	x	1	1	½	5
7 Karpov A.	RUS g	2725	½	½	0	½	½	0	x	1	½	4
8 Maciejaja B.	POL m	2490	0	½	1	½	½	0	0	x	½	4
9 Oll L.	EST g	2650	½	0	0	½	½	½	½	x	½	3½
10 Markowski T	POL m	2525	0	0	½	0	0	0	½	0	x	1½

Lippstadt

English 14-year old Luke McShane gained his first GM norm in this category 9 tournament in August when he tied for first place with Georgian GM Giorgi Giorgadze on 7/11. The only other possibly noteworthy point was the shared third place of the "Zugzwang" program which beat McShane in their individual encounter.

Harplinge

This category 12 event was jointly won by GMs Curt Hansen (DEN) and Joel Lautier (FRA) with 6½/9. Next were GM Sutovskij (ISR) 6, then GMs Emms (ENG) and Wedberg (SWE) 5, GM Hodgson (ENG) 4.

Villarrobledo

Vishy Anand convincingly won a 9-round rapid Swiss (25 minutes per player) in this Spanish town with 8 points. The success of the event hinged on the participation of Anand and current world number three Vladimir Kramnik but the latter managed only third equal behind surprise packet Javier Moreno, an untitled 2430-rated Argentine, who scored 7½. The group on 7 also included GMs Campora (ARG), Chernin (HUN), Ljubojevic (YUG) and Smirin (ISR).

Polanica Zdroj

Although lacking the top three on the July world rankings the Rubinstein Memorial tournament, which has a long tradition with a notable increase in strength over the last few editions, reached category 17 this year.

Gelfand - Shirov
Grünfeld [D85]

1.d4 ♁f6 2.♁f3 g6 3.c4 ♁g7 4.♁c3 d5 5.cxd5 ♁xd5 6.e4 ♁xc3 7.bxc3 e5 8.♠b1 0-0 9.♁e2 cxd4 10.cxd4 ♣a5+ 11.♁d2 ♣xa2 12.0-0 ♁g4 13.♁g5 h6 14.♁h4 a5 15.♠xb7 g5 16.♁g3 a4 17.h4 a3 18.hxg5 hxg5 19.♠c7 ♁a6 20.♠xe7 ♣b2 21.♁c4 ♣b4?

21...a2.

22.♁xf7+! ♁h8

22...♠xf7 23.♠xf7 ♁xd4 (23...♁xf7 24.♁xg5+ ♁e7 25.♣xg4 +-) and now 24.♠f6, 24.♠f5 or 24.♁e5 are all winning for White.

23.♠d7! ♁xd7 24.♁xg5 ♣b6 25.♁e6! ♣xe6

25...♁e8 26.♣g4 ♠f6 27.♁e5 and Black again has to give up his queen to avoid being mated.

26! ♁xe6 ♁xe6 27.♁e5 ♠f7

27...♁xe5 28.♣h5+ ♁g8 29.♣g6+! ♁g7 30.♣xe6+ ♠f7 31.e5 ♁c7 32.♣b3 is no better for Black.

28.♣h5+ ♁g8 29.♣g6 ♁d7 30.♁xg7 ♠xg7 31.♣d6 ♁h7 32.♣xa3 ♁c7 33.♣e3 ♁e6 34.d5 ♁g5 35.f4 ♁h3+ 36.♁h1 ♠a2 37.f5 ♁g5 38.f6 ♠g6 39.f7 1-0.

Gelfand - Markowski
King's Indian [E91]

1.d4 d6 2.♁f3 ♁f6 3.c4 g6 4.♁c3 ♁g7 5.e4 0-0 6.♁e2 ♁a6 7.0-0 e5 8.♠e1 c6 9.♁f1 exd4 10.♁xd4 ♁g4 11.h3 ♣b6 12.hxg4 ♣xd4 13.♣f3 ♣e5 14.g5 ♣e7 15.♣g3 ♁c5 16.♁f4 ♁e5 17.♠ad1 f6 18.gxf6 ♠xf6 19.♁xe5 ♣xe5 20.b4 ♣xg3 21.fxg3 ♁d7 22.e5! dxe5

22...♁xe5 23.♁e4 ♠f7 24.♁xd6 ♠e7 25.♠e3 ♁g7 26.♠de1 ♁f6 27.♁e4+ with the initiative.

23.♁e4 ♠f7 24.c5 ♁g7 25.♁c4 ♠e7 26.a4 ♠e8 27.♠f1 ♠e7 28.♠d2 b5 29.axb5 cxb5 30.♁d5

30.♁d5 ♠b8 31.♠d2 ♁h6 32.♠f7 ♠xf7 33.♠xf7 a6 34.g4 and White dominates the board. 1-0.

Boris Gelfand started with three draws but 4½ points from his next five games saw him to a one-point lead with a round to go and this he maintained with a last round draw as his closest pursuer, Sergei Rublevsky, lost to Alexei Shirov who thus took over second place. Anatoly Karpov continued a miserable run of poor form, winning only against a local IM but losing twice, including in the first round to Mikhail Krasenkov. Vassily Ivanchuk, on the other hand, had his chances but his loss with the white pieces to Krasenkov in the penultimate round was followed by a draw with Karpov.

Markowski - Shirov
Réti [A07]

1.♁f3 d5 2.g3 ♁g4 3.♁g2 ♁d7 4.c4 e6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.0-0 ♁gf6 7.d3 c6 8.♣c2 ♁c5 9.e4 0-0 10.h3 ♁h5 11.♁bd2 dxe4 12.dxe4 ♠e8 13.b3 ♣e7 14.♁b2 ♁xe4 15.♠ae1 ♁g6 16.♁h4 ♁xf2+

16...♁xg3 17.♁xg6 (17.♠xe7 ♁xc2 18.♠xd7 ♁xf1 19.♁xf1 ♠ad8 20.♠xd8 ♠xd8 21.♁hf3 is much better for Black) 17...♣d6 18.♁e5!?

17.♠xf2 ♁xf2 18.♠xe7 ♁xc2 19.♠xd7 ♠ad8 20.♠xd8 ♠xd8 21.♁c4

21.♁xf2 ♠xd2+ 22.♁e1 was preferable.

21...♁d3 22.♁a3 b5 23.♁a5?

Better was 23.♁c3 ♁b1 24.♁e7 ♠e8 25.♁hf5 ♁e5 (25...g6 26.♁g4! +-) 26.♁c5 ♁xa2 27.b4 and White has counterplay.

23...b4! 24.♁xc6 bxa3 25.♁xd8 ♁b4 26.♁f3

26.♁c6 ♁xa2 27.♁f3 (27.♁xa7 ♁b4 +-) 27...♁c1 28.♁fd4 ♁e2+! 29.♁f2 (29.♁xc2 a2) 29...♁xd4 30.♁xd4 ♁d1 +-.

26...♁xa2 27.♁c6 ♁e4 28.♁fd4 ♁xc6 29.♁xc6 a5! 30.b4 axb4

31.♁d5 ♁c3 32.♁c4 a2 33.♁xa2 ♁xa2 34.♁d4 ♁c1 35.♁f2 b3 36.♁b5 b2 37.♁c3 f5 +-.

Kasparov v Timman

Not unexpectedly Gary Kasparov came out on top in this six-game match played in Prague, though Jan Timman actually scored a little better than expected when ratings are taken into account. Prior to the match Timman had beaten Kasparov only three times while suffering defeat on numerous occasions. The prize fund of 100,000 US dollars was split 65:35. Kasparov won games 2 and 3 while the rest were drawn.

Timman - Kasparov

Game 2, Queen's Gambit Accepted [D15]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.ϕf3 ϕf6 4.ϕc3 dxc4 5.e3 b5 6.a4 b4 7.ϕb1 ♖a6 8.♗c2 b3 9.♗d1 e6 10.♙e2 c5 11.0-0 ϕc6 12.ϕe5 ♜c8 13.ϕa3 cxd4 14.ϕaxc4 ♗d5 15.♙f3 ϕe4 16.ϕxc6 ♜xc6 17.ϕd2 f5 18.♞e1 d3 19.ϕxb3 e5 20.♙d2 ♜b6 21.♙xe4 fxe4 22.ϕc1 ♜xb2 23.♙c3 d2! 24.♞f1 [24.♙xb2 dxe1♗+ 25.♗xe1 ♖b4! -+] 24...♙xf1 25.♙xb2 ♙c4!

25...dxc1♗ 26.♗xd5 ♗xb2 27.♗a8+ ϕf7 28.♞xf1 and White has counterplay even if it is insufficient. After the text move he has none.

26.ϕe2 ♖b3 27.ϕc3 ♙xd1 28.ϕxd5 ♖b3 29.ϕc3 ♖b4 30.ϕd1 0-0

It is not often that castling induces resignation. . . 0-1

Samara

Vadim Zvjaginsev and Alexander Morozevich shared first place in the final event of the "Russian Cup" series with 7/11, the former winning the tournament on tie-break while Morozevich was the overall series winner. Third place in the tournament went to Valery Filippov, like the two winners in his early twenties. Alexander Khalifman and Yury Balashov were next on 6 points.

Zvjaginsev - Filippov

Queen's Gambit [D46]

1.c4 e6 2.ϕc3 d5 3.d4 c6 4.e3 ϕf6 5.ϕf3 ϕf6 6.♗c2 ♙d6 7.♙d3 0-0 8.0-0 dxc4

9.♙xc4 b5 10.♙e2 ♖b7 11.♞d1 ♗c7 12.b3 a6 13.ϕe4 ϕxe4 14.♗xe4 c5 15.♗h4 ϕf6 16.dxc5 ♙xc5 17.♖b2 ♗e7 18.b4! ♙xb4

18...♙d6 19.♙xf6 gxf6 looks risky at first sight but Black has the two bishops and it will not be easy for White to develop a kingside attack.

19.♙d3 e5

19...ϕe4 20.♙xe4 ♗xb4 21.ϕxb4 ♙xe4 22.♞d4 ♙e7 23.♜xe4 f5 is not good for Black because of 24.ϕxf5 ♜xf5 25.♜xe6 ±.

20.ϕxe5! ϕe4 21.♗f4 f5 22.♙c2 ♙c3 23.♙b3+ ϕh8 24.♞d7 ♗f6 25.♙xc3?

25.ϕf7+ ϕg8 26.♙xc3 ϕxc3 27.♗e5! ♙e4 28.♗xf6 gxf6 29.ϕg5+ ♙d5 30.♞xd5! is decisive.

25...ϕxc3 26.♞e1 ♙c8?

26...♙e4 is still a game.

27.♞d6 ♗e7 28.♞h6!

28...g5 29.ϕg6+ ϕg7 30.♗d4+ ♗f6 31.ϕxf8 +- or 28...gxf6 29.ϕg6+ hxf6 30.♗xb6+ ♗h7 31.♗xf8+ and mate next move. 1-0.

Roquebrune

The French Riviera town of Roquebrune was the venue for this year's Scheveningen match between teams of ladies and veterans. The veterans led by three points going into the final round but this event used the classical version of the Scheveningen where each team in turn has white on all boards - and the women had this advantage in the last round. The ladies duly won the last match 4½-1½ so the overall result was a tie, 36-36.

For the oldies it was that man Viktor Korchnoi top scoring again, with an undefeated 9/12. Boris Spassky contributed 7½, Vlastimil Hort 7, Vassily Smyslov and Lajos Portisch 5 each, and Mark Taimanov 2½. Former world women's champion Maya Chiburdanidze was the ladies' top scorer with 7½. Zhu Chen scored 7, Pia Cramling 6½, Nana Ioseliani and Xie Jun 5½, and Ketevan Arakhamia 4.

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Portisch - Chiburdanidze

Queen's Indian [E15]

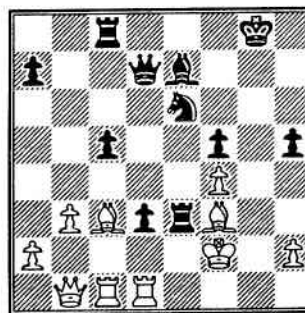
1.d4 ϕf6 2.c4 e6 3.ϕf3 b6 4.g3 ♙a6 5.b3 ♖b4+ 6.♙d2 ♙e7 7.♙g2 ♖b7 8.0-0 d5 9.cxd5 exd5 10.ϕc3 0-0 11.♗c2 ♖a6 12.♞ad1 ♗c8 13.♙c1 ♞d8 14.♖b2 h6 15.♗b1 c5 16.e3 ϕc7 17.♞c1 ♗d7 18.dxc5 bxc5 19.♞fd1 ϕe6 20.♗f5 ♗e8 21.ϕe1 g6 22.♗b1 ♞ab8 23.ϕe2 ϕe4 24.ϕd3 g5 25.♗a1 ♜bc8 26.ϕc3 f5 27.ϕe5 h5 28.f3 ϕxc3 29.♙xc3 d4 30.♙a5 ♞d5! 31.f4 ♜xe5 32.♙xb7

32.fxe5 ♙xg2 33.ϕxg2 ♗b5 34.exd4 (34.♙d2 ♗e2+ 35.ϕg1 g4 36.exd4 ϕxd4 37.♗bd4 cxd4 38.♜xc8+ ϕf7 39.♞cc1 d3 40.b4 ♙d8 -+) 34...♗e2+ (34...♗xa5? 35.d5) 35.ϕg1 ♗e3+ and Black draws by perpetual check.

32...♜xe3 33.♙d2

33.♙xc8 ♗xc8 leaves Black with a strong initiative.

33...gxf4 34.gxf4 ♞e2 35.♗b1 ♗d7 36.♙f3 d3 37.♙c3 ♞e3 38.ϕf2



38...♜xf3+! 39.ϕxf3 ♗d5+ 40.ϕg3 ϕxf4! 41.♞g1

41.ϕxf4 ♗e4+ 42.ϕg3 ♖h4+ 43.ϕh3 ♗g4 mate.

41...ϕf7 42.♞ce1 ♞g8+ 43.ϕxf4 ♙d6+ 44.ϕe5 ♙xe5+

45.♜xe5 ♗d4+ 46.ϕf3 ♜xg1 -+. 0-1

More players gain FIDE ratings

The mid-year FIDE rating list does not include any major changes for New Zealand players, but there are some additions to the list following the last New Zealand Championship. Tim Hare gains a rating of 2180 and Hilton Bennett 2100.

Another addition to the list is Alistair Compton,

but *NZ Chess* does not have any information about the 13 games recorded for him in the period under review.

There are no changes in ratings for the top players, but small changes are recorded for some on the list. The biggest gains were made by Mark Sinclair (25 points), Scott Wastney (20) and David Guthrie and David Cooper (each 20).

Peter McKenzie, Bruce Anderson and Graham Haase moved off the active list, but with number of other players remain on the inactive list. Their ratings can be revived by playing in a FIDE-rated event.

The end-of-year rating list will take in Olympiad results, plus any other overseas play by New Zealand players.

FIDE ratings

1998	Jul	Jan
Russell J Dive	2440	2440
Alexei Kulashko	2390	2390
Benjamin Martin	2375	2375
Paul A Garbett	2360	2360
Vernon A Small	2335	2335
Anthony F Ker	2325	2320
Robert W Smith	2310	2305
Jonathan D Sarfati	2300	2300
Martin Dreyer	2275	2275
Ewen M Green	2265	2265
Ortvin Sarapu	2255	2255
Leonard J McLaren	2250	2250
Peter R Green	2240	2245
Mark F Noble	2240	2240
Mark Sinclair	2240	2215
Anthony J Love	2235	2230
Stephen G Lukey	2235	2235
Peter W Stuart	2215	2215
R Anthony Dowden	2210	2210
Michael Freeman	2205	2205
Tim Hare	2180	
Arthur J Pomeroy	2180	2180
Peter Hawkes	2170	2195
Graeme Spain	2170	2215
Antonio Krstev	2165	2160
J Nigel Metge	2160	2160
Matthew J Barlow	2155	2170
Scott Wastney	2155	2135
David Guthrie	2140	2125
Mark van der Hooft	2115	2115
Hilton Bennett	2100	
Michael LR Steadman	2090	2090
David Cooper	2070	2055
Rajko Mastilovich	2055	2055
John Sutherland	2055	2055
Teresa Sheehan	2050	2050
Alistair Compton	2015	
Peter D McKenzie	2265*	
Bruce Anderson	2215*	
Graham G Haase	2155*	

*moved to inactive list

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NZCF Council report

By NZCF President Peter Stuart

The Change of Secretary

Daniel Johns was co-opted as secretary by the Council at its 22nd September meeting following the resignation of Jack Frost in August. Jack, who will continue as a member of the Sponsorship and Junior Chess committees of the Federation, played the lead role in setting up new databases and generally getting the show on the road after the transfer of the Federation headquarters to Auckland in January. Daniel, a computer science graduate, has two years experience in club administration at the North Shore club.

Olympiad, Elista

There was one final withdrawal from the Women's team, Lilian Terry, who was herself a replacement after an earlier withdrawal. This left a Women's team of just three players who will therefore all have to play all rounds: Vivian Smith, Teresa Sheehan and Edith Otene.

To recap, the Open team, in board order, is Alexei Kulashko, Bob Smith, Peter Green, Scott Wastney, Antonio Krstev and Michael Freeman. While John Sheehan, father of Teresa, will help with team management in Elista, Michael Freeman will captain both teams but will not play except in emergency.

In the fortnight before their departure the Open team (except Scott who left New Zealand a couple of months earlier) played four training matches at Auckland clubs, meeting selections of top Auckland players.

On Friday 11th September we received advice that the Minister of Immigration had approved Alexei Kulashko's application for citizenship. Unfortunately this did not leave him time to obtain a New Zealand passport as he departed on Sunday 13th, though this was not a problem travelwise as Alexei holds a Russian passport. The Council also supported Edith Otene's citizenship application which was also approved and she did have time

(with one day to spare!) to obtain a passport. A third visa problem was also solved with Federation support, that of Antonio Krstev who belatedly found that his returning resident's visa expired while the team was away. In normal circumstances this visa would not be renewable until after it had expired.

Olympiad Appeal

The Olympiad appeal stands at \$754 after receipt of the following donations:

Previously acknowledged \$450.00

Benji Lim 20.00

Papatoetoe Chess Club 100.00

Howick-Pakuranga C C 204.00

Waitemata Chess Club 100.00

Handbook

The loose-leaf Federation Handbook is again in stock after updating and the addition of two sections previously omitted. Sections include the Federation's rules, supplementary regulations, tournament rules and regulations, rules for team matches, rating regulations, title rules and the FIDE Laws of Chess. The price has been kept at \$15.00 which means the Federation is barely breaking even; an increase in price next year is therefore likely.

Palmerston North Rejoins

The Palmerston North club has applied for associate membership and been provisionally accepted by the Council.

Annual General Meeting, January 1999

Club officers are reminded that the deadline for nominations of 1999 officers of the Federation and notices of motion is 31st October in the hands of the Secretary. Venues for Federation tournaments in 1999 will also be decided at this meeting. There has been no interest expressed in the organisation of the 1999/2000 annual Congress other than that reported earlier from the Howick-Pakuranga 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, Gavin Dawes (03)352-4851; Sec, Quentin Johnson (03)355-7166.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

New Plymouth 11 Gilbert St, New Plymouth. Tuesdays, 7.30pm. Pres, R P Bowler, 17a Hori St (06)753-6282. Contact, Bob Bowler.

North Shore P.O. Box 33-587, Takapuna, Auckland 9. Meets Wednesday 7.30pm, Northcote Community Centre, cnr College Rd/Ernie Mays St, Northcote. Club capt, Peter Stuart, 24 Seacliffe Ave, Belmont (09)445-6377.

Otago 7 Maitland St, Dunedin. Wednesday and Saturday, 7.30pm. Tel (03)477-6919 clubroom. Sec, Dennis McCaughan (03)478-0160.

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

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

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

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

Associate members

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

Napier Sec, Napier.

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

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

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

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

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

District Associations

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Wellington District Chess Assn Inc,